

The Love of a Lycan

Chapter 181 - THE PARTY (8)

"What happened here?" Torak suddenly appeared and grabbed Raine's arm, turned her body to face him.

The moment Torak saw her tears, he knew Serefina had ran her vicious mouth and told his mate about something again.

"Why are you crying?" Torak wiped the tears from Raine's cheeks, the mask couldn't hide her sad eyes and he could feel his cold- hearted heart ached, only by the sight of her devastated expression. "Tell me what is it?"

Without caring about his image and people's attention around them, Torak pulled Raine close to him and hugged her tight, he rubbed her back to calm her trembling body.

Instead of looking at the starry sky and waiting for the fireworks, all the people zeroed their attention on Torak and Raine, though they wondered why they were not able to hear a single word from them, regardless their close distance, but it didn't cease their curiosity.

After all Serefina's spell still worked, there was no way people out of her magic circle could hear them.

"What you are doing to her now?" Torak really had had enough with this witch, if it wasn't for Raine's sake he would shred her into pieces.

But, all she had done was hurting his mate again and again.

Raine was fine when he left her with this witch, but Serefina must have told her something that turned his mate this way.

"I said nothing, only the truth." Serefina shrugged her shoulder and took another glass of wine, she looked a little bit tipsy now.

Torak didn't talk, but the way he looked at Serefina was a demand for her to explain what she meant by saying 'the truth'.

"I said if the war is break out, she will die in order for the Lycanthropes to win the war." Serefina said callously, she even gave Torak a faint smile. "I find out, you are not yet telling her about this crucial information, so I took the brunt and told her." Serefina waved her hand. "No need to thank me."

Seemingly, Serefina was holding a grudge toward Torak and Raine, thus it was an enjoyable sight to see Raine cried her heart out and infuriated the Alpha again and again, because she was aware about the importance of her role in Raine's recovery and how to strengthen the angel power.

That was why, Torak wouldn't be able to do anything atrocious toward her as long as she didn't hurt his mate directly.

Torak didn't believe with what he heard. He had been keeping that matter secret all this time and Serefina just told Raine without a second thought?

No, this was Torak's mistake since the beginning, he shouldn't let Serefina talked alone with Raine and thought lightly about it.

At first, he assumed Serefina and Raine would only talk about how to strengthen Raine's power and discover how to control it. Who would have thought that their conversation was going south?

"Let's go home." Torak whispered and was about to carry her out of the party room.

But Raine held him back and raised her head, she bit down her kissable lips and talked in a low voice filled with dread. "Am I going to die...?" Another tear fell on her cheeks.

The question made his beast howled painfully in his head, scampered and on the verge to tear the witch, but instead to let his beast loose, Torak kissed her forehead to calm his beast down.

It wasn't only Raine who was afraid of that fact, Torak also felt the same, since he was aware from the beginning what the purpose of the resurrection of the guardian angel.

"I will never let that happen." That wasn't a comforting words, but that was also an oath that Torak made for himself, a reminder for him about the excruciating pain that he suffered now only by the thought of losing his mate.

Torak couldn't imagine and dared not to think, if it really happened.

Since he had kept that information for himself and had never talked about it, it was easy to pretend if he didn't know about it and put this matter on the back of his mind while he cherished his mate existence.

But, because Serefina told Raine about it and this matter was brought up to the surface, Torak couldn't shake that fact.

"That means what she said is true?" Raine realized another meaning in the way Torak answered her.

If what Serefina had said was true, then she really would die? Was she being sacrificed? Why she had to face something so cruel like that?

"Will I be sacrificed in order for you to win?" Raine couldn't help but ask. It seemed that was the case.

"No." Torak said sternly, even his eyes turned black with the way Raine put this matter. To think Raine would be harmed was enough to make Torak scared, not to mention she was being sacrificed for his sake.

If it came to the time Torak needed to choose, the answer was crystal clear for him.

"I will keep you save even if that was the last thing that I have to do." Torak wiped her tears and kissed Raine's forehead. "You don't need to worry about that kind of thing, there must be another way. We will find out about that soon, together."

'Together.'

Raine liked how that word sounded from Torak's lips, it felt like Torak trusted her and thought Raine was reliable to find the solution about this hurdle together.

Raine had forgotten the last time she had done something together.

"Stop crying." Torak turned Raine's body to face Serefina, but then he lifted her chin to look up. "Don't look at her, she is not a good sight to see." Torak reprimanded Raine lightly.

His words brought a smile on Raine's lips when she glanced at Serefina's angry face.

At the same time, fireworks burst through the dark night, fiery blooms among the stars. They sent hot sparks into the cool evening air, searing their brilliant light and vivacious color.

Torak hugged Raine from behind and watched how they light up her smiling face, like a perfect real life photograph.

Chapter 182 - THE RESULT

The night of mask party with fireworks would be perfect for Raine if it wasn't because Serefina ruined it with her horrible information about Raine's fate.

This soured Raine's mood for days, she talked less and only a bit more talkative only when she was having a conversation with Torak.

Along those days, Raine would be accompanied by Calleb.

"Hey, don't you want to see the result of your entrance exam?" Calleb elbowed Raine's arm lightly.

Now, they were watching a cartoon in the living room, since Raine didn't have a mood to draw something. She had been spending her afternoons fed her small mouth with all the snacks that she could find inside the fridge with sullen expression.

Serefina once again was gone. No one had ever seen her after the party, even Torak's hunters were not able to locate her, though that wasn't a surprising news to know Serefina was a great pure blood witch.

Raine heard two or three things about her powerful witchcraft from Calleb, who loved to talk about everything if he was boring, and babysitting Raine was one of them.

There was nothing he could do except watching a cartoon with her.

"Ah. I forgot..." Raine raised her head, only now she realized it, as her eyes became bigger when she said that. "I will check."

Raine stuffed the snack in her hand to Calleb and ran toward Torak's office room, behind her, Calleb followed, somehow the Gamma was also very eager to know the result, as if he was the one who had taken the exam.

But, when Raine turned on the computer and typed the password that Torak had told him, she pushed Calleb away.

"Don't look." Raine said sullenly. "I want to tell Torak first."

"But, Torak is not here." Calleb protested, it was him who had reminded her, but why Torak would be the first person who knew about this? "You need someone to congratulate you if you passed the exam." He tried to argue with her.

However, Raine was determined to make Torak be the first person who received this news.

"No. Don't look." Raine pushed Calleb away again, this time she was trying to glare at the Gamma, turned her expression as scary as she could make with no avail.

Calleb almost laughed out loud to see Raine's attempt, she looked more adorable that way with creased eyebrows, but wise enough to keep his laugh for himself.

"Why? We are like brother and sister now, let this brother sees it." Calleb made a nonsense excuse. Remained to stand there unfazed, no matter how much strength that Raine had exerted to push him away.

"If you don't go I will call Torak." Raine threatened him. This was the first time for Raine to threat someone, but since it was Calleb, she wasn't afraid if he got angry. She knew he would never get angry to her.

"Seriously... you actually use that trick?" Calleb asked incredulously. Since when this little mate of his Alpha learned how to threaten other people like this. But, since Raine was Torak's mate and always stuck with him, there was a high chance that she was infected by Torak's cunningness. "Why are you so petty now?"

Calleb didn't have a chance when Raine grabbed the phone and was about to call Torak's number.

"Alright, alright! I will not see it. Put the phone down!" Calleb said in panic. He didn't want to be punished because of this matter, it wasn't worthy! "I miss her old self, she is cuter that way." Calleb grumbled as he went to the sofa and sat there, away from Torak's working desk, where Raine was busy with the computer.

It only took a few minutes before Raine's expression lit up when she saw the result of her exam on the computer screen. She even giggled to herself and jumped on her seat.

Calleb couldn't help but shook his head. "She is really clueless, isn't she? Can't she make it hard to guess, at least?" Raine said she didn't want to let Calleb knew about the result and wanted Torak to be the first person who knew about it.

However, her expression and her act just now, gave away the answer. It was very obvious.

"So, what the result?" Calleb just asked offhandedly, though he already knew the answer to that.

But, Raine abruptly stopped smiling and turned off the computer before she fled from the office room, leaving Calleb sat alone there.

Once again, Calleb shook his head.

However, it didn't take a long time to poke her head inside the room again as she asked Calleb. "What time Torak will return?"

Upon hearing this question, Calleb raised his eyebrows. "He always returns at 4 o'clock right? Why did you ask?"

Raine pouted and glanced at a digital clock on the working desk that showed 11.14 a.m. It would take a long time before Torak came home.

"Does Torak have a meeting today?" Raine asked again.

"Even if he has an important meeting, knowing him, he will just call off the meeting for you." Calleb said in matter of fact.

Raine frowned, she didn't like Calleb's answer. "No, I don't want to bother him." But, she really wanted to share this good news with Torak and got a word of praise from him. Raine was very happy with the point that she got.

"He will not think of you that way... hey! I am talking here!" Calleb didn't believe it, Raine actually left him when he was talking. This annoyed him because she treated Raphael differently. She listened to his words.

But, once again Raine poked her head inside the room through the door that slightly opened.

"If I don't disturb him, can I go to his office?" Raine asked again. Her expectant eyes looked Calleb innocently.

Calleb sighed deeply. This girl was very easy to read. "Let's go." He stood up and strode across the room. "Wear something warm! I don't want to be nagged by the Alpha because he thought I don't take a good care of you!" Calleb shouted when Raine had dashed off again.

"Okay!" Raine's voice was sounded from the second floor.

Chapter 183 - WHY HASN'T HE MARKED ME YET?

There are no accidental meetings between two souls.

After ten minutes passed, Raine went down with her black parka in her arm and a small sling back in the same color, as usual, she would go with jeans and sweater also her baseball cap.

"I am ready." Raine said, beaming with smile from ear to ear, wearing her baseball cap that almost covered her entire small face.

If she acted so bluntly this way who wouldn't be able to guess, what the result of her exam?

"Alright, let's go." Calleb twirled the car key between his fingers and let a guard to open the door for them while Raine waltz behind him, if she was a fae, she would have flown by now.

Caleb opened the shotgun seat for Raine before he sat behind the wheel. He didn't use a driver for this trip because he was so boring trapped inside that house and need a little stretching for his tensed muscles.

"Don't you need to make a call, to inform Torak that we will come?" Raine asked as she put on her seatbelt.

"I will mind link Raphael later when we already close enough, that's more efficient because he is not always on his phone at this hour." Caleb replied as he started the engine.

"Oh." Raine nodded her head. She forgot that all the Lycans could do that sort of things with their pack members. "I wish I can do that too..." She mumbled.

Caleb turned the car at the corner as they left the house. "Since you are the Alpha's mate, you can do that too..." He said in matter of fact tone.

"I can?" Raine whipped her head and looked at Caleb expectantly. "But, how?" Now, she was eager to know more.

"Once the Alpha marked you, you will have the same ability." Caleb answered, he really didn't have any idea about how clueless Raine was with this kind of stuff.

"How he will mark me?" Raine kept asking, the idea to have a telepathic communication with Torak sounded awesome for her.

Caleb glanced at Raine direction and shrugged his shoulder. "He will bite you."

"Bite me?" The tone of her voice increased.

"Yes, The Alpha will bite you on your sweet spot." Caleb pointed his neck. "That's how the mark will appear."

"The mark will appear?" Raine leaned toward Caleb as her curiosity grew. "What is that? Is that some kind like a tattoo?"

"Tattoo?" Caleb contemplated for awhile before he nodded. "Well, you can say that way, but this kind of tattoo is very sacred for our kind." He explained.

"Have you marked someone?" Raine sure has a lot of things to ask.

"I have not yet met my mate, so I can't just mark a random girl." Calleb slightly grimaced when he said that.

Seeing how Torak treated Raine and looked at her with adoration, sometime gave Calleb goosebumps, knowing how ruthless he used to be.

"So, you should only mark your mate?" Rained wanted to confirm her speculation.

"Exactly." Replied Calleb with certainty. "Lycan will recognize their mate immediately once they feel their mate is nearby and the moment they meet with each other, they will mark their other half, claiming their woman. You can say that mark is a symbol of love for our kind."

When Raine heard that her face fell and her expression turned gloomy, she slumped her back against the seat. "But, Torak didn't mark me..." She whined.

Calleb almost hit the brakes when he heard that, realizing his mistake. "No, no..." He waved his hand in panic.

Fortunately there was a red light so he could face Raine and tried to explain while he looking at her dejected expression. "You are a special case." Calleb attempted to appease her, but didn't have any idea how to handle a sulking girl. "Torak has not yet marked you because he has many things to be considered."

"Such as?" Raine peered at Calleb through her black hair that cascaded down her face and shoulder.

"Such..." Calleb tried to find a good reason. He really squeezed his brain for this.

How would he know what the reason of Torak had not marked his mate yet?

Usually Lycan would mark their mate within days after they met with each other, but they have met for months. But why Torak had not yet marked Raine?

"You can't answer that." Raine said sullenly, suddenly her mood turned sour again. She pouted and looked at the trees outside.

"No... that's not what I mean." Calleb scratched the back of his head. His mouth always got him into a trouble. "Maybe because you are not yet an a.d.u.l.t... see? You are not even eighteen years old yet."

"I will turn eighteen two weeks from now." Raine whipped her head at Calleb direction. She blinked her eyes. "Will he mark me then?"

Calleb resumed his focus on the road ahead, of course he didn't know what the answer for that question, it wasn't he who would mark her, right?

"Probably..." He said in low voice.

"But, why do you think Torak had not yet marked me, except for the reason that you gave me?" The reason about her age was so lame for Raine.

"Hmm..." Calleb hummed, trying to come up with another reason, but before he answered her first question, Raine had asked him again.

"How long it will take, normally, a Lycan will mark their mate the moment they meet with each other." Raine stared at Calleb.

"Well, the longest that I know is around three days... because the time you see your mate there is an urge to claim what is belong to you. Maybe for human, the feeling is like love at first sight." Calleb gave some thought about this. He didn't know the exact feeling, but that's what he heard from lycans who were lucky enough to have found their mate.

"Three days?" Raine said it with devastated tone as she slumped her back again. "It has been months and Torak still not marked me yet... does he not feel that urge?"

Calleb really wanted to slap his mouth.

Chapter 184 - A GLASS OF WARM MILK

I never wished for a prince charming, I dreamed of my big bad wolf.

When they arrived at Donovan Company building, Calleb drove the car to the bas.e.m.e.nt near the private lift that would bring them straight to Torak's office.

Just like the other building of his company, Torak liked to be so secretive.

Meanwhile, ever since their conversation about the mark of Lycan, Raine was slightly down and didn't talk anymore, yet when they were inside the lift, she became cheerful again.

[Raph, I am with Raine. Where are you? Is the Alpha with you?] Calleb mind linked Raphael.

[Yes, we have a meeting. Will finish within thirty minutes, just wait inside the office.] Raphael answered while listening to the presentation of the head of the Marketing Department.

[Got it.]

Calleb couldn't reach Torak because he closed his mind, usually he would do that when he was in the middle of an important meeting, but Raphael would be able to reach

Chapter 185 - SHE IS TORAK'S GIRLFRIEND

There's always a wild side to an innocent face.

"But, I am here to see Torak." Raine frowned. Why this woman so afraid to know she was there? Didn't Calleb say something about her being there?

She furrowed her brows when she heard Raine mentioned the CEO's first name. "Many women will say the same thing, but you better leave now, if Mr. Donovan sees you here, he will sue you for this. This is for your own sake too." The woman tried to make Raine left the office, because she would get a big trouble too if Torak knew she had accidentally let someone barged into his office.

But, the thing that made her puzzled was; this young girl was too calm for someone who had just barged into CEO's office.

"I came with Calleb. You can ask him, he will come back after bring me a glass of warm milk." Raine said it with smile.

Raine knew, Torak was very scary when he was pissed, but to see this woman fall into panic like this, was quite enjoyable because she was boring to wait for Torak while didn't have anything to do.

"Mr. Watson?" The woman frowned when, this time, Raine mentioned Torak personal assistant's first name. "Do you know him?"

Caleb indeed was making a glass of milk for Raine, personally, because Torak didn't want someone else touch the food or drink that she would consume. Just in case.

After that, the door of the office was opened and Caleb walked inside with a glass of white milk in his hand and a coffee in his other hand.

"Mr. Watson!" The woman's eyes grew bigger as she approached Caleb. "I really don't know how this young girl can get inside the office, I came here to put the important documents that Mr. Donovan has been asking for." She pointed at a pile of documents atop of Torak's table. "But, this young girl was already here and I have been trying to ..."

"She came with me."

"... to ask her to leave... wait, what?" The woman became more puzzled with the situation. "She came with you?" She tried to confirm what she just heard.

"Yes." Caleb strolled across the room to approach Raine and handed the warm milk to her. "Careful, it still hot." He said.

Seeing this, the woman's jaw dropped open. How this could be possible? Torak has a young girl inside his office and not only that, Torak's personal assistant also treated her incredibly good.

"This..." She stuttered, her brows wrinkled as if would never come back to normal.

"I have told you that I am waiting for Torak." Raine grinned and walked toward Torak's leather chair with a glass of milk in her hands.

"But, Mr. Watson, who is her..." The woman didn't believe with what she saw, Caleb just let Raine to sit in Torak's chair.

"Me?" Raine asked from across the room. "I am..." She gave some thought of this. "I am Torak's girlfriend." She said cheekily.

Somehow, Raine loved to see the expression of that woman when she heard how Raine addressed herself. Her shocking face was a sight to behold.

Raine was in good mood.

But, her words gave Calleb a headache. "Ms. Kiehl, a word please." He said to the woman and signaled her to follow him.

When both of them were outside the Torak's office, the woman bombarded Calleb with a lot of questions.

"Is she really a lady boss? She is so young! How old is she? Is she a high school student? A college student?" She didn't stop until Calleb raised his hand to stop her.

Because of Calleb easy-going personality, he was quite close with the rest of the employees and they were also more comfortable with him compared to Raphael, who always looked so serious while Torak was out of the picture.

"Yes, she is the lady boss. She is a college student and yes, she is very young." Calleb answered all of her questions, but he continued before she could talk again. "I want you to keep this secret, because Mr. Donovan will not please if his personal life out to the public. Just because you accidentally know about this, I will be lenient with you, but if one day there is a word leaked out about this, then you will be the first suspect and if you are proven guilty, the company will sue you for multiple lawsuits that one of it will be divulging company secret."

Calleb said it with very serious expression. It was very rare for him to act this way, thus she couldn't help but gulped hard.

"No, no. I will not say a single word about this." She waved her hands frantically.

Having a dispute with Donovan Enterprises Holding, Inc. was something that people like her couldn't afford. It was almost like asking for a death sentences.

"So, don't ever mention about this." Calleb gave her a harmless smile. When he saw fear in her eyes, he knew she would never say a single word about Raine.

"Sure, of course!" She said with certainty. No matter how much she liked to gossip, she would never risk her life for this.

"Alright, you can go back to work." Calleb dismissed her.

"Yes, yes. Mr. Watson." And she fled from Torak's office.

She needed some time to catch her breath as she went to the restroom where there were three new employees gossiping about Torak.

"Mr. Donovan is so handsome! He walked pass me in this morning!" The first woman cupped her face while recalled the scene in her head. "I am so lucky to be able to enter this company and see Mr. Donovan every day."

"Actually, I applied in this company because of him!" The second woman chimed in.

"So do I."

Ms. Kiehl only could sigh regretfully when she overheard the three women's conversation.

They must have just graduated, as they looked young and fresh, but when she remembered the young girl inside Torak's office, of course the three of them were not young enough for his type.

Chapter 186 - A GIFT

Cause all of me loves all of you.

Love your curves and all your edges.

All your perfect imperfection.

-All of Me, by: John Legend-

Back to Torak's office, Raine was drinking her milk like an obedient child, but her eyes showed the otherwise, when she finally put down her empty glass and met Calleb's eyes, she grinned.

"I don't know that woman will come." Raine talked defensively before Calleb could speak first. She felt like the Gamma would accuse her.

"Don't worry." Calleb waved his hand to dismiss the topic. "I have her handled."

Just now Calleb noticed that Raine was actually quite mischievous and talkative. Ever since she could talk again, she has a ton of questions for every conversation.

However, Raine would only act that way when she was with Raphael and Calleb, or course she would talk more with Torak than she did to the two of them, yet when she was with someone else that she didn't know, she tended to be as quiet as an ant.

"Really? I didn't cause trouble, right?" Raine jumped from Torak's seat and raced to sit beside Calleb on the sofa.

"No. What kind of trouble you can make in Torak's company? If anything Torak will have her memories to be erased." But, it required Belinda to come to do that job, just like what they did when Torak killed someone in the hospital.

"Is the mate bond is that strong? Until Torak can't bear to get mad at me?" Raine pulled her legs close to her chest and hugged them out of habit.

"You can say so." Calleb be reminded, which for Torak and Raine's case, the mate bond only worked on Torak alone. But, at this rate, who would care about mate bond, as Raine was so clingy toward Torak.

"Is the mate bond can disappear?" Raine asked curiously.

Calleb frowned upon the question. "I have never heard the mate bond can disappear." He answered truthfully. "Why do you ask that?"

Raine's sullen face made Calleb assumed there was something behind her question.

"Nothing." Raine shrugged her shoulder, trying to act nonchalant yet failed miserably. "Serefina said if there is no mate bond between Torak and I, Torak would have killed me, because he doesn't like a weak creature." Raine confided.

"Nah, don't think too much to what that witch told you." Calleb made a disgusting look when the mentioned of Serefina's name. "Torak will not kill you even if you are not his mate. This era we live in now, is not the same era like centuries ago where you can roam around the land and kill anyone that annoyed you." He tried to put it simple.

"But Aeon said the same thing." Raine mumbled. She remembered what the similar thing that both Serefina and Aeon had told her and that kept bothering her mind.

"Yeah, and both of them are annoying." Calleb slouched his back against the sofa and turned on the television. "You shouldn't take annoying people's words seriously."

Hearing Calleb's statement made Raine chuckled and joined to watch the television instead of pursuing the topic further.

Not too long after that, when Raine and Calleb enjoyed watching one of the reality show program, someone pushed open the door that made Raine turned her head while Calleb continued to watch as he already knew who was coming.

"Torak!" Raine's smile bloomed from ear to ear as she dashed toward her mate.

In no time Raine had her arms wrapped around Torak's neck like a baby octopus as she giggled happily. She was very happy today.

"What a pleasant surprised my love." Torak couldn't help but smiling also to see how happy Raine was. Everything that made his mate happy would make him to feel the same, though it didn't relate to him at all.

Torak peppered small kisses on her ear that so ticklish and made Raine laugh even loud.

Seeing how different Raine today made Raphael confused, he put down a pile of documents on top of the table as he sat down beside Calleb.

"What happened to Luna? She looks incredibly happy." Raphael asked Calleb, who didn't spare a single glance at the love birds.

"She passed the exam." Replied Calleb curtly, his focused was still on the television. "But, pretend that you don't know, she wants to tell Torak first about this." He added when Raphael was about to approach Raine and congratulated her.

Raphael, who almost stood up, sat down again and looked at Calleb in confusion. "And how did you know if Luna didn't tell you?"

Lazily Calleb glanced at the Beta. "She has been acting that way ever since she saw the exam result. What do you think the result of the exam?" He explained it with; 'that's so obvious' tone.

On the other hand, Raine dragged Torak to his leather chair, sat on his laps and opened the University's web.

"Look. I am passed." Raine pointed at the result of her exam with the word 'passed' in the end. Her point was quite high that she could brag about it.

"I know you will my love." Actually, Torak had known Raine's point before she did, but he would never let Raine knew as he hugged her carefully as to not squash her body. "What do you want for your gift?"

Torak would give her everything she wanted right away once Raine said it.

Raine looked at Torak seriously. "Can I ask anything?"

"Of course." Torak ran his fingers along her black hair. "Anything for you."

Raine thought about that hard and to see the wrinkled between her brows, Torak chuckled. "No need to think that hard, I didn't say you can only ask one thing."

That meant, Raine could make a list of the things that she wanted and Torak would fulfill all of them.

However, there was only one thing that Raine really wanted. "Can I say it on my birthday?" She asked that made Torak confused.

"You can ask another thing on your birthday."

"No. I really want this on my birthday."

Chapter 187 - I LIKE IT NOW

Torak was very curious about what Raine really wanted on her birthday. "Then, what do you want on your birthday?" He changed his question tactfully. "Your birthday is only two weeks from now, at least I need to prepare it."

"You don't need to prepare it, this is not something that need a lot of preparation." Raine grinned and nuzzled her head on Torak's neck, her warm breath was so ticklish against Torak's skin.

"But, I think we still need to celebrate it with lunch." Torak thought about a few recommendation restaurants that he had planned to visit with Raine. He was too busy with his work recently, so he could set a foot firmly in this new city, which wasn't his territory, and spent a little time with Raine.

Not to mention Raine had stopped to come here to study when she already took the entrance exam.

"How about eat something that you like?" Torak asked and saw the stars twinkled in those beautiful eyes.

"Steak?" Raine beamed. Actually, it didn't matter with the food, as long as she ate with Torak, she could digest everything. Raine wasn't a picky eater after all.

"I know one restaurant that you will like." Torak caressed her cheeks. "Shall we go now?"

"Will Calleb and Raphael join us?" Of course she wouldn't leave out her buddies, Raine liked it when they ate together. Especially when she took a glance of how Calleb's ears perked up the moment he heard the word 'steak' was being mentioned.

"If you like it." Torak agreed.

And with that, the four of them went down to the parking lot. Calleb took the seat behind the wheel while Raphael beside him and the mate sat on the back.

"The first day will be next week, I think we need to stop by a bookstore to buy something for you after lunch." Torak suggested.

[But, Torak you have meeting with marketing department at 2 p.m.] Raphael reminded Torak through mind link, he didn't want to spoil the fun, but Torak still has some other thing to do.

[Set the meeting at 4.] Torak answered, he thought at that hour he already back.

[Yes.] Raphael started to type email on his laptop for the attendees of the meeting for the change of time.

"Have all of you gone to college also?" Raine asked that question out of the blue, suddenly she became curious.

Referring to what she knew, Lycans have a long life span, did they go to the college during that time?

"I did." Torak chuckled. "I graduated 76 times."

"32 Times." Said Raphael between his activities, replying bunches of emails.

"23 Times." Calleb chimed in and then gloated. "And I always be a valedictorian." The Gamma grinned from ear to ear with smug face.

However, like usual, he got a slap on the back of his head from Raphael. "Stop gloating, all of us did." He even didn't take his eyes from the laptop.

This scene was so familiar for Raine and she always enjoyed to watch them quarrel or argue over trivial things.

"76 times? That's so many!" Raine squalled. "What kind of major that you took?"

"I can't remember them all my love, but I think I took one each." Said Torak while caressing Raine's hair affectionately.

"You must be very smart." Raine mumbled.

"If you have a lifetime to learn that isn't a surprising thing." Calleb said as he hit the brakes because of the red light and turned to face Raine. "But that

gradually becomes very boring because you will do the same thing over and over again."

"Eyes on the road please." Raphael pushed Calleb's face away with his hand. "Green light."

A frustrated grumble heard from Calleb's lips as he resumed his focus on the road ahead.

"How old are you to be exact?" Raine asked again, though Torak and the other looked like in their late twenty, but they must be older than that.

"869 years old." Torak answered.

Raine's eyes widened as her lips form an 'O' letter. "We have 851 years gap."

Torak chuckled, Raine was actually counting that. "I hope you don't mind with someone much older than you."

Raine hugged Torak as an answer. "No." She giggled. "How about the two of you?"

"I am 324 years old and Calleb is only 72 years old." Raphael answered Raine. "In our kind 72 years old is consider a pup."

Calleb protested when he heard that. "Don't be ridiculous." To be called a pup hurt the Gamma's pride.

"A pup? That's cute." Raine commented.

"Really?" Calleb turned his face with bright smile to see Raine for her complement, but before he did that, Raphael had slapped his head again.

"Eyes on the road!" He growled.

Raine suddenly remembered something. "Torak, can I have a bunny?" She raised her head to see him, but she met with his frowning face.

[Let's make a bet!] Calleb suddenly mind linked Raphael. [I bet Torak will give in.] And he added. [One month salary?]

It was well known that Torak didn't like to have a pet. Well, why he needed a pet to look after when he already had bunches of mad wolves at his beck and call.

However, Raine would always be an exception for Torak, right?

In the other hand, Raphael rolled his eyes incredulously. What happened with this Gamma, why he always has this sort of bet?

"I always want to have a bunny..." Raine added when Torak didn't reply to her. "But, it's okay I don't really want it..." She yielded when the frown on Torak's face deepened.

"Okay." Torak finally said before a disappointment spread on his mate expression.

"Really?" Raine sought for a confirmation. "But, this is not what I want for my gift." Raine didn't want to exchange the gift that she really wanted for this.

"Of course, you can ask another thing." Torak reassured Raine.

On the front seat, Calleb laughed quietly as he glanced at Raphael as if saying; 'see? I win again.'

However, Raphael ignored him and mind linked Torak. [Torak, you never like pet.] He reminded him.

[I like it now.] Torak answered nonchalantly.

Chapter 188 - GO PUBLIC (?)

Raphael booked a private room for the four of them in one of the best steak restaurant in this city and let the manager to show them the way to their room.

The manager was a young man with curly hair and glasses that perched on his high nose, he obviously knew Torak and glanced at the woman beside him a couple of time to see her face.

But, because Raine was wearing her baseball cap and was surrounded by Calleb and Raphael, it was hard to see her face clearly.

There was only one thing that the manager was very sure; Raine was very young.

Within the business circle, there was a rumor about the appearance of Torak's woman. Torak took his partner with him when he attended the mask party.

But, because of the mask that she wore, no one could see her face, nonetheless they were very certain that this woman was very young with fair skin and skinny body also her raven hair that cascaded down her back like a waterfall.

Based on that description, the manager assumed the young girl in the party was the same girl that was beside Torak now.

The problem was, no one ever dare to bring Torak's private life to be public consumption as they didn't want to tip the wrong side of this cold- blood CEO.

Regardless, all the single ladies were still gossiping behind his back while looking for the opportunity to have a chance to be close to him, which never happened.

The manager held the door opened for them to enter. He, personally, served them along with two waitresses.

This room was an VVIP room, which not an ordinary businessman could book, with the best view of the city and the sea. People inside could hear the sound of waves and seagull.

If only they arrived before the sun down, they could see the breathtaking scenery of the sunset above the horizon from the balcony of this room.

After the four of them took their seat, Torak gave the menu to Raine, for her to order anything that she liked.

Actually, Raine didn't quite understand with what kind of meat that she wanted to eat, because for her everything looked the same, given the fact that all this time, it was Torak, who chose for her.

"I want the same thing like you." Raine closed the menu and looked at Torak, because she couldn't decide the steak that she wanted to eat, everything on the menu were mouth- watering and expensive. The astronomical cost for a

single meat made Raine grimaced. In the past she could use that money to dream about renting a cheap room for herself, away from the orphanage.

Now, the manager was very sure that Raine was only a teenager after he heard her timid voice.

After the four of them gave their orders, the manager and the two waitresses walked out of the room, only then she took off her baseball cap and went to see the sea from the balcony.

"Careful." Torak warned Raine when she jumped from her seat and dashed toward the opened balcony.

Raine raised both of her thumbs, but didn't slow down, seeing that Torak couldn't help but smile. She was crying mess when Serefina told her about her dreadful fate at the party, talking about she didn't want to die and about she wanted to live a long life with Torak.

The sight of her tears broke Torak's heart as he promised her there was nothing he wouldn't do to keep her safe.

However now, seeing Raine was very happy and excited, probably she had forgotten about that. Torak could say if it wasn't because of the horrible things that she had gone through, his mate was actually a happy child and a positive person.

She has that kind heart that belonged to the angels, as she was one of them. Her radiant smile was so bright and radiant that could shine the dark corner of his soul, bathed him with hope and the meaning of real life.

"Torak, why don't you announce your relationship with Raine to the public?" Raphael asked Torak while looking at Raine who was enjoying the wind that played with her hair. "I think she is ready now."

"Not now." Torak said, he looked at the same sight as Raphael with traced of warm smile and soft gazes that he had never shown to anyone before. "This is not the time yet."

"Lucifer has made his move and spread the rumor about your mate, Raine will soon be in danger, if all of the creatures search for her." Raphael informed the same thing to Torak again.

This information had been bothering Torak for weeks, aside from his purposed to look for Serefina was for her to train Raine, he also wanted Serefina to give Raine another layer of protection.

Yet, that witch disappeared again after she relayed a devastated news after the party ended and like usual, no one could find her anywhere.

Torak started to think that her appearance that night was only a revenge to make Raine uncomfortable.

"You already have plan in your mind right?" Raphael was squinted his eyes. He knew Torak wouldn't decide something without thought about it thoroughly and since he was being so adamant to delay the idea of going public with Raine, he must have something in his mind.

"I do, I will tell you when the time is right, just keep your eyes on that Dragon shifter, make sure he keeps her safe and will not cause trouble for her."

Originally Stephan was pointed to look after Raine silently, yet he didn't listen and chose to appear in front of Raine the moment he saw her.

Torak almost clawed his face if he wasn't reminded that he still needed him, and also though Raine was a little bit surprised by his sudden appearance, Stephan actually did nothing that could harm Raine.

Moreover, Raine didn't reject the idea for Stephan to look after her.

Chapter 189 - EMBARRASSING MOMENT

When the steak that they had ordered came, the manager sighed in regret because Raine wasn't on her seat, yet she already took off her baseball hat.

The only sight that he could see was her back as she stood alone in the balcony, only if she turned around, he would be able to see her.

People were so curious about what kind of person the woman that could capture Torak Donovan's heart and how beautiful was she?

But, even when the manager made a noise to draw her attention, the girl still didn't turn her body. In the end he should leave with the other waitresses with curiosity that almost killed him, after Torak dismissed him.

The moment they left, Torak personally approached Raine and hugged her from behind. "Let's eat before the steak becomes cold." He kissed her nape and grabbed her hand to lead her back to the room.

The steak was so delightful and drink was so fresh, but most of that was the way Torak treated her during the meal.

Raine was getting used with how Torak spoiled her, she imagined it would be nice if she met him earlier so she wouldn't have to endure those terrifying experiences.

However, she didn't regret it also because it was in the past and she was so happy with Torak in the present.

Raine was munching her the last piece of her meat, which Torak had cut for her, when her wrist was grabbed.

She looked up and saw Torak was frowning. "Yes?" Raine was confused as she was stared that way and when she looked at Raphael and Calleb, both of them also have the same concern etched on their face.

"Are you hurt?" Torak asked, then his blue eyes looked down to assess her body, but there was no way Raine was hurt under his watch.

Raine also frowned, she didn't feel like she was hurt. "No. I am eating."

"But, why do I smell blood from you?" Calleb also assessed Raine, there were three of them and the metallic scent couldn't be smelled until just now.

"Blood? But, I didn't..." Wait. Did he just say blood? Raine stopped mid-sentences as her expression turned ashen. In the next second she jumped from her seat and had her back stick to the wall behind her, held her hand out to stop Torak from coming closer to her.

She needed to check on something.

Raine peeked at her behind with dreadful expression. Just like what she had thought, she could see a dark stain on her bottom, because of her oversize sweater, the dark stain also tainted the bottom edge of her sweater.

Raine felt like crying now.

Why this must happen in front of them? This was so embarrassing!

"Raine?" Torak took another step closer, but Raine took steps back while biting her lower lips, her brows furrowed. Then, a realization hit Torak as he smiled indulgently. "Come here, it's all right." He waved his hand to call for her. "The restroom is over there..." He pointed to the private restroom across the room.

Raphael also finally understood what was going on and took the initiative. "It's okay, I will buy what you need."

There was only one person inside that room who was still clueless as he moved his eyes from Torak and Raine then Raphael, who was about to go.

"What happened? Is she hurt somewhere? The smell of blood is so thick now." Calleb's expression showed a genuine concern.

But, his comment made Raine grit her teeth and her face turned crimson red as if someone just boiled her entire body.

[She is on her period! You idiot!] Raphael chided and glared at Calleb before he walked out of the room as if he didn't hear anything so Raine would be less awkward.

"Come here Angel, it's okay, it's a normal thing. There is nothing to be embarrassed." Torak tried to persuade her, he reached out his hand while approaching her.

This time, Raine didn't move away, but she glanced at the restroom that Torak had pointed. "Turned around." She said. "Turned around please."

It was fine if it didn't leave a stain, but the problem was, there was a stain of her blood that quite visible on her bottom and she didn't want either Torak or Calleb saw it.

Torak obliged and turned his body he zeroed his eyes at the balcony.

"Calleb too." Raine frowned at Calleb, who was still staring at her, a bit at lost.

Only after Torak shot him a dagger look, he turned his body and looked at the same spot as Torak did.

After that, Raine walked slowly with her back still against the wall, she looked at both of them with wary.

When the sound of the door being closed was heard, Torak moved his gaze toward the restroom and walked closer. He knocked the door. "Raphael will come with the pad, I will ask him to buy pain relief just in case you need it, so just stay there for awhile, okay."

"Okay." There was a faint answer from inside.

Torak didn't take this matter serious, as he talk about pad and stuff calmly, but Raine couldn't get use with that, she covered her face with both of her palms while sitting on the toilet.

All this time her period was always irregular probably due to her stress, that was why, she didn't know when it would come. She also didn't have a symptom like a stomach cramp or anything, only she has a little bit mood swing, but it was consider normal.

There were not an extreme change, thus she didn't prepare for this. Especially when she was so happy to know that she passed the college exam.

Not long after that, there was another knock and then Torak's voice was heard. "Open the door for awhile."

Raine poked her head through the gap of the door, she was in bad mood now.

Behind the door, there was only Torak, holding a white plastic bag that he handed it over to Raine.

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Take my love. I will never ask for too much. Just all that you are. And everything that you do.

-I Have Nothing. By: Whitney Housten-

However Raine didn't take it immediately, she looked at Torak as if she was about to burst into tears, this made Torak panic.

"What happened? Is that hurt so much?" Torak remembered Raine had never had a stomach cramp during her period all this time, but probably this one was different case...

Raine shook her head and bit her lips again, she asked Torak to move closer to her with her pleading eyes.

"My sweater and pants are stained..." She said as quiet as she could, closed her eyes because this was too embarrassing for her. "What should I do...?" She couldn't walk around like this, right?

"It's okay." Torak took off his black suit jacket and gave it to Raine. "Cover your pants with this for the meantime." He said.

Raine looked at the expensive Torak's suit jacket and felt uneasy. This item must be pricey and she if she wore it, it would be stained as well.

But, if she didn't...

Raine felt the spark on her head when Torak rubbed her head lovingly. "Don't think too much, I need to take you home so will be comfortable. Wear this and we will go home immediately."

"But, it will be dirty..." Raine whimpered. This expensive thing would be dirtied by her menstruation blood... the thought of that made Raine cringed.

Ugh! What a poor thing...

"I can ask Calleb to buy new clothes for you, but it will take time because there are not clothing store nearby and don't want you to stay there for long time." Torak caressed her red cheeks. "There is nothing to be embarrassed my love, it's a normal thing and there is nothing from you is dirty."

Ugh!

Even at the time like this Torak's words always managed to make her heart fluttered.

"Let's go home?" Torak nudged his suit jacket toward Raine that she received with half- heartedly. "I will wait here."

Slowly, Raine closed the restroom door and finished her 'things'.

It only took Raine a few minutes before she came out with head hung low, there was Torak's suit jacket was wrapped around her waist.

Torak smiled softly but didn't say anything when he put Raine's baseball hat on her head and grabbed her hand to go out of the room.

Raine walked silently beside Torak and let him to lead the way.

When they arrived at the lobby of the restaurant, Calleb and Raphael had been waiting for them inside the car. They also didn't say anything and act as the embarrassing scene was nothing.

But still, Raine was very self-conscious now, especially when she had to sit inside the car. She wanted to put a plastic on the spot that she was sitting to avoid stained the car seat as well, but Torak had another idea because there wasn't any plastic bag there.

Torak pulled Raine on his laps and sat her there.

Raine struggled this was much worse than she had to sit on the car seat. "Torak don't like this..." She struggled and tried to get down from his laps, but Torak held her waist and rubbed her back, that felt comfortable, to be honest.

"Stop moving." Torak rested Raine's head on his shoulder, cradle her like a baby.

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Raine was sitting that way until they arrived at their home.

When the car had stopped and Raine was about to go inside the house, Torak carried her regardless of her protest and took her directly to their bedroom and then to the bathroom.

He sat her on small wooden ladder inside the bathroom that usually used to reach an item at the higher place.

"It's okay, I can do it." Raine immediately stood up when she watched Torak was about to run warm water on the bathtub. That was too much...

"Just sit okay and let me handle this." Torak kissed her forehead and put her back to sit on the small wooden ladder again.

Afterward, Torak run warm water to fill the bathtub and put the soap that Raine like. In no time the bubbles appeared on the surface of the water.

"Thank you..." Raine said timidly as she hugged Torak from back.

"You are most welcome my beautiful angel." Torak caressed her arms that circled on his waist.

"But, can you wait outside so I can take a bath?" Raine asked.

Torak turned around and faced Raine, he cupped her face on his big palms. "But, I thought I will take care of you until the end." He enjoyed so much to see how Raine's face turned even redder, the color spread to her ears and her slender neck.

She blinked her eyes adorably before she burst into cry and pushed Torak away anxiously. "No. no. no." Raine was terrified to think that Torak would bath her.

However, Torak didn't feel the same thing as he laughed out loud. "Alright, alright. I will go." He raised both of his hands, surrendered to Raine's assault. It always made his mood improve every time he teased her.

"I will go to the office now. Calleb will be here, if you need anything just call him, okay?" Torak stood at the door, waiting for Raine to reply.

"Okay." Raine mumbled bashfully as she glanced at Torak's trousers and sighed in relief because it didn't stain.

After saying that Torak left Raine inside the bathroom alone to clean herself and went to the living room, where Calleb was watching a reality show with Raphael was sitting beside him, he was on the phone again.

Because Calleb was ordered to look after Raine, Raphael was handling all the work related to the company.

"Ask someone to make a warm tea for her." Torak said to Calleb.

"Got it." Calleb raised his thumb and nodded.

"And don't ever bring this topic and make her uncomfortable." He warned his Gamma.

"Understood Alpha." Calleb said compliantly.