

TLOA Lycan 1171

Chapter 1171: Aurora (50)

Of all the people Draghar thought would betray him, he had no idea it would be Collin, because he had known this man long enough and he thought they were quite close.

So when Draghar managed to become the alpha to their pack, he assigned Collin as his beta, but who would have thought that there would be a day when the two of them would stand on different sides and look at each other with the intent to kill one another?

This was hard to believe and Draghar felt that this betrayal had completely broken all the trust he had.

"Where is my mate!?" Draghar roared angrily, his bloodshot eyes staring at Collin with murderous intent, it seemed that he no longer even cared about the fact that Collin was holding a weapon filled with silver bullets, which could kill him at any moment.

"She is not with me," Collin said lightly while shrugging his shoulders nonchalantly while looking at Draghar with a smile on his lips. This was really messed up. "Oh, but I must say that she looks beautiful with her new short hairdo."

Hearing that, Draghar lost his control and lunged forward, he jumped so high and landed in his black beast form, roaring furiously.

On the other hand, Collin looked surprised when he saw the black beast before him, not because he had never seen Draghar in his beast form, but because he had never seen the alpha this furious except when he faced his own father and removed his brother from the position of alpha.

Thus, blindly, Collin fired a shot at Draghar, with one bullet managed to hit the black beast's upper arm, making the lycan roared even more furiously, while behind him, another black beast, slightly smaller in size, charged forward.

Rose no longer thought about the consequences she would have to face when she charged at Collin right now, facing the barrage of silver bullets aimed at her.

However, just as she was about to reach the man and managed to dodge all of the bullets, suddenly Draghar, in his beast form, rammed her side of her body and made her fall, flying a few meters and hit the wall.

At first Rose wanted to be angry with her brother because she almost managed to get Collin, burying her sharp claws and fangs in the beta's human body. It would have been easier to kill him, however, when Rose saw what had really happened, her eyes widened in disbelief.

Unexpectedly, Collin turned out to have a silver dagger that he drew into the side of Draghar's neck. If it wasn't for her older brother who threw her to the side, it was certain that she would be in such a terrible position.

And now, the red blood dripping from Draghar's neck was visible to see, soaking his black fur, as the beast roared furiously and tried to escape by kicking Collin across the room.

Draghar roared loudly as blood gushed from his open wound. If left like this, he would bleed out and his life would be in danger, as his ability to heal was hindered from the silver's side effects.

Seeing this, Rose wasted no time and immediately lunged at Collin when he was losing his balance after Draghar kicked him across the room.

Quickly, Rose reached the traitor and bit him hard on the neck, not letting the man get a chance to shift into his wolf form or pull out any other dangerous silver object.

It all happened so fast. Rose tore at Collin's neck and he didn't even have time to curse like he always did, and in the next second his filthy life had gone.

After immobilizing Collin, Rose immediately ran towards Draghar, who had returned to his human form with blood still dripping from his neck.

"Are you okay?" Rose asked worriedly, but seeing Draghar was still able to stand up, that was a good sign, looked like Collin didn't have time to stab Draghar too deep before his brother kicked him away.

"Yeah," Draghar growled, clutching his neck, but he didn't stop to let Rose check on his wound, because he still had to find Aurora.

Draghar could still smell Aurora's scent, he was very close to her. She was still in this house.

With that understanding, Draghar quickened his footsteps, not caring about the pain he felt in his neck or the blood still flowing from his wound.

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Gerald pulled Aurora's hair because the girl resisted when he was about to take her away from this pack house.

He had seen how Torak Donovan wiped out almost all the remaining guard lycans in this pack with just a strange flaming bird that breathing fire.

Was that the so-called firebird? Gerald had heard of it several times, but wasn't sure if it was the same bird referred to in the story.

"Hurry up!" Gerald lost his temper with this girl in front of him. Even though her hands were shackled with silver chains, she still tried to fight back.

On the other hand, Aurora could feel that the poison given to her was slowly fading and she could now feel Draghar's presence getting closer, although she still couldn't use mind-links to talk to her mate.

Aurora just needed to last a little while. Thus, with all her might, she tried not to move from her spot and held on as Gerald beat her body.

He will pay this back dearly in a moment soon...

And when Gerald raised his leg to kick Aurora, the girl caught him and with her sharp claws, she hurt Gerald's leg.

However, because the effect of the wolfbane was still in her body and had not completely disappeared, this made Aurora unable to shift completely and was only able to do that.

"Damn woman!" Gerald roared furiously as he fell to the floor with his injured and bleeding leg. He had to wait a while for the wound to heal, but that didn't mean the pain would go away soon.

As for Aurora, she tried to go the other way from Gerald's destination, but the man held her leg. He gripped Aurora's ankle so tightly that even when the girl kicked his face really hard, he didn't feel anything and still didn't let go of his grip.

"I will kill you! I will kill you!" shouted Gerald like a madman.

Right now, the two of them were in the corridor of the pack house and no one was there except them.

Aurora found it difficult to fight Gerald because her hands were still tied and also her strength has not fully recovered yet.

Therefore, when Gerald managed to pull Aurora to him, with anger that had blinded his eyes and prevented him from thinking clearly, Gerald strangled Aurora with all his might.

Gerald's big and strong body was on top of Aurora's and this made it difficult for the girl to break free from his strong stranglehold because she was in a completely disadvantageous position.

"YOU DIE! YOU DIE!" Gerald snarled, his face red with anger. "YOU FUCKING WOMAN!"

At this point, Aurora felt lightheaded and her vision began to blur, while her attempts to push Gerald's body away proved futile. The man didn't even move at all.

And when Aurora felt that she could no longer breathe and almost lost consciousness, she felt someone ripped Gerald's body away from her very quickly.

And the last thing she heard was a roar full of anger and someone calling her name frantically.

Aurora recognized the voice. No, she missed that voice and didn't expect that she would hear her favorite voice again. She thought she would die in Gerald's hands.

However, Aurora could not return the call because she was too tired and her whole body ached.

And when darkness enveloped her and exhaustion began to overtake her, Aurora gave up and allowed herself to sink into the darkness.

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The first thing Gerald felt as he woke up was an unbearable pain. And before he even opened his eyes, the pain made him grunted helplessly.

Gerald tried to move his body, but the slightest movement was enough to make him feel multiple pains.

He had never felt pain like this before. Will he die?

And in the end, with great difficulty, Gerald slowly opened his eyes and found himself in the bathtub, with metallic colored water pooling his body, leaving only his head on the surface.

His eyes roamed the bathroom until he found Draghar standing beside him with a triumphant look, while a bandage was wrapped around his neck, recklessly.

"What do you want!?" Gerald shouted, but then he groaned in pain. Her grievous scream echoed throughout the bathroom wall. "FUCK!"

Draghar didn't move from his position, he seemed to enjoy every scream and cursing that Gerald threw at him, as if it was the music he liked the most.

"How do you feel?" asked Draghar at last when Gerald had stopped screaming and could no longer endure the pain he was in.

Gerald didn't understand why he felt such excruciating pain when Draghar didn't even touch him at all. "What... did you do to me?" he breathed raggedly.

Draghar smirked. "Something you did to my mate," he replied. "I told you that you will get a hundred times more terrible retribution if you hurt my woman..."

Gerald then saw the water that was pooling his body and then he realized what water it was...

"You couldn't have done this to me..." Gerald muttered as fear gripped his heart.

Chapter 1172: Aurora (end)

"You couldn't have done this to me..." Gerald mumbled as fear gripped his heart.

Draghar looked at Gerald with a mocking smile. "Why not possible?" he then bent down and picked up something from the floor, but what he took only made Gerald even more hysterical.

Gerald screamed on the top of his lungs like a frightened innocent little girl, it hurt Draghar's eardrums, as his scream echoed in this small room.

Anyone who heard the scream would be able to imagine how frightened the shifter was. They would begin to think what kind of horror had made him shriek like that.

Meanwhile, Draghar laughed heartily, enjoying every shriek his brother made.

What Draghar picked up from the floor and made Gerald scream in terror, wasn't an object, but the corpse of Chio, the alpha of this blue river pack, which Draghar had tortured earlier, while waiting for Gerald's consciousness to return.

Chio's body was already visibly crushed while blood was still oozing out from his peeling and almost rotting skin. From the expression on his face, Gerald could at least imagine, what kind of death he had faced before.

"No, no... don't do this to me Draghar... please..." Gerald begged. The arrogance that he displayed a moment ago when he had Aurora as his prisoner, could no longer be seen. This man even cried, begging for forgiveness from the brother he hated. "I won't do it again... I promise I won't do it again..."

Gerald clenched his jaw tightly as his slight movement made his skin burn. The pain was so excruciating that he wondered, what water was this...

"Won't do it again?" Draghar asked sarcastically. He then threw Chio's rotting body across the bathroom and picked up a large bottle of metallic liquid. "Do you really have a chance to be able to do something again? The only thing you can do now is make me happy with your suffering."

Then, without warning, Draghar poured the liquid into the water in the bathtub.

It was then that Gerald's screams and roars were heard again and this lasted longer than before, showing how painful it was.

"This is silver, silver liquid," Draghar said casually when Gerald's screams had subsided a little. Perhaps this man was too tired and there was no more energy left in him.

"Don't... don't..." said Gerald in a weak voice. His head felt like it would explode and his brain would melt.

"Don't?" Draghar snorted. "You hurt my woman, you should have seen this coming."

Then, Draghar took out a dagger, the same dagger Collin had used to stab him before.

Draghar then carved a word on Gerald's forehead and cheeks with the sharp edge of the dagger. Bastard.

And that forced Gerald to scream again so loudly that he felt his vocal cords was damaged.

"Too bad... you're too stupid to realize this..." Draghar clicked his tongue and then pushed Gerald's head with the tip of the dagger, into the silver- filled water.

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"You took a long time," Torak said as he watched Draghar come out of the bathroom where he was torturing Gerald.

Torak was there from the moment Chio's first scream to Gerald's pleading voice for Draghar's mercy for not killing him. Torak heard them all and he enjoyed them.

"I've been done since ten minutes ago, but then I remembered that you asked for this," Draghar then lifted a clear plastic in his right hand and placed the plastic in front of Torak, on the floor. "Be careful, there's still some silver in there."

After saying that, Draghar walked away from Torak. Now that his revenge had been avenged, there was nothing else Draghar wanted to do but be by Aurora's side immediately. He wanted to see his woman right this instant.

Meanwhile, inside the plastic, it turned out to be Gerald's head. Draghar remembered that Torak wanted to see what was inside the head of the man who had hurt Aurora. That's what Torak said when they broke into the pack house area, a few hours ago.

Thus, Draghar fulfilled his promise by bringing Gerald's head to him.

On the other hand, when Torak saw what was inside the clear plastic bag, his brow furrowed and he muttered in annoyance while throwing a sharp glare at Draghar's back, who was walking away.

"Annoying brat."

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"She will be fine," Raine said softly as she approached Draghar who had been sitting motionless for hours beside Aurora's bed, holding her hand tightly.

Draghar said nothing. He had remained silent like that ever since he returned from the Blue River pack and finished what he should have been done a long time ago.

Torak had seen Aurora several times and seemed very worried about his daughter's health, because she had slow healing ability, but then the alpha became very understanding and left Draghar with Aurora for time to time, just the two of them.

Torak asked Raine to let the man alone, but it had been too long and she knew better how to deal with situations like this, because she too had faced the same situation many times, and she understood that this was not at all pleasant.

"Come here..." Raine reached out her hand and gently hugged Draghar's head. "Don't blame yourself like this, Aurora won't like it..." she said softly while caressing Draghar's back.

He didn't know what got into him, but he felt like something had stung his eyes and when he blinked, tears fell down Raine's shoulders.

Of course that took him by surprise. Draghar couldn't even remember the last time he cried.

He did not even cry when he saw Aurora hurt, of course his heart ached, but he knew, his tears would not bring miracles and make Aurora come back to him.

Therefore, instead of showing his weak side, he tried to be tough. Suppressed all his feelings.

Especially after the incident with Aurora. Draghar kept blaming himself behind that high wall he had built. He has failed in saving his mate and protecting her...

However, when Raine hugged him warmly and rubbed his back while saying that it wasn't his fault, it broke something inside Draghar. The high and strong wall he built to alienate himself was cracked...

Draghar felt a mother's love that he never got.

He never remembered that his mother had hugged him like this when he was sad or in pain.

Therefore, when he felt the warmth of this embrace, Draghar couldn't hold back his tears.

"I know this is hard and you did your best to save Aurora, and Torak and I are grateful for that," Raine whispered softly into Draghar's ear, she couldn't help but cry when she said that.

Those words that Raine said sincerely, only made Draghar realized that he needed words like this...

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"I am annoyed. I am annoyed," Aurora grumbled when Raine cut her hair short because when Collin did her hair, he made a very messy cut and this made Raine, inevitably, have to trim it again quite a bit to make it looked neat.

"Your hair will grow back, honey," Raine said softly, then bent down and kissed her daughter's head. "You look beautiful."

Raine knew how much Aurora loved her long, curly hair and for as long as Raine could remember she had never cut it past her waist, but now, even Raine could see the mark made by Draghar, peeking out from under the white sweater she was wearing.

If only Torak and Kayden had seen that, it would have been 'fun.'

"Don't look at me," Aurora grumbled as she saw Draghar approaching her, walking beside her father.

It seemed like this incident brought their relationship a little closer, although it couldn't be said that the two of them got along quite well, because after all, having two alphas at the same time and place wasn't a good idea.

This morning, after Aurora was feeling better, Raine took her out to do her hair.

And now they were both in the backyard with the mountains view in the background.

Raine likes this place.

Meanwhile, from the direction of the pack house, Draghar and Torak walked over to their respective mates.

"Why? You look beautiful," said Draghar as he knelt in front of Aurora, holding her hand and pressing it to his lips.

This made Torak frown, although he didn't say anything, it seemed that the supreme alpha was still not used to the sight of his daughter being touched by another man.

"I know I am beautiful, but I don't like this short hair," Aurora grumbled, she pursed her lips and this made Draghar laugh softly and hug her tightly.

"I am glad that you are able to sulk like this," Draghar whispered into Aurora's ear and ruffled her short hair, making it even more messy.

"Stop doing that," Torak rebuked, a frown on his face. "Aurora, come here."

Torak opened his arms and his daughter ran into her father's arms, who then combed her hair very gently and kissed her forehead.

"I don't agree with your mate in many ways, but I agree when he says that you are very beautiful, dear," Torak said quietly and looked pleased when his daughter laughed.

Meanwhile Draghar could only grumble with incoherent words.

But, then, Torak's gaze fell on the mark that was on Aurora's neck. It was a mark that Draghar had made, which meant their relationship had progressed beyond Torak's imagination.

"This mark..." Torak then cast a sharp glare at Draghar. "You..."

And as Raine had expected, this would be fun...

Chapter 1173: Kayden

"Shouldn't you apologize and return to your pack now?" Sean asked Kayden as he downed his second glass of scotch.

He didn't even understand why he could be here and accompany his cousin who was running away from home.

"No," Kayden replied curtly and this was the same answer he gave to every question and suggestion Sean offered to him.

One week ago, Kayden got into a huge argument with his father, Torak, which even his mother couldn't mediate them like usual.

And at the end of the fight, Kayden chose to leave the house. He needed a life beyond the shadow of his great father.

For others maybe having a father like Torak Donovan was an honor.

Well, Kayden felt the same way until he realized the heavy burden of responsibility he had to carry when he had to be under his father's name.

Every eye that looked at him would judge him and compare him to his father. Not only that, Kayden began to feel that everyone expected him to be greater than his father or at least as great as his father of doing his part as an alpha.

With all these unreasonable expectations, it made Kayden feel very insecure to take the position from his father.

It was not that Kayden looked down on himself, he was not bad, it's just that when it came to going beyond what his father has accomplished, he felt like he was nothing...

Kayden really looked after his father. Torak was a figure who has always been an example to him, therefore, he always wanted to be like his father, but the hopes and expectations of the people around him made Kayden feel suffocated and this got worse by the day.

Especially when the side of him, which felt that he wouldn't be able to be like his father started to resurface, Kayden would subconsciously hate Torak and by feeling like that, he would hate himself.

"Hey, at least tell me why did you run away from your pack?" Sean asked, he looked at his cousin who looked very flustered.

He was quite happy because they were shifters where they could talk in low voices and still managed to hear each other in this night club, where the music was blaring.

Kayden didn't answer the question and took another sip of his drink.

Seeing his cousin's attitude, Sean was really frustrated. "I can't understand why your father hasn't found you until now." If Torak had wanted to find Kayden of course he would have been able to find out where his son was in a matter of hours, but up to this week, not a single shifter had chased Kayden.

"Maybe my words hurt him and he doesn't want to see me again," Kayden replied without a second thought.

"Nonsense." Sean couldn't believe that his uncle, Torak Donovan, would just let his beloved son go. "I guess your dad just wanted you to be more responsible for your life, so you took the alpha position from him."

At this point, by looking at the problems Kayden was facing, Sean felt lucky that his father, Kace, was not an alpha, so he didn't have dozens of people who would be his responsibility in the future.

Ugh! Just imagining it made Sean nauseous...

"By freezing all my cards?" Kayden turned to Sean and gave his cousin a sinister look. "He wanted to kill me."

"Not really... I guess Uncle Torak just wants you to have no money and come back home." It made more sense, but Sean also understood that Kayden wasn't serious when he said his father wanted to kill him.

And before the two of them could continue their conversation, two women came over. Both women wore very short clothes and too much makeup with seductive red lips.

Actually, neither of them were bad, it was just that neither Kayden nor Sean really liked this type of woman.

"Hey, wanna buy us a drink?" asked one of them, who then sat down next to Kayden and the other woman sat down next to Sean.

Luckily, the sound of the music blaring loudly prevented the two of them from hearing the disapproving growls of the two men.

Of course Kayden and Sean looked very attractive for any woman who saw them. Their faces and bodies were the perfect combination that all women want from the men they date.

In fact, many women had already paid attention to the two men, but only these two, who was brave and slightly shameless enough, and had the courage to openly approach the two of them.

"You can order any drink, I will pay for it, but leave us," Kayden said in a firm voice. He didn't like women getting too close to him, and neither did Sean.

Only, Sean could cover his dislike better.

"Why? I haven't seen any other woman with you all this time," said the blonde woman sitting next to Sean, she tried to rub her front body against the shifter, but Sean tried to avoid it.

"Ladies, I'm sorry, but we're both available," Sean said, saving them both. "But if you just want something to drink, you can order whatever you like."

"Available?" said one of them in a somber voice and rested her chin on Sean's shoulder, this made the man's body stiffen. He didn't like this gesture. "Aren't you two alone? Don't tell me you are on a date with each other," said the woman in a teasing voice, she didn't mean to be serious in saying that.

"You are right," Kayden replied, standing up right away. He felt that if these women bothered him any further, he would commit an even more violent act than this. "We are on a date and you guys have bothered us."

After saying this, Kayden immediately grabbed Sean's hand and led him away from the place, leaving the two women in silent, in their seats and unable to say anything else.

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"You are ruining my reputation," Sean grumbled when they reached the car park, where both of them drove their own cars. "What does that hand gesture mean?" Sean asked suspiciously when he saw Kayden holding his hand out to him.

"Give me your card," Kayden said. "I don't have any more cash." Due to his father froze his card, Kayden couldn't use his money and there was no way he could live in this city without having any money at all.

"Did I just get robbed?" Sean muttered, staring at his cousin in disbelief. "You sound like a hooligan. At least say the word 'please'."

"Please," Kayden said immediately, in an even tone. If Sean wanted to hear that word so he could give him his card, then Kayden would say it as much as he wanted.

"You know that your father is a billionaire? How can you ask me for money? Why don't you just go to one of your father's companies and take the money from there?" Sean grumbled.

Kayden snorted when he heard that. "You think I don't know your father's fortune?" he said sarcastically. "Give me your card and I'll return it later after mine has been fixed."

Sean rolled his eyes when he heard that. "And when exactly is it? Ten years from now? Twenty, or a hundred?" Anyone would know that a shifter has a very strong will and they tended to be very stubborn about anything.

"Soon," Kayden replied curtly, still holding out his hand. "Don't be stingy at times like this Sean, I'll take it by force if you don't give me the card."

"You really sound like a hooligan now. I'm two years younger than you! Aren't you supposed to protect me?" he grumbled. Kayden was an annoying cousin at this moment.

"I am older than you, therefore, listen to what I have to say," Kayden said with authority.

And in the end, with a heavy heart, Sean gave Kayden his card with a grunt. "My father will kill me if he finds out about this."

"Then don't let him find out," Kayden said casually and patted Sean lightly on the shoulder. "Thank you."

After getting what Kayden wanted, he quickly left, at least with this card he would be able to survive for a few months before getting a job.

Kayden really wanted to laugh at himself. He could get anything and do whatever he wanted by simply returning home and fixing his relationship with his father, but he just made things difficult for himself.

"Looking for a job..." Kayden snorted. Prior to this, he had managed ten of his father's companies, which meant he employed several thousand people, but now he was looking for a job?

Kayden wanted to laugh at the irony he faced...

It was getting very late and Kayden was driving the car aimlessly, trying to find a hotel in the city, where he could stay a few nights and figuring out what his next step should be.

Of course, returning to his pack was always on his to-do list, but the thought of it made him very annoyed with himself.

Like most stubborn alphas, so is Kayden...

It's just that, when Kayden was driving the car, out of the blue someone jumped in front of him and made him stop suddenly.

It was a woman and when the woman lifted her head and looked back at Kayden, the shifter remained motionless in his seat, staring at the girl, as his heart was beating erratically.

Kayden felt his world stop and spin again with the girl as his center of gravity...

Chapter 1174: Kayden (2)

Tiana couldn't stand what Oliver did to her anymore, not only this time he hit her and made her lips bleeding because of the blow, but also this relationship was very toxic.

They had been together for more than eight months, but in the last four months his attitude had changed and two months ago, he had started to hit her.

At first Oliver would only hit her when he drunk and upset, but now, he even hit her when he was somber.

"Stop this!" cried Tiana. She tried to retaliate from Oliver's hand that was trying to touch her. Their problems always start with trivial matters, to something that involves principles. "You hurt me!" Tiana exclaimed, she was sobbing in pain.

She tried to throw the man with anything she could reach and escape from this d*mn house.

At first Tiana came because Oliver said that he was sick and asked her to bring some food, but after Tiana came, this man actually beat someone to a pulp and now was seriously injured.

Of course, instinctively, Tiana tried to stop him, but it turned out to be a boomerang for her, Oliver thought Tiana had feelings for the man that she had never even met before.

"I want us to break up!" Tiana screamed loudly. She looked at Oliver fiercely.

He was not the man that Tiana met eight months ago. She didn't expect that Oliver would act so horribly like this. How could the gentle figure of the man Tiana loved eight months ago turn into someone she completely didn't recognize anymore?

Or maybe this was Oliver's real character? Only, Tiana just saw it now.

"Break up?!" Oliver repeated the sentence, making Tiana shudder in horror, because she had a bad feeling that this wasn't going to end well. "You want us to break up so you can be with this asshole?" he hissed very sarcastically. He then kicked the man who had been helpless with so much force, causing Tiana to scream in terror again. "I will kill you both!"

"I don't even know him!" Tiana exclaimed, out of the corner of her eye, she could see a small knife near her and very slowly Tiana moved to take the knife. "I've never even seen him before!"

Oliver has gone too far. He dared to beat the stranger to death and now he dared to beat her too, those two things alone were enough for Tiana to conclude that Oliver was not only bragging when he said that he was going to kill them.

Tiana couldn't stand this man anymore and she wanted to get rid of him as soon as possible.

"Don't lie to me, you damn woman!" cried Oliver furiously, then with long strides he approached Tiana, but he stopped when he saw the woman pointing a knife in his face.

"Don't come near me, Oliver, don't come any closer! Or I will stab you!" Even though Tiana said it very loudly, it didn't mean that Oliver didn't notice her voice shaking with fear, so did the knife that was being pointed at him. The knife was unsteady in her trembling hand.

Seeing Tiana's wasted effort made Oliver smile very cynically. "You think you can hurt me with that knife?" he asked scornfully. "You wouldn't dare stab me," he said confidently.

Oliver knew Tiana enough to say that this woman couldn't even hurt a bug, so there was no reason for this little girl to be able to stab him.

"Do not come close!" Tiana screamed loudly. She walked backwards, away from Oliver, but at the same time closer to the exit door. She had to get out of here and run away from this madman.

If only she knew Oliver's true nature was like this, then Tiana would absolutely not want to know a man like him.

"What is it, honey?" he asked scornfully. "You want to hurt me? Stab me?" his mocking laughter could be heard, echoed through the living room. Meanwhile, the man he had beaten earlier seemed to have fallen unconscious. "You won't be able to do that."

"Do not come closer! I said don't come any closer!" Tiana then swung the small knife in her hand and almost hurt Oliver.

Stop shaking. Stop shaking. Tiana said to herself over and over again.

"You b*tch!" Oliver growled when he saw Tiana actually swung the small knife in her hand. "You really need to be taught a lesson!"

Seeing Oliver about to lunge at her, Tiana instinctively threw the knife and plunged it into his left shoulder.

The sound of the man's roar full of pain made Tiana unable to think of anything but escape from there. She no longer thought about which way she was going, because the only thing on her mind was to get as far away from him as possible.

The word 'fear' alone could not describe what she was feeling right now, because every particle inside her was no longer able to function properly, as Oliver's roar boomed and his footsteps stomped on the ground.

The man chased after her. He would get to her, and when it did, Tiana didn't want to think about what he would do to her later.

It was probably true what he said earlier that he was going to kill her. In this situation, it was very possible to happen.

Therefore, the only thing on Tiana's mind was to run, run as fast as she could, while Oliver chased after her.

Tiana ran through Oliver's large yard and over the fence, then ran along a quiet street, where not a single person could be seen.

Tiana had to run in the direction where a lot of people were gathering, because only then, Oliver would stop chasing her.

And when Tiana reached the T-junction, she saw a main road on her left. Since it was very late at night and there was not many people passed through this area, thus the road was deserted.

But at least, if Tiana found just one car and stopped it, then she would be able to survive Oliver's pursuit.

With that thought, Tiana ran with all her might towards the main road.

And when she saw a car headlight from the opposite direction, without thinking, Tiana jumped in front of it, which made the car to stop abruptly.

The screech of the tires was painful to her ears, but Tiana didn't have time for that. She had to leave before Oliver could reach her.

"Please, help me!" Tiana cried desperately, tapping rapidly on the side of the driver's car window.

Tiana couldn't see who was in the car, because the glass was too dark, but for sure, the person didn't give her response, while Oliver was getting closer.

At this point, Tiana was having a mental breakdown, she kept knocking on the car door. "Help me, please..." she sobbed.

On the other hand, Oliver was getting too close for Tiana to be able to escape from him, as there was no way he could outrun the angry man now.

And when Oliver was only a few steps away and Tiana thought she was at a dead end, the car door suddenly opened and a man stood between Oliver and her.

Kayden was dumbfounded, he couldn't believe that he would meet his mate at a time like this, when he was in serious cold war with his father, and somehow, Selene decided this was the right time to add more.

But, it didn't seem like a problem about how he found his mate, but the problems faced by his mate that would become a new problem for him.

Whatever it was, Kayden must have dumbstruck when he saw the woman who would become his entire life, the woman who would be everything to him, who was now crying and scared, asking for help from him.

Wait, what's this?

And as if answering Kayden's question, the shifter could see a man, with blood on his shoulders, running towards his mate with a face that showed he was going to hurt this woman, his woman.

It was only when he realized that the danger that lurked his mate, Kayden rushed out of the car and stood between his mate and the man.

The man was the same height, but had body bigger than him, adorned with muscles. He might look strong and terrifying to a human, but sadly that standard didn't apply to Kayden.

"Stay away from me or I won't hesitate to beat you up!" The man threatened, roaring like a wounded animal.

In an instant, Kayden could tell that this man wasn't a shifter, and neither was his mate. They were both human.

"Get in the car," Kayden said in a calm voice, he even took the time to open the back door of his car for the girl.

"We have to get out of here," the girl said in a trembling voice. She was afraid of this man chasing her, but she still thought about Kayden's safety. Isn't she so cute?

"You don't have to worry about me, come on in," Kayden said again, reassuring her. Actually, Kayden wanted to stare at her mate for a long time and enjoy the moment of their first meeting, but unfortunately there were far more pressing things to do now.

Only, a moment later, the woman's eyes went wide and Kayden could see that her eyes were the color of bright green. She has beautiful eyes...

But then Kayden's body staggered to the side when he received a heavy blow from the big man.

Kayden didn't expect the attack because he was devouring his mate existence at this moment.

However, this man pissed him off...

Chapter 1175: Kayden (3)

Tiana watched with horror evident in her eyes as Oliver pushed the body of the stranger. The image of what had happened to the poor man at Oliver's house flashed through her mind again.

It was not impossible that Oliver would do the same to this man and if anything happened to that stranger, it would be Tiana's fault for stopping his car and getting him into trouble he shouldn't have.

Meanwhile, on the other hand, Kayden looked furious when he was pushed away by the big man. He really did not expect this, as he was not ready for a battle, since he was enjoying his mate's presence and cherishing the first moment of their meeting.

It was just that this asshole ruined the moment.

Not only that, he even tried to grab his mate's hand very roughly with his dirty hands.

Seeing the unpleasant sight in front of him, of course made Kayden mad, instantly the color of his eyes turned darker than before, especially when he saw how his mate was crying and trying to free herself.

It was fortunate that Kayden had strong self-control, thanks to his years of training, otherwise, he would, of course, have turned into his beast form and finished off the man, after all, he was a threat to his mate.

But, if that happens, then Kayden would receive hard consequences for killing humans. As shifter, they were forbidden to do that.

"Get your hands off her," Kayden said in a low growl that sounded dangerous, but the man didn't pay any attention to it.

And when the man was about to raise his hand and was about to slap the girl, that was when Kayden lost control of himself for a moment and pulled his mate from his grip, before he pushed him away with a very strong force.

The big man's body was blown about ten meters away with just one push of Kayden's hand and this left the two humans shocked at what was happening.

"Are you okay?" Kayden asked worriedly at the girl in his arms. At this point, he had to refrain from touching her any further while feeling the pleasant sensation, the spark danced on his skin when he touched her. This was a natural thing to happen, indicating that the mate bond between the two of them was strengthened.

The woman blinked a few times, still looking surprised by what she had just seen, before finally nodded her head.

This man had a slimmer body than Oliver, but that didn't mean he was skinny, Tiana could feel the muscles of his body under the jacket he was wearing, since he was hugging her so tightly and this made her blush, she scolded herself for thinking such things at time like this.

"Who is he?" asked Kayden.

And the man's voice resounded sweetly in Tiana's ears, making her unable to help but stare into his face.

Oh... he looks so perfect...

For some reason Tiana felt her heart fluttered just by hearing the worry in his voice.

"He is... my boyfriend..." said Tiana shyly. Embarrassed to admit that this brutal beast-like man was her boyfriend, she then lowered her face, missing the obvious change on Kayden's expression.

Boyfriend...

That one word echoed inside Kayden's head very loudly and made the beast inside him roar furiously as various questions flashed through his mind.

How long their relationship? What have they done? Doesn't that mean they have done most of the thing a couple has ever done?

And imagining the man's hands on his woman, made the beast inside Kayden tried to surface and ripped the man's body apart with its sharp claws.

"I think it's time for you two to break up," Kayden said coldly, actually there were curses he wanted to throw, but unfortunately, he didn't want to scare this girl more.

"Yes," Tiana replied, still lowering her head. "I don't think I want to be with him anymore," she muttered.

Hearing the girl's answer, made Kayden's anger subside a little. Well, that meant goodbye to this jerk.

"You heard what she said, didn't you?" Kayden threw the question at Oliver, who was still trying to stand up. That punch really immobilized him.

"Fuck!" roared Oliver, ignoring the pain in his ribs, it looked like he had broken ribs. However, he was not going to give this young man that satisfaction and make him smile even wider knowing that he had been wounded.

But, how could he break his ribs in just one blow of his left hand?

"Get in the car," Kayden said in a voice that he assumed much more gentle, despite the various emotions running through his veins now.

Meanwhile, Tiana didn't wait for a second order when Kayden told her to get in the car. She sat in the back seat and watched what happened between Oliver and this stranger.

Apparently, this man was reliable. He was strong and it was evident how Oliver staggered towards him with just one hit from him.

"You have nothing to do with this!" Oliver roared. "You'd better stay away from here!"

Oliver looked very angry because he felt he had been humiliated by this stranger.

While Kayden did not take the threat seriously. Oh, please... he could kill this man in one more hit, but he couldn't have done.

So instead of killing this jerk, Kayden walked up to him and stood right in front of him very casually, as if he wasn't facing a madman who could kill him at any moment.

Sure enough, when Kayden was very close to him, Oliver raised his hand, clenched his fist to hit Kayden's face who was grinning smugly.

However, another unexpected thing happened. Kayden stopped his fist and held it with only one hand, he squeezed his fist so hard that Oliver could hear the bones of his fingers breaking.

How could he be so strong?!

Seeing the horror that flashed across his opponent's eyes, made Kayden smile with satisfaction. He was indeed not allowed to kill this man, but that didn't mean he couldn't hurt him until his heart content, right? This was much better...

"Get out of her life, otherwise I will get rid of you," Kayden said with a hideous smile on the corner of his lips.

After saying that, he walked away from the man and headed for his car. He opened the passenger door, where his mate was staring at him in confusion and fear.

"You can move to the front seat now, I will drive you home," Kayden said in a very soft voice, the exact opposite of what he had done to Oliver.

Now, the man was crying over his crushed hand, growling in pain as he knelt in the middle of the road.

"What... what did you do to him?" Tiana asked confusedly when she saw Oliver howl in pain, as he walked out of the car and sat beside the driver's seat.

"Just talking," Kayden replied casually and then started the car and drove off into the night, leaving Oliver there alone.

But, before Kayden's car was completely out of sight, Oliver remembered the license plate number of the man's car and vowed to avenge this strange man who had taken his woman away.

He would make him feel the worst pain than this and regret causing trouble with him.

That guy didn't know who he was dealing with...

With eyes full of killing intents, Oliver tried to pull out his cell phone and call for help.

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"Where do you live?" Kayden asked, gripping the steering wheel so tightly that his knuckles turned white. Tighter than this, maybe he would crush it and scared the girl, who was sitting next to him.

"You can drop me off at the nearest bus stop, I will go home alone from there," said Tiana in a voice that was still trembling. "Thank you and sorry for causing you so much trouble."

Kayden groaned when he heard how the girl thanked him and apologized to him. That was not what he wanted.

"What is your name?" asked Kayden. He hadn't gotten his mate's name since half an hour ago they met.

"I am Tiana," Tiana replied in a low voice. She glanced back at Kayden and could see that the man seemed tense, but Tiana didn't know what made him like that. "You can drop me off there." Tiana pointed to the stop in front of them, but Kayden didn't slow down at all.

"I said I will take you home," Kayden said in a firm voice. "After what happened, I can't possibly leave you alone."

"I am fine... you don't have to do that," Tiana said quietly, she tilted her head and saw that the bus stop was far behind.

"Listen, Tiana," Kayden said the words more forcefully, causing Tiana to stiffen in her seat. She looked scared and this frustrated Kayden, because this was not what he wanted. "I'll take you home, okay?"

"I can go home alone." Tiana didn't want strangers to know where she lived.

Hearing that, Kayden groaned and drove his car faster. If this girl had been a shifter, she would have known right away that she was his mate and not be as prejudicial as she was now.

"Okay, but accompany me to eat first, I am hungry." Kayden blurted. He? didn't know where he got the idea from. "At least after the fights I've had, you can do this for me, can't you?"

Tiana frowned. She didn't see this guy fighting just now, he just beat Oliver effortlessly...

Chapter 1176: Kayden (4)

"Looks like this place is about to close," Tiana said in a low voice when she saw a building in front of her.

"Don't worry, they will cook something nice for us," said Kayden. He seemed more approachable and warmer than he had been in recent days.

None of the chairs and tables matched each other, not even the daffodils in the beer bottle as decorations in the center of the table.

On one wall the café was decorated with chalkboards scribbled with hundreds of handwritings in every color and on the other one was decorated with photo frames that didn't match each other at all. Dreamcatchers swung over Tiana's head and she almost ran into it if it were not for this man named Kayden who held it for her.

"What are we going to eat here?" Tiana asked in a slightly worried and curious voice. She couldn't tell if this place was a restaurant, nor a cafe for them to grab a cup of coffee and snacks, so she wanted to know what was being sold at this 'unique' place.

"When someone treats you, don't ask anything," Kayden said with a smile.

Although Kayden couldn't say that he had made the atmosphere between the two of them more friendlier, but at least he managed to make this brief relationship less awkward.

Tiana smiled slightly at him, saying, "May I ask what the ingredients of the meal will be?" she responded to Kayden's terrible jokes quite well and this was a plus in the eyes of the shifter.

"Of course not. You must eat it whatever it is, even if it is made from seeds." Kayden pulled out a chair for Tiana and let her wait there for a while, while he went into the kitchen and talked to someone there.

Tiana couldn't believe that just moments ago she was about to become a victim of Oliver's violence, but now she was in a strange place with someone she just met.

Even though Kayden looked good, he was still a stranger, who she had just met.

It was just that Tiana felt very comfortable with this foreign man, as if they have met before, you know like two people who immediately clicked with one another, even though they have just met, maybe that's how Tiana felt about Kayden now.

Kayden's laughter could be heard from the kitchen. See? Tiana even memorized his voice, wasn't that something extraordinary. The thought made her bit her lip in worry.

Not long after, Kayden returned with a slightly stocky man who always seemed to smile.

"So this is your mate? Not bad," Moris said to Kayden in a voice so low that Tiana couldn't hear him.

"Don't talk carelessly, she is human and doesn't understand our world, let alone with the mate bond," Kayden said in a grumbling voice. That was something that should be regretted.

Meanwhile, Moris was a member of the Aspen Valley pack, which was under his father's territory.

"So, how is the problem with your father?" asked Morris. Of course he heard that the Supreme Alpha's first son was doing something brazen by running away from home.

At the question, Kayden growled in annoyance and grumbled something incoherently, before finally strode toward his mate, leaving the question unanswered.

On the other hand, Moris couldn't help but sigh, just like his father, even his son had an incomparable stubbornness. No one knew what would make the two fathers and sons reconcile.

"Good evening, Tiana," Moris greeted Kayden's mate, who looked nervous and surprised at his sudden greeting.

"Oh, good evening..." Tiana's voice trailed off when she didn't know what this man's name was.

"Moris, you can call me Moris, I am..." Moris glanced at Kayden, frowning slightly as he searched for the right words to say. "Friends of Kayden," he said at last.

"Moris," Tiana said so softly and gave him a gentle smile, that it made Kayden want to throw Moris out of this place.

"Okay then, I will prepare something for you two," he said before resigning and smiling at Kayden, understanding the gesture given by the man.

There was nothing scarier than getting into trouble with a shifter who has just found their mate, especially if that shifter has alpha blood in him.

After Moris left Tiana and Kayden, the girl smiled wryly and passed the time in silence. She was seen playing with her hands while tugging at the hem of her shirt.

Well, Kayden wanted to tug at the hem of Tiana's shirt too and play with her hands, but of course that was for a completely different reason.

Looking at Tiana now, it seemed like Kayden would have to push all those thoughts into the back of his head for limitless time, until he was absolutely sure that this girl felt safe with him.

Due to the event that had just happened to her, Kayden was not sure if he could make a rapid progress like he wanted.

"May I know what happened?" Kayden asked, because the silence made his mind wander to things he shouldn't be thinking. "How did you end up with a guy like him?"

Tiana glanced at Kayden, but then she lowered her head and kept her mouth shut again.

"Okay if you don't want to talk, but I don't think you should be around him anymore," Kayden mumbled.

And not long after, Moris returned with their super.

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"Yes, he has found his mate!" said Moris in a booming voice in the kitchen, while Kayden and Tiana had just left the restaurant. "The mate is a human!" he said.

On the other side of the line, Raine's voice breathed a sigh of relief. "Thank God he is okay and found his mate, that's a great thing." Of course Raine was happy for her son.

Moris and Raine then talked for a while before the phone line was cut off. Indeed Kayden ordered him not to tell Torak about his arrival, but that didn't mean he was not allowed to tell Raine, right?

Of course this news would eventually reach Torak, but it was definitely not Moris who told the supreme alpha.

Kayden should have given him clear and detailed orders.

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"I live here," said Tiana in a low voice.

Kayden felt himself as an asshole for insisting on taking Tiana to her house, which meant he would know where she lived.

But wouldn't Kayden be able to protect her a lot better then? Kayden could see in the eyes of the man named Oliver that he wasn't done with her yet.

The man would look for her and Kayden wouldn't let the bastard hang around Tiana.

This situation really frustrated Kayden, he just wanted to tell Tiana not to be afraid of him and that he was more than capable of protecting her.

But, then the most important question was; who is he? In Tiana's eyes, Kayden was just a man she had just met and nothing more.

Even if he had been a little friendly earlier, it was because of her gratitude for Kayden's help, but more than that, Tiana would be alerted by his presence.

He couldn't force himself, but on the other hand he really wanted to end this awkward moment between the two of them. This was very unpleasant.

"You can go now," Tiana said, this time, she didn't hide her discomfort because of Kayden's presence and it hurt the shifter.

"Okay I am going, make sure you close all the doors and windows of your house and lock them," Kayden warned. This world was too terrifying for his mate and he didn't want this girl in front of him to get hurt.

"I see," said Tiana, she stepped back a little when Kayden was about to approach her.

Seeing this movement, Kayden clenched his jaw tightly and balled his fists. He shouldn't have made things more complicated than this and made Tiana even more uncomfortable...

This frustration was going to kill him

"Then I will go." Kayden smiled and turned to go back to his car, otherwise he might have thought of a thousand ways to force himself to be allowed to stay at this girl's house.

And that was included rammed his own car to the tree nearby until it was crushed, so that he has a strong reason to spend the night.

Tiana had just entered her house when she saw Kayden get into the car and start the engine.

Of course, Tiana checked all the doors and windows, making sure they were locked properly. Maybe not today or tomorrow, but Tiana felt that Oliver would find her, so she had to find a way to avoid him.

Leaving the town and disappeared from this place seemed like a good plan to do and it was already in her mind.

But, enough for that now, it had been a really tiring day and as soon as she had finished showering and changed into clean clothes, she fell asleep the moment her head hit the pillow.

But, what Tiana didn't know was; Kayden didn't go far from her house.

The shifter parked his car in a nearby park and ran back to Tiana's house in his white beast form.

He knew this was very risky, because as his mate, Tiana would be able to see him in his beast form, but he couldn't help but be near this girl.

With that, the white lycan spent the whole night standing guard in front of Tiana's terrace, curling his body and making sure that he woke up at the slightest sound from inside the house.

Chapter 1177: Kayden (5)

Kayden felt his pride hurt when he did this. Because, how not? For these two whole days, he had followed Tiana like a creepy stalker.

Seriously?! He is the future supreme alpha from the largest pack, who is respected by all shifters. Just by hearing his last name, they would know what kind of problem they were dealing with. He is a descendant of Torak Donovan, a highly respected noble lycan.

Well, Kayden could write all that stuff down for the next two hours, but what he was doing now, didn't match up to his background and the great things that entail behind his name, because right now, the future supreme alpha, was hiding in the dark, narrow alley only to follow his mate who had just come out of the house after shutting herself in for two whole days.

Yes, after that incident, Tiana really locked herself up and that action made Kayden worried to death. If it weren't for the smell of food wafting in the air, indicating that the girl was cooking for herself, then Kayden would have definitely broke into the house.

"Tsk!" Kayden clicked his tongue in annoyance. Annoyed at the fact that he had to approach Tiana so slowly.

This feeling was almost the same as someone who wanted to run, but was forced to walk slowly. It was really frustrating.

After carefully considering a stupid scenario in his head, Kayden walked into the same supermarket that Tiana entered.

Quickly, Kayden knew where the woman was. Therefore, he easily carried out his plan.

Kayden walked towards the aisle where Tiana was looking for spices while Kayden took some sauces that were on the same shelf.

"Oh, you..." Tiana noticed Kayden first. Of course she had to notice him first, because that was the plan.

"Hi, we meet again," Kayden said quietly, like a mumble. He had to maintain his pretense so as not to make Tiana suspicious.

"You are here?" Tiana asked suspiciously. "Do you live nearby?"

As Kayden had guessed, this girl immediately assumed the worst. He couldn't blame her, because after what happened, it was better to be wary.

"Oh, yes... I live not far from here." Kayden rented a fully furnished house, which was two blocks from Tiana's, because it was the closest house he could find, and cost almost all the money Sean gave him.

Sean would have killed him if he found out about this. Maybe later he would ask Micah for help if Sean refused to lend him some money again...

See? He almost like a beggar.

Ugh!

Actually Kayden just needed to go home and apologize to his father and this would be over, he just didn't want to do that. His ego was still too high and the money he had was still enough to last him a few more weeks...

"I wanted to say that we were actually neighbors, but at that time you looked so scare and wanted to be left alone, so I didn't get to say it." Kayden hoped the sentence he said didn't sound like he had remembered it.

"Oh, I am sorry about that..." Tiana looked unease for having a bad attitude towards Kayden, thinking that this man was stalking her.

Well, something better left unknown...

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"I think it's quite nice to have a little sister," Tiana said, her face looking much more radiant as she and Kayden walked home, while chatting.

Mostly, Kayden would tell about his childhood and also his sister who was very bossy and moody.

"You wouldn't say that if you met Aurora," Kayden said. He was actually just exaggerating, Aurora wasn't that bad. It's just that sometimes she could be annoying, especially when their father was always defending her.

Tiana smiled so sweetly that it made Kayden wanted to throw the groceries and kiss her sweet lips.

This was driving him crazy, the other shifters have definitely marked their mate by now, but Kayden? Not even a hug.

It wasn't that Kayden didn't like their chat, of course he did, it was just that this long progress between them was really frustrating. The impatient trait that he got from his father put him in so much trouble in situation like this.

He wanted to tell Tiana that he was a shifter, but of course Kayden wouldn't do that. This girl would run to the ends of the world when he said that.

"Even though you complain about your sister, I can see that you really love her," Tiana said softly.

Now, they had arrived in front of Tiana's house and Kayden stopped on the terrace. Waiting for what his mate would do, he didn't have a choice, but to walk in her pace.

"Well, you could say that." And after that, there was silence that enveloped the two of them.

"Want to stop by? I'll cook lunch," Tiana asked in a slightly unsure voice. She fidgeted nervously, as she was about to invite a stranger into her house, but Kayden was being very sweet and after a toxic relationship with Oliver, Kayden's attitude made her feel better.

"It's okay... I'll cook at home..." Kayden tried to refuse, because he knew that Tiana felt uncomfortable.

"It's okay, I can cook something for you," Tiana said.

"Okay if you insist."

And with that, Kayden walked into Tiana's house and put her groceries there.

Tiana lives alone after her grandmother's death, as her parents live in different city.

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The lunch was meaningful for Kayden, because after that, Tiana seemed more at ease with him and more accepting of his presence, but of course Kayden could see that Tiana was still very hesitant and refused to make the relationship between them more than friends.

Kayden understood.

On the third day after lunch, Tiana returned to her part-time job at a restaurant.

Oliver didn't even approach Tiana as she expected, so this time she felt safe enough to leave the house. Maybe she really didn't mean much to the psycho guy and that was a good thing.

One night, Kayden came to the restaurant where Tiana worked, to take her home, because she got the night shift.

And it was the right decision in Kayden's life because right at that moment, Oliver decided to show up and spoil the mood.

"This restaurant is almost closing," said Tiana, when she found Kayden waving his hand while standing at the door.

"I came to pick you up, I just came back and passed this restaurant, so we can go home together." Well, that's not true, Kayden had purposely come to walk home with Tiana because he was worried.

Tiana laughed softly. "Wait for me ten minutes here," said Tiana, who immediately walked into the restaurant again, rushing to finish her task with her five other colleagues.

Only, the ten minutes promised had gone by ten minutes ago and the girl still hadn't show up.

Kayden felt suspicious and walked towards the back door of the restaurant which was on the other side of the street where he was waiting and found Oliver, who was raising his hand and backhanded Tiana very hard.

The sound of Tiana screaming in pain was the only thing Kayden heard before he ran to Oliver in a fury that made his body tremble.

Don't kill him. Don't kill him. Don't kill him.

Kayden repeated the sentence, reminding himself that he was not allowed to kill.

But, when Kayden saw the smile on Oliver's lips and the tears rolled down Tiana's cheeks, he lost control.

Kayden ran at full speed and slammed his fist into one of the five men who had come with Oliver here.

The man was hurled to the other side of the wall and fell unconscious there.

"Let her go." Kayden's voice was so deep and harsh it made everyone who heard him tremble, including Oliver, but the man refused to bow to him.

Instead, all he did was pull a gun out of his pocket and point it at Kayden.

Of course seeing that, Tiana screamed in fear. She tried to free herself from the two men holding him, but to no avail.

"Stop it Oliver! You can kill him!" cried Tiana scared.

However, Oliver glanced at Tiana and smiled happily. "That's exactly what I wanted," he said calmly.

"You are crazy!"

And along with Tiana's scream, Oliver shot his bullet right into Oliver's shoulder.

"Don't worry, I'm not going to kill him that quickly," Oliver said, laughing happily when he saw the blood from Kayden's shoulder, but the man just walked up to him very fast and snatched the gun from Oliver's hand, tossing it to the other side.

Kayden looked completely unaffected by the wound on his shoulder and this made Oliver widen his eyes in disbelief.

In the end, three other people who saw that Oliver was easily defeated by Kayden in a barrage of blows, immediately came to his aid, releasing Tiana.

At that moment, Tiana looked terrified as Kayden had to face the four people who ganged up on him.

Tiana wanted to help, but didn't know what she should do, while the five-man fight blocked the only way for Tiana to go and ask for help.

Just then, Tiana saw one of them pull out another gun and was about to shoot Kayden.

It was unknown what possessed Tiana, but she immediately grabbed Oliver's gun that Kayden had thrown earlier and aimed it at the man.

Tiana knew how to hold a gun, Oliver once taught her.

And a gunshot filled the night in that dark alley.

Chapter 1178: Kayden (6)

Tiana didn't think clearly when she decided to take Oliver's gun that was thrown by Kayden. Because the only thing in her mind was how to save Kayden from the dangerous situation and so that the man wouldn't become a target of Oliver's men.

Who would have thought that the training Oliver gave her in order to scare her because Tiana didn't like the sound of guns, would end up like this.

And the bad news was; Tiana shot right at the man's head, creating a hole that bled profusely before the man finally fell to the ground.

Immediately, Tiana's body felt stiff and cold. The gun in her hand seemed not to want to leave her grip, as if to show that she had killed someone, that she had pulled the trigger and fired the deathly bullet at a man who was now lying on the ground, pooled in his own blood.

"Oh, shit!" someone cursed loudly, but Tiana didn't know who was cursing at this time. She didn't even care who the person cursed at, because now, Tiana's eyes were only glued to the man in front of her.

Everything passed very slowly, or very quickly, she lost sense of time... Tiana seemed to have lost track of time and was no longer aware of her surroundings.

The shock she was in was so intense that Kayden had to shout at her face, calling her name several times to get her attention.

"Everything will be fine, everything will be fine." Kayden kept saying that while pulling Tiana's body into his arms. He could feel her body shaking with fear.

Slowly, Kayden took the gun that was still in Tiana's grip, he didn't want to startle this girl more than this.

"Don't look," Kayden whispered into Tiana's ear, hugging her head and pressing her face to his chest. "You will be fine."

Tiana could feel Kayden's warm embrace on her cold body, but she couldn't feel her arms and legs suddenly becoming weak and causing her to fall to the ground.

Luckily, Kayden was hugging her, so Tiana wouldn't hurt herself even more than this.

"I killed someone, I killed someone..." Tiana whispered softly. She felt that it was not her voice and that what had happened was not her fault, although deep down she knew that she had killed the man.

Tiana was in a state of denial, where she couldn't think clearly.

"No, you defended yourself, you didn't kill him." Kayden rubbed Tiana's back frantically. He didn't know how or what words to say to make his mate feel better. "You didn't kill him Tiana, you defended yourself, because if you didn't kill him, he would kill me."

Although the last statement was not true. Because of a bullet or two, it wouldn't be possible to take Kayden's life so easily.

"You saved me Tiana, you saved me," Kayden whispered the words over and over again, until Tiana's body trembled and finally she was able to express what she was feeling and vent out the stress she was trying to endure, she was crying.

Tiana cried so hard and gripped the front of Kayden's jacket very tightly.

Meanwhile, Oliver and three other friends have left the crime scene, leaving two of his friends lying on the dirty and cold ground.

One of them died and the other was still unconscious.

It took a while for Tiana to feel much better, but her tears didn't stop, as she kept repeating words like; I have killed him, I am a murderer.

And it took even longer for Tiana to let go of Kayden's arms.

"I want you to close your eyes, okay?" said Kayden and he waited until Tiana nodded and closed her eyes.

And after that, Kayden let go of Tiana's body and moved away, but the girl gripped his arm so tightly that her nails embedded on his skin and left scratches there.

Kayden understood that Tiana didn't mean to do that, therefore, he gave Tiana a kiss on the forehead to calm her down.

"Don't leave me," Tiana whimpered in fear. She didn't want to be left alone. Was Kayden going to leave her here?

"No honey, I won't leave you," Kayden said softly, then he gave Tiana one more hug, kissing her forehead to make herself feel much better. "I want you to stay here for a while and I will take care of things."

Kayden was in alert, just in case someone came through this back alley, but it didn't look like anyone would be passing through, so they both would be safe for a while.

"I want you to close your eyes and stay here until I return. I'll be back as soon as possible," said Kayden, reassuring Tiana. "Count to a hundred and I'll be back before you finish."

Okay, that sounded like a childish solution, but Kayden couldn't think of any other way to persuade Tiana to let him go.

And it turned out to be successful. Tiana released her grip on Kayden and started counting while closing her eyes. "One, two..."

"That's great honey," Kayden said, then landed a kiss on Tiana's forehead, he walked away towards the man that his mate had shot. He brought the gun that Tiana used to shoot him, as well.

Kayden then knelt beside the man and confirmed that he was dead so there was nothing else he could do.

Kayden put his finger on the man's neck and was sure he was dead, only then did he walk over to the unconscious man and kneel before him.

Kayden rubbed the gun in his hand to remove fingerprints of himself and Tiana, then placed the gun in the man's hand. It did look really bad to blame someone else for an act like this.

Only, Kayden wasn't in a state where he wanted to check his morals. After all, it was them who came to find trouble with Tiana.

Kayden still couldn't imagine if he didn't take the initiative to walk her home tonight, if he didn't come, what would they do to his mate? He didn't even want to start imagining that...

And after erasing all evidence that could point to Tiana or himself, Kayden then returned to his mate.

"Seventy- six...seventy- seven..." Tiana continued to count as to what Kayden wanted, she only stopped when someone carried her, at first she tried to struggle, thinking that it was one of Oliver's men, but then Kayden's calming voice could be heard.

"Hey, it's me..." he said. "You can open your eyes now, I will take you away from here."

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Kayden didn't bring Tiana back to her house, of course he wouldn't leave his mate, as an easy target there, knowing that Oliver might already be in the house and ambush them.

Therefore, Kayden took Tiana to his house and put her on his bed.

The girl still looked so shocked and didn't say anything, she didn't even ask why Kayden had brought her to this strange place.

The furniture in this room cannot be said to be sufficient, even at one glance one would be able to realize that this room has never been occupied before. It was too dull.

However, Tiana wasn't in a state where she would pay any attention to all of these things, because for now all she had in mind was the blood flowing from the wound of the man she had shot.

Luckily now, Tiana had more control over herself and now she was hugging herself on the big bed while Kayden went to the kitchen.

Kayden returned not long after with a compress and also a small towel and a basin filled with water.

"Your face will swell for a few days, but otherwise, you'll be fine," Kayden said in a grumpy voice.

Now that they were no longer in that dark alley, Kayden could see how swollen Tiana's cheeks were and this didn't please him at all. He wanted to kill Oliver for doing this to his mate.

Then gently, Kayden pressed the wet towel to Tiana's cheek, where the bastard's handprint was.

Tiana winced in pain and this made Kayden panic a little. "Oh, sorry, sorry... I will be gentler."

Kayden frowned trying not to hurt Tiana further, but the girl grabbed Kayden's hand and took the towel instead.

"I can do it myself," she said softly, smiling at Kayden. "Thank you for everything you have done for me."

Kayden smiled back, quite pleased that he heard his mate thanked him, but then Tiana's next words made the smile fade.

"But I think you should stay away from me now, if you don't want to get involved any further than this." if it was not for her, Kayden shouldn't be getting into trouble.

"Of course not. I want to get myself involved in this matter," Kayden said without thinking, but he didn't need to think about making that decision, because the answer would always be the same.

Tiana who heard this narrowed her eyes. "Why would you do this for me?"

Kayden frowned, trying to find a good reason, but couldn't find any. "Because I like you. Could that be a reason?"

Tiana was quite surprised when she heard that and then she laughed softly. "Don't tell me this is love at first sight for you?"

Kayden smirked. "You can put it like that."

But, then Tiana's laughter faded as her eyes stared at the wound on Kayden's shoulder. "Your wound..." and that's when she realized it.

Kayden's wound has healed. Tiana couldn't be wrong, the wound was no longer bleeding. But, that's impossible, right?

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Tiana reached out her hand to check Kayden's shoulder gunshot wound, as she was sure it had penetrated his shoulder. The blood she saw when Oliver shot him was very real.

No, even now Tiana could still see the blood that stained the front and back of Kayden's shirt.

But...

Tiana recalled after the shot occurred. Kayden didn't even seem bothered by the fact that he just got shot and beat Oliver mercilessly.

Even when he was being ganged up on by three of Oliver's other men, he didn't seem overwhelmed.

In a state of being shot and also beaten, it seemed unlikely that Kayden could win the fight. But, in fact that's what happened and Kayden even won it.

Does that make sense?

"Let me see," Tiana said in a low voice and without taking her eyes off the wound that should have been on Kayden's shoulder.

Only, Kayden caught the girl's hand before she could even touch it. The man shook his hand slowly at him.

Kayden did intend to tell Tiana about herself, but not at a time like this. He didn't think this was the right time for that, considering Tiana herself had just experienced a shocking incident. The trauma could still be seen clearly in his eyes.

So, to receive this big news... Kayden didn't know how Tiana would react and he also didn't think he could handle this girl, should she panic and fear him.

"I am fine," said Kayden.

However, Tiana shook her head violently. She didn't believe his words. "I saw you got shot, how can you be okay?" somehow Tiana said that in a low voice like a whisper.

Her hands trembled in Kayden's grip as she tried to calm herself, but it didn't work out well enough.

"I am fine, the bullet didn't really hit me, it just scratched my arm," said Kayden, trying to reassure Tiana, ??even though he wasn't really sure Tiana would believe such a lie.

"Don't lie to me Kayden..." Tiana said, she shook her head and looked at the man in front of her with an expression that implied that she could prove it and that's what she did.

Tiana pointed at Kayden's blood stained shoulder and tilted her head to look at his back.

"The bullet went through your shoulder, but you don't look like you are in any pain." Tiana looked deeply at Kayden, trying to find the lie in the man's eyes, but this time Kayden looked away and was more interested in looking at the tree outside the house through the window.

"I have a very high pain tolerance," Kayden said. Of course he felt pain when the bullet went through his flesh, but at that moment, he didn't have time to feel it when his mate was in danger.

And besides, the pain didn't last long. Even though he couldn't recover quickly, but of course his ability to heal was above the average of a normal person, so things like this weren't too much of a problem for him.

"Take off your clothes," Tiana said firmly.

Hearing that, Kayden raised his eyebrows. "I can misunderstand your words when you say such things."

Tiana rolled her eyes and almost groaned in annoyance. This wasn't the time to be joking, but for some reason she found it quite funny and made her a little less tense.

So instead of laughing like she wanted to, Tiana gave a small smile. "Come on, tell me, what's your secret?"

Seeing Tiana smile, this made Kayden smile too and he said quietly, in a tone as if he was keeping a big secret. "There aren't any secrets."

"I couldn't believe it even more when you said it isn't a secret. People tend to say the opposite," said Tiana. She kept looking at Kayden's shoulder and then his beautiful blue eyes.

"You should try to believe me now," Kayden replied, he reached out his hand to touch Tiana's forehead and they both smiled.

Something inexplicable happened between the two of them and it wasn't a bad thing. This was precisely the one thing that made Tiana feel comfortable around this man.

"Are you superman?" Tiana asked, she tried to touch Kayden's shoulder, but the man held her hand again.

"I don't mind when you give me kryptonite," Kayden replied. He liked Tiana who seemed much more comfortable around him and also seemed calmer after the incident.

"Then, not superman, huh?"

"Mm-mm." Kayden shook his head.

"Are you spiderman?" asked Tiana with another question.

"I had never been bitten by a spider." Kayden followed Tiana's game, and if this continued, maybe Kayden would end up telling her about his true identity.

"Not bitten by a spider..." Tiana nodded. "Then batman?"

Kayden burst out laughing. "I am as rich as Bruce, but I still have both parents and a younger sister named Aurora, remember?"

"Oh right," Tiana said quietly, she forgot about Aurora for a moment, Kayden had told her about his annoying little sister. "Any other clues?"

"Guess," Kayden said secretively. Mirth danced in the man's eyes. Perhaps, tonight's bad incident, wasn't as bad as he thought, especially when they ended up getting closer.

Maybe it's true what people say about the statement that a stressful experience would allow you to get to know each other better and lighten the mood...

"You are not superman, spiderman, or batman..." Tiana pondered, but her eyes were on Kayden. She saw a reflection of herself in the man's eyes and this made her heart feel much warmer.

"No..." Kayden confirmed.

The quiet room was decorated only by the sound of the wind howling outside and the sound of twigs knocking on the glass window.

And I don't know who started it or what they felt when it happened to them, but for sure they were getting closer and closer, feeling the warmth of each other's presence, while Kayden allowed Tiana to wrap her arms around his neck.

"I am not sure if you want us to do this..." said Kayden, he looked at Tiana with a sharp gaze and instantly his eyes turned dark.

Of course Tiana saw this clearly and spontaneously, she backed away, she looked at Kayden with her eyes wide in surprise.

"Your eyes..." Tiana said, she couldn't explain how Kayden's eyes turned dark. "Your eyes color has changed," he whispered frantically.

Seeing the frightened Tiana, Kayden backed away and put some distance between them. He noticed that the color of his eyes had now changed, because the beast within him had surfaced and he could feel it.

"Yeah, I guess so..." Kayden said carefully, trying to see the mental state of Tiana, because he didn't want to scare the girl.

"You..." Tiana had a hard time finding the right words, she didn't understand how to put this question. "You are... what?"

Instead of using the word 'who', Tiana used 'what', as if Kayden wasn't human, although that wasn't wrong either. Kayden couldn't be said to be fully human.

Kayden didn't immediately answer Tiana's question, he then looked at the girl's eyes intently. "Are you sure you want to hear this?" he asked.

Tiana took a deep breath. She felt that this was something that would not be easy for her to accept, but... wasn't she already in deep trouble now? So there's no way Kayden could add any more trouble to her life by telling her a secret, right?

Therefore, Tiana nodded confidently.

"You'd be surprised," Kayden said in a light tone, but the look in his eyes showed that he wasn't messing with what he was about to say. Tiana would be really surprised...

"I have been quite surprised today, I think I can still receive one more," Tiana replied, but before Kayden opened his mouth to give Tiana the answer she wanted, she asked again. "Are you going to hurt me?"

"Never," said Kayden with absolute certainty. It was the purest and most convincing answer to give Tiana. Even if he lost control of himself over his beast, he wouldn't hurt Tiana at all.

Because the beast within him would definitely recognize their mate.

"Okay..." Tiana said in a slightly louder voice. "Tell me..."

Kayden looked into Tiana's eyes intently, he was trying to muster up the courage to tell this to his mate. Wasn't this the moment he had been waiting for since the first time they met?

And now Tiana asked Kayden to tell her.

"I am a shifter, lycan." Kayden emphasized every word in his sentence, and made sure Tiana heard him well.

The seconds that passed after Kayden revealed who he was felt like a long time, especially when Tiana didn't give any response.

The girl was silent, she just stared at Kayden as if she didn't hear what the man just said.

"Lycans? Shifters?" Tiana repeated the word in a lower voice, she was still digesting it, but then she shook her head. "Are you messing with me?"

Kayden knew that Tiana would react like this, but at least it was much better than the worst reaction Kayden had imagined.

"Okay, so you are not messing with me..." Tiana answered her own question, nodded her head, as if she was trying to convince herself.

"You don't believe me." It's not a question, it's a statement.

"Shifters and lycans are just myths," Tiana said, but seeing Kayden's expression she wasn't quite sure what she believed.

"Myths mean that these creatures once existed, it's just that not many people believe in the truth," Kayden replied.

"Then show me." Tiana sat up straighter now. "Show me."

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Tiana didn't know what else she could believe or not, because so many things had happened in the past few days.

Two weeks ago, Tiana wouldn't have believed if there was someone told her she would kill a person with a gun, by shooting him in the head, or told her that mythical creatures like shifters and lycans were real.

But, now she had to experience both.

Tiana was in a state she wouldn't even be able to believe in herself if it was true that Kayden could transform into something else, just like what he said.

Therefore, there was no harm in risking it, right?

Well, there were only two choices for Tiana now, either swimming or drowning and Tiana didn't want to be between the two, not knowing what she was getting into.

"Then show me." Tiana sat up straighter now. "Show me your other form." The words just slipped from Tiana's lips when Kayden confirmed her wish.

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Tiana woke up with a very dizzy head and a blurry vision. She groaned slowly as she felt her whole world spinning.

And the first thing she saw was Kayden's figure. He was shirtless with a white t- shirt that written 'DESTINY' on his left hand.

Just when Kayden heard Tiana grunt, indicating that she had woken up, he immediately turned around and walked over to the girl.

Because his body was clearly visible and he forgot to wear his shirt, Tiana could see the gunshot marks on the man's shoulder.

The gunshot marks had almost faded and healed, as if they were from a few weeks ago rather than evidence of the horrific events that had just happened last night.

But, then Tiana's confusion was replaced by something else, an unclear image popped up in her head.

A faint shadow of something large, white and savage.

A figure resembling a wolf...

Lycans.

Yes, that seemed to be what Kayden said before, he was a shifter, a lycan, a mythical creature.

And as the memories became clearer in Tiana's head, the same fear began to run through her body and made her scream in panic.

"Hey, calm down, calm down..." Kayden raised his hand and came to the bed, while the girl was trying to get away from him. She panicked and tried to get out of her blanket, but instead she fell to the floor.

"Are you okay?"

"Do not come close!" cried Tiana in fear, her voice shaking and she couldn't be seen, because she fell under the bed and was covered by the blanket.

But Kayden knew that at least falling off the bed wouldn't cause her any horrible damage.

"Okay, I am not going any closer, I am right here," Kayden said in a resigned voice. He then put on the shirt in his hand and saw Tiana's head peeking out from under the bed. Her hair looked messy but her eyes stared curiously at Kayden. "Get out of there, we have to have breakfast."

Only, Tiana didn't answer the call, as if she didn't hear what Kayden said.

Last night, Kayden almost had a heart attack, he didn't know if a lycan could have a heart attack or not, but it seemed like what he felt last night was close to one.

When Kayden turned into his white beast form, unexpectedly, Tiana screamed, his mate screamed in fear and was unconscious.

Of course, immediately Kayden returned to his human form and examined Tiana.

He had expected this to happen, with the stress piling up, making his mate unable to bear the things that he was trying to show. Kayden failed to see this because Tiana pretended that she was fine.

"Don't come any closer," Tiana said in fear and Kayden raised his hand in resignation.

"I am not going anywhere." Kayden then walked over to get a chair and sat not far from there. "You can sit on the bed now, the floor is cold and you haven't eaten anything."

Tiana looked at Kayden with disbelieving eyes, but what he said was true, the floor was cold and when he reminded her that she hadn't eaten anything, Tiana could feel her stomach churning and begging for attention.

Ugh! This is embarrassing...

"You... that last night..." Tiana had a hard time finding words and explaining what she was feeling right now. "Is that... real?" she asked at the end of the sentence.

"Yes," Kayden answered curtly and carefully watched Tiana's reaction. Her face suddenly contorted and her eyes widened, she looked like she was about to scream again, but tried to contain herself.

Therefore, Kayden allowed his mate to take as much time as she needed to calm down.

"Are you... eating people?" Tiana asked then.

Hearing that absurd question, Kayden couldn't help but laugh. What does it mean? Does he look like that in Tiana's eyes? That's why she felt so scared?

"Okay, I know that question must sound stupid to you, but just answer my question, okay!" Tiana said, slightly annoyed that Kayden laughed at her.

"Sorry, I didn't mean to laugh at you," Kayden said, trying to stifle his laughter by biting his lip and taking a deep breath. "No, I don't eat humans."

"But you eat meat?" Tiana asked, rephrasing the absurd question in her head.

"Yeah, I eat meat," Kayden then added. "But you eat meat too, didn't you?"

Tiana pouted when she heard this, but then she ignored the look in Kayden's eyes, which were looking at her with a smile, as if her confusion was what attracted the man in front of her.

"What are you going to do to me after I find out your secret?" Tiana asked in horror, for she had imagined the worst thing Kayden could possibly do. Maybe he would shut her mouth by killing her, right? Everything was possible...

But, instead of answering right away, Kayden got up from his seat and walked towards Tiana with brisk steps.

"What would you do? Stay where you are!" Tiana screamed, she tried to escape from Kayden by crossing the bed, but Kayden caught her ankle and pinned her down.

"Hey, calm down!" said Kayden, holding Tiana's hands above her head as her mate's beautiful nails scratched against his cheeks.

"What are you going to do!? You promised not to hurt me!" Tiana exclaimed, still trying to free herself from Kayden's grip.

"I didn't hurt you, can't you see that you hurt me?!" Kayden exclaimed, he then showed the side of his face that was scratched by Tiana and made the girl feel guilty.

On the other hand, Tiana then stopped struggling and saw four claws from her nails on the side of Kayden's face, but a moment later, slowly, the wounds closed in and gradually disappeared until they healed completely.

"Wow..." Tiana muttered. Even in her frightened state she still found herself in awe of Kayden's healing abilities. "You are recovering quickly."

"Well, for humans, I did recover quickly." But not for shifters.

"Can you die?" Tiana asked with an expression that really showed her curiosity.

"Of course, if you try to kill me in some way, I will die," Kayden said in a more serious voice. "Are you trying to kill me?"

"No way," said Tiana immediately.

"So you will not run away if I let go of your grip?" asked Kayden with a serious face. "You are not going to try to claw me to death, are you?"

"You are not going to hurt me, are you?" Tiana answered him with another question.

"Of course not," Kayden repeated. "I am hungry, so can we eat in peace?"

"Yeah, I am hungry too," Tiana admitted shyly.

"Good then, because I have made breakfast for both of us," Kayden said as he tried to release his grip on Tiana's wrist.

"You can cook?"

Kayden rolled his eyes and groaned in annoyance. "I'm not that different from you, okay?"

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"Stop looking at me like that," Kayden said, he could feel Tiana's gaze on him from the moment they started their breakfast.

Hearing Kayden's warning, Tiana lowered her head and focused on the breakfast the man made. The food was very good and it was beyond her expectation.

"Is there anything else you want to ask?" Kayden asked, putting down his spoon after he finished his breakfast.

"Are you going to turn into a werewolf when the full moon?" but then she answered her own question.

"Oh no... last night I guess wasn't a full moon, so you can shift at any time..."

"Yep," Kayden replied curtly as he added the milk in her glass.

"Oh!" Tiana seemed to remember one very important thing. "I have heard of this... long ago... many years ago... there were astral beings roaming around and now they're extinct. Is that true?"

Kayden of course knew that, though he wasn't born yet.

"Yes that's correct." Except for the extinct part. However, Kayden would explain this another time.

"Then there's this thing... it says a shifter will only be loyal to one person?"

Kayden raised her eyebrows in amazement. It turns out that Tiana knew quite a few things about his world. "You are right."

However, before the conversation about that topic could take place and Kayden had a chance to explain to Tiana that she was his mate, the sound of the doorbell interrupted them.

"I will check it out." Kayden then headed towards the door, leaving Tiana alone.

But, Kayden didn't leave for long before he finally came back with a serious expression.

"We have to go right now."

"What is it?"

"Police."