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(Book 2) Chapter 46. Our Return

ZEDKIEL.

It's like I've just been catapulted through the air and then hit the ground hard.

The breath is knocked from me and for a moment, I feel boxed in.

I stagger and I feel Zerachiel's confusion as he's thrown to the back of my mind, as I regain control of my body.

'You're back.' He says, sounding far more shocked than I would have expected.

'Yeah, what did you think? That we'll be stuck there forever?' I reply, looking around, we are in a forest, one I'm not sure exactly where it is... 'Where the hell are we?' I ask him, as I look down, my clothes are dirty and he's clearly not showered.

Seriously, does he not know personal hygiene?

'In the forest not far from the crypts... actually... I was trying to think of a plan.'

I frown. Why the hell is he alone?

'What plan and where are the rest?' He sighs and I can feel his conflict.

'Ragnar betrayed us, and Ziahra, well, to control the damage done... She told us to leave and that she'll make up a story for Vadam. However, I know she'll be killed. Both Blade and Gray are dead. We have to do something. We need to go to the Vampires immediately!'

He's different from how I'm used to seeing him, but perhaps the reality of the situation around us has made him open his eyes.

'And Evelyn, Kash and the others?' I ask.

I have to admit that letting Zerachiel out of sight alone was risky on their behalf.

'They don't need to fear me. You may not trust me, Zedkiel, but I am not your enemy. I have done nothing but protect you all my life.' He replies, and I can sense his irritation.

'I think we...' I trail off, Selene's words ringing in my head.

I put my barriers up around my thoughts. Selene was clear that we should not even discuss it with each other... why would she say that unless she didn't want Zerachiel and Evelyn to know... I know Luna is different, she is a part of Evangeline and there is no way she can block her out but if Selene said that we need to be careful, then we should be.

There is no such thing as being too careful.

I don't know why she said what she did, but there's always a reason for everything...

'Where are the rest?' I repeat.

He hasn't actually told me where they are, and I need to get to Evangeline quickly.

'Well... Jeremiah and Kash have gone ahead to take Ragnar back and Evelyn and Adonis are resting for the night.'

I frown. It's hard to believe Ragnar would do that... he has always been rough around the edges. He can lose his temper and attack people, but he doesn't kill quickly.

In fact, Zerachiel has killed far more than Ragnar has.

There has to be more to it. I will speak to Ragnar myself. Hopefully, Jeremiah can sort things out. If they are headed back then even Chasyn or Dad can help. I'm sure things

will be fine.

I just need to contact someone as soon as we get our hands on a phone.

'Let's return to Evelyn and Adonis.' I say, 'Which direction?'

'North.' He grumbles. 'I don't think returning is ideal. We need to help Ziahra. I think we should head back to the vampires.'

'So, were you planning to abandon Evelyn and Adonis?' I ask.

'No, I was just planning for now.' He hisses.

'Fine, calm down. The fact you want to help Ziahra is surprising in itself. I never knew you even liked her.' I remark, thinking it's good to be back on earth again as I walk through the trees.

'No, but I'm not a fool, we need to stop Vadam!' He growls.

"Yeah...." I say out loud. 'I know that.'

Soon I pick up Adonis's and Evangeline's scents and, after a few more minutes, I find them.

Adonis is talking to Evangeline, who is pacing as she listens to him. Her hair is shorter again, but it still shines silver under the moonlight and I touch my own head.

I didn't actually mind those dreads, and Evangeline liked them... maybe I'll consider growing my hair sometime.

"Zed..." Evangeline says. She rushes over to me and hugs me tightly.

"I stink." I say, at least she smells good. She smiles up at me, amused.

"You don't." She says, as Zerachiel grumbles in my mind.

'Mate knows best.' He remarks.

I feel the shift in her touch and I know she's given control to Evelyn.

"Zedkiel..." She whispers, her heart is pounding violently, and I don't know why but I feel fear from her.

I frown, hugging her tightly and kissing the top of her head.

"I'm back," I say softly.

She looks up at me, and I caress her hair away from her face. "Thank you for being on your best behaviour." I say with a small smile.

A smile lights up her face and she nods.

"I promised you." She says before making a face. "I can be good, you know."

I nod, kissing her forehead again, before hugging her once more.

The choice of not locking her in the crypt was right and, in turn, she showed me she could be trusted. "You knew Evangeline was there, yet you helped... thank you."

She simply nods.

"We're both back now and we are going to end this curse, all of us together." I say, stepping away.

I need to f*uc*king change.

She nods, and I turn to Adonis. "Tell me everything that happened, but before that, I hope you have some clean clothes."

It was nearly two hours later, and luckily Adonis had some clean clothes and, although there was nowhere to bathe, a bottle of water sufficed.

"Alright, this is the plan, Adonis. You return home first thing in the morning. I will contact Kash when I can, but I also need you to fill them in on what we're planning for

now. Dad, Chasyn, Kash, all of them and someone needs to talk to Ragnar to ask him his version. He has a temper, but I don't see him killing." I say.

"Yeah, that sounds good." Adonis frowns as he nods his agreement.

"If you go in wolf form, you'll travel faster.

Evangeline and I are going to head to the Vampires. I'll find a way to get in contact with Ziahra and see what happens. If not, we walk right in." I say biting into the biscuit that Adonis had given us. It's not much but at least he had a few bits on him.

In the realm of the gods, I didn't need blood... but now I need some...