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If Torak continued to lash out his emotion toward Serefina now, he would lose Raine in the process and it wasn't something worth to be risked.

With a brief glanced of the pool of blood on the ground, Torak released Serefina's precious neck from his deadly grip.

"Something happen to her and you will suffer the fate worse than death."
Torak stated grimly.

The sole reason why Torak didn't kill Serefina until now and let her lingered around after what she did and said, was because her life still has valued for Raine. action

Serefina rubbed her sore neck and cleared her dried throat while gasping for air, greedily breathing to fill her empty lungs.

After she felt slightly better, Serefina moved closer toward Raine in Torak's arms.

The witch touched the wound and chanted in strange language, a spell. But, after a few seconds, her brows creased unsightly.

Her eyes widened as they traced back to Torak's red ones, horror filled them. "Did you mark her!?" Serefina's question filled with disbelief as it echoed throughout the wall. "You marked without her consent!"

Torak's eyes hardened.

He realized he had done that and hoped the otherwise, yet Serefina's remark solidified his fear. Torak had marked Raine without her consent.

The mark that the Lycan put on their mate was a sacred thing that should be the consent of both parties. The mark that was put forcefully could snap the mate bond between them, not to mention the after affect that she would suffer.

When Torak was lost over his beast, he didn't have a control to stop this dreadful outcome from happening. His beast was displeased because their mate was still unmarked.

A beast was still a beast, when they lost their human side, their rationality was gone along with it and only act based on their instinct.

"This is bad..." Serefina shook her head as she mumbled. Sweat started to drip from her forehead as she concentrated to stop the bleeding on Raine's neck. The bit was so deep. If Torak didn't stop the beast in time, Raine probably would have died by now.

However...

"How could you regain your strength?" Serefina narrowed her eyes, asked Torak suspiciously. "Don't tell me..." Another fear fleeting in her lime green eyes when a terrifying idea flashed in her mind.

"I did." Torak said solemnly. It was so solemn, yet sounded so lethal, just like calm before storm.

"Damn you Torak!" Serefina cursed out loud, her eyes ablaze with anger. "How could you do that?! You know how dangerous it would be for a guardian angel, which is sapped from their own power!"

The situation was so odd when Torak didn't even retort. He accepted Serefina's curse silently, fixed his eyes on Raine's pale face and her faint breath.

On the surface, Torak was so calm and collected, but inwardly, the raging storm of his emotion was on par with the thunderstorm outside. He was in turmoil.

Torak was in the state that he could accept insults from anyone and let them step on his head as long as they could save his mate.

Raine was in this state because of him, because he couldn't protect her from himself and let her took the brunt. The guilty and helplessness that he felt now, killing him from inside.

It almost felt like he had been in constant war for eternity, fighting the battle that he knew he would lose, as Torak had been fighting his beast and suppressed his feral side, but a second he lost it, this what he got.

In the other hand, Serefina concentrated more on Raine's wound, trying her best to close it and stop the flow of the blood. "You need a healer for this."

Serefina was a witch, so she couldn't possibly to fix this damage entirely.

Apparently, it wasn't only Torak, who suffered from guilty feeling. Serefina felt it too when she realized it was because of her overconfidence with her own power that the beast wouldn't be able to break free, which pushed her to impulsively give the key to Raine, giving her an opportunity to meet the beast.

At that time, she was only curious how the beast would react upon his mate? Did he still recognize her? After all they were mate. Was it possible for the mate bond to disappear once the soul wasn't in the balance state?

Many questions were roaming around Serefina's head the moment she gave the key to Raine. But now, the answer was right before her eyes.

Serefina didn't know what she felt about it.

Yes, the beast did recognized his mate, but it wasn't enough to push back their primitive side to mark their mate without a second thought or any consent for her well being, as it had lost along the way with Torak's human side.

Therefore, the unbalanced Lycan, was a dangerous creature.

Serefina couldn't blame Torak for this entirely, as she took a part for this to happen. She had overestimated herself, again.

"I will call her." There was a meek voice from behind Torak. It was Belinda, who was hastily rushing out of the underground room to call their pack healer. She had to move fast, because it would take another hour before she could arrive here and every second was counted.

"For now take her to the bedroom." Serefina said after she retracted her hand from Raine's neck.

The blood had stopped oozing out from the wound, but it was only temporary, after all Lycan's bite was a dangerous thing, not to mention the beast accidentally had sapped Raine's energy in the process too.

Torak held Raine's body carefully, afraid he would add more pain to her, even though Raine wouldn't feel anything at the moment, because she was still lost her conscious.

Raphael and Calleb followed Torak and Serefina silently with their head hung very low. A severe punishment was waiting for them.

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It had been a week since Torak was out of reach and three days for Raphael along with Calleb to not attend in many of important meetings.

Jack, the hunter who was once assigned to look for Serefina, was pointed as the person in charge when the three of them couldn't be reached.

Many people in the company had known him, though his role wasn't as significant as Calleb, most of the employees respected him in some degree.

However, the upper echelon didn't have the same thought, as they kept demanding to know where Torak was, or at least they could talk to Raphael.

As the decision maker, Torak's presence was very important, so how could he disappear for days without announcement?

This fact stirred up dissatisfaction from some of the shareholders and also an opportunity for Belphegor to add fuel to the fire.

Chapter 271 - SHE ADMITTED IT

Today was the third day since Raine had lost conscious because of the mark that Torak forced on her.

Sapphire, the healer in Torak's pack, had been tending her along with Serefina, but until now there was no significant progress that he could see.

Raine was getting weak and her heartbeat was barely able to hear.

Torak couldn't move her to a big hospital, as this wasn't the case that they could handle and because this house was so far away from the city, it would

take hours just to reach the nearest hospital, during that time, Raine's condition could drop anytime.

On a king size bed, Raine was sleeping soundlessly with thick white bandages on her neck, faint red blood could be seen on the surface of it.

Until now, Serefina and Sapphire only managed to slow down the bleeding, but couldn't stop it entirely, and it caused Raine lost so much blood and needed in transfusion and IV drip the whole time.

During this time, Torak had never once stepped out of the room, sitting beside her while holding her hand. He became more taciturn than he already was.

When there was a soft knock at the door, Torak didn't even bother to raise his head from staring at Raine's small finger, to check who it was.

After sometime, despite there was no answer, the person who was knocking the door decided to opened it and from behind the opened door, it was Raphael who stepped inside the room.

"Alpha." Raphael called Torak respectfully. Though Calleb and he had not received any punishment from Torak for divulged Torak's location to Raine, but it didn't mean they were free from it.

Regardless the fact it was Serefina who had brought Raine here, but Calleb and Raphael did nothing meaningful to stop her, it was added to their carelessness, which made Raine managed to go inside Torak's cell alone without any protection.

Serefina not yet told them that it was her, who had given the key of the underground door to Raine, thus it was still mystery how Raine could go inside.

"Alpha, I need to return to the Fulbright city because there is something important that Jack couldn't handle in the company." Raphael informed Torak solemnly.

Ever since that night when Raine was found in Torak's arms, bleeding, Raphael and Calleb had been acting very cautious around him, afraid to incite the Alpha's ire.

Because under Torak's calm behavior and his expression that seemingly devoid from all emotions, beneath it was a brewing storm that could be lashed out at any moment.

"Alright." Torak answered readily, without even thinking.

There was nothing more important for him at this moment rather than his mate. The company could go bankrupt or the world could turn into dust for all he cares, as long as he could see life in Raine's eyes again, he wouldn't complain.

"I will leave this afternoon." Raphael said again.

"Hmm." Torak didn't even budge.

"Caleb will be here and I will update you through him about the company." Raphael added.

Torak only nodded in respond this time. He didn't have time to listen to those meaningless business when his mate was here, laying on the bed at the edge of death because of him.

Torak remembered he left her at the night when his human side had taken the brunt of the impact for killing dozens of innocent people in the library.

That wasn't the cause alone, because his battle before that, when he tried to get something for Serefina, so she could recover faster, and the devil poison had weakened him greatly, but at the same time awoken his beast side.

After became quiescence for many years, his beast became more feral.

That was the reason why he had to avoid Raine, because he didn't want something like this to happen, yet in the end this what he got.

Probably, he should just tell her about it...

At this point regret was useless.

Torak didn't even realize when Raphael had gone out of the room, or the sun outside had fallen deep in the horizon.

He lost track of time.

He lost himself in this dark room while waiting for Raine to wake up.

There were noises behind Torak's back and when all of sudden the light inside the room was lit up and the bright hurt his eyes, forced them to shut for a moment.

"You need to eat Torak." Serefina came with a plate of beef steak that whiffed a delicious smell in the air. "Here." She put down the plate on the bed, in front of him.

Torak was sitting on the other side of the bed, staring at Raine's sleeping face and the thick bandage on her neck, the spot where he had bit her.

Seeing there was no response from Torak, Serefina could only sigh deeply as she gestured someone, who has been standing in the doorway, to come inside the room.

"Step aside Torak, we need to change the bandage." Serefina said as she watched Torak leaned in and gave a tender kiss on Raine's forehead, released her hand ever so carefully as he stepped out of the bed and let Sapphire to tend to Raine's wound.

"Still no progress?" Torak asked grimly.

"I am not a Lycan." Serefina stated. "I don't how this will affect her. It's already good enough that we can still preserve her life."

Serefina's bluntness earned a glare from Torak.

Seeing the hostility glare was directed toward her, Serefina was about to retort, but somehow she stopped midway and let it passed.

"All we are doing now is preventing her from dying from blood loss." Serefina stated. "The mark has not healed and with you sapped her energy, it makes her weaker."

Torak balled his hands into fists that seemingly could tear everything down as he talked through his gritted teeth. "You don't need to remind me about that again and again."

It had been ten times Serefina talked about that. Her information only rubbing on Torak's guilty feeling.

In the other hand, Serefina sighed. "I told you this again and again, to ease my guilty feeling too." She admitted. "No matter how I said it, I am the one who had brought her here."

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Chapter 272 - WHAT NOW!?

"I know." Of course Torak knew, Calleb and Raphael wouldn't dare enough to disobey his direct order even though it was against their consent.

"I was also the one who had given Raine the key to the underground's door." Serefina blurted out.

Serefina might be rude and has bad temper, but she wouldn't lie except to her enemies and she didn't consider Torak as one.

The witch thought the Lycan would at least roar or tried to strangle her to death because of what she did, but to her surprise, Torak only glared at her before he resumed staring worriedly at his mate.

At least, if he was about to go berserk, Serefina would help him to let out some steam. She preferred the angry Torak rather than this kind of Torak, who was staring blankly and lifelessly at his mate, as if his spirit had evaporated into thin air.

Torak didn't know how to respond that information, as he remained silent as though he heard nothing.

"Don't you want to punch me or something?" Serefina asked carelessly, trying to incite another emotion from the Lycan except this devastated feeling.

"It will disturb her." Torak replied. "Moreover, it is pointless to punch you. It will not wake her up anyway." He didn't want to waste his energy. action

"She will not wake up even if there is a firework inside this room." Serefina mumbled. "I need more time to gather information about her condition."

"Please do, whatever you need to do." Torak said. "Ask Calleb if you need something."

Serefina was astounded by the way Torak talked to her, it was a rare occasion for someone like Torak to say the word 'please', moreover that word was

directed to her, she doubted whether Torak knew the meaning of 'please' or not.

But, to provoke him when he was being nice like this, wasn't a wise move, so Serefina simply swallowed her sarcastic comment and nodded her head while thinking where she should start to find this kind of information.

"We need another blood bags for Luna, Alpha." Sapphire informed him after she finished to change the bandage on Raine's neck.

The smell of blood assaulted Torak's nose and it irritated him because this was Raine's blood, reminded him again and again that she could die from blood loss anytime.

"You can ask Calleb to retrieve it from the nearby hospital." Torak murmured as he walked toward the bed and sat on his previous spot.

"Yes, Alpha." Sapphire said solemnly before she went out of the room to find Calleb.

Serefina was standing there, watching how a the great Alpha succ.u.mbed in his feeling for his mate. The love from his eyes where enough to tell the whole world that he would be more than willing to give up everything, even his life, just to see his mate smiling face again.

Once, centuries ago, she was also deeply in love with certain someone and would cross a river of fire willingly just to see the smile on his face.

No, Serefina had done that. But, instead of crossing a river of fire, she had crawled her way back from hell, just to make sure he lived his life decently and the most important thing was; to see him once again, to feel the love of him that she cherished the most, before she had to leave him again, cruelly.

The price that she needed to pay for that extra short time for being with him.

After long time of silence, Serefina left the bedroom as she thought there was nothing she could do there.

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The next day when Raphael had just landed in the Fulbright city, he received a call from Jack, the person in charge when Raphael and Calleb away.

"I am on way to the company." Raphael said the moment he picked up the phone.

However, Jack didn't allow him to come to the office. "No, let's meet in the main house."

Upon hearing Jack's answer, Raphael's brow creased. The main house that Jack mentioned was the house where Torak and Raine resided.

"What happened?" Raphael asked curiously. Before he boarded the plane he had called Jack to ask about the update in the company, but there was nothing suspicious and everything was still under control, but why now Jack called him in this secretive manner?

"I will explain to you later. Meet you there, Beta Raphael." Jack then cut off the line and made Raphael burning with curiosity. He truly hated this half-conversation like this.

After the short conversation ended, Raphael got into the car and told the driver to ride back home instead of Donovan's building.

It didn't take so long before Raphael arrived at the main house and watched as Jack had been sitting inside Torak's study room, waiting for him.

"What is it?" Raphael asked even before he plopped his tired body on the sofa across from Jack. He poured a glass of cold water to moisten his throat while waiting for Jack's explanation about the current situation. "Something is going wrong with the company?"

"No. not only with the company." Jack shook his head. "Do you remember the task that the Alpha had given me before he found our Luna?" He talked very fast as his eyes narrowed, waiting for Raphael's answer whether he remembered it or not.

But, Raphael just rolled his eyes, shaking his head for Jack's dramatic question. "The Alpha gave you too many tasks, how could you expect me to remember them all? I have my plate full also, you know." Raphael had known Jack for decades and had gotten used to his antics. "Just tell me what is it?"

Jack scoffed when Raphael didn't even budge or became a little bit more curious when he posed his question that way, yet this information was very important, so Jack's expression turned serious. "Do you remember the

information about the witches from northern coven would meet the vampires near our territory?"

"Yes, what happened with that?" Raphael leaned closer as his curiosity was piqued, he remembered they were investigating this matter before they found Raine.

Jack almost got his hand in this matter for more information before suddenly the witches and the vampires disappeared without leaving any traces.

But, what now?

Chapter 273 - PROMISE...?

"They made a move again, but this time our people got some information that they were here." Jack folded his arms as he contemplated. "For some reason, I feel like the thing that happened back then with the reporters had anything to do with this."

Raphael narrowed his eyes. "The witches?" If this has anything to do that related to the witch, he must ask Serefina about this, yet since she didn't belong to any coven, it would be a little bit tricky.

"Mm." Jack murmured and nodded. "Dark magic I guess, but I am not sure... those reporters became more aggressive even after the police came and arrested them. That doesn't make sense. Normally, human will tend to follow the rule and fear the law." He contemplated.

Silence ensued, as the two of them were deep in their own thought. The sunlight streamed from the artificial window glass, illuminated the whole study room and gave a serene vibe, yet it wasn't able to lessen their uneasiness.

"How about the vampires?" Raphael asked after a long silence.

"Ah, about that." Jack slapped his forehead as he forgot the important part of his report. "We caught four vampires trespassed our territory. They became bolder because they knew the Alpha has been missing for a week now."

"How they know about that?" Raphael's gaze turned sharp. He had made sure the fact about Torak's disappearance was replaced with another story that Torak had an urgent matter in one of his subsidiary company, which he had to

attend to. It was only a handful people who knew where exactly Torak whereabouts.

Jack sighed and then shook his head. "Somehow, the news about the Alpha went missing, for a week, leaked. There were quite uproar two days ago among the Alphas, but we managed to calm them down, though they were still demanding to see Alpha Torak and for the shareholders..." Jack paused and thought about what he was going to say. "I think Belphegor has made his move now, but I am still investigating about it."

"Keep your eyes close on him. With him is being de Medici's representative, the devil must have had some plan." Raphael said seriously.

"I got it..." Jack nodded and then added. "He is the sloth, why he should bother himself with all of these schemes...? I thought he is the less harmless among the seven sins..."

"He is the sloth for reason. He doesn't actively attack us like Lucifer does, he is too lazy for that, but it doesn't mean Belphegor will not create trouble and plan schemes after schemes against us, after all scheming is his nature as the devil." Raphael stated he drank another glass of water as he could feel his head throbbing painfully.

The matter with Torak had not done yet and now since Raine was injured, he didn't think that Torak would interest to hear all of this news, he could see Torak's dull eyes as if the life in his eyes slipped away.

"I will inform this to the Alpha." Raphael kneaded his forehead as he picked up his phone from his jacket, he would call Calleb, so he could extend the information to Torak when the time was right.

"Beta Raphael..." Jack asked, for some reason he became cautious with his next words.

"Yes?" Raphael lifted his head to meet Jack's eyes.

"May I know where is the Alpha right now?" Jack was only informed that Torak had another matter to attend to, but Jack was a hunter, he used to calculate everything meticulously, so he found this reason was a bit odd.

"There is an urgent matter that came up, so he had to settle it down first." Raphael replied.

"But, Luna is not here as well. She was going with you and the Gamma." Jack stared at Raphael. "By any chance, is Luna with Alpha?"

"Yes, they are together." Raphael stood up while waiting for Calleb to pick up his call, he strode across the room and leaned his tall body beside the window glass, staring at the backyard, but at the same time, avoiding Jack's other questions. His curiosity, wasn't a good thing.

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Today was the eighth day since Raine lost got bitten by Torak's beast and lost her consciousness. She was still in her IV drip and blood transfusion.

Her condition did not improve, yet because Serefina, Sapphire and Belinda meticulous care, Raine's condition didn't get worse either, but no one could say when she would gain her consciousness again. action

Torak's condition was also not any better, though he had started to do something with the issues of his company and the pack matter, he still refused to step out of the room and left Raine alone there.

He talked to Raphael a couple of time regarding the vampire and the witch from the northern coven, but he preferred for them to not take any drastic action.

Torak would like to see what his enemies had under their sleeves, especially to those Alphas who began to show their claws just because they couldn't see him in person and the rumor about him went missing for half a month.

They were so ridiculous and absurd, there must be someone who had pulled the orchestrated all of this.

Though the number of the Alphas who started to act rebellious was only a handful, but they could instigate other to initiate conflict among their own kind.

It was well known that there were a few Alphas who didn't satisfy with Torak's reign and wanted so bad to overthrown him from his position as the supreme Alpha, but didn't have guts and the right moment to do that.

This time, when they assumed Torak was missing, could be their chance to make their move.

For this internal issue, he told Raphael to let the situation escalated, so he could see who would raise their claws against him, but that wasn't the entire reason...

Torak turned his head from the laptop in front of him and looked at Raine's sleeping face.

Let out a heavy sigh, he stood up and settled down in his usual spot as he caressed Raine's hair. "I am sorry my love... please wake up..." He said in very subtle voice.

Torak kissed Raine's forehead trailed down till her pointed nose.

"I will never hide anything from you again..." Torak whispered regretfully. This was his fault for hiding it from her, only if he told her the truth...

"Promise...?"

There was a soft voice sounded near Torak's ear that he had longed to hear.

Chapter 274 - ARE YOU MAD?

Torak opened his eyes when he was only a few inches away from Raine's face. It almost felt magical when he watched how Raine's eyelashes fluttered before her beautiful obsidian eyes could be seen.

With Raine was staring back at him, blinking a couple of time to adjust her eyes with her surroundings, Torak felt he just lifted from hell and was given a second chance to live again.

Was it real? Or Torak was just being delusional because he missed her so bad?

"Promise me...?"

That soft voice again... her voice caressed his ears like the most beautiful melody. How long since the last time he heard her voice? action

Torak was in daze, staring greedily at her eyes without even blinking, he was afraid it was only his hallucination and the moment he closed his eyes, Raine would be in her coma state again, unable to talk to him like now.

The longer he watched her face, the more overwhelm Torak became, he even forgot to answer her question.

Raine's brows furrowed when she watched how Torak was bemused to see her and then she felt Torak's thumb caressed the spot between her eyes.

"Am I dreaming...?" Torak muttered to himself. He traced her thumb along Raine's eyebrows to the corner of her eyes, her nose, her lips... but still amazed about the fact that Raine was staring at him. "Are you awake now, my love?"

Torak's voice was hoarse as if the words suffocated him.

"Hmm..." Raine answered him with a mumble. It was so hard to be able to return to Torak's side, but she managed to do that and she couldn't be more proud of herself for that.

Raine was so eager to tell Torak about what had happened to her during her unconsciousness, but she knew it had to wait, she was so weak now and Torak wasn't in his right state of mind as he kept staring at her and caressed her face absentmindedly.

"Are you really awake?" Torak's eyes stared intensely at Raine, unable to free himself from the captivating eyes before him.

"I am..." Raine said, giving him a faint smile as she added. "I am back for you..."

Only then, a realization hit Torak and an understanding flashed in his eyes. It wasn't a dream neither he was hallucinating.

Abruptly, Torak sat down straight as his eyes locked on Raine. His mate was blinking and smiling at him.

"SEREFINA! SAPPHIRE! BELLINDA!" Torak roared and startled Raine as she frowned. Why was he overreacting? Raine felt she was only faint for a few hours, but why Torak gave her that look?

Torak was still in his position when the three of the women rushed inside the room with Calleb in tow. Their expression were alarmed, fear was written on their faces.

If something happened to Raine, they wouldn't leave unscathed and things would only turn uglier than it already had.

"What happened?" It was Belinda. The first person, who entered the room and strode in big steps toward Raine's bed.

Her eyes fixed on Raine automatically, but she overlooked the fact Raine's eyes had opened as she looked at her bandage on her neck and checked for the IV drip and blood transfusion.

"Why? Something happened to her?" Bellinda looked at Torak, who was looking at Raine dumbfoundedly.

Sapphire, who was walking closely behind her, shrieked as she covered her mouth while Serefina was squinting her eyes.

Bellinda turned her eyes back to Raine and now she watched her eyes were staring at her.

"Raine... you are awake?" Bellinda mumbled in disbelief.

The three of them had just checked on her condition and changed the bandages on her neck three hours ago, but there was no sign that Raine would regain her consciousness.

Her condition was stable, but it didn't give a significant progress ever since they found her bleeding in Torak's arms.

So, when Raine was awake now, it almost unbelievable.

Serefina was the first person. Who stepped forward and checked on Raine's condition as Bellinda and Sapphire were still in a state of shock.

"You said she will not wake up anytime soon..." Calleb who was standing behind Sapphire voiced out his thought.

They didn't know how to heal Raine and her life was in danger, there was a high chance she wouldn't wake up again, those were the words that Bellinda and Sapphire had told him, but the reality before Calleb's eyes said otherwise.

"I don't know..." Sapphire shook her head. She was a healer, so she should have known if Raine was giving a slight improvement with their treatment, but showed nothing.

Raine's condition was like someone, who was in their last breath, but was suddenly awake.

"Sapphire, come here!" Serefina called out the healer.

If it wasn't because of Serefina, who managed assess the situation calmly and knew what she should do next, probably the two of them would just standing there, wondering how Raine could miraculously survive.

Torak wasn't any better.

"Check on her." Serefina said the moment sapphire had stood beside her and turned her head at Bellinda. "And you, don't just standing there and do nothing!"

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Raine was staring at Torak beside her, who didn't talk a word since Sapphire checked on her condition and Belinda gave her a bowl of soup that smell so delicious.

Raine thought she just passed out for hours, but apparently, she had been in coma state for eight days. No wonder she felt very hungry and Torak acted so unreasonable.

Not only that, she couldn't move her head freely as it felt very sore the moment she turned her head. A thick bandage was covered her whole neck.

"Are you not going to talk to me...?" Raine asked Torak as she caressed his face, relishing the spark from their skin to skin contact, in the other hand, Torak also felt the same as he lowered his eyes. "Are you mad?"

"Hmm." Torak mumbled.

They were sleeping on the bed side to side. Torak was very careful to not touch her neck as Raine rested her head on the pillow and he put his hand on her waist, the place that he thought safe enough to touch her.

Chapter 275 - I LOVE YOU

"Are you mad?" Raine asked.

"Hmm." Was Torak's answer.

"At me?" Raine raised her eyebrows. How could Torak mad at her when she was the one who got bitten by his beast?

Torak shook his head. "At myself."

"Why?" Raine didn't feel sleepy, though the night had gone very late and the moonlight illuminated the room through the window glass.

"Because I hurt you." Torak said in matter of fact tone.

"You didn't do it intentionally." Raine tried to reason with him. She snuggled closer toward Torak, but her movement only caused her neck to suffer a sharp pain that made her grimace.

"Don't move please..." Torak frowned, he gritted his teeth from seeing the pain on Raine's face. He didn't dare to touch her neck or any part of her body, afraid he would add her misery. "I will call Sapphire."

Torak was about to get off from the bed, but Raine clutched onto his front shirt and this made Torak stopped in his track. If he insisted to move and Raine was still holding onto him, she would drag along and it would cause another pain, but in the other hand, Torak couldn't forcefully pry her fingers from him.

"Raine, let me call Sapphire to ease your pain... maybe she could give you..." Torak started to babble.

The Torak now, wasn't like himself, he was very careful toward Raine and, seemingly, was even afraid to be near her.

"No, I want you..." Raine whined, cutting off Torak's words. "Stay with me please..."

Torak was contemplating for long time, before he gave in and laid beside Raine again. action

"Hug me..." Raine said sullenly because Torak was laying too far for her like.

"My love... I..." Torak couldn't bear to see Raine's face would contort in pain every time she moved as her neck became so sore.

"It's okay. You will not hurt me..." Raine tried to reassure him, but it was like a jab on Torak's face when she said that when the result was clear as day in front of him, how he had hurt her badly.

Torak's face turned rigid when he heard Raine's statement.

"I have done that Raine." Torak's voice was so cold, laced with anger and guilt. He wanted to go out of the room, but Raine was still clutching his front shirt, he couldn't afford to make a sudden move and risked to hurt her further. "Look at you now!"

Raine bit her lower lips, she had phrased her word incorrectly.

"You hurt me even more, when you yell at me like you are doing now..." Raine's voice was so small as tears threatened to fall from her eyes.

"Oh, my love... I didn't mean..." Torak was panic when he watched how her tears streamed down her face. "Please... tell me what should I do?"

Torak was afraid. He was afraid just because Raine was crying. His heart clenched agonizingly when a soft sobbing sound came out from her trembling lips.

Her eyelashes wet with her tears as well as the pillow beneath her.

"I am sorry..." Torak felt devastated to see his mate in her current state. He had never been in this helpless situation and he was clueless about what he should do. "Tell me, what should I do to appease your pain?"

"Hug me..." Raine reiterated her demand, she tugged Torak's front shirt weakly as she stared at him expectantly. "I want you to hug me... I miss you." She repeated sullenly because Torak didn't move even an inch to close the distance between them.

Raine was akin to a kid who was asking for her parent to buy her favorite candy.

"My love... I can hurt you..." Torak tried to reason with her.

"No..." Raine refused to acknowledge Torak's statement. She even attempted to move her body closer to him and this made her situation even worse, she felt her neck would split into two in any moment.

But, she had to do this, because Torak would always blame himself for what he had done to her and probably he would refuse to ever be near her.

Raine didn't want that, this was accident, no one knew this would happen and moreover she didn't want Torak to put distance between them and thought he was a beast that would hurt her the moment he touched her.

No. Raine didn't want that!

"Please..." Raine stretched out her hand with teary eyes.

Torak gritted his teeth, how he could reject his mate when she looked at him that way?

Very slowly and carefully, Torak inched close to her as he put his hand on her waist, just like what he did before, this wasn't even close to be called as a hug.

Ignoring the pain on her neck, Raine pulled her body closed to Torak until she could smell his woodsy scent as she wrapped her arm around his waist and rested her head against his chest. She liked it this way.

However, in the other hand, Torak's body turned stiff.

"You are not hurting me Torak..." Raine mumbled as she closed her eyes, a wave of exhaustion hit her and the comfort that she felt every time she was with him, made her calm. "Just like what you always said... you will never hurt me."

Torak remembered that words, he had told Raine countless times the first moment he met her that he would never hurt her... but, here they were...

Torak was afraid of the result of his action by forcing his mark on her. The mate bond could be snapped because of that.

If that happened, Raine probably would hate him, but since the mate bond didn't have any effect on her, it didn't mean she would accept it easily as he almost killed her because of his action.

Or maybe she didn't want to be near him, she would fear him and they would go back to the moment when they meet for the first time.

And Torak wouldn't have the chance to say that she was safe with him, because the fact, she wasn't.

Thus, Torak wouldn't have thought Raine would treat that as if it was nothing.

"I love you..." Raine said softly as her mate's scent lulled her into a deep slumber.

Chapter 276 - TORAK'S SELF-DEPRECATION

Torak let out a helpless laugh softly upon hearing Raine's words. "You should hate me for hurting you, but instead of that, you said you love me? A beast like me...?"

There was no answer from Raine as she had fallen asleep and her breath turned even.

Torak tilted his head so he could see her sleeping face, but he couldn't, because Raine buried her face on his chest, sleeping like she wasn't afraid if Torak would lose control and hurt her again.

However, Torak found himself very selfish.

When he said he would understand if Raine would hate him for what he did, yet at the same time, he didn't want that to happen.

How he could bear to see hate in his mate's eyes for him? Torak had to suppress the painful feeling that squeezed his entire being the moment he thought about it.

He mocked himself to be such a hypocrite.

"I love you too, my love... you mean so much to me..." Torak whispered softly.

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The next morning... or afternoon....

Raine couldn't see the difference since the sun had risen very high the moment Sereфина opened the curtain of the window glass, and she covered her eyes with her arms to avoid the glaring sunlight.

"Wake up!" She said sternly. "You need to change your bandage!"

Raine grumbled, trying to avoid the light by pulling the blanket all over her body, but her sudden movement only aggravated the wound on her neck, in the end she wailed in pain.

"What are you doing!" Torak yelled at the witch when he watched Raine's face contorted as she clutched her neck.

Torak put down a glass of milk in his hand as he rushed over toward his mate. He had just made a glass of warm milk for Raine, when Serefina asked if Raine was still sleeping.

Torak just answered her casually and wouldn't have thought that the witch would come directly into his room and caused trouble for Raine, the first thing she did when she stepped inside the bedroom.

Couldn't she stop causing trouble?

"What am I doing?" Serefina folded her arms in front of her chest. "Wake her up of course, what else? Did you see me like I want to kill her?" The witch's sarcastic comment received a glare from Torak.

Because of her value for Raine's life, Serefina was the only person who could live after the way she talked to Torak.

Raine knew how angry Torak was now, yet he didn't do anything to the witch simply because of her.

"It's alright... I just stretched out my neck a little..." Raine murmured as she tried to sit down.

Torak carefully helped Raine, but his own body turned stiff, as he was anxious where he had to touch her, he didn't want to cause her pain anymore.

But, Raine carelessly leaned over to him as she rested her head against Torak's chest and turned the Alpha like human statue, unable to move, even his breath turned shallow.

Raine could feel that, Torak had been like this since the moment she woke up, afraid to touch her. Now Raine was sitting while leaning over to Torak, but the later only placed his hand on her waist, just so he could balance her body, preventing Raine from limping to the other side.

Frowning, Raine grabbed Torak's arms and circled them around her body. It was only her neck that injured, didn't mean her whole body also in pain, yet Torak treated her as if she was the most vulnerable human being.

Knowing Torak protectiveness, if Raine didn't make any advance move, their relationship would be like this for God knows how long.

For now, in Torak's mind, he was the same as those people who had hurt Raine, those people that he said he would protect her from them.

In the past, Torak could say with certainty that he would never hurt her, he would protect her, but now... the reality before his eyes was like a huge blow for him. He didn't even trust himself to be near her any longer.

"Argh! Can you stop it, both of you!?" Serefina was utterly exasperated by their action. "I told you that I come here to change your bandage, but why are you cuddling with him!?"

Serefina was standing while crossing her arms in front of her chest, she was wearing a black cowl neck sweater and denim, and like always, she looked radiant and beautiful.

"I will drink my milk first..." Raine said softly.

Hearing that, Torak immediately grabbed the glass of milk that he had made for her and helped Raine to drink it while Serefina rolled her eyes in annoyance.

Raine gulped down her milk as Torak wiped the remaining liquid on her lips tenderly. Torak was being more cautious with Raine than the first time they met.

"Alright, you can go out now." Serefina clapped her hand and chased Torak out of the room.

"Why should I?" Torak asked grimly, he narrowed his eyes in suspicion.

Serefina would only change Raine's bandage, it wasn't necessary for him to go out of the room.

"Because I will also generously help her to wipe her body, she had not yet taken a bath for more than a week, she is stingy!" Serefina scrunched her nose in disgust.

With the mentioned of that, suddenly Raine became self-conscious and was about to move away from Torak. It was so embarrassing! Serefina was right, she had not yet taken a bath for long time.

"I like her smell." Torak stated with straight face as he put his arm on her waist again.

"You are welcome to stay, but I don't think she could stand being n.a.k.e.d in front of you." Serefina shrugged.

Upon hearing Serefina's words, Raine blushed as she bit her lips. "Mm... I think you should go..."

Actually Torak didn't care even if he had to see her n.a.k.e.d, but of course he didn't want Raine to feel uncomfortable, so with a curt nod, he let go of Raine carefully.

"So, what do you want to ask me?" Raine asked Serefina the moment Torak had walked out of the room.

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Chapter 277 - I PROUD OF YOU

Serefina was being generous enough to change Raine's bandage and bath her personally, even though Sapphire and Belinda would be more than willing to do it for her, coupled with the witch lame excused to chase Torak out of the room was enough reason to question her true intention.

There was a fleeting surprise passed her eyes before she resumed her brilliance smile and sat down on the bed beside Raine.

"I want to know how do you manage to recover?" It wasn't a baseless question, Serefina had her own speculation about how Raine could recover so fast, but she needed to ask a few questions to confirm it.

"I did it." Raine hissed when Serefina started to taking off the bandage from her neck. She gritted her teeth when the witch cleaned the dry blood from her opened wound.

Serefina slightly raised her brows when she watched that the blood was no longer gushing out like how it was yesterday. The bleeding had stopped and left bruises on Raine's pale skin.

"Explain." Serefina said curtly and helped Raine to take off her yellow pajamas.

"When Torak bit me..." Raine cringed with the memory when the beast had bitten her, the pain was unbearable and for a moment she thought she would die right there and then that the beast would bit her head off as well. "I returned to the time where we had left off."

"I see..." Serefina nodded in understanding, apparently this was just like what she had predicted. "Continue."

Serefina threw Raine's top on the floor and started to wipe her body with a wet towel that she had prepared before.

"I met your father..." action

"Mr. Alizon." Serefina emphasized as she helped Raine to unhook her bra.

"Hey!" Raine protested and hurriedly covered her n.a.k.e.d body, but she moved her neck abruptly in the process. "Auch!"

"Stop being shy and all! I am a woman too!" Serefina swatted Raine's hand from covering her chest.

"But, it doesn't mean I will be comfortable to be n.a.k.e.d in front of you!" Raine retorted. She had never been n.a.k.e.d in front of anyone before.

Serefina grumbled and grabbed Raine's arm as she wiped her slightly hard. "Continued." She said sternly.

Raine felt Serefina was going to skin her alive, fortunately the towel was soft enough so it wouldn't add more wound on her skin.

"We are going to the sacred place, just like our initial plan." Raine frowned when Serefina added a little bit pressure.

"And then?" She prodded. Her eyes focused on Raine's arm that she was wiping.

"Your father..." Raine started, but Serefina interrupted her with a glare. "Mr. Alizon." She corrected the way she addressed Serefina's father.

Apparently, the way her father left her with her mother because of the mate bond between him and a female werewolf, leaving a deep scar in her heart that led to her sinister attitude whenever she watched her and Torak together.

Raine then continued her story about how she could reach the sacred place where the grimoire of the pure blood Witch had been kept for long time.

At first, Raine and Fabian had a problem to open the gate, because it required Serefina to help them. However, the moment they reached that place, the book appeared before Raine's eyes.

"The grimoire was like a puppy being called by its master and came while wagging its tail." Raine recalled the moment she got the grimoire. "I did nothing and the book suddenly appeared out of the blue."

Serefina was annoyed when Raine made comparison between her family grimoire with a puppy.

"And then!?" She put more pressure when she wiped her back, Raine was so skinny, added that she had nothing to eat for a week, her body was literally very weak now.

"Aw!" Raine complained, wriggled her body from Serefina's assault.

"Stay! You are dirty!" Serefina held Raine's shoulder so she could stop moving.

"I am not!" Raine kept wiggling until Serefina lessened her strength on her bony back. "The book is like a historical romance."

"Historical romance?" Serefina frowned. "What do you mean?"

"It told me a story about how a guardian angel, who could control the time, met the first Lycan." Raine explained. "It was sad story."

"Continue." Serefina said.

"The first guardian angel traveled back to the time and met with the first Lycan, long story short, they fell in love, but for some reason the Moon Goddess told the guardian angel to return to her current time, because she supposed to be not allowed been there, it would cause disaster for the realm.

And because the Lycan has long life span, the guardian angel agreed. But..." Raine's voice became smaller.

"When the guardian angel returned to her current time, the Lycan had been died for years."

Serefina listened to her story attentively.

"The guardian angel was devastated, at that time, she met the pure blood witch and stored her power inside the grimoire. She hoped one day she could meet with her mate once again, and then she disappeared after stored her power."

Serefina's eyes dimmed. "How about the grimoire?" She asked.

"That story was playing in my head, like I was watching a movie, and when I reached the end of it, the grimoire also disappeared from my hand, it turned to be thousands of fireflies." Raine smiled when she remembered how beautiful it was.

"So, that is how the grimoire disappeared..." Serefina mumbled in understanding, because no one knew how it disappeared, her father had never had a chance to tell her about that.

No, they had never talked with each other ever since he had little Belinda.

Silence ensued until Raine turned her body and looked at Serefina's lime green eyes.

"I think Mr. Alizon knows about your true identity... he looked disappointed when it was only me, who came to meet him alone." Raine told Serefina, but the later only scoffed.

"That meant nothing." Serefina said nonchalantly.

"He told me to tell you this..." Raine ignored the witch displeased expression. "I proud to see how well she is." Raine told Serefina word by word.

Chapter 278 - ANOTHER SIDE OF SEREFINA

Raine could see the flash of sadness in the witch eyes, though it was only last for two second before she regained her composure and resumed her haughty behavior.

Shrugging her shoulder, she spoke icily. "Of course, who's not?"

Raine really wanted to slap the witch's head, aside from her bad attitude, couldn't she just reply nicely and showed some normal human emotion at least once in a while?

No, of course she couldn't. First, she was literally not a human and second, Raine doubted, even in witch circles, Serefina could consider as normal. She has a poisonous tongue and hateful speech.

"Okay, you are done!" Serefina wiped Raine with dry towel before she walked toward her closet and took out another pajamas.

"I don't want to clean your lower body, do it yourself or asked Torak to do it for you." Serefina said as she gave the pajamas that she had retrieved from the closet to Raine.

"Why are you helping me only half way?" Raine complained, she wear the top of her pajamas to cover her n.a.k.e.d body before she got down from the bed.

In this case, she should just take a bath rather than let Serefina helped her to wipe her body. Now her skin was bright red because the witch rubbed it harshly.

"That's the amount that you deserved from my generosity." Serefina replied offhandedly and made Raine grumbled while she walked toward the bathroom carefully.

Just like Raine had thought, Serefina only came to look for her because she needed to know what happened to her during her coma state and how she could regain her consciousness all of sudden.

But, after the witch got what she wanted, she had nothing to do with Raine any longer.

"This hateful witch..." Raine grumbled under her breath as she trudged across the room.

"So, you managed to come back because you have gained that power." It wasn't a question, but a statement as Serefina concluded Raine's story.

Raine turned her body slowly and grinned. "Yes." She said brightly. "I will show you when my condition a little bit better."

Serefina reciprocated her grin. This was the first time, she showed a positive emotion toward Raine and for some reason, that made Raine proud of herself. action

Afterward, both of them stopped smiling and turned around to different direction, but it was only three steps before Serefina called her name again.

"Yes?" Raine turned around and saw the witch had her back was facing her. "What happened?" She frowned. Why Serefina didn't look at her when she talked to her?

Serefina cleared her throat before her small voice reached Raine's ears. "How was his expression when he said that?"

Because Serefina didn't even turn around to see Raine when she inquired her about this, thus she couldn't see the witch expression.

"He was smiling proudly." Raine recalled Fabian's expression in her head. He indeed smiled brightly like a proud father he was.

"Oh." That was the only reply that Serefina uttered before she walked out of the room.

There was unfathomable emotion flashed in her eyes when she heard that and at the same time, she remembered what Belinda told her when she asked about their father when the first time they arrived here with Raine to see Torak.

When Raine went with Raphael and Calleb to the underground room, she pulled Belinda away and talked with her alone.

It wasn't a difficult question, yet it kept bothering her since she met with her father again.

"Did he ever ask about me?" That was the only question that Serefina wanted to know.

And Belinda's answer made her heart in turmoil.

"He kept asking about you and your mother in his last breath and how sorry he was for both of you."

Serefina had to clench her fist until her nails dug her palm painfully to suppress the waves of emotion that she felt now.

Yet, when she turned around at the corner, she bumped onto Calleb who saw her wide eyes.

"Serefina... are you..." Calleb pointed Serefina's face with shock was written on his stupid face.

But, before he could finish his word, Serefina had teleported herself somewhere else.

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Torak was sitting across the room, thus he faintly could hear the conversation between Raine and Serefina, so when the witch came out from the bedroom with unfathomable expression etched on her face, he didn't stop her.

More or less, Torak knew what was happening between Serefina and her father. Their relationship was very complicated and so her relationship with his brother.

Torak stood up and strode toward the bedroom while carrying a tray full of sumptuous meal. Raine must be hungry.

He opened the bedroom, but couldn't see his little mate, though her scent still lingered in the air. From Raine last conversation with Serefina and the rustling sound that she made, Torak could guess she was still inside the bathroom.

But, then he heard she gasped loudly and spoke with surprise, there was a tinge of fear in her voice too. "What is this?"

Inside the bathroom.

Raine just saw her own reflection on the surface of the mirror and watched in horror at her own reflection.

Raine tilted her head so she could have a clear sight of her neck.

Her usual pale neck now looked horrible with blue and red bruises, started from her jaw down to the nook of her shoulder, covering mostly her left neck.

Raine looked like someone who was suffering strange blotchy rash. She bit her lips as her reflection looked back at her, terrifying.

"My love, are you okay...?" Torak's voice travelled inside the bathroom before his figure appeared from behind the door a few second later.

Raine looked at him as her expression turned ghastly, she didn't have time to cover her neck and used her long hair to hide the hideous sight from Torak's eyes.

"Don't come..." Raine whimpered. She didn't want Torak to see her with these ugly bruises.

She was a teenager, a girl nonetheless, she wanted to look beautiful in front of someone that she loved, but these bruises made her look horrible.

Chapter 279 - I WILL DO THIS AGAIN AND AGAIN

"What happened?" Torak stopped in his track when he watched Raine took two steps back the moment she saw him. "Why? Are you hurt? Why are you crying?"

It was clear to see that something was bothering Raine and Torak didn't know what it was, as he wasn't allowed to come closer to her.

"No, don't come near me..." Raine whined as she covered her neck.

While Torak was trying hard to think what was the reason of Raine's distress, his mate was thinking about the ugly bruises that could make Torak loathed her.

"My love, don't scare me..." Torak took another step closer and Raine couldn't avoid him as her back had hit the wall behind her.

"Don't look at me..." Raine spoke rigidly.

"What?" Torak was unsure by the thing that he heard. "Why? What happened?"

"I am ugly..." Raine was almost crying when she said this. What if this would stuck on her skin permanently?

"What?" This time Torak was genuinely confused, he couldn't figure out why suddenly Raine came up with that nonsensical though? "No, of course not."

Torak took another step closer and now they were only two steps apart. He stopped and stared at his mate, his gaze scrutinized her body, looking for any new injuries because Raine began to sob.

"Raine..." Torak called out her name softly. "Tell me why were you talking like that?"

Raine was staring at Torak with her tears were brimming on her eyes, this sight was something that Torak couldn't bear to see.

He wanted to pull Raine in his arms and soothed her anxiousness, but he didn't dare to make a sudden move on her.

In this kind of situation Torak felt like he was being torn apart.

A tear fell from the corner of her eyes that she wiped hastily and this drove the Alpha crazy to see her crying without him knowing what the cause.

"Tell me please..." His tone was almost begging her.

Raine slowly tucked away her hair from her shoulder, the thing that Torak failed to notice that his mate had been hiding certain part of her body from his line of sight.

"Is it possible for these bruises disappear?" Raine asked anxiously, afraid Torak would disgust it.

Torak didn't respond quickly when he knew what was the issue. He didn't know whether he had to laugh or cry upon knowing the real problem.

"Come here..." Torak stretched out his arms, waiting for Raine to come closer.

Of course Raine didn't waste even a second before she ran toward his arms and sn.a.k.e.d her arms around his waist.

"Yes, the bruises will disappear." Torak reassured her nervous little mate. He wrapped his arms around her small frame carefully. "That is my mark."

"Your mark?" Raine lifted her head and furrowed slightly. "Your mark will look like bruises?"

Raine to admit it that she didn't want to have bruises on her neck for the rest of her life...

"No, my love..." Torak chuckled.

This was the first time Torak was in good mood ever since Raine woke up, he looked more relax when he laughed at Raine's misunderstanding.

"The bruises will disappear and it will form my mark..." Torak explained.

Raine blinked her eyes. "How it will look like?"

"I don't know... I have never marked anyone before you." Torak shrugged his shoulder. He was glad that Raine didn't look as lethargic as last night.

There was a tinge of red color on her cheek, especially when she was blushing like now, that was one of the things, which Torak loved from her.

"The bruises will be gone?" Raine released her body from Torak and walked toward the mirror as she examined her neck once again. "How long...?" She tried to poke her bruises, to test if it was still as painful as before.

It was still painful, but Raine also could feel it had lessened a bit.

"A week or two." Torak answered, his voice was so rigid when he watched Raine's neck as he clenched his hands tightly.

Raine could feel Torak's changed of mood again as she stared at his blue eyes through his reflection on the mirror.

Those eyes were clouded with anger, sadness and guilty. And Raine didn't any of those emotions.

Raine turned around and approached him slowly, but this time, it was Torak who avoided her.

A furrow on Raine's brows indicated that she was annoyed by Torak's gesture. If the bruises would eventually disappear, then she didn't have a problem at all.

But why Torak, once again, treated her like this?

"I brought your breakfast, you better eat now before it gets cold." Torak tried to escape from the bathroom.

Raine pouted sullenly upon hearing Torak's words. It was impossible for her to catch up to him in her current condition, moreover if he determined to avoid her.

But, of course Raine didn't have to do that. She just needed to do something and Torak would run toward her.

And that was what she did.

Before Torak could walk away from the bathroom, Raine suddenly squatted down while holding her neck as she wailing.

This, of course, made Torak turned around and approached her with concern in his blue eyes. He squatted down in front of her, but didn't touch her.

"What happened? Is it hurt again? Is it really painful?" Torak could see Raine's face contorted in pain. "I will... I will call Serefina over." He stuttered out of fright.

But, before Torak could stand up and rushed out of the bathroom, unexpectedly, Raine grabbed his collar and pulled him closer to her until their lips touched, yet because the exerted strength that Raine mustered, she strain her neck and the moment she kissed him, she also yelp in pain.

"What are you doing!?" Torak yelled, his body turned stiff out of shock. He wouldn't have thought that Raine would suddenly pull him for a kiss.

However, Raine lifted her head and glared at Torak defiantly as she spoke angrily. "If you keep avoiding me, then I will do this again and again!"