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"Raine!" Torak called out her name out of frustration, how she could threaten him like that? Didn't she forget already about the cause of her pain?

"I don't want you to treat me like this!" Raine wrapped Torak's huge frame with her arms as she carefully place her head on his chest. "I don't want you to avoid me..."

"Did you forget what I have done to you?" Torak still didn't reciprocate Raine's hug, he kept his arms beside his body, yet he let Raine cling on him.

Now, both of them were sitting on the cold bathroom floor, seemingly no one from them wanted to go to the warm bed, just a few steps away from there.

"No, of course not. That was very scary, I thought I would die." Raine blurted out the truth.

Torak's eyes darkened and turned even more rigid than a second ago. He knew that he almost killed her, how he would forget the feeling when he just regained his control over his beast and found his mate was bleeding in her arms.

That was the first thing that Torak saw when he returned to his human form. He was dumbfounded and even didn't know what to think.

His mind tried to deny the scene before his eyes, yet the reality was there and he could feel Raine's warm blood was oozing out from her neck as her breathing became shallow and her heartbeat slower.

Torak literally could feel the fear and the excruciating pain in every pores of his skin, crushing his heart by the realization he might lose his mate and another fact that he was the reason behind it.

How he could bear that? That was too much for him.

Torak was overwhelmed with guilty, he even afraid to touch her and inflicted another pain on her. He couldn't trust himself. His beast was so feral.

The beast in him was furious by the fact that Raine still didn't bear his mark and aggravated because they restrained him when his mate was so close to him.

Thus, the first thing that the beast did was to put his mark on his mate. It was something unavoidable as the beast was the primitive side of Torak.

"But, you know why I ended up like this?" Raine raised her head as she grimace a little when she moved her neck and this made Torak let out a deep growl. Ignoring that, Raine continued with her words. "Because you don't trust me enough to let me know about your condition. You keep protecting me by leaving me in the dark and didn't let me to face the problem with you. Didn't you say it that WE will face it together?"

"I..." Torak frowned.

"You promised me." Raine didn't let Torak to utter a word to counter her. "You said it, you said that you will never hide anything from me again."

Raine was awake just in time when Torak was saying that, so it was only right if he fulfilled his promise.

"Or... are you lying when you were saying that?" There was a flush of disappointment in Raine's eyes when she said it that automatically made Torak shook his head.

He didn't lie when he said those words, but it was two different things.

"I am not lying my love... I will never hide anything from you again after I see the consequences of my stupid decision." Torak relented as he lowered his head. "I should have know that Sereфина couldn't be trusted." He mumbled and this earned a giggle from Raine.

The sound of his mate happy voice formed a smile on Torak's lips ever so slightly.

"I like her more now." Raine whispered toward him. "Promise me that you will never hide anything from me."

"I promise." Torak replied instantly. "But... what was that?" He looked at Raine with mirth in his eyes when she leaned over to kiss him again, but he evaded it.

"Seal it with a kiss." Raine said sullenly, because of her slow movement, she missed it.

"I don't know if you so eager to kiss me again and again, my love..." Torak bemused. Raine had been very active to close the distance between them ever since she just woke up.

"Because it was usually you, who always did this kind of things, but now you are avoiding me, so I just try to reciprocate the effort." Raine grinned from ear to ear.

Torak narrowed his eyes upon hearing Raine's answer. "Is it possible that you have changed your personality as well when you traveled back to the past and gained your true strength?"

Raine's eyes widened in surprise when she heard him. "How did you know about this?"

"I heard the conversation between you and Serefina." Torak said, his voice laced with smile, as he felt proud of her because she managed to accomplish the task by her own.

His little mate had grown stronger than the first time Torak met her.

"You was eavesdropping our conversation." Raine accused.

"No." Torak shook his head. "I was sitting four meters away from the door, so how could you accuse me from eavesdropping?"

Raine frowned, but then she realized that Torak had that kind of thing like a super hearing power.

'Annoying.' Raine muttered inwardly.

"Do you think so?" Torak raised his eyebrows in amusement.

Apparently his mood slightly better after their bickering about this and that, aside the fact that he still reluctance to touch Raine, but he didn't reject Raine's advance too.

"What?" Raine didn't understand what Torak was talking about.

"I am annoying?" Torak asked with mirth flashed on his blue eyes.

It took Raine a long time to understand. Her eyes widened in horror.

'Impossible! The word didn't leave my lips, did it?' She thought, trying to recall whether she had said it out loud or not. But, no! She didn't, that was a frivolous thought in spur moment. action

"No, it didn't. But, I heard it nonetheless." Torak chuckled when he watched Raine's shock expression. "It is one of the perks of bearing my mark after all."

Chapter 281 - THIS IS UNFAIR

"No way..." Raine was dumbfounded as her mind turned blank, but then the rushed of feeling flooded and she didn't know how to stop it.

Now, she couldn't possibly think about Torak without the latter knew it, but to stop it... how she could possibly stop what she was thinking? She had been thinking out loud inside her mind safely for these eighteen years of her life, and now it was so embarrassing because Torak would know every bit of her thought.

"Yes way." Torak smirked, his mood really got better upon seeing his mate fluttered expression.

"This is so embarrassing..." Raine bit her lips while looking at Torak in horror. She was always thinking about Torak even when they were so close like this and made a mental note about his habit, but now she couldn't do that.

Raine has to admit that some of her thought wasn't appropriate.

Like; how handsome he was, how beautiful those eyes and how she liked it when he kissed her... ups!

"I don't need to read into your mind to know that." Torak laughed, his eyes sparkle under the lamp light.

Raine was, once again, smitten by the way he laughed and how she loved to hear his voice, but then... she couldn't think about that! She needed to stop from thinking about him.

But, how...???

How she could hide from her own mind?

Raine covered her face in frustration, but more because she was in shame of her own thought.

"Hey," Torak then ever so carefully lifted his hand and caressed her head gently. "Don't be shy, I love to hear your thought."

"No!" Raine rejected the idea sullenly, she put down her hands and looked at Torak. "You are invading my privacy!"

"Isn't this what you want? I heard this from Calleb." Torak retaliated.

"That..." Raine was at lost for words, she indeed wanted to be able to use mind-link like those Lycan could do. "But... it is not like this..."

"It is like this." Torak teased her.

How could Torak stand to ignore her for long time? When the moment they were having a conversation like this was the moment he cherished the most.

He had never been so happy like what he felt right now, and the silly fact was; with only a small gesture from his mate, he could smile like a fool.

He was selfish and he had to admit it. Regardless the fact that he had harmed her and his decision to keep a distance between them, Torak still couldn't push her away.

His determination to stay away from Raine was wavered by only a simple hug and smile.

He was so selfish for being happy right now when he teased her, despite the fact she was still suffering the injuries caused by him.

"Alright, alright..." Torak yielded when he watched Raine was on the verge of crying. Her face was so bright red, even the bruises on her neck became a few shades darker. "I will teach you how to mask your thought, is it fair enough for you?"

"Okey..." Raine mumbled while pouting. "But, why I can't hear your thought?"

"Do you want to hear it?" Torak raised his eyebrows.

"Of course." Raine stared at him intently as seemingly both of them had forgotten the reason why they were sitting on the bathroom floor and conversing harmoniously.

Torak smiled at his little mate and let his own thought flooded her mind with a single sentence.

'I love you'.

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Days passed uneventfully for Raine, but not for Torak, he had been receiving many reports about the activities of the vampires and the witches near their border territory.

Some of them were got caught, but some of them were only walking a step away from their border line, causing they didn't have the right to catch them.

But, Torak most concern was the Fulbright city.

He had just received a report from Raphael that a bunch of witches and vampires had resided there and even mingled with human.

It was odd, as witches usually didn't interact with human, just like many other creatures. They despised them. Thus, there was no reason for those witches to be in the middle of the city that was filled with human. action

While vampires, they had their own territory, so why they went out of there and resided in Fulbright city?

Those were the questions that Torak had tasked Jack to figure out along with his group of hunter.

Whatever the reason would be, it wouldn't be a good thing in the end.

And because the Fulbright city wasn't his territory, he couldn't be possibly to chase those creatures away from there. This was another concern of Torak.

And for the same reason too, Torak had been asking Serefina if it was possible for Raine to be moved to the Oriole City, the heart of Torak's territory. She would be safer there.

Since Raine had gained her true strength, it wouldn't be an issue again for her to be surrounded by Lycanthropes, right?

Yet, once again Serefina objected the idea.

Today was the fifteenth days since Raine had arrived there and also almost a month for Torak had disappeared from the Fulbright city.

Most of the Alphas had started to show their claw to climb Torak's throne as the supreme Alpha, but then Torak was still calm and did nothing about it.

He wanted to see those people who would easily sway and turned their back against him the moment he lost from their sight.

Torak would strike when the time was right and eliminated all those greedy Lycans out of his land, or most likely out of this world.

However now, his concern was...

"What do you mean she can't come to my territory when she has gained her strength?!" Torak yelled at Serefina while he put another chicken b.r.e.a.s.t on Raine's plate.

This was another argumentation between Serefina and Torak, there would be no peace when the two creatures were put in the same table.

Any topic of discussion could be turned into a fiery dispute, moreover if this was about Raine.

"Give me a good reason for that."

Chapter 282 - PLEASE COOPERATE

"Give me a good reason for that!" Torak asked Serefina through his gritted teeth.

The Alpha really wanted to take her back to their own territory, but the witch kept making everything difficult for him.

And now, what would be the reason of her to keep Raine in that dangerous city? With many creatures roamed the street, waiting to take a bite of his mate.

The thought made Torak's eyes turned grim.

"Watch out. Don't lash out here... do you want to cause her another harm?" Serefina pointed Raine, who was sitting across from her seat, with her chin as she spoke nonchalantly and swallowed a spoonful mash potatoes from her plate.

Everyone at the table turned stiff upon hearing Serefina's casual remark. This was a sensitive topic that they would avoid because Torak would turn gloomier with the mention of Raine's injuries and his mood became worse.

Yet, like usual, Serefina didn't even care with any of those. She just talked whatever passed her mind without even thinking twice or what the consequences would be.

Raine kissed Torak's cheek and fed the latter with a chicken b.r.e.a.s.t on her plate while saying sweetly. "Of course he will not harm me. He loves me."

Serefina rolled her eyes at Raine's gesture to try to annoy her, because she knew, Serefina was very irritated the moment both of them started to be a lovey dovey couple.

After all, the witch dislike the mate- bond between them.

"Said the one who is suffering from the forcing mark." Serefina remarked sarcastically at Raine.

"This happened because your spell is not powerful enough to restrain him even though you all have starved him for days!" Raine glared at the rest of the people at the dining table, including Calleb, Belinda and Sapphire.

Raine was still angry with the fact that they had starved Torak, despite the latter explanation that it was his order to not give him any food during that time to weaken his beast, because he had calculated it that they wouldn't be able to restrain him if he didn't do that.

Even so, the explanation only turned into a deaf- ear as Raine was still fuming mad at Belinda and Serefina, because the two of them were in charge here, while Raphael and Calleb were in the Fulbright city.

The three of them lowered their head solemnly ever since the beginning of the dinner, letting Torak, Raine and Sereфина were having their own argumentation, yet why Raine attacked them all of sudden?

Sereфина was totally lost it when Raine questioned her power. "Good thing you didn't turn out to hate him." She said sharply. "After all, forcing mark is a dangerous thing to do."

"How can I hate someone like my mate? You will know it since you don't even have a boyfriend." Raine countered.

Torak closed his eyes, the conversation had gone too far from their main topic and with Raine and Sereфина childish behavior, this bickering would never lead them anywhere.

"Tell me why are you so adamant for her to stay in Fulbright city even though you know the situation there now, with those witches and vampires I don't think your decision now is wise." Torak cut the petty argumentation between the two as he stuffed a shrimp into Raine's mouth so she could stop grumbling.

Torak was still overly cautious whenever he was with Raine than he used to, but at least that was way better than him in the first until the fifth day since Raine woke up, during that time, Torak was so difficult to approach.

If it wasn't for Raine's initiative to get close to him, Torak wouldn't start it. So, in these past few days, it was Raine who was actively clinging onto him.

"Of course my reason is still the same." Sereфина answered Torak nonchalantly. "The same reason why I wanted you to move Raine out of your territory."

"She already has what she needs, is your reason still valid?" Torak retorted.

"Do you think if I give her a knife right now, she will know how to use it to protect herself?" Sereфина put down her spoon and stared at Torak straight into his eyes. "If she doesn't know how to use it, then there will be high possibility that she would use it wrongly and even hurt herself, the same logic that I will use to describe her power."

Torak stared intently at the witch.

At this point, everyone at the table had stopped to eat, the tension between the Alpha and the witch was too much for them to handle.

How they could swallow their food and relished the delicate meal in front of them if the air was so suffocating? They felt like the air had turned into smoke. This wasn't a healthy dinner.

Meanwhile, Raine, who was sitting beside Torak didn't really care to see both of them were having another round of 'discussion', she had used to this.

Raine kept stuffing her mouth with the delicacies that Torak put on her plate as her part to retort at Serefina had done.

"You can train her in my territory." Torak countered.

"And see her collapsing again like the last time?" Serefina scoffed. "Don't you understand? I want her to stay in Fulbright city and it is not only because she couldn't stay in your territory, but also because I need her to do something that she could only do there."

"What is it? What should I do?" Raine asked curiously.

"This is not the right time to know it yet." Serefina gave her final statement.

Torak was squinted his eyes at Serefina, he has known this witch for many centuries, but still couldn't figure out what was inside her mind.

"You have too many secret Serefina." Torak stated, his eyes never left Serefina's green ones. "Isn't this because the Moon Goddess had promised you something? You are here and help my mate because of her, right?"

"Right." Serefina answered readily. "And just like what you already knew, I don't like to do this, so please cooperate." She said.action

Chapter 283 - SHE FORGOT, TOTALLY FORGOT!

"What the deal that you had made with the moon goddess, Serefina?" Torak leaned over as he asked the witch.

"It is the deal between me and her, so you don't have to know about it." Serefina said sternly and rested her elbow on the arm rest as she intertwined her fingers together. "If you don't believe what I am saying, go ahead and

bring her to your territory, the second time she got relapse because her spirit couldn't take it, I don't know whether she will be able to recover or not."

It was a warning, a threat, but Torak knew there was the truth in Serefina's words and the Alpha was upset because he didn't have a choice except to follow the witch's advise, again.

Seeing her mate was almost burst into anger, Raine put her hand on his clenching fist as she smiled at him. "Let's go home to the Fulbright city, I still have classes to attend to."

Torak stared intently at his mate as he tried to compose himself before he nodded and spoke curtly. "Alright."

Torak reached out his hand as he gathered a wisp of Raine's hair that nearly fell into a bowl of soup and swept it behind her ear while Raine kept eating happily.

His blue eyes glued on the spot where his mark started to form on Raine's neck, the bruises began to fade and there was an intricate knots and complex curves like a celtic tattoo on the surface of her skin, it had not yet form into something, but from the look of it, it was something beautiful.

Absentmindedly, Torak caressed the surface of his mark with his thumb and that startled Raine a bit. "Is it still painful?" He asked as he withdrew his hand from the mark.

"No... it's just..." Raine stuttered as she didn't know how to describe the feeling when Torak touched the mark. action

It felt like her stomach was knotted with strange sensation and this made her face blushed brightly.

Torak tilted his head and he watched his mate's face turned scarlet as she was pretending that she felt nothing.

Long time ago, Torak had ever heard one or two things about mark, one of it was; the spot where the mark appeared would be more sensitive to the touch especially when your mate who touched you.

Apparently that was true.

Torak was enjoying listening to the voices that Raine made inside her head, forgot that Torak could hear them as well.

[Alpha...] Suddenly Calleb mind- linked Torak that made the latter to turn his head toward him with frown. [Don't you want to teach Luna how to mask her thought?]

The Gamma asked helplessly as his face also turned red.

This question earned him a vicious glare from Torak that automatically made Calleb to shut the mind- link.

Calleb shouldn't need to ask and just cut it out, now he would get trouble from listening something that he shouldn't.

"Before we will go to the Fulbright City, I want us to go to the oriole city first." Torak announced. "I assumed she will be fine for two or three days, right?" He eyed at Serefina as he asked.

"Three days is fine." Serefina replied without lifting her head from the dessert that she was eating.

"I want you to inform Dmitri that I want to see him two days from now at the border of our territory." Torak informed Calleb. "I want to hear what his explanation for their impertinent attitude."

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Raine was looking at her reflection on the surface of the mirror inside the bathroom, tilting her head so she could get a better view of her neck.

The area where Torak had bitten her where still swollen, but the blue and red bruises had faded, leaving a silver line of intricate line and curves that form like a tattoo, but with silver ink.

Raine didn't know how describe it, she had never fond of tattoo and had never thought to have one if she could, yet she was smitten by this mark on her neck.

So, this how the mark looked like? Silver color, just like how Torak's Lycan fur color.

She had been spending almost thirty minutes, thinking about how she loved the mark on her neck, dazing off without realizing that a certain someone had been listening to her inner thought shamelessly.

Torak was leaning his body against the wall beside the bathroom door, so Raine wouldn't realize since when he had been there.

And when the moment Raine had finished brushing her teeth and took a glance once again at her mark, she walked out of the bathroom only to be hugged by Torak.

Apparently Torak was in good mood and even almost turned to his old self as he buried his nose on the nook of Raine's shoulder. Inhaled his mate intoxicating scent.

"How long had you been standing there?" Raine was being carried in princess style by Torak and was put on their bed gently.

"Since the moment you thought the mark is so cool until you thought yourself as a white Lycan too." Torak witnessed his mate's eyes widened in shocked, but he didn't stop as he added. "And the thought in between was kind of interesting too... hmm, what is it? Did you really want to bite me too? And leaving your mark?"

"Torak!!!" Raine shrieked in horror.

She forgot! Totally forgot that Torak could hear her inner thought.

And then, the next second, Raine recalled everything that she had been thinking when she was in the bathroom.

But, this was the same thing like she was humiliating herself twice, by recalling all of those embarrassing thought, yet in the other hand, how she could stop it?

Was there anyone who didn't think at all??

Raine rolled her body as she wrapped herself like a sandwich with a blanket.

Torak chuckled when he watched how bashful his mate became and then reached out to pull the blanket from her head, so while Raine's body was

coiled with the blanket, it was only her head that poking out of it, glaring at him.

Ignoring his mate's angry eyes, Torak leaned over and captured her lips as he murmured. "Hm... I like it too."

Chapter 284 - WILL YOU BRING HER?

Because of Raine's constant complaints about Torak having invaded her privacy and blushed every now and then, she kept demanding for Torak to teach her how to mask her own thoughts.

Despite being a little bit reluctant to teach Raine about it as Torak was still enjoying to hear his mate's thoughts about him, in the end, he still taught her nonetheless.

It was a good thing too because Torak didn't want anyone in his pack to be able to read Raine's mind since they would head toward the oriole city as per schedule.

There, there would be dozens of Lycanthropes that were waiting for them.

Along the way, Raine was so engrossed remembering every detail that Torak had told her to hide her mind.

"Don't stress yourself, it will come naturally, no need to be forced. You will get used to it." Torak smoothed Raine's wrinkled eyebrows with his thumb. Torak was worried that Raine would exert herself, her body was still recovering from the last event.

"No, I am fine." Raine's small face frowned as she kept her mind focused. "Can you hear my thoughts now?" She lifted her head as she asked Torak beside her eagerly.

Both of them were sitting on the back seat of a white expensive car with Calleb driving while Belinda and Sapphire in another car, both of them would go straight to the raven village.

And for Sereфина, no one had seen her since the morning, so they assumed she had disappeared again. At this point it has become a normal thing to see Sereфина come and go as she wishes, so it didn't bother them anymore.

"Almost." Torak smiled as he fixed the shawl around Raine's neck, the bruises still leaving red and blue marks, but it had started to form his mark.

Actually Raine objected to hide it as she thought it was so cool to have a tattoo.

A tattoo, the sacred mark of the Lycanthropes was akin to a tattoo for her, it didn't mean Torak mind it, in reality, he thought it was cute of her to think that way.

Everything about his mate was cute.

However, because of the weather that slightly cold, Torak didn't want Raine to get sick just because she wanted to show off her 'tattoo', especially not in her current condition.

It took half a day before they entered Oriole city and the moment when they arrived at hotel, which Calleb had booked for them, the sky has turned dark and Raine was asleep.

Torak carried Raine in his arms as they walked in the Lobby, this hotel originally belonged to the dragon shifter, Reynold Magnus, Stephan's older brother.

But because the agreement between them, this hotel belonged to Torak now, in spite of the owner of this hotel had changed, Reynold still managed this place.

Ever since the ownership of this hotel had changed, Torak had never showed up even once, thus with him being here tonight in short notice shocked the upper management as they came to greet him at the lobby.

There were ten people as the representative of their department, who were waiting for Torak in the lobby and a few senior staff to serve Torak's small group.

However, all of the people's jaw dropped when Torak entered the lobby with sleeping Raine in his arms.

Not only that, he gave them vicious glare the moment they wanted to approach and greet him. The message was clear; he didn't want them to make a noisy sound and woke up the little girl in his arms.

Of course, with one intense look from Torak managed to make them stop on their track from getting closer to him.

They had heard about Torak's woman, she was actually a little girl who just enrolled at a university in Fulbright city.

They also caught a rumor about how this cold- blood CEO from Donovan Company, pampered this little girl so much.

Though they couldn't see clearly the face of the girl in Torak's arms because half of her face was hiding on the nook of Torak's shoulder as her hair scattered around her face, they were sure, she was a beautiful girl. Moreover, the eighteenth birthday party of this girl was aired in the television and shocked many people.

Because the girl was so young, they didn't think that Torak Donovan would have a stable relationship with this one as the rumor has it that he was previously in relationship with Jenedieth, one of his trusted people.

At first they were unsure until what extent Torak would spoil his woman, yet after seeing this, they were convinced to not look down and treated their future lady boss with the most care.

In the end the grand greeting that those people had prepared for their new CEO in short time was poured down the drain as they didn't allow to voice a single word toward him.

Torak walked straight to the elevator that had prepared for them and went straight to their room at the eighth floor while they could only stare at his back.

Caleb opened the door for Torak and let the latter to step inside the extravagant room that would only be the privilege of the owner of this hotel.

This place screamed elegance and money, from the white carpet to the crystals hanging from the ceiling. The whole room was dazzling. At one side, instead of wall, it was a glass with a view of the backyard of the hotel, lushes trees and flower garden in various colors.

Torak walked to the master room and placed Raine carefully on the magnificent bed in white cover.

Apparently, Raine's physical strength had not yet returned fully, she was still exhausted easily and didn't even wake up when Torak put her down.

Leaned over, Torak kissed her forehead and tucked her inside the blanket afterward, he walked toward the door and opened it.

Torak didn't step out from the room, instead, he was having conversation with Calleb in the doorway, so he could still see his mate from his spot. action

"It had finalized. We will meet Dmitri at the agreement point." Calleb informed Torak and sneaked a peek at Raine. "Will you bring her along?"

Chapter 285 - VILLAGE OF ANGEL

Torak's eyes became gentle the moment Raine's sleeping face fell in his line of sight. "Hm, I will bring her along."

"Wouldn't that be very dangerous for her? We will meet other creatures that is, literally, blood thirst." Calleb frowned, concern was written all over his face.

"Then make sure everything is fine for tomorrow." Torak said curtly and closed the door right before Calleb's face, leaving the Gamma dumbfounded behind the closed door.

'Ugh! Torak is being unreasonable day by day...' he grumbled inwardly.

Inside the room, after having a short conversation with Calleb, Torak strode toward the bed and stroke Raine's head gently.

Actually, he was very reluctant to bring Raine along with him.

It was the vampire that he would meet after all, their behavior could be unpredictable and just like what Calleb had said, it would be dangerous for her as a drop of blood from her would drive those creatures crazy.

But, he had promised her to not hide anything from her and Raine was so adamant to do everything together, including this meeting.

In different side this was a good thing because one day she would become the Luna of the pack, Torak could count this as training.

But, in the other side, he was very worried for the possible danger that would be exposed to her.

Torak knew he could protect her if the aggression where happened, but it was against his overprotective nature.

Raine was breathing evenly as her lips slightly ajar. The mark on her neck had started to form into something beautiful that she always called this as a tattoo.

Torak loved it when he watched how her mate's eyes sparkled whenever she thought and caught a sight of the mark. This made him proud.

Torak lightly traced his finger on the surface of his mark on her neck and this made Raine shuddered a little.

"My lovely mate..." Torak whispered as a smile formed on his lips.

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"Wake up..."

There was Raine's favorite voice sounded from a far along with the spark that spread on her cheek by the touch of his finger.

"Wake up or you will be late for breakfast."

Raine grumbled something incoherent as she pulled the blanket to cover her face, but Torak snatched it away.

"You have slept for almost twelve hours now..." Torak chuckled when Raine snuggled against his chest. She wrapped her arms and legs around him, just like an octopus.

"I am sleepy..." Raine mumbled with frown etched on her face. She was tired easily recently, probably that was the side effect of what had happened and the mark.

"But you have to wake up now because we have to go to the border line to meet my old friend." Despite Torak told her to wake up, he was caressing Raine's soft hair prompted the latter to fall into asleep again.

"Who is your old friend...?" Raine let out stifled yawn.

"Dmitri, the Vampire." Torak replied.

"A vampire?" Raine lifted her head, peering through her hair.

"Hm." Torak nodded.

"Don't vampire bite people?" Raine frowned, her lips pursed.

"So do I." Torak glanced at the mark on her neck and that made Raine hid her face against his chest again.

"I don't mind if it's you..." Raine replied meekly.

Torak was laughing upon hearing his mate words. Oh, how easy to be happy whenever he has his mate in his arms.

The Alpha's smile was more radiant than the sun out there when he tousled Raine's hair and rested his chin on top of her head. "They do bite people, but I will slit their throat before they could touch a single hair of my mate."

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After a few more minutes of cuddling, Raine finally got up from bed and took a quick bath before she followed Torak down to the restaurant at the ninth floor.

The sunlight fell on Raine's eyes the moment she stepped out from the elevator. The restaurant was an open area where every table has a big umbrella on the top of it.

Torak held Raine's hand as he led her to one of the table near the railing steel at the furthest part of this restaurant where was less of people.

Like a gentleman he was, Torak pulled a seat for her and let her to sit down before he pushed it forward, made sure Raine was comfortable.

After they made an order, it didn't take a long time for their food to be served. They ate their breakfast while teasing each other.

Today started with a good vibe and Torak hoped it would last until they met with Dmitri.

It had been a very long time since the last time he saw him before they created their own territory in the north.

After they finished their breakfast, both of them entered the elevator, which brought them to the lobby, where their car had been waiting for them with Calleb already inside.

"Good morning Calleb!" Raine greeted him brightly. action

"Hi, morning... morning..." Calleb replied carelessly as he arranged the rearview mirror. "Morning Torak."

"Hm."

Calleb and Raphael had developed a habit to call Torak by his name in informal occasion like this or in this calm situation and Torak didn't mind it.

Both of them were the most closest people for him.

The drive to Torak's border territory took a four and half hour and by the time they arrived there, the sun was still high on the horizon.

Raine thought the so called border of territory was in deep forest with lushes trees that canopied the sky, but Raine would have never thought that it was actually in a beautiful village.

The car stopped at the side of a river.

"The other side of this river is the vampire's territory." Torak leaned in as he informed Raine. He wanted for her to learn everything that she needed in order to be the Luna of the pack.

Raine nodded her head. "This place is beautiful. What's the name of this place?"

"This is village of angel." Torak replied.

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Torak answered made Raine turned her head toward him too fast that it strained her neck as she grimaced while rubbing it. "Village of angel?" She reiterated.

Yet, Torak didn't have interest to answer Raine as he frowned while helping his mate to ease the pain. "Don't move so sudden, your neck is still swollen." He nagged.

"This is village of angel?" Raine insisted to get confirmation from Torak, ignoring the pain in her neck.

"Yes, it is..." Torak finally replied without averting his eyes from Raine's neck. "Is it still hurt?" He asked with concern.

"No, it is not..." Raine said as she turned her gaze and stared at the river through the opened window car. "I think I know that river."

"Apricity River." Torak mentioned. "The river that had never been frozen."

"But I think I saw it froze once in the past." Raine contemplated.

"Yes, the river froze the day when the Lycanthropes destroyed the village of Angel." There was no trace of warmth in his voice. "That is why this place is called Red River city."

Raine shifted her gaze from the river to Torak's complicated expression. "Why?"

At the same time there were around ten more cars that came to halt around Torak's. Raine didn't need to guess, they must be the Lycanthropes from Torak's pack.

"Because after the river froze and then thawed again, the color changed into red." Torak stroked Raine's head as he explained.

"But, it is not red..." Raine leaned closer toward the window, the river was the color of blue and sparkled under the reflection of the sunlight.

"Yes, it just last for seven years before it changed into its original color." Torak said.

After he said that, Torak's eyes turned rigid as his nose picked up an unpleasant smell in the air.

"My love, I want you to stay inside the car with Calleb, alright?" Torak concealed the bloodlust in his eyes as he kissed his mate.

Raine could come and see this meeting, but Torak still held back a little to not expose her too much, it wasn't the time yet.

"Alright." Raine nodded obediently.

After Torak gave another kiss on her forehead, he stepped out from the car and gestured for Calleb to enter and accompany Raine.

There were total of forty Lycanthropes in his human form, coming out from the cars as half of them followed after Torak and the rest stayed around the car where Raine was sitting curiously with Calleb inside.

Raine hopped to the front seat beside Calleb to have a better view about what was happening a few meter from them where Torak was standing tall, waiting.

"Is the vampire already here?" Raine tilted her head at Calleb as she asked because she couldn't see anyone there.

"There." Calleb pointed his finger and from the other side of the river, walking confidently on the bridge, there were someone wearing all black approached Torak's small group slowly. action

Behind that man, there were around thirty more people in various colors of clothes, men and women.

"That is Dmitri." Calleb pointed at the man in black clothes that covered almost all his body, he has straight black hair that was combed to the back of his head and tied into a man bun. His skin was so pale that almost looked sickly.

"Dmitri..." Raine tried to remember that name, her first impression of the man wasn't really good.

"Hm. Currently he is the leader of the vampire." Calleb explained.

"Can people see them?" Raine asked because when the shape shifter shifted into their beast form, human wouldn't be able to see them, thus how about the vampire?

"Yes, vampire is not a shifter, they don't have another form." Calleb said.

In front of them, Torak walked toward the bridge as well with his men in tow five steps away from him, the same thing that Dmitri and his men did.

Finally both of them met at the center of the bridge and stood tall with imposing manner. Dmitri was slightly shorter and skinnier than Torak.

"Alpha Torak." Dmitri greeted Torak with smirk curled on his lips. "What a pleasant surprise to get an invitation to meet you here in short notice. I thought you are in some kind of vacation."

The vampire hinted the moment of Torak's absence and quite surprised when he received Torak's demand through his Gamma to meet in this place.

The sarcasm in his tone wasn't left unheard by Torak as the later didn't even bother to reciprocate his greet or smile and talked straight to the business.

"What are your plans by letting your wretch kind trespass my territory?" Torak asked with expression that devoid from any emotions.

"I don't understand your question Alpha." Dmitri maintained the smirk on his face, or he thought it was a smile.

Torak didn't have time and patient to follow Dmitri's way to handle this conversation, thus he mind linked his men to bring those people to him.

There were six people around Raine's car that moved toward their own car and dragged out one man from each car trunk.

Six Lycanthropes with six pale men, they dragged them to the bridge and stopped right behind Torak as they forced those sickly people to kneel.

Upon seeing Dmitri, those six people started to wail and cry, asking their leader to save them, their eyes were bloodshot red as their thirst for blood was akin to a hot iron stroke down their throat.

They suffered and agitated because of the lack of blood, but also very weak to retaliate against the lycanthropes.

"Do you understand my question now?" Torak asked Dmitri while the latter gritted his sharp teeth as his eyes locked on his own people.

He had heard about them were being captured and was about to plan for their rescue when suddenly Torak's demand for this meeting arrived.

"Give me back my people." Dmitri hissed, his canines elongated, along with the other men behind him.

"Once you crossed the border, I will kill them all." Torak didn't budge.

In the car, suddenly Riane could hear Torak's voice inside her mind. [Close your eyes, my love.]

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The border that Torak mentioned was the invisible line between them now that only could be seen by the two of them as the leader of their respective pack.

Dmitri on the other hand, glaring at the Alpha viciously before he composed himself and raised his hand to stop the movement behind him.

"Sometime I just can't control my men, Alpha." Dmitri shrugged nonchalantly as he continued. "You can see? I have thousand people and vast land to manage." He gestured to the place behind him, which was his territory.

"Thousand people? Vast land to manage?" Torak let out a low chuckled, but there was no mirth in his blue eyes. "Do you want to compare that with mine?"

Torak didn't even bother to conceal his mockery when he said that, the glint in his eyes emphasized his meaning.

How could Dmitri say he had thousand people and vast land in front of Torak? While the Alpha's territory scope 70 percent of the human realm.

"I think, I will generously show you how I managed my territory and my own people." Torak said as he gestured to his man behind him. "Watch and learn." There was no smile on his lips when he let the man did what he ordered them to do.

In no time, there was a sickly sound from something was being fractured before a vicious low growl and threatening snarl filled the air from the people behind Dmitri.

"This what I did to my people when they crossed my warning." Torak said calmly, very calm for the scene behind him.

Along with the Alpha's words, his people threw the body of the vampire across the border line. The headless body landed on the wooden bridge with a soft thud while his head was being carried and put down slowly right before Dmitri's eyes.

A murderous glint flashed in the Vampire's eyes when they watched their own people was being murdered in front of their eyes.

Inside the car, Calleb was frowning as he witnessed the Alpha's cruelty toward his enemy while trying to cover Raine's line of sight.

"I want to see, what is happening there? Hands off!" Raine tried to pull down Calleb's hand from her eyes, but the Gamma was so stubborn to comply to her demand. "What happened there?" She repeated her question.

"You better not see it." Calleb mumbled. He didn't think Raine would be able to stand the scene on the bridge, as it was too bloody for the soft hearted Luna. "It is too bloody for your taste."

Raine stopped struggling. "Is Torak hurt?"

Calleb rolled his eyes. "Is that a question?" He asked sarcastically. action

"Okey, I will take that as a 'no'." Raine concluded as she leaned her back against the seat and obediently closed her eyes on her own accord.

Calleb had mentioned that the scene was bloody, so Raine believed it. She started to grow the understanding of this world that she was living, especially when her world merged with Torak's.

Torak's world was bloody and dark, but there was no point for Raine to deny and avoid it, as it was the reality of life.

Moreover, she had seen it first hand nine years ago when those creatures murdered her parents and turned her life became so miserable.

At this point, Raine didn't have objection if Torak turned feral so those creatures didn't mess with him, sometime violence was needed for certain situation.

It was just, Raine was not ready yet to see blood everywhere, thus she chose to follow Torak's warning and closed her eyes.

Seeing Raine had stopped her attempt to witness the bloody scene before her eyes, Calleb lowered his hand and leaned against the seat while watching the event unfolded on the bridge.

"Did Torak kill those vampires?" Raine asked, curios. She watched when those Lycans dragged six people out of the car trunk, so if the blood wasn't because of the fight, then it must be them.

"He just killed one. The five vampires are still alive." Then Calleb added. "For now."

"Hm..." Raine nodded, talking to Calleb while closing her eyes. "Why Torak had to kill the vampire, wasn't they are here to talk about those vampires who had trespassed Torak's territory?"

"Our territory." Calleb corrected Raine. "Because Dmitri refused to admit his mistake and the Alpha didn't have patient to participate in his dumb game, so he jumped straight to the action."

Raine frowned. "Isn't that will incur the Vampire's wrath? I mean Torak had many enemies out there, he didn't need to add more."

"Vampire has been our enemy for centuries. They even took the devil's side during the war. So, whatever Torak had done or will do, that will not change the fact that we are enemy."

Raine became quiet as she processed the information and Calleb filled the silence.

"Not like the dragon people, which they pledged their loyalty toward us after their betrayal, in the other hand, the vampires are solid with their decision to stand against us."

"I see..." Raine mumbled.

In another words, no matter what Torak did, the enmity between the two creatures wouldn't change anything. Not to mention the fact that; once the vampire caught news about Torak's disappearance they started to act rebellious and even dared enough to trespass the Lycan's territory, giving another excuses for Dmitri to attack Torak's pack while he wasn't around.

Such a bold move...

"How about the witch?" Raine asked again.

"The witches are not like us who has our own pack with a single leader, most of the witches are individual, but there is northern coven of witch that aligned themselves with the vampire." Calleb said as he watched Torak gave another signal to the men behind him.

With that signal, another bloody scene was revealed before their eyes.

Caleb was wonder, if this was something that Torak wanted to do, why he had to bring Raine along with him? The Alpha knew it very well that his mate wouldn't be able to see this kind of action.

Yet, the Gamma glanced at Raine beside him, why Raine was so understanding and being so exceptionally calm throughout this event, knowing what was happening?

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Torak stared coldly at the pool of dark blood under his feet. The bodies of those vampires were lying lifelessly on the wooden bridge.

The Alpha stared at the Vampire in front of him, his expression was devoid from any emotion as if everything that happened around him was something insignificant in his eyes.

"This how I managed my people." Torak said very slowly to make sure his opponent could comprehend his every words that he uttered. "So, next time I see any of your wretch kind in my land, consider you will never see them again."

With that last warning, Torak gestured to his people to go from that dreadful scene, leaving those vampires fumed in anger as they watched their own people dead bodies.

In this world, it was only right to kill those creatures that dared enough to trespass other creatures territory.

Just because Torak had been missing for more than two weeks, didn't mean they could do everything that they wished in his land. They should know better to not provoke this Alpha.

But, like usual, the cold blood vampires were too haughty to realize this and took this matter seriously as they crossed the Alpha's bottom line.

Every Lycanthropes were very territorial creatures and possessive on top of that, so they wouldn't have a second thought to destroy everything that threatened their possession, family and pack.

Torak strode toward the car and opened the front seat as he watched in amus.e.m.e.nt that his mate still closed her eyes.

"Torak, is that you?" Raine asked while keeping her eyes shut.

Torak leaned over, scooped her in his arms and moved her to the back seat. "It is me." He said in her ears as he closed the car door and signaled for Calleb to get them out from there.

"Can I open my eyes now?" Raine asked as she found a comfortable position in Torak's embrace.

"Yes, you can." Torak replied gently.

The first thing that Raine saw when she opened her eyes was Torak's bright smile and his giggle.

"You are so obedient." Torak ruffled her hair as he pulled her closer to him. "Do you want to visit the pack house for a while?"

Since they were already here, the pack house was only one hour away.

"Yes," Raine said, smiling. "I want to see the seed that I planted when I came here for the first time."

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They entered the forest, where row and row pine trees completely surrounded them. The exact scene that Raine remembered from months ago, until now she was still curious how those Lycanthropes were able to find the right direction.

After one hour of driving, it didn't take long time before Raine could see the village at the end of the pine trees.

The same road and bakery shop, coffee shops, school and many more, they drove passed them to reach the pack house.

"Do you like comeback here?" Torak smiled when he watched a big grin on his mate's lips.

Raine nodded. "Yes. Though I don't have much memories of this place, but this is the first place that I can consider as a home."

Raine remembered how the feeling when she just arrived here. She was in fear and confusion, but this man beside her convinced her again and again that everything would be all right.

Even though there were many things that happened afterward and she was still exposed to danger, but there would be always this man who would come to save her no matter what.

"No, actually. Everywhere with you is a home for me." Raine leaned over to peck Torak's lips as she grinned.

"Why do I have the same thought?" Torak reciprocated her grin and kiss.

[Oh, please... can you do that after we reached the pack house please? It is just less than three minutes. I can make it one if you want.] Calleb complained at Raine through the mind link.

Mind link was one of the privileges of being Luna and because now Torak had marked Raine, she, as the Luna would be able to do the same.

Upon hearing a sudden voice in her head, Raine startled a bit, as she had not yet gotten used to this. She glared at Calleb because he had soiled the atmosphere.

[Why are you glaring at me?] Calleb met Raine's eyes through the rearview mirror.

From the other side, Torak frowned when he watched Raine was throwing a dagger look at Calleb. His brows furrowed. "What..."

Yet, before Torak could finish his sentence, Raine had turned around and kissed him deeply. She bit his lips clumsily as she shut her mind from any intruder thought that didn't belong to her.

Torak didn't know why Raine acted that way, but gladly kissed her back. His mate became bolder day by day and he wouldn't complain about it.

Meanwhile, Calleb could only sigh helplessly. He missed the timid Raine when the first time they came here, she looked cuter that way in his eyes.

"We are here!" Calleb deliberately increased his voice to separate the love birds that started to irritate him.

How they could just kiss each other like he was invincible?

Raine pulled herself from Torak and eagerly looked at the front door of the pack house. The house was just like the last time she remembered it.

It was a mansion with nine floors and as Raine remembered it, their room was on the top floor. She loved it as the whole floor only belonged to Torak.

This time, they didn't take the elevator and came from the front door where Belinda has been waiting for them.

The moment, Raine came out from the car, she was regarded by a big hug from her.

"We just saw each other two days ago." Raine hugged her back and giggled.

"I know." Belinda grinned as she released Raine's body. "How long you will be here?" action

Raine was about to answer her when a girl ran from inside the house and greeted Torak cheerfully.

"Alpha you have returned!" She said excitedly.

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"I will just stay for tonight..." Raine mumbled her answer as she narrowed her eyes on the girl, who happily greeted Torak.

Why she approached Torak so casually? Raine inwardly frowned. In an instant, she realized that she didn't like this girl.

"Oh good! I will cook something nice for you. What do you want to eat for dinner." Belinda asked enthusiastically, but then she realized the weird gaze that Raine gave to the girl behind her. "Oh, this is Adair."

Raine smiled at Adair out of politeness, but the latter only gave her a curt smile, if you could call that as a smile when all she did was only pulling her lips upward.

Seeing the girl behind her was being rude toward Raine, Belinda cleared her throat as she spoke. "She is the Alpha's mate. Our Luna."

"Ah, Adair..." It was Calleb, who greeted the girl as he approached her with his usual bright smile on his face and his easy-going attitude.

The Gamma hugged the girl named Adair and ruffled her head as the girl let out a sweet giggling sound that irritated Raine's ears.

Frowning, Raine felt someone put his arm around her waist and when he lifted her head, she found it was Torak, smiling at her and bring her inside the house.

"Alpha..." There was this crisp voice from behind them that made Torak halted his track as he glanced at Adair from the top of Raine's head. "I just came from Oriole city because I heard that you went missing."

The sound of Adair's voice was laced with worry and concern.

Raine didn't say anything as she turned around and stared at the girl, who was around her age, yet Raine was unsure because the age between human and werewolf was very different.

"Where have you been?" Adair walked closer, approaching Torak, but she stopped when she received a glare from a certain girl in Torak's arm.

"He has been with me." Raine was surprised that she actually answered Adair's question on behalf of Torak, but the more surprising thing was her tone sounded fiercer than she intended to.

Finally Adair gave Raine her attention as she frowned. "But, I didn't ask you." She pouted sullenly.

Adair bold words made Calleb and Belinda almost jumped out of shock. They didn't remember that Adair has this kind of attitude, as the girl was always sweet and timid all this time.

"And my MATE didn't want to answer you." Since Raine had snapped at her, then she would continue with that attitude. She deliberately emphasized the word 'mate' and spoke slowly so Adair could discern her every words before she tilted her and asked Torak. "Right?"

Once again, Calleb and Belinda's jaw almost dropped when they heard the way Raine answered Adair. It was very clear that the air had polluted with jealousy.

Raine was slightly nervous because she had never acted like this in front of Torak, she knew she was being childish, yet she couldn't suppress the feeling of irritation when she heard Adair's voice, talking with Torak while pouting her lips.

In the other hand, Torak was as surprised as the other people there, but when he watched Raine started to curl her lips into a scowl because he didn't give her the reaction that she wanted, abruptly Torak's face brightened as he leaned in and peck her pursed lips.

"Of course." He said lightly, didn't even spare Adair a glance from the moment they arrived at the pack house.

Torak ruffled Raine's hair and clasped their hand together. Both of them walked away toward their room on the eighth floor.

From the moment Raine and Torak entered the elevator, the former didn't say anything and kept her lips shut while the latter would glance at her every now and then.

The moment they reached their floor and entered their room, Raine closed the door and leaned her small body against it.

Upon hearing the door was closing with a loud noisy sound, Torak turned around only to meet his fierce mate.

Crossing her arms as she glared at Torak, she attempted to look intimidating in front of the Alpha, yet like her previous effort, it was only a waste of time.

"Who is that girl!?" Raine hissed through gritted teeth.

It took a while for the Alpha to understand that his little mate was throwing tantrum at him now before he inched closer at her with smile on his lips.

"My love..." Torak stretched out his hand, wanted to pinch her cheek, but Raine had swatted his hand away.

"Don't 'my love' me." Raine glared at him.

Torak chuckled upon seeing how fierce his mate could be when she was pissed.

"Don't laugh." Raine pressed her lips into a thin line. "Why she is very comfortable to talk to you in that way?" Raine asked sullenly.

"In what way?" Torak raised his eyebrows, deliberately playing dumb with Raine's question.

"She ran after you like a little girl and seems..." Raine was lost for word, she tried to find the right word to describe Adair in her vocabulary. "She looks like she has a close relationship with you."

Normally, those women would fear Torak, but since Adair dared enough to call Torak sweetly and openly showed off her concern, it must be because Torak had let her to act this way.

"She is an orphan, her parents died when vampire and rouge attacked this pack, she was badly injured at that time, so I took her with me and treated her like a little sister." Torak's eyes softened. "She is a student at a university in the city of Oriole. I don't know why she returned around this time."

"She returned because she heard that you were missing. She said it before." Raine reminded Torak.

"My love, are you jealous at her" Torak's lips curled into a smile, he took a step forward, so now there was no gap between them.

"No." Raine replied with straight face.

Torak beamed as mirth danced in his eyes. He leaned in to kiss her forehead as he said. "Or... maybe you are on your period since you are so fierce now..."