

TLOA Lycan 1051

Chapter 1051: Sweet moment

Therefore, seeing the Guardian Angel smile a little, made Raine feel a little relieved, at least whatever Hope was doing now, did not seem to be a bad thing.

"What did she do?" Raine asked curiously.

"You have to see for yourself," Lilac said in a more cheerful tone and quickened her footsteps.

This was the first time for Raine to realize that the tent that Lilac had built was so large that it took them some considerable time to get to the exit.

And as they approached the exit, Raine could hear the voices of people muttering and shouting aloud, however, she couldn't make out what they were saying.

Feeling a sudden burst of curiosity, Raine accelerated her footsteps, dashed past Lilac and pushed aside the curtain that served as the door.

That was when Raine realized what really happened out there...

The first thing that greeted her as she stepped out of the tent was a bright, blinding light that dazzled her eyes.

Automatically, Raine raised her hand and covered her face.

What is that light?

There is no way that it is...

"Look, Raine!" Lilac shouted next to her and several people shouted similar things, telling each other what was going on.

Only then could Raine catch their words.

"Sun!"

"Those strange clouds have disappeared!"

"This is really amazing!"

And the several others were also yelling almost the same things.

Slowly, Raine lowered her hand that was blocking the blinding light and blinked her eyes several times, trying to get used to it.

It was only then could she see how beautiful the clear blue sky was above them, being hit with the warm rays from the sun that was hidden behind the white clouds which resembled fluffy cotton candy.

This was the most beautiful sight Raine had ever seen after being in a state of depression for a long time under a sky filled with wisps of despair and an equally heavy atmosphere.

What they witnessed seemed to bring new hope to them after a long period of grievance, and Hope indeed did well.

Kace had indeed chosen a name that suited her perfectly.

Hope really had brought hope to all of them. They could feel warmth again which seem to be able to provide new energy and consolation for those who had lost someone that they loved or their comrade during this war.

"Yes, she did very good," Raine whispered softly, a contented smile etched on her lips as Lilac clasped her hand tightly.

"Yes," Lilac agreed. "But, you know it is not over yet, right?"

"Yes," Raine answered softly. "But, for now, let's just enjoy what we still have."

The blue sky above them reminded Raine of Torak's blue eyes, she missed them and the way the Alpha looked at her.

They didn't have much time together as they have tons of things to do and make sure that the few people survived so far, got the much needed attention they deserve after the war with the devils.

And as if Torak felt the same way, he soon appeared together with Jedrek next to him.

The two of them had disappeared to set up a strategy and survey their surroundings, forming a perimeter with the few people they had.

But, when this amazing thing happened, the first thing that came to Torak's mind was to pull Jedrek out of whatever he was doing to avoid Lilac and the reality that Serefina was gone.

Torak forced Jedrek to stop everything he was doing and follow him because he knew Raine would be with Lilac for sure.

It was not that Torak wanted to get them together or like trying to make things better between them, it was just that he didn't want internal problems between them to affect the decisions or actions they would take in the future.

They were no longer a pair of emotional teenagers, so they should face this like the grown ups they were.

Because the lycanthropes needed their king and queen, despite the internal troubles that were plaguing Lilac and Jedrek now.

Torak smiled warmly when he saw his mate chuckling happily, as she stared at the sky above them and as if noticing his presence, she turned toward him before their eyes met and the guardian angel started running toward him with open arms in the next second.

Of course, Torak caught her warmly when she jumped into his embrace and gave a sweet kiss on her cheeks, which were now flushed red.

If at first Torak wanted to ensure that Jedrek and Lilac solve their problem, or at least help them reach an agreement and understood each other even though the results might not not as good as they could

expect, but when he felt Raine's body in his arms, Torak didn't care about the relationship quo between Jedrek and Lilac anymore.

Hell, they could take care of that themselves.

"Today is so beautiful," Raine laughed softly as her lips curved into a sweet smile. She wrapped her arms around the Alpha's waist while kissing the tip of his nose, laughing softly.

"You look more beautiful," Torak said softly and then carried Raine to the nearest tent and started kissing her passionately.

Raine was quite surprised by Torak's actions, but when she felt his warm lips on hers, Raine forgot everything else, closed her eyes and enjoyed their moment together.

Raine liked this. She cherished every breath that she took while being with Torak. Her mate. The only person who is hers and whom she belongs to.

Torak smiled when he saw Raine stopped protesting and started to wrap her arms around his neck as he pulled her closer.

Really, it was all truly, definitely tiring and he couldn't imagine how he was going through it all.

During these sweet yet small moments, all memories flooded in Torak's mind, as he deepened their kiss and the Alpha shared it with Raine through a mind- link.

Raine gasped when she saw her own reflection on the day of their meeting. More likely, on a cold night under the rain.

She saw herself, who shutoff herself from the outside world, covering her face with the oversized hoodie she was wearing.

For some reason, in Torak's mind, she saw herself as someone so fragile, but at the same time so beautiful in such a chaotic and pale state.

Chapter 1052: Walk toward different way

Yes, whatever the circumstances might be, Raine always looked beautiful in Torak's eyes.

And when the images changed, Raine's heart filled with immeasurable happiness as she saw herself calling Torak's name for the first time, as she began to speak and open up to him.

Of course, Torak didn't show the actual moment when Raine called his name for the first time, because those memories would only spoil their present moment.

After what happened and death that seemed to follow them in every step of the way, Torak just wanted Raine to know how much he loved her.

How precious the guardian angel was in his eyes. No one could ever make him feel all of this.

Torak then caressed Raine's cheek and pulled away a little when Raine was out of breath, and panting, with her eyes still closed.

Torak's chest rumbled when he saw how beautiful the woman in front of him was. No, Raine always looked perfect in his eyes.

"I love you, my love..." Torak whispered between his shallow breathing.

"I love you too, Torak, with all my soul," Raine replied and lifted her head with her eyes still closed, rubbing the tip of her nose against Torak's chin.

However, just as they were about to start kissing again, someone suddenly walked into the tent while exclaiming in great joy.

"Sun! Sun!" A man exclaimed as he pushed his way into the tent, ruining Raine and Torak's moment.

Hearing that someone else had entered the tent, Raine let out a soft cry and instinctively hid behind Torak's body.

However, it was not just Raine and Torak who were shocked, but that uninvited guest as well. He did not expect to find the Alpha and the Luna in his tent.

Yes, this was not their tent, Torak just took Raine to the nearest tent without thinking that anyone else might enter. Well, that was kind of reckless...

Torak felt the urge to be with Raine and he couldn't think of anything but the woman in his arms.

"Oh, I am terribly sorry Alpha, Luna..." The person looked away awkwardly as he felt guilty, he immediately bent his body and walked away, out of his own tent. "I will make sure nothing bothers you two again," he shouted shyly from outside the tent.

And this made Raine laugh, her laughter sounded very sweet in Torak's ears and he, who had been annoyed because their moment was disturbed, looked less angrier, as the Alpha looked back at the guardian angel with a gaze full of worship.

"You shouldn't rush into other people's tents, Alpha Torak," Raine said, teasing Torak as she hugged his waist. "You should be the one apologizing to that person, you know."

Torak raised an eyebrow arrogantly, but Raine knew he was not serious.

"Well, too bad, even though it was my fault, but I am the Alpha, not him," Torak said smugly, but then he kissed Raine on the lips again, making the girl laugh between their kisses.

"Bad Alpha," Raine criticized as she playfully slapped Torak's arm.

"But, you like it," Torak replied.

"No." Raine shook her head, backing away from their kiss and stared at Torak intensely. "I love it."

It may sound a little inappropriate to make out after what happened and the lives that were lost around them, but they needed this, they needed each other to keep themselves sane.

And no one would blame them for simply enjoying their time together after the hard work they put in, right?

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Jedrek stared at Lilac who was not looking at him on purpose and focused on the bright blue sky above them instead. Seeing that the sun shining so candidly, it was clear that it was daytime.

After Torak and Raine's departure, Lilac just stood there silently, basking herself in the warmth of the sun.

Her smile slowly faded when she realized that Jedrek was staring at her intensely. It didn't mean she disliked it, but this was the very kind of awkward atmosphere that the two of them were trying to avoid so badly.

And when Lilac felt that Jedrek should stop staring at her and start saying what he wanted to say straight away, the guardian angel turned her head to ask, but at the same time Jedrek turned his head in another direction, about to walk away from there.

This time, it was Lilac's turn to stare at his back as he walked toward the tent, meant for the two of them. Apparently, Lilac had to make another tent for herself. They both needed time to overcome all the confusion and chaos that had occurred, especially in their relationship.

However, when Lilac thought Jedrek would continue to walk away, the king stopped and turned back on his seventh step and looked at Lilac.

"If you have anything to say, say it," Lilac said quietly, but loud enough for the lycan to hear properly.

"The funeral will be held at sunset," Jedrek said.

"I will be there," Lilac answered in a firmer voice and Jedrek nodded before resuming his steps, this time not looking back at all.

And Lilac walked in the opposite direction from him, trying to digest everything that was happening around her, to calm herself down.

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Raine felt tired and fell asleep for a while in their tent while hugging Torak. That day was the longest day of her life and also the most exhausting one, both emotionally and physically.

Therefore, seeing his tired mate, Torak could not bear to wake Raine up and let her sleep as long as she wanted.

However, Raine woke up two hours before the funeral, with a throbbing head.

Raine blinked for a moment, but then she gasped and screamed softly when she realized someone was beside her.

"Hope! What are you doing?" Raine held her chest and head, her heart was beating rapidly in shock.

"Why are you looking at me like that while I am sleeping?"

"Sorry, sorry, if I startled you," Hope said, then climbed onto Raine's bed and laid beside her, while Raine sat up and stared at her in confusion.

"You are acting like a stalker," Raine grumbled, but then noticed that Hope had something to say. "What is wrong?"

Chapter 1053: The power beyond us

At first, Hope didn't say anything, she chose to remain silent and avoided Raine's gaze, it was just that the guardian angel knew how this other guardian angel would be like. She just could not hold back her urge to speak.

Hope was not someone who could harbor questions and suppress her curiosity well enough.

So, all Raine had to do was wait for Hope to open her mouth on her own accord.

Raine then laid down beside Hope and enveloped the two of them in a blanket. "Good job," she said with a smile on her lips.

And that little compliment made Hope smile too. She knew what Raine meant.

"The dark sky was frustrating and depressing, but now I feel much better." Raine expressed her feelings and Hope's smile grew wider.

Anyone will be happy when someone appreciated their work.

"Raine, I have something to say," Hope finally gave up on her own silence just like Raine had expected her to do.

"Already figured it out," she said softly. "Tell me what it is."

Hope looked conflicted when she wanted to voice out her thoughts, but didn't find the courage to out lay whatever was on her mind right now. And whatever it was, it definitely didn't seem as something easy.

So, Raine changed her position, she put her palm under her head for support and positioned herself on her side facing Hope, so that she could give her full attention to the guardian angel.

"Take your time, tell me when you feel ready." Raine didn't want to rush Hope, because she knew it was hard to line up a sentence when they were battling a struggle within themselves.

Raine had been there and done that... So, she knew exactly how it felt.

Hope took about five minutes to finally succeed in conveying her true intentions.

"Raine..."

"Hm?"

"You are the guardian angel of time," Hope stated the obvious, but Raine only responded with a nod and a 'yes'. "Do you think... you ca..." Hope stammered. Her voice grew quieter and quieter.

Hope's eyes then hesitantly looked at Raine who was lying beside her calmly.

"Do you think you can turn back time? You know, raising someone from the dead..." Hope ended her sentence in a whisper and because of their close distance, Raine had no problem hearing it.

"Sereфина?" Raine guessed right. She knew how much the witch meant to Hope.

And the guardian angel looked at her shyly. "And a few other people..."

Raine didn't answer the request right away and neither said no or yes, but she looked at Hope with a frown between her brows.

Hope thought that Raine's attitude now was a as result of her dislike toward Serefina, but that wasn't really the case.

"I know that there are some people who don't like Serefina... well, you could say her attitude is very unpleasant but..." Hope's words were cut off by Raine statement.

"No, that is not it Hope." Raine sighed heavily. "I know that Serefina has a trait that is, you could say as something that was extremely unpleasant." This sentence made Hope laugh softly. They both agreed that Serefina was not a pleasant companion, because of her arrogance.

"You could tell she was annoying," Hope said.

"She is annoying," Raine agreed. "But, that is not the case... Raising someone from the dead is a power far beyond my capabilities, Hope."

Hope looked down, she already felt that her attempt was going to fail, but she wanted to give it a try nonetheless.

This might sound selfish, but that didn't mean she didn't respect Lilac's feelings, because Hope understood the complicated relationship between Lilac, Serefina and Jedrek.

This was just a selfish wish...

If Raine could bring Serefina back to life, then that meant she could also bring back Lana, Rossie, Ian and a few other important people, right?

Then maybe the things wouldn't end so sadly, would they? Losing someone who was really close to you was a very painful feeling.

It was like there was an invisible hole in your heart and you didn't know how to fill that void.

Hope had never thought that she would lose Serefina and Lana one day.

No, she never even thought that they would leave her side at all, because Hope grew up with them. They were her family and losing them both was really painful.

"Hope, when I was unconscious, I was trapped in the dimension of time of my own past, where I met my parents and could do something to keep them alive," Raine began.

"Then? Did you do that?" Hope raised her head, startled. If indeed Raine could go back in time and do something to bring her parents back to life, maybe they could do the same now.

"In the beginning, I did things to change the time and course of my life, because I wanted my family back," Raine said.

"That was so wonderful!" Hope exclaimed and sat down to observe Raine, with an expectant gaze. "You got your parents back."

Raine smiled as it was the first reaction she had when she found herself with her two parents again. Wonderful.

"It was indeed wonderful." Raine nodded in agreement. "But, you shouldn't change the things that have already been set."

"What do you mean?" Hope tilted her head, not understanding.

"I had great days with my parents, being happy about how I grew up under their care and not alone, dealing with all the bad things I had to deal with when I lost them," Raine explained.

"But..." Hope said the word slowly, because she sensed a contradiction in the way Raine narrated to her. If that was such a great thing, then Raine shouldn't have shown such a sad expression right now, right?

"When I changed the past, I also changed the future. And that change is not always for something better, it could be something much worse than we could imagine."

Raine recalled how she saw a completely different and much more terrible future than she was currently in. Where she stood on a pile of corpses with a dark red sky above her head.

It was simply terrible...

It wasn't something Raine wanted to remember.

Chapter 1054: Her reward

"I forgot about Torak," Raine said honestly. "Because when I don't have to face all the bad things that have happened to me, I will not meet him at the time that was meant to be for me to find him. Everything changed."

Hope felt pensive hearing that.

"Time is crucial and we shouldn't play around with it, but regardless, I don't have the strength to do what you want." Raine took Hope's hand. "Those who leave, do have a reason why they should go and we shouldn't dwell on the past."

Raine then pulled Hope into her arms, lending the guardian angel her shoulder to cry her heart out.

They were of the same age, but Raine was much more understanding and calmer than Hope, because of all the life experiences she had gone through.

"Hope, we still have things to do and we have to prepare ourselves for that," Raine said softly into Hope's ear, reminding her of their ultimate goal for being revived.

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Preparations for the funeral have been done quite well, given the limited time they got and how tired they are after what they went through.

Now, under the luster of the almost sinking sun, they could see how many victims had lost their lives during the war.

And this was only a fraction of the total people who have lost their lives in this war.

Hope and Kace stood beside Serefina's body which would not move again, the two of them lit fire to the witch's last bed, a wooden bed made by Lilac, along with thousands of other creatures who left this world.

Meanwhile, Raine, Torak, Sterling and Ethan were standing beside Rossie's body, which looked pale yet pretty.

They just regretted that Calleb couldn't see the procession, couldn't see his mate for one last time before she turned to ashes and blown away by the wind.

As for Lilac and Jedrek, they stood side by side to lead the funeral procession.

They offered a silent prayer of condolences to those who sacrificed their lives, while they got be grateful for those who are still alive to keep on fighting.

Some magicians then threw fireballs into the air, as a sign that they could start the burning procession.

And in an instant, the air was filled with sorrowful and billowing smoke, under the orange glow of the setting sun.

They all fell silent, saying nothing while drowning in deep sorrow for what they witnessed before their eyes.

The eleven surviving faes sang a song in soft humming voices to accompany the departure of the souls who had left this world.

Their voices were so serene under the dim sky.

Raine took Torak's hand and looked at him gently, so did the Alpha.

They have lost a lot, things and people, and what they witnessed before their eyes was only a small part of the facts that confirmed this again.

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Someone was sitting in front of a garden decorated with purple flowers, on the terrace of a house that was rickety, as if it had been uninhabited for a very long time.

In fact, no one has lived in the house for a long time, because the small family that used to live in it, was no longer here.

The woman who was sitting and enjoying the view before her with a peaceful expression, let her red hair flutter in the wind, her hair was so long, as if she hadn't cut it for quite a while.

The woman's lime green eyes were fixed on the movement of the purple flowers in the lush garden in front of her, which swayed in the wind rhythmically.

She was waiting for someone to come, but there didn't seem to be any sign of that someone else coming any soon.

She waited and waited...

It was uncertain how long she had been waiting, because in this place, no one could tell how many seconds or minutes had passed.

The sun in the blue sky, was not too hot, so one could say, it was already late in the afternoon, but there was still no sign that it was getting dark any soon.

The woman just continued waiting...

But, there was no expression of impatience on her face, as if the red-haired woman could wait alone forever.

"You are really patient this time."

The soft voice like the gentle notes of a piano was heard from the left side of Serefina, which was an empty place just a second ago.

"I have nothing to do anymore and have no other desire," Serefina replied to Selene's statement.

She then turned her head to find the goddess of the moon, smiling at her with sparkling eyes.

And as usual, the goddess of the moon looked stunning in her white attire and crown that shone brightly, emitting a faint moonlight perched sweetly above her head.

"I never thought that you could say something so dramatic." Selene leaned against the rickety wall of the house and stared at the sky, which when Serefina returned her gaze to it, had turned dark and the moon was already shining.

However, this sudden change could not surprise her in the least bit, as there were things far more absurd than this that Serefina had been through.

"I did a very good job." Serefina still remained straight to the point and immediately raised the first thing she wanted to get from the moon goddess. "Can I get my reward now?"

"Yes, you did a good job," Selene said, approving her statement. "But, you shouldn't have separated the guardian angels from their mates."

Serefina glanced at Selene, but didn't say anything.

"Raine doesn't have to move out of town to 'heal' herself and you don't have to restrict Kace to see Hope only once a year." Selene then said all the things Serefina shouldn't have done.

"What to do? I can't help it," Serefina said nonchalantly, shrugging her shoulders and this only made Selene laugh softly.

"Do you feel much at peace now?"

"Hm," Serefina muttered. Staring at the garden that was overgrown with purple flowers in front of her. "Can I have it now?"

Chapter 1055: Lost himself

"What do you want?" Selene asked, even though she already knew what Serefina's answer would be, she still wanted to test her for one last time. "Do you want everything to go back to how it was before?"

"No," Serefina replied in a firm tone. "I want to disappear."

"Are you sure about this?"

"Yes."

"As you wish." Selene then waved her hand and Serefina's body started to fade like a disappearing image. "Goodbye Serefina."

Serefina didn't answer back, but she flashed a sincere smile to the goddess of the moon.

And just like that, the last pure-blooded witch would completely disappear from this world. Not even her soul could be found again.

Serefina chose this path for herself, because the feelings she had been harboring for a long time tormented her too much and she didn't think that she wanted to repeat it again or put herself in a complicated situation more than she had already experienced.

She wanted to be free...

Because in this way, she knew that she could disappear, completely gone from others lives.

And at the same time as her leaving forever, her soul would also disappear, along with her love and feelings.

Not even the memories that she had guarded carefully all this time would remain whatsoever. Everything would fade away and she wouldn't feel anything anymore.

Nothing would hurt her again, including herself...

Maybe this is for the better.

Because this is better...

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"Bree... come here," Raine tried to persuade Bree, but the little girl wouldn't respond as she kept hiding herself under the bed while covering herself with a thick blanket. Crouching down and crying nonstop.

"I can pull her by force, to get her out of there if you want," Belinda said, kneeling down next to Raine.

However, the guardian angel hurriedly shook her head in disapproval. "No, we can't force her in that manner."

"I want Rossie!" Bree burst into tears when she found out that Rossie was gone. She even fell asleep under the side effects of the drugs she was given when the funeral took place. And now the little girl really wanted to see Rossie. She missed her so much.

"Then, what should we do with her?" asked Belinda, frowning. She was inexperienced when it came to coaxing sulking children as she didn't have much patience to deal with them.

Just as her words fell, Hope and Kace entered the tent, they immediately squatted down beside Raine when they understood the situation. And they saw Bree's body, under the bed, curled up in a fetal position.

"It is okay Raine, I will handle it from here," Hope told Raine that she could leave now.

Compared to Raine, Bree knew Hope and Kace better because they had spent a long time together.

"Hey, little girl, come out here," Kace talked to Bree, but he got a punch on the arm and a fierce glare from Hope for talking to Bree nonchalantly. "I will lift this mattress and you take her out."

Kace suggested, but he didn't wait for Hope to agree before he moved and immediately picked up the wooden bed with one hand, while Hope moved closer to Bree.

Sensing that her shelter had been exposed, Bree whimpered and began to cry again.

However, this time Hope grabbed her and hugged her tightly.

At first, Bree struggled and tried to run away, but Hope hugged her even tighter, making her give up her efforts to struggle free herself.

Now the young air dragon shifter was crying in Hope's arms, while Kace pushed aside the wooden bed he lifted and sat beside Hope, patting Bree on the back.

"Oh, Raine, I almost forgot. Torak said when your business is over here, he wants you to meet him in the northern part of the fort," Kace told Raine.

"All right, I will go see him." Raine immediately stood up and patted the front of her shirt, before finally she left with Belinda, leaving the three of them.

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"Caleb, stop this madness," Sterling looked at the beast, who was in the invisible enclosure made of a magical spell, the beast was still trying to run away as it wouldn't stop banging its head against the invisible walls time and again.

Somehow the beast exceeded its own potential, which even now, he still didn't feel tired without any signs of giving up any soon, which might help him return to his human form.

It seemed that what Caleb experiencing right now was purely based on the instinct of his beast and had absolutely nothing to do with his human side, who chose to back away from the reality they had to face.

His human side was retreating from the reality of life that made his consciousness to no longer took part in his beast's actions...

Caleb had completely lost himself now, even Sterling's voice could no longer be registered in his mind.

"What should we do?" Ethan asked, standing next to his father and staring at the brown beast with a concerned expression on his face.

The two of them were in so much grief whenever they thought about Rossie, which was undeniable, but it seemed like Caleb was dealing with this reality very badly.

He lost control of himself.

Caleb is a very sensitive person. Apart from his older sister, who died from a rogue assault and Raphael, a figure he already considered as his own brother, he had never lost anyone close to him.

No.

Caleb never thought he would lose his mate like this and the pain was many times more painful than anything he had ever been through.

"We can only wait..." Sterling said softly. Caleb loved his daughter so much that her departure it left him in his current state, where he started to destroy himself.

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Jedrek deliberately returned to his tent when it was getting very late, hoping that Lilac would have fallen asleep and they wouldn't have to face any awkward situations.

It wasn't that Jedrek didn't want to face Lilac, it was just that he knew that the guardian angel would need some time alone after what he had done in front of her.

Jedrek did not regret his actions when he accompanied Serefina in her final moments or when he admitted his feelings for the witch. Those were not the things that he regretted.

Chapter 1056: Guilty

It was just that, he regretted when he had to hurt Lilac in the process and couldn't become the figure he promised the guardian angel he would be.

With slow and heavy steps, Jedrek walked toward their tent, his expression unreadable and his shoulders drooping, as if he had suffered dozens of defeats in a battle.

Yes, he lost a battle with himself and his feelings, and the worst of it all was, him hurting Lilac again.

This was a hard thing to explain when your mind and heart were on two opposite sides and you didn't know which part of you, you wanted to follow.

And every choice has its own consequences...

Jedrek went into their tent, but what made him frown was; he couldn't find Lilac inside, not even her scent could be traced, indicating that the Guardian Angel hadn't even set foot in the tent.

If she is not here, then where is she?

It was already very late into the night, there was no way she was still continuing the services she busied herself over during the day, right?

Jedrek's frown deepened.

The king then stepped outside and stood near the entrance of their tent, he closed his eyes and his expression twisted into one of a complete concentration as he sniffed the air around him hard, trying to catch Lilac's scent.

When the king opened his eyes, you could see that his blue orbs had been replaced with dark black ones, as dark as the night sky.

And with hasty steps, Jedrek immediately walked quickly toward the source of the scent, which led him to a simple tent, about sixty tents away from his previous place.

Lilac's scent was coming stronger from this tent, and although this distinctive scent was mixed with the scents of over hundreds of supernatural beings around, Jedrek did not seem to have much difficulty in finding his mate's exact location.

Jedrek could confirm that Lilac was inside the small wooden tent in front of him, because her intoxicating aroma was rich around it.

At first, Jedrek was hesitant to go in, as he didn't know what to say when he had to face her directly, but in the end, with the thought that at least he had to make sure that Lilac was indeed inside, Jedrek continued his steps to enter the tent and pulled the curtain slowly.

Behind the curtain that served as a door, Jedrek found the figure of Lilac, curled up on a wooden bed, with a blanket at her side.

It seemed, Lilac had kicked the blanket in her sleep unconsciously.

So quietly, Jedrek went inside and adjusted the blanket, so that it covered her entire body, to keep her warm.

After confirming that Lilac wouldn't kick away the blanket again, Jedrek stayed back for a while, staring at the guardian angel who seemed to be fast asleep, because of the fatigue that had gripped her entire being and made her feel too tired to even notice Jedrek's presence near her.

After waiting for a total of ten minutes, Jedrek leaned over, intending to kiss Lilac's head and say good night, but... the guilty feeling shackling his heart, made him stop just before his lips reached their target.

Instead of kissing her, Jedrek just caressed Lilac's head lightly, before he walked out of the tent.

Lilac didn't want to be in the same place as Jedrek and he respected her decision.

So, if indeed the Guardian Angel couldn't be near him for now, then Jedrek would stay away.

It was just...

After strolling past several tents, the king's steps stopped, he turned around and looked at the tent, inside which Lilac was sleeping soundly, the frown in between his brows deepened.

And without he himself knowing it, Jedrek stepped closer to the tent once again and within a few seconds, he was already standing in front of its door, dazed.

This time, Jedrek did not go inside, but sat on the ground while leaning his back against it.

He sat there all night, until the sun rose and its soft light woke him up.

Only then did Jedrek left...

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Raine fell asleep in Torak's arms, the safest and most comfortable place she could ask for, and after a tiring and emotional day, Raine immediately fell asleep as soon as her head touched the pillow, feeling Torak's warm body, hugging her from behind.

It was just that, Raine's sleep was interrupted when she heard a sorrowful howl in the distance.

The howl was so sad and heartrending, and it didn't take Raine very long to figure out whose howl was full of sorrow and wounds.

It was Calleb's.

The beast inside Calleb was trying to call his mate back.

Regrettably, it was not possible.

After two full minutes of listening to the sound, Raine found herself unable to ignore it any longer.

The voice was heartbreaking and Raine felt her sleepiness leaving her body.

How could she sleep soundly in Torak's arms when Calleb was in this condition?

Therefore, carefully, Raine put away Torak's hand from her body and tried her best not to make any sound or other noise that could wake Torak up.

Luckily for Raine, Torak was out like a dead bulb due to the exhaustion he suffered and the side effects of his brutal killing of humans. He was bound to receive tremendous side effects.

The Alpha was mentally and physically worn out.

If only they didn't have the blood of the Donovan Royalty and firebirds, their slaughter of thousands of humans could have put themselves in a more dangerous predicament.

Or even worse; caused the death of the beast within them. This could happen to a shifter of lower rank and who did not have good endurance.

Luckily this didn't happen to the Donovan Brothers.

Raine then walked out of the tent very slowly toward the place where they kept Calleb locked up, in the western part of this fortress.

The chilling night air blew against Raine's skin and made her shiver a little, but when she looked up, she could see the moon shining brightly.

During her journey toward the west of this fortress, Raine encountered several lycanthropes, who were busy patrolling along with some minotaurs.

Chapter 1057: His mate is in danger

Although it was apparent that the two supernatural beings weren't on good terms, but in matters of keeping this place safe, they seemed to have a tacit understanding, which allowed them to work well.

It took Raine about ten minutes to get there. It also showed how big a fortress Lilac had built, as well as how much energy she had to burn to build all of this.

Not only that, but it also showed how much pain she felt for whatever Jedrek had done earlier.

Raine didn't know how she would feel about all of that if she was in Lilac's shoes, because seeing her fellow guardian angel so down about what happened, made Raine feel that sadness too.

She couldn't imagine herself being in Lilac's position and Torak devoting his attention to other women, because all this time Torak had never made Raine doubt his loyalty...

Not even once.

Sigh...

Raine's worries about Lilac flew out of her mind as soon as her eyes landed on a heartbroken Calleb.

Raine also saw Sybil and the two other magicians who were on duty to guard.

Not only the magicians, but Raine also found Sterling with them. The man looked at the brown-furred beast with eyes which showed deep sadness.

He was still coping up with his endless grief over the loss of his mate and children, but he still had Ethan and his instincts as a father, helped keeping him sane.

"Sterling," Raine greeted Sterling and surprised the man by her arrival.

"What are you doing here?" Sterling asked.

"I think we both have the same reason for being here..." Raine answered with a smile on her lips and Sterling replied with the same smile.

For a moment they both fell silent. Their eyes turned to stare at the beast before them, separated by a thin transparent wall.

The brown beast was still howling loud heart-wrenchingly, like a wounded wolf, asking for help, or maybe it was a desperate call to his lost soulmate...

"Where are you going?" Sterling gasped when he saw Raine walking forward, intending to get closer to the invisible cage.

However, Raine didn't respond, her focus was entirely on the beast.

"Luna, please. Step back from there... it can be dangerous..." Sybil tried to warn Raine, but as if she was in a world of her own, Raine didn't listen to her warning as she walked closer and closer to the point where she was standing right in front of the invisible wall.

"Luna..." Sybil tried to warn Raine again.

This time, Raine raised her hand and felt the smooth texture of the walls that kept the beast shackled.

The brown beast stopped howling and stared at her with red and intense eyes.

"Luna..." Sybil called to Raine. "Back off..."

And the things the people around them thought weren't going to happen, ended up happening.

At first, Raine's palms only touched the surface of the invisible wall, but then, as Raine moved her hand forward, she was able to pierce it, so did when she stepped through the magic formation that had been confining Calleb in place.

They all gasped, feeling shocked as they widened their eyes in disbelief.

And once they realized what was actually happening, Raine was already in the cage, with the feral beast staring at her cruelly.

"Oh, sh*t!" Sterling cursed under his breath as he watched the beast's feet shuffle, approaching the guardian angel.

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Torak woke up, sensing that something was off.

His head was aching and his eyes felt very heavy, drowsiness still violently attacked him, but this uncomfortable feeling forced him to wake up.

When Torak tried very hard to open his eyes, he found himself in his bed alone, without a trace of Raine.

The spot Raine should be in was cold, indicating that she had disappeared from his side for quite a while.

"Raine?" Torak tried to call out to Raine in his hoarse voice, but he couldn't hear an answer from his mate.

Instantly Torak opened his eyes widely and glanced around the tent, but he didn't find what he was looking for.

With a body that was heavy and in pain, he forced himself to get out of the bed and went out of the tent, allowing his beast's instinct to pick up his mate's scent...

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Raine didn't know if this was a right thing to do or not but for sure she felt an urge within herself to do this.

Therefore, this was what she was doing now.

Raine walked very slowly toward Calleb's cage and stepped through it with ease, as if it was a thin mist that had no effect on her.

Even after finally entering it, Raine did not feel anxious or nervous, because the air in the cage was thick and full of deep sadness and sorrow.

And the source of all that feeling was the brown beast who was staring at her savagely, as if the guardian angel was his mortal enemy.

The beast began to walk, stalking her while growling dangerously.

While from the outside, they could hear Sterling's voice, screaming. "Remove this spell!"

"I can't!" Sybil replied, with fear evident in her trembling voice, that anyone who saw her right now, could understand how terrified she was feeling now.

How could she not?

A guardian angel, who looked very weak and so gentle, was facing a beast which almost went feral alone, and it was three times her size with razor-sharp fangs and claws that could slash through her neck in a single strike.

Raine would die right away if the beast decided to pounce on her!

What was the Guardian Angel even thinking?!

"Raine get out of there!" Sterling exclaimed, then turned his attention back to the witches. "What do you mean you can't dispel that magic? Isn't that your handiwork?!"

Sybil shook her head hard.

"No... No... I don't know, but I can't..." Sybil then looked at the other magicians who were shaking their heads anxiously, indicating that they couldn't undo this magic either.

"Call Belinda!" Sterling gave orders as he ran the other way to find Torak.

His mate is in danger!

Chapter 1058: A dangerous move

Inside the transparent cage, Raine and the beast were completely unfazed by the rioting that was happening outside, as if this trap was the only existing world? and nothing else was more intriguing to focus on, except the two of them.

The beast's deep growls still suffocated her, forcing Raine to back off, but what the guardian angel did was quite opposite, she shuffled closer to it while taking one step at a time, as the beast began to growl ferociously, as if warning her not to come any closer.

Raine ignored all of that, however, the panicking crowd outside grew anxious when even Belinda, who just came over, couldn't break off the magical formation? surrounding them.

Raine also didn't understand why Belinda or the magicians couldn't do it, but there wasn't enough time to ponder over all of that when the guardian angel's focus was solely trained on the beast before her eyes right now.

"Caleb, come here..." Raine stretched out her hand toward the brown beast, saying in a hoarse voice like someone who was pleading. "I know what you're going through right now and I'm sorry there's nothing I can do to help you..."

Raine swallowed, feeling the bitterness stuck in her throat as she heard the beast let out that pitiful howl once again.

A howl that seemed like he was calling for someone who couldn't possibly answer him back. So painful and torturous.

"Caleb, I know you are there, answer me ... talk to me," Raine said in a persuasive tone, her hands outstretched, intending to touch the side of the beast's face, but the brown beast barked, his eyes changed into a darker shade of red, filled with anger.

But, what Raine saw was despair...

"Caleb, don't you love me? Don't you want to talk to me?" Raine started sobbing seeing Caleb like this.

Raine had never thought that she would see Caleb, whom she had considered as a big brother figure, at the lowest point in his life, until he forgot his true self, losing to his beast instincts.

"Caleb, it's me... Raine. Don't you recognize me?" Caleb in Raine's memory was a person who could turn any type of situation cheerful, a person who had a bright soul and was not filled with hatred like the figure that was portrayed by his beast now.

The guardian angel tried to speak to Caleb, her hand still outstretched, but she was no longer trying to approach him, Raine waited for the beast to approach her first and take the initiative to be touched.

But, it was not an easy task.

Because just then, the beast started baring its fangs at the guardian angel, staring at her as if she was an enemy with a gaze that was filled with vengeance.

However, Raine knew that his beast wouldn't attack her, she couldn't explain this feeling and only knew about it, because if he wanted to attack her, he would have done it right after she stepped into the cage. He should have attacked her by now if he intended to, instead of backing away from her touch.

The beast only seemed to warn Raine to stop approaching him, but despite all of the warnings, the guardian angel chose to do the opposite and this left the beast in a dilemma.

The way he acted was what prompted Raine to urge Caleb to regain control over his senses.

Because if the beast didn't want to hurt her, it would mean that Caleb realized that the one in front of him was his closed one. The beast recognized the guardian angel, but no one knew what degree of attachment it would require to keep the beast from tearing apart the guardian angel's body.

Raine solely relied on the fact that the beast knew her and all she had to do was reach for the Caleb she knew within himself, his human side that he had buried deep behind the rage and despair of the death of his mate.

"Caleb..." Raine called out, to someone she cared about, gently and when she was sure that she was safe to take another step forward again.

The beast was within her arms length? and her fingertips brushed his soft fur for a second, before the beast growled viciously at her again.

But this time, the beast backed away, avoiding Raine's touch. His large head shook his head violently, as if he wanted to maintain his anger facade that almost collapsed.

Raine knew that he was close to grabbing his conscience back, so she took another step closer to him.

"Caleb..." Raine continued to call his name softly as a tear fell down her cheek.

Raine then took one more big step before she fell to her knees and sat in a very vulnerable position...

If the beast wanted, he just have to stretch out his claws and cut Raine's neck in one swoop and take the Guardian Angel's life away in the blink of an eye.

However, he did not do that, he barked again, warning the girl in front of him, whose body looked very small compared to his, to step back and stay away, indicating that he did not want to hurt her.

That was when Raine did another daring act, which left everyone who was there scream at the top of her lungs, warning her to stay away.

Belinda and Sybil shrieked with immense fear on their faces and they tried their best to break down this magic barrier, but their frenzied desperation couldn't yield the results they wanted.

Because of what they saw; Raine, who had plunged herself to her knees, was in a very vulnerable position and a very high chance of being killed, leaned forward and embraced the beast's neck, instead of staying safe, as if the huge monster was not a serious threat.

As if he couldn't kill her with just one strike of his.

Or maybe the beast wouldn't kill her...

And, Raine just made this very clear to everyone present, because when she put her arms around the beast's neck, the brown beast just growled and shook its neck, trying to get rid of this annoying little creature in front of him.

However, not once did he make a move that would endanger the Guardian Angel's life in any way.

Chapter 1059: Get rid of this

"Caleb, talk to me... come back... I miss you... I miss my big brother..." Raine whispered softly into the beast's ear, as tears rolled down his fine brown fur.

Her small shoulders shook and her body clung so tightly to the beast that she looked like a koala cub clinging on to its mother.

"Caleb, I miss you... come back..." Raine grabbed Caleb tight as if she wouldn't loosen her grip on him until she got him back.

On the other hand, the beast's snarl turned into a grunt full of pain before finally turning into a low whimper as he began to lower his head and closed his eyes shut.

The beast seemed to have give up on struggling free from the guardian angel's tight hug, because he couldn't escape from her, so he let Raine hold onto him, or maybe it was the other way around... he was the one who was holding onto her...

Caleb felt like he was floating on the surface of the calm waters, so quiet that he didn't notice his surroundings until a voice called out to him and disturbed him.

It was Raine's voice.

At first Calleb wanted to ignore it, because it was very calm here and he felt better like this, as if something scary might happen if this serene was broken.

There was a memory that he didn't want to remember and it scared him half to death whenever he tried to ponder over it.

Calleb didn't know why and neither did he want to know what it was because this place felt perfect for him.

Until Raine's voice called out to him again.

'I miss you...'

Calleb missed Raine too. When was the last time he got to meet the Guardian Angel? Or what happened until they got separated? Calleb wanted to return Raine's call and find out where she was.

But something was holding him in place and he didn't want anything to bother him at this point.

As soon as he emerged from the bubble of this comfortable place, a feeling of fear gripped Calleb's heart which made him hesitate. Therefore, in order to defend his own quiet world, Calleb chose to stay put and ignore anything that could make him lose this peace.

It was just that Raine's voice was haunting him again and again, and he couldn't help but want to answer the guardian angel's call, especially when her voice sounded so sad, half begging him to come back.

'Calleb come back...'

The voice called Calleb again and the lycan felt a sudden urge to reply, because it was Raine, who was calling out to him.

But, return to where?

Calleb knew he had to remember something, but what is it?

Two opposing thoughts raked Calleb's consciousness and this conflicted feeling created a bubble that surrounded him and protected him from the turmoil within himself.

On the other hand, Calleb was afraid to remember whatever he had forgotten, but at the same time, he didn't want to ignore Raine either. Her voice sounded very sad, as if she would be crushed if Calleb insisted on not answering.

Calleb didn't want to disappoint Raine, but...

'Come back...'

Comeback?To where?

And, why is he here? What is this place?

At the prompting of Raine's voice that sounded so desperate, Calleb dared to open his eyes and found himself alone.

He didn't like this solitude.

Caleb never liked to feel alone, that was the reason why he always liked to be with Raine, because he didn't want her to feel alone.

Raine's loneliness and sadness made Caleb close to her.

Luckily, Torak didn't kill him because they got too close. Caleb laughed softly at his own ridiculous thought.

There was no way Torak would kill him, because he too had his own mate...

But, his mate ...

It was at this moment that Caleb felt a pain that he could barely fathom and endure. The pain was so excruciating that it made him feel like he was about to die.

Is this what really happened?

Caleb cowered in pain as all memories rushed to him like a storm ravaging a shipwreck.

He felt his heart breaking and his head throbbed painfully as every breath he took was pure agony as if the air was contaminated with tiny silver needles. Unbearably painful.

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Torak saw Sterling running toward him, with panic evident on his facial expression which made Torak's heart beat harder and accelerate his footsteps as well.

The Alpha ignored the uncomfortable feeling that enveloped him due to the excruciating exhaustion.

Torak was still not fully recovered from the war that broke out a few hours ago and the side effects from the mass killing of humans that he and his brothers have taken part in, started to take effect now.

However, Torak forced himself to walk and despite how he felt, the expression on his face didn't show any of his true emotions.

It was just that, when Sterling started to say Raine was in danger, Torak growled and ran, along with several other lycans that were following behind him.

"Alpha! Raine is in danger!" Sterling exclaimed and kept up with Torak's pace as the two of them ran in the same direction, it seemed, just by relying on his sense of smell, Torak could immediately tell where Raine was.

"What happened?" Torak asked in a low, cold tone. He smelled the air and was a little relieved as he couldn't smell any blood.

At least, no one was hurt for now...

Not yet...

That was when Torak saw Raine, hugging a brown beast that was growling angrily, as if in the next second he was going to tear his mate apart.

Torak's eyes widened and he ran as hard as he could to get closer, but when he wanted to shift into his beast form, he couldn't do so...

Torak was too worn out to shift into his beast and this upset him greatly.

Especially when he got face to face with an obstacle, where he couldn't get past the invisible wall which made him unable to get close to Raine and the ferocious beast inside.

"GET RID OF THIS!" Torak roared viciously as he began hammering his fists on the surface of the magic wall hard.

Chapter 1060: They killed my mate, raine...

He watched in horror as Calleb in his beast form, once again roared and howled very fiercely and raised his forelegs which were adorned with extremely sharp claws, in order to shoo away Raine from him, but the guardian angel was too stubborn and determined to stay put.

Torak really couldn't stop worrying about this little mate of his.

How could Raine put herself in harms way like that? Now, Torak could feel his heart beating on the tips of his trembling fingers.

He was afraid that something bad might happen to Raine.

On the other hand, Raine looked like she didn't care about any prominent dangers that were presented before her eyes. She even hugged the danger itself and buried her face defenselessly in the crook of its shoulder.

"Calieb, come back please... Don't you want to see me again?" Raine whispered softly in to his ears, as tears rolled down her cheeks and wetted the beast brown fur.

Raine could feel the growl that was stuck in the beast's throat which caused its body to tremble violently, in order to keep his bloodlust at bay.

The beast wanted to shake off the little creature that was clinging onto him so tightly, but it was also aware that couldn't bear to hurt this girl at the same time.

Something inside him was terrified by the very thought of drawing blood from her petite body, or even as much as leave scratch on her. It was very complicated, adding to her stubbornness that didn't allow the beast to break free from her tiny arms.

However, the tenderness in her voice and the warm tears that fell on his fur, helped in calming down the raging turmoil inside the beast slightly.

And now all he could do was letting out a soft whimper.

The beast allowed himself being hugged like this and eventually gave up the thought of breaking himself free from her koala grip as he welcomed the warm fuzzy feeling that was caused by the girl.

"Calieb..." Raine called his name again.

And that was when the beast's body trembled and jolted slightly as everyone could hear the all too familiar cracking sounds from the bones that were being readjusted.

The big beast in Raine's arms, slowly but surely decreased in size and left her with a human body that hugged her back, as he rested his chin on her shoulder and whispered softly in to her ears.

"Yes..." Calleb answered her call and there was nothing more that Raine could wish to hear at this time except for his voice.

The raging beast returned to his human's senses and along with that, the pain also came back in thousand fold crashing over him, as every single miniscule particular of the memories of losing his mate crushed his being , rendering him paralyzed.

Calleb was holding onto the small body of the guardian angel, who was holding him tightly, keeping him in place as his heart was being broken into million shards, while he could no longer take a shelter behind his beast.

Raine pulled him out to the reality and Calleb had to face it.

The calm that kept him masked from this pain was no longer there, as he tried to survive this raw feeling. A wound that cut him so deep that could render Calleb from doing anything aside from crying.

Yes, both his human side and beast side were crying over the loss of their mate, the pain was excruciating and this almost killed them.

It was only the warmth from the guardian angel's body had been able to regain their senses and Calleb tried to focus on it alone, to keep his mind sane.

In that very moment, the night was filled with agonized howls of a human, who was going through hell and back.

Listening to him could literally make one feel his pain and shed tears sorrowfully.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Alpha stopped trying to break down the invisible wall that kept his mate from his reach, because he could see how much his beta needed the guardian angel at this moment.

Even when the wall miraculously disappeared, the Alpha was still standing in the same position and let the night absorb the pain of the lycan.

Calleb needed this moment and Raine could handle him...

Despite what was happening, Torak was very proud of her, because Raine had grown stronger, not only psychaly but psychologically as well.

She was everything that Torak could ask for and he was glad that this perfect soul was his.

Raine was a Luna by nature...

Calleb gritted his teeth when wave after wave of pain crashed over him hard. He could barely breath as each breath that entered his lungs hurt him even more.

"I lost Rossie..." Calleb said and by saying that out loud made everything feel even more real. It was valid. A solid fact that no one could deny. "They killed my mate, Raine... They killed my Rossie..." Calleb whimpered in pain, as he buried his face in the crook of Raine's shoulder.

"I know..." Raine said between her sobs. She caressed his back in soothing motions, but she was not sure if it would be of any help for him.

"They killed my mate, Raine..." Calleb kept repeating those few words again and again, until he poured out what he felt now and it took a really long time for Calleb to recover.

However, he was not alone, because Raine was beside him during the lowest state of his life, to hold him together, forbidding him from falling apart even more.

While Torak and the other creatures stood silently as witnesses for how much destruction could happen to the one who lost the other half of their soul.

Hope was awoken by the howls of the roaring beast from afar. It sounded very painful and she knew where it was coming from.

It was Calleb.

Hope wanted to go and take a look, but her now exhausted body didn't even allow her to open her eyes, especially when Kace wrapped his arms around her body for her to feel the safety that she needed in her mate's embrace...