

## **TLOA Lycan 1091**

### **Chapter 1091: Side story: consolation**

The emptiness and the loneliness or the void that Calleb felt upon losing his mate had never been filled. He always felt like he was not a whole person anymore.

And despite the mischievous acts or smiles that he showed to the world, Raine could see the sadness behind all of his facade. After all, the two of them were very close.

If it was not for Raine and the fact that Calleb had not yet marked Rossie, there was a high chance that he would have gone feral for real and if he was left in that state, especially when the war was happening, it would have been really hard to get him back to his real state.

However, the damage was evident. The damage upon losing one's soulmate was something that they couldn't take lightly...

Just like this gloomy morning, when the sky was covered with the dark clouds, indicating that the rain was about to pour down the earth, Raine found Calleb, staring blankly into the distance, at the trees next to the pack house through the window.

The Beta didn't even realize that the Luna was just behind him until she tapped on his shoulder which managed to startle him slightly.

"What are you staring at?" Raine asked, while leaning against the wall across from Calleb, facing the same window that he had been staring at.

"Nothing." Calleb grinned, showing his signature wolfish grin, yet this couldn't fool Raine from knowing that he was anything, but fine.

"It had been raining for four days straight," Raine murmured.

"Yes," Calleb agreed. "Maybe we are already in the rainy season..."

"Hm..." Raine mumbled and looked at Calleb intensely. "Feeling sad?"

"Hm?" This time Calleb looked at Raine and a fake smile, again, appeared on his lips. "No. I am perfectly fine."

But, Raine shook her head. "No, you are not..."

Calleb wanted to refute that, but he realized that Raine knew him more than anyone else, thus he just let out a wry laugh and started staring at the floor beneath his feet. He felt defeated...

Seeing how broken he was, Raine walked toward the Beta and hugged him. At first, Calleb tried to avoid her, but in the end, he laid his head on her shoulder and let out silent tears...

The tears that he had been holding for years. His pain that no one could understand along with the sadness that gnawed at his heart.

Calleb couldn't really tell this kind of things to anyone else, since everyone looked up to him as the Supreme Beta. There was no way he could let people see this side of him.

Something once broke Calleb into a million pieces and it was his own sorrow.

Losing someone had never been easy, especially when you couldn't find the best way to vent out your frustrations and could only hide behind a fake smile, also the word 'I am fine.'

"I know, it will be meaningless if I say everything will be fine..." Raine hugged him and caressed his back, feeling the sturdy body of the Beta shuddering involuntarily, without him being able to stop it. "But maybe you can consider a chosen mate?" She asked carefully, worried that Calleb would get offended.

At first, Calleb didn't say anything, he just stayed still in the same position, and it took him two full minutes to gather his bearings and let go of her consolation hug.

"I will be fine," he said curtly. Torak and Raine, even Belinda had mentioned this to him a couple of times. That he should see someone new.

After the war, there were a lot of shifters who lost their mates and maybe, just maybe... Calleb could find someone that could make him feel comfortable...

But, Calleb didn't see the problem this way. It would be meaningless to be with someone that was not destined to be his, though Belinda had said, if he found someone and they ended up together, did that not mean they were meant for each other?

Yet, Calleb was too stubborn to agree with her and stayed like this for years already.

"Calleb..." Raine said his name with sadness, as she couldn't hide her feelings for what he was going through.

Indeed, it was not only Calleb that had lost his mate, and there were a lot of shifters had gone through the same thing, yet Raine was not close to them like she was with Calleb.

"I will be fine, Raine," Calleb cut her words and caressed her cheek. "I promise."

And then from behind her, he saw Aurora, walking toward the two of them with unsteady steps and a bright face.

"Uncle Calleb!" The four years old toddler stretched out her short arms to Calleb, asking to be picked up.

Happily, Calleb obliged to the little creature's demand and Aurora squalled in delight when she was picked up high before she was placed on the Beta's shoulders, grabbing his hairs with her tiny fingers.

"Why do I have to see someone else when I have her that can leave my heart content," Calleb said teasingly. His mischievous smile appeared again and he looked a little bit better while Aurora played with him, hugging his head or covering his eyes.

However, Raine didn't think the same, she folded her arms in front of her chest and stared at Calleb. "Torak will kill you if he heard that," she informed him sullenly, pretending to be upset that made Calleb laugh out loud, while trying to free his eyes from Aurora's palms, which latched onto his face like an octopus' appendages.

"No way." Calleb shook his head. "He love me too much to kill me."

"Well, you can say that to him yourself," Raine replied, concealing laughter in her voice.

"Father!" Aurora squalled and let go of Calleb's eyes. Only then did the Beta see the Alpha walking toward them.

Since Aurora's scent engulfed his senses, Calleb couldn't smell Torak's before it was too late.

On the other hand, Raine laughed and took Aurora away from Calleb while saying, "good luck," and winked at him.

Calleb: Oh, sh\*t!

### **Chapter 1092: Side story: decision (1)**

"I don't want to," Lilac said this for a hundred times now. She rejected Jedrek's idea to go back to the other realm or to claim back her position as their queen.

This discussion had been going on for two months now and Lilac's answer remained the same every time it was brought up.

Even though their relationship was improving greatly, Lilac still refused to go with him to the other realm or stay there like how they should be.

Well, Jedrek said it himself that he didn't want to force Lilac into agreeing with him, but it had been two years since he finally found her, but there was no progress or whatsoever in this aspect.

"Can you reconsider it?" Jedrek asked again in a tired voice as he spread some butter on a toast before giving it to Lilac once he was done. "I will give you more time."

Lilac, who was taking the toast from Jedrek, immediately dropped it onto her plate and then frowned upon hearing what the man in front of her said. "I have considered it enough, but my answer is still the same."

Both of them could be super stubborn whenever it came to something they wanted, though Jedrek had really improved in this part, but still... old habits, die hard.

"No matter how much time you give me, my decision to not go back to that realm will not change," Lilac said in a firmer tone. She then picked up the toast again and bit into it. She chewed slowly, as she noticed her stomach was upset.

Maybe, because of the quarrel so early in this morning. She didn't think she wanted to go to her flower shop and just wanted to stay at home, lying down on her bed lazily.

Jedrek's expression looked defeated upon facing his stubborn mate. "Lilac, at least tell me what your reason is, my little flower."

It was very clear to hear that the lycan king was trying to suppress his ego and emotions. Trying so hard not to lash out in front of this rock-headed girl.

Even so, Lilac still continued with her cold demeanor, especially when she answered this question.

"Because that place remind me of you and Serefina." This time Lilac gave him an absolute answer revealing her uneasiness. She didn't want to be in the same place where the memories of Jedrek's lover lingered around.

What had happened back then was still afresh in Lilac's memory about how much love Jedrek had had for Serefina, though she already forgave him, but it didn't mean she could completely forget about that.

No, that pain would forever follow her...

Every time they were together or whatever they did when there were only the two of them, the memories of how much pain that she had been through because of that still pricked at the back of her mind.

Those were not something pleasant to be remembered...

Meanwhile, when Jedrek heard that, he fell silent and didn't utter a single word as he realized that those great mistakes were indeed his fault for putting his mate in such a situation.

This made him resign himself and walk out of the kitchen without saying anything. No one could understand what was on Jedrek's mind. Even he himself couldn't describe what he felt now.

Did he feel annoyed? Angered? Irritated? But... maybe what he felt right now was simply the feeling of being ashamed...

He was ashamed of himself and there was nothing he could do to change that or what Lilac felt about it. Because, it was ultimately his mistake and no matter how lengthy apologies he could make, they couldn't turn the situation any better.

On the other hand, Lilac regretted it the moment she finally let it all out. The truth about what she felt right now, but she couldn't lie to herself anymore.

However, when she watched how Jedrek turned around and walked out of the kitchen with his slumped shoulders, she felt bad for bringing up the topic of Serefina again.

That topic was like a taboo to be discussed in their relationship, since it left deep scars on both of them and no one wanted to talk about it again.

Lilac then bit down on the toast and felt bitterness in her tongue. The taste felt awful and she couldn't finish it at all...

Her stomach grumbled again and all of a sudden, she realized her body was not well...

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"Are you okay?" A girl in her twenties approached Lilac when she was sitting behind the row of lilac flowers, while holding her head with her hands. She had been like that since two hours ago and this made Anna worry about her.

Anna was the new employee in this flower shop that Lilac owned. She had been working there for three months now, while studying in college.

"I am fine, just a little dizzy..." Lilac said in a low voice, shaking her head and stood up. But it turned out to be a wrong move. Because after that, she felt her legs give up on her as she wobbled.

If it was not for Anna's quick reaction, Lilac would have fallen to the ground and suffered some injuries, but because Anna moved fast, she was able to save her from the horrible fall.

"Come, let's take some rest," Anna said while supporting Lilac's body to sit down on the nearest chair. "I will make a cup of tea for you and close the shop."

And Lilac didn't say anything about it, she just sat there in silence and watched how Anna took care of everything.

Outside, they could see the moon shining brightly and that all the lamps in street had been turned on.

After Anna made a cup of hot tea and closed the shop, she sat beside Lilac and watched her closely.

"You look pale," she commented. "Do you want me to take you to the hospital?" She offered.

Lilac shook her head. "No, I am fine... but, can you get me a taxi?" She didn't think she could walk to her apartment in her current condition. Though it was not really far, but still, it would take twenty minutes to walk from here.

"Sure," Anna nodded her head. "Do you want me to go with you too?"

Lilac shook her head again. "No, I am fine... you can go home after my taxi is here."

At first Anna wanted to refuse, but then she realized that Lilac didn't leave any space for argumentation. Therefore, she could only agree with her.

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Jedrek didn't come home last night, since he left the kitchen after their quarrel over the same thing again and again. While Lilac was too tired to think about that since she felt unwell.

Thus the moment she reached her apartment, she threw herself onto the couch, before hugging her body in a fetal position while trying to suppress the nausea that she felt. She soon fell asleep like that.

However, when Lilac woke up this morning, she found herself lying in her bed, tucked under her warm blanket blanket.

She then heard light footsteps that approached her room.

Lilac blinked her eyes a couple of times to adjust with the bright sunlight from behind the curtain.

And the first thing that she saw was Jedrek, standing in front of the door while holding a tray with a bowl of soup and a glass of warm milk.

"Do you feel better now?" Jedrek asked, as he walked into the room and sat beside Lilac's bed. "You were sleeping on the couch when I got home last night," he informed her.

"Yes," Lilac said tiredly and took the glass of warm milk from the tray. She felt thirsty and the warm liquid made her feel better. "I didn't feel well last night."

Jedrek then stretched out his hand and touched Lilac's forehead, but it didn't seem like she had a fever, just like last night.

"How do you feel now?" Jedrek asked in a worried tone.

"Fine," Lilac murmured, she felt better, but when she finished her milk, all of a sudden her stomach turned upset and the after taste of the milk could no longer provide any comfort to her as a wave of nausea hit her again.

"What happened?" Jedrek's eyes opened wide when he watched Lilac jump from their bed before sprinting toward the bathroom.

"Go..." Lilac waved her hand at Jedrek as she sat down beside the toilet. She didn't want him to see her like this.

Yet, there was no way in hell Jedrek would leave her like this.

"No, I will stay with you." He refused to move even an inch away from her and instead, holding her long hair so it wouldn't get in her way, he stayed there patiently.

### **Chapter 1093: Side story: decision (2)**

For fifteen full minutes, Lilac struggled with her nausea and during that time, Jedrek stayed by her side and patiently tried to make her feel better.

"We should go to the hospital," Jedrek said in a firmer tone, while Lilac kept shaking her head to refuse his suggestion though her face looked even paler. This sight frustrated him greatly.

Lilac felt another wave of sickness and she finally gave up...

"Okay..." she complied, nodding her head weakly.

And with that permission, Jedrek didn't waste any more time to pick her up and drape a warm jacket on her shoulders, after that he carried her to the parking lot, where he put her down carefully and secured her with a seatbelt.

"Do you feel comfortable this way?" Jedrek asked, worry could clearly be heard in his voice, and only after he saw Lilac mumble something as a 'yes', he walked around the car and sat down behind the wheel.

Jedrek was too nervous and tensed right at this moment, as the only thing in his mind was to get Lilac to the hospital immediately.

"Where did you go last night?" Lilac asked to break the silence between them and to find comfort by hearing Jedrek's voice, because seeing her mate going all panicked only made her feel even worse.

Jedrek mumbled something incoherently and glanced at Lilac briefly, almost like he was reluctant to answer that simple question of his mate.

"What is it?" Lilac frowned because she couldn't listen to him clearly. "Where did you go?"

Jedrek shook his head and glanced at Lilac again before he focused on the road ahead of them. "We will talk about this later when you feel better."

Lilac wanted to be stubborn like usual, but seeing the way Jedrek looked at her, she knew there was no room for argumentation when he was being like this, thus she didn't ask him any further and instead chose to concentrate on making her sickness feel better in this moving car.

It took around fifteen minutes before they arrived at the hospital and Lilac got the treatment that she needed.

When Lilac was being checked inside the room, Jedrek was waiting right outside the door. With his ability, he could hear the beeping sound from the machines that the doctor used on Lilac and what instructions she had given to her, but there were a few times here and there that he couldn't hear clearly.

It had been a while since Jedrek felt this kind of tension and he really didn't like this feeling especially when it had something to do with his mate.

Even ten minutes of waiting was too much for him. There were several times he wanted to barge into the room and ask the doctor what happened to her himself. Was she alright? Is there something crucial that happened to her?

Okay, maybe this was ridiculous, but Jedrek couldn't help but think about Lilac's human body. He was well aware how fragile and weak a human's body was and he hated that fact!

Though it was only ten minutes, but Jedrek felt like he had been waiting forever, hence when the door finally opened, he immediately went into the room and approached his beautiful but now pale mate on the hospital bed with the doctor beside her.

"How is she? Is she all right?" He didn't wait for another second to know how Lilac's condition was. "Nothing major happened, right?"

Lilac touched Jedrek's arm to calm the king down, it seemed like he was ready to wreck some havoc if something major were to happen to her.

The truth was; Lilac felt him overreacting was kind of cute. It was strange to have this feeling when she felt like the world around her was spinning, but seeing how worried Jedrek was about her, warmed her heart.

The doctor gave Jedrek a soft smile while she sat back on her chair behind the desk, as Jedrek helped Lilac to sit down on the examining bed.

"Your wife is perfectly fine," the doctor said in a light tone, staring at Jedrek with a meaningful gaze. "But, maybe this can be a serious thing for both of you."

Lilac smiled softly when she saw Jedrek's reaction when he heard what the doctor said. She didn't know that Jedrek could frown really hard like that.

"What do you mean?" Jedrek asked in a harsh tone, though he didn't mean it that way. If it was in his realm and the person that he was facing now was his subordinate or a healer in the palace, he would have gone all Alpha on her by now.

Unfortunately, he couldn't do that because Lilac would hate it when he did that. Jedrek had learnt it for more than two years now.

"Congratulations!" The doctor clapped her hands and smiled widely. "She is expecting."

This time, Lilac giggled softly while caressing Jedrek's arm that held her body. She looked at Jedrek and waited for his reaction.

However, the only word that came out of the king's mouth was barely a whisper. "What...?" Then he became silent. Completely silent.

Jedrek being so quiet left the doctor confused and she second guessed her congratulatory words. "Do you expect a child, sir?"

She thought Jedrek was not happy with this news, but fortunately, Lilac knew her mate better than anyone else.

"He is happy," Lilac whispered to the doctor, while still caressing Jedrek's arm. "He just needs time to discern this information."

The smile on the doctor's lips returned as she resigned herself to give the couple some much needed alone time. "I will be back to run another check on you," she said with consideration.

Lilac reciprocated her smile and watched as the doctor walk out of the room, leaving them alone.

"Are you happy?" Lilac cupped Jedrek's face and stared straight into his eyes. She could see a lot of emotions swirling in those captivating blue eyes that were flickering between blue and black.

Jedrek didn't answer her for a few minutes before he said in hoarse voice. "Are you really pregnant?"

Lilac smiled and nodded. She knew that Jedrek was only dumbstruck with the news, because there was no way he wouldn't be happy with this. Having first child was a big deal for the lycans. No matter how fierce they were, it was almost impossible to see a lycan who would despise their own flesh and blood.

"Yes, I am." Lilac emphasized her words, making everything sound more real for Jedrek.

"Are you for real?" Jedrek was still in disbelief.

"Yes," Lilac kissed his lips. "How do you feel now?"

Jedrek shook his head, and Lilac saw his gaze softening gradually. "I don't know... I don't know..." he then pulled Lilac closer to him and hugged her very gently, as if she would break if he put too much pressure on her.

There was a serene silence that enveloped the room, as they hugged each other, until Lilac remembered something that she wanted to know.

"Where did you go last night?" She pulled away from his hug and looked at him questioningly.

"Oh, I was..." Jedrek grimaced, he was not sure if this was the right time to tell Lilac about this...

An innocent piece of paper was being crumpled under the pressure of the Supreme Alpha's hand, as his eyes flickered from blue to black.

"What is going on in his mind?!" He looked pissed at whatever news that he received this morning and the paper became his sole victim to release some stress upon.



Caleb, who just entered the room, immediately felt Torak's negative emotions and was about to step back. He knew better than to approach this annoyed lycan at this moment.

However, luck seemed not to be on his side when Torak caught sight of him and ordered the Beta to enter the room.

"Find out why Jedrek did this in my territory!" Torak was very upset when he found out about what Jedrek had done. "I have let him stay in this realm, but this is too much."

"What happened?" Just then, Raine came into the room and heard her mate's harsh voice. She looked at Caleb and Torak, but the Alpha was too upset to answer her, thus she turned her attention to the Beta. "What happened to him?"

Caleb then walked closer to Raine and whispered. "Apparently, Jedrek bought a huge house like a castle in his territory and this upset him."

And Raine giggled upon hearing this. Another siblings quarrel...

Yes, Torak didn't like it if his brother had a plan to stay forever in his land.

#### **Chapter 1094: Side story: i will be right beside you**

When a woman was bearing the child of a lycan, they would have a different gestation period from normal human pregnancy.

It would only take roughly five months for them to bear the child into a full term until the delivery.

Therefore, when Hope was four months pregnant, she looked like a nine months pregnant lady that even her petite body couldn't cover for it.

Well, it was predictable, since she was carrying twins. And so, it was expected.

"I can't see my toes..." Hope complained when she sat down and her vision was hindered by her own tummy. She frowned hard. "I can't cut my nails."

Kace, who was cooking dinner for them, smiled and then approached his mate with a big wolfish grin etched on his lips. "I have cut your nails just two days ago, they still look good."

Hope was not happy when she heard that. "But, I look like a big ball," she said. "Next month, I don't have to walk, but roll to move from one place to another."

This statement made Kace laugh really hard and tousle his mate's hair, kissing her forehead.

"I look fat, right?" She asked the obvious. There was a time when Hope felt really insecure with her body and appearance, though Kace had never said anything about it.

Of course, because he never felt there was anything wrong with her. Hope was carrying his children, there was never a single complaint that ever crossed his mind. "You look pregnant," he corrected her.

Hope pouted her lips and caressed her stomach, but then a soft smile appeared on her lips. She liked it when she felt a movement or two from her babies.

Kace was very excited when he heard that she was pregnant with twins. He thought; he had beaten Torak in this aspect, because Raine got pregnant before Hope could. Therefore, at least he got more children before his brother.

Well, it was a ridiculous way of thinking. Hope rolled her eyes when she heard this, but the happiness that emanated from Kace's blue eyes was something that made Hope happy as well.

Happiness was contagious and Hope enjoyed the first three months of her pregnancy. She was able to eat everything and asked for random food when her cravings got beyond weird. Kace had never complained during that time and Hope could justify her actions, shoving all the blame onto her pregnancy.

However, when she entered her fourth month, she started to feel her body was too heavy to walk around the room and the feeling of exhaustion was coming to her too easily.

"Yes, 'looking pregnant' is the right phrase," Hope grumbled, as she took the glass of warm milk that Kace handed to her. "We will eat dinner, but you gave me this. No wonder, I'm gaining weight so fast."

Kace chuckled. "You are the one asking for a glass of warm milk before dinner since five days back, but tonight I brought it you before you asked for it," he pointed out the obvious and laughed when Hope grumbled, but she drank the milk anyway.

"I will become fatter than I'm already," Hope said, while putting down the glass and licked her lips.

"So, do you want to go on a diet?" Kace teased her. Recently, Hope started getting terrible mood swings. She would be happy in one second and then get mad or feel insecure in the next second. Well, Kace had taken care of her since she was only a day old, thus this was nothing to him. "You don't want to eat?"

"Of course, I want to eat. The babies will be starving if I did not," Hope said with a glimmer in her eyes, happy to smell the food that was almost done.

"I know you will answer like that," Kace said, winking at her and then prepared their dinner.

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It was late at night when Hope woke up all of a sudden and let out a muffled scream. She grabbed Kace's hand, who was sleeping beside her.

It didn't even take Kace two full seconds to become fully awake and realize that something was wrong with his mate. He bolted up and sat down, then looked at Hope's wrinkled forehead, as she grimaced in pain.

"What happened?" Kace asked, anxiousness dripped from his voice, especially when he saw Hope holding her stomach painfully. "What is it? Tell me." He could feel panic wash over his being upon seeing what was happening as his head started spinning at the thought of worst case possible.

"I think... I think the babies are coming..." she said, stuttering. "But, it is not the time... it is too early..."

It should be two weeks from now for Hope to give birth, therefore it was too early for it, added that to the fact that they were their first borns. Since they didn't have any? experience in this, their panic just got multiplied.

"We have to go to the hospital!" That was the first right thing that Kace could think of right now.

The lycan immediately took the bag that they had prepared ahead of time if an unexpected situation were to arise and then carried Hope in his arms to their car.

Kace tried his best to make her feel comfortable as much as he could, but it seemed there was nothing he could do to ease her pain at all.

After Kace put down Hope carefully, he bolted to the driver seat and drove the car like a madman, yet he made sure that his mate was secured beside him.

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Sterling was the first person that Kace could think of calling during that chaotic situation and he came with Ethan to the hospital very fast.

At first, Hope didn't want Kace to accompany her into the delivery room because he was too stiff and panicky, but there was nothing she could do to change Kace's mind.

However, Kace finally felt a little relaxed when Sterling came and helped him calm down, saying that it was normal for having a baby ahead of time that his deceased wife also experienced the same thing when she carried the twins.

Realizing that Sterling was in the same situation many years ago, made Kace trust what he said.

After a few minutes of talking, eventually Kace relaxed a bit and this calmed Hope as well. Therefore, when it was time, Hope agreed for Kace to accompany her.

"It will be okay, we just have to have hope," Hope told him when Kace bent down and pressed his lips against her forehead reassuringly. He then nuzzled his nose against the side of her massive bump.

"Yes," he whispered. "We have made it so far. I will be right beside you."

Hope knew he would. Kace would always be beside her during thick and thin or anything.

Kace knew that his life was not perfect, he was still dealing with the insecurities that he always felt in the past, especially after the second war and he had to lose so many people that had been dear to him.

Being separated from Hope for years was worse than anything else, but now she was here and they were soon going to welcome the new members of their small family.

Thus, slowly but surely, Kace would improve himself for his mate and their children.

Their journey was not over yet...

Hope was all they needed...

#### **Chapter 1095: Side story: second chance**

On Raine's orders, Calleb went to a neighbouring pack to deliver some documents. He didn't need to do this and could ask someone else to carry out such a menial task. But, his Luna insisted that he needed to meet someone outside of their pack.

Or, more specifically, a woman.

Yes, Raine had been trying so hard to help him get rid of Rossie's memories, despite his great pretense of laughing and joking around with the people in their pack, Raine seemed to be able to see through him and knew very well that he was not okay.

D\*mn her for being so sensitive to even catch that!

However, at the same time Calleb was also grateful that someone was able to notice this side of him and this kind of feeling, being noticed by someone, comforted him in a way that he couldn't describe.

Therefore, here was Calleb, entering the said neighbouring pack to deliver the required documents, a labor work that didn't need the Supreme Beta's involvement in the slightest.

Even Jack didn't have to do this...

Calleb sighed deeply. Raine gave him an advice to go out, but he didn't listen, but he couldn't do that when she went all Luna on him.

That girl could be annoying sometimes and no one would believe that Raine didn't even say a word when they met for the first time. She carried traumas with her and was very quiet...

Yet, look at her now; she was living up to her role as their Supreme Luna and was ruling side by side with Torak very well. Along with that, she was a mother of two children. She surpassed the expectations of everyone who knew her from the beginning.

And Calleb was proud of Raine, as someone who witnessed all the things that she had to endure to become who she was right now.

However, right now, he had another problem that he needed to settle down first.

Calleb shifted into his human skin when he reached the border of the pack and greeted the warriors that were in charge to look after their pack's border safety.

Of course, they knew who Calleb was and he entered the pack easily, without as much as a simple fuss. One of the warriors asked whether he wanted to be accompanied to the pack house or if he wished to go there alone, Calleb chose the latter.

He knew this place like the back of his hand.

It didn't take so long for him to arrive in the pack house, since this pack was not very big and didn't cover so much land, and their population also decreased greatly when the war ended twenty years ago.

Calleb greeted some of the warriors and had a few quick words with them when he entered the pack house, nodding to some women there and grinned when he saw children roaming around on the second floor of the pack house.

It was so lively here. They seemed to have overcome the trauma of the war and the sadness upon losing someone they loved. Or maybe, they were just like Calleb... hiding their true feelings and trying to live the best of their life, while carrying their wounded hearts.

What he felt here was something familiar to him, but when he went to the third floor, where the study room of the Alpha of this pack was, he felt something unusual.

This strange feeling made the supreme Beta frown, and as he went step by step, closer to the study room of Alpha Rodrigo, this weird feeling became stronger.

It just got stronger and stronger...

Like the sound of footsteps that echoed throughout the walls, as if someone was in a rush to go somewhere, or maybe this someone was in a rush to confirm their own feeling as well.

Yet, Calleb was too dumb to realize it in time, since he was in disbelief that such thing could happen to him.

This was impossible, right? Something like this wouldn't happen to him, right?

Yet, a part of him, the very void in his heart, the place where he buried Rossie's memories, was shaken. The feeling was too familiar, but odd at the same time.

However, there was this big part of him that made him realize something before anything else, which was; his beast craved this feeling.

The beast in his head was wailing painfully and howling, urging him to find the source of their restlessness.

As the sounds of the foot steps got closer and closer, Kace could feel the tension in the air getting thicker. He couldn't help but anticipate what would happen in the next second.

His limbs went numb the moment he saw her for the first time. Her big eyes stared at him in disbelief and equal shock that Calleb felt right now.

The Beta was standing in the middle of the staircase, while the woman was on the third floor, staring down at him and tripped on her own feet when she stopped all of a sudden.

Of course, out of instinct, Calleb would stretch out his hands to catch her, but he was not in his fully conscious- self to be able to handle the impact.

Therefore, instead of saving her from the fall, both of them rolled down the stairs with Calleb hugging the woman tightly, afraid she would get hurt.

And that was also the time when Calleb felt the spark between them, the moment he touched her. The spark that he thought he would never feel again.

The feeling was very amazing and couldn't be described in words alone. This was the same feeling that Calleb felt when he met Rossie for the first time, but there was something significant that made it seem very different.

Both of them grunted when they finally stopped rolling down the stairs and ended up sprawled on the floor.

The scent of this woman that he smelled was nothing similar to Rossie's scent, yet it made him feel the feeling that he craved for years.

Especially when the woman smiled and started laughing at their current situation. "Hi, stranger," she said and her voice rang like a melody in his ears.

### **Chapter 1096: Side story: second chance (2)**

"Hi, stranger," the girl said merrily, as she lay sprawled on top of Calleb.

"Hi, mate," Calleb answered her in a disoriented voice. He felt like he was daydreaming, that this was not real, not to mention the moon goddess gave him the second chance.

Meanwhile, the girl's voice was like the Beta's favorite melody that he had not heard for a long time. The kind of sound that could shatter your being and shake your soul.

The beast inside of Calleb whimpered, trying to get out and see their mate with its own eyes. It wanted to mark her regardless anything, to claim her as his, not wanting something like what had happened to their previous mate happening to her again.

Yet, fortunately, Calleb still held the control over his beast, thus that kind of situation wouldn't entail. It was not a good first impression to bite your woman on the first meeting itself.

However, Calleb found himself unable to move, he was held captivated by the charm of the girl on top of him. Her smile was blinding, demanding every ounce of his attention, as the Beta couldn't take his eyes off of hers.

They stayed like that for God knows how long, until a grunt disturbed their tranquility and brought them back to the reality that they were not the sole existence in this universe.

"Both of you, can you move aside for a bit, please?" Though the voice said 'please', anyone who heard him could say for sure that he was pissed. "I am trying to heal over here, but if you keep pressing me down, I am afraid my bones will not heal correctly."

Only then, did Calleb and his newly found mate realize that the two of them were not the only people, who had fallen down the stairs.

The girl's blush and the red tinge on her cheeks, immediately spread to her neck, as she moved off of Calleb groggily.

But, for the Beta, she looked very cute even when she was embarrassed like this. Something inside of him stirred. A feeling of pride and a desire to protect, took root in every single vein in his body.

Somehow, this feeling overwhelmed Calleb. Maybe it was the result of being able to taste how it felt to lose a mate, therefore, he felt the rush of protectiveness toward her.

"Are you okay?" Calleb asked the girl, whose name was still unknown. "Are you hurt somewhere? Do you want to see a healer?" He bombarded her with questions, disregarding the person that both of them just used as the landing mattress to take their fall.

"No, I am fine. I am sorry," the girl said, shaking her head, yet her eyes were glued to Calleb's curiously.

"Hey, you should ask me whether I am okay or not," the man was a young warrior, who was unfortunately knocked off by them while walking under the stairs. "I feel like I have broken a few bones," he complained.

"No need to be so dramatic, you will recover just as fast," Calleb said in a grumbling tone, but his focus was still on his mate.

The girl in front of him had beautiful long curly, dark- brown hair and a dimple was made visible on her right cheek whenever she smiled. It was very adorable. Calleb felt a desire to give a long kiss on her cute dimple.

Behind the two of them, a certain warrior was still grumbling, while holding his injured arm and walked out of the room, staying away from the two of them. Yet, his annoyance didn't even have much effect on Calleb and his newly found mate.

"What is your name?" Calleb asked the most basic question that he could think of right now, aside from the urge to mark her right there and then.

"Arabela," she said.

"Arabela," Calleb repeated her name and the name beautifully rolled off his tongue. He loved how it sounded when he said her name. "I like your name."

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"What? What did he say?" Raine was feeding Aurora when Calleb called her all of a sudden and informed that he found his second chance mate.

The first person that came into his mind when he found Arabela was Raine. He wanted his Luna to know about this before anyone else. He didn't even think about telling this to Torak.

Of course, Raine was excited and happy beyond words. She was elated, yet the following information that Calleb told her made her frown.

"Why wouldn't Alpha Rodrigo let her go to our pack?" Raine gave Aurora to the a female werewolf there to be fed, while she walked away to have an uninterrupted conversation with Calleb.

"He said that his pack lacks members, thus I should be the one to move to this pack instead," Calleb said in an irritated tone, while staring daggers at Alpha Rodrigo in front of him.

Meanwhile, the Alpha looked nervous when he heard Calleb saying that. Originally, he just wanted to have the Beta join his pack. Of course, having Calleb around was a big advantage for him and his pack, but he didn't know that the situation would turn very tense like this.

Alpha Rodrigo started to regret his decision.

Not to mention that Calleb didn't even bother to confront him further when he rejected his permission to take Arabela away. The Beta didn't talk much and immediately called the Supreme Luna.

It was bad, but it would be worse if the Supreme Alpha also got involved in this tangled situation. Everyone knew how the Alpha spoiled his Luna.

"That's ridiculous!" Raine growled. She despised anything that stood in Calleb's way to get his happiness.

"That's what I thought," Calleb agreed calmly, while intertwining his fingers with Arabela's. He knew he would win this argumentation, hence there was nothing to be worried. "I have every right to bring Arabela to our pack."

A spell of silence followed his words and Calleb could imagine what kind of expression would Raine make right now.

"Give the phone to Alpha Rodrigo," Raine hissed viciously and this made Calleb smile knowingly. He knew Raine would take care of this matter for him. "How dare him to act like that!"

### **Chapter 1097: Side story: my child is strong**

"This is impossible..." Lilac said breathlessly when she saw the place that Jedrek had bought for the two of them. Well, they would welcome a new member to their small family in around three months from now, since Lilac was already two months pregnant.

Because it would only take five months for her until giving birth. Thus if one looked at her closely, they would notice the slight bump on her stomach which Jedrek loved to see her with. He thought she looked very sexy that way, especially since Lilac now gained more weight and this highlighted the curves on her body.

"Of course, this is possible," Jedrek grinned and took Lilac's hand to enter their new place. The place that they would call their home. "I don't want our firstborn to live in that small apartment," he grumbled when he said this sentence, which made Lilac laugh out loud.

"But you shouldn't have bought this place. This is too big for the three of us," Lilac said while letting Jedrek lead her into the castle like house. "This is too much."

Actually, this place was really beautiful, and she indeed loved it. However, she still thought that what Jedrek had done was a little bit too much. He could buy any ordinary place, a big house but not a castle.

Yet knowing Jedrek, as the king of the lycanthropes, he would go for something like this. He wouldn't settle for anything ordinary.

Sigh...

Because Lilac didn't want to go to his realm, thus he brought the realm to this world. At this rate, what else Lilac could do? She couldn't complain when she herself liked it too.

"Of course not," Jedrek refused her statement. "My castle is bigger than this," he said proudly.

"Yeah," Lilac groaned, but then her focus got attracted by the small garden in front of the big floor to the ceiling windows in the living room, which was filled with lilac flowers.

Out of instinct, her feet brought her nearer to the windows to enjoy the scenery, as Jedrek followed behind her.

Lilac stopped in front of the windows and placed her hand against the glass, smiling tenderly when the soft and warm sun light hit her face and she needed to squint her eyes slightly.



She remembered the feeling when she was still able to control the nature around her or whenever she felt the vibe through the ground beneath her feet.

Sometimes, Lilac missed her power, as she had had it since she was only a child and losing it was something that still bothered her... for some odd reason, she felt like she lost half of herself.

"Do you like it?" Jedrek approached Lilac and hugged her from behind, resting his chin on her shoulder, while caressing her stomach, feeling the bond that started to form between the baby and him. He could feel it.

"I love it," Lilac answered, a soft smile formed on her lips and it grew wider when Jedrek landed a kiss on her cheek.

"I am glad that you like it," he said. "Want to see our bedroom?" He asked seductively.

Upon sensing the double meaning behind Jedrek's words, Lilac slapped his arms playfully. "Don't ever think about that," she said.

"Why? Think about what? I am innocent," he complained.

And then Lilac turned around and cupped his face between her palms, staring deeply into his blue eyes. "You are nothing, but innocent Mr. Donovan."

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"This is a very big place for only the three of us to occupy." Lilac traced her fingers along Jedrek's jaw line, wiping away the sweat on his skin after the love making session that just ended. "It will be a bit lonely."

Well, Lilac couldn't resist it when Jedrek made a move on her while they were in their bedroom, since she had this weird insatiable desire for her mate.

Lilac took note that during her pregnancy, she tended to be more active than usual. Well, she wouldn't admit it and would gladly blame this on her pregnancy...

"Of course, there will be some helpers too," Jedrek said in his sleepy voice. He then turned around and planted a kiss on Lilac's forehead, snuggling into his mate's embrace. "Don't worry, it will not feel as lonely as you think after everything was settled."

Jedrek had thought about it carefully and considered all of Lilac's worries about this place even before she brought them up, since he knew that Lilac was quite a social type. She would love to be surrounded by people, making her the perfect queen for him.

It would be perfect if Lilac agreed to go back to their realm, but knowing the strong reason behind Lilac's refusal, Jedrek didn't want to push his luck. He was already lucky enough that Lilac was willing to take him back, after the worst nightmare that he forced her to go through, after the many horrid things that he had done to her.

If it was not now, then maybe one day Jedrek could convince Lilac and take her to the place where they belong to.

Meanwhile, Lilac hugged Jedrek's head, playing with his hair, while staring at her surroundings.

"I just realized something..." Lilac murmured.

"Hm?"

"Why is it only this room that is quite clean than any other room?" Lilac remembered that there was no furniture in this big house and one could even say that this place was rather empty. "Who put this bed here?"

However, why was there a bed inside their room? And Lilac could see that this bed was very neat, as if someone intentionally put it here for them to have some rest.

On the other hand, upon hearing Lilac's question, Jedrek kept quiet. He didn't want to answer that, until Lilac realized it herself.

"Wait, don't tell me you have planned all of this?" She asked suspiciously.

The king laughed when he heard that and started to make his move again.

"No, I need to rest, I am pregnant," Lilac said in a stern voice, but the gleam of mischievousness in her eyes couldn't escape his eyes.

"I think my child is strong enough for another round."

#### **Chapter 1098: Side story: first day**

Today was the day on which Sean and Selena going to enter their school life finally and Hope was very excited, at the same time, nervous for her twins.

"Kace!" Hope shouted at her mate. "Can't you move faster? We will be late if you don't hurry!" Hope was struggling to make Sean stop moving around and put his socks on for him, but the little boy kept shifting into his beast. "Shift back!" She almost lost her temper in order to make her son listen to her.

Yes, the twins were only able to shift into their beast a few days ago. Thus, they were still very excited to explore more about their other form. It was kind of cute to see two little wolves roaming around the house.

But, it wouldn't be fun if they got caught in their beast's form, as they should keep this as secret.

Yes, the little ones were still not protected by the magic that helped their people conceal from the normal humans' eyes because they needed to reach a certain age for the magic to affect them.

Therefore, going to school was quite risky, yet Hope wanted her children to experience this. Though Kace didn't disagree with her, but he told her all the possible worst consequences.

His idea was to have a homeschooling teacher come to their house, but Hope turned off the idea immediately once she heard that.

She didn't like the prospect of having her children trapped inside the house, unable to interact with the other children of their age. It would be quite a sad and gloomy childhood.

"I am coming, I am coming," Kace said from behind the closed door. The lycan was struggling with Selena's short hair. She wanted her father to braid her hair, but no matter how many times Kace said that he couldn't do that because her hair was too short, the girl only made a fuss over this simple matter.

Selena wanted a braid and Kace had to do it. She refused to listen to her father's desperate explanations.

"How can I braid your short hair my little girl," Kace was almost crying when Selena shot him a fierce look. She looked even fiercer than Hope when she was in the same age.

Selena pouted her lips, took her bag and walked out of her room, leaving Kace alone there with colorful hair bands in his hands.

Just two days back, the little girl wanted to have short hair like her mother, because Hope just got her hair cut, as it was too difficult to take care of their toddlers with long hair.

However, today, on her first day of school, Selena wanted her hair to be braided like usual, which was only next to impossible.

Sigh...

Shaking his head, Kace stood up and followed his daughter out to find Hope in the living room, trying to appease the upset Selene.

"I want my hair to be braided, I look pretty that way..." Selena sobbed and Kace carried Sean, who was trying to sneak out to his room again, because he didn't seem that excited about going to school.

"You look pretty this way," Hope said, encouraging her daughter. "I have told you that once you cut your hair, you will not be able to have the braids that you like until your hair is long enough."

Hope was exceptionally patient with her children and looked very mature, which made Kace fall in love with her all over again. She knew what to do with their little ones, who were very hard to be handled sometimes.

"Now, since we can't braid your hair, I will just put a hairpin, okay?" Hope persuaded her once again and finally Selena agreed with her.

Thus, the drama of this early morning finally came to an end just like that.

The next thing that Hope and Kace should do was to take them to their school and pick them up again later.

Selena was very excited to see new friends, but Sean didn't look happy that happy. He wanted to stay inside his bedroom or shift into his beast and roam around the neighborhood.

"Remember, don't shift in front of other people, okay?" Kace squatted down in front of Sean and talked very seriously to his son, because he knew how adventurous and rebellious he was. "This is absolute and I don't want you to argue with me in this case. Understood?"

Sean looked at his father sharply with his blue eyes, ready to argue, but remembering how scary his mother could be when she got upset, he didn't have any other choice. Since he knew that it was essential for them to keep this as a secret, though he didn't quite understand what the reason and it was still a question for him about why couldn't all the humans shift like he could .

"Okay," he said.

"Good boy," Kace ruffled Sean's head and grinned, but Sean swatted his hand and frowned.

"I am not a dog," he protested, as he always heard that sentence usually used to praise the dogs in their neighborhood.

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"Calm down, they will be fine," Kace said to Hope, who was frowning all through their journey back home after leaving their children in their school. "We will pick them up later."

"But, today is their first day and I feel bad for not staying with them," Hope murmured, as the car stopped in front of their house.

"Don't worry, I have done this before when you went to school for the first time," Kace reminded Hope that he was there on her first day as well.

Hope smiled when she remembered that. "Yeah, Sereфина was mad when she saw you there. I still remember her expression at that time vividly."

Sadness clouded her eyes when she remembered the witch, so did Kace's. Among the three Donovans, he was the closest person to Sereфина and the two of them got along very well, though in a weird way.

"Okay, go inside first," Kace said, so they wouldn't be enveloped by sadness for a long time, because he knew Hope would start tearing up when they talked about the witch, as it would lead them to remember about Lana as well.

"Where will you go?" Hope frowned because she realized that Kace didn't drive into the garage and was about to leave again.

"There is something I have to do at work," Kace gave a short explanation and kissed Hope's forehead before she got off the car. "I will come back to pick you up and we will go to the school before their last class is over."

Though it was a little bit weird, but Hope didn't ask much and then got down from the car.

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A white beast entered a certain class, moving slowly between the teachers and then walked closer to two children, a boy and a girl, who were sitting next to each other.

Sean watched the white beast with a deep frown that reminded Kace of Hope when she was upset or saw something that she thought was not right.

[Don't tell your mommy about this.] Kace mind- linked his two children and then sat down in front of Selena, who was smiling widely, as she rubbed his head, while her twin brother could only look at their father in disagreement.

[You are hopeless dad.] He mind- linked him.

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Please check my other book; The Bride of the Vampire King.

Hope you like it ((^o^))

### **Chapter 1099: Side story: something happened**

Jedrek gave Lilac a rub on her back to ease her pain, since their child was very active at night and most of the time would give his mate a hard time while sleeping.

This affected Lilac's sleeping time. She would sleep when the sun peeked from behind the horizon until it shone brightly in the middle of the day or through the whole day, and then wake up at night.

However, Lilac had never complained about this. She loved it when their child kicked her and moved around, creating bumps all over her stomach.

At first, they were concerned about how active their child was until the healer from their pack, who came from their realm, but now staying with them in this castle like house, said that it was normal for having an active baby.

Both mother and baby were very healthy. Only after hearing this, did they start enjoying such moments as they couldn't wait to see him. To welcome him into this world...

He would be a strong child and Jedrek could feel it.

"Feel better?" Jedrek asked Lilac when his mate snuggled closer to him and kissed his chin. "Do you crave something?"

Well, though this was the last month of the pregnancy, but somehow Lilac still craved for something, maybe it was her way of asking to be spoiled, or it was indeed a craving that she felt, but either way Jedrek didn't mind it at all.

He was more than happy and felt proud when he could provide anything that his mate and child wanted.

Even the most ridiculous thing like; having a warm house party for the second time because Lilac wanted to see Raine and Hope again.

Jedrek was not thrilled to see his brothers for a second time this week, but seeing how happy Lilac was to be able to meet Hope and Raine again, also their children, the king brushed off his irritation and tried to be happy for his mate.

"Hm," Lilac purred against his neck when Jedrek's warm palm caressed her stomach. "I feel bad for making you stay up all night with me," she said softly.

"Don't say something like that, I am more than happy to have some interaction with my firstborn, though he is not here yet," he said dreamily, while imagining how his son would look like. It would be better if he got Lilac's temper rather than his, as he was not really proud of his character.

Having Lilac's appearance would be good too, though he was a boy. Well, Jedrek would never complain...

For now, Jedrek felt his life was complete, with his mate by his side and their child, it was the epitome of happiness that he had never felt for the past few years.

"So, I am not annoying when I asked for some absurd thing?" Lilac raised her head and peeked through her long lashes, as their eyes met.

"Absolutely not," Jedrek appeased her worry, as he leaned over to kiss her small nose. Lilac didn't look like she gained weight at all. The only thing that indicated that she was pregnant was only her big baby bump. Aside from that, she didn't show any significant changes.

In the beginning, it concerned both of them. Lilac thought there was something wrong with her, but only when the healer just laughed it off and said there was nothing to be worried, could she sigh in relief, especially when it showed there was nothing wrong during the pregnancy.

"Really? Even when I asked something ridiculous? I am not annoying?" Lilac confirmed this again.

"No, you are not," Jedrek assured her. "To me, your requests were not annoying at all."

Lilac grinned widely when she heard Jedrek's words. They were very pleasant to her ears. "Then, can I ask for an apple? But I want it to be cut in rabbit shape..."

Jedrek: "..."

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Lilac woke up when she felt there was someone near her because of the hushed voices, indicating that she was not alone and it was most likely not Jedrek.

At first, the bright sun light which hit her eyes made her let out a small groan, as she tried to regain her consciousness.

"Good afternoon sleeping beauty..." Hope jumped to the spot beside Lilac and this made Raine shriek before she reprimanded her for her recklessness.

"Don't do that, you almost made my heart stop, what if you missed and hurt her!" Raine scolded her, but Hope just laughed lightly.

"Of course that will never happen," Hope said smugly. "I have excellent body coordination." And then she glanced at Lilac beside her, who didn't bother with this small ruckus, as she rubbed her sleepy eyes and yawned. "Moreover, she was lying still like a dead log, there is no way I will hurt her."

Raine just grumbled when she heard that. She knew that Hope wouldn't hurt Lilac, as she jumped a bit far from her spot, but still, seeing the way she jumped just now, made her heartbeat accelerate very fast.

Even though she had twins now, but her behavior didn't change in the slightest. She was still very lively and reckless like she used to be. Well, that was not entirely a bad thing...

"What time is it?" Lilac asked in her hoarse voice as she propped herself up and leaned against the headboard of the bed.

"You have slept through an entire morning and afternoon," Hope generously informed her and helped Lilac in tidying up her long hair, while Raine sat down on her other side.

"We have been here for hours, waiting for you to wake up," Raine said, giving a glass of water for Lilac, so that she could feel refreshed after her long sleep.

"Yes, you are the one, who invited us, but it was Jedrek who we met," Hope complained.

"Where is he?" Lilac looked around her and didn't find her mate. She was still in their bedroom and knew it was a little bit hard for anyone to make Jedrek step out of the room while she was still sleeping.

Little did anyone know that Jedrek was quite overprotective of Lilac and their baby.

"He is in the front yard with our mates and children," Raine answered her and then she too leaned against the headboard after putting the empty glass on the nightstand.

Lilac was surprised that they left the three of them alone, even letting them look over the kids. "Do you think it is safe to leave them be?"

Raine and Hope laughed at Lilac's question.

It was true that leaving the three Donovans alone was quite worrying, as the last time they reunited, they didn't stop bickering.

"Actually, the children will keep them behaved," Raine said gleefully, while Hope started laughing.

"The children will indeed keep them occupied, keep them busy just to start an argumentation, so it was very safe to leave them alone," Hope chimed in.

Lilac laughed, she could imagine how those powerful lycan would look while babysitting the children without their mothers, because as far as Lilac knew, this never happened before.

"Okay, let's go, I want to see them," Lilac said and moved forward to get off the bed, but then she let out a muffled growl when she felt something wrong with her stomach.

"What happened?" Raine was the first one to notice this. She immediately held Lilac, who held her stomach.

"My stomach hurts," she whined.

"Oh, no! What is happening?" Hope was flabbergasted.

"Call Jedrek to come!" Raine instructed.

**Chapter 1100: Side story: i love you both**

"It's okay..." Raine said, as she tried to help Lilac to lean on the headboard of the bed, while Hope had dashed out of the room to call the Donovan brothers.

It didn't take very long before Raine and Lilac could hear some noises in the corridor, indicating that those lycans would be here in the matter of a few seconds.

And Kace arrived first, maybe because Hope found her mate first on her way to find Jedrek.

Kace appeared at the doorway, yet didn't continue to enter the room. He was too petrified to move. The memories when Hope was about to give birth to their children flooded his mind again and he remembered how panicked he had been at that time.

"It's early," Lilac said, gritting her teeth to suppress her panic. Fear gripped her heart when the contractions came.

The healer said she would give birth two weeks from now, but the seal had already broken and Lilac couldn't help but think of the worst case scenario. She was afraid something would happen to her baby.

This was her first pregnancy, so maybe she did something wrong. Even though the healer had said that she and the baby were healthy, but Lilac started to wonder if she messed up somehow...

"It's okay Lilac, this is normal. Aurora came early for me too." Raine tried to assure her saying everything would be all right.

Meanwhile, it didn't take another second before Jedrek appeared. He shoved Kace aside rudely, and his younger brother stumbled on his feet, yet he didn't protest at all.

Only then Torak appeared with the kids. It was very surprising to see Torak getting along well with those kids and the little ones also listened to him.

Jedrek immediately bolted to Lilac's bedside, where Raine took a step back, for the king to replace her spot.

Jedrek kneeled and stretched out his right hand before placing it on Lilac's thigh, and felt its getting soaked instantly.

"You will take her to the hospital, right? I will prepare a car," Kace said as he stepped in the direction of the door, but Jedrek stopped him.

"No, she will give birth here, I have prepared everything. Call Clarice, the healer, she knows what she have to do." Jedrek didn't break eye contact with Lilac when he instructed them.

"Oh, got it." Kace ran toward the other side of this house while grumbling about how big this place was.

On the other hand, Torak didn't enter the room and stayed outside with the kids. He didn't let them see the chaotic situation inside.

"Uncle, what happen in there?" Selene stared at Torak with her big blue eyes, shifting her attention from Torak to the door of the room that was still opened, but she couldn't see anything from where she was standing now.

"The baby is coming," Torak explained it plainly, while making Aurora sit on his thigh.



Meanwhile, the boys, Sean and Jasper were trying to sneak inside the room, but Hope caught them both and held their hands to keep them away from there.

Only then did Raine come out of the room and closed the door behind her. She sat beside Torak on the soft plush sofa and caressed Aurora's hair.

"How is it?" Torak asked. He still looked aloof, but one could hear the concern in his voice when he asked this. No matter what, Jedrek was his brother.

Raine thought about this for a moment and then smiled, the kind of mischievous smile that she always gave him when she wanted to tease him.

"He looked a lot more calm than you when I gave birth to Jasper," Raine said, laughing and then kissing Torak's cheek when he growled in a low voice.

One minute after that, Kace came with the healer and another four people, who would help during the delivery. They brought some things with them and all the stuff that were needed later.

"He is very traditional, why don't he just take Lilac to the hospital?" Kace grumbled as he sat down beside Hope, who was trying to make the boys stay still, yet they were too curious to see what was happening behind the door. "Stay still boys," Kace said sternly.

"You know him," Torak commented, but Kace sneered in response.

"No, I don't know him."

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"You are doing so well," Jedrek whispered into Lilac's ears when the healer and the other people, who entered the room were preparing for the delivery.

They had prepared all of this as early as a month back, but who would have thought that Lilac would have it early, yet Jedrek was glad that he had thought about it ahead of time, as he wanted to have the baby here.

Lilac didn't have a problem at all with this, since she knew that Jedrek would do his best to provide everything that was necessary for this moment. Everything that was best for their child and her.

Lilac buried her face against Jedrek's neck when the people tried to get everything in order.

Jedrek caressed her warm stomach, as he moved slightly to hold lilac's gaze. Those black eyes were filled with determination and he felt himself swell with pride for his woman.

The healer knew that she wouldn't be able to make her king step aside, thus she let him be and accompany Lilac during the labour.

And Jedrek remained there for two hours straight. He stayed there from her first push to the very last, until fatigue washed over her expression and her bulging belly lost a significant amount of its roundness, when the baby slid out of her in a burst of squirming bloody mess.

In the next second, the baby screamed once he was being held by the healer, demanding the world to welcome him.

The moment Jedrek heard him scream, he couldn't find a single word to describe how he felt right now and this was the first time he moved away from Lilac to ensure that their baby was all right, then let them clean him.

"The baby is here," Jedrek informed Lilac, his gaze held hers with proudness and love, as he kissed her temple.

Of course, Lilac knew it and that statement brought a big smile to her lips.

After this, everything happened very fast, and now their baby was lying across Lilac's breasts, shrilling, agitated, wrinkled, but extremely beautiful.

Jedrek wanted to carry him, but didn't want to separate him from Lilac yet. He had been waiting for this moment and practiced on how to carry a baby ever since he knew Lilac was going to have their first born soon.

Of course, no one knew about this except for the healer and his Beta, about which they wouldn't breath a single word out at all.

Therefore, the only solace that he could have was to let his fingers remain softly attached to one of the baby's astonishingly small feet, while Lilac simply stared at him.

Lilac stared at her baby with love and adoration. He was very small but precious and pure...

And Jedrek found himself falling deeply in love every time a squeal gushed out of his pouty lips, babbling. He leaned over and his tears fell on Lilac's cheek when he kissed her. "I love you both..." he whispered solemnly.