

### Chapter 13: Side Effects

Things only got worse for Raven ever since she had waken up. She thought that the pain would be over and she could finally recover in peace with the help of Luna Savina and the Pack Doctor, but things only got worse for her from then on.

Every night, pain would rack Raven's body like her flesh was being eaten by millions of ants. She would bite her tongue in pain as her body burned and no one could help her stop the immense pain that she is feeling all over her body.

The pack doctor couldn't explain what was happening to her and there was no cure that could help her numb the pain that she was feeling.

They could only hope that one night it would never trouble Raven anymore just like how the pain leaves her every certain time of the night as if it never came.

Raven's pain only happens at a certain window of time of the night. Raven would wrench in pain on hours end until the pain stops and fades away on its own. The pain would come and go from her body at an exact time every night.

It was as if Raven's suffering was a punishment given by the moon goddess above.

Of course it was, Raven just did try to dishonor the moon goddess's decision by accepting Lorcan's rejection. In the end, she still failed to reject him and the mate bond between her and Lorcan still exists.

"Raven, what's wrong with you? How could this happen to you?"  
Luna Savina would always ask her out loud as she held her hand, watching how she gets tortured in pain.

Luna Savina's eyes would even well up in tears every time she witnesses Raven fall in such pain. She would often wish that she had the ability to share the pain with her. If she could transfer all the pain from Raven's body to hers, then she will willingly do so.

However, all that Luna Savina can do was accompany Raven in her pain as Raven clenches her hand to the point that she'd break the bones of her fingers.

Still, Luna Savina never complained. The pain of her broken fingers is nothing compared to the pain that Raven is feeling right now.


Every night, Luna Savina wouldn't sleep with her. She would hold her hand all night long as she wiped her tears of pain away.

Every morning, Raven would be completely passed out after the pain she would experience every night. Even so, her sickness still wouldn't leave her as her body burns with high fever every morning.

Even though Luna Savina would lack sleep at night, she would still stay awake by morning so she could take care of Raven and try to bring her fever down by wiping her body with a towel soaked with cool water.

She would always be by Raven's side as she trembles in her sleep.

During Raven's whole week of suffering, never once did Lorcan came to check on his mate. Even Alpha Axel, the busiest man in the pack had the time to spare to visit Raven in her room and comfort his mate

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who has been worrying about Raven.


The pack doctor explained that what Raven's experiencing had no cure. There are no medicines that can ease her pain nor make it stop from happening to her.

However, what Raven's experiencing wasn't a disease. There was nothing wrong with her body. Whatever that was, it would go away on its own in a few days.

Luna Savina just hoped that it would go away soon since she couldn't take it whenever she sees Raven suffering in pain.

By the sixth day, Raven's suffering had stopped. Her body wasn't troubled by the immense pain that she has been experiencing anymore which means whatever that was, it wouldn't trouble Raven ever again.

Raven slept for whole three days and three nights. Her body was fully drained from the suffering she experienced in six consecutive days and nights.

Luna Savina was finally able to have a restful sleep now that Raven no longer suffers every night. 

With Luna Savina's continuous care and with the pack doctor's expertise, Raven and her wolf continued to recover until they had finally woken up.

"Raven!" Luna Savina wrapped Raven in a warm embrace when she entered her room and was surprised to see her sitting up already.

Luna Savina was so happy to see her finally awake again that she couldn't control the tears that pooled out of her eyes.

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"How are you feeling? Is there any pain in your body?" Luna Savina bombards her question as she tried to sniff her tears away not wanting to appear over dramatic in front of Raven.

Luna Savina held Raven's hand in hers as she looked around her body, searching for anything wrong about her.

"L-Luna," Raven's eyes widened as she raises Luna Savina's hand to take a better look at the bandage that was carefully wrapped around her fingers and palms. "What happened to your hand?" Raven asked her worriedly.

Luna Savina had forgotten about her hand. She pulled her hand away from Raven's grasp and hid it behind her back. "It's nothing. It doesn't even hurt anymore."

Raven didn't buy Luna Savina's words.

"Was I the one who broke it?" Raven asked as memories of how she had tightly clenched Luna Savina's hands entered her mind.


There's no doubt that she had broke her bones with how tight she had held on to her. She felt bad for injuring the Luna.

"Raven, you are the one who is sick here. You should be worrying about yourself." Luna Savina shots back not wanting Raven to feel bad for her.

"I-I'm sorry," Raven whispered as she lowered her head guiltily. Even though she unintentionally hurt the Luna, she knows how hard it was to work with one hand and how painful it was to have your bones crushed broken.

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"Don't worry about it. I'm a Luna, my hand would heal in no time."  
Luna smiled at her to assure her.

This time, Raven finally bought her words, not realizing that if that was true then Luna Savina's broken hands should have been healed by now.

Luna Savina's hands should have been healed by now if only her body had enough rest. Luna Savina lacked sleep from the recent nights. She cared more about Raven than her own health which had affected her strength greatly.

With her lack of sleep, she wasn't able to regain most of her strength. Thus, her hand couldn't heal even though she is the pack's Luna.

Raven will never be able to show how much she is grateful with Luna Savina's help. Even though Raven was mostly unconscious during the past week caused by her sickness, she could still feel at times how Luna Savina had cared for her.

Even though Raven had lost control of her body most of the times because of the pain she suffered in, she knows that in all the pain that she was in, Luna Savina was always there to take care of him.

"How is Lorcan? Is he alright?" Raven asked when he remembered him.

Since all of this was caused by how they tried to reject the mate bond, she thought that Lorcan must have been in the same pain as she was.

Raven knows that all those things she experienced was punishment from the moon goddess, so she assumes that Lorcan was also

punished with her too.

If Luna Savina and the pack doctor knew what really happened before they got sick, they wouldn't have to wonder why Raven fell under that pain.

Luna Savina sighs. She feels angry and disappointed with her son with the fact that he never even visited his mate despite knowing the danger that Raven was in.

He doesn't have to care about her as his mate, he could have cared about Raven as a pack member, but never once did he bothered to come check on her. He really had no care about Raven at all.

"Lorcan assigned himself at the pack borders to help with the military. He knows everything that was going on with you, but he never came to visit. I tried to force him to come here, but he still never came. He always said that he was busy at the camp." Luna answered dejectedly.

Raven nodded her head. She thought Lorcan had suffered with her too, but it seems that what happened to her didn't happen to him too.

After all, he wouldn't be able to work at the camp and help with the pack's military if he was punished with her too.

For the first time, Raven felt angry at how unfair the world is. It was Lorcan who rejected her, it was him who forced him to accept his rejection, and he got away with it without any punishment.

Raven also feels angry at Lorcan too. How could he not feel remorse for what he did?