

The Love of a Lycan

Chapter 151 - SOMETHING ABOUT RAINE

"What kind of information?" Raphael squinted his eyes. At this time, he cursed the absence of Serefina. That witch always disappeared and appeared without any notice.

At least if she was there, they could talk with each other. Woman to woman. Raphael was really frustrated to guess what was inside Jenedieth's head, or whether her words were true or not.

She was good at manipulating people after all.

"If I say this information is about that girl's life and death, what do you think Torak will do?" Jenedieth turned around, walked toward the sofa and sat down gracefully. "I will wait here until he comes back. We can chat while waiting for him, if you don't mind." Jenedieth directed this quest to Raine.

However, Raphael grabbed Raine's shoulder and led her upstairs after he gave an order. "Watch her closely! If she tries to escape, kill her!"

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Once Raine and Raphael were on the second floor, he fished out his phone to call Torak, but his call didn't go through. He frowned and called another number while still holding Raine's hand closed to him.

On the third rings, someone picked up the call. "What is it?" Calleb's voice was so strict, apparently he wasn't in good mood.

But, Raphael had something more important to tell Torak, so he ignored the disgruntled sound from Calleb's tone. "Where are you? When will Torak come back?"

"We are in the company." Calleb scowled. "Here is the living hell you know? Torak just kicked out two shareholders!"

"Well, Jenedieth is here." Raphael informed the Gamma, cutting off his ranting.

For a few second there was no answer from the other side of the phone, but then Calleb high- pitch voice pierced through.

"What the hell she is doing there?!" There was annoyance in the way Calleb talked about Jenedieth. "You should send her back to the dungeon, you know!" It was because of her that the other Lycan, who was guarding Raine at that time, was implicated and been punished.

"Tell Torak to come home quickly." Raphael said and then glanced at Raine beside him, who was sitting on the single sofa while staring back at him. "Jen said she has something to say about Luna."

There was a silence on the other end. "I got it." Calleb said after a few moments.

With that, they both hung up the phone.

"What do you think Jen wants to say about me?" Raine asked after Raphael has no longer occupied with his conversation with Calleb.

"I don't know Raine..." Raphael shook his head, he felt something off about Jenedieth, but couldn't tell what it was. "But, you better stay away from her."

Raine nodded, she didn't have any intention to come close to her after all.

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It took Torak less than an hour to arrive at home.

Apparently, he ran back home in his lycan form as no one heard the engine of the car when he was there.

The first scene that came into Torak's line of sight was; almost all the Lycanthropes that he had brought with him to stay in this city, was there, guarding something... or someone, to be precise, closely as they didn't leave any room for escaping, while in the middle of the living room, on the sofa, jenedieth was sitting with boring expression on her beautiful face.

Torak walked inside the room with anger burning in his eyes, his strong presence and the dominance nature that oozing out from him, was enough to make them to give away to their Alpha.

In the other hand, Jenedieth's face brightened up when she saw Torak, as she stood up and hurriedly came over to him.

"Stop right there." Torak's cold and rigid voice made the blonde woman halted her light steps and looked at him unhappily.

"You don't like to see me?" Jenedieth tilted her head and asked coquettishly. "I know, I had ran away from the dungeon, but actually it wasn't me... it was the Succubus, Lilith, who had appeared and took me away." She explained, whining.

"I don't care about that." Torak cut off her complaint. He didn't rush over if it wasn't because Jenedieth had information about Raine. "Speak. What do you know about Raine?"

The beautiful smile on Jenedieth's lips turned into a derision. "You don't even apologize for killing my father." She said as she raised her chin arrogantly. "But, don't get me wrong, I am not coming here to get a revenge for my old man."

Torak didn't say anything, he was unusually patient to hear Jenedieth's rambling.

"I come here to make a deal with you."

The corner of Torak's lips curved into a derisive smile as he scoffed. "Make a deal with me." He reiterated her words as if it was something funny.

Ignoring the way Torak degraded her, Jenedieth kept talking. "The succubus, Lilith, and the devil, Belphegor, had held me captive for months. They offer me a deal to be on their side." Jenedieth stopped, assessing Torak's reaction.

Yet, the Alpha didn't satisfy her, as his expression remained the same. Hence, Jenedieth didn't have another options except kept talking.

"They have a plan and their plan is all about the girl, who is with you right now." Jenedieth refused to acknowledge Raine as Torak's mate.

"What is their plan?" Torak asked, squinted his eyes dangerously.

Finally, some reaction from Torak. Jenedieth knew, he would talk something if it was about that girl. Regardless she knew that, there was still a jealousy was blooming in her chest in the way Torak protected her.

He had never been like that before, not even when they were together.

"I will tell you, once you agree with my conditions." Jenedieth twirled her blonde hair between her fingers that she assumed looked very attractive.

But, it was only disgusted Torak further. "Speak."

Jenedieth frowned and looked around her at the dozens of Lycanthropes that were still circling and standing a bit far from them.

"I want to talk with you in private." She blurted out and walked closer to approach Torak.

Chapter 152 - LET'S HEAR WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT!

Not to mention to talk with Jenedieth in private, even with her standing three steps away from him, had disgusted him further. The scent of her that polluted the air made Torak felt distaste and aversion.

Her scent...

There was something wrong with her scent. Torak didn't realize this before when Jenedieth a bit far from him, because all the things that he could think was the information about Raine.

He craved for any information about his mate, he didn't want Raine suddenly disappeared again. What if she couldn't return? What if something happened to her like in the village of angel?

Torak was aware what his brother and he had done to the village of angel and the Shadow Warrior, just the thought of it had him shuddered.

Torak frowned as he sniffed the air. Jenedieth's scent didn't feel right.

"Let's talk inside your study room." Jenedieth walked past Torak as she strolled toward his study room.

It wasn't difficult for Jenedieth to find Torak's study room as it strongly filled with his scent, and also, she was quite often going into his study room in the past.

After all, there was a time when they were together.

Torak didn't reject it and he followed Jenedieth. He knew Raine was safe with Raphael up stairs because he had mind-linked his Beta the moment he was close enough to the house to hear Raphael's thought.

Two steps ahead of him, Jenedieth guessed it right as she pushed open the door to enter the study room and held it open to let Torak walk past the door.

"Speak." Torak commanded rigidly, he wanted to make this conversation quick and short.

"So impatient like usual." Jenedieth chuckled.

"Get it straight to the point or leave. You had been banished from my pack." Torak reminded her. Perhaps Jenedieth didn't aware about her current status, because the moment she was saved by Lilith, Torak banished her right away.

Jenedieth also didn't aware about this big decision of Torak, her happy face slightly change as she looked at the cold-blooded man in front of her.

"I have banished? I am a rough now...?" This realization made her confuse, but it only lasted for a few moments before she shrugged callously. "I will count that into my deal then."

Torak didn't say anything about this, no matter what Jenedieth said and assumed she would get it, in the end, it was Torak who had the final say.

"Alright, I will talk now." Jenedieth raised both of her hands as if she surrendered under Torak's impenetrable gaze. "Belphegor and Lilith are planning something together to get your mate."

"What is their plan?" Torak knew the sloth was after Raine the moment he appeared inside the hotel room, not only him, Lucifer also has the same intention.

"You have to agree with my condition first." Jenedieth demanded.

Torak didn't reply to her quest, but his gestured could be interpreted as he was listening to her gibberish talk.

Seeing this, Jenedieth wasting no time to open her mouth and started to list down her demands.

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Raine was hugging her knees while sitting on the same sofa when Calleb appeared from the corner of the living room in the second floor.

He was panting slightly when he approached Raine and Raphael.

"Just now you arrived?" Raphael put aside his phone after receiving several calls regarding Torak's business.

He knew Torak had arrived a few minutes ago and now was talking with Jenedieth inside his study room, while he couldn't leave Raine alone, he just stayed there to accompany her.

Raphael had informed Raine as well that Torak had arrived and what he was doing now.

Raine had asked to go to the study room because she wanted to know what the information that Jenedieth had about her, but Raphael didn't allow her to come.

It was better if Raine stayed away from her, and also, he didn't know what kind of information that Jenedieth brought with her. It would be best if Torak who told her about it.

The Alpha could decide whether he needed to let Raine knew or not.

"How can I outran the Alpha?!" Calleb grumbled and snatched a bottle of water on the table and gulped it down in one rough motion.

"Stay here with Luna. I have something to do." Raphael said as he dialed a series of number and went ahead, even before Calleb could answer him.

The Beta glanced at Raine who was staring at him sullenly, it seemed she was unsatisfied about something.

"He has been busy since this afternoon." Raine informed Calleb in low voice. Her habit to talk almost like a whisper had not yet changed.

"Oh..." Calleb gave her a nod of understanding before he slumped his body on the sofa. He was really tired, he had not yet ran that fast for years.

The moment he informed Torak about Jenedieth's visit, he shifted into his Lycan form and left the furious two shareholders that had been kicked out by him from the investment.

"What is it?" Calleb raised his head to look at Raine, she has been staring at him since the moment he was there. "Do you need something?"

Raine nodded. "I want to see Torak."

Calleb scratched the back of his head. "But, the Alpha is talking with the bad girl."

"I want to know what they are talking about." Raine replied with frown.

"I don't think that is a good idea..." Calleb stroked his clean chin as he contemplated. Actually, he also wanted to know why Jenedieth came to this city after she escaped from the dungeon, but... "He will get angry..." The image of Torak was angry made the Beta shuddered.

Raine shook her head stubbornly. "He will not." She said in certainty.

Calleb gave this some thought before he stood up and grinned mischievously. "I think you are right. The Alpha will not get angry the moment he sees you." He felt invigorated to know the conversation between the two of them, because their relationship in the past was slightly complicated.

Suddenly his curiosity killed the rational side on his head until he forgot the fact that; Torak wouldn't get angry at Raine, but he would definitely be in danger if the Alpha didn't like his decision to bring Raine over.

"Let's go." Raine suddenly brightened up and stood up first.

Chapter 153 - ISN'T THAT TOO MUCH?

Envy me.

Hate me.

Rate me.

The bottom line is,

You ain't me.

-Fitness Madalyn-

Raine and Calleb walked along the corridor and then went to the first floor, heading toward Torak's office on the left side.

From afar, Calleb could hear Jenedieth and Torak's conversation, but it needed Raine to be a little bit closer to hear them.

Calleb frowned when he heard what Torak and Jenedieth were talking about inside the office, though the whole conversation seemingly was dominated by Jenedieth and Torak only gave a short reply, but the Gamma started to question his decision to bring Raine along with him.

"Mm... Raine..." Calleb whispered to her when Raine had pressed her ear on the surface of the door to have a better understanding about the topic that was going on inside.

She didn't believe Torak would do anything on Jenedieth, though they were in the same room alone like this.

Hence Raine didn't surprise when she heard Jenedieth's voice was conquering the whole conversation with Torak.

However, a moment later, when Jenedieth had reached the point where she had to speak about her demand on Torak, Raine felt her heart dropped to the ground.

"I want you to take me as your Luna." Jenedieth posted her demand shamelessly, but seeing there was no reaction from Torak, she continued speaking. "You can keep that girl by your side, but I want the status as your Luna and to solidify that, I want you to mark me."

Raine heard that sentences very clearly as if there was no door that separated her from those people inside.

Would Torak do it? Would Torak take her by his side again? After all, before the incident with Raine, both of them had known each other for long time.

Raine's heart was pounding again her ribcage harshly.

She couldn't imagine Torak would divide his attention to another woman. Wasn't she his mate?

But, there wasn't any response from Torak and Raine wasn't able to hear clearly what Jenedieth was saying, yet the next moment she kept rambling on about her demands.

"I want you to introduce me as your Luna." She said stubbornly.

"Raine..." Calleb patted Raine's shoulder to get her attention. "I don't think we should be here." He felt a little bit uncomfortable with what he heard.

The Alpha wouldn't kill him for this, right? What if Torak agreed with Jenedieth's conditions? But, was that even possible? With the way Torak protected Raine, he wouldn't even consider that options, right?

Raine frowned and swatted Calleb's hand from her shoulder as she kept listening to Torak's answer, but there was no sound from inside afterward.

Maybe they were talking in very low voice until she couldn't hear them? However, Calleb definitely could hear them, right?

Raine raised her head and looked at Calleb, but before she could ask anything, the Beta had hissed under his breath and his expression turned into horror.

Raine didn't have time to ask what happened to him when the door had been thrown open and from inside, Torak's huge figure appeared right before Raine's eyes.

Because of her position, Raine almost lost her balance and was about to fall down if it wasn't for Torak who caught her body right in time.

"Alpha... I didn't mean to eavesdropping your conversation! Really!" Calleb waved his hand in denial frantically. He would be death if Torak truly took offense for this, after all his mood the whole day had been extremely bad.

But, Torak ignored him and looked at Raine in his arms dotingly, there was no anger that could be seen from his eyes.

He knew Raine was standing behind the door, as he was very sensitive with her lovely scent.

Her adorable big eyes widened in shock when she was caught red-handed for her act. "What are you doing here my love? And this is not the first time you do this." Torak asked softly as he placed a kiss on her forehead, made her blink a couple of times.

"I..." Raine was stuttering as she felt guilty. "I..." She gulped hard and avoided eyes contact with Torak. "I... want to see you..." She admitted it timidly.

Well, that wasn't a lie, she was indeed coming here to see him, but happened to stumble on their conversation.

"Do you want to see me?" Torak asked, the corner of his lips moved upwards as it curved into a small smile. "Do you see me enough now?" He teased her and enjoyed to watch how her face turned crimson, it was a beautiful sight to behold.

"I... I can go if I interrupt your..." Raine didn't manage to finish her sentence when Torak pecked her lips briefly, but that short moment was able to silence her.

"You will never interrupt me, my love and I think you don't see me enough." Torak held Raine's waist and ushered her inside the room.

When Raine walked past Jenedieth, she could feel the hostility was oozing off from her entire being as if it wasn't because of Torak was there, she would tear her apart, limbs by limbs.

Torak brought Raine behind his working table and sat her on his lap while he was sitting on his leather chair.

Calleb really wanted to kill himself by the way Torak was treating his mate now, not to mention Jenedieth, even he himself felt suffocated by the scene.

Worriedly, Calleb glanced at Jenedieth, and just like what he had thought, the woman was burning with hatred and jealousy. Her eyes glued at Raine on Torak's laps.

Jenedieth whole body was trembling while clenching her fists so tight until her fingers turned white. Torak had never treated anyone like that! It almost felt like, the Alpha had turned, entirely, to be someone else.

Meanwhile, Raine also felt uncomfortable with this position, it was fine if it were only the two of them, but now there was Jenedieth, who was glaring at her and Calleb, who seemingly couldn't close his mouth anymore, gawking.

"Stay still..." Torak whispered to Raine's ear intimately, made the red color crept to her ears as well.

With that, Raine stopped struggling and let Torak to hold her close to his chest, resting her arms on her waist and arm, while his chin atop of her head.

"Now, if you don't mind, you can repeat your conditions again." Torak talked to Jenedieth, but his eyes locked on the circles that he drew on Raine's arm with his finger.

Chapter 154 - THE WAY TORAK ANSWERED

Everybody has an addiction, mine just happens to be you.

In this situation, how Jenedieth could talk about her being the Luna for Torak, when the man that she intended to be with, was holding another girl affectionately.

It was so awkward as the atmosphere around her seemed so thick and heavy.

However, it only implied on Jenedieth, because Raine and Torak, apparently, didn't affect by it at all.

While Torak was teasing her skin and, once in a while, he would breathe on her scent and Raine would nuzzle her head on the crook of Torak's shoulder, looking for a comfortable spot to rest her head.

"You can talk now." Torak generously reminded Jenedieth for her intention to come here.

Jenedieth could feel herself was hyperventilating with the anger that she tried to suppress. "Torak! What the meaning of this?!" The pitch of her voice increased, but she couldn't make herself look away from Raine in Torak's embrace.

This scene was like a fuel for the burning anger that flamed within her body, the more she looked, the more she burned.

Torak didn't answer her and kissed Raine's forehead instead, it was almost like he had no longer cared about the people near him and only had his focus and eyes on his mate.

How the warmth of her body was so right against his skin and how soft they were. Torak pulled the rubber hair and let her black, long hair loosen, cascading down on her shoulder and covered half of her face. He liked her this way better.

He liked to play with her hair, the soft silky strands between his fingers. Torak didn't know since when this became a habit of his.

"Don't you know that the information that I have about her is very crucial?!" Jenedieth shouted at him angrily, she was frustrated.

She had taken a big risk to betray those two devils by coming here, with the hope to be able to establish her position in Torak's pack again, but all she got was this! The display of affection from the man that she had loved for more than decades!

How frustrated this for Jenedieth to witness all of this!?

Even her warning about the information that she held about Raine, couldn't get a bit of reaction from Torak.

Yet, Raine tilted her head and looked at Jenedieth innocently as she rested her palm on Torak's chest provokingly. She stared at Jenedieth as if waiting, what else she would say next.

"You will regret this Torak!" Jenedieth warned him, but Torak still unmoved.

The Alpha was like bewitched by Raine and couldn't take his eyes from her.

Jenedieth couldn't take it anymore. "Belphegor and Lilith will scheme against you to take away Raine from you!" She said it out loud and added. "The person who had killed Remi de Medici and made Ramon as a suspect was Belphegor! That was only the beginning of their plan! If you want to know what else they have in mind, make me your Luna!"

Raine frowned when she heard that for the second time... this woman's annoyance was in the same level like Serefina for sure.

Both of them blurted out what was inside their mind directly without seeing the situation they were in and loved to force their will on other people.

"You can keep her by your side if that's what you want! I can save you from their evil plan, but you have to mark me instead!" She tried to sound generous with her offer. After all, Torak only needed Raine because the mate bond between them, right?

Jenedieth was lost it when she witnessed how Torak gripped Raine's chin firmly, but so gentle to tilt her head and laid a deep soft kiss on her lips.

There was a loud gasp from Jenedieth when she watched this. The scene rolled like a slow motion movie in her eyes.

In the other hand, Calleb, who was still standing at the door, felt embarrassed only by looking the way Torak kissed Raine so affectionately, but couldn't move his foot away, as if they were nailed on the floor.

Not only Jenedieth and Calleb, who was caught off guard, even Raine also surprised by Torak's gestures, yet after her shock passed, she found herself bravely reciprocated the kiss with the same affection.

The kiss lasted for long time and no one could take their eyes from them, no matter what kind of thought and emotions that roamed around their mind.

"Ehem..." Calleb caught lightly to get Jenedieth's attention. "I think that the answer that you want to know." He kindly reminded her.

Jenedieth couldn't accept this! This was humiliation!

"You have killed my old man, banished me from your pack and now when I generously come to help you, you do this to me." Jenedieth mumbled, yet she was sure Torak could hear her perfectly. "I will assure you Torak, you will come and beg for my help! You will regret this moment! And the dirty girl in your arm will suffer greatly."

After saying her pieces of warning, Jenedieth stormed out of the room and almost knocked down Calleb in the process, fortunately the Beta has a good reflex.

Calleb grimaced, that must be a big blow for Jenedieth. But, Torak could have just answered her in the normal way, rejected her directly.

Nevertheless, he found interesting way to slap Jenedieth's face and her pride ruthlessly for the conditions that she demanded.

Made her as his Luna?

It would never happen even in dreams.

Torak had various methods to ensure Raine's safety, even if it meant he had to be with him twenty four hours, he would do that.

The moment Jenedieth gave him her ridiculous conditions, the answer was absolute, there was no room for negotiations or talked about that further.

[Erm... Alpha, I am truly sorry for the interruption.] Calleb said timidly through mind-link, the only communication that he felt less awkward as Torak wouldn't be able to answer him anyway at this moment. [Do I have to imprison her again? Or, directly kill her?]

[Let her leave and arrange someone to follow her.] Torak's answer was a bit disoriented as he deepened his kiss on Raine.

[Will do, right away.] Though that was what The Gamma's answer, he was still standing there.

[Calleb.]

[Yes, Alpha?]

[Leave.]

With that, Calleb hastily dashed out of the room. He even forgot to close the door and left it still open, leaving the two people alone, in their own world.

Chapter 155 - ANGELIC SOUND

Raine broke the kiss, as she needed to catch her breath. Torak's kiss this time was so intense and she wasn't sure how long it lasted.

All she knew Jenedieth was no longer there as she was a little bit disoriented.

Torak smiled very softly as he stroke his thumb on Raine's swollen lips, he liked the taste of her and how soft her lips against his.

Torak wanted to taste her more, it would never be enough for him.

These weeks since Raine was found in the hospital and she needed longer time to recover, he missed her.

He missed the way she smiled timidly, or her gentle voice that caressed his ears and how adorable she could be when he teased her.

He loved her with everything he had.

Torak leaned over to capture her lips again, but Raine lowered her head to avoid him. "She is no longer here..." She said weakly as she glanced at the spot where Jenedieth was standing earlier.

Torak raised his eyebrows questioningly. "So?"

Raine looked at him with her beautiful eyes and replied. "I thought you did that..." She stopped and bit her lips sheepishly. "To make her leave..."

Upon hearing her answer, Torak almost laughed his head off. How Raine could think something so ridiculous like that?

"I kissed because I want to kiss you. I will always love to kiss you, not because someone else." He kissed the tip of her nose and nuzzled his head on the crook of her shoulder. "I loved you, my angel."

Raine didn't know how to response to Torak's confession, though it wasn't the first time he said that, but her heart still responded to his sweet words, like it was the first time.

"I want to be always with you. Will you stay with me forever?" Torak asked, he looked like someone who was drunk as Raine's intoxicated scent conquered his senses. He felt he was in perfect bliss with Raine in his arms.

Stay with him forever?

Raine repeated the question in her head countless times, it sounded so lovely, but how long is it for her? Torak was immortal creatures after all.

But, if it wasn't with him, Raine didn't know, who else she wanted to be with. She couldn't imagine she was with someone else except Torak.

"I love you too..." Raine's voice barely a whisper, she wrapped her arms around Torak's neck.

A bright smile broke on Torak's lips when he heard that. It wasn't a simple confession from Raine, but it was also assurance that she has the same feeling like him. Now, Torak could be less worry, because he finally knew how she felt about him.

Those words meant a lot for Torak.

"Stay with me forever, my love. I will protect you and will not let harm befall upon you." It was an oath, and Torak meant to keep that with all he has.

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The sky had turned dark and the moon was hidden behind the gloomy clouds, but the light inside the study room was still bright.

Raine had not changed her position since the confession, while Torak cradled her as he worked.

During that time also, whenever there was a phone call, Raine would hold the phone on Torak's ears while he read the doc.u.ments.

That kept going on until two hours.

When finally Torak put down his paperwork, Raine was staring at him with smile graze her lips and Torak found himself also smile to her. It felt so natural.

"Hungry?" Torak asked and glanced the digital clock on his table, it was 22.14 p.m.

Raine had had her dinner before she came down to the study room with Calleb, Raphael made sure of that, but Torak had not yet eaten anything since he came.

"I am not." Raine shook her head.

"Sleepy?" Torak asked again.

Raine shook her head. "You haven't eaten anything since you came. Do you like something? I can cook something for you." Raine was in good mood.

When Torak heard that, he beamed in delight. "I will love everything you cook." He said with smile. "Aren't you tired?"

Torak remembered the events that happened during this whole day. There were many things had happened and Raine just recovered from her long sleep, he didn't want her overdid herself.

However, looking at how she was very eager to cook something for him, made Torak felt something warm was blooming in his heart. It felt so strange, but he welcomed this feeling.

"No." Raine then jumped from Torak's laps and stretched her body a bit. "I will cook something for your dinner." She reached his hand and took him away from the study room.

Torak gladly followed her, seeing how happy she was, it felt like the thing about the diary this afternoon had never happened.

He was relieved because Raine had no longer sad about it.

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"Thank you for the meal..." Torak finished the dinner that Raine had cooked for him and kissed her forehead.

Because it has been late at night, Raine only cooked simple dishes, lemon garlic salmon and asparagus. Raine wasn't sure what kind of food that Torak preferred, but seeing he finished all of them, she smiled brightly.

"If you like I can cook for you every day." Raine offered without a second thought. "What food do you like to eat?"

"I know I am right." Torak said as he tucked a strand of Raine's hair behind her ear.

"About what?" She tilted her head, didn't understand what Torak was talking about, his answer didn't match with her question.

"You are a chatter person." Torak said in loving tone. He didn't mind to hear her rant for whole day, but Raine thought about that compliment in the other way.

"I am sorry if I talk too much." Raine was embarrassed because of her own act, she just felt very comfortable and safe around Torak. It has been a long time for her to talk that much.

Actually, as a child, she wasn't a quiet kid, her mother would often sighed helplessly when she had to face Raine's series of questions.

"No, you misunderstand what I meant." Torak pulled her for a brief hug and stared at her with smile grazed his lips. "I love to hear your voice, my little angel. The most angelic sound that I ever heard."

After saying that, Torak lowered his head as he planted another kiss on her soft lips.

Chapter 156 - REMINISCE

The heart knows when the search is over.

-Bliss-

"There is something I want to ask you..." Raine said after their kiss.

The night has fallen deeper and now, the ray of the moonlight fell on both of them from the big window in the dining room.

The two of them looked good together, there was unexplainable feeling with the way Torak looked at his mate, whether it was adoration or love, either of that made his cold demeanor thawed whenever Raine was there.

"You know, you can ask me anything." Torak reassured Raine as she looked uncomfortable to talk about this matter. "Do you want to ask about what had happened in the village of angel?" He helped her to smooth the conversation.

Abruptly Raine raised her head and gingerly looked at him, she didn't want her question offended him, but she really needed to know, why Torak and his brother ordered something so cruel like that?

"If you don't mind..." Raine said timidly and hurriedly added. "But, if you don't want to tell me, I will be fine..."

"No." Torak played with her hair and grabbed her wrist as he stood up. "I will tell you everything... but, let's continue this chat inside our bedroom."

Afterward, Torak brought Raine away from the kitchen to the second floor.

Along the way, Raine's heart beat faster, she was nervous. What could Torak's reason be? Would he admit that he had killed them all?

Suddenly Raine was afraid to hear the answer, but she refused to back down. If she kept acting like this, she would never grow and Serefina would always mock her for being such a fainthearted person.

Not only that, if what Serefina had said was right... she would only become a burden for Torak and became his weakness, so that his enemies can easily take advantage of him by using her.

This was a first step.

The step that she needed to take in order to know herself, only by knowing herself, she would know what she could do and what possible potential that she might have.

Torak opened the door to their room and held it open for Raine, he was always be such a gentleman for her.

"I will take a shower for a moment." He kissed her forehead again and walked toward the bathroom inside their room.

Meanwhile, Raine was waiting on the bed and wrapped herself inside the warm blanket.

After sometime, Torak came in his white t- shirt and boxer, his short hair was still damp as he tried to dry it with the towel in his hand.

It felt so strange when Raine had an urge to take the towel away from Torak's hands and dried his hair instead.

"Let me do it." Raine said softly when Torak looked at her questioningly.

"Sure..." There was a smile in his reply as he slightly bent his body so Raine wouldn't have hard time to reach his head.

"You did this to me when the first night we met..." Raine contemplated, her mind played the image of herself, being timid and afraid for everything around her.

She had lived that way for eight years until Torak came, saved her sorry life and kept his words to always protect her.

Torak let out a soft chuckle. "You are afraid of me at that time."

"I am afraid of everything at that time." Raine replied.

Torak rested his head on Raine's laps while she kept wiping his hair gently

Torak looked at the other side and found their reflection through a huge mirror on the wall, with this, Torak could watch a soft smile grazed Raine's lips when she continued talking.

"I started to see another creature just two days before my birthday, the same night my parents were killed." Raine relived the painful memories. "Everything happened so fast and by miracle, I managed to escape..."

Raine intentionally skipped the detail about how she had witnessed the dead body of her mother and father in the living room, and how one of the creatures almost killed her.

"Afterward, I lived with my adoptive family because both of my parents didn't have any relatives... they treated me like their own daughter at first, but because I always saw those creatures, and suddenly freaked out like crazy girl, they started to look at me differently." Raine's expression turned sour.

Torak watched her through the mirror and didn't say anything. He let her to pour out what she had been holding back these many years.

He didn't want to interrupt her, because this was the first time Raine opened up to him and talked about her past.

It must be hard for her when in very difficult and confusing time in her life everyone turned their back against her and no one believed whatever she was going to say.

When none of them saw whatever she had seen.

"I was admitted to a hospital. The first year I was there, they still came to visit me... but, in the second and third year." Her voice choked. "No one ever come. They didn't know what's wrong with me as I always see 'things'"

This time, Raine lowered her head so her long hair covered her face, yet Torak could imagine what kind of expression she has now.

"When no one came to visit me again, they moved me to the secluded ward and then that nurse started to harass me..." Raine gulped hard and sobbed when she remembered what he had done to her.

At this point, Torak regretted the fact that he had killed that man right away, he shouldn't act impulsively at that time, because that man didn't deserve a quick death.

He would love to torture him skin by skin and let him bled out until the death came. His death was too easy.

"I started to ignore whatever 'scary things' that I saw until they convinced that I was good enough to go back to the community." Raine tucked her hair behind her ears, with that Torak could see her sad eyes. "But, my adoptive family didn't want to take me back, so they put me in the orphanage."

"Which the place I found you." Torak said.

"Yes. I am very grateful for that." There was a sincere smile on Raine's lips. "Thank you for finding me."

Chapter 157 - I HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND

Before even Raine could finish her words, Torak turned his head and trapped Raine's face between his palms. Above him, was Raine's beautiful eyes that were blinking like stars. "Thank you for stay with me."

Raine needed to bend her body, so Torak could kiss her.

The kiss didn't last for long, but it managed to warm both of their heart. Afterward, Torak changed his position and pulled Raine closed to him as he wrapped both of them inside the blanket.

Raine used Torak's upper arm as pillow and hugged his waist. It felt so warm and comfortable, and she didn't want this moment to go, she wanted to always be able like this with Torak.

Raine nuzzled her head against Torak's neck as she mumbled. "I am still upset and sad because Serefina burned my mother's diary." She whined. "She shouldn't do that..."

"I know." Torak rubbed her back soothingly. "I wish I could stop her in time."

"Torak..." Raine stared at him and looked a little bit reluctance. "Would you like to tell me about what had happened in the village of angel?" She brought back the topic.

After all, Torak had promised her to answer her question about this.

"I will tell you the truth, but please don't judge me..." Torak sighed deeply, his body tensed up. He was afraid Raine would see him as the beast he was.

Ruthless and cruel.

Two adjectives that could describe him perfectly, but he still didn't want Raine to see him in that way.

Raine wasn't sure if she should nod her head, because she was also afraid about the things that she was about to know, hence she kept silence and let Torak to start his explanation.

"It was me and my brothers that had ordered the attack on the village of angel." Torak started it with admitted the crucial part. "But, it wasn't us who wanted that in the first place. We received an order." He referred to him and his brother when he mentioned 'us'.

"Who?" Raine frowned. Who would be so powerful enough to order him and his brother? Because based on what she heard and her understanding, Torak wasn't someone who would take an order willingly, so his brothers wouldn't be so different, right?

"Selene. The Moon Goddess." Torak said her name impassively. He couldn't hate the Goddess like he used to in the past, because she had fulfilled her promised and brought Raine to him.

The only person that meant the world for him.

Torak couldn't see his existence without Raine after he found her. He just couldn't remember how he had lived his live these centuries without her, everything seemed blurred in comparison with Raine in his life now.

"The Goddess?" Raine asked incredulously. She had only read about Goddess in the book, she thought about them as they were only myth, something that only existed in the books.

But, those supernatural creatures also the same, yet in reality they were real.

"Yes, my love. The Moon Goddess." Torak confirmed it, he could understand with Raine's confusion. "She didn't like with the rule that Shadow Warriors set up for the Guardian Angel."

"The Moon Goddess ordered to kill them all?" Raine asked, extremely baffled. Why a Goddess ordered something so cruel like that?

"No." Torak denied. "The Moon Goddess only ordered us to take the guardian angel away from the shadow warrior, aside from that, there was another more important reason why we needed to take the guardian angel."

"About the attack..." Raine's mind trailed back to the attack in the village of angel.

"That was me and my brothers' order." Torak repeated the information. "The shadow warriors refused to give up all the guardian angel, that was within my expectation of course, and as a Lycanthropes and creatures who only knew brute force to solve a problem. The attack was something that we couldn't avoid."

Torak tried to explain his perspective and hoped Raine could understand his decision and why that decision was taken during that time.

Torak decided to come clean with Raine, no matter what she would think about him after this, because he couldn't find himself fooling and lying to her.

For the creatures that lived in ancient era, brute force was the only method to achieve their goal on something if the other party refused to obey their demands.

And in Lycanthropes' case, they were always being the top of food chain, so a disobedience act wasn't something that they could tolerate.

It was their nature.

Raine didn't give any reaction for a few minutes as she tried to let the information sink in her understanding.

"Can you say something?" Torak became anxious when he saw Raine was at lost. "I didn't try to justify decision, but I want you to understand the situation at that time."

"You tried to kill me at that time..." Raine said almost scare when she remembered that.

Torak frowned when he heard that. "Did we meet with each other?" He tried to recall the event in his head, but that occurred centuries ago and he didn't remember much about the detail.

"No." Raine sighed deeply and then told him what had happened the day of the attack. "Someone informed you that I am your mate, but you ordered to kill me instead."

"No, no, no..." Torak hugged Raine tightly. "There must be misunderstanding somewhere. I don't remember someone mention anything about mate to me during that period of time."

He was very sure about this. Since, the curse from the Moon Goddess was well known by other creatures that the Donovans wouldn't be blessed with mate, no one ever dare to mention it in front of them.

If someone was talking about mate, Torak would likely remember that.

"No?" Raine asked him, befuddled. She remembered clearly that one of the Lycan went away to relay the information about her. "But... There was one lycan who informed you..." Maybe he forgot?

Torak shook his head firmly. "No. I will remember that if someone mention about mate to me, because the word of 'mate' was a taboo topic."

"Why?"

Chapter 158 - THE BLISSFUL FEELING

The life in front of you is far more important than the life behind you.

-Joel Osteen-

"Why?" Raine asked abruptly, as her curiosity had washed over her.

She had heard some rumor about Torak's past, but had never had courage to ask about it.

However now, it felt so right to ask while they were still at it.

Seeing Raine's curiosity was a relief for Torak, it was better to see her this way rather than to see fear or disgusted look in her eyes for what he had done.

"Because there was this curse." Torak started to explain it. Because Raine's reaction was far better than he expected, he felt relax and began to play his fingers between the strands of her hair.

"What kind of curse?" This was the question that she had long wanted to ask.

"A curse which saying I will never have a mate for my entire immortal life." Torak said it lightly, now when he talked about it, he didn't feel the familiar anger gathered within him anymore.

"But, you said... I am your..." Raine puzzled, wasn't Torak always saying that she was his mate?

"My mate." Torak brought her hand to his lips and kissed her fingers. "I did something meritorious and the Moon Goddess lifted my curse, also my brothers as well."

Raine beamed when she heard this. "That must be something remarkable until the Moon Goddess changed her mind."

"I guess so." Torak shrugged his shoulder.

"But, what you and your brother did until the Moon Goddess cursed you?" Raine kept asking question, since they were still in this topic, it would be better if she asked all of her curiosity away.

However, Torak refused to answer that in detail. "A very dreadful sin that I feel ashamed to mention it to you my love." He leaned over and kissed Raine's forehead. "I am sorry, I can't answer this question."

It must be something very dark until Torak refused to share it with her.

Raine contemplated for awhile before she remembered something in Torak's words. "You said there was another more important reason for you to take the guardian angel away from the village, what was that?"

Torak sighed, Raine was too observant. "First because Selene didn't like the rule that the shadow guard set for guardian angel and another reason was because we needed them to fight against the devil." Torak explained it as if he was telling a fairy tale to lull a child to sleep. "Centuries ago there was a great war between Lycanthropes and the devil, and this involved all of the creatures in every realm."

Raine's breath hitched as she listened to him. She couldn't imagine how that war happened, seeing Torak fought in his Lycan form alone was already a

scary scene to see, what about thousand of creatures, or more, fought with each other?

"Who is the winner?" Raine asked with fear dancing in her eyes.

"Who do you think has won it?" Torak smiled brightly as an answer and Raine also smiled beautifully when she realized it.

"Glad to hear that." Raine slightly pushed herself up and kissed his chin.

Torak was very satisfied with Raine reaction, especially when she kissed him voluntarily. Seemingly she didn't look at him in disgust or fear, she still accept him after what he had told her, right?

"Don't you see me as a beast now? Bloodthirsty and pathetic beast that live by killing other creatures." Torak asked, though his voice was as calm as ever, but he was worried with what Raine's answer could be.

Raine gave some thought to answer Torak's question. "Even now, there is many thing that I don't understand, the part that you have to kill other creatures to achieve what you want, is the scariest thing that I ever heard, but..." Raine caressed Torak face, tracing her fingers on his jaw line. "I think human also the same, some of them killed each other to survive, or they would try to hurt other people to make themselves feel better."

It was like the treatment that Raine had received in the hospital and orphanage. That nurse had a need to hurt her because he wanted to feel superior. Rumor has it that he felt depressed for long time because of his chief kept pressuring him at work.

In the orphanage, other child would talk bad about Raine because they wanted to make themselves appeared better, they hurt her emotionally as they wanted to find the secure feeling that someone else has more miserable life than them.

Serefina did it in different way though, despite she meant good to burn her mother diary, but Raine felt there was something personal, which made her treated Raine harshly.

No matter what form it took, they did that to survive, their natural instinct to save themselves.

"It's natural instinct to survive when people hurt people. In your case, you just bring it to another level." Raine said it calmly. "It is not my place to judge what you have done, you must have reason for that and maybe I can't accept some of it. But, all of that had already happened and nothing I can do about that."

Torak looked at Raine without blinking, his mate really grew from a scared little girl, who always afraid of her surrounding to be a beautiful girl, who could learn the lessons from what had happened in her life.

"Thus, I want to live my life with you now and I don't want the past bother what I have now." Raine smiled sheepishly, realized she had talked too much.

"Thank you for understand me." Torak couldn't describe the flow of the blissful feeling that ran through his veins now. On the edge of his mind, his beast purred in total satisfaction with his mate's cognition.

"But, can you promise one thing?" She didn't want to ask too much from Torak, but she needed his answer for this. "Can you refrain yourself from killing other?"

"Everything for you my love." Torak kissed her hand and pulled her closed to him. "As long as they don't do any harm on you, I will try." Torak neither agree nor reject her request.

Actually, that wasn't exactly the answer that Raine wanted to hear, but she knew Torak would try to keep his words.

Chapter 159 - ICE CREAM

Sometimes the smallest things take up the room in your heart.

-Winnie the Pooh-

The sun bloomed on the horizon as its golden color stretched outward to illuminate the bustling city.

Its light was so warm when it touched Aeon's face, he felt something pure engulfed him. Slightly thawed his cold heart.

"Now, you couldn't even see her again."

Someone walked behind him and burned a cigarette in his fingers, he sucked the filtration zone and exhale thin white smoke to the air.

Aeon looked at the devil in disgust. "I don't know if you smoke, trying to be more human than devil?" He tried to make it sounded harsher than it supposed to be.

Lucifer chuckled and threw away the cigarette in his fingers before he stepped on it. "The taste is suck. I don't know why they wasting time for this kind of thing." He walked toward Aeon and stopped beside him.

"I thought devil only appear when midnight." Aeon said it sarcastically, at this time he didn't want to be bothered by him. He wanted to be left alone and it would be hard to shoo Lucifer away.

"Spare my wrench life." Lucifer whined exaggeratedly. "I am the morning star. Devils only appear when midnight? You should throw that thought away, because devils always behind you." He smirked devilishly.

They were in the quiet park, because morning just started, not many people came to visit this place. Only occasionally they would see two or three people passed by while exercising.

Near that park there was an artificial lake with dolphin- shaped fountain in the middle. Lucifer and Aeon stood behind the fence while looking at the calm surface of the lake as the morning breeze brought a smell of wet grass.

"If I know you were with that girl, I wouldn't have bothered asking Andromalius about her." Lucifer sighed regretfully for the headache that he had gone through for taking a roundabout way.

"Don't you dare to lay your hand on her." Aeon glared at the devil. "We have a deal."

Lucifer raised both of his hands in surrender gesture, yet when he did that the corner of his lips curved upward, forming a mocking smile. "Don't worry, I will not be the one who breach the deal."

"You better keep your word." Aeon warned him.

"I intend to do so." Lucifer was about to pat Aeon's shoulder, but the later swatted his hand away even before he could touch him. "What you will do now since the book had no longer with her? Do you have another way to come close to her?"

"I will find a way." Aeon said with determination.

"I hope the result doesn't betray the effort." Lucifer said it sarcastically. "You know how those lycans annoyingly overprotective to their mate."

"She is not his mate. I meet her first." Aeon said stubbornly.

"I wish you a good luck then." Lucifer said gleefully and disappeared into thin air, as if he had never been there in the first place, leaving only the cigarette on the ground as the evidence.

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The following day passed uneventfully.

While Serefina was still missing and had not yet appeared since the day she burned Raine's mother diary, Raphael got a new teacher for her on the third day.

Her name was Martha, and she was a forty something energetic woman with short brown hair and dark brown lipstick.

Raphael said she would teach her all the material that would be tested in the entrance examination.

Martha was strict, that Reminded Raine of Serefina, and the way she taught her was so well organized.

Every day Raine would study from ten to three o'clock with one hour for break, from Monday to Friday. Mostly they would take Torak's office as their place.

Yes, Torak refused to leave Raine behind at home, he was adamant to keep her within his line of sight, hence while Torak was busy with his new business, Raine would be busy with her study.

Because Torak's office has its own elevator and the fact it would always be Raphael or Calleb who would come to give and retrieve documents, thus no one else knew about Raine and her teacher existence there.

This also helped Raine to focus, as there weren't many insignificant people passed by and entered the room.

Sometime, if Torak didn't need to come to the office they would study at home and Torak would be there to accompany her. He would sit a bit far, so he wouldn't disturb her study and kept quiet the whole time until Raine finished.

"Alright, I think it's enough for today." Martha's slightly rough voice stopped Raine from writing the answer of the question in the text book. "You can give me the answer tomorrow and also the next page." She looked at her watch that showed 15.02 p.m.

In her contract, it was underlined that she wasn't allowed to extend the study hours and skip the break time. It was also a confidential contract that included she wasn't allowed to tell a single soul about this.

Martha didn't know why Torak Donovan so adamant on this, but since the payment that she received was more than enough, she would stop herself from being a busy body.

Martha tidied up her belonging and said goodbye to Raine, she glanced at Torak and only nodded her head. She was afraid to bother him, even since the first day until now they had not yet exchanged a small talk with each other and Torak's demeanor loudly said that he has zero interest for doing so.

Before the door of the elevator closed, Martha glanced at Raine once again. Who exactly this girl? She was too young to be Torak Donovan's lover.

After the elevator brought Martha away and it was only Raine and Torak alone inside the office, Raine trudged toward him and crawled to his laps while buried her face on his shoulder.

"Tired?" Torak smiled to see Raine acted this way. He put down the document in his hand and adjusted her position in his laps, cradled her in his arms. "Want to eat something?"

"Ice cream."

Chapter 160 - YOU LOOK SO CUTE

Raine felt her brain cramps, she didn't want to think anymore. Those studies almost killed her and drained her energy.

"I want ice cream..." Raine nuzzled Torak's neck childishly. "My head burning."

Torak couldn't help but laugh by the way Raine complaint. "Alright, I will order someone to buy an ice cream for you. What flavor do you prefer?"

"Let's go to the park." Raine abruptly raised her head and almost knocked Torak's jaw. "I see there is a park near here." She saw it on their way to his office.

"Park?" Torak asked. "There will be a lot of people at this hour. Will you be fine with that?" He was worried for her.

Yet Raine shook her head. "I think I will be fine." She said in high spirit with her face beamed with eagerness. "I am with you after all." She grinned.

"If that what you want." Torak sighed helplessly. How he could turn her down when she acted this way? "But, I think I need to change my clothes first."

Torak was wearing his business attire, clad with tie and suit, it would be attracted unnecessary attention if he went to the park that way.

"Okay." Raine nodded vigorously and jumped from Torak's laps to tidy up her book.

Torak comeback a minute later in his white polo shirt and washed off jeans, he wore a dark blue baseball cap and brought another one in the same color.

"Let's go?" Torak put the other cap on Raine's head and took her hand.

Torak's office was in the nineteenth floor, the highest floor in the building and the elevator connected directly to the parking lot, where Torak's car was parked.

Torak took the car key from Gregory, the driver, and drove the car himself.

"Watched your head." Torak mumbled when Raine got on the car and covered her head with his hand. After he buckled Raine up, he got on the driver seat and started the engine.

"Ready for ice cream, my angel?" Torak teased her and Raine giggled as a response.

It was 15.27 p.m when they drove away from the parking lot. Torak had informed his Beta and Gamma where he would go.

Because Torak wanted to keep it low, he didn't bring any of the guards with him and instead there were only two Lycans in their beast form followed behind him, far enough so Raine didn't notice them. Just in case.

After five minutes drive, Torak stopped and parked the car near an artificial lake and turned off the engine.

He looked beside him and watched Raine unbuckled herself. "Let's go!" She said cheerfully. "What flavor do you like?"

Raine looked so bright when she was in happy mood like this and so adorable in the way she waited for Torak's answer until he couldn't help, but leaned over to peck her lips.

"I like this flavor better." Torak whispered to her ears and just like what he thought, Raine's face turned crimson and nothing could make Torak happier than to see this response from her. "Let's go."

Torak opened the car door and walked toward Raine's side and opened it for her, her cheeks still slightly pink, but she smiled widely at him.

"Keep it down." Torak said while pulling down her cap so it covered half of her face. He didn't want someone caught him there with Raine, not because he didn't want their relationship was known to public, but it would only make Raine felt uncomfortable, and it wasn't the time for that yet.

Raine and Torak walked in comfortable silence while enjoying the view around her, in the other hand Torak enjoyed the only view that he loved the most.

They walked almost fifteen minutes before they could find an ice cream stall.

Raine chose vanilla flavor while Torak... well, he chose the same thing because he wasn't a big fans of this kind of dessert.

Torak accompany Raine to walk on the park while explaining many things to her when they stumbled on supernatural creatures, like a shifter.

She was still a bit afraid to see them, but since Torak was there, somehow, those creatures tried to avoid him. Probably because they sensed greater danger than themselves.

This was the first time after such a long time Raine was walking under the sunlight in broad daylight, but she felt safe and protected. Before, she would avoid to walk in the open area like this, afraid to those creatures that she met.

"Are you hungry? There is shopping center there." Torak pointed at the bustling street at the other side of the park. "Do you want to see it?"

Raine nodded eagerly and together they walked over there.

Both of them walked down the street filled with many small shops and stalls before they could reach the entrance of the shopping center.

This was one of the famous malls in this city, many people would go there to buy an expensive and precious things, or only to have a fancy meal.

"What do you like to eat?" Torak rested his hand on her waist protectively as once in a while he would play with her hair.

"I am not really hungry..." Raine finished her ice cream and wiped her lips with the back of her hand. "I think I want some cake..." She contemplated, thinking what she would like to eat.

Thus, Torak led her to one of an expensive cake stores that served various cakes in cute design. He thought Raine would like to eat something cute and adorable like this, Calleb told him about this not long time ago.

However, when Raine said she wanted to eat cake, what she meant was a simple chocolate cake and would never have thought Torak would bring her here.

With these cute and lovely cakes around them and the pink background, Torak's figure was so out of place.

Even the two ladies in the entrance giggled when they saw Torak entered the store with Raine. He was the only male customer there and Raine couldn't help but laugh as well.

"What you are laughing at?" Torak frowned, he didn't see something funny there.

"Nothing." Raine shook her head and kissed his cheek. "You just look so cute."