

The Love of a Lycan

Chapter 141 - HE IS NOT REAL

"Was that the shadow warrior that was paired with you?" Torak asked with impassive tone and face that devoid from any emotions.

Raine wasn't sure what Torak felt right now and how he could guess it correctly, though she didn't say anything about it.

Raine was afraid to answer it, she didn't know what Torak's reaction would be. And her cowardness made the question couldn't get out of her head and passed her lips.

"I know about the rule in the village of angel, my love." Torak answered the unspoken question in Raine's head. "That was one of the rules that I despised the most."

The calm in Torak's voice made it harder for Raine to notice the anger in his reaction. It didn't feel right, knowing Torak's overprotective nature.

"In another words, you want to say that you indeed had ordered the attack on the village of angel?" Raine asked in disbelief.

There was disappointment in the way Raine was looking into Torak's eyes that made the Alpha felt uncomfortable. He leaned over to kiss her eyes so they closed temporarily.

He didn't want Raine to look at him that way, but there was something that he couldn't change.

The past was one of many things that he couldn't control. Torak didn't want Raine to know this ugly side of him this early, but...

"That was a complicated thing, my love, and I will explain it to you, but not now." Before Raine could stare at his eyes again, Torak had gotten off of the bed and walked toward the door. "I will get you some breakfast."

Raine sat down abruptly and looked at the closed door with unexplainable feeling.

She didn't want to doubt Torak and question him, but his order had killed the whole village. There were many people that lived there.

And what was his reason from doing so? Raine couldn't think of any reason that could justify his action.

The thing that he had done was annihilation.

But then, when the realization hit her hard, Raine abruptly sat down and shivered out of fear.

The annihilation of the village of angel wouldn't be the first and the last massacre that he had done. There would be a lot more of it.

Torak wouldn't be standing on top of the supernatural creatures and be the supreme Alpha for all the Lycanthropes, feared by many, if he had not done a drastic measure to settle them.

And Raine couldn't see any other way to control those beasts except by violence.

"Now, you see it by yourself."

Out of nowhere, a familiar voice sounded inside the empty room. It was so soft and low, as if the sound of it was only ringing inside of her head.

Startled, Raine whipped her head toward the direction of the source of the voice and found Aeon was standing near the glass door to the balcony.

He was quite far for his voice to be heard, but so near like he was talking right behind her.

"Aeon?" Raine's breath hitched and, out of reflex, looked at the door, afraid if Torak or any other Lycans that were standing behind the door, could hear her.

She didn't want any misunderstanding happened, or they fought with each other.

"You shouldn't be here." Raine whispered in distressed. She got off from the bed and approached Aeon. "It will be dangerous for you if they know you are here."

The Lycan wouldn't let Aeon off easily, especially when he had entered Torak's room.

"You worried about me." Aeon put his concern in different thing from Raine's. "I am happy." He said with soft smiled.

Before, Raine was still having a doubt that Aeon, who was standing before her now, with Aeon from the village of the angel, has different personality.

The current Aeon was less hostile and softer than himself centuries ago.

"Of course I am worried about you, but it is not 'that' kind of worry." Raine tried to explain herself, she didn't want Aeon got a wrong impression about this.

"Raine, come with me." Aeon reached out his hand, asking Raine to take it. "You don't need to live with him anymore. I can protect you. Let me protect you."

"No." Raine frowned. She couldn't accept Torak's decision in the past, but it didn't mean she wanted to leave him. This was something that they needed to talk. "I don't want to leave him."

Aeon looked hurt by Raine's rejection. "After you know that it was him who had ordered the attack, you still want to be with him?"

Raine also felt complicated about that fact, but no matter how she hated Torak's decision and how cruel he was, she couldn't bring herself to leave him. "I want to hear his side of story." Raine murmured.

"His side of story?" Aeon repeated Raine's statement. "Raine..." He sighed in frustration. "Do you really think he would tell you the truth?"

"He will." Raine didn't know if she was being impulsive or she just trusted Torak blindly. "He will tell me the truth." Because that was what he had promised her.

"Do you really want to stay beside him even after what he had done? He killed many creatures and he will do it again and again." Aeon emphasized every words, pressing the importance of this information on Raine.

"That was him in the past. He will not kill innocent people on a whim." Raine was adamant with her words.

Yet, as if the fate wanted to prove her wrong, out of the blue, Torak had stood behind Raine and pulled her back with one arm while the other had turned into sharp claws and drew his hand across Aeon's face.

Raine muffled her scream with her hands and covered her face as she turned her head on Torak's body. She didn't want to see it.

Her entire body was trembling, Raine even didn't realize when Torak had wrapped his strong arms around her body.

"You killed him..." Raine choked on her tears. "Why did you kill him...?" She still afraid to raise her head and kept her eyes shut tight behind her hands.

"I didn't kill him. He is not real." Torak said in rigid voice as he rubbed Raine's back to ease her fear.

Chapter 142 - THE MEMOIR

She will raise

With a spine of steel

And a roar like thunder

She will raise.

-Nicole Lyons-

Torak kept repeating his words until Raine could muster her courage to look at him. She peeked through her fingers and glanced at the spot where Aeon was standing earlier.

However, she could find nothing. There was no blood, not even a body there, as if there was not anyone from the beginning.

So, where was Aeon? Raine was very sure that she was talking to Aeon when Torak suddenly came and ripped the living out of the shadow warrior.

"Where..." Raine stammered. "Where... is he?" She gulped down hard when she asked Torak about that. She put down her hand this time to have a better look on the scene before her, but Aeon was nowhere to be found.

"He is not real." Torak said patiently while kept stroking her back, kept her saved in his arms. "His real body is not here. That's one of shadow warrior's ability."

Torak knew the shadow warrior would appear the moment Raine was alone, that was why he left Raine earlier.

It was hard to hold back his anger when he heard about what had happened to Raine when she disappeared. Especially when he knew the exact thing that they did between the guardian angel and the shadow warrior.

Thankfully nothing major had happened between Raine and the shadow warrior. Torak would have guessed and knew it the first time he found Raine.

The shadow warrior would leave some kind of mark, to acknowledge their partner when they united. And Torak couldn't be more grateful when he found nothing on Raine.

"You didn't kill him..." Raine stated, as if she wanted to make herself sure about it.

"I didn't." Torak's blue eyes held Raine's black one and added. "But, I will if he comes near you again." It wasn't a statement, but more like a promise.

"No... don't..." Raine's weak rejection was left unnoticed when Torak turned his head to look the other side of the room.

"What do you find?" Torak asked someone there.

Raine didn't realize there was someone else inside the room, if it wasn't because of Torak was talking to them.

Turning her head, Raine found Raphael, Serefina and Calleb were standing near the bed with seriousness on their expression.

"Shadow warrior will not be able to send their shadow over if Raine has nothing that belong to them or received from them." Serefina was

contemplating while looking at Raine, scrutinized her body. "But, I can't see anything on her that belongs to the shadow warrior."

Torak looked down on Raine and stroke her cheek. "Sweetheart, did he give you something?" Torak's voice was unusually stern and stiff when he talked about Aeon.

Yet, Raine shook her head firmly. Aeon didn't give her anything when she was in the village of angel. She was sure about this.

"Don't lie." Serefina frowned and slightly reprimanded Raine.

"If she said she didn't receive anything then she didn't." The pitch in Torak's voice was so stern and powerful, he didn't like it when someone doubted him or his mate.

"If you believe her blindly, someday you will see how capable she is to lie right in front of your nose." Serefina retorted with sarcastic remark.

Torak growled dangerously upon hearing the impudence in Serefina's words, but Raine's small palms held his clothes tightly, preventing him from making any movement on the witch.

Raine's pleading eyes to not make things hard was enough for Torak to swallow back his anger and held his mate in his arms, as if he didn't do so, the outraged beast from the night when Raine disappeared would resurface again.

"Raine, do you have something that you have been holding for long time?" Calleb asked as he leaned his body on the wall behind him.

Four pairs of eyes inside the room were looking at her direction, and this didn't make her feel comfortable, she still didn't like to be the center of attention.

She turned her head and looked at the only pair of blue eyes that could make her at ease as she recalled something. "I have my mother's diary with me..." She said in low voice.

"Maybe that's the thing. Let me see that." Serefina said bossily as she took the first initiative to ask for the book.

Raine frowned she didn't like the way Serefina talked to her so easily to ask for her mother's diary, this was something personal and she asked that impolitely.

Sensing Raine's uncomfortableness, Torak smoothed her hair and said softly. "Can you show us the diary, my love?"

Raine was still reluctance to do that, but since it was Torak, who asked for it, she relented and nodded. "The diary is in my bag... but, my bag is still in the apartment."

No one told her yet about what had happened with the apartment or about Torak's outburst, hence Raine didn't know all of her things had been moved to this house.

They went to the other room next to Torak's.

"Your things are already here." Raphael said as he walked toward the door and held it open.

The room was smaller with white dominated the entire exterior and on the queen size bed, there were many bags that belonged to Raine.

Among that bag there was a small grey bag that already worn out, Raine reached out for it and fished out a small blue book with already damaged cover.

"That's it." Serefina claimed it even before Raine could show it to the rest of the people.

This book was the last memoir, which reminded Raine about her mother. After that terrible night, she only returned to her old house once, at that time a police officer gave her that book.

Since she was admitted to the hospital, she had not yet seen it for three years, only when she was discharged and put in the orphanage she could read it again. The book was the only thing that she had, her treasure that could remind her for her late parents.

However, before Raine realized what happened, Serefina had snatched the diary from Raine's hand. "This is the one." She asserted it after she touched it.

There was another energy that she could feel and only she, who could confirm it after being this close.

However, that wasn't the last thing that Serefina did after she snatched the book away, because after that, she conjured a fire on the book which burned it into ashes.

Raine had never screamed so loud in her life when she watched in horror the last memoir of her parent disappeared into dust.

The only thing that she had been holding so dearly was now gone.

Torak also didn't know that Serefina would destroy the book, he was caught off guard, but it was too late for him to do something as the fire had dissipated and left nothing from that book.

He caught Raine's body that trembling as she screamed frantically. "Why did you do that!?" She screamed toward Serefina.

This was the first time they watched Raine was enraged and the first time also she confronted someone with anger burning in her eyes.

"WHY DID YOU DO THAT!?" Raine struggled to be free from Torak's strong arms, but he was holding her too tight.

Chapter 143 - SHE NEEDS TO LEARN TO TAKE THE PAIN

We are made of all those who have built and broken us.

-Atticus-

"Why?" Serefina asked her back with arms that folded in front of her chest, her short red hair was akin to the color of the fire that she had conjured earlier to burn the book. "Of course, I did that to save you from the shadow warrior." There was no remorse in the way she talked, as if Raine was asking a stupid question to her.

"That's book is mine!" Raine was frustrated when she couldn't get off from Torak's arms, she really wanted to kick the witch or hit her as hard as she could for the thing that she had done.

No one understood how precious that diary for her. It felt like the air from her lungs was sucked out from her body and left her breathless with excruciating pain in her chest.

That book was the only thing that she brought when Torak came and saved her from the sorry life in the orphanage.

That book was her treasure, whenever she felt down Raine would read it and be reminded how much her mother loved her.

But, Serefina burned it just like that and now she was standing there without remorse or guilty for what she had done.

"Don't be so attach on something that is not relevant!" Serefina raised her voice as well. "If I didn't destroy it, the shadow warrior will always have his way to find you." She then added with meaningful tone. "Even in your dream."

"That's still not your place to decide! That doesn't justify your action!" Raine didn't know where she found a courage to talk back to Serefina, but she did. "You can't do anything you like with something that doesn't belong to you!"

This side of Raine surprised not only Torak, but the rest of the people inside the room as well. Raine who had always appeared weak and easily scared could be this fierce.

As the creatures that rarely showed their emotion on inanimate objects, they didn't quite understand with Raine's attachment for that book.

Maybe, that diary really held great value for her...

"Doesn't belong to me?!" The pitch of Serefina's tone raised a few octaves when Raine talked to her with angry and sharp voice. "Then, what that book does to you? Do you think by keeping that book, it will bring back your parents? Do you think by keeping that book and ignoring the danger it causes can save you're a**?! Tell me, what the benefit that book gives to you?!"

"That book was the last thing that I have that reminded me of my mother..." Raine's voice trembled, between her sadness and her anger. She desperately

wanted to tell Serefina how precious that book for her, but she couldn't find the right words to phrase it correctly.

All words jumbled up in her head.

"You don't need a book to remind you of your late mother, as long as you remember her, no one will be able to take those memories from you and that book is just a mere book." Serefina said it firmly, for a moment there was a fleeting sadness in her eyes as she remembered something else from years ago.

"Witch, I think your way is too harsh, you can solve it in another way, right? Without expunge the book." Calleb voiced out his thought.

"That is the only way. If I didn't destroy the book, no matter how strong the barrier that I put around her, the shadow warrior will always easily come close to her." Serefina looked at Torak and asked the question that she knew it would be hard for him to answer it. "Do you really want to keep the book and risk your mate's safety just because her childish attachment toward the book? The shadow warrior can appear anytime, walk through your door as he wished."

"Enough!" Torak said strictly. "Leave!" He was still holding Raine's body, kept her from storming angrily toward Serefina.

Actually, Torak agreed with Serefina's words, if by destroying it could guarantee the shadow warrior wouldn't come near his mate again, then he was more than welcome to accept Serefina's decision to destroy it, but to see Raine was in pain because of she lost the diary, he felt complicated.

Meanwhile, Serefina was once again dragged by Raphael out of the room, leaving only Torak and Raine.

"Can you stop dragging me?!" Serefina was angry as she conjured fire in her palm and was about to attack Raphael.

However, Raphael moved faster than her, grabbed her hand and clasped their hand together, thus in an instant, the flame was extinguished before it could burn him.

"Can you stop being a jerk?" Raphael glared at Serefina through his black eyes, he almost lost his patience to face this witch.

Regardless Raine's soft personality and her trauma issues, not to mention she had not yet met the expectation to rule thousands of Lycanthropes alongside Torak, but she was still their Luna and Raphael couldn't stand it if someone disrespect her and treated her less than she deserved.

"Me? Being a jerk?" Serefina glared at Raphael. "Your Alpha should thank me that I have removed a possible threat from her! Raine doesn't need that kind of attachment if she wants to grow stronger! Because there will be time when she has to do something that she has to do, regardless she wants it or not, simply because that's the right thing!"

Caleb stepped aside when he felt the animosity from both Raphael and Serefina. He really didn't want to interrupt and caught in between, especially when Raphael had been pissed off. It was rare for the Beta to appear so fierce and impetuous like this, thus he looked scarier than usual.

Serefina added her monologue. "The book is a small thing that she needs to let go. Until now, she still doesn't know about the prophecy yet, does she? She needs to know because in the future, she needs to do more than to let go of a simple diary!"

Chapter 144 - SHE REJECTS HIM

I believe in you

You know the door to my very soul

You're the light in my deepest, darkest hour

You're my savior when I fall

And you may not think I care for you

When you know down inside that I really do

-How Deep is Your Love, by: Bee Gees-

Inside the bedroom, Raine was staring blankly at the floor, where the diary had disappeared into asses, even its dust has no longer lingered in the air.

Torak had sat her down on the edge of the bed as he pulled a chair to sit down in front of her. He clasped her hands, but Raine refused to see him.

"My little angel... what should I do to ease your pain?" Torak asked gently, he then cupped her face to look at him, but Raine closed her eyes. "Please don't do this to me..." He didn't feel good by the way Raine responded to him.

Torak knew she was upset and he didn't know how to persuade her, he would have done everything that he could to ease her pain, regardless he couldn't exactly understand her feeling.

But, Raine was too upset to give him a chance, because the first thing that she said while closing her eyes was; "Can you leave me alone for a while, please?"

Before Raine, Torak had never had any attachment toward anything or anyone, not to mention a single book, thus he didn't quite get it when Raine gave this reaction. Her strong reaction was surprised him.

Nevertheless, looking at Raine in this state made him felt worried. Raine was afraid of him when the first time they met, but Torak managed to get her trust, yet the current situation was different...

Her body was trembling and a tear was rolling down from the corner of her eyes, she bit her lips and shook her head gently to make Torak let go of her face.

She rejected Torak's presence.

Torak took a deep breath upon receiving his mate rejection. "Alright, I will go outside, if you need anything, there will be someone outside the door to help you. I will be in study room."

Looking at her sad face and closed eyes, Torak felt his world crumbled, but for now Raine needed to be alone and he would leave her for awhile until she felt a bit calm.

Before he left, Torak caressed her head lovingly. Since the diary had gone, it should be safe to leave her alone, right? The shadow warrior wouldn't be able to come and snatch her away from the room.

"Guard this room closely." Torak said to the two guards, who were standing on alert, outside the room. "Put another three more people under the balcony." Torak added as he stared at the closed door.

He needed to do this to ensure Raine's safety, so he would be sure she wouldn't disappear again.

"Ask someone to bring breakfast inside the room." He gave them the last order before he walked down the stairs to his study room in the first floor.

Both of the guards looked at each other, exchanging questions with their eyes. Before, they heard Raine was yelling to the other woman and now, Torak's order felt like he was trying to lock Raine up inside the room with many guards surrounded it.

Or perhaps, they were just interpreted it wrongly. Even though Raine looked so young and innocent, but she was, seemingly, the Mistress of the house as their Boss valued her greatly.

They had heard about Torak, but never knew if he kept someone so green like Raine, even so it wasn't their place to say something or to judge.

Shrugging their shoulder, they did what they had been told.

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"Where is Serefina?" That was the first question that Torak asked the moment he entered the study room, where he could only find Raphael and Calleb there.

He had been looking for her, but her scent abruptly disappeared from inside the house and he couldn't find her.

"She disappeared." Raphael answered from behind the table where his face was buried behind the pile of paper that he needed to handle. Paperwork was indeed more tiring than the actual battle.

"Again." Calleb added from behind the Beta, he had just hung up his phone, calling someone regarding the matter in the hospital, where Torak had killed a man there.

Upon hearing their' answer Torak's eyes flicked with anger for a moment before he walked behind his chair and sat down, his hand intertwined with each other as he rested his chin on top of it.

His eyes spoke more volume than his silence that stretched out across the room.

"How is Luna?" Raphael asked Torak carefully, put down the paperwork in his hand as he focused his attention toward his Alpha.

"She asked me to leave her alone." Torak answered him rigidly, his voice sounded like it didn't belong to him as his mind wandered to many possibilities that could happen.

Raphael nodded his head in understanding. "She needs time to arrange her feeling, after that, she will be fine." He tried to reassure him.

More or less, Raphael had followed Torak for many years, he knew what was in his mind and his worries now.

"She rejects me." Torak closed his eyes as the image of Raine, who refused to see him rolled back in his mind.

"Impossible..." Calleb chimed in, but a glare from Raphael managed to make him swallow back the rest of his comment, he pouted his lips and busied himself with the paperwork in front of him.

"Luna is human who filled with many complicated emotions, not like us." He gestured to them. "We are shifter, we don't have attachment toward anything except for our own family, our mate, the pack and our respect to our Alpha."

"I feel bad for not able to feel her pain." Torak said as he opened his eyes, it was the color of gloomy blue. "I feel I don't care enough about her."

It was a rare occasion for Torak to open up about what he felt, but to think about this again, Raine was the first person that could dig out the affection and compassion from beneath his rotten heart that he thought, he would never be able to feel anything anymore.

"No." Raphael shook his head. "You care about her, that's why you are not at ease now."

Chapter 145 - HE CRIED FOR YOU

"You get what you settle for."

-Louise Sawyer (Susan Sarandon), Thelma and Louise-

Meanwhile, inside the closed room, Raine was staring blankly at the floor in front of her, with complicated emotions.

Actually, she felt bad for sending Torak away. It wasn't his fault as he also didn't know that Serefina was going to burn down her mother's diary.

But, for now she really didn't want to face anyone.

Raine didn't mind if she couldn't meet with Aeon again, that was one thing, but the harsh way that Serefina did was another thing that couldn't be forgiven.

Another tear was rolling down from her eyes that she wiped it harshly.

"Still crying?"

As if the situation was toying with Raine, the last person that she wanted to see and the last voice that she wanted to hear, was there inside the room.

Somehow, she managed to enter the room without anyone noticed her, but she was a witch after all.

Serefina's question regarded her with a glare from Raine, she gritted her teeth and looked at the witch through the mist of her tears.

"What do you want?" Raine's voice was very cold. Before, she had never talked that way to anyone, as if it was someone else who was talking.

But, for some reason, there was amusement danced in Serefina's eyes when she received Raine's cold treatment.

Serefina was standing at the other side of the bed in her white dress that contrasted with her fiery red short hair, her slightly red lips curled into a smile.

"What I want? You know what I want." Serefina sat down on the same bed that Raine was sitting. "No matter how much you hate me, you will thank me later because I teach you how to survive in this cruel world."

Raine's lips trembled because of anger that pulsed through her veins and burned in her chest, she had never felt this way before, but when she talked, her voice was steady and firm. "You don't teach me how to survive in this world, you just teach me how to be more cruel in this cruel world."

Serefina's eyebrows shot up when she heard that. "What is the difference?" She asked apathetically. "Do you think because Torak is here, protecting you, no harm will come upon you anymore? That you are safe now? You are too naïve and you have to change that innocent thought of you."

"What do you mean any harm will come to me?" Raine turned her body, so now she could face the witch properly. She was ready to hear whatever it was, since everything around her never made any sense.

Serefina scoffed. "How you are able to see supernatural creatures, how you turn to be the Alpha's mate and how you travelled through the time, everything has purposed." She said with stern voice. "And you have to be ready for whatever will come in the near future. Once you slack off and your life will be at stake."

"What's all this about?" Raine frowned, yet her confusion still couldn't extinguish the anger within her. "Are you trying to say there is someone who wants me dead?"

Was there particular someone who wanted to kill her?

"Someone?" Serefina smirked as if that questioned amused her. "Aside from the Lycanthropes and the werewolves, any other creatures want you dead, or since you had travelled back to the time when the village of angel was being destroyed, you must have known the value of guardian angel and why the other creature want to sap your energy."

Raine knew about this fact when she was in the village of angel, but she didn't realize if that practice still applies until this day.

"But, if you think your life will be safe because Torak is your mate, and very fortunately is the strongest Alpha among the Lycanthropes and werewolves, you are so stupid." Serefina said it harshly. "No one could predict the future

and no one could guarantee he will always be in control. Perhaps, there will be a time when someone managed to knock him down, when it happens, what will you do? Crying on the bed like you are doing now?"

Raine bit her lower lip, Serefina was really good with her words, she managed to make her felt bad because of her reaction over the diary.

Instead of apologize for what she had done, Serefina turned her words and justified them until they sounded like Raine was the one who was overreacting her reaction.

Yet, Raine couldn't find the right words to rebut her. Serefina was way too experience for Raine to be able to beat her words.

"When something bad happens on Torak, what will you do?" Serefina repeated her question because Raine still didn't answer her. "With so many enemies that want him, you will be the only weakness that he has. She yourself..." The witch waved her hand toward Raine, that gesture as if saying that Raine wasn't something worth to mention.

In the other hand, no matter how much Raine hated to admit it, but Serefina's harsh words have truth in them.

She was Torak's weakness.

"You are an easy target for Torak's enemies to get to him, since you are his mate, he will do everything to make sure that you are safe." Serefina's shrugged her shoulder nonchalantly. "Thanks to the mate bond between you two." The way she talked, more like a mock than a gratitude.

Raine didn't say anything for a few moments, she just stared at Serefina who was smiling sardonically before she talked tonelessly. "Something had happened between you and the Lycanthropes, right?"

There was a fleeting surprise passed Serefina's eyes for a few second before she composed herself quickly and resumed her smiling face. "Me and Lycanthropes?"

"For more specific, it is between you and Torak's brother, am I right?" Raine asked with the same monotonous tone.

"Don't talk about something that you don't even know." Serefina made a gesture to belittle the topic.

Ignoring her replied, Raine continued. "I saw you dead in the village of angel and he cried for you."

Chapter 146 - I WILL DO IT

There is a difference between giving up and knowing when you have had enough.

-Uploaded by Vio Quenn-

Serefina's face darkened as she heard that. It was something that she didn't want to remember, a dark topic that shouldn't be touched.

A moment that she had buried deep in the back of her mind.

Serefina had nothing to say for Raine's statement as she abruptly stood up and was about to leave the room when Raine kept asking her.

"How are you still alive now? I clearly saw it with my own eyes that you are dead." Raine followed Serefina's moves with her eyes. "What had happened to you?"

"That's not your business!" Serefina said those words through gritted teeth. She looked dangerous when she glared at Raine, so she could stop asking and drop the topic.

However, Raine was so determined now to find out the truth about Serefina, since she didn't show any remorse for what she had done, Raine also didn't want to back down.

If Serefina thought, with her burned Raine's mother diary was a trivial matter, then Raine would make the topic that she didn't want to bring up was the same thing.

"I was there and I witness everything." Raine stood up, the heartache that she felt turned into a courage she thought she would never have. That diary was

the last memoir of her mother after all and she treasured it dearly. "How can you come back to life?"

Raine strode across the room and stopped right in front of Serefina. Because Raine was shorter than her, she needed to raise her head up to look at the witch and, for the first time, she did that without fear.

"I told you, that's not your business." Serefina held Raine's eyes with the same anger burning in them. "Don't touch something that you will not be able to handle." That was a warning.

"Do you really come to help me?" Raine squinted her eyes as she assessed her. She had gotten used with someone who had ill intention toward her, but she had never faced someone with hidden agenda like Serefina. "Or, do you have another motive?"

Serefina suddenly smirked when she heard Raine's question. "What? Do you want to interrogate me?" She folded her arms under her b.r.e.a.s.t, this gestured made her looked intimidating and arrogant.

"No, I just want to find the truth. I think you are right, this world is cruel and you are a good example to prove that." Raine said it smoothly, despite her expression didn't show any emotion, but her hands had balled into fists beside her body.

The smirk on Serefina's face didn't fade away. She raised her chin proudly as if Raine had just complimented her. "I am glad that I can open your eyes a bit wider."

Raine was lost for words, she didn't expect Serefina would answer her that way and act very calm.

"So, what you will do? Tell Torak about this? Go ahead." Serefina waved her hand, giving permission for Raine to do that. "Except from Torak, you have nothing."

Raine could feel her ears burned with anger, she didn't know it was so irritating to hear that from Serefina, even though she already knew it.

"You are just a little girl with trauma issues who doesn't dare to stand up for yourself, too weak and too afraid to fend herself. Once Torak is down, you will be the first reason for that." Serefina blurted those words without a second

thought, what is more, considering Raine's feeling. "Go ahead and show him all your problems and enjoy how he will take care of everything for you."

Serefina turned around and opened the door leisurely, she didn't seem to care whether Raine would really tell Torak about that.

"Continue to do that and see how many problems you can give to Torak."

After saying that, Serefina closed the door, leaving Raine alone, standing with her shoulder trembled because of her effort to suppress her emotions.

Serefina's words kept ringing in her head, so hurtful and pricked her consciences.

She didn't want to be Torak's weakness and the reason of his fall.

From behind the door, Raine could hear the two guards asked Serefina how she could get inside the room, because they didn't see anyone enter earlier, they also told her that Torak had been looking for her.

However, Raine didn't know what Serefina's answer was...

Her mind was all over the place, she needed time to rearrange her emotions and think this thoroughly, there were many things that she didn't know and needed to learn.

In the end, it took longer time for Raine to come up with her decision, she knew it would be hard, Serefina would make sure she wouldn't get it easy, but seemingly this was something that she has to do.

Not because Serefina had slapped her face with those possibilities ruthlessly, but because she didn't want any bad things befall upon Torak.

Sighed deeply and closed her eyes to calm her down, Raine opened the door of her room and found the two guards were standing at right and left side of the door.

"Can you show me where is Torak's study room?" Raine asked with small voice, but at least she looked the man in the eyes instead of staring at her shoes like she always did to stranger.

"Sure, over here Miss." One of the two guards answered her and both of them led the way down to the first floor.

Though Raine had been there for almost a week, but she had not yet roamed inside this house.

Not like the pack house, this house was dominated with the color of grey and white, giving off a cold vibe to the entire building.

The two guards led her to the first room on the left side of the stairs, its door was the color of white.

But, before Raine could take another step closer, she could hear Torak's angry voice was shouting at someone.

After that, Serefina's voice came from behind the door. Both of them were arguing about something, and from the sound of it, it seemed like that was about Raine.

"I will do it." Raine said suddenly after she opened the door, took the people inside the room by surprised.

Chapter 147 - I DON'T LIKE HIM

You can't change someone who doesn't see an issue with their actions. You can only change how you react to them.

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"You better give me a reasonable explanation why did you burn the diary?!" Torak's angry voice could be heard from behind the door.

He was too angry and put his focus on Serefina solely until he didn't realize Raine was standing outside the door with the two guards while listening to their conversation inside.

"Why did I do that?" Serefina reiterated Torak's question, there was an apathy in the way she talked. "Of course, to save both of you from unnecessary interference! With this I can assure you no more shadow warrior will latch on your mate, isn't that what you want?"

"You can find another way to cut the link! You don't have to burn that book!" Torak said exasperatedly.

Following that there was a loud sound of something being broken.

Apparently because Raphael was holding him back and the fact, despite his fury, Torak still needed her to treat Raine's condition, he only could vent his anger to the things near him.

However, Serefina's next word like put gasoline on fire. "While we are at this. I want to inform you that the teacher, who I had arranged to teach Raine before she disappeared, would come starting tomorrow." She said it blatantly.

"NO!" Torak roared. "YOU ARE HERE TO TREAT HER CONDITION! NOT TO CONTROL MY MATE'S LIFE!" At this point, Torak really had lost it, he shoved Raphael's body away from him easily as he moved toward Serefina while baring his canines, his rage nearly consumed him.

Torak really wanted to smash the witch's head, so she could think properly and tactfully. Every time she opened her mouth it was only to upset other people near her.

However, before Torak's anger totally blinded him, a voice that he had grown to love echoed inside the room as her pleasant scent filled the air.

"I will do it." Her voice neither so loud nor strong but there was determination laced in the way she talked.

The next second, Raine had entered the room and halted her step when she looked at Torak's livid expression, but it only last for a few moments before she strode across the room with steady step and engulfed the angry Lycan with a warm hug.

Her tiny arms circled around his waist as he buried her face on his chest. "I will do it." She repeated her words softly. "I want to study and go to college." She added.

Meanwhile, Calleb waved his hand toward the two guards that followed Raine, ordered them to leave. They were only human, so it would be hard to handle if they saw the beast side of Torak now.

Afterward, Calleb closed the door and watched in puzzled, how easy the Luna calmed the Alpha's anger.

"Do you want to do it?" Out of instinct, Torak hugged Raine's small body and caressed her back.

As replied, she nodded and raised her head to look at Torak. "I want to do it."

Raine didn't do this because Serefina provoked her to take the path that she had arranged for her, but because she really wanted to grow. Maybe Serefina did indeed affect her decision a bit and made her more determined to go out of her shell.

However, out of many things that Serefina had done and mean words that she had said, Raine still couldn't forgive her for what she had done to her mother's diary.

She would always remember that.

"Is it because of her?" Torak cupped Raine's face and stared at her eyes deeply, looking for reluctance or lies, but he only saw her eagerness.

"No." Raine shook her head, her lips curved into a small smile. "I really want to do this."

Despite Raine's sudden change of behavior, Torak preferred this side of her more than the one that had rejected him earlier.

The fear was so real as he thought Raine didn't want him anymore and he didn't know how to handle that kind of emotion.

If it was someone else, he would use any method to make things happened the way he wanted, but he couldn't do that to his mate, it would feel like someone had stabbed him ruthlessly when he saw Raine was doing something that she didn't want to.

"Are you sure?" Torak needed more assurance. "You don't need to do something that you don't like, my love." He caressed her cheeks gently as his eyebrows furrowed.

In the other side, Serefina rolled her eyes while Raphael glared at her for her gesture.

After Raine disappeared and Serefina had neglected her duty to keep her safe, those things really pissed Torak off. Torak really didn't want to have anything to do with the witch if it wasn't because for Raine's sake.

If stayed in this city and put her away from Lycanthropes was enough to keep her health, he would do that and kicked Serefina out of this house this very second.

Unfortunately, Raine's condition wasn't that simple.

"It settled then." Serefina clapped her hands and smirked triumphantly. "Your teacher will come tomorrow. Study hard so you can enter a good university."

"I just agreed with her study, about the university we will talk about that later." Torak talked to Serefina with gruff tone. "Before her teacher comes, give his profile to Raphael so he can run a background check on them."

Serefina had arranged everything for Raine without Torak's concern and as long as Raine was safe and sound, he could endure her overbearing way, but not now.

Torak would ensure everything that happened around his mate was within his observation and he had to know every detail of it.

"You don't need to do that." Serefina scoffed, she didn't like her work was being inspected. "Raine had met him before this."

Torak turned his head toward Raine and looked at his mate. "Do you like the teacher?"

Raine indeed had met with Aero, the teacher that Serefina had hired, but her replied was unexpected. "No." Raine answered truthfully. "I don't like him."

"Alright." Torak nodded in understanding. He then turned his head and talked to Serefina, whose eyes had opened wide because of annoyed the moment she heard Raine's answer. "You can find another teacher."

Meanwhile, Raine nuzzled her head on Torak's chest as she blinked her eyes at the witch innocently.

Chapter 148 - THAT'S... BOLD

Some women fear the fire. Some women simply became it...

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"If you want to change the teacher that I had hired for her, you can find it yourself." Serefina shrugged her shoulder while sitting on the sofa behind her nonchalantly as if she wasn't affected by Torak's decision.

At that time, Raphael who had just received a phone call from someone informed Torak that he needed to go somewhere for the matter of De Medici's family.

That problem had become headline news for these past two days as many speculations circled around the death of Remy de Medici.

In this case Torak was asked to come to give a statement about the investment on their company not long time ago.

Torak was on the highlight because of the funds from him had saved them from bankruptcy, and also, he was the last person, aside from family, who come into contact with Ramy de Medici before Ramon, his brother, killed him.

"My love, is it okay if I leave you now?" Torak looked at Raine, he didn't mind to reschedule that and accompany his mate. After all, Raine had just suffered a shock because of Serefina. He didn't want she went through it alone. "I can stay here with you and reschedule it, if you still feel uncomfortable." Torak pulled her hair band the twirled her hair between his fingers subconsciously as he stared at Raine's beautiful eyes.

"I am all right." Raine smiled softly. "You can go."

"Are you sure?" Torak a little bit baffled by Raine's sudden change. Earlier, Raine was hysteric when she witnessed her mother's diary was being burned by Serefina, then she pushed him away and rejected his presence, but later she came to him with determination in her eyes and a new spirit, as if she had been enlightened.

When the first time he met her, Raine needed more time to recover from some shock events, and had him worried about her condition, but now she had

changed. Raine no longer afraid to look at him in the eyes and not only that, she also talked with stranger like those guards outside.

Torak noticed that.

"I am sure." Raine nodded to emphasize her words.

Though, Torak didn't mind and actually like her progress, he wanted to know about what had happened to her until she came up with this decision. Maybe not now... he would talk to her later.

"I will be back as soon as possible." As Torak said that, he leaned over and kissed her forehead.

"Aww! Alpha! Your affection hurt my eyes!" Calleb protested exaggeratedly and he was regarded with a hit on the back of his head from Raphael.

"What?!" He groaned while rubbing his head.

It was only Calleb who would be stupid enough to make that remarked in this kind of situation and since Torak had gotten used to his antics, he acted like he didn't hear anything.

Torak hugged Raine and breathed on her scent. "Thank you for not angry to me." He whispered to her ear.

Raine shook her head. "I am sorry for acted that way..." Her voice laced with guilt.

"Don't. My love, don't apologize to me." He kissed both of her cheeks and pecked her lips for a brief moment before he let her go.

However, when Raphael was about to go outside, because he thought Torak would bring him along to the police station, the Alpha stopped him.

"You stay with Raine, Calleb will come with me." As he said that, he opened the door and walked ahead, leaving his mate and the three of them behind.

"Wait!" Calleb raised both of his hands. "Did the Alpha just said he would go with me instead of you?" He pointed his finger to Raphael. "Why? He knows that I don't like to associate with those humans in law firm!" He whined.

Raphael shrugged his shoulder and sat down on the sofa opposite from Serefina, who was reading a newspaper. "More likely as a punishment of your comment earlier." He said lightly.

Since Torak would go with Calleb, he would stay there with Raine and took care of some paperwork that he had to handle.

"No way! He is not that petty...!" Calleb strongly rejected that, but his voice laced with doubt when he asked. "Isn't he?"

Raphael rolled his eyes and waved his hand toward his Gamma. "You better go now, or else the Alpha will be more irritated."

Sullenly, Calleb walked out of the room without saying anything as he was afraid the Alpha really took offense on his silly comment.

"Luna, do you prefer male or female as your teacher?" Raphael asked Raine, who was still standing in the middle of the room.

Raine was wearing dark pajamas with her hair cascaded down on her shoulder beautifully, her bare face slightly pale because she had just recovered and her slipper looked bigger than her size.

No one would believe she was the Alpha's mate. More precisely, Torak Donovan's mate. Aside from the curse that the Donovan's brothers would be mateless, people would think Torak would pick a female Alpha as a mate who was chosen by him.

Totally not someone like Raine.

Yet, for some reason, Raphael was relief that it was Raine who became Torak's mate. Their personality complimented each other.

If it was a female Alpha who was chosen as Torak's mate, Raphael could imagine how boring and stern their relationship would be.

"Anything is okay." Raine replied to him.

"Good job Raine, you had made a right decision. I am very satisfied with that!" Serefina put down the newspaper in her hand and smiled triumphantly at Raine as if she was very meritorious in Raine's decision

Raine looked at her with expression that devoid from any emotion, she looked like a little child when she did that, however the moment she talked, even Raphael was surprised by her words.

"I will do the thing that I feel is right, but I don't do it for you, so you don't have to feel satisfied with my decision." Raine said that with her clear voice as she looked at Serefina straight to her eyes. "I don't like you for burning my mother's diary and don't feel a bit of guilt after doing so. If you think I will let it pass, you are wrong, I will always remember what you have done."

After saying that, Raine turned around and left the room, leaving Raphael and Serefina on their own.

"That's..." Raphael frowned as he tried to find the right words to say. "...bold."

"Well, that's the longest things that she had ever said." Serefina contemplated. "But, I like this attitude of her better."

Chapter 149 - WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

Because of Torak's status, they could just hold him for a little bit more than thirty minutes and asked the crucial questions about the business between the two of them.

Torak was very cooperative and answered all of the questions, but still, his dominant aura made the questioner a little bit intimidated by him.

Afterwards, they didn't make things difficult for him, let him go and asked for his cooperation if there was something else they needed from him. With a curt nod, Torak agreed and then walked away from that place.

"Alpha, you need to go to the company, the shareholders are becoming anxious with the progress of this matter and want to withdraw their investment." Calleb informed Torak after he received a phone call.

Because of this matter, the new company in this city that Torak had joined hand to build it with de Medici family, was shaken. Their stocks started to plummet and the shareholders were not really satisfied with this result.

Especially when Torak suddenly disappeared and out of contact for more than a week because he refused to meet anyone else until Raine was awake.

During that time, the five shareholders were not at ease and demanded Torak's presence in flesh, not just an order that passed down to Raphael.

They were all human, so Torak couldn't make them quiet the way he did to his pack member, only if they were his pack member this unnecessary commotion wouldn't happen in the first place and also it would be easier for them to understand the situation.

Torak was annoyed by this, he wanted to go home and be with Raine, but apparently that should wait as he needed to go to the company first.

"The meeting will start as soon as I arrive." Torak said to Calleb as he entered the car.

"Yes, sir." Calleb replied politely, he didn't address him as an Alpha because the car driver was a human.

Now they were surrounded by human more frequently, even inside the house all the guards were human, Calleb couldn't complaint about this because this all was for his Luna.

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Raine was inside her and Torak's bedroom as she was sketching Torak's face on her sketchbook, she didn't know since when Torak became her favorite object to draw, but she loved to portray her feeling for him that way.

The sun had set and the night has come, even the moon had shone brightly in the clear dark sky, but Torak had not yet come.

Probably he had a lot of things to do...

Since she left Torak's office, Raphael and Serefina didn't bother her anymore, and Raine was glad for that. She would be really upset if Serefina barged into the room again with her magic. She was the last person that she wanted to see.

But, thankfully she didn't do that.

While drawing Torak's warm blue eyes, Raine's mind reeling to the diary of her mother, she could feel her tears were threatening to fall down again, but she rubbed her eyes harshly. Raine didn't want to cry, she didn't want to give

Serefina another reason to mock at her again, as she tried to shift her mind to another matter, she remembered about Aeon.

Aeon, the shadow warrior.

Would she never meet him again? Serefina said it clearly.

But, there was another question in her mind... How could that diary, that she had been holding for years, was something that belong to Aeon?

Raine remembered it was the police officer, who had given her that diary when the last time she returned home after the death of her parents.

Yet, this turned out as something that belongs to the shadow warrior...

Raine hoped she could meet with Aeon again as she had many questions to ask him, there were many things that she needed explanation from him, because Torak wouldn't have the answer for that.

When she was contemplating about it and tried to find the answer for herself, someone knocked the door of her room.

She was a little bit startled when a gruff voice came from behind the closed door, it wasn't Raphael, it was the guard who was standing outside of the room.

"Miss Raine, someone asks to meet you down stair." The guard said in rigid voice.

Raine frowned upon hearing that. Who could be that person? Why they asked to meet her?

Another knock on the door was heard when Raine didn't answer. "Yes, I will come out." She said as she put down the sketchbook on her laps and got off from the bed.

Whoever they were, they would be someone who closed to Torak, or else, they wouldn't be able to step inside this house with the tight guards around this place, not to mention other Lycanthropes also lived around this area.

Raine opened the door and was greeted with the same guard from this afternoon, he politely led the way to the first floor where Torak's office was, but this time, they walked straight to the living room.

There, someone had been waiting for her.

A woman with blonde hair that reach to her h.i.p.s, regardless she was having her back facing Raine, Raine could guess who she was.

But, why she came here and looked for her?

As if aware of Raine's presence, the unexpected guess turned her back and smiled broadly, as if she was looking at her early Christmas gift.

"Raine, long time no see." Jenedieth greeted Raine with her crisp voice that sounded so distance. Her red eyes were telling Raine that she needed to be careful with her.

"Jen..." Raine reciprocated Jenedieth greeting with small voice, she felt a bit calm when she caught a glimpse from the corner of her eyes that the guard was still there, standing a bit behind from her.

There was a surprise expression that passed her smiling face. "You can talk now!" She clasped her hands exaggeratedly. "Good! Now answer me, where is Torak?"

Yet, before Raine could register the question, she felt someone pulled her back and hid her behind his broad back.

"What are you doing here Jen?"

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"What are you doing here Jen?" Raphael stern voice was interrupting the brief conversation between Raine and Jenedieth. He stood tall there with his left arm was holding Raine close behind him.

"Raphael, hello to you too." Jenedieth grinned at the Beta and found herself chuckled upon seeing Raphael took a defensive stand to face her. "You don't need to be so work up. I am here to meet Torak, but he told me that Torak is

not home." She nodded her sharp chin on the guard, who had escorted her inside the living room.

"Who told you to bring her inside?" Raphael glared at the guard. He really couldn't trust these human.

"I am sorry Mr. Lockwood, but this Miss has the access card with her." The guard informed Raphael.

At the same time, Jenedieth wave a green card in her hand at Raphael mockingly. This card was a sign to enter the main house, which was given by the Lycanthropes, who were guarding around the house.

But, how she could get that?

Raphael didn't know how Jenedieth could get it and why there was no one informed him about this. They should know that Jenedieth had been banished from their pack and that made her presence was unwanted. Especially near Raine.

But, she walked inside the room leisurely like nothing happened.

How those stupid Lycans actually work? Anger bubbled up in Raphael's chest, if it wasn't because he smelled something off, the scent that not belonged to any of the people inside the house, he wouldn't have known that Jenedieth was there.

Whatever her intention was, it wouldn't be good. Not to mention her scent was different from the last time they met, something felt off about her and Raphael couldn't point his fingers on that.

"You can leave us." Raphael ordered the guard to leave. "Ask everyone to not step a foot inside the living room." He added before the guard disappeared.

"Human, huh?" Jenedieth's eyes were on the back of the guard when he closed the door, leaving the room. "What happens with Torak? Why he hired many human inside his house?" Jenedieth took a step closer, and this made Raphael's eyes turned black.

"That's not your business." He said curtly. "Leave now."

Jenedieth raised her perfect eyebrows and flicked her hair from her shoulder elegantly. "I don't come here this far to leave without getting what I want."

Raphael's eyes turned haze as he mind-linked the lycans around this area to come, apparently they didn't know about Jenedieth's visit.

If that was the case, then how she could get the access card and entered this house easily without making any noises?

"You don't need to call them." Jenedieth frowned. "I will leave once I talk to Torak."

Raine poked her head from behind Raphael's back and watched the argumentation that was going on between the two people.

She had no idea what had happened on Jenedieth after the event in the hotel that day. Raine only knew she was being punished, but didn't know exactly what kind of punishment.

Nonetheless, from Raphael strong reaction, Raine could conclude Jenedieth didn't suppose to be here.

"Don't make things difficult for yourself Jen." Raphael warned her and after he said that, from every door and any escaped route, came dozens of Lycans, either in their human forms or in their beast forms.

They circled Jenedieth and Raphael also Raine, who was standing behind the Beta.

Meanwhile, Raphael was reluctance to send Raine away, he was afraid if he did so, the Luna would suddenly disappear again.

"Everything is going to be alright Luna." Raphael whispered to Raine. He was glad that Raine didn't look very shock with this situation, she was surprised and there was a fleeting fear crossed her eyes, but compared to her when they met for the first time, her reaction now was within normal.

"She is Luna now?" Jenedieth darted her eyes around the Lycans that had surrounded her with derisive look. "I don't see Torak had marked her yet." She glanced at Raine and found the spot on her neck was still unmark. "How could you say something so advance like that, Beta Raphael?"

"This is Lockwood for you Jen." Raphael said coldly. He was still the Beta Supreme while Jenedieth last rank was only the daughter of the Alpha Xavier, which was now dead.

Jenedieth scoffed when one of the Lycans prowled behind her back to look for opening before he received an order to attack her and pounce on her.

She knew their movement, after all she was one of them for many years, she was trained by her father to be able to go on battle if needed.

However, she couldn't battle them, not with her current state that she had lost her inner wolf.

"I don't want this going to be ugly. I just want to talk with Torak." Jenedieth was very adamant to meet him.

"I have warned you before, but you simply didn't want to listen." Raphael pulled Raine along with him as he took three steps back, let the two lycans in their beast form to step in front of him, shielded them. "Now, even though you want to escape, you will not have that chance anymore."

Yet, unexpectedly, Jenedieth folded her arms under her b.r.e.a.s.t. No one would deny that she looked so s.e.xy when she did so.

Her long yellow dress that clad her body tightly looked so perfect on her, with dark brown boots that she was wearing, Jenedieth was almost as tall as Raphael now.

"I have told you, I don't have intention to escape. I want to meet Torak because there is something important that I need to tell him." Jenedieth shrugged her shoulder carelessly, she knew without Raphael's order no one from those Lycans would make an actual move on her.

"The Alpha will not very happy to see you Jen." Raphael said callously.

Before this, the relationship between the two of them weren't particularly close, there was only a handful occasion that they were talking to one another, other than discussed about work.

"He will come and see me if you tell him that I have an important information about that girl." Jenedieth winked at Raine. "How's that?"

