

## **TLOA Lycan 1041**

### **Chapter 1041: Can i have him?**

"I am sorry..." Jedrek said in a voice like a whisper, while caressing Lilac's face, before he approached Serefina.

And, Lilac could only stare with gloomy eyes, how Jedrek hugged Serefina's body which was already very weak and bleeding profusely, surrounded by Hope, who was crying until her shoulders trembled and her breathing turned ragged, and also Lidya, who kept trying to treat her.

It was just that, Serefina shook her head weakly at Lidya, asking her to stop. Because they knew, anyone who saw this would have known that there was no hope for Serefina with her injuries and a body condition like that.

And seeing this, made Hope cry even louder, she held Serefina's hand tightly, while shedding tears.

Lilac knew how close the witch was to Hope and how much Serefina meant to her.

And even when she saw all of this, how they were crying over the witch and how Jedrek hugged her so carefully as if they were facing the end of the world, Lilac could not find the feeling of hatred in herself for the two of them.

Lilac knew that she shouldn't feel like some antagonist in the story, but she felt that way in Jedrek and Serefina's love story.

Somehow they were silent and shared tears, without actually saying a word, until Serefina held out her hand to Lilac, asking her to come closer.

Now, four pairs of eyes stared at Lilac and made her feel uneasy, until Jedrek spoke softly and in a hoarse voice. "Come here."

Lilac then turned her attention to her mate and stared at him in pain.

Being around them was the last thing Lilac could ever want. She didn't hate the two of them, but that didn't mean her own feelings weren't hurt and she hated herself for not being able to put her ego aside for a moment.

Lilac felt conflicted.

She wanted to refuse, but there was something in Jedrek's eyes that made her body move closer to the two of them.

Lilac did not want to feel anything about this situation, but somehow she just felt sorry for herself and the more she felt like that, the more she hated herself.

After the distance was close enough, Lidya shifted and gave her place beside Serefina to Lilac, who walked as if she had lost her soul, or maybe she did.

Lilac sat there with her face down, but then she could feel Serefina's hand trembling and touch her cheek. Wiping her tears.

Even Lilac herself didn't realize since when she started crying, or what the particular reason that left her crying.

All she knew was, her tears were now falling onto her lap and she could no longer look at Serefina's or Jedrek's faces.

Lilac felt really bad.

And in the distance, the blazing blue flames that smeared the red sky, gradually dimmed and the rest of the battlefield became calmer and more stable.

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Raine stared at the debris scattered around her, the bodies of beings from hell that had turned to dust as the flames of the two firebird became fainter and fainter.

"Is it over?" Kace whispered to Raine beside him in a low voice.

"No," Raine answered softly and linked her hand with Torak. "Not yet."

Yes, there were still three devils out there that they have to take care of and what they need now was for Hope to use her strength to the fullest and get hold of the rest of the devils.

And everything would return to normal.

It was just that, it was not as easy as one could imagine. No one knew how many more lives would be lost, for that matter either.

It was then, Kace groaned softly and this caught both Torak and Raine's attention.

"What is wrong?" Raine asked softly.

Kace then shook his head and clutched his chest, as if he was in pain. Then the Lycan stared in to the distance. "Hope," he said slowly.

Through the bond, Kace was able to sense a deep sense of sadness that his mate was feeling along with an uncomfortable feeling, which he could not decipher.

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Hope saw Kace, in his white beast form, running toward her very fast. Behind Kace, Hope could also see Raine and Torak in his white beast form as well, followed by the survived witches and other supernatural beings.

They marched toward where they were, so it was safe to assume that they were fine for now. The battle was over, right?

Hope immediately stood up, left Serefina's side and ran toward her mate, she needed to be near Kace, because seeing Serefina's current condition was something too hard for Hope to face alone.

As their distance grew closer, Kace shifted back into his human form so he could immediately embrace his mate.

Meanwhile, Hope immediately pounced into Kace's chest and cried as hard as she could until her body trembled and her words became unclear.

"What happened?" Kace asked worriedly, but Hope couldn't answer. However, he didn't need that answer when he saw for himself what had made Hope cry like this.

Not far from them, in Jedrek's arms, was Serefina.

Kace's heart started beating faster as he saw the blood continued to soak the witch's body and bad thoughts starting to haunt his head.

No way, right?

There was no way that they have to lose Serefina too...

Meanwhile, Raine and Torak started walking over to them and began to understand what was going on there.

For that moment, the three people sitting there remained silent, not sharing any words, while other people were watching from a place not too far away, as if they didn't want to disturb their time. action

Serefina was still holding Lilac's hand and the guardian angel was still looking down, not wanting to look directly into the witch's eyes.

She was afraid that her current feelings would be clearly visible in her eyes.

However, Serefina didn't need that, because she then invaded Lilac's mind and started talking to her.

[Can I have your man for one last time?]

#### **Chapter 1042: All of them were in pain**

[Can I have your man for one last time?]

Serefina's voice echoed inside Lilac's head for the first time. It sounded so weak and powerless, just like how she looked right now.

At first, Lilac didn't understand what Serefina meant and was quite surprised when her voice suddenly echoed inside her head, because all this time, Lilac had only used mind- link to communicate with Jedrek.

Lilac then lifted her head and saw Serefina's pained expression, only to see how she was pleading with her eyes. As if this was her last hope.

Can I have your man for one last time?

Your man...

One last time...

Was this the end of the three of them?

Despite what had happened between her and Serefina, Lilac still didn't want them to end up like this. This was too much...

This war had already cost them too many lives and Serefina was too important for them to lose... No matter what happened.

Lilac felt her throat tighten and she had difficulty breathing. This was exacerbated by the fact when the Guardian Angel lifted her head and her eyes met Jedrek's.

There was no emotion in those eyes, or perhaps, he was too drowned out in sadness that he was about to lose his true love? No one knew for sure. No one could explain the meaning behind his expression except for Jedrek himself.

Lilac was trying to find something that wasn't inside Jedrek's red eyes. As red as the sky above them. As red as the blood that had flowed in this war.

Still, Lilac found nothing in there.

The guardian angel just wanted to know what he was feeling right now. Was he feeling sad? Regret, for leaving Serefina for herself? Or did he now wish he could go back in time and choose the witch over her?

What?

What is it?

What did he feel now? Lilac wanted to know.

However, she did not get the answer.

Instead, she again heard Serefina's voice in her head, who spoke in a soft and weak pleading tone.

[Please...]

Serefina never begged anyone before. She would never lower herself to beg for something. Even when she was so desperate to ask Jedrek to choose her, the witch did not, because she knew what was best for both of them.

At least, it was a decision she had continued to believe in during their hundreds of years apart.

Especially begging Lilac. The woman, who Serefina desperately hated, and was been chosen by Jedrek. A woman who was very lucky that she could be with the love of Serefina's life. The woman who had touched every inch of the man's skin, the way she touched him before.

However, now the witch did it.

She begged her.

She pleaded the only woman she hated, but was also afraid to hurt, because then she would hurt Jedrek too and Serefina didn't want to do that.

The last pure-blooded witch lowered herself to beg Lilac.

An action that could be said to be almost unbelievable from someone as arrogant as Serefina.

It was just that, in some way, this kind of act was quite similar to what Jedrek had done to save Lilac in the past.

When everyone thought that the king would never bend his knees in front of anyone, he did it, for Lilac. For his mate.

This similarity tore Lilac's heart even further.

The two of them did everything for the people that were important to them.

Lilac was indeed important to Jedrek, because of the mate bond between them. There was no way Jedrek would let Lilac get hurt before his eyes.

However, what if there was no mate bond between them? Would he do the same? But, definitely, Jedrek would do it for Serefina, right?

What they had was very pure...

This thought only made Lilac fall deeper into her sorrow.

But, she didn't want to leave Serefina's side feeling devastated and heartbroken like this.

If it really was the last time, then she wanted this to be something she wouldn't regret.

[Please ...]

Therefore, when Serefina begged for the second time, Lilac tried to force a smile on her face and leaned over.

She wanted to let go whatever feeling that she felt now. Not for Serefina or Jedrek, but for herself...

The guardian angel side within Lilac did not allow her to feel this resentment too deeply.

And because of that, Lilac leaned over and kissed Serefina's forehead and the back of her hand with which the witch was holding her tightly and nodded softly, before standing up finally.

Jedrek, who did not know what had been discussed between Serefina and Lilac, stared at his mate with an expression on his face that was still emotionless.

Meanwhile, on the other hand, before Lilac let go of the witch's hand and left the two of them alone, Serefina had time to say her last words to Lilac in the same way.

[Thank you and goodbye ...]

Yes, maybe this was a goodbye for them ...

It was hard to swallow how this all was going to end, when previously Lilac always wondered how it all would end.

And even if she knew this would be the end of the three of them, would Lilac feel any better?

Even so, regardless of everything, Lilac knew in the depths of her heart that she didn't want Serefina to end up like this...

She wanted the witch to continue living and have her own happiness. Meet someone and fall in love just like how she loved Jedrek.

Maybe it was just Lilac's selfishness...

Because the fact that they have to face everything before their eyes now...

Lilac bit down her lips, tears started flowing down her cheeks without her realizing it. Her heart felt very heavy as if her chest was caving in.

And when Lilac turned around to walk away from the two of them, she missed a pair of red eyes that were staring at her back. The regret in his eyes and sadness that no one could decipher.

How it hurt him for the way he hurt her.

He was in pain too...

All of them were in pain...

### **Chapter 1043: Forgive me**

Raine immediately approached Lilac when she saw the guardian angel moving away from Jedrek and Serefina, where they were now alone and whatever they said would not be audible for them any longer.

Meanwhile, Hope was in Kace's arms. The girl was devastated and aggrieved, knowing she had to lose two of the closest people in her life within a very short period, was a huge blow to Hope.

And Kace...

It could be said that he was lost for words about how he was supposed to show his feelings right now. Serefina was family to him. A person who had been so close and important.

No matter how many fights there had been between him and Serefina, they both protected each other in the end.

Were not siblings like that?

Behind Raine, Torak was standing some distance away from his mate, who was hugging Lilac. The nature controlling guardian angel was now going through a mental breakdown.

He made room for the two of them, but his eyes were sharp, staring at his brother who was hugging another woman in front of his own mate.

Meanwhile, when Lilac felt the warmth of Raine's body and her hands gently rubbing her back without a sound, she could no longer contain what she felt...

Everything was so difficult and complicated.

Lilac didn't even know what to think. And in the next second, tears began flowing down from her two orbs nonstop.

Lilac was so wounded by so many unseen wounds that she didn't even know where to start if she had to heal all of them.

The guardian angel looked so helpless.

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Jedrek stared at Lilac with an emotionless face. He knew how badly he had hurt his mate again and felt he didn't deserve her at all.

He had chosen Lilac and decided to let Serefina go, but the truth was; he still couldn't really get rid of his feelings for his first love.

How could Jedrek do all that when Serefina was in such a critical condition?

How could he possibly turn away from this woman who was once the most important part of his life when he was in pain and was nearing the end of her life?

After what Serefina had done and after Jedrek found out the witch's reason for leaving him, how could he just stand aside and act as if he didn't know a thing?

There was no way Jedrek would leave Serefina when she needed him so much with the possibility that he would never see her again...

The cruel possibility that they would never meet with each other again...

Jedrek felt very complicated in his heart.

The beast inside his mind was yelping, scratching the side of his head and made it even hard by howling his mate's name.

Yes, the beast inside Jedrek wanted his mate, he wanted Lilac and the pain Jedrek caused her for choosing to stay with the witch made him feel the same pain.

There was no way Jedrek didn't feel any pain seeing how Lilac was crying silently and trying to be strong by hiding her feelings.

The beast within him would be more than happy to kill anyone who had hurt his mate so deeply.

It was just that, everyone present could point out that it was Jedrek, who had hurt Lilac in such a painful way, and even if he said 'sorry' for a million times wouldn't suffice to atone to his sin.

He was the source of the pain for the two women he loved.

Really, Jedrek felt that he didn't deserve any of them.

Serefina had sacrificed so much for all of this to happen and even had to lose her life twice and be misunderstood for so long.

Meanwhile, Jedrek, who should be the person who knew Serefina the best, misunderstood the witch even more.

How could all this happen?

How could Serefina possibly trick him? And he devoured all those misconceptions and wasted his time resenting the witch.

While Lilac...

Jedrek didn't even want to begin where he should start apologizing to his soul mate. With every breath that he took, the moment he remembered the worst part of his life, the most brutal and most depressing things in his life, Lilac was the part of his life that he regretted the most.

The guardian angel was so gentle and forgiving, even after what had happened, after what Jedrek had done and after what he had said, Lilac still chose to stay by his side.

And it took a tremendous amount of strength to do that.

Jedrek thought, after the ceremony and Lilac officially belonged to him, with every steps and decisions that Jedrek had taken, their relationship had finally made some progress, but who would have thought that they would hurt each other again in the end?

No.

It was Jedrek who continuously hurt Lilac, while the guardian angel was so kind that it made Jedrek feel like he couldn't tolerate himself.

In front of him, Jedrek stared at Lilac who leaned over to kiss Serefina's forehead and the back of her hand gently, as if saying goodbye in unheard words.

Yes, there was nothing more they could do. Everyone knew this, it was just that they didn't voice it out loud.

Because this would only be a final goodbye, and losing someone would never be a good thing, even though they had lost so much, it still wouldn't make their hearts very cold to let go of the witch.

Jedrek stared at Lilac's back as she walked away and whispered softly in his heart.

Forgive me...

That was all Jedrek could say, because he could not offer his heart, which was no longer whole, which was corrupted and worthless, his heart was utterly undeserved of someone like Lilac.

It was only right if the guardian angel got someone with a whole heart, while at the moment, Jedrek couldn't give it.

Post that, Jedrek lowered his head again, focused his attention again on Serefina and for this moment, he let all of his forbidden feelings whatever he had been keeping for a long time, resurface again, as he turned his attention to her.

Only to Serefina.

#### **Chapter 1044: It has been a long time since i saw you cry**

Despite the bone crushing pain, the witch managed to smile weakly at the man she had loved for a long time, the one she had given up everything she had, body and soul.

However, if this were to be the end, Serefina didn't want to go away in an aggrieved state or leave any remorseful feelings for Jedrek.

Since Jedrek knew it all, Serefina didn't want him to feel guilty about the decision she had made.



Because right now, if she had to go, then leaving in Jedrek's arms was the best thing she could ever get to end this pain, where Serefina always thought that she would die alone and lonely.

"You've taken care of my cat?" Serefina asked in a low voice, but it was enough for Jedrek to hear her clearly. "After I was gone?"

"Yes," Jedrek replied. "I had taken care of her like a treasure." It was an honest reply and it made Serefina smile.

"I know you will take care of it," she said. "I just hoped that I can still see her when I got back."

"You came back after hundreds of years, and the life of a cat isn't that long," Jedrek said back and this made Serefina laugh softly.

However, at the end of her laughter, Serefina coughed up blood and Jedrek hugged her even tighter.

"I want to go home..." Serefina whispered softly, as Jedrek cleaned the remnants of blood that had stained her lips.

Serefina's hair, which was long and red, looked very matted and Jedrek helped her to tidy up a little of her appearance by tracing the strands of her hair with his fingers.

"Yes, we are going home..." Jedrek muttered, tucking Serefina's hair behind her ears. "I will take you home, don't worry..." and Jedrek felt Serefina nodding against his chest.

"If there is one thing you can change, what do it would be?" Serefina asked again after a few moments of silence, enjoying Jedrek's gentle touch on her skin, and his warmth on her body which slowly began to turn cold.

Jedrek thought for a moment when he heard the question, before he answered with a faint smile on his lips.

"I don't want to fight with you on 'that' day," Jedrek said quietly.

Both of them let go of their feelings, as they reminisced the unspoken memories from the past, having a conversation that only the two of them could understand. Only for this one time.

Only for once, because maybe there would no other opportunity to be honest, to speak whatever they felt about each other.

"Yes, so do I." Serefina agreed. "I didn't want to fight with you that day."

'That day' was the day when Serefina had a quarrel with Jedrek which made her leave the castle and participate in the massacre of the shadow warriors and the capture of guardian angels with the other lycanthropes.

The day Serefina was killed by a shadow warrior named Dorian and resurrected by the moon goddess, Selene, to carry out a mission to save the guardian angels who would be resurrected to help Donovan brothers win the war.

Because Serefina wanted to see Jedrek again. She wanted to see him again so badly, she would do everything at any cost just to meet him again.

Serefina wanted to take a look and make sure that Jedrek was okay.

Therefore, leaving this world in Jedrek's arms wasn't a bad ending, right?

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Raine hugged Lilac tighter, when she saw Jedrek and Serefina talking to each other intimately.

But, she knew... Serefina's time was short.

Although Raine and Serefina's relationship couldn't be said to be good, she couldn't deny that Serefina took the most prominent part in the process of healing her.

In Serefina's own way, which might tend to be brutal and pushy, the witch made Raine see the world in a better way and with clear eyes.

There would be many things that could happen ahead of them than Raine could ever imagine and she would miss everything if she was always scared and there would be a lot of things that Raine would not be able to do if she always hid behind Torak and didn't dare to step forward.

Serefina taught Raine so hard and now she was grateful for it.

Because that was what Raine needed when she struggled to overcome her endless fear, while Torak always protected her, making sure that Raine didn't have to face it all.

However, Serefina pointed out things in a different way.

And a simple 'thank you' alone wouldn't be enough...

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Kace remembered very well how the first time he met Serefina and how the witch made him feel interest in the magic tricks she could pull off and even though the days that followed were not filled with peace between the two of them, it was Serefina who was always there for him when Jedrek and Torak were not in the castle, as they followed their father away from home.

And since then Kace, always relied on Serefina for various things unconsciously.

Kace admired the witch for her stubbornness and for her obvious feelings.

Serefina was almost always honest with her own feelings, but toward the end of her life she managed to make them all think otherwise.

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"It has been very long since the last time I saw you cry..." Serefina said in a voice that was getting weaker, as if every word could easily be carried away by the wind.

There was no stubbornness nor arrogance that were always been attached to her image.

Maybe it was because the witch was too weak to act peculiarly, or maybe she had felt much calmer and more peaceful, so she felt no need to cover up her feelings and pretend to be strong, when she was not.

"I don't," Jedrek replied.

However, his lie was immediately disclosed by Serefina as she reached out and caressed Jedrek's cheeks which were wet with hot tears.

Serefina was the first woman who had wiped Jedrek's tears and now she was also the one who wiped his tears for him at this moment again.

### **Chapter 1045: Don't go!**

Jedrek then stretched out his hand and grabbed Serefina's, which had wiped his tears earlier and brought it to his lips. Kissing those trembling fingers solemnly.

However, the king did not say anything. He just stayed still post that, hugging Serefina's cold body.

If time were to repeat itself and they chose different paths, might they have had different endings?

However, this was unavoidable, because at some point in Jedrek's life, he would meet Lilac because it was what the moon goddess had set in stone.

"Don't cry, because this will only be the end of me, but not yours..." Serefina said in between panting breaths. She really didn't want to see Jedrek sad.

Serefina would leave this way, but Jedrek still had a life he needed to live after. There was still so much work to be done.

And Serefina's greatest regret was; she wouldn't be there, beside Jedrek and watch him like she was used to do, but at least this time Jedrek wouldn't be alone ...

He would have his brothers with him...

Torak and Kace would help him through all of this. They were stuck with each other and would forever be...

"You are the first woman I loved and in the end I couldn't protect you..." Jedrek said softly. He didn't dare look into Serefina's lime green eyes, which were slowly losing their hue of life.

However, Serefina did not allow the king to avoid her, so she stretched out her hand again and touched Jedrek's cheek so that he would turn and look at her straight in the eyes.

Reluctantly, Jedrek complied with her request and found Serefina smiling peacefully at him.

"You are here by my side, hugging me..." Serefina whispered softly and her smile grew even more wider. "That's enough for me."

And Jedrek's tears fell on Serefina's cheeks again, leaving a trace of warmth on them...

Jedrek leaned over and kissed Serefina's lips gently, as the witch breathed her last...

In the arms of her loved one and after relishing a gentle kiss that warmed her cold soul, Serefina was gone for good...

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Belinda and Sybil were trying to calm down the beast, the out of control beast of Calleb. He went feral after the death of his mate.

His beast killed so many humans and turned the residential area into a slaughter house with the thick smell of blood in the air.

Meanwhile some lycanthropes tried to stop him with no avail.

Calleb in his beast form, overpowered by rage and grief, made it very difficult for others to calm him down. He looked like a monster that would kill anyone who were unfortunate enough to fall in his line of sight.

Whether it was a friend or foe, he no longer cared when the beast instincts within him had completely taken over and rendered Calleb unable to control himself anymore.

However, after killing so many humans on a spree, he ended up feeling drained and weakened due to the side effects of his actions.

Only when he was fully exhausted, could Belinda, Sybil and the several other witches come near Calleb to finally control him.

They locked him in a magical chest, the result of using a restraining spell and restricted his movements so that he could not get out of the invincible box, which served as a cage to him.

This, of course, angered the beast even further. The Beast repeatedly slammed its head against the side of the cage, but it didn't produce any results.

Calleb did this over and over until his roars would be heard blaring through the silence that engulfed their surroundings.

Heart wrenching howls that portrayed his hurt and loss.

While on the other side of the town, Ethan was silent while hugging Rossie's lifeless body.

He couldn't even let a single word out of his lips when he found that he had lost his only younger sister as well.

No anger or outburst erupted from him, like Calleb was doing now, only emptiness. All of this happened so quickly, and within a short period of time he had lost almost all of his family members.

And now Ethan felt that he was no longer connected to the real world, as if he was enveloped in his own sadness and sorrows under the silent night. Like he was being trapped into the feelings of unfairness he felt now.

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There was no longer any movement from Serefina, and now Jedrek could only look down and stare at the witch's face that had become pale.

He couldn't believe that he and Serefina had to end up like this.

Jedrek could not believe that the witch had left him forever. All of this seemed surreal and almost absurd.

However, this was a fact that was presented in plain sight and no one could say otherwise.

Serefina was gone...

The last pure- blooded witch was dead...

Although, previously Serefina pretended to be treasonous and sided with the devils, but at least Jedrek knew that Serefina existed. She was alive.

However, not this time...

Even though she was in his arms, but her soul was long gone.

Meanwhile, on the other hand, Hope, who was still in Kace's arms, could see something over the shoulders of his mate...

She saw her soul...

Serefina now was looking as white as the faintest mist, but her soul was also so obvious. Her body was crystal clear and Hope recognized the shape...

Just like Hope's encounters before...

This soul's figure had a similar shape to the priestess, the children who became sacrifices on Mount Uzu, Chiron and the other centaurs'...

And now, it was Serefina...

Her soul was still there and she stood before her own body and Jedrek who still didn't move from his position.

For a moment, their eyes met and Hope could not hold back her tears when she saw the smile of the witch.

"Don't go..." Hope's plea was like a desperate whisper... "Don't go please..."

And as if all their past memories were returned, Hope seemed to see every second that she had spent with Serefina and Lana.

Lana who was always protective of her or the rare event when Serefina occasionally picked her up at school. As well as the memory about Serefina, in her unconventional style, teaching the parents of the boy who bullied her.

"Don't go..." Hope sniffled again, she shook her head vigorously. "DO NOT GO!"

#### **Chapter 1046: You have to let her go**

"Don't go..." Hope sniffled again, she shook her head vigorously. "DON'T GO!"

This time Hope shouted and got the attention of everyone who was present.

In fact, Lilac, who had stopped crying, but was still in Raine's arms, was also staring at her with swollen eyes.

However, Hope's scream had no effect on Serefina, because she still smiled at Hope and said very slowly, so that Hope could only read the movement of her lips.

'I have to,' Serefina said.

Hope shook her head again, but instead, Serefina turned her gaze to Jedrek and bent down while whispering to his ears...

'I love you. Always'

After that Serefina kissed the top of Jedrek's head before her body finally disappeared into the wind.

Like a mist...

The witch was really gone now...

Bringing away her love for Jedrek while hoping that the man can live a happier life after this.

Maybe, even though it took long, Jedrek would get his happiness back.

Or maybe not...

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Belinda grimaced as she saw how Calleb, in his beast form, went berserk and once again banged his head against the invisible wall around him, which left him unable to move freely and commit another murder.

This was not real, right...?

Belinda had never seen Calleb lose control over his beast to this extent. He didn't care about anything anymore and nothing was more important in his eyes now.

"We can't stay here any longer than this," Belinda told Sybil next to her.

They couldn't stay there forever because the humans would return with reinforcements much stronger than before and Calleb would neither be controlled nor cooperated with.

They had lost so many people, so many people they knew and Belinda wouldn't let the same thing happen to Calleb.

Belinda didn't know how a lycan could get through the phase where they could accept the fact that their mates didn't exist anymore, or whether they would become feral or not, becoming a being possessed only by the killing instinct.

But whatever it might take, Belinda wouldn't let anything bad happen to Calleb. She had known the lycan for a very long time and she would help him in any way she could.

"Do you have any ideas?" Sybil asked, sounding exhausted and a little skeptical that things would get better.

"We can't do this alone and let the lycanthropes fight again when the humans come back later." Belinda didn't even dare to imagine how things would turn out when they were forced to fight again and kill the humans. It would make them reach their limits and worse things would happen.

"We have to join the Donovans," Sybil said, her white hair fluttered by the wind and she had to brush the strands off her face.

Belinda looked doubtful when she heard the suggestion.

"I am not sure if they are in a better situation than here..." Belinda muttered.

And that was when someone said, walking unsteadily, up to them. "Take Calleb to the Donovans, things are under control there."

Simultaneously, the two witches turned around and found that Sterling was walking toward them.

"Sterling, are you all right?" Belinda approached the man. She thought that Sterling would not survive the tragedy that hit his family at the castle the other day and even though she heard that this man had been rescued by Lidya, his condition was not very good.

"I can't say that I am fine..." Sterling's eyes were fixed on the beast, trapped in an invisible magical box in front of him.

Calleb was still on a rampage and everyone seemed to be completely lost about how to handle the beast or calm him down.

And Sterling also didn't have anything to say, because he also knew what it felt like to lose your mate...

"I am sorry for your loss..." Belinda expressed her condolences.

But then, Sterling changed the subject, in a very husky, deep voice, "Where are Ethan and Rossie?"

Belinda looked surprised. "They are over there..." she pointed in the direction where the two siblings were, but then she seemed hesitant to continue her sentence. "But, Rossie..."

"I know..." Sterling interrupted her words and stumbled toward his children.

Even the appearance of Sterling's distant silhouette made the hearts of anyone who saw him very sad.

"We must meet the Donovans..." Belinda decided.

It would be an arduous task to teleport a hundred more lycanthropes with them, but not impossible.

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Torak walked over to Jedrek who was still silent in his original position, after he was sure that his older brother had had enough time to mourn for the loss of Serefina.

Torak also felt sadness at the sudden demise of the witch, although not as deep as Kace or Jedrek, because after all, it was the witch who had guided Raine all this time, even though not all of the methods she used had gotten Torak approval...

But also because the relationship between Torak and Serefina was not as close as Kace and the witch.

Regardless, he was grateful for what Serefina had done for them.

If they won this war eventually, then all of that could be considered as the fruits of Serefina's tremendous efforts.

"Jedrek," Torak called out to his brother, crouching down beside him and gently squeezing his shoulder to let his presence known. "You have to let her go," he said.

Jedrek did not move, he was still sitting frozen in his position.

Torak don't know which outcome was much better; seeing Jedrek turn feral after losing Serefina like what happened hundreds of years ago, or seeing Jedrek became very silent and letting all his emotions hide away, which would later forge into a time bomb over time that might destroy himself.

"You have to let her go," Torak repeated his words.

But, how could Jedrek let Serefina go?

"We have to give her a proper burial," Torak said again. "She deserves that."

"I love her, Torak..." Jedrek said in a voice like a whisper.

Torak was silent for a moment, he stared at Lilac, who was still sobbing lightly in Raine's arms, but looked much better now.

"You will only hurt Lilac by loving her," Torak stated an undeniable fact.

#### **Chapter 1047: Longings**

"I know." Jedrek then looked at his mate, who was in Raine's arms and felt the excruciating pain after seeing Lilac all heartbroken because of his actions. "The only thing that I have been giving her all this time is pain..."

Torak said nothing when he heard that, his dark eyes were staring at the witch who had closed her eyes forever, as he bade her farewell softly in his heart.

'Goodbye Serefina, thank you for everything that you have done for us.'

And everything was enveloped by eerie silence once again.

However, a few minutes later, a popping sound like a soft explosion was heard not too far from them, but under these conditions, of course they would instinctively search for the source of the sound vigilantly.

After all they were in high alert, just in case there was another enemy that was trying to ambush them.

The minotaurs immediately circled around the guardian angels and the magicians were standing behind them, they were ready to attack.

It was just that, the sight they saw next made them breathe out in relief, because in front of them, were not only Belinda, Sybil and some of the other shifters they knew, but Raine also recognized the brown colored beast which was Calleb's.



Raine couldn't describe the way relief flooded her system when she noticed that the Beta was fine.

Apart from that, they also saw Sterling, who was carrying Rossie and Ethan as well. They were all here... They survived...

And there was nothing more important than to see old friends again.

Raine couldn't be more relieved than this. It could be said as knowing good news before hearing the worst news, since she was still a little clueless about the recent news.

"Go..." Lilac separated herself from Raine, wiping away her tears. "I am feeling better now, thank you," she said softly.

Lilac knew that Raine wanted to go over to Belinda and the people she knew, especially Calleb, who was still in his beast form.

"Are you sure?" Raine asked worriedly, she could meet them later if Lilac still needed her company, but the other guardian angel gave her a weak smile to reassure her.

"Yes." Lilac nodded. "There is something I want to talk to Sybil as well." She then directed her attention to the witch with white- hair, who was walking briskly toward Raine and Lilac.

The witch looked like she had something that was needed to be discussed with her queen.

"Okay then," Raine agreed and gave Lilac a quick hug before she went over to Belinda and the brown beast.

After Raine walked away, Lilac looked at Jedrek, who was still hugging Serefina's body, while talking to Torak. No one knew what they were talking about, but they didn't seem to be too many exchanging words between the two of them.

"Your majesty," Sybil greeted Lilac, and only then did the guardian angel shift her focus back to the witch.

But, before Sybil could say a word, Lilac had something to tell her first.

"I want you to help me with something," Lilac said in a hoarse voice.

"Anything, your majesty," Sybil answered solemnly. She pledged her loyalty to the royal family and since Lilac was her queen, she would do anything for her.

Meanwhile, Raine walked over to Belinda and hugged the witch, it seemed like she still didn't realize what happened to her step sister, so was Raine, about what had happened to Calleb.

"Belinda," Raine buried her face between the curve of Belinda's shoulder and neck and hugged her tightly, breathing a sigh of relief knowing they were together and all right now.

"Raine, I am glad you are fine..." Belinda returned the guardian angel's hug. "Has all this ended?" She asked expectantly.

Since the war had stopped here and it seemed they had won it, Belinda assumed that all these nightmares had finally come to an end.

However, Raine shook her head.

"No, not yet." Yes, because there were still three more devils they had to catch and lock up, and there were also craters, the gates to hell, which were still open. They had to close those too.

Hearing that, Belinda nodded stiffly and began to observe all the people around her, who were still strange for her and finally she found Hope, who was still in the arms of Kace and also Lilac, who was talking to Sybil.

But, then the two of them walked forward with facial expressions that were difficult to decipher.

And that was when Belinda caught the figure of Jedrek who was hugging Serefina and Torak who was crouching by his side.

What was Jedrek trying to do? Hugging Serefina like that in front of Lilac? Didn't he know that it would create an awkward atmosphere between the three of them?

Did her sister had gone insane to have a display of affection at a time like this?

But, a moment later, Belinda realized there was something odd about the scene she was seeing.

"Raine, what happened to Serefina?" she asked in a choked voice, as if her subconscious had already know the answer before Raine could even reply.

"You have to go there and see for yourself," Raine answered softly.

Belinda blinked a few times because she didn't understand what Raine was getting at, but then she agreed and started walking toward the Donovans, feeling a little bit awkward.

Her gut feeling told her that something was wrong with Serefina which she couldn't explain, even her subconscious seemed to know the answer to this uncomfortable feeling, it was just that, Belinda brushed everything off and started walking with more steady steps after shaking her head to get rid of all negative thoughts.

Meanwhile, on the other hand, Lilac cautiously walked over to Jedrek and nodded at Torak, as if to say she would handle it from here.

Torak nodded politely and stood up to approach Raine, the two of them haven't had the right time to express their longings to each other.

Granted, this was not the right time, but at least, Torak wanted to feel her presence by his side and take the liberty of breathing in her scent.

#### **Chapter 1048: I know my love**

Granted, this was not the right time, but at least, Torak wanted to feel her presence by his side and take the liberty of breathing in her scent. All of this was grueling and tiring, both physically and mentally and the Alpha needed his mate to fill in the gaps.

Likewise Raine. The guardian angel felt the same way.

It was just that, before all of that could happen, something else was bothering her. She had felt this oddity since a moment ago...

The brown beast.

"What happened to him?" Raine asked one of the Alphas who came along with the others witches.

"Luna," the Alpha greeted Raine politely, but the guardian angel waved her hand to dismiss his pleasantries.

He didn't need to do all of that at a time like this, and all she needed was an answer because she felt there was something wrong with the beast's behavior.

Raine's forehead wrinkled even more and her black eyes stared intently at the beast, who, once again, banged his head against the invisible wall that surrounded him, made by several witches who just came here.

"What happened to him?" This time Raine sped up her footsteps and stopped beside one of the witches. "Why did you lock him up like this?"

The Alpha, who had greeted Raine earlier, followed her by running behind her and answered the question.

"Supreme Beta, Calleb has lost his mate," the Alpha told his Luna and he could see Raine's pupils getting dilated.

"What?" Raine exclaimed in disbelief at what she had just heard and her mind instinctively started to deny the fact she had just heard.

That couldn't be happening, could it be? Rossie was all right, wasn't she?

Oh, Selene, what now...

Raine had seen a Lycan who became feral because of the loss of his soul mate and never thought that such an awful thing would happen to Calleb as well.

Raine walked closer to the invisible cage, but one of the witches held her by her wrist and shook her head, forbidding their Luna to go any near to it.

"Luna, don't do that, supreme Beta Calleb is not in the right state of mind now," she said carefully, not wanting to offend Raine. "He can hurt you." She added in hopes that Raine would relent.

"Please, stay here, Luna." The Alpha also tried to prevent Raine from going any further than this.

Therefore, Raine had no other choice but to listen to them and slowly retreat, but her eyes were still fixed on the brown beast, who looked angry and violent.

It was Calleb, Raine could sense it, only the beast didn't seem to allow anyone to see how devastated he was deep inside.

For a moment their eyes met and Raine could see the despair in those red eyes and this broke Raine's heart even more.

Raine loved Calleb. Therefore, whatever hurts him, will hurt her too.

They stared at each other for a moment, before the beast growled and furiously roared, then returned to banging his head against the invisible wall before him again and again.

"You can't lock him up like this..." Raine said softly. She wanted to hug Calleb right now. Tell him that everything was going to be all right, but she couldn't.

Everything would never be all right to the shifters, who lost their mates.

"I am sorry Luna, but we can't free him," said the witch. "The beast will start attacking people again if we do that. For now, he doesn't even recognize who is a foe or friend."

Raine could understand it. However, it still couldn't make her feel any better...

Her heart ached for Calleb.

They lost so many important people in this war, until her heart felt like she couldn't take anymore of these heartaches...

Raine stood there, staring at the beast that was almost feral now, until she felt the spark on her shoulder and she didn't need to see, who was that before she turned around to hug him and buried her face against his chest, sobbing.

"Torak..." Raine's voice sounded very heavy and hoarse. "Calleb..." she couldn't even continue her words, before the sadness overtook her and Raine could no longer hold back her grievances and poured out all of her feelings in front of Torak.

She was crying until her back shook violently.

"I know, my love," Torak said softly, hugging Raine tightly as he rubbed her back in order to calm his mate.

Before approaching Raine, he had a chance to meet Sterling who was hugging Rossie's lifeless body and also Ethan, who was standing beside him.

Some people tried to talk to the two people, not to calm them down though, because neither of them made any sound. They were so calm, it looked so heartbreaking, considering how much loss they had suffered.

And Torak didn't have to ask to know what happened. He could see Rossie's stiff body and her blood soaked clothes, which were now dry and in that instant, he felt the pain Calleb felt through the bond they shared.

Torak had not felt this before, as there had been a lot of mixed feelings in the last few hours.

The battle, the loss of many lycanthropes, the death of the shifters and magicians who helped them, the battle with the devils and the death of Serefina...

All feelings were mixed and Torak tried not to respond to any of it, so he could concentrate...

It was just that, he did not expect that from those many feelings, there was also the pain of his Beta, the beast who was howling in sadness for the loss of his mate...

While Raine was still crying in Torak's arms, Hope had calmed down a little.

She freed herself from Kace's embrace and walked over to Sterling and Ethan, wanting to see Rossie with her own eyes for one last time.

Maybe... just maybe, Hope could still see her, like how she saw Serefina's soul just before she completely disappeared.

With Kace at her side and his arms around her shoulders, Hope walked with unsteady steps, her eyes swollen and her sobs were still audible.

### **Chapter 1049: Get rid of it**

And as soon as Hope saw Rossie's body, which was still in Sterling's arms, her tears broke out again. She turned around and buried her face against Kace's chest.

She still couldn't believe this happened to her bestfriend...

And no... Hope didn't see Rossie's soul, she didn't get to see her for one last time. She was late and Rossie had disappeared completely.

But, now that she was back in the midst of her family, maybe because of that she didn't stay long... and Hope didn't have a chance to say goodbye.

It was a moment for them to mourn for the loss of the people they knew and also a reminder for them to understand how precious their time was, because no one knew what would happen after this...

Would they be still alive to see tomorrow or would they be the ones who would witness their friends leaving one by one?

No one was sure about tomorrow...

Meanwhile, on the other side of this battlefield, the guardian angel was standing behind the man who was supposed to be her mate.

Yes, they were mates, but Lilac knew, whom exactly Jedrek's heart belonged to.

Toward whom, he was feeling this deep sorrow... and there was nothing Lilac could do to say otherwise, because no one could force someone else feelings, could they?

Lilac looked doubtful as she stretched out her hand, but in the end she touched Jedrek's shoulder and knelt beside him.

At first, Lilac didn't want to see Serefina's figure, but she couldn't help but look at her...

In Jedrek's embrace, the witch's face looked so peaceful, like someone who had completed an important mission, like a runner who had reached his finishing line...

At least, after this... Serefina wouldn't feel any more pain...

Her mission had ended now and she had a better ending than she could have imagined...

"We have to prepare a funeral for her..." Lilac said softly to Jedrek. Her little hands rubbed Jedrek's broad shoulders, making soothing circles, as if doing so could make the king feel a little bit better.

But, no one could make Jedrek feel better now...

"We can't delay this any longer..." Lilac persuaded Jedrek to let Serefina go.

Meanwhile, standing behind Lilac and Jedrek, were several magicians and shifters, with their heads lowered, paying their final respects to Serefina.

The last pure blooded witch was gone.

"It is all right now... you can let her go..." Lilac whispered softly to Jedrek, pulling his hand that held Serefina's hand gently.

However, Jedrek turned his head and looked at her with tears in his blue eyes and this was the first time Lilac had seen Jedrek in such a devastated state.

Her heart ached for him.

"I can't let her go, Lilac..." Jedrek answered in a very low voice and when he saw the pain in her eyes, the agony in his heart became even more unbearable. "I can't..."

Lilac felt a lump in her throat that she had to swallow it by force, but she was trying her best, not only for herself, but also for Jedrek and the people who had lost their loved ones.

They couldn't stay down...

They still have things to do...

"I know," Lilac said, caressing Jedrek's face. "You can hold on to me now. You can lean on me."

Lilac took Jedrek's hand and pulled his head against her chest, causing the man to give up the love of his life and letting the witches do their job.

Serefina's body was lifted into the air as soon as Jedrek released her and Lilac formed a bed made of roots and rattan, as Serefina's final resting place.

Lilac still remembered that the witch did not like flowers, therefore, she replaced them with beautiful intricate plaits as decoration.

At least this was the last thing she could do for her...

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It took a while to get things organized and make the chaos more manageable.

Abby and Leon survived the battle and now the two of them were taking care of the dragon shifters along with several healers who were brought in to help the injured victims.

Meanwhile, the Lycanthropes, shifters, witches and eleven faes who had survived the war, worked hand in hand to make tents for them to rest.

On the other hand, some magicians were still busy taking turns for chanting incantations to curb the beast, who was still feral. They still haven't found a solution how to calm the beast.

In the midst of the bad news that reached them, at least they heard the good news that Baby Eddard was fine and now the baby was under Adah's supervision and was in a safe place.

At least some of those who knew the baby's parents were very relieved to hear this. It was like a breath of fresh air among the bad news that had been circulating around them.

Hope looked up at the dark sky. It had been very long since the last time they had seen the sunlight and felt the heat of the sun burning their skin.

"What are you thinking?" Kace asked Hope, when he found the guardian angel, standing in front of their tent, staring at the murky clouds that had been hanging low in the sky for many months now.

Kace was just helping the others to find all of the liables of the war and gather their dead bodies in one place so they could have a proper burial.

This was why Kace did not like the position of a leader, because every victim he found, he would feel responsible for their deaths.

Only, this time Kace knew that there was nothing more he could do and that this was probably the best result they could get, because things could be even worse after this.

Kace tried to get rid of that feeling and let the beast within him deal with it, since his beast side was more compatible with this matter than his human side.

"Those gloomy clouds are depressing," Hope said honestly, half muttering to herself.

"Can you get rid of them?" Kace asked.

### **Chapter 1050: Where is rossie?**

"I am not sure," Hope muttered, but then she stepped forward and stared intensely at the cloudy sky above them.

For some reason she knew that she could do this.

This understanding just came to her, as if she had done this hundreds of times before and Hope would just do the same now, only she needed more confidence and with Kace, Hope thought she could do that.

It felt very strange to do something you knew you were going to do for the first time, but already knew as if you had done it many times.

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Therefore, when Hope looked up at the dark sky which was covered in gray clouds, for as long as they could remember, this had been the case for a very long time, they had almost forgotten how the sun felt on their faces and had lost track of time, without knowing whether it was morning, noon or night, Hope felt energy flowing through her body.

It was as if she was connected to whatever was there and this warmed her palms.

Hope then felt the urge to raise her hands in the air, and that was when all of this happened slowly but surely...

Something happened to the sky above them...

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Raine and Lilac were helping the healers to treat the wounded from the recent war and with Raine's healing power, she was able to help some of them heal faster.

All the injured victims have been gathered in a large tent and were receiving the treatment and care they needed.

As for Lilac, she helped by setting up several makeshift tents around them and fortifying this vast arena so that they would not be attacked while they were in a state that made it impossible for them to fight back.

With the help of the magicians, they made their own fortresses stronger which could not be easily invaded by black magic or curses.

At least, this was the best thing they could do right now.

Meanwhile, the shifters who were still in good condition, were sent to monitor the situation out there, because it seemed like the humans would be moving again soon.

Not to mention the fact that there were still three devils roaming around out there, things were still not really safe for them.

"How do you feel now, Bree?" Raine asked the little girl, who turned out to be an air dragon shifter.

Bree pouted her lips and played with the hem of her tattered dress, refusing to answer Raine's question.

Raine smiled softly at her and tried to persuade the little girl to talk again.

"I don't want to shift into a dragon again," said Bree in a childish voice.

No one could be blamed for this, because after all, her first experience of transforming into a dragon beast form couldn't be said to be quite an enjoyable one.

"Bad experience, huh?" Raine asked, running her fingers through Bree's hair, and the little girl nodded. The expression on her face still showed the trauma she was going through.

"You will be fine after this," Raine said in a low voice, but it was also soothing to Bree's ears, making her smile a little.

But then, her further words made Raine grimace.

"Where is Rossie? I have not yet seen her since we escaped from the station. How is baby Eddard? Are they all right?" she asked. The little girl missed Rossie and baby Eddard too, because recently, she spent all her time with those two.



Raine then took Rossie's hand and said softly, "Baby Eddard is fine. Now he is in a safe place with Adah." It was true, so Raine had no problem saying it, but she had to choose her words carefully when telling her about Rossie. "Once you feel better, I will take you to see Rossie."

Bree nodded and yawned, still feeling tired.

"Rest, you did a very good job today and I am very proud of you." Raine then leaned over and kissed Bree's forehead before leaving.

The young air dragon shifter then closed her eyes and immediately fell asleep from exhaustion, but there was a hint of a smile on her lips when she heard Raine's praise. Raine's words made her feel proud of herself.

On the other hand, after Raine left Bree on a wooden bed, made by Lilac, and visited a few more patients to help the healers.

But as Bree mentioned Rossie, Raine couldn't help but think about Calleb again.

His condition was not any better than when he arrived here, he was still controlled by the beast inside him because his human side was so injured and seemingly chose to retreat, leaving the beast to deal with the situation and the heartbreak that they had experienced.

Raine's thoughts were divided.

And when she had made sure everything was under control in this room, she decided to go outside the tent and see Calleb one more time.

There must be something she could do, right?

Torak had lost control over his beast and she was able to help him get through it, even though the case with Calleb this time was completely different and Raine wasn't his mate, but at least, the Guardian Angel could think of something about this.

Just as Raine was about to leave the tent, she heard a commotion outside and this immediately alerted her.

Especially when Raine saw Lilac running toward her with a face like someone who had something urgent, her heart beat faster as she thought of the worst.

"Raine, come here, follow me!" Lilac exclaimed as she pulled Raine's hand to follow her, leaving Raine with no other choice.

"What is wrong?" Raine could hear the panic in her own voice.

"Hope did it," she said, her face looking a little bit brighter, with a soft smile on her lips.

Raine had seen how Lilac busied herself with labour work by building a fortress around them, to forget about all the sad feelings she felt and her complicated relationship with Jedrek for a moment.