

## **TLOA Lycan 1031**

### **Chapter 1031: The war (2)**

Caleb seemed unable to endure the pain he was feeling now and was trying to vent these deep emotions of frustration, anger, depression and sadness into something.

Something that meant pure destruction.

Something that meant damage. Severe damage, which could show the world that he was hurt and was in pain.

So that this damage could reflect how he was feeling now. However, the strange thing was; at the same time, Caleb felt numb. It was as if, no matter what he did, he wouldn't feel anything except this uncomfortable pain.

He felt like he was floating in a sea that was so calm, but also terrifying, because he didn't know how deep it was or what was at its bottom.

The ocean was so mysterious, but he was too afraid to even move. Afraid to aggravate the monster within him further and cause even more terrible destruction.

It could even destroy himself, it was just that Caleb felt like he needed it.

He just wanted to break anything and everything. And turn into dust, dissolve into nothingness, or simply die like the people he had killed.

Thus he went on a rampage, destroying everything in his vicinity.

He wanted to kill all these bastard humans. He couldn't even show pity on those who begged him for forgiveness.

He needed all this because the pain was too much for him to bear...

They had taken the most important person in his life. A person he didn't even dare to imagine if he could live without.

However, these humans just managed to take her away...

Therefore, they must also feel what it would be like if someone precious to them was taken from them.

Other people who knew Caleb, would not have thought that a very easy going and peace-loving lycan could leave such fatal repercussions and heartless massacre like this.

Not only attacking humans, Caleb also attacked his fellow lycanthropes who tried to stop him or break the magic spells that the witches were trying to cast at him to calm him down.

However, all their efforts were only in vain...

And the humans could do nothing... they had already lost their weapons and trained people in the first battle.

So, the last two resorts they had was either run or hide until more reinforcements arrived.

But when?

The last piece of information they got was; Most of the armed forces had been dispatched to other areas where the non-human beings had gathered. They were truly on the verge of despair, just how Calleb felt now.

A roar that shook the ground again could be heard from the wounded beast and yet another life was lost.

Meanwhile, the lycan warriors who tried to stop him, only received more wounds from the beast who was in intense pain.

His roars thundered through the darkness.

And the only thing they could do right now was to wait until the killing- spree of the humans started showing side effects and weakened the beast.

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Kace brought Hope closer to Serefina and ran beside Jedrek, while Torak was beside him.

The five of them lunged forward, toward the devils who were trying to stop them, but as the distance between them shortened, the lycans could see panic starting to show on the devils' countenances as they didn't expect them to come this far.

Serefina, although looking very pale and exhausted, was still trying to keep up with the Donovans.

"Kace, get closer to them!" Hope shouted to overcome the roar of the wind that was whooshing around her. "Move toward their left!"

Kace followed what Hope said, while Jedrek moved toward the right, following Serefina, but when he saw the witch looked exhausted and couldn't keep up with their movements, Jedrek took the initiative to get the witch onto his back.

Serefina didn't refuse and draped her arms around the white beast's neck and buried her face in his bloodstained fur, but that didn't seem to bother her at all.

"Move in the opposite direction from Hope," Serefina whispered into the beast's ear in a weak voice. Her head slumped to the left side of the beast and this made Jedrek worry about what actually happened to her that she looked so weak.

Never had Jedrek seen Serefina this weak before, except when she felt the pain she would feel once a month as a result of the side effects of her resurrection.

Meanwhile, Torak was still leading the shifters behind him to kill the beings from hell, although his eyes kept glancing at Kace and the guardian angel, who was on his back, hugging him tightly.

Torak was sure it was Raine, but the feeling she emitted was completely different, and even if it was Raine, how could she seem more comfortable with Kace?

This was puzzling, but at the same time, he couldn't let this thought bother him and returned his focus to slash his sharp claws at the enemies before him.

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"You don't need to be afraid, you're safe with me," The devil kept whispering to her. "Forget everything and you won't feel this painful feeling again."

Belphegor then cupped his hands on both sides Raine's face, who looked confused and was not in her right mind, he then leaned over to kiss her again.

And as soon as their lips touched, Raine felt it again... something was wrong...

Her eyes then caught the moon hanging in the night sky, behind the large windows of this dark corridor.

And immediately, she knew what was not right... the understanding came all of a sudden...

Raine's hand then started to move up Belphegor's shoulder, which made the Devil smile against Raine's lips, thinking that the guardian angel had finally given the response he wanted.

It was just that, when Raine's two hands reached his neck, she actually pressed Belphegor's throat and pushed him away.

So strong that the devil crashed and hit the other side of the wall in this corridor and as soon as the guardian angel stood up, the Sloth could see the anger in her eyes and immediately, the window glass, which was above his head came shattering down with a deafening sound.

### **Chapter 1032: The war (3)**

The window glass burst into pieces and scattered on the floor, cutting the devil's body and Raine's bare feet.

However, as if she didn't feel any pain, Raine walked over the shards of glass which then turned into dust and thin white smoke when her feet touched them.

"You really are a devil..." Raine said with a tone of disgust and an expressionless face, as if anger had seeped deep into her soul and she could think of nothing but hurting this creature in front of her.

Raine couldn't understand how all of this could purify her soul.

How could experiencing the worst thing in her life all over, again and again, could possibly purify her soul like what Serefina had predicted and how could Belphegor be here and make things even worse?

Raine then rubbed her lips, on which Belphegor had kissed her earlier, roughly with the back of her hand while her eyes locked onto the devil in front of her.

"You just realized it now?" Belphegor tilted his head and looked at Raine with an evil grin, while the small wounds on his body began to heal. "You know who I am from the start."

Raine didn't say anything and just stretched out her hand toward Belphegor's neck, intending to strangle him.

"You think you can kill me like this?" Belphegor asked in amusement, seeing how Raine held his neck.

"No..." Raine returned the grin. "It is precisely because you can't die that what I am going to do later will be a lot more fun."

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Jedrek and Serefina moved to the right while Hope and Kace moved to the left sides of the devils as Torak attacked them from the front, besieging the devils and the disgusting creatures that they have revived.

Serefina then descended from the white beast's back and stood beside him, facing the creatures from hell that continued to attack them non-stop.

The white beast killed the creatures as much as possible, keeping the witch safe and unharmed, while she concentrated on whatever she was doing right now.

While on the other hand, Hope also did the same.

Serefina had already told her how to attract these devils to her realm, it was just that this was her first attempt and this fact made her feel nervous. She had never tried this before, but was required to succeed before the devils managed to escape again and Lucifer could realize how to escape, because if she failed now, it would be hard to get back at them.

Serefina then chanted an incantation, an ancient language of unknown magic as to what would happen.

And immediately, surrounded them was a mist, just like a thick white veil that enveloped them all.

The veil enveloped the place all over until where Lilac was.

The guardian angel narrowed her eyes when she saw the veil of white mist, but because she knew it was a doing of Serefina, she wasn't very alert and continued what she was doing.

Her focus was now on the three dead but revived dragon beasts who were still attacking her, while the other two had just been killed by her successfully, it was just that, it was just a matter of time until they were resurrected and start to fight again.

That will continue until the devils were defeated, or Serefina burned the creatures like she did before in Rieka.

Meanwhile, Jedrek, in his white beast form stood by Serefina, baring his sharp fangs and slashing his claws like a sharp dagger at their enemies.

At first, no one noticed this, but when the veil of mist that Serefina created began to envelop them all, the dead shifters that the devils had awakened earlier could no longer be resurrected.

So, when they were killed the second time, they remained dead, and so did the other beings from hell.

Unfortunately, this veil of fog that Serefina created couldn't reach the place where the three dragon beasts and the phoenix were busy performing the dragon dance ritual to burn down the Hydra. The magicians were still trying to subvert the four dragon beasts that had died.

Lilac who realized this, immediately focused on the three dragon beasts that kept bothering her and caught them with thorny roots that came out of the ground and crushed their bodies.

It didn't take long until Lilac managed to overthrow the three dragon beasts with the help of the witches.

And when her business there was done, Lilac immediately approached one of the witches and asked her to teleport them to the front of the battlefield.

"Are you sure?" The witch asked doubtfully. The battle upfront seemed very dangerous and she didn't want anything to happen to this guardian angel, because their efforts would be in vain if they lost even one of these guardian angels.

"Yes," Lilac's answer was short and stern. She then grasped the witch's hand firmly. "Do it now."

Not having any other choice, the witch agreed to this and teleported them to the front of the battlefield, where the minotaurs were growling and the other magicians were trying to finish off the remaining creatures from hell, while protecting the dragons.

Lilac and the aforementioned witch then appeared not far from where Jedrek and Serefina were standing, and the witch was still chanting, while Hope seemed to be concentrating on something.

And in the next moment, she saw the bodies of two of the five devils started to fade away, as if their bodies were turning into mist.

At first Lilac thought they were going to teleport elsewhere, but then she realized that was not the case.

The two devils were confused by what was happening to them at first but soon began to launch blind attacks on Serefina and Hope, using Lilac powers.

But, the true possessor of that power was Lilac and this was happening in his presence.

"Oh, you will not do this in my face," Lilac growled and moved both of her hands to nullify their attacks and made the devils hiss with real rage.

Lilac knew what was going on; Hope was trying to bring the devils into her realm and she needed intense concentration for this.

But the question was; would Hope be capable enough to achieve this feat?

#### **Chapter 1033: The war (4)**

Wrath and Mammon felt their bodies starting to fade as their vision was cut off at once, without letting the other three realize what was happening to them. The white mist played a major role in blurring the ocular senses of the devils.

They were staring at each other with unconcealed confusion etched on their facial expressions, as they themselves didn't seem to understand why something like this was happening to them.

The two devils then thought of Serefina and the thin white mist that covered almost the entire battlefield and a slight understanding dawned upon them in the next moment.

This was a very old magic trick and it had been a long time since they had heard of this magic. However, even though Serefina was a pure-blooded witch, she alone was not sufficient to perform such a powerful magic trick.

It would take at least five pure-blooded magicians to achieve this feat.

They were talking about 'summoning magic for the demons' soul. Only a few people could do it and out of those few people, it took five magicians who have great magic prowess to make sure all this goes smoothly.

However, what the devils did not know was; Serefina didn't need the other magicians help because they were all connected to the guardian angels through their blood, which they had consumed after the various spells that Serefina casted over it so that the blood could be drunk by them.

In addition, the guardian angels' blood could increase the abilities of other beings. Therefore, at this point, what Serefina doing now was very likely to be considered as a success already.

It was just that, instead of perfectly 'summoning' all the five devils to be drawn in to Hope's realm at the same time, only two could be lured in to the guardian angel's trap.

But, on the positive note, at least this was better than the worst outcome Hope have imagined earlier.

Slowly, the two devils started to fade away and Hope gritted her teeth even more so that she could concentrate more on this and finish it immediately.

Meanwhile, on the other hand, Jedrek glanced at Serefina with worry, his red eyes couldn't steer away from the witch's figure as he noticed that the longer this was happening, the weaker Serefina was getting.

The white beast whimpered when he saw how blood flowed from the sides of her lips and trickled down her chin and neck, while her face grew paler and her body trembled.

Especially when Serefina fell to the ground and knelt down, her hands gripped the dirty ground with a gasping breath, as if someone was choking her.

She was at her limits.

And when the minotaurs and shifters, led by Torak, finally made it to her side, Jedrek immediately approached Serefina and stood beside her. The beast nuzzled the side of her face softly.

And all of this was witnessed by Lilac.

She stood not far from them, fighting the remaining creatures from hell and trying to protect the dragons and the phoenix who were trying to kill the Hydra.

Lilac stared at the two of them with gloomy eyes and for a moment her concentration was distracted until she didn't notice that a creature was lurking behind her as it prepared to pounce on her.

If it weren't for Torak who lunged at the creature just before it could execute it move, Lilac would be in grave danger.

The white beast bit her fingers softly, as if to remind her that they were surrounded by enemies and she shouldn't daze out like that. It was very dangerous and it would be crucial if something happened to one of the guardian angels.

Lilac shook her head and tried to refocus on the problem in front of her eyes, it was just that it was very difficult to shift her focus or forget how Jedrek was looking at Serefina.

It hurts so much to witness your own mate staring at another woman with eyes filled with anxiety and worry.

However, this was not the right time to dwell on the matter, as there were more pressing issues to be dealt with.

With all her might, Lilac tried not to be affected and returned to fight and protect as many creatures as she could.

On the other hand, two of the five devils had disappeared and Hope managed to bring them to her realm.

However, she was too weak to continue capturing the other three.

This situation was very precarious, because they did not know how the outcome would turn out. While devils were unable to teleport as their accomplices from hell began to dwindle in numbers, the lycanthropes felt exhausted and Donovan's murder of over a thousand humans began to show its side effects.

Their strength weakened greatly.

Meanwhile, when Serefina fell to her knees with a trembling body, due to the pain and side effects she received from being bold enough to sap the strength of the three Guardian Angels' blood and several other shifters to increase her own strength, the mist slowly faded away.

Instantly, Jedrek changed back into his human form and pulled Serefina's body into his arms.

"What happened?" Jedrek asked Serefina, worry could be heard in his voice clearly when he saw how Serefina's face twisted in pain.

Serefina intended to say something, but then pursed her lips tightly to prevent a groan from escaping her lips and took a deep breath instead, as if that way she could alleviate the almost unbearable pain, only to find that her wish was something unattainable at this point. The pain did not decrease and she could feel her body weaken as her strength slowly left her being.

Jedrek's frown deepened when he saw that and all he could do was hug the witch's body which was getting colder, as she shivered from time to time.

Due to Serefina's condition, the mist that she had created had disappeared, and the three remaining devils fell to their knees as they felt the pressure slowly dissipating.

And that was when Lilith appeared near them and helped them to teleport to a safer place.

The dragon dance that was taking place in the air slowly stopped and the flames enveloping the Hydra faded away, revealing a nine-headed monster that had now turned to a delicate ash- dust statue and with one last soft touch of the blowing wind, the dust went flying as it slowly dispersed in the air...

### **Chapter 1034: The war (5)**

The demons fled just like that when Lilith came to their aid and left behind an army of incubus and succubus creatures for the shifters and magicians to fight.

The only problem was, they were too tired to fend against this army of incubus and succubus creatures as their numbers were far too overwhelming.

Although the three dragons and the phoenix had succeeded in destroying the Hydra and turning the tables in their favor without the monster in the picture, with the presence of the succubus and incubus troops standing in front of them, they were not sure if they could go through one more battle so soon.

Meanwhile, Nutdrouk, the dwarf who had been hiding during the entire battle like a coward, finally appeared and teleported himself near to the frozen river, where the three dragons fell to the wet ground, beyond exhausted with no energy to spare.

Gradually, their beast bodies changed back to their human forms and the three of them laid helplessly, especially Bree, she fainted even before she could transform back.

However, Nutdrouk came near them, not to save them but for getting his hands on something he was looking for.

Cautiously he walked past the dragon shifters' lifeless bodies and gazed warily at the succubus and incubus creatures who started charging forward, and started yet another war.

While on the other hand, the magicians, minotaurs and the shifters already looked utterly exhausted, as if they had no more energy to fight back.

This was too hard and had already been dragging too long for their likes.

Nutdrouk was getting anxious. If indeed this was the end of everything and Serefina's plan didn't go smoothly, then Nutdrouk didn't want to be here and spend the last seconds of his life being eaten by the succubus and incubus creatures, whose true form was extremely terrifying with sharp fangs and claws.

When the beings brought along by Lilith began to roar menacingly, Nutdrouk finally found what he was looking for.

The phoenix.

The mythical creature turned small, like a defenseless fledgling, surrounded by its own ashes and grasping very weakly.

Nutdrouk's eyes lit up brightly when he saw that and very slowly and carefully he lifted the creature up and held it to his chest. His happiness couldn't be described in words, because this was exactly what he wanted and this was what Serefina promised him.

A phoenix as his pet. Isn't that amazing? This was an extraordinary thing to say the least.

However, Nutdrouk had to flee from there immediately, because the last dragon resurrected by the devils began to target him and he had nothing to protect himself.

"Aargh!!!" Nutdrouk shouted loudly as the dragon swooped down to grab him, but before the beast could injure him, the Dwarf had already teleported to a place as far away as possible so that no one could find him.



The dwarf's greedy nature really made him not care about the end of this battle. Whether the lycanthropes would win this or the devils did, he just wanted to protect himself.

However, on the other hand, when the dragon couldn't get what it wanted, it started maneuvering again, and this time the target was; Bree.

He flew low and was about to tear the little girl's body, while the other people didn't realize what was happening on this side of the river.

Too busy with the pertaining war with the succubus and incubus creatures.

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"What do you intend to do Raine?" Belphegor asked, a grin on his lips as he stared intensely at the guardian angel in front of him, both curious and impatient to see what this girl wanted to do.

For a moment, Raine didn't answer him, she just stared at the Sloth with an expressionless face while her hands still wrapped around the devil's neck.

But, then Raine stepped back as she removed her hands from the Sloth's neck, still not saying anything.

"What?" asked Belphegor with his lazy countenance.

"I really can't kill you... but, there are many ways that can be done to you that are far more terrible than just killing you..." Raine said softly. "And I just realized..."

"What you can do?" Belphegor asked in a mocking tone, he folded his arms across his chest while the wind blew from the glassless window behind him.

"Here," Raine said briefly and waved her hand behind her body and there, she could see a figure of herself, sitting on the ground while hugging her knees, against the wall.

Raine remembered what she felt like while she had experienced this and as she thought about it, from the other side of the corridor, she could see Torak walking toward her, approaching her other figure, who looked so scared and fragile, then the Alpha crouched down and said something into her ear before the other Raine finally got up and walked away with him.

"I don't understand what you mean by that," Belphegor said, his forehead creased.

"That means..." Raine waved her hand and the scattered glass on the floor lifted, intact in its place on the window again. "I am in control of the time here."

Raine should have realized this from the start that if all she saw was a reflection of her own fear, thus when she could control her own demons, then she could control the mirage in front of her as well.

"Goodbye," Raine said her farewell.

Belphegor narrowed his eyes when he saw Raine's figure, which slowly disappeared and then shook his head. "I don't understand that girl..." he clicked his tongue and started walking towards one of the dark ends of the corridor.

He must immediately return to the real world and find out how far the other devils have made progress with the war.

Had they won it?

It was just that, as he continued walking, he found himself back in the corridor from earlier, with the window still intact and when he continued walking again, he would return to the same place.

This happened continuously and there was only one explanation; he was caught in the vortex of time.

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Raine closed her eyes and darkness flooded her senses, then when she opened them again, she was standing beside a white lycan in the middle of a terrible battle that was going on.

### **Chapter 1035: The war (6)**

Raine blinked for a moment, the scene was so extreme that she flinched for a moment, before finally realizing that she was right in the heart of the ongoing war.

Monstrous creatures with sharp fangs and claws were charging toward them and the magicians were trying to block them by using magic, but their efforts were in vain, because they were too huge in number and the magicians were too tired.

However, something else caught Raine's eyes and she watched in horror as a dragon figure flew very low and dived toward the ground, intending to grab something there.

Bree.

Raine saw that the dragon was intending to take the little girl and without thinking, she stopped the time circling around the dragon and made its movements suddenly freeze.

However, because Raine was still trying to adjust to the situation she was in, she lost focus for a bit and freed the dragon from the time hold that froze around the beast, as it flapped its wings just in time before its body hit the ground and flew away.

In the meantime, Bree and the other two dragon shifters were saved. However, the dragon soon continued looking for a new target. A target it could easily defeat.

And among the crowd of supernatural beings and the army of succubus and incubus creatures brought by Lilith, the dragon could see another two figures on the edge of the battle, looking unfazed by the fighting, as if they were in a bubble of their own world.

Not paying attention to the war situation that was raging around them.

That was Jedrek and Serefina.

The King was hugging the witch who looked very weak and pale, her body was trembling violently and her eyebrows furrowed together in pain.

There were no words or a sentence to encourage the witch, it was just that, Serefina was already feeling grateful for Jedrek's presence beside her, hugging her like this.

They both fell silent, but sadness was evident in Jedrek's eyes. His breathing turned ragged and his grip on Serefina's body tightened.

The two of them did not realize what was coming to get them from afar, until a sound of something squeaking could be heard very close to the two of them, so deafening that Jedrek took his eyes off the witch in his arms.

After the crackling sound, there was a very strong roar and explosion sound, that was when Jedrek noticed the roots that had emerged from the ground and wrapped around the dragon so tightly before making the beast crash on to the ground.

A loud sound was heard when the dragon beast fell, shaking the ground they were sitting on which then successfully distracted several magicians from killing the army of succubus and incubus creatures, but couldn't do much to focus.

Unfortunately, this last dragon was so hard to defeat. Even in the entanglement of Lilac's roots, the creature was still struggling to writhe and free itself.

Its large flapping wings sent several shifters flying and even the faes had to retreat quite distance back, and of course this benefited the opposing side. The succubus and incubus creatures rushed forward and killed whatever they came across.

It was an unfortunate fight.

And when the dragon's claws tried to tear apart the twisting roots, its figure indirectly moved toward where Serefina and Jedrek were.

Seeing the lurking danger, Jedrek immediately picked up Serefina and took her to a safer place.

It was only after confirming that this spot was safe enough and kept Serefina out of harm's way, that Jedrek immediately shifted into his white beast and roared angrily.

The white beast lunged forward and intended to finish off the dragon by running toward its back and tear its dead body so that this creature could no longer move.

While, on the other side of the battlefield, stood the guardian angel, who was staring at her mate with a wounded gaze.

She understood that Jedrek and Serefina shared an inexplicable bond and feelings and no matter what happened, the two of them always had that special bond.

However, watching how Jedrek stared at Serefina with worried eyes and how he protected the witch, made Lilac feel an excruciating pain.

And the fact that was even more sad for her was that Lilac couldn't really hate the two of them.

Serefina had done a lot for Jedrek and they had shared memories for years that no one could replace or make them forget.

Lilac knew that now was not the right time to ponder over this matter, it seemed foolish that Lilac really had to lose her concentration over something like that, when other supernatural beings were losing their lives around them.

But, sadly, that was what happened to Lilac as she couldn't help but realize how painful this feeling was.

However, the second she lost her concentration was extremely fatal, because at that time, the dragon was released from the entanglement of the roots and managed to break free.

As if knowing who had entangled itself, the dragon immediately locked its gaze upon Lilac and roared angrily, as it flew low toward the guardian angel, before Jedrek could get close to the dragon beast.

The white beast followed the direction where dragon was flying to and found that the creature was targeting Lilac.

Thus without a second thought, he immediately dashed toward his mate at full speed, intending to grab Lilac first, who seemed to be pondering.

What exactly was she thinking in this situation?! Jedrek thought angrily, he was trying to reach Lilac through the mind link, however, Lilac blocked her thoughts, making Jedrek unable to warn Lilac of the danger that was rushing at her.

Meanwhile, Lilac was staring directly at the dragon, not that she was unprepared, but she was waiting for the dragon to get close to her, then launch a surprise attack.

Indeed, this was a reckless move and dangerous as it was a very impulsive plan, but Lilac could sense that she needed this.

If the plan indeed worked, then she could kill the dragon in one fell swoop, but if it did not...

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The white beast sped up when he noticed how the dragon beast would reach the place where Lilac was standing at any moment now. Seeing how his mate was in danger, he roared loudly.

The roar boomed in the middle of the battlefield, to warn Lilac to step aside. Only, the guardian angel didn't heed the warning and faced the dragon head on.

This is really reckless! How could Lilac be so careless as to endanger herself?! What is she thinking?!

This thought made Jedrek very upset, but also worried and scared at the same time. Lilac could get hurt. The result could be fatal if the dragon pounced on her and Jedrek didn't even want to imagine something like that happening to her.

However, Lilac seemed indifferent to that fact.

Jedrek was in a race against time, but he couldn't make it in time, when the dragon swooped down with a mouth filled with sharp fangs, wide open, ready to devour Lilac, whose size was relatively much smaller than the beast.

In one go the dragon beast would swallow her, it was certain that Lilac would not survive that.

Jedrek roared angrily as he saw Lilac remaining completely motionless. His heart was beating so hard that he felt like it was going to explode and what he saw now was like a slow scene in a movie.

Where the dragon opened its mouth wide and Lilac was standing still, staring at the death right in the eyes that was coming to get her.

No... no...

Not like this...

Jedrek felt that his heart would stop beating when the dragon got so close to Lilac and the guardian angel still didn't do anything to save herself, but at a time like this, it seemed like it would be too late for Lilac even if she finally snapped out of her dazed state and tried to escape.

However, at the last second before the dragon could harm Lilac, the guardian angel made a very familiar move, controlling the nature around her, she moved her hand like someone who was cutting something.

And immediately, there was a roar of wind and suddenly the air around the dragon seemed to form a large guillotine and slashed through the dragon's left wing, making the beast roar in pain because it had lost its left wing.

Yet, there was no blood from it.

Its movements stopped and the huge creature writhed in pain. Not only that, the dragon tried to fly by flapping its right wing, but of course the attempt failed and made the dragon beast floundered on to the dirty ground, roaring into the sky with its sharp fangs adorning its mouth.

At that moment, a second slash came aiming at the dragon's neck, only this time Lilac's attack missed and hit the dragon's back, which was covered in hard scales, and was able to withstand the attack.

As if knowing who had attacked him like that, the dragon shifted his focus back to Lilac and tried to attack her again.

This time, Lilac avoided the first hit and using the roots that appeared from the ground, she wrapped the dragon tightly, so it could stop moving.

However, the creature was already mad and with a rush of pain, which it felt, it writhed so frantically that one of its legs almost hit Lilac, were it not for Jedrek in his white beast form who pushed Lilac away. And in exchange, he became the one who got that hit, the guardian angel would endure something more terrifying.

Blood dripped from the white beast's face as the dragon's sharp claws scratched the side of his face. However, he was relieved to see that Lilac was all right.

[Stay there!] Jedrek exclaimed over the mind-link.

Because of her shock, Lilac forgot to block her thoughts again, so Jedrek was able to convey this message to Lilac.

The white beast was furious that Lilac had endangered herself like that.

If only Jedrek hadn't moved quickly and Lilac had taken the blow, then he couldn't imagine what would have happened to his mate.

Jedrek didn't want anything bad to happen to her. He would not be able to face the pain of being severed from the bond between them.

However, regardless of what Jedrek or Lilac might think or feel right now, this was not the right time to dwell on it, when death was imminent.

The white beast roared as its back came in contact with the dragon's sharp claws. However, he did not have time to recover when the dragon attacked him again brutally, the pain the dragon felt prompted the beast to become even more vicious.

The white beast noticed his unfavorable position and immediately spun around to counterattack.

Only, the moment wasn't quite right and the white beast almost got stuck with one of the dragon's sharp nails if it weren't for Lilac making the same air-cutting motion and cut off the dragon's arm, which was disproportionate to its huge body.

However, right at that moment, by strongly flapping its only wing which was horned, the dragon beast managed to knock Lilac down, seeing that opportunity, the dragon immediately left Jedrek and attacked the defenseless guardian angel again.

With its horned wing, the dragon tried to stab the guardian angel, but the white beast jumped between them, making himself a shield to protect his mate. There was no way on earth he would let anything happen to Lilac before his eyes.

The white beast stood on top of Lilac, who was lying on the ground, just in time for the horned wing to crash into him.

But, after a while, the pain did not come, instead, he heard the roar of the dragon howling in pain.

The sound broke through the air deafeningly and from the expression on Lilac's face, he realized that something was amiss.

And as soon as the white beast turned around to see what happened, his heart sank...

Behind him, was Serefina, standing with the horns of the dragon's wings pierced into her body, penetrating from her chest to her back.

### **Chapter 1037: The war (8)**

Jedrek felt his throat choke on pure air as his heart stopped beating when his brain finally registered what he was witnessing at this moment.

In his mind, there were many words he wanted to shout out loud for the whole world to hear, all of which were denials of the facts and realities that were happening right before his eyes.

This can't be happening, right? None of this should have happened.

The white beast stood frozen when he saw how the dragon beast's horn pierced Serefina's body and blood began to flow from the wound.

But then again, Serefina would not sacrifice herself without being rewarded in return.

Jedrek watched grimly as she set the dragon's horned wing ablaze, just like burning an incense paper that quickly turned into ashes which then blown away by the wind.

Now, the dragon beast had lost its two wings and one forelimb, but the creature was still moving and trying to attack the witch, who was now kneeling on the ground and having difficulty breathing.

Anyone who saw her could tell that she would not survive this...

While the dragon beast that was still alive, continued to writhe in pain and was about to lay its body on top of the witch, in its attempt to squeeze her to death.

However, Lilac immediately got up and created a deep crater under the dragon beast's feet, which plunged him into the bottomless black hole.

It was just that, because the ground was unstable and the witch had already exhausted all her strength, Serefina's body rolled and fell into the dark crater as well.

Lilac took a sharp breath when she saw that and was about to help Serefina, however, from the corner of her eye she saw that the white beast was already running very fast toward the witch with unquestionable intent.

For a moment, Lilac froze in place and could only stare at how determined the white beast was to save Serefina.

How deeply did Jedrek care about her, that it didn't even take him a second to jump into that deep crater?

Almost instantly, the pain returned.

Lilac felt it right in her tender heart. The pain made it hard for her to breathe as she trembled with fear of what she would do now.

Lilac felt awful that such a bad thought had crossed her mind, but then she shook her head and ran to the edge of the deep crater she had created, intending to save both of them.

At this time, the dragon beast was already engulfed in darkness and could no longer be seen, it was just that, after reaching the crater, Lilac could not see the figure of the white beast or Serefina either.

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Hope opened her eyes. She was sure she was in the middle of a bloody battle earlier, but as soon as she blinked, somehow she was in the room where she had woken up in Raine's body earlier.

She returned to the bedroom where she first woke up from a long sleep after returning Calleb and Ethan's beasts, and also after her encounter with the moon goddess.

However, this time Hope was alone, she didn't find anyone there.

She immediately got up and removed the blankets covering her body and set her feet on the floor.

What was this? Why was she suddenly in this room again? Wasn't she beside Kace before?

Even though it was Raine's body that she had occupied.

Wait a minute...

In that case, is Raine conscious now? And that was why Hope can return to her own body?

It seemed that was the only answer.

But, to be sure, Hope must find Lidya to confirm this. Where is the witch?

As if answering the question in her head, Hope heard a noise from the hall, which made her curious and head there immediately.

The closer she got, the clearer the sound was.

It was a heartbreaking roar and Hope recognized the voice very well. It was Sterling, the father of Rossie and the twins.

With hasty steps, Hope approached the source of the sound and found Sterling roaring his heart out as he sat on his knees, while Lidya was standing not far from him, not knowing what to do.

"What is wrong?" Hope asked in a low voice. It was a huge relief to see Sterling regain his senses, but looking at his condition now, one could tell that he wasn't doing well. "What happened?"

Lidya immediately turned her head when she heard Hope's voice and was quite surprised when she saw her. "You are awake! Hope?" she ended her sentence on a questioning note.

"Yes, I am Hope." Hope nodded. "What happened to him?"

Hope immediately knelt beside Sterling, but he didn't seem to care about it as he was still wallowing in grief. Too deep for one to fathom.

"He just found out that he had lost his mate and Ian..." Lidya hesitated for a moment. Hope already knew about Ian and Sophia, but was still clueless about the latest news that Lidya had to deliver after this. "...as well as Rossie."

Hope's hand stopped midair as she was about to caress Sterling's shoulder, to lighten his load. However, when she heard Lidya's last words, her body instantly froze and she was unable to make a sound for a moment.

"What?" Hope frowned, still in a state of denial about what she just heard. "You... you're not serious, are you?" Her voice trembled after hearing that, even Sterling's roar seemed just a distant wailing in her ears now.

After all, Sterling had just come out of a critical state, only to find that he had lost his mate as well as two of his children.

No one would be in their right mind if they received such news.

Meanwhile, Hope was clutching her chest very tightly as tears rapidly fell down on her lap.

Hope remembered Rossie's expression when they met for the first time.



At that time, her expression reminded Hope of a cute little puppy that was lost with a bright pair of hazel eyes, coupled with the words when she told Hope about finding her mate.

'I would love to know how my mate will be...'

It seemed like a distant memory...

### **Chapter 1038: The war (9)**

Raine walked forward, toward where the battle was happening, but the white beast beside her kept following her and trying to make her stay away from the chaotic situation.

Somehow, even though their size and color were almost same, but Raine could still sense that it wasn't Torak. She just knew that it was Kace and thought that he was trying to protect her because Torak was quite far from them.

Her mate was almost in the middle of a bloody battle with the succubus and incubus creatures and Kace took his brother's place to protect Raine.

Because, oddly, he could sense the connection between him and her, as if Raine was Hope. It was strange indeed, but the feeling seemed very real, yet he didn't feel it again now.

"Kace, I need to go close to the center of the battle," Raine said in a low voice. She needed to be in the right position so she could maximize the affect of her strength she would release later.

Because timing was very crucial for her next set of actions which would be greatly affected by her position and she didn't want to waste the first chance as she didn't want to try for a second time just because the first attempt was failed.

They were running out of time and each and every passing second they saved could help them save some more creatures on their side.

First, Kace didn't agree with that, he shook his head and again tore the succubus who dared to approach them.

But, when Kace got back to her side, Raine put her hand behind the white beast's head and rubbed it lightly, giving a feeling of relaxation amidst the tension.

"I need you and Torak to be in the heart of the battle. We have to stop this and I need both of you to do it." Raine couldn't see where Jedrek was. Therefore she asked Kace and Torak to be by her side, after all, their presence was enough to help her.

Jedrek might be on the other side of the battlefield and as said earlier, Raine didn't have much time to look for him. Time was very essential for them now.

The white beast beside Raine then nudged the guardian angel's side and she immediately knew what he meant, so with alacrity, Raine immediately climbed onto the beast's back.

The white beast swiftly brought Raine to the heart of the war and approached the other white beast, which was none other than Torak.

When the white beast saw Raine, he didn't immediately approach her but looked at her seriously, before he finally nuzzled her legs and Raine got off Kace's back.

For a moment, the white beast didn't do anything, except stare at the guardian angel standing in front of him, because even though she looked like Raine, the beast remembered the strange feeling he felt when he saw Raine for the first time during the battle.

However, this time was different. When the beast nudged Raine's hand, he could feel the same spark he felt when he was with his mate and when the guardian angel put her hands on his head and traced the sticky strands of the white beast's fur that had been coated with blood and dirt, staining Raine's hand, the feeling of familiarity intensified in him.

And that was when the white beast was sure that this was his mate.

This is Raine.

Who knew who had entered Raine's body earlier that made Torak feel that she was not his, but this time, he firmly believed that this was her. It was Raine.

Raine then stretched out her hands and embraced the white beast who immediately let out a low whimper. As if to say that he missed her.

Torak smelled Raine's signature scent, the scent he really liked and took liberty to breathe in her. The scent of his mate's body really made his beast feel calmer.

"I miss you too..." Raine said quietly, as if answering what was on Torak's mind. The unspoken words of the Alpha.

They stayed like that for a while, ignoring their surroundings and letting out the longing between the two of them.

While Raine and Torak were busy having their little reunion for a while, Kace, the magicians and the rest of the supernatural creatures tried to keep them both safe.

[Can you make it quick, please?] Kace used mind-link to communicate with Torak. [I didn't mean to interfere, but just wanted to remind you that we are in the middle of a battle and it seems like I could appreciate a little help over here.]

And after hearing that, Torak distanced himself from Raine and the guardian angel now climbed onto the back of the white beast. Her mate.

"Take me there..." Raine said while pointing to the center of the battle where most of the succubus and incubus creatures had been crowded.

This was a dangerous thing to do, but Torak trusted Raine, he trusted his mate that she had a better plan and chose not to question her decision.

There was only one thing he had to do, protect the guardian angel and that was his job now.

Together with Kace and the few remaining shifters and magicians, they charged forward, toward the place Raine had mentioned to Torak earlier.

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Hope wiped her face which was wet with tears. The news of Ian's death alone had made Hope feel devastated and the fact that she didn't even have time to mourn him was already heart curdling, but now she got to know that Rossie was gone too?

Hope remembered very well the last time she saw Rossie. It was the time when she went out with Kace, Torak and Raine from Jedrek castle.

There, she saw Rossie with her two twins brothers and Hope still remember smiling ear to ear while joking with Ian and Ethan.

And how Sophia looked beautiful when she was scolding her kids or how she scolded Sterling because her husband was so strict with their daughter who just found her mate.

And those were the last happy memories Hope had of the happy little family.

However, she had things to do now. "Lidya, we have to go now," Hope said in a hoarse voice after crying her heart out. "Take me there."

### **Chapter 1039: The war (10)**

Raine hugged the white beast's neck tightly and let Torak take her to the center of the battle, while Kace and the other supernatural beings flanked their left and right sides in a protective barrier.

During the short span for them to get there, some died and some were seriously injured and all Raine could do right now was focus on what she would do later and the strength she had to unleash.

This would be the first time for Raine to do something this big and she didn't know what percentage of success would be resulted from this recklessness.

However, the one thing she knew was; she had a strong feeling that this was the only way for this unfavorable battle to end. She must believe in herself, though those things seemed easier when said than done.

Raine looked around to take in the terrifying voices roaring right into her ears while an extremely gruesome and awful sight was displaying before her eyes.

If the present Raine was still her timid and easily scared younger self from years ago, she wouldn't have been able to say a word, let alone open her eyes and watch all these tense scenes unfold.

Raine was grateful that she went through it all and was even more grateful that Torak was always there for her and helped her no matter what during her lowest point of life.

And having gone through all the bad things in her life all over again and again, Raine could now clearly see how much progress she had made until now and she was proud of herself for getting through it all to say the least.

All of that would never happen without Torak's great patience to help her face her fears who had always been very gentle to take care of what her soul needed.

It felt like it was just yesterday Raine that met Torak in a mentally unstable state, but then two years went just like that and here they were... at the end of the world.

But, at least they were together, even in these dreadful times and Raine couldn't help but be more glad than ever.

"Stop here," Raine whispered into the white beast's ear and caressed her hand over the beast's head, making him feel even more relaxed in this situation, letting him know that she was right with him...

After the white beast stopped running and Kace and the other supernatural beings joined them in that aforementioned place, Raine got off Torak's back.

Their circle was so small and they were surrounded by troops of succubus and incubus creatures. There was no escape from here if they were trapped as they couldn't kill them all in a single attack.

The magicians and shifters set up a barricade around them, but it wouldn't last long, as the battle had already prolonged for way too long while they were not left with much energy to fight them any further.

"Whatever you want to do, do it fast... I don't think this barrier will last long." One of the several surviving magicians around them said in exasperation. He looked like he was almost at his wits end.

Raine immediately looked around her and then stared at the sky which was still red as blood. The sky above their heads now looked the same way she got to see a year ago.

However, Raine determined this battle would not end as it was destined to be. She was going to change the end of the prophecy as Raine knew and realized that she had the power to do it all.

And this was a defining moment for them.

"I need your firebirds," Raine said to Torak and Kace, but then they sensed something strange was happening around them.

Time stopped.

The roars of the succubus and incubus troops could no longer be heard, those heart curdling sounds had vanished.

However, time only stopped in a certain area, centered on this battlefield and did not cover the entire region.

Maybe for Kace and Torak, this was not a strange thing, but for the spell-casters and other supernatural beings, this was something extraordinary. They gasped and were amazed to see how the beings from hell stopped moving and remained in the same positions with frozen expressions as the last time they saw them.

How could this be?

Now all those eyes full of questions turned toward Raine instantly, but not just questions, admiration could also be seen from the glow in their eyes.

Meanwhile, Torak and Kace shifted back into their human skin and realized one thing; These supernatural beings weren't supposed to be able to move, because they had never touched Raine's blood before.

So, how could they move freely when Raine stopped time?

Torak stared at the girl next to him in amazement, but seeing how her eyes looked unaltered and very calm, Torak assumed that Raine had finally able to control her power to the full extent.

It seemed that his mate had now surpassed her previous abilities and it impressed him further.

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Lilac tried to look inside the black and bottomless crater she had created earlier with grim eyes and a trembling body.

The guardian angel intended to save Jedrek and Serefina, but without being able to see where they were, how could Lilac do that?

Her hands trembled violently as she really felt her heart stopped beating for a second.

Even when the situation around her had suddenly turned silent, she still didn't notice any of those things now. She didn't even realize that time had stopped.

Because Lilac felt that time had really stopped for her when she saw the white beast darting to save the witch and plunging into this dark crater without a second thought.

Lilacs really got scared that something might happen to the two of them.

"JEDREK! SEREFINA!" Lilac tried to shout their names, calling for them to give her a signal where they were, but got nothing in response but silence.

Lilac kept calling their names over and over again, but still nothing happened.

Her body trembled with fear and her hands gripped the wet, dirty ground beneath her.

Lilac knelt at the edge of the crater and stared at the void.

And that was when she heard a popping sound, as if something had exploded quite loudly.

The noise managed to make Lilac turn warily, in case another enemy was targeting her, but what she saw then were Hope and Lidya who had just teleported.

### **Chapter 1040: The war (11)**

"Lilac!" Hope exclaimed and immediately went to the guardian angel who was crying.

And as soon as Hope hugged her, Lilac burst into tears hysterically on her fellow guardian angel's shoulder.

"What happened?" Hope asked in confusion upon seeing Lilac's condition. Her heart was beating rapidly, she wasn't sure if she could receive news of the loss of a closer one again after what she heard about Rossie.

Meanwhile, Lidya immediately ran to the edge of the crater and checked what was in there, because earlier Lilac was staring at the bottom of it in sadness which was clearly radiating in her tearful eyes.

However, she could see nothing except for the pitch black darkness.

Then, what made Lilac cry while looking down there?

Lidya immediately turned her attention to the two guardian angels who were hugging each other and Lilac just pointed at the crater with a trembling finger, not even saying a word.

"Calm down..." Hope rubbed Lilac's back, trying to calm her inner turmoil a little with her soothing touch. "Tell me what is wrong..."

Lilac said nothing, but after her sobs had subsided, she pulled Hope to the edge of the crater and pointed to the bottom.

"Jedrek and Serefina... they, fell... I couldn't find them..." Lilac said with difficulty in between her sobbing. "They fell into it..."

Lilac pointed at the crater with a quivering finger, tears rushing down her cheeks uncontrollably, just like a broken dam.

"What?" Lidya gaped at Lilac in disbelief. "How did it happen?"

No, no... something couldn't possibly happen to Serefina, right? Lidya knew that the witch was not in a good condition and had already spent a great deal of her energy, not to mention the side effects for what she had done.

However, Serefina could definitely save herself and Jedrek even if they fell into this crater.

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Two firebirds emerged from Torak and Kace's hands and flew high in the air, their bodies were not too big and Raine recognized Torak's firebird immediately, because she had helped recover the power of the mythical bird in her arms before.

For a moment, the two firebirds seemed to be flying through the air freely, as if they had just been freed from confinement.

This fascinated the witches and other supernatural beings. Some of them had never seen a firebird before and this moment was so precious, they even forgot that they were in the middle of a war.

After all, Raine had stopped time and given them a moment to breathe and recover some of their strength.

And while they were enjoying the fire birds dance freely in the air, the two birds suddenly let out a loud and deafening sound before finally spewing fireballs that hit the succubus and incubus creatures, burning them with blue flames like a hot blue lava.

The magicians and supernatural beings gasped and instinctively moved back, away from the scorching heat of the fire.

While chanting a spell to protect them from the flames, they watched as the firebirds burned all the succubus and incubus creatures to dust, setting everything in their surroundings ablaze of the blue light.

The blue light from the flames soared high into the air.

And just like what the devils did to the lycanthropes and some dragon shifters during the war in Rieka, Raine did the same to the creatures from hell.

The flames were so great and so powerful, that even Torak and Kace didn't expect their firebirds to do something this big.

In fact, this fire was much bigger than the fire wall that Jedrek had created while taking shelter in the school building.

Yet, when they turned their attention to Raine, they could understand how it happened.

Raine helped amplifying the power of the two firebirds.

The guardian angel had indeed returned and this time more stronger than ever.

Raine had fully grasped the crux of her powers now.

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In the distance, they could see a brilliant blue light, result of massive fire break out that was created by the firebirds.

For a moment Lilac, Hope and Lidya fell silent, but then they realized that the fire was burning the beings from hell and they could breathe a small sigh of relief, as it was not something precarious for them.

At least this time they didn't lose the war, like the defeat they suffered at Rieka.

However, after the relief for the safe being of their comrades, came the feeling of anxiousness about what possibly had happened to Jedrek and Serefina.

The two of them were still out of their sights and Lilac felt like someone who was going through a mental breakdown, realizing that what had happened to the two of them was partly due to her carelessness.

It was just that, when Lilac was almost on the verge of despair, they heard a roar from the bottom of the crater and a growl loud enough to shake their surroundings.

And that was when, they could see the white beast running up the crevices of the crater quickly with Serefina behind his back, hugging the beast's neck so she wouldn't fall.

Seeing that, Lilac immediately wiped her tears and stood up. She moved her hands very frantically and helped the white beast and the witch to get to the ground safely.

As soon as the white beast landed on the ground with the help of Lilac, Hope and Lidya immediately lowered Serefina's body from Jedrek's back and laid her on the ground.

Hope gasped and her breath caught when she saw Serefina's current condition, she started crying because she saw the large wound on the chest of the witch, while Lidya tried to stop the bleeding.

On the other hand, the white beast shifted back into its human form and was about to approach Serefina, who was whimpering in pain. However he caught sight of a familiar figure.

Jedrek stared at Lilac for a moment and the look in her eyes sank his heart because he knew he had hurt her again.

It was just that... at this moment Serefina needed him more.

"I am sorry..." Jedrek whispered to Lilac and caressed her face with one hand before he approached the dying Serefina and hugged her body.