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Ignoring the white little bunny, Raine threw herself at Torak and hugged him tightly as if she didn't do that, Torak would disappear again from her line of sight.

Raine was so afraid, she snuggled herself in his safety embrace.

Torak coaxed his little mate silently as he caressed her back and patted her head while saying in tired voice. "It's alright. You are safe now."

Raine shook her head fervently, because that wasn't the thing, which she concerned at this moment.

Didn't Torak realize that she was worried for him? She felt terrifyingly afraid for the thought that she would lose him?

But Torak didn't know that because Raine was so shaken to say a word.

Carefully, Torak scooped her body in his arms, but didn't say anything. His eyes were still bloody red and he seemed having a hard time to clear his mind as Torak kept shaking his head as if he wanted to clear the fog before his eyes.

Raphael took the bunny, which has been abandoned, from the ground as he walked ahead to bring their car closer so they could go home.

Raine was still burying her face on Torak's chest as her hands clutched onto his front shirt, because she didn't want to let him go, Torak had to put Raine on his laps when they entered the car and cradled her trembling body along the way.

There was only silence that stretched out inside the car as no one tried to speak a word, not even Serefina wanted to break the tension.

Raphael glanced at his Alpha a few times through the rear view mirror and realized that his eyes still the color of blood.

Torak was resting his chin on Raine's shoulder and often nudged her neck, as if he was seeking for comfort.

Raine had fallen asleep during two long hours of driving, but she woke up once they arrived at their house.

She was puzzled with her environment, but when the last memory about her grievances of the thought of losing Torak, she abruptly opened her eyes widely and started to get panic.

Only when Raine realized that she was in Torak's arms, she was a bit relax and hugged Torak's neck, crying silently.

Torak kept carrying Raine out of the car, but didn't say anything, not even a comforting word that he always said whenever his mate was feeling down, not to mention she was crying like this.

However, he kept quiet and let Raine to cry until she felt satisfied, the only soothing gesture that he did was occasionally kissing her forehead when her body trembling violently, but no words.

Torak stepped inside the house and put Raine on the sofa, he told Raphael to dismiss all the guards from that room as he sat down beside Raine too.

Serefina took a seat across from Torak and Raine, she looked exhausted and worn out, her voice couldn't be heard along the trip back and not even now.

Not long after that, Calleb came, joined them. He sat beside Raphael.

"Luna, can you tell us why did you end up there with Lucifer and the shadow warriors?" Calleb asked softly when no one opened their mouth.

Both Torak and Serefina looked too tired to speak while Raphael put his focus on the rabbit on his laps.

Hearing someone was calling out her name, Raine raised her head and looked around her with her swollen eyes before they fell on Torak's face.

Torak's bloody eyes stared back at his mate and nodded to encourage her to answer Calleb's question.

"The bunny went out of the greenhouse..." Raine's voice was trembling as she was fighting back her sobs. "It went to the backyard..."

And then, stammering, Raine told them the whole story about what had happened this afternoon.

The guards were trying to help her to find the bunny, but then the bunny appeared only across the street and no guards around to help her, so Raine decided to take it by herself.

And how the gates were not locked when she went out.

However, when she took the fork in the road, Lucifer was holding the bunny and when she wanted to go back to the house, she had teleported to the rooftop of the building.

There, Raine was met with Aeon and was taken to the library.

"Aeon said he would give me the grimoire that we were looking for..." Raine glanced at Serefina. "I had the book before, but because it bit, so I threw it and now I lose it..." She said in a whisper.

"You were lied to." Serefina said without open her eyes as she rested her head at the backrest of the sofa. "The real grimoire had gone in this time. It was burned and disappeared. Therefore, I brought you to the past when the grimoire was still existed."

Raine bit her lips, she felt so stupid and regretted her action to believe Aeon's words. "I am sorry... I didn't know..." action

"That's not your fault Luna." Raphael comforted her. "After all, once you were with them, the shadow warrior and the devil wouldn't let you go easily."

Though that was what Raphael said, but Raine couldn't suppress the guilty feeling in her heart. Moreover...

Raine lifted her head and glanced at Torak, regardless the fact he was holding her close to him, but she felt the distance between them.

Torak had not said a word since they were inside the car.

"But, how did you find me...?" Raine intentionally looked at Torak, hoping he would answer her, or at least would talk to her, but it was Calleb, who answered her question.

"The firebird." Calleb said and Raine remembered the beautiful small bird that perched on her shoulder. "The firebird belongs to the Alpha and it has power to find the person that you are thinking of. Once we realized you had disappeared, the Alpha used the bird to find you and Serefina took them to where you were." He explained.

Raine understood, but the only thing that she didn't get it was, why Torak treated her coldly?

Chapter 241 - YOUR SOUL IS MINE TO DESTROY

Actually, not long after Raine went to the greenhouse, Torak and Raphael returned along with Serefina.

Torak was looking for Raine when Calleb told him that she was in the greenhouse, visiting her bunny. However, at the moment they arrived in the greenhouse, she was not there and the door was opened.

Calleb asked the Lycan warrior there and he told him, Raine was at the backyard, apparently the bunny had gone missing and half of the Lycan warriors were looking for the white fur ball.

Torak felt something was wrong when they arrived at the backyard and Raine wasn't there, even her scent was very faint, as if she had long gone from there.

Torak's suspicious grew thicker when he saw the gates of the backyard was opened.

And then, what was happening after that, was the thing that Calleb had told Raine. Torak called out his firebird to find Raine's location and Serefina took them there.

"Torak, are you angry with me?" Raine asked cautiously, because Torak has not yet said a word to her during this long conversation.

Torak blinked his bloody red eyes and as he spoke, his voice came out so rough. "You need to rest."

Afterward, he carried Raine upstairs to their bedroom.

Instinctively, Raine wrapped her arms around Torak's neck and felt her uneasiness pressed her chest uncomfortably.

Like usual, Torak treated her with care.

He let Raine to take a quick shower and prepared her pajamas, after Raine had bathed she put the pajamas that Torak had prepared for her.

Oddly, Torak didn't take a bath and gestured to Raine to come to the bed before he tucked her inside the warm blanket.

Raine felt fresh and sleepy, but she didn't want Torak away from her, so she pulled her to the bed too and snuggled in his arms.

Raine frowned when she could feel Torak's muscles tensed up. "Are you still angry with me?" She asked, lifting her head to see the color of Torak's eyes were still red.

But, why his eyes didn't turn to its original blue? Did the beast was still aggravated? But, usually Torak would be able to calm his beast whenever he was with Raine, but what happened now?

"I am not angry... I am just worried." Torak said in gruff voice.

Raine bit her lips, stretching her hand, she smoothed the wrinkle between his eyebrows as Torak closed his eyes, relishing his mate touch.

"But, your eyes... they are the color of red." Raine whispered.

Torak didn't answer her, but second later he caught Raine's wrist and put her hand down. "Sleep, my love." He planted a quick kiss on her forehead.

Raine was exhausted because of what had happened today, so when Torak pulled her into his arms and caressed her back tenderly, regardless of Torak's strange behavior, Raine gave in and fell asleep almost instantly.

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Aeon was staggering into his house, his body covered with blood and dirt, he barely survived from the collapsed building.

Not like the shifter, as the shadow warrior, he didn't have a healing ability like them, so with the wound that he was suffering now, he was in critical condition.

Fortunately for him, he managed to escape to the shadow realm right in time when the building was collapsing.

Aeon hit a corner of a table and made the things on it fell to the ground with noisy sound.

But, he could be careless about that when he felt his conscious started to slip away. Roughly, he opened a cupboard and pulled out a bottle of alcohol.

He opened the bottle cap with his teeth and gulped down half of it before he poured the liquid on his wounds.

An agony outcry escaped from his lips, echoed through the wall of that small house.

"I can help you." A familiar voice could be heard after Aeon's outcry.

Aeon shot a dagger- look at the devil, who sauntered across the room, approaching him.

And once Lucifer stopped right in front of him, he stretched out his hand, bare touching Aeon's open wound.

Second later, the wound on Aeon's thigh, which was still bleeding fervently before, the skin was gradually closing in until it didn't leave any mark, as if he had never gotten injure at the first place.

Afterward, Lucifer moved his hand to Aeon's ribcages, there was a snapping sound along with a deep grunt from him when his broken ribs were fixed.

"You are alright now." Lucifer smirked as he stood up, but in an instant, his body was wrapped by the darkness that immobilized him.

With bloodshot eyes, Aeon stood up. He had to admit, the devil had healed him completely as he could feel his strength returned.

"You tricked me!!!" Aeon shouted at Lucifer. "That book wasn't the grimoire Raine was looking for!" He exclaimed out loud as the shadow around Lucifer tightened and almost crushed his devilish body.

However, instead of panic because of his situation, Lucifer was laughing out loud.

"Just now you know that I tricked you?" Lucifer sneered, he clicked his tongue as if he was bored. "By now, you should have known me better."

"You!!!" Aeon's anger flared up. "What are you up to!?"

"Don't worry, nothing major will happen to the Alpha's mate." Lucifer snickered, ignoring the fact that Aeon was furious. "At least not now." He added.

Aeon couldn't take it.

First Lucifer addressed Raine as the Alpha's mate and the second, he had breached the deal between them and has a plan to harm her.

With the movement of his hands, the shadow around Lucifer's body crept up until his whole figure was encased with darkness.

Aeon performed a gripping hand to control the shadow as it constricted and not long after that the shadow was vanished along with the Lucifer.

Seeing Lucifer had gone, Aeon's lips form a thin line.

His eyebrows furrowed questioningly. Had the devil gone? When he was thinking about it, suddenly, Aeon felt an excruciating pain in his heart.

The pain was unbearable. Thousand times worse than the wound on his thigh or his broken ribs.

"Don't forget that your soul is mine to destroy." Lucifer's voice sounded.

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Chapter 242 - SOMETHING WAS GOING WRONG

Aeon writhed in excruciating pain on the floor, his throat contorted, as he couldn't breathe. The pain was surreal. He had never experienced this kind of pain before.

And when the pain subsided like it had never happened, he was left extremely worn out, it was only the blink of his eyes that indicated he was still alive.

"Do you really think that you can destroy me?" Lucifer sneered, he stretched out his hand to grab a knife on the table and floated it in the air. "Don't you ever hear an advice about; don't make a deal with a devil?"

Lucifer glanced at Aeon, the devilish smile that curled on his lips didn't dissipate, if anything, his golden eyes shone brightly with the sight of Aeon's condition.

"No? You had never heard about that?" Lucifer mocked him. "Well, now you know..." He shrugged his shoulder nonchalantly.

Aeon was so spent to even say a single word to curse the devil.

This happening because of the deal that he had made with Lucifer, centuries ago.

Actually, at the night of the attack in the village of the angel, he was dead. However, the devil revived him again, not long after that.

As the exchanged, it was his soul that was used as a bargain for his life till now. Lucifer, of course, has malicious intention when he brought the shadow warrior back from the arms of death.

Aeon didn't ask for this, but he couldn't kill himself as well when he knew about the prophecy that guardian angel would be resurrected.

He had done many dirty things and ran every inhuman errand for the devil while waiting for her.

Aeon had been waiting for Raine for centuries, trying his best to keep her safe once he found her.

However, just like what the devil said, he shouldn't believe the promise from the mouth of hellish creature like him.

"Rather than trying to destroy me, you should thank me for giving you a chance to meet the girl that you admired." Lucifer raised his eyebrows as he walked out of the room. "Don't forget. The air you use to breathe now and the beating heart in your chest right now is a gift from me."

After the devil said his warning, Lucifer disappeared into thin air.

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Raine woke up, feeling cold because of the empty bed.

She stretched out his hand, trying to find Torak beside her with eyes were still closed, yet the spot next to her was so cold.

Torak wasn't there.

With a frown, Raine opened her eyes to confirm it, and found no one there. She rubbed her eyes sleepily as she looked for her phone to see what time was it now.

8.30 a.m.

Probably Torak was inside the bathroom, taking a bath, yet when Raine tried to hear the sound of water running down from the bathroom, she heard nothing. It was too quiet for someone for having a bath inside.

"Torak?" Raine tried to call him as she stood up abruptly, scanned her surroundings. There was no sign Torak was still inside the room.

"Torak?" Raine got off of her bed and heading toward the bathroom, she entered and couldn't spot him.

Thus, after Raine was sure Torak was nowhere inside the bedroom, she grabbed a jacket from the armrest of the chair and went downstairs.

The first person that she met was Joseph, he was a human guard that Torak had hired.

Joseph had just closed Torak's study room door when Raine greeted him. "Good morning Joseph." Raine startled him, yet before he could greet her back, she had asked him. "Is Torak inside?"

"No, Miss. I came in because there is document that Mr. Lockwood told me to put inside." He said. "I had not yet seen Mr. Donovan since this morning." Joseph informed Raine. He had a morning shift, but he had not yet seen Torak neither he received news that Torak was out of the mansion.

"No?" Raine glanced at the closed door, to make sure, she walked past Joseph, ignoring his answer that Torak wasn't there.

With a soft click sound, the door was opened and Raine walked inside the room, yet the room was so empty. No one there, just like Joseph had told her.

"Has Torak already gone to the company?" Raine asked Joseph, who was still standing there.

"No, I don't think so... because I didn't receive any news regarding Mr. Donovan was leaving the mansion." As a professional guard, Joseph needed to know every detail that happened inside the house, he would be briefed shortly about what had happened from the earlier shift.

Yet, no one mentioned that Torak had left the mansion, so the possibility was; Mr. Donovan was still inside the house.

Raine frowned. If Torak really wanted to leave the house, human guards wouldn't know about it, if he left in his beast form, Raine remembered Torak's red eyes.

Then Raine should ask the Lycans about it.

"What are you doing standing there? Frowning in the morning?" Calleb's voice greeted her as he dismissed the guard.

"Where is Torak?" Raine approached Calleb in hasty steps. "Where is him?"

Raine could see Calleb was slightly narrowing his eyes as he answered her calmly. "The Alpha has something to do and has gone with Raphael this early morning."

"With Raphael again?" Raine folded her arms. "Why does he always go with Raphael?" She even didn't try to conceal the unhappiness in her voice.

"Because Raphael is his Beta." Calleb answered her carelessly.

"Where were they going?" Raine asked through gritted teeth, she was upset now.

"Stop asking and frowning in the morning, you will spoil your entire day if you keep doing this, let's have breakfast first." Calleb put his hands on Raine's shoulders as he pushed her to the dining room.

"Where they go? When will they return?" Raine kept asking but Calleb only talked about food. action

Before, no matter where Torak would go, he would tell her.

Somehow, Raine felt something was going wrong...

Chapter 243 - SOMETHING DEAR TO ME

Today was Sunday, so Raine didn't need to go to the college, but she spent her entire morning bothering Calleb about Torak's whereabouts.

Raine had tried dozen times to call Torak or Raphael, but both of them couldn't be reached. They turned off their phone and this only made Raine became more suspicious.

She had not yet had a chance to talk properly to Torak and told him how regretful she was when she said the words that hurt his feeling.

But, now Torak was nowhere to be found and she didn't feel any better compared to the moment Torak was ignoring her too.

When the time hit 2 p.m, Serefina came to the main house and found Raine was staring blankly at the television, didn't even know what she was watching as the screen just kept showing many commercial programs.

Serefina sat down next to her, slumped her perfect body on the sofa and showed off her slender legs by crossing them in elegant manner, obviously she wanted to get Raine's attention without even saying 'hi' to her or asked her feeling as she looked so gloomy at the moment.

"We will go back to retrieve the grimoire once I gained enough strength to travel back." Serefina informed Raine even without she asked about it.

"Hm." Raine hummed in respond absentmindedly. action

Serefina glanced at Raine one more time when she realized her lack of interest for the topic.

"And Raine." Serefina called her name to get her attention. "It will be better if you stay away from the shadow warrior, or whatever his name is."

There was a fleeting emotion crossed Raine's eyes when she heard Serefina's advice. This wasn't the first time she heard about this kind of suggestion.

Deep down in her heart, Raine wanted to say; she didn't invite Aeon to meet her, but why they kept implying that she wanted to be close to the shadow warrior.

Regardless, Raine only nodded and mumbled. "I know."

"Good if you know." As Serefina felt there was nothing she wanted to say to Raine anymore, she stood up and was about to leave her alone with her gloominess when Raine opened her mouth to ask.

"Where is Torak?" Raine had been bothering Calleb since this morning, but the Gamma buried his nose on piles of documents and shooed her away.

After yesterday chaos, surprisingly, Torak didn't issue an order to ground Raine and let her explore the house, she was even allowed to go outside.

But, of course with tight security.

It was obvious Raine wouldn't take the option, as she didn't want to parade in the city and attract hate comments even more.

Actually, without Raine knowing it, Serefina had put strong spell on her to keep her away from the unwanted creatures and dark magic spell, hence, she was too exhausted to travel back to the past, not to mention she had used tremendous amount of power when she just felt better yesterday to come for Raine's rescue.

"Why do you ask me? Do you think Torak will tell me where he will go?" Serefina answered Raine with cynical questions.

Raine sighed deeply.

Absolutely Serefina was the last person who would know about Torak's whereabouts, only if in the case she had nothing to do with the Alpha's disappearance.

"Is he still angry at me? Did I make very big mistakes again?" Raine muttered to herself.

Serefina halted her steps when she heard Raine's voice and what she said. For some reason, Raine's insecurities and her self-deprecation irritated her.

The witch had had enough with Raine's whining.

"Are you really going to sit there and whining the whole time and do nothing? Hoping someone will give you the answer that you want?!" Serefina's loud voice startled Raine as she whipped her head and looked at the angry witch.

Raine didn't know what she had said wrong but apparently her mumbling words were heard by Serefina and this agitated the witch.

"I thought you have learned your lesson, but I guessed you are only improving with your words but not your perseverance!" Once again Serefina chastised her about her attitude. "If you really want to find him, do something about it, not only watching nonsense program on the television absentmindedly!"

Though Serefina's words meant well, but the way she reacted on Raine's current condition was a bit excessive, as if her deep memories, which she didn't want to remember, was being plucked out from her head and she was forced to remember it.

"If you want something, go and get it! Not everyone has the same luck as yours!"

Raine was flustered by Serefina's last words, she didn't understand what kind of 'luck' that Serefina was talking about.

"You are lucky enough to be a Luna, the Alpha's mate, but do something about it that make you deserved the title!" Serefina glared at Raine.

"Remember this; you can get the title because you are Torak's mate, but respect is something that no one could give you, not even Torak, it is something that you should earn by yourself!"

Serefina's loud voice invited Calleb to come out from Torak's study room with a few documents in his hands and panic expression, he heard commotion and thought there was an attack.

"What happened ..." Calleb had not yet finished his question when he heard Serefina's loud and stern voice again.

"Do you think they will respect someone, who sitting gloomily like you, just because the Alpha was throwing an attitude to you? Torak's decision will not always be right, but here you are, instead of straighten out the problem, you succumb yourself in self deprecation!"

Serefina took two steps closer toward Raine as she glared down at Raine, who was gritting her teeth upon hearing the witch harsh words.

"Be a woman who will not let anyone look down on you even yourself and keep that attitude, because you will need it when the real problem arise." Serefina looked at Raine in indescribable gaze. "You know how I had survived from the death? Because I strive for something dear to me."

Chapter 244 - SEREFINA'S PAST STORY

Raine clenched her hands tightly, she fought the need to retort, feeling helpless and angry at the same time.

"Do you want to know where Torak is?" Serefina taunted Raine. "Don't ask, but find it out yourself."

After Serefina had said that, she strode away from the room with chin held high, walked past Calleb and ignored his displeased gaze.

"You shouldn't have said something like that. Your words will provoke her." Calleb stated in very low voice that could only be heard by Serefina. "We have agreed to keep it secret."

Serefina looked at Calleb briefly before she rolled her eyes dramatically. "Did I reveal our little secret, to your little Luna?" She asked sarcastically. "For God's sake, I don't even care about Torak, it just her behavior doesn't sit well with me."

Serefina waved her hand to dismiss the topic and strolled out of the house.

"Raine...?" Calleb approached Raine who was dumbstruck. She looked like she just received a great shock. "Are you alright?" He asked cautiously.

However, Raine acted like she didn't hear his question.

"Don't take her words to heart, you already knew how Serefina is..." Calleb approached Raine and sat next to her. "She has that rare talent to annoy every people that talk to her."

Raine still didn't listen to Calleb's rambles.

"Hei!" Calleb shook Raine's shoulder to get her attention. "What are you thinking now?"

This time, Raine's eyes fixed on Calleb's face as she voiced out her own thought. "Do you know Serefina before this? Or the story about her?" Raine asked out of the blue.

"Hmm...?" Calleb frowned. "I am not sure that I understand what your question is..."

"I mean, about the reason why she had disappeared for years and why she has this hostile attitude toward the mate bond between Torak and me." Raine rephrased her words.

For some unexplainable reason, every time Serefina was angry on her and hurled harsh words, Raine felt the witch vented out her disappointment about something in her past at her.

The way Serefina talked, as if Raine has something she didn't have and wasn't able to get it, yet Raine was unsure about her assumption.

Calleb gave some thought about Raine's questions before he came out with information that surprised Raine.

"I don't know where she went decades ago. Nobody knew about this." Calleb emphasized that Serefina had just vanished without single information about her whereabouts. "But regarding her hostility toward the mate bond that you share with Torak... probably it has something to do with her past." He said unsure.

"What is it?" Raine leaned over to listen to Calleb's explanation. She knew, there must be something in her past.

"There were two things that had happened to her regarding this mate bond." Calleb started and Raine followed closely. "The first is related to her parents."

"Her parents?" Raine's mind replayed the images of Cassandra and Fabian.

The beautiful woman who was pregnant with her first child, which no other than Serefina herself and, Fabian, the witch with pure blood.

Raine didn't see the problem was related to them, Fabian was a loving husband and Cassandra seemed love him more, moreover Fabian even utterly showed his dislike toward the Lycanthropes.

This made no sense to Raine until she remembered Belinda's existence.

Belinda was Serefina's step sister that shared the same blood as her through their father. But, how could that happen?

"Yes." Calleb nodded. "Serefina's father was mated to one of the female werewolves." His words confirmed Raine's suspicion.

"But, Serefina's father has a wife and daughter." Raine felt uneasy. "How he ended up with a female werewolf?" she asked.

"The mate bond." Calleb answered her with certainty. "From what I heard about Serefina from Belinda, their father met Belinda's mother, who is a werewolf, when Serefina was just five years old and left her with her mother."

Raine didn't know how to feel about this revelation. She couldn't imagine Cassandra was left alone with little Serefina.

When Raine was there, she could see that Cassandra and Fabian looked perfect together and the love in their eyes or how Fabian was worried about his pregnant wife, yet because of the mate bond, Fabian had to leave them.

"The pull of the mate bond is so strong." Calleb explained and when he watched the furrow between Raine's brows, he added. "You don't have that kind of pull toward Torak, Raine. However, even though you don't feel it, you are still worried about Torak and feeling down when he ignores you, but only if you have it, your feeling will be a thousand times worse than this."

So, that was how Fabian's feeling if he was forced to stay with Cassandra and Serefina while being away from his mate.

Thus, the last pure blood witch chose to leave his wife and daughter to be with his mate that resulted from Serefina's first bad impression of the mate bond.

"I don't know if this is reliable or not, but since then Serefina's father had never visited her and her mother anymore." Calleb shrugged his shoulder. "I don't know the exact story, after all she is centuries older than me."

Raine began to understand Serefina's feeling every time she made a remark when Torak showed his affection toward her and how she often implied that happened because of the mate bond.

But, the mate bond or not, something that destined to be together would be together in the end, right?

"And how about the second things?" Raine asked, she needed to understand the witch, because something really went wrong with her hostile attitude. "

Caleb was hesitant when Raine asked about this, he looked around as if he felt unease if insignificant someone heard about this.

"I don't know if this is wise of me to mention this." Caleb slumped his back on the backrest of the sofa and folded his arms in front of his chest, contemplating.

"I will not say anything about this to anyone." Raine promised. To whom she would talk about this to?

In the end Caleb yielded. "Long time ago, Serefina had a serious relationship with Torak's first brother. Jedrek Donovan."

Chapter 245 - COMPLICATED RELATIONSHIP

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Raine ever heard about this too, Caleb had mentioned it offhandedly before, but she didn't put much attention into this information.

And now, since this thing brought up again, Raine became curious. "So, how their relationship ends?"

"Hmm..." Caleb mumbled. "I don't know which story is correct... some said Serefina didn't want to live with Lycan anymore... some said Jedrek Donovan had banned her because of a mistake, which couldn't be forgiven, that she had committed..."

Raine found herself frowning. "What the unforgivable mistake that Serefina had committed?"

Once again Caleb was hesitated to talk about this, but this only made Raine even more curious.

"What is it?" Raine prodded.

"Remember, this is only hearsay and most of rumors are not true." Calleb sat straight and looked at Raine deeply to confirm if the girl understood what he was saying.

"What?" Raine leaned over at Calleb.

"Some people said, Serefina had a relationship with Jedrek's younger brother behind his back." Calleb blurted out.

One day his mouth really would bring trouble for him if he kept doing this, the Gamma realized about the consequences, but the only problem was, he couldn't help it.

"Torak!?" Raine's voice rose up with surprise.

"No, of course not!" Calleb shook his head and waved his hands frantically. "It is the youngest brother. Kace Donovan."

Raine heaved a sigh of relief, though I was only a rumor, but to think that Torak and Serefina had a relationship before, didn't sit well with Raine.

"Kace Donovan..." Raine reiterated that name. When she went to the past, she just saw Jedrek. At that time, Kace had not born yet.

"Yes... but I don't know for sure, if the rumor is true or not, but after Serefina disappeared, years after that Kace also left the castle and no one knows where he is." Calleb said.

Raine was contemplating about this fact. "So, why it has anything to do with the mate bond?"

"Oh, that one..." Calleb slapped his forehead, forgot about this topic. "This is only my theory, but when I heard that guardian angel will be resurrected once again and they will be a mate of the three brother Donovans, knowing how strong the mate bond, I think Serefina chose to leave the realm because of that." He voiced out his own opinion.

That made sense... no wonder Serefina was so irritated with the mate bond between Raine and Torak.

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Days passed and in a blink of an eye, it had been a week since Raine met Torak that night, after that Torak had never returned home again.

Raine was allowed to go to college, but every step that she took, she realized there was couples pair of eyes that followed her every moves.

Not only that. Stephan, who usually would leave her alone with her other friends, now was tailing her like her shadow and only left her alone if she had to go the toilet.

"Stop following me!" Raine complained when Stephan followed her to the canteen to meet with Sunny. "You don't even want to be friend with them!"

The only thing that Stephan did when he joined the small circle of her friends was making sarcastic comments about everything that Sunny said or what Kai did, angered them effortlessly.

"Do you think I want to mingle with human like them if it is not because Raphael has threatened me?!" Stephan also fed up with these threatening things from the Lycan.

"You know where is Torak, right?" Raine made an accusation bitterly, knowing what Stephan's answer would be.

"Do you think, I, an outsider will have known where your Alpha would be when you, as their Luna, don't have any information about that?" Stephan replied in frustration. "How many times I have to tell you this, that I don't know where your mate is."

Raine rubbed her face harshly. She was getting impatient about what she had to do to find where Torak was.

Caleb had been avoiding her, because whenever Raine met him, the only thing that she would say was asking about Torak's whereabouts and Caleb would answer with; he would return soon.

From afar Raine could see Sunny was waving her hand toward her, but when her eyes landed on Stephan, her expression turned unsightly and Raine could only grimace.

She gave Sunny an apologetic gaze for this. "You better shut your mouth!" Raine hissed at Stephan and also glared at him.

This only made the dragon shifter smirked. "Wow, now even you dare enough to threaten me too..."

Raine ignored his sarcastic remark and walked toward Sunny and the others.

And once Raine was within Sunny's arm reach, she pulled Raine closed to her. This was a normal gesture that Sunny would do whenever she wanted to talk only to her without letting the other knew about this.

However, this time, there was something different.

For some odd reason, Raine's sight turned blurred and foggy, as if there was white thin smoked covered her eyes.

And then, she saw something... at first it wasn't clear enough for Raine to figure out what it was, then gradually the image became more and more livid until it showed like a 3D movie scene right before her eyes.

The images turned out to be Sunny slapped Stephan's face with angry eyes that Raine had never seen before.

For some reason, Sunny was so angry at the shifter as Raine could see her gritting teeth and shaking hand, afterward, she left, fuming mad.

"Raine...?"

From afar, Raine could hear Sunny's voice, but wasn't she already gone?

Raine felt someone was shaking her arms.

"Raine, are you listening?"

Raine whipped her head to the direction of Sunny's voice and found the girl was looking at her with worried expression.

Sunny was still there...

"Hey, I was talking to you, but you don't listen." Sunny pouted.

"I am sorry, but what did you say?" Raine asked absentmindedly, still couldn't comprehend with what images that she has seen just now.

"I was asking why do you always bring him with you? No offense, but no one like him." Sunny pointed Stephan with her chin.

Chapter 246 - A HARSH SLAP

action

Raine glanced at Stephan who was keeping his eyes on her for the entire time, just like the rest of the hiding Lycans who were ordered to protect her inside this university building, as if Serefina's spell wasn't enough to ward off the unwanted supernatural creatures away from her.

But, the question remained. What the image that Raine had seen earlier? Was that because she was too stress and agitated because she couldn't find any news about Torak, so she started to see things?

Raine wasn't sure because the images were too vivid to be a hallucination. The scene of Sunny was slapping Stephan's face morphed in her head.

"Are you listening?" Sunny waved her hand in front of Raine's face to draw her attention back to her. "Raine...!" She cried helplessly.

"Oh, I am sorry." Raine shook her head to clear her mind from that thought. "Ah, ya... your question..." She mumbled. "You know... Torak told him to follow me... you know... to keep me save... sometime Torak could be a little bit paranoid..."

Raine stuttered when she had to explain it. That was the best excuse that she could think at this moment of awkwardness.

All the people in this University, strangely knew about Stephan, rumor has it that Stephan's brother was having business relationship with Torak, though Reynold Magnus has several companies, but seemingly Torak appeared to be in control on those Magnus's companies.

And here, his brother, Stephan Magnus was acting like a body guard for Torak's girlfriend.

Many jealous eyes from the college students directed at Raine ever since she entered this University, yet they couldn't do anything about it.

Most of the students here were an heir of their parents line of business, and to offend someone like Torak, who was able to shake the economy of the country, wasn't a good move to start.

That was why, Raine was considerably safe in this University, but that fact didn't make Torak to slack off.

"I don't like him and also the rest of us too." Sunny said sullenly, she tucked her hair behind her ear as she said that, glaring at Stephan one more time.

"I know..." Raine said hopelessly. "But, what can I do?"

Sunny mimicked Raine's expression and spoke in defeated tone. "Let's go back before Kai and Stephan fight."

Sunny tugged Raine's arm and together both of them went to the wooden table, the place that the first time Raine was invited to come and now had become their regular spot.

"Come Raine, I have bought sandwich for you!" Stephan said half- heartedly as he patted the place beside him.

The dragon shifter had to perform his best service for Raine, or else those heartless Lycan would complain about him to Raphael.

The last punishment that he received from Raphael, because the shadow warrior managed to meet Raine while he was sleeping in the library, was terrifying. Stephan didn't want to experience it for the second time.

Therefore, though this was so annoying for him, he should keep his eyes on Raine as long as she was in the university's area.

"Sit next to me Raine." Sunny pulled Raine to sit in the empty seat beside her. "You know, you are not welcome here." She hissed under her breath, loud enough to be a whisper.

"What? Do you think I want to sit with the rest of you?" Stephan rolled his eyes as if saying; are you kidding me?

"If you don't like it, go away!" Sunny was very angry because of their last conversation didn't end well, she was at a loss for words.

"Why don't you are the one who go away from Raine? You have been leeching on her long enough." Stephan made a remark.

"Leeching on her?!" This time Sunny stood up and looked at Stephan as if she could swallow him. "Watch your mouth!"

"Raine. We go now." Stephan also stood up and stretched out his hand to grab Raine's wrist, but Sunny had swatted his hand away before he could do that.

"She will stay with us." Sunny said sternly, her eyes didn't leave Stephan's face.

"Don't make trouble and just go." Kai chimed in as he applied mascara on his long eyelashes. "She is not a kid anymore, it's not likely we will hurt her."

"What do you think could harm her? A bug?" Sunny mocked him as she let out a sarcastic laugh.

Instead of being offended, Stephan also laughed along with her.

Cassey, Jammie, Kai and Connor were looking at each other, confused with Stephan's behavior.

"Stop laughing!" Sunny exclaimed, feeling extremely annoyed.

"Okay enough!" Raine also stood up. "Stephan, I think we need to talk." Raine was about to bring Stephan away from there, but the dragon shifter stood still, unfazed.

"No. I am not done with her." Stephan became cheap and wanted to vent out his frustration by picking a fight with Sunny. "Do you think I don't know why you are being friend with her?" He pointed Raine with his chin without averting his eyes from Sunny.

"Do you think I have hidden agenda by being friend with her?!" Sunny's voice rose up a few octaves as she clenched her jaw to suppress her anger.

"Yes, you have." Stephan blurted out. "Do you think I don't know about the condition of your family's company? Don't kidding me..." He scoffed.

"What do you mean?" Sunny narrow her eyes, but her voice slightly down.

"The Racoon, your family company, has financial problem and your father has been seeking for cash injection." Stephan raised his eyebrows as his lips curled into a mocking smile when he saw the slight change on Sunny's expression. "Do you think I don't know that Mr. Andoori has been trying to make a connection with Torak Donovan?"

"That's my father problem not mine!" Sunny became hysterical. "I just want to be her friend, that's it!"

"Really?" Stephan smirked. "Isn't you the sole heir of the Andoori family, that troublesome company will be yours one day."

Stephan didn't see it came, but Raine did.

She had seen this before.

The moment when Sunny landed a harsh slap on Stephan's face.

Chapter 247 - TORAK HAD CORRUPTED HER

Cassey, Jammie, Kai and Connor stood up from their seat with worried expression, except Jammie, she still looked callous and didn't even flinch when a harsh slap landed on Stephan's cheeks.

In the other hand, a shock also crossed the dragon shifter's face when he received something that he thought as a humiliation for him.

Raine could sense the shifted of emotion in Stephan, in the way he let out a deep growl at Sunny

This won't be good.

Raine quickly gripped his shoulder firmly to avoid something worse to happen, from the corner of her eyes, she could see a few people laid their eyes on this small commotion. They could be the lycans that Torak had put there to look after her.

It was a good thing too that they were nearby, because if Stephan really lost it, Raine wouldn't be able to stop him.

"Stephan, let's go." Raine whisper- yelled at him as she tugged his body away with all the strength that she has, but Stephan was like a solid stone, couldn't be moved. "Stephan, not here!" Raine hissed.

She glanced at Sunny behind her, the girl was dumbstruck, apparently she didn't realize what she did until it had done.

There was fear crossed in her eyes and she was visibly trembling when Stephan stared her down, but her expression remained stubborn.

Jammie came to her side and said in calm tone. "You don't have to be so angry, all of us really wanted to slap your face for every comment that comes out from your mouth."

Yet, her statement didn't help the situation at all.

As if gained a support, Sunny lifted her chin defiantly and Stephan was livid. This wouldn't be good for him to stay.

Raine was tired to tug the dragon shifter away as she didn't have the strength, instead, she stood firmly in front of him, within his line of sight and warned him firmly. "Go! Now!"

This time, Stephan slightly shifted his gaze from Sunny and clenched his jaw tightly before he decided to follow Raine's order and turned around, stomped away with grumbled.

Raine couldn't let him alone, so she proceeded to follow him when Sunny's voice called her name.

"Raine... I didn't..." She tried to explain, but for now Raine needed to do something else.

"We will talk about this later... don't worry." Raine said and raced toward Stephan's direction.

And now, when Raine ran toward Stephan's direction, she could feel many pairs of eyes staring at her from different direction, yet Raine ignored them, as she knew they were the lycans.

Maybe they were worried because Raine was running straight to the incensed dragon shifter and afraid something would happen to her.

Raine was out of breath when she managed to catch up with Stephan right in front of the library and held his elbow to stop him.

"What?!" Stephan snarled and startled her.

"Why did you shout at me?" Raine frowned, didn't like the way Stephan talked to her. "I am not going to say that what she did was the right thing, but your comments were so offensive." She tried to make Stephan saw her standpoint.

Stephan sighed and raised his arms. "Listen, I don't want to talk about this. I have my own problem also, so if I have to follow you around, it will only upset me."

"Then don't." Raine felt offended, she had never asked him to tail behind her. "Don't follow me then."

Stephan scoffed resentfully. "It is easy for you to say that, but I will be very glad if your mate stops pressuring my older brother."

"What do you mean?" Raine knew about Stephan's older brother, Reynold, she had been in their house before and from what she knew, Torak attacked Reynold because he had killed one of the lycan in his pack that resulted the harassment that she received when the first time Raine arrived in the pack house.

And that also led to Torak's cruel action to squeeze out the lycan's life right before her eyes. Raine wouldn't forget that moment.

"Oh, you really know nothing." Stephan mocked her as he crossed his arms in front of his body. "I forgot the fact that you don't even know where your mate is."

Raine raised her eyebrows, Stephan's words would be going too far if she didn't stop him. It seemed, he wasn't satisfied yet to make Sunny angry and now he wanted to anger her as well.

"Stop whining like a baby." Raine remarked. "Whatever Torak did to your brother, it has nothing to do with me, so what is your point from attacking me with your words?" action

Raine could hear the sound of Stephan's teeth clenching.

They stared for each other for like eternity and no one willing to back down, not even Raine. Sometime, in rare occasion she could be so stubborn and didn't want to yield.

"Alright!" Stephan threw his hands up. "This depressing matter really had taken a toll on me."

Only then Raine's expression slightly softened and leaned her back against the wall as if tired after the staring contest.

Following Raine's gesture, Stephan leaned his back and sat down on the floor.

"Torak has been threatening our species you know..." Stephan started to talk.

Fortunately there were not many people that passing by in the corridor to the library, so they could have their conversation without being afraid of someone would overhear this.

Raine nodded. "His title required him to do that in some certain point of a situation."

"Are you trying to speak up for your Alpha?" Stephan sneered at her. He didn't need another person to stand up for that cruel Lycan.

"I am not..." Raine contemplated. "But I had come to understanding, which in some moment in our life we need to use unacceptable measure to make our intention be understood to the other party."

Stephan glanced at the girl beside him with bizarre gaze.

"What?" Raine raised her eyebrows when she felt Stephan's eyes lingered on her for long time.

"I don't believe it you will say something like that." He shook his head, remembered the girl who hid behind the Alpha's back. "Torak really had corrupted you."

"Oh, I miss him." Raine sighed.

Chapter 248 - INTERESTING...

"Are you not trying to look for him?" Stephan asked when he watched Raine's defeated expression.

"Of course, I did." Raine mumbled, annoyed by Stephan's question.

It was so obvious. Did he really need to ask that?

"So?" Stephan raised his brows, asking for the result of Raine's effort. "Not even a single clue?"

"Do you think I will keep asking you if I can find the answer elsewhere? I will not so desperate to ask you, which obviously, know nothing about this if I can find a clue." Raine chastised Stephan, her lips pouted sullenly.

"Maybe you don't use your status as the Luna?" Stephan mumbled. "They will not be able to say 'no' to their Luna." He suggested offhandedly.

Raine looked at him questioningly, asking for the dragon shifter to explain it further.

"What?" Stephan frowned when he received that gaze. "Oh, please... don't tell me that you don't know about this!" He slapped his forehead.

"Know about what?" Raine carefully asked.

"You are the Alpha's mate, the Luna. Of course you are holding the same authority as the Alpha." Stephan gazed at Raine helpless. "You are under one Lycan, but above millions." He concluded.

Raine thought about that seriously. She had never thought that way before.

Stephan glanced at the spot on Raine's neck that covered with her long hair. "Especially if he had marked you. You should be able to feel him." He added, retracted his gaze just in time when Raine looked at him worriedly.

"But, he had not marked me yet..." Raine muttered sheepishly. She thought it was fine to say this kind of thing to Stephan. She didn't aware of the danger which was lurking on her for someone to hold this information.

"He had not marked you?" Stephan whipped his head and looked at Raine in disbelief. "Are you sure that you are his mate?"

Stephan's question sounded so rude, thus Raine gave him a good slap on the back of his head, just like what Raphael always did to Calleb, every time the Gamma made silly remark.

"Why did you slap me!?" Stephan growled as he rubbed his head, it wasn't really harmful, but it was still a slap nonetheless.

"You are talking nonsense!" Raine grumbled, her mood turned sour with Calleb's comment. Now she could feel how Sunny and Kai feeling every time Stephan was around.

"He didn't mark you, you don't have the same authority like him and now he didn't even tell you where he was going?" Stephan listed the obvious problem.

"Ugh! I can't talk with you!" Raine was extremely annoyed because Stephan had pointed out her foremost insecurities.

"Where are you going?" Stephan abruptly stood up when Raine walked away.

"I want to go home! If you want to keep pestering me, you better keep distance from me!" Raine warned him, turned her head and glared before she stomped to the aisle.

Stephan was surprised by Raine's hostility, but he still followed her to the entrance gates and watched as Raine called for the driver to pick her up.

Stephan's words must have affected her until she skipped two of her last classes today and chose to go home early.

Raine needed to wait for twenty minutes before the chauffeur came and picked her up ahead of the schedule time.

During that time, she was only sitting alone near the entrance gates while Stephan was standing in the distance, seeing his surrounding and how those people showed various expressions toward Raine, but jealous was the most common feeling that they had for her.

After a red sport car stopped at the entrance gates, Raine walked over and entered before the car sped away.

Only when the Raine and the car had gone, Stephan turned around and walked back to his class.

His duty had done once Raine left the university area, whatever happened to her out of here wasn't his responsibility at all.

The class was so empty because it wasn't the time yet for the next lesson.

Stephan looked at his watch that showed it was still two hours more before the next class, so it was the same amount of time for him to fall asleep.

When he just rested his head on the table and ready to close his eyes, he frowned and mumbled.

"There are many lycans around me, how can you just appear as you like?" The upset tone in his voice couldn't be concealed.

After he said that, inside the initially empty class, there was a snicker that echoed softly through the wall, as a man appeared right before Stephan's eyes, sitting on the table where he was resting his head.

"Keep doing this if you really wanted to be exposed so badly." Stephan grumbled as he lifted his head from the table and instead leaned his back against the wall behind him.

"I saw you are doing your part smoothly by encouraging the little Luna." That man said indifferently as his golden eyes stared at the young dragon shifter.

"I am good at it." Stephan stared at the man golden eyes. He hated the fact that he had to do this.

"Good, now surprise me with what you got from her." The devil was sitting on the table, crossed his legs.

"Why don't you tell me first, when will you free our dragon female?" Stephan asked defiantly.

He had to risk his life by deceiving the Alpha to get their last female, which was Reynold's mate, who was held hostage by Lucifer.

"Don't worry, I will set her free when the time comes." Lucifer smirked.

But Stephan was fed up by his words as he stood up abruptly, too irritated to even have a conversation with the devil.

"I will let Reynold to meet her." Lucifer offered lazily, zeroed his attention on his well trimmed finger nails, instead of the fuming dragon shifter. "Now tell me." action

Stephan halted his step and took a deep breath to suppress his anger before he spoke through his gritted teeth. "Torak had gone missing for a week and... yes, just like what you said, the Alpha has not marked her yet."

Upon hearing that, Lucifer's lips curled into a devilish smirk. "Interesting..."

Chapter 249 - YOU'RE FIRED!

Raine was looking out through the window of the car when she saw from afar a familiar building. The Donovan building.

"Bring me to the Donovan company." Raine said to the driver.

"But, Miss. I was ordered to bring you back home." The driver refused her in an instant.

Raine frowned when she heard the rejection. "I said, I want to go to the Donovan company."

"But, miss... Mr. Lockwood told me to bring you straight back home." The driver informed Raine and intentionally missed the intersection.

They needed to take a quite distance roundabout to return, the driver knew this but he still deliberately did it.

The driver was human, which was hired by Torak and recruited by Raphael, to protect Raine. Therefore, they would take Torak or Raphael's order, but not her.

Obviously he wouldn't listen.

Thus, Raine needed to take an extreme measured for her voice to be heard and be calculated too.

At that situation, Stephan's words rant in her ears that add fuel to the fire. He once questioned Raine as Torak's mate, and this didn't help Raine to be calm at all.

Nobody would listen to her unless she spoke up for herself and made an action to emphasize her seriousness regarding this matter.

"Pull over." There was no warmth in the way Raine spoke. She stared icily straight at the driver through the rearview mirror.

"Miss. Raine, please don't make things difficult." Though there was a word 'please' in his sentence, but the driver didn't feel like he was asking and felt more like he was commanding Raine to stop blabbering nonsense and made his job difficult.

Just now Raine knew that in those guards' eyes, she was nothing more than a girl that was kept by Torak.

Let alone she has a chance to call a shot. They didn't even bother to listen to her, as if she was nothing.

Because they mostly stayed out of the house, some of them didn't even know the importance of Raine's existence.

They thought Torak was just like any other businessman who would keep their woman within their arms reached and as long as that woman was fed, she should follow what the man said and didn't have a right to say otherwise.

Such a cheap thought that the driver had. That was why, he was dare enough to provoke Raine, but this was a wrong time for him to provoke Raine, because she was running out of patient. action

"Pull over." Raine said in stern voice.

This time, the driver didn't bother to reply as he drove faster to the direction of the house.

Raine also didn't even bother to talk when she suddenly opened the car door, of course Raine had calculated her action, she wouldn't be stupid enough to harm herself in the process to get what she wanted.

The sound of horns and the sound of people screaming could be heard as they passed the street.

"Oh, shit!" The driver forgot his place and cursed loudly after seeing Raine was holding the car door opened and glared at him impassively. "What the hell are you doing!?"

"Pull over." Raine stated in low voice that sounded like a threat.

Without a second thought the driver pull over and just like what Raine's wish, afterward he turned around and was about to yell at her when Raine had stepped down from the car.

"Where are you going?!" The driver shouted at Raine who had walked away from the car.

He shut the engine of the car down, pulled the key and ran after Raine. He was newly recruited and had just joined Torak's security guard for less than a week, thus he was clueless about the situation and too arrogant for assuming things by his own.

It added to his experience as the guards of the mistress of one of the businessmen in this city. He treated the woman this way too and his boss would agree with his method.

"Where are you going!? Get back to the car!" He grabbed Raine's elbow and forcefully pulled her back to the car.

"No!" Raine shouted at him as she was trying to free her elbow from his tight grip with no avail.

"Get back to the car!" He yelled at Raine and dragged her away regardless her struggle to be free from him.

Raine could feel her arms almost split into two with this tug of war that she couldn't be won.

This scene drew attention from the people around the area and when one of them noticed Raine's face, they started to raise their phone to record this event.

It was Torak Donovan's woman after all!

However, before that man could put Raine inside the car again, someone had grabbed his shoulder and hauled him away from her.

Sending him toppling over and crashing onto the concrete pavement before he landed on his back, groaning in pain.

"Are you alright Luna?"

Someone towered in front of Raine as his shadow fell on her, covering the sunlight behind him.

Raine blinked her eyes to see him clearly and once she did, she recognized him almost immediately. "Yes, thank you I am all right."

It was Mark the bulky Lycan who came to her rescue too when Aeon infiltrated her University the other days and now here he was with the other three

people, which Raine assumed was Lycanthropes, all of them were almost as big as him.

Raine tidied her sweater and took her bag from the ground that she had dropped earlier.

"May I?" Mark stretched out his hand with opened palm, asking to carry Raine's bag.

But, Raine shook her head. "It's okay."

"Mark, what the hell are you doing!?" The driver stood up and dusted his pants as he shouted at Mark, still couldn't read the situation he was in. "She wants to run away! We have to drag her back!"

Became warrior of lycanthropes, they had a short temper and the moment Mark heard that, he roared. "YOU'RE FIRED! DRAG HIM BACK TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON!"