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"Is it the angel that you had mentioned before?" The woman has a long black hair with dark lips that looked like always smiling, but her vicious eyes were saying otherwise.

"I forgot to thank you for those people..." Lucifer said lightly without a hint of gratefulness, though he was smiling when he said that.

'Those people' that Lucifer meant was the group of reporters that had acted brutal toward Raine.

Just like what Serefina had expected, someone pulled the string behind that strange attack, but it wasn't only the devil or the witch that had possessed them, but it was both of them that had worked together.

"No need for the formality, it's my pleasure to create a little bit noise in this calm realm." The witch traced her long fingers on the surface of the book. "Young blood..." She muttered faintly, but it was enough for the two men, to hear that.

"What do you mean with the young blood?" The pale man asked impassively, yet his eyes zeroed in the book in the witch's hands. He really wanted to take a sniff of that blood again.

He had never smelled something so addictive like that.

"This angel is still not at the peak of her power." The witch said nonchalantly. "You need her to be more powerful than this to be useful for you."

Lucifer raised his eyebrows. "I plan to kill her before she becomes more powerful than this." He said offhandedly. "I am powerful enough to not use her."

The witch clicked her tongue, annoyed by Lucifer statement. "Don't inflate your pride in this matter, once she is in the peak of her power and within your grasp, you will see how easy to crush the world beneath you." The witch sneered. "It has long been confirmed that angels will increase your strength.

Don't be so righteous by not taking the chance when it presents in front of you."

Lucifer scoffed and gulped down his wine. "Just do what I said, if I change my mind, I will tell you."

The devil didn't like to be advised and questioned about his decision, but the witch's words tempted him in some point.

"She has many advantages for you if she lives than she dies." It was every witch nature to act ignorant, so she also didn't take Lucifer's attitude seriously. "My question is; is she really the Alpha's mate?"

"Mm. I don't believe it at first, but seeing that Lycan reacted when I threatened her, I think it is true..." Lucifer drank the wine from its bottle.

"Do other devils know about this?" The witch asked curiously.

"I think Belphegor knows about it since Lilith is always with him recently and also that Lycan female with him. She confirmed that the information is true, after all she was expelled because she tried to harm the girl." It was so rare for the devil to talk a lot, but he had known the witch in front of him for long time ago, since the downfall of the dark.

"Wait." The pale man straightened his back, as if he just woke up from his delirious state. "Did you just say that the Alpha has a mate? No way, he was cursed by the Moon Goddess herself."

"And the Moon Goddess herself has the ability to lift the curse." The witch concluded.

"And makes that weak creature called guardian angel to be his mate? Isn't that another curse?" It was well known how the Lycanthropes despised weak creature like guardian angel.

But, now Torak Donovan was actually having a mate from that kind? Wasn't that because the Moon Goddess wanted to mock him?

"Don't underestimate the mate bond of the shape-shifter." The witch lifted the book in her hand and scrutinized it, as she continued to talk. "Weak creature? I don't think so... the guardian angel's condition is unique, but it doesn't mean they are weak."

The witch had another opinion about this, after all the fact that most of the creatures were looking for the guardian angel to sap their power, was something that they couldn't oversee.

Their physic maybe weak, but it didn't apply to the power that they were holding.

The pale man sneered upon hearing the witch's words, he looked at Lucifer, who was sitting next to him. "Say a word and I will kill that creature for you." He said haughtily as a devilish smirk appeared on the corner of his lips. "Of course, after I drained all of her blood..." action

"Do it if you can." Lucifer chuckled and gave the permission.

While in the other hand, the witch narrowed her eyes because Lucifer had completely disregarded her advice to nurture the guardian angel and used her for their own benefit.

"What are you planning to do with the shadow guard?" The witch tapped her finger on the stain of blood on the surface of the book. "You didn't keep your word when you promised him that you will not harm the girl."

"That is why you don't make a deal with a devil." Lucifer smirked devilishly.

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When they arrived at the red river city, the sky was still dark. It was two hours away before the sun would rise.

Once the plane had landed, the lights in the cabin turned on and the four of them stood up and prepared to leave the plane.

They exited out onto the tarmac and the harsh wind greeted their small group. Raine needed to take a shield behind Calleb's broad shoulder to cover her face from it.

A man in his twenty approached Calleb and gave a polite nod for the rest of the small group, he talked something to Raphael that Raine couldn't hear before they followed him to the large SUV that had been waiting for them near the terminal.

As they didn't bring any luggage they didn't need to wait for that before they got into the car and the man handed the car key to Raphael.

This time, it was Raphael who was driving. "Raine, I just want to remind you. Whatever you will see later, I hope you will not judge Torak by that."

Chapter 261 - MY DEAR, GO HOME PLEASE

Raine felt uneasy with what Raphael told her. She had seen Torak's condition in her vision and aside from anger because of the way they treated Torak, Raine didn't find a reason to hate him, but why Raphael made it as if Torak had turned into utterly repulsive creature?

"I will not, why would I?" Raine could feel a strange anger rose up in her throat.

"I am just saying." Raphael yielded, he started the engine and drove the SUV away.

Lately, Raine became easier to be irritated by a small thing or maybe it was the fact because Raphael had prevented her to meet Torak many times, so it was safe for Raphael to not take her bad side and provoke her further.

It took another one hour and half from the airport to Torak's location.

At first, Raine thought they would go to the raven city where the pack house was located, however the road was different from the last time Raine was there.

The further they drive, the less people and cars that they saw.

And when finally the sun had arisen, they arrived at a big blue house with gargoyle statue on each sides of the big double gates.

Raphael honked the car twice before a man came out from the side of the car. This made Raine startled and let out stifled scream.

"It's okay Raine..." Calleb turned around and chuckled. "He is a lycan too."

"I know..." Raine whined when she saw the man that was bulkier than Mark with his beard reached the front of his big stomach.

How big he was in his Lycan's form? This irrelevant questions flew in her minds for a few seconds.

After the huge man saw Raphael, he bowed his head in submission and proceeded to open the gates for them to enter the vast yard with lushes of trees along the way to the main house.

This place was elegant and the main house, which wasn't very big, was hidden behind old trees on both side.

The house was painted in white with many windows that allowed someone from the outside to see the inside of the house clearly.

Raine was stunned with this beautiful building before her eyes.

When they stepped on the threshold Calleb stood beside her and nudged her side with his elbow. "This is only camouflage, the real function of this building is in the underground." He said in low voice.

"What is in the underground?" As she asked the question, the memory of the place where Torak was being held, flew in her mind, reminded her about how terrifying that place. action

"You will see it soon." Calleb grimaced.

Compared to the dungeon that they had in raven village, this place was worse than that, though the exterior of this place was so beautiful and admiring. Calleb himself has only been here once.

"Raine, you are here!?" A familiar voice greeted them when they just stepped inside the house.

It was Belinda, the middle age lady ran toward Raine and pulled her into her tight hug as she rubbed her back excitedly.

Belinda and Serefina shared the same blood from their father, the pure blood witch, but from appearance, people would think Belinda as Serefina's mother, this was because the werewolf's blood in her.

The werewolf indeed has long life span, but it wasn't as long as the lycan and their appearance would start to change after their age reached more than four

hundred years, so it was understandable that Belinda looked older than Serefina as she has the pure blood.

"Belinda?" Raine reciprocated her hug in puzzled, she even forgot when the last time she met Belinda in the Fulbright city.

The last time she remembered, Belinda was helping her to dress in her eighteen birthday party, where Torak announced their relationship to the public.

Afterward, she was told that Belinda was taking care of Serefina when she had a backlash from sapping the Luna of the Lycanthropes's power when they traveled back to the past and then, Raine had never heard about her again.

"Oh, wait!" Belinda suddenly pushed her away from her, her eyes widened when she stared at Raphael. "Why she is here? The Alpha had specifically told you to not let Raine knows about it."

Raine could feel her heart was being tugged ruthlessly by Belinda's words. Why Torak was so adamant to not let her know about his condition? Wasn't she his mate?

Torak told her himself that they would do things together, but why she was being left in the dark? Raine had to admit that she was disappointed and upset by Torak's decision.

"You can ask to your sister over here." It was Calleb who answered Belinda's question, he glanced at Serefina beside him provocatively.

"Does it make you feel much better to throw the blame on me?" Serefina raised her eyebrows. "Don't pretend that you don't want to let Raine know about this. You don't even stop me." She sneered and walked ahead arrogantly.

It was true that Calleb wanted to tell Raine about Torak's whereabouts, but because he bounded to obey his Alpha's order, he couldn't do that.

Thankfully, with Serefina's cunningness, she managed to solve the problem. So, Calleb didn't have the right to blame her for this when he has the same intention like the witch.

"Serefina! You can't let her to meet with Torak, now!" Belinda yelled at her half- sister. "You didn't keep your words!"

Serefina turned around with frown, his lime green eyes looked brighter when she stared down at Belinda. "Your Alpha didn't say anything about; it wasn't allowed to bring her directly here, he just asked me to not let Raine knew this place." She said smartly, finding mishap in Torak's order.

"You are so shameless." Belinda hissed and then she turned around to face Raine as her expression softened. "Raine, my dear, just go home please... you don't want to see Torak in his current state."

Unexpectedly, Raine laughed cynically at Belinda's plea and when she stopped, she spoke icily. "It is on me whether I want to see Torak or not."

Chapter 262 - MEET THE BEAST

Belinda blinked her eyes a couple of times when she heard that, Raine's sharp remark was something that she never expected to hear. It wasn't like her to hurt other people's feeling by rude comment.

In the other hand, Serefina and Raphael narrowed their eyes with Raine's attitude. They could understand if Raine was angry and spoke rudely at them, but Belinda was someone that, you could say, close to her and she had never wronged her.

But then, Raine pouted sullenly and spoke softly. "I want to meet Torak... why he doesn't want to see me?" She lowered her head sadly, she even bit her lips, the habit that she has whenever she felt anxious.

Out of instinct, Belinda patted her head, though she was still puzzled. "Torak..." She cleared her throat to get rid her shock. "Torak not in his best condition now... he didn't want you to see him right now, not because he doesn't want to see you, but his condition is not allowed him."

Raine shook her head. "I still want to see him. I have come so far and I will not go home before I see him."

With that being said, Raine walked past Belinda and stood beside Serefina, she looked at the witch lime green eyes expectantly.

"Bring me to Torak, please." Raine pleaded.

If those people kept trying to prevent her from seeing Torak, then Raine knew who was at her side. Serefina was a hateful person in some occasion, but she always stood her ground and Raine was sure about that.

If the witch said she would bring her to Torak, then that was exactly what she would do, no matter what.

"Should I the one who leads the way?" Serefina stared at Raphael, Calleb and Belinda.

Belinda looked anxiously at Raphael. "You can't bring her down there." She said in pleading tone. "The beast is not stable."

"Maybe... if Raine is there she could help him...?" Calleb voiced out his own thought gingerly.

"What do you mean she could help?!" Belinda snapped at the Gamma.

"She is the Alpha's mate after all." Calleb shrugged his shoulder, he shifted his gaze toward Raphael. "You said it yourself that the bond between the Alpha and Raine is strong enough for her to overcome her fear, why don't you think it will work the same way for the Alpha?"

Calleb's statement, somehow silenced both Raphael and Belinda as those possibilities circulated inside their brain.

"Wow! Impressive! Sometime if you use your brain correctly, you are not that bad." Serefina flattered Calleb in mocking tone.

"What did you say!?" Serefina's words irked Calleb. It was hard for having a peaceful conversation with Serefina on the picture.

Ignoring the angry Gamma, Serefina spoke impatiently toward Raphael. "You know she will not go back without seeing Torak." She glanced at Raine beside her. "Unless you hit her head hard enough to put her into a coma for a couple of days, or else she will keep nagging at you until she sees Torak."

This time, it wasn't the three people there who were frowning at Serefina, but Raine also shot a dagger- look at her.

What kind of solution was that? Was she out of her mind?

"Why? Am I wrong?" Serefina asked in confusion innocently, seeing those people glared at her. "So, we will go now or we have to wait until new year?"

Raine closed her eyes because Raphael still has not decided yet. "Lead the way please." She said to Serefina.

"Over here." It was Raphael who strode across the room and walked past Raine and Serefina, heading to the left side of the house.

Raine followed him eagerly as Calleb tailed behind her.

However, when Belinda was about to follow them, Serefina held her shoulder to stop her from coming with them to the underground where they kept the beast.

"What?" Belinda frowned when she saw Serefina's hand on her shoulder. She disliked her, but not to the point that she hated her, yet for Serefina to touch her, it felt odd. action

"Stay, there is something that I want to ask you." Serefina said as she walked toward different direction.

Serefina didn't need to see to know that Belinda was following her out of the house.

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Raphael pushed open a black door in the end of the corridor, he held the door open, so Raine and Calleb could go first.

Behind the door was a long corridor that lack of light. There was only dying light from the lamp above them that didn't offer much help to illuminate their path.

And as soon as Raine stepped in, there was a howl. An inhuman howl. The sound was low and ragged and full of pain.

Gazing into the darkness, Raine could feel someone held her by her shoulder and knew almost immediately that it was Calleb, he whispered something to Raine's ear. "Don't worry." The same words that he told Raine in her vision, as his hand tightened on her shoulder.

Caleb guided her as they descended the stairs. Raine moved slower and more cautious. When she reached the bottom of the staircase, a faint light flickered.

At the end of the stairs, it was a hallway of old forgotten jail cells. This place had been a prison once.

The same sound. The same deep growl emanated from one of the cells. The growl was followed by a sorrowful whine.

Caleb stepped forward and as he pushed open the door, that was when Raine saw him.

A white Lycan bound in chains.

The sight of the beast now, killed her... this was the same beast that appeared in her vision.

It was Torak...

His white fur stained with dirt and blood as he was trying hard to free himself from this wretch place.

The beast stood on his hind legs with broad shoulders and sharp, lengthy canines protruding from his gums. Coiled around his body were dozens of metal chains, bolted to the wall.

When Raine was in vicinity, the beast caught her scent and raised his snout as if he was checking the air before his red eyes fell on Raine.

Chapter 263 - SHE CAUSED MORE HARM TO HIM

Raine felt her body was shivering from the intense stare from the beast.

And then, another rumbled of the clanking chains when the white Lycan struggled to get himself free from the shackles that held him.

The white Lycan wanted to move toward her, but the shackles wouldn't let him. action

Raine didn't know what she should do right now, because the sight killed her inside.

Standing rooted, Raine breathed raggedly as she couldn't even move a single finger.

The vision that she had seen before this had warned her that it was something that she would see once she decided to ignore Raphael and Belinda's admonition to not meet with Torak for meantime.

At this point, Raine must have prepared herself, but the truth said otherwise, she was still shaken up by the sight of the beast.

Raine was overwhelmed by various complicated emotions. Sad, helpless, afraid, anxious, nervous, shocked and many more...

Because the beast couldn't get himself freed from the chains that restrained him, the white Lycan began to yelp as if he were a pup in the sight of Raine...

He wanted her close to him... the scent of her drove him crazy as his eyes were filled with longing...

"What you have done to him?" A tear fell from Raine's cheeks with the sight of the way of the white Lycan looked at her. "You torture him..." She mumbled helplessly.

The beast red eyes stared at Raine's black one with painful gaze as she had sudden urge to run toward him and wrapped him in his arms, buried her head in his soft fur, to calm him down.

"Released him..." Raine muttered in low voice.

But, Raphael shook his head resolutely. "We can't do that Raine." He said apologetically. "The chains that held him have been charmed with powerful spell."

Raine's eyes traced the chains that bolted to the wall and kept the Lycan in his place, giving no chance for him to move an inch.

How torturous this must be for Torak to be treated this way. Wasn't he their Alpha, but why they could do this to him?

"This is for his own safety too, Raine." Raphael answered Raine's unspoken question, by looking from her face, it was easy to read what was going on in her mind.

Raine didn't believe him and was still thinking that he was torturing his own Alpha.

Caleb, who almost as stunned as Raine, spoke in rigid voice. "What happened with the Alpha?" He remembered the last time he saw Torak in his human's form, his eyes were still the color of red even though Raine closed to him and was not in danger.

But, the beast still surged to the surface.

That could only happen if...

"Raph, is it... just the beast?" Caleb asked hesitantly.

Raine stared at Raphael and Caleb, she lost her words to ask about what happened, but it was reflected from her eyes, there was hundreds of unspoken questions that roamed around her head.

"Torak is not in balance condition, his beast stronger than his human side." Raphael frowned when once again the beast tried to break free from the chains that held him back.

The metal rumbling sound echoed through the entire room. This wasn't a big room, it could only fit twenty people for the very most and there was only one door.

Raine felt her heart was being tugged ruthlessly when she watched Torak's condition. How this thing could happen?

"How?" A soft whisper- question escaped her lips. "How he could be like this?"

Raphael grimaced once again when the beast let out a painful howl as his bloody eyes fixed on the figure of small girl, who was on the verge of breaking down. "This is a result of a series of events."

"What do you mean?" Raine's eyes met the beast and she felt unexplainable connection between them.

"When the first time he left you," Raphael started. "He wasn't angry at you. He was upset to himself that he couldn't protect you properly and how regretful he was for the harsh words that he had said toward you and caused you cry."

Raine remembered that day, the moment Torak had an outburst when he thought Raine was taking Aeon's side.

Raine felt extremely bad...

"Even though it's against his nature, but he realizes you have to become stronger and gain your own power in order to protect yourself, because no matter how hard he tried to keep you safe, the dangers that lurk around you, many of time, are something that he couldn't control." Raphael shook his head in regret. "Especially when you suddenly travelled back to the past time."

The beast growled and his fangs bared. He looked to be in constant state of aggression and agitation after he wasn't able to move closer to the girl.

"And what happened after that?" Raine's voice was so small, she couldn't afford to cry again. Even her tears couldn't ease the pain that she felt right now.

"We went to find the cure for Serefina, because Torak thought it was the only way to help you, as Serefina the only person who knows your condition better." Raphael spoke everything truthfully.

He had brought Raine to this place, which an instant had broken the order of his Alpha, thus, since he had committed offenses, he would just go all the way to telling the truth to Raine.

"He was injured when we returned and gave the cure to Serefina, yet when we were at home, you were not there." Raphael looked at Raine. "You suddenly disappeared. Even when you are inside the house with tight protection and charms that could repel black magic and curses, you disappeared. Torak was beyond livid at that time."

Raine gulped hard. In his injure state, Torak still went all the way to find her.

Only if she didn't go outside at that time... Probably Torak wouldn't end up in his condition now.

In the end, her weaknesses had caused more harm to him than what she thought.

Chapter 264 - WE STARVE HIM

And then after Torak figured out that Raine wasn't at home and Serefina, who tag along with him, confirmed that she didn't travel back to the past by her own just like what had happened the first time, Torak used his last resolve to find her by using the firebird.

Afterward, Serefina needed to teleport the three of them to the place where Aeon had taken Raine.

"He fought the devil, and despite the damage caused by that short battle wasn't really serious, but the after affect took a toll on him." Raphael explained with voice filled with grievances. "The collapsed building had taken many lives and it was on Torak."

Raine then remembered the consequences for the supernatural creatures for taking human's life, that was the reason why Mark and the other Lycan were hesitated to hit those reporters when they were surrounded by them.

One life could cause damage for them, but by the collapsed of the building, how many lives that Torak had taken? Yet, because it didn't apply on the devil, all the damage was on Torak to bear.

Caleb held Raine's shoulder to prevent her from moving closer to the beast unconsciously.

She needed to be close to him, to be with him and to say how sorry she was for causing him so much pain like this, yet Caleb stopped her to take another steps toward him, and unexpectedly, this small action made the beast more aggravated than before.

The beast actually snarled and made a loud rumbling sound when he tugged the chains that coiled his body forcefully.

"He recognized me..." Raine whispered in her astonishment when she watched how the beast became more angrier the moment Caleb touched her. "Let me go to him."

"No, Raine, You can not!" Raphael grabbed Raine's arms tightly, afraid she would make a sudden move to approach the beast.

No one knew what would happen next. Seeing the situation now, Raphael couldn't guarantee Raine's safety or the beast would recognize her as his mate and wouldn't harm her.

It was too risky to find out.

"He calls me..." Raine twisted her hand in Raphael's strong grip, but still couldn't be free from him, he didn't even budge.

"No, Raine... it is too dangerous." Raphael pulled Raine out of the cell and gestured to Calleb to lock the door.

"He is not in balance state. His human side is too weak to appear, so the beast took over his consciousness in order to protect both of them." Raphael explained as he let go of Raine's hand once they were out of the cell, leaving Torak behind the bars, snarling and was enraged by the fact the girl was being taken away from him.

Raphael added. "If he thought of you as a threat, he will kill you without batting an eye."

Silence ensued after Raphael statement, the silent for the three of them, but not for the beast that ran amok inside his cell.

"There is nothing we can do here, let's go back..." Calleb suggested.

As reluctant as Raine was, with her standing there, wouldn't bring Torak back. "I will come back..." She whispered and caressed he metal bars, as if she was caressing Torak's fur.

When they walked out of the underground room, they found Serefina was sitting on the sofa while reading a magazine in her laps, as if nothing happened and for some reason, her calmness and ignorance, once again, irritated Raine.

Here Raine was, battling with her feeling toward Serefina, whether she hated her or not, yet she was too tired to decide it. There was another thing that needed her full attention.

Starting for now, it was best if Raine didn't take whatever Serefina's reaction seriously. They were good with each other if only they were in the same page, but apart from that, she was better to keep her feeling for herself.

Moreover, everything that happened on Torak has nothing to do with her, so it was understandable if she didn't have sympathy for Torak's condition now.

In fact, the witch has no sympathy on anything.

"Why didn't you come with us?" Calleb sat next to Serefina and frowned at the witch.

"I have important thing to talk with my sister." Serefina replied sweetly when she mentioned Belinda.

Calleb grimaced when he heard how she addressed Belinda. If Belinda was there, she would grimace as well along with him. "Where is Belinda?"

"Kitchen. Cooking something for lunch." Serefina answered nonchalantly without lifting her eyes from the magazine.

Raine took a seat across from Serefina and Calleb. "You have an idea how to cure Torak?" Raine asked.

Serefina finally lifted her head from the magazine and met with Raine's eyes. "I don't know, I have never come across case like this."

"So, what you did to him down there?" Raine narrowed her eyes, if they did nothing, so how they expected Torak would come back to his normal state?

"Restraint him from harming anyone around him and himself." Serefina answered, but it wasn't enough for Raine to calm her tensed nerves.

"How do you expect he will return to normal if you don't do anything? At the very least, you have a plan, right?" Raine asked hopefully, those red eyes kept hunting her.

"We are trying to find a way." It was Belinda, who came from the kitchen direction. "Let's have a lunch first. We need a lot of energy if we want to find a solution for the Alpha."

Regardless Raine didn't have the slightest appetite, she still followed the rest of the people to the dining table.

Belinda had cooked for them beef stir- fry with oyster sauce. There were no words from them when they took their seat behind the appetizing beef.

Caleb cut the beef in his plate and gave it to Raine, to make it easier for her to eat as Raine gave a small smile as a 'thanks'.

But, then her fork just moved mid- air before the tender beef reached her mouth when she remembered something.

"What Torak will eat?" She asked, looking at the rest of the people at the table, waiting for anyone to answer her question.

"He doesn't eat anything. We starve him." Belinda replied calmly.

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Chapter 265 - SHE IS NOT IN HER ROOM

At first, Raine couldn't comprehend what Serefina told her, so she asked for confirmation. "Pardon me, what did you say?" She leaned over, afraid that she would miss her repetition.

"We starve him." Serefina looked at Raine in the eyes as she repeated what she said before.

Seeing the understanding and anger slowly crept on Raine's eyes, Raphael hastily explained it for her. "Raine, we have to do that in order to keep the beast under control."

Not only Raine who was shocked by that revelation, but Caleb also has no idea about this, he has been assigned to keep his eyes on Raine, so aside from what Raphael let him know, he practically knew nothing about any of this.

But, the only thing that he could do was shaking his head in disbelief as he stared at Raphael and Serefina incredulously.

"WHAT IS THE REASON YOU STARVE HIM!?" Raine stood up from her seat and looked dagger at Raphael. action

Serefina's expression wasn't as calm as before and was full with anticipation now, while Belinda shrunk on her seat.

In the other hand, Caleb wanted to calm her down, but unsure about what he had to do.

And it was Raphael, who was standing from his seat too, with complicated emotions that appeared on his expression.

"Raine, he is the Alpha and he is in his beast form. If he is any stronger than this, we will not be able to restrain him." Raphael tried to make his points crossed. "He will not die even if he doesn't eat anything for weeks. We just need to weaken him..."

Raine was utterly speechless and muddleheaded at the moment. Everything seemed jumble up in her mind.

She closed her eyes to compose herself as she gripped at the edge of the table to support her as waves of exhaustion hit her hard.

"Raine, Torak knows this is what will happen to him. That is the reason he was so adamant for you to not see him in this condition." Raphael glanced at Serefina when he said this, blaming her for taking Raine here.

But, for Raine, she didn't regret her decision to come and witnessed with her own eyes what Torak was going through now.

Despite her heart ached for him and knew there was nothing she could do for Torak, at least she was no longer in the dark and knew the truth behind his disappearance.

Raine lowered her head as she hugged herself. "I... will eat later... may I know where is my room?"

"Raine, you have to eat something..." Belinda wanted to persuade her to eat, but Raphael shook his head, thus she stood up and walked over to Raine. "I will take you to your room."

Belinda wrapped her arm around Raine's shoulder and guided her out of the dining room.

Knowing how stubborn Raine nowadays, she wouldn't eat anything no matter how hard Belinda tried to pursue her, thus it was a better choice to let her take a rest, she needed it after all.

After Belinda and Raine left, Calleb stared at Raphael in front of him. "Why don't you tell me about all of this?" He demanded an explanation.

Even though Raphael rank was above him, but Calleb was the Alpha's third in command, but why he was being left out?

"Don't start it Call," Raphael groaned as he closed his eyes, he had enough argumentation with Serefina and Raine, he didn't need the Gamma added to his headache. "You know this is the Alpha's order."

"So, why do you think the Alpha didn't want me to know about his real condition?" Calleb raised his eyebrows, he crossed his arms in front of his chest in displeased.

"Because most of the time you would with Raine and he was just being cautious that you would slip your tongue." Raphael tried to give him the reason.

With this, Calleb could only take a deep breath.

While Calleb and Raphael argued with each other, Serefina continued to eat her beef, but her eyes focused on scenery out of the window, as if she was contemplating something.

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"Raine, do you need something?" Belinda asked Raine carefully when they arrived at an empty bedroom that dominated with the color of white.

Raine rested her head on the soft pillow while Belinda tucked her inside the blanket to keep her warm.

"I don't need anything." Raine replied softly. She needed Torak now, but it wasn't an option.

"Alright." Belinda nodded in understanding. "I will keep the beef for you, just call me if you want to eat, I will warm it up for you, dear."

"Okey." Raine replied curtly as she closed her eyes, yet when she heard the door was being opened, she opened her eyes and called her name. "Belinda."

"Yes?" Belinda turned around to find the pain in those beautiful eyes of her Luna. "Do you need something?"

"Thank you so much." Raine whispered, but Belinda could hear it clearly.

"You are most welcome, Raine." She replied with tender smile curled on her lips.

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When the night came and all the lamps inside the house had turned on and the dinner had been prepared by Belinda, Raine was still inside her room.

"Should I ask her to come down?" Belinda asked Raphael in worry tone. "She had skipped her lunch, it will not good if she had to skip her diner as well."

Raphael didn't answer Belinda immediately, he contemplated for a while.

"Just bring this meal to her room later if she is still not coming down after we finished our dinner." Raphael gave the easiest solution.

Belinda nodded, but still felt a little unease.

After the four of them finished their dinner with no one in the mood to start a conversation, Raine still didn't come down, thus Belinda had to bring her, her dinner.

After she prepared all the food on the tray, she walked straight to her bedroom, knocking a few times, but no one answer.

Therefore, she pushed open the door and proceeded to go inside when she realized Raine wasn't there.

Chapter 266 - A BEAST IS A BEAST

The room was so dark when Belinda entered, while holding the tray with her left hand, she pressed the button with her right hand and immediately the whole room was illuminated by the bright light.

"Raine?" Belinda called out her name, but she got no reply from her. "I bring you your dinner, you have to eat something, okay? Or else you will hurt yourself."

Belinda put the tray on the small table beside the bed, only then she realized, Raine wasn't on the bed because the blanket only covered a pillow beneath it.

"Raine?" For made sure that Raine wasn't there, Belinda tugged the blanket away and just like what she thought, no one was there.

Hastily, she went out of the room and rushed to the dining table where Raphael and Calleb were still there.

"Raine is gone!" Belinda said in panic.

"Hha?" Calleb put down the phone in his hand and stared at Belinda. "Are you sure?"

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Raine couldn't sleep, she even was not able to close her eyes without being hunted by the image of the white beast in his miserable state.

Raine sat down on her bed as she stared blankly at the wall in front of her. She didn't even have time to appreciate how beautiful and nice the room that she was occupied as her heart was thumping faster until it hurt.

All the memories of Torak flooded her mind and that was so painful when she had to lose him the man that has loved her unconditionally.

Lost him?

Somewhere, among the memories that she shared with Torak, there was a moment when she was so scared of him when he lost himself over his beast and killed another Lycan without even batting an eye.

'The thought of hurting you will never cross my mind, even if I lost myself over my beast, he will continue to protect you.' Torak's eyes slightly dimmed, the angst in his heart ate him alive. 'But, I think in the end I still hurt you in one way or another and I am sorry for that...'

Raine inhaled sharply and as if someone had poured a bucket of cold water, an understanding dawned on her

Raine didn't even realize when she started to rush out of her room and headed toward the underground door where they held the beast.

However, when she tried to open the knob, it was locked. She tried a couple of times and even pushed the locked door with her weak body with no avail.

After one hour passed and her attempt still didn't give any result, she rested her back against the door and slumped on the floor.

Raine could faintly hear the beast painful howl that echoed through the wall behind the closed door, as if he was calling for someone.

He was calling for her... his mate...

Yet, here Raine was, hugging her body without knowing what she could do to ease the pain from the beast down there.

The agonizing sound reverberated through the wall and reflected in her heart, causing a mental pain that similar as if someone crushed her entire body ruthlessly.

There was no tear, Raine was even too tired to cry. She clutched the front of her shirt to reduce the pain in her heart, but it didn't help at all.

Raine lost track of time when she was sitting there, she didn't know how long she was there until Serefina's voice snapped her back from the dark place that engulfed her soul. action

"What are you doing there?" Serefina frowned. She stared down at Raine with her bright green eyes, her eyes traced from Raine's ghastly pale face to the door behind her, where a creepy howl could be heard. "Do you want to meet him?" She guessed.

"Can I?" In her devastated state, her voice sounded like someone strangled her.

"If you want to meet him, why don't you go inside?" Serefina said in matter of fact tone, yet when she watched the frown on Raine's face, in an instant she knew what the problem. "Oh! My beautiful goddess!" She exclaimed exasperatedly.

After saying her sarcastic remark, Serefina walked past Raine and retrieved a key from under a lamp pos beside the door.

"Are you looking for this?" The key dangled on Serefina's delicate finger.

Raine pushed herself up to stand up and shifted her eyes from the key to Serefina's face before she took the small metal and held it like the most precious thing that she possessed.

"You are really helpless." Serefina sneered and was about to leave Raine alone there when she turned around and added. "Think carefully before you decide on something. Just for your information; maybe you are his mate, but a beast is still a beast."

After saying that, Serefina strode away from there and disappeared when she turned at the other corner of the hallway.

The small metal in her palm was so cold, as if announced its existence, asking her to use it.

Yet, before Raine could open the door with it, Calleb's voice startled her and made her almost drop the metal key.

"There you are!" Calleb exclaimed in relief, he rushed over toward Raine with long strides. "You almost gave Belinda a heart attack when she couldn't find you inside your room."

Belinda and Raphael followed behind Calleb, and when the middle age witch saw Raine was fine, she pulled her into her tight, warm hug.

"I thought something bad happened to you." Belinda whined.

"You are over thinking thing." Calleb chastised her. "I told you she is still inside the house."

"I am fine." Raine patted Belinda's back as she released herself from her. "But, can I see Torak now?"

Upon hearing Raine's question the atmosphere suddenly turned tense as they looked at each other, unsure what to say about her request.

Finally it was Raphael, who spoke to Raine in apologetic tone. "I am sorry Raine, but I think you can't see him again until his condition is stable."

Raphael thought Raine would insist to see the beast, but to everyone surprise, she agreed.

"Alright." Raine said as she put the key inside the back of her pants quietly.

Chapter 267 - HIS EYES ON HER

Raine ate her dinner obediently and quietly, but it was enough to put Belinda at ease. She didn't talk too much, yet she adamant to sleep with Raine.

Belinda didn't want her to suddenly disappear and made her panic again, thus against Raine's discomfort for having Belinda slept next to her on the same bed, the middle age witch brought her own blanket and laid beside Raine.

"Do you want me to tell you a story?" Belinda asked gently while running her fingers on Raine's long hair.

Belinda smelled so good, like a mother, warm and gentle and her touch made Raine slightly felt sleepy as her discomfort begun to fade away.

In the end, it wasn't a bad idea for letting Belinda slept together with her. The feeling was almost magical when Raine thought about her as her own mother.

Raine heard this from Calleb that even though Belinda was half werewolf, she supposed to have a mate.

And it was known that Belinda wanted to have a child on her own, but after waiting for centuries, she couldn't find her other half until this very moment and refused to take someone as her chosen mate.

Though the feeling would be very different if you spent your life with your other half, but at least you wouldn't feel very lonesome for not having someone to share this eternity.

Sometime, this could happen and when they couldn't meet their destined mate, usually they would take someone as their chosen mate, this almost happened to Torak when he was getting sick from waiting the promised mate that the moon goddess told him.

And Jenedieth was the best candidates among all the female Lycans, no wonder she and her father hated Raine so much, because in fact, they would have been mated if Raine had been found a few years late.

Raine was grateful for that. She couldn't imagine Torak would be with someone else and stared into the other woman's eyes in the same way she looked at her.

That wasn't a pleasant thing to imagine.

"Raine? Why are you staring at me?" Belinda caressed Raine's head lovingly as she snuggled close to her and put her arm across her body.

"I am very glad to meet someone like you." Raine said truthfully. "Thank you Belinda for taking a good care of me."

Raine remembered how Belinda was very patient when she taught her how to plant flower seeds, Raine was curious, how was her flowers now? They should have grown by this moment of time...

Maybe after all of this over, she could ask Torak to visit the raven village.

When all of this over...

"If you don't want me to tell you a story, why don't you take some rest?" Belinda tried to change the atmosphere that had turned melancholic.

"Hmm..." Raine snuggled closer to the warm of Belinda's body and closed her eyes obediently. "Good night, Belinda." action

"Good night, my dear." Belinda kissed Raine's forehead, just like Torak always did and this little affection suddenly overtook Raine with an intense longing of him that she had to endure.

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When the time hit midnight. The lingering moonlight obliterated by the rapidly falling night and the haze of the rain that made the world blurred as the wind howling, warning like a wolf into the midnight.

Beside the sleeping Belinda, who had no more concern to the world outside, Raine was wide awake, her eyes shone in the dark without a tinge of tiredness or sleepiness whatsoever.

The mutter of thunder and the sound of the rain lashed down masked the rustling sound that Raine created the moment she got down the bed gingerly.

Her heart beating face as she thanked the weather silently for being in her favor.

Raine glanced at Belinda once again before she opened the room door and she watched her even breathing with relief.

She didn't know where exactly Raphael and Calleb were sleeping, but she was pretty sure, they wouldn't hear the soft padding sound along the hardwood floor because of the rumbling rain outside.

Raine strode to the kitchen and rummage that place for awhile before she found a beef from yesterday afternoon that supposed for her lunch. The beef was fine and still edible, though it cold.

With a plate on her hand Raine tread warily to the other side of the house and once again she was standing in front of the locked door to the underground.

But, now she has the key with her.

Raine pulled out the small metal from her back pants and put it into the keyhole. With glorious clacking sound, the door was opened.

Raine held her breath when she heard a soft groaning from under the stairs, from the cell where the beast occupied.

Her heart clenched painfully when the sound led her down step by step to its source. The plate in her hand was trembling and her knees were too weak to make another step toward the cell after she stepped down the last stairs.

Now Raine was only three steps away from the source of the sound.

Her body tensed when she heard rustling sound from the cell and the howl stopped.

The beast stopped moving and Raine stopped breathing when she heard the beast snuffled.

It almost felt like decades when finally Raine decided to take a step closer to the cell, but not enough for the beast to see her trembling figure, yet he could sense her nonetheless as his breath became heavy.

Raine closed her eyes as recalled the thing that Torak had said to her, chanting the words like a charm to gather her scattered courage.

'If I lost myself over my beast, he will continue to protect you.'

With that, Raine forced her feet to make another step again, one step after another, and with difficulty she finally stood facing the chained monster and witnessed with her own eyes, how the beast glared at her.

Fixed his intense bloody eyes on her face.

"Torak..."

Chapter 268 - THE SPELL WAS BROKEN

"Torak..." Raine called him softly, his name grazed her lips with longing. Only if she could, she would run toward him and flung her arms around his neck and told him how sorry she was and how she missed him.

The beast kept his eyes on her and a disturbingly eerie feeling crept in the air as Raine's heart refused to feel anything but scare.

Raine put down the plate on her hand and inhaled a shaky breath as she opened the padlock of the cell with the hanging key on the stone wall beside it.

The cell door creaked loudly that made Raine nervous, she tensed, afraid someone would hear it and caught her there, her eyes zeroed at the top of the dark stairs, waiting if someone would come.

But to her relief, there was no one coming...

Raine's mind spun when she shifted her gaze on the beast in front of her.

The white beast condition was heartrending despite the enmity in his red eyes.

"I... I bring food for you..." Raine stuttered, having an urge to cry when the mixed feeling of despair, dread and scare suffused her entire being.

Raine put down the plate on the floor, at this moment, the beast had stopped scaring her with his growl or howl. Instead he showed her his elongated canines threateningly.

Raine felt her fear filled the air inside the cell and it let the beast knew that he was a threat for her as he tilted his big head, staring at her curiously.

A little weak girl was standing five steps away from him, trembling out of fear, but refused to back down.

But, it wasn't the reason that piqued the beast interest, it was her scent, the sweet scent that made the beast relaxed for having her near him.

He glanced at the beef on the plate and snarled loudly, as loud as the thunder out there.

This sudden outburst startled Raine and made her took a step back unconsciously, yet this little action was regarded with another snarl as loud as the first one.

Raine couldn't figure out why the beast suddenly gave her that reaction or what he wanted, she didn't understood that the beast was angry because she walked away from him.

The more he snarled at her the more further Raine stepped back out of fear, her heart beating so fast as she started to turn her body and tried to lock the door again, got away from the underground.

But, her trembling fingers didn't help at all when she dropped the key again and again, failed to lock it.

In the other hand, the beast seemingly became more and more aggravated by Raine's attempt to flee from him as he tugged the chains that held him back forcefully until the debris and dust from the wall fell, scattered in the air.

His roar thundered and reverberated along the underground space and with a loud cracking sound, the beast managed to free himself from the chains that restrained him.

The spell was broken and the chains were no longer could hold him back as his red eyes focused on Raine before he stalked toward her in an unnervingly fast manner.

Panic overwhelmed Raine and she began to tremble violently, the key dropped from her hand without she even noticed it, as the sound of her own ragged breathing was drowned out by her heart, pounding wildly in her ears.

Raine's brain worked extremely slowly and when she finally snapped out of her shock, she was already in dangerous situation and it was too late for her even when she wanted to run away from the beast now. action

The beast towered above her as he let out another vicious snarl that could turn her bone into jelly.

The massive white Lycan stared down at Raine when her legs finally gave away and she slumped on the cold, dirty floor beneath her, crawling backward to put some distance between her and the beast.

Raine didn't realize how massive this white lycan until this very moment. Her mouth opened and closed repeatedly, but there was no sound came out from her dried throat.

A tear slipped from her eyes as she closed them in defeat.

Because of her conscience, Raine couldn't stay inside her bedroom and sleep beside Belinda comfortably.

She shouldn't be here in the first place. She should listen to Raphael, who kept reminding her to stay away from Torak at this moment. She should heed Serefina's warning when she said 'a beast is a beast', there was no way Torak would remember her, right? Even though she was his mate.

The beast lowered his head and sniffed her as his warm breath fanned Raine's face.

"T... Torak...?" Raine's voice was shaking madly when she felt the beast snout nuzzled the crook of her shoulder.

Slowly, Raine opened her eyes, her eyelashes fluttered like weak wings of butterfly.

When Raine's eyes met with the beast red one, he snarled viciously at her and lashed at Raine, biting into her neck in the blink of an eye.

Raine shrieked as the searing pain shot throughout her neck.

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Belinda woke with start when the loud thunder outside shook the earth, her eyes darted from the heavy rain that rapped the window to the space next to her, where Raine was sleeping.

But, to her surprise, no one there.

"Raine?" Belinda called out her name as she stretched out her hand. The spot where Raine supposed to sleep was so cold. She had been long gone.

Without wasting another second, Belinda bolted out of her bed and checked the bathroom, yet Raine wasn't there either.

In panic, Belinda dashed out of the bedroom and sped toward Serefina's.

But, halfway there, Belinda met her half sister in the corridor, the frown between her eyebrows told her that there was something wrong happening.

"Serefina!" Belinda trotted toward Serefina hastily. "Raine is gone!"

"I know." Serefina replied curtly, her expression turned rigid when she added. "The spell was broken."

This news from Serefina left Belinda flabbergasted as blood drained from her face. This is very bad!

Chapter 269 - HER HEARTBEAT IS HARD TO HEAR

"What happened?!" action

From the other side of the house, before Serefina and Belinda turned to the corridor, where the door to the underground was located, Raphael and Calleb approached them hastily.

From the furrow between their brows, Serefina knew that they must feel something about this situation, because the roar from the underground was exceptionally loud, even in this thunderstorm.

"The spell was broken." Serefina said grimly. The four of them didn't stop for a second as they headed toward the underground.

"And Raine is missing." Belinda's words were like a bomb for Calleb and Raphael.

"What!?" Raphael stopped walking and grabbed Belinda's arm to stop her as well. "Tell me what happened? How could she possibly disappear?!" He asked impatiently.

"Stop yelling at her!" Serefina snapped at Raphael. "She must be in Torak's cell."

Raphael composed himself and then strode ahead toward the underground door.

For their surprise, the door to the underground was opened and this reinforced their suspicion that they were right about Raine was going to Torak's cell. But, how she could find the key for the door?

The key was hid in the place that wasn't easy to find. But, how could Raine found it easily?

However, Raphael didn't have time to think about it, he could look into that matter later because the moment he pushed open the door a strong smell of blood assault his nose.

Even Serefina and Belinda, who didn't have a keen sense of smell, scrunched their nose and furrowed their brows as they rushed down the stairs.

As soon as Torak's cell came into their view, their eyes bulged out of their socket at the horrible and horrendous scene before their eyes.

Belinda gasped loudly and covered her mouth to stifle her scream, while Serefina rooted to the ground with pale face.

It was Raphael and Calleb, who stepped forward and approached their Alpha.

Sitting on the floor was Torak. His broad back was facing the opened cell door as she cradle Raine in his strong arms.

From the look of his back alone, Raphael could feel the rage that exuded from his human form.

Torak's white shirt was tattered and his pants were torn but he was sitting still like a piece of wood as his right hand was pressing his palm at the wound on Raine's neck.

Blood was oozing out from his fingers, dripping on the floor beneath them, sending a metallic smell whirl in the air.

While Raine's face couldn't be seen because her hair covered almost all of her face and Torak held her so close to his chest, Raphael still could see a faint undulated movement from her small shoulder.

"Torak..." Raphael called out his name gingerly. "We need to treat her wound..."

Regardless the fact there were dozens of questions roaming around Raphael's head about how Torak could go back to his human form and how Raine got hurt this badly, Raphael need to hold back all of that for time like this, even Calleb didn't dare to utter a single word since they smell the strong blood scent.

Torak didn't move. He didn't answer Raphael's suggestion too. He stayed like that as if there was no one could bother him.

"Torak, let her go... we need to take care of her wound." Raphael took another steps closer toward Torak, his senses heightened as the tensed in the atmosphere could drive anyone crazy.

Aside from the rustling sound that Raphael made when he moved and thunderous rain out there, the underground place was engulfed in eerie silence that forced people present to hold their breath.

Torak didn't budge.

Raphael stretched out his hand to shake Torak's shoulder in order to gain his attention, because he seemingly didn't listen to what he said. His mind was elsewhere.

Yet, when Raphael's finger merely an inch from Torak, the Alpha's voice boomed inside the cell, sending shiver down to Raphael and Calleb's spine.

Painful and suffocation feeling spread to every follicle of their skin, forced them to knee before the Supreme Alpha, showing him their submission.

"I TOLD YOU TO NOT BRING HER HERE!" Torak's voice boomed with anger and wrath. He had given them clear order, but how dare them to not obey his direct command?!

With a loud thud, both Raphael and Calleb's head hit the ground with their hand sprawled beside their head. It was a gesture of complete submission.

Even Belinda was forced to knee and lower her head out of fear of Torak's wrath. The Alpha was infamous with his ruthlessness and his terrifying way to deal with those who disobeyed his order.

The air has morphed into fear and as the more they breathed the more scared they were, it was like a toxin that killed them slowly.

It was only Serefina, who still stood unfazed in her spot.

After her shock the moment she witnessed how Torak had turned into his human form and Raine was injured in place of it, a conclusion started to form in her head about this whole situation.

The witch seemed like had known the rough idea about how could this end up in this situation.

The next second after Torak's outburst, Serefina strolled past the cell door and stood in front of Torak, before she squatted down to have a closer look on Raine.

Yet, before she could check on the girl's condition, her neck had been squeezed tightly in firm grip.

"If you kill me, she will die." Though it was hard to talk, Serefina pushed her last words out of her lips before the air left her lungs.

The witch glanced provocatively at Raine.

Because Torak removed his pressured on Raine's neck, the opened wound started to disgorge more and more blood until it pooled on the floor.

Raine's blood was like a broken dam, flowed endlessly without a sign to stop.

Within three seconds after Serefina's said her warning, she had almost lost her consciousness, but Raine's condition was getting worse as her heartbeat was hard to hear.