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*Chapter 290 - SULLEN*

Fierce?

Raine was surprised when Torak portrayed her that way. Before this, the word 'fierce' wasn't a suitable word to describe her. action

But, Raine also started to realize her swing moods lately. Why she felt this way?

"I... I..." Raine stuttered, trying to explain herself.

"What is it?" Torak cupped her face with both of his hand while looking at his mate's confused eyes with gentleness. "She is nothing for me and you know that."

Yes, Raine knew... but, she didn't know why she was overwhelmed by irritation when she watched Adair acted spoil in front of Torak.

'It was only her who allowed to act that way toward Torak.'

That thought surprised Raine, since when she was being overpossessive like this? She didn't even know that she has this trait in her.

"Of course, it is only you who is allowed to act spoiled in front of me." Torak nudged her nose with his as his warm breath fanned Raine's face.

Raine abruptly raised her head and looked at Torak beyond mortified. "You read my mind!" She exclaimed. How embarrassing is this?!

"What is so embarrassing about that?" Torak laughed as he pecked her lips. "I love it."

Raine pouted when she heard Torak's words. "Will you always pry into my mind? I thought I have succeeded to block my thought."

"As your mate, I have privileged to hear your thought even when you masked it, easier than anyone else." Torak lightheartedly replied. Laughing at Raine's

attempt to look intimidating. "But if you don't like it. I wouldn't dare to do it again."

"I am sorry..." Raine suddenly leaned forward and hugged Torak tightly as she nuzzled his chest. "I don't know why I snapped at her earlier, it's just like my mood is not stable lately."

"Maybe it's the side effect of the mark. I heard it will affect your mood in the beginning of it." Torak swept Raine's hair aside as he caressed the mark on her neck that made her shivered. The intricate knots and complex curves in silver color on Raine's delicate neck, was so beautiful to say the least. "How do you feel? Does the bite still hurt?"

"I am fine now..." Raine reassured Torak when she watched concern filling his eyes. "Should I go to apologize to Adair for my rude behavior earlier?"

Raine was unsure if she had to do that, but she didn't want to give a wrong idea about herself to the other woman.

"You don't have to." Torak carried her to the bed and put her gently. "But, if by doing so could make you feel better, you are free to do whatever you want." Torak caressed her cheeks as he added. "You are the Luna after all."

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There were no many people that aware about Torak and Raine's visit as the former had asked people around him to not talk about it.

Torak wanted to let the outsider thought that he was still missing while waiting what they would do in his absence, especially those Alphas, who very itched to take the opportunity of this to boast themselves.

As they thought they could overthrown him from his throne.

Really, that was so far- fetched ambition.

Meanwhile, during their free time until dinner, Torak and Raine stayed at their bedroom, talking about trivial thing about this and that.

Torak just realized now, such happiness could come very simple in the form of his little mate. Looking how she pouted her lips and how she giggled upon what he said was a blissful feeling.

"Stop laughing." Torak pinched Raine's cheeks helplessly, trying to stop her from her silly giggled.

"I would never have thought that you had done something like that with your other brothers when you were little." Raine wiped a tear that escaped from the corner of her eyes.

"We were just pup at that time." Torak helped Raine to sit down as he tidied up her crumpled clothes. "Let's get down and have a dinner."

"A big pup!" Raine kissed Torak's cheeks as she got down from her bed.

Both of them went downstairs hand in hand by using the stairs this time.

And when they reached the second floor, Raine abruptly stopped in her track as she stared at a wall across from her with unfathomable emotions.

Not only happy memories, but this place also brought a terrified memory when she received the first assault from a drunk Lycan.

That time also was the moment when Raine witnessed how fierce and feral Torak's beast when he killed the other Lycan without batting an eye right in front of her, brutally.

Torak could feel the tension from Raine's body and knew what she was thinking right now. He tightened his hand on her waist as he said softly. "Let's go?"

Raine lifted her head to meet Torak's beautiful blue eyes that seemingly could charm its way to her mind as the fear that rose because of those past memories, dissipated.

"Hm." Raine nodded and let Torak to lead the way to the dining room.

They went down another stairs to reach the dining room in silence before Raine asked him in slightly anxious tone.

"Mm, Torak... how many people will eat with us?" Raine remembered the last time they were eating together, there were at least dozen people inside and for now she didn't think that she wanted to face many people that she didn't familiar with.

"I had told them to not bother me in this visit, so I think there will be only Calleb and Belinda there." Torak reassured Raine as he felt she was being uncomfortable.

"Oh." Raine mumbled, but felt relief with Torak's answer.

When they entered the dining room, apparently they came too fast because Belinda was still bringing many plates filled with delicacies from kitchen to the dining room

"Ah, you are already here. Sit down, the diner is almost ready." Belinda said in cheerful tone.

"I will help Belinda." Raine said happily and without waiting for Torak's reply, she followed the middle age witch to the kitchen.

Since the kitchen and the dining room was only a door away, Raine pushed it open and asked. "What can I help?"

But, Belinda was nowhere to be seen and instead of her, Raine met with Adair sullen face.

*Chapter 291 - HOW COULD HE CALL SOMEONE ELSE AS HIS BABY GIRL?*

Raine didn't expect she would meet with Adair inside the kitchen and aside from her, there were another two women beside her.

In an instant the situation turned awkward.

"Hm. There is something that I can help here?" Raine cleared her throat and asked, feeling the two women stared at her timidly.

"Is it really her, the rumor Alpha's mate that couldn't talk?" Instead of answer Raine's question, Adair sneered at her and turned the atmosphere became more uncomfortable.

"Adair." A woman on her left tugged her sleeve, warning her about her behavior.

"What?" Adair looked at her friend sullenly. "Am I wrong?"

"She is our Luna." Another woman whispered at her as she looked at Raine worriedly.

They didn't scare at Raine, but they definitely didn't want to test the Alpha's wrath from bullying his Mate. They had seen in by themselves how the Alpha dotted on her so much.

Raine frowned when she received Adair's confrontation. The guilty feeling that she felt earlier because she had behaved rude and childish toward Adair, suddenly vanished into thin air.

"I am." Raine said as she held Adair's intense glare. "Do you have a problem with that?"

Raine wasn't really sure where she got this attitude and why she acted this way, but the only thing that she knew for certain was; Adair's existence irritated her, especially now when she openly showed her dislike toward Raine without any scrupulous.

"But you talk now." Adair sneered. "Too much."

The two women beside Adair started to nudge her frantically, warning her to not go overboard with her attitude.

They knew the Alpha was far more patient when he faced Adair, because it was the Alpha himself who had nurtured Adair since she lost her parents in rouge and vampire attack, yet it didn't mean the Alpha had ever showed his interest toward her.

Meanwhile Raine, who has a mood swing and sometime would act out of her habit lately, began to feel more irritated when Adair started to provoke her.

"Both of you can go now." Raine sensed the uncomfortable feeling from the two women and she didn't want to implicate them when this conversation turned into something else.

Well, Raine had faced the devil, the shadow warrior, almost died more than twice, was bitten by the beast, she had even killed a hunter, not to mention all the dreadful experience that she had gone through before she met Torak, thus... a jealous werewolf girl wouldn't be able to intimidate her, not in her current mood at least.

The two women shifted their gaze between Raine and Adair, back and forth, still didn't know what to do.

"Don't make me to say it for the third time. Get out from here!" This time Raine's voice sounded more stern, which startled both women.

If Raine always failed to intimidate Torak as he was in whole another level, at least this time she got it right and managed to scare those women away.

Now Raine realized, practicing with her mate gained a satisfying result in the end.

"What do you want to say now?" Raine asked after there were only the two of them, looking straight at Adair when she spoke. "I can feel your dislike toward me."

Upon hearing Raine's statement, Adair scoffed in revulsion. "I am glad you know it." She crossed her arms in front of her chest defiantly. "Just because you are his mate and then you think you can do whatever you want in this pack."

"I can't?" Raine asked innocently. "I am his mate and the Luna of this pack."

"Do you think you can convince everyone else to give their respect for you just because you are their Luna?" Adair took a step closer. She was slightly taller than Raine, but at this point, Raine didn't even budge when she was listening to her hateful words. "Respect is something that you earn, not something that Torak could give you and you not earned mine."

After saying that, Adair smirked devilishly and looked at Raine from head to toe in disgust.

In the other hand, Raine was unfazed as she spoke in very calm tone. Her expression was placid.

"Your respect?" Raine reiterated. "Don't overestimate yourself, because I don't need it."

And before Adair could cut Raine from her sentences, she continued to talk.

"I will earn the pack respect in one way or another, but you..." Raine mimicked the way Adair looked at her. "You will never be Torak's mate or the Luna of the pack even if you work you're a\*\* off. So, my word of advice is, know where are you standing before I put you in your place."

"Are you threatening me?" Adair narrowed her eyes dangerously.

"No." Raine shook her head. "This is a warning." A beautiful smile blossomed on her lips when she said her last words.

"Don't you know that the Alpha like me the most? I am his baby girl. He said it by himself." Adair blurted out.

Adair was lost her parents since she was only six years old and since then Torak would attend to her and was very patient when he had to deal with her, but since she had grown up, the Alpha gradually put distance between them and this made Adair puzzled. action

At first, she thought the Alpha treated her that way because of Jenedieth, but when she heard Jenedieth was exiled as result of her attempt to hurt Torak's mate, Adair didn't believe that.

Torak didn't suppose to have a mate because of the curse from the moon goddess, therefore, she really wanted to see Raine by herself.

In the other hand, there was slightly change of emotion in Raine's eyes when she heard that, but she composed herself before Adair could notice it.

"Oh, really? Baby girl huh?" Raine scoffed, she tried to be less sarcastic to cover her annoyance. Whether Adair was telling the truth or not, she would ask Torak about this.

How could he call someone else as his baby girl?!

*Chapter 292 - A LITTLE GIRL*

"Why? You don't believe it?" Adair looked at Raine triumphantly. "Why don't you ask around about it? You will know it is true."

Unexpectedly, Raine was laughing after she heard what Adair suggestion was. She laughed heartily and this turned Adair's smug smile into a scowl as she lashed out at her. "Stop laughing! What are you laughing at?! If you don't believe me, you can ask other people here!"

In the end of her laugh, Raine wiped a tear from the corner of her eyes. "I don't need to, why do you assume I will ask around about that trivial thing?" Mirth was dancing in her eyes when she added. "I will not waste my time for something like that."

"Why? Do you scare to find out the truth?" Adair mocked her, she started to running out of her patient now.

"Why should I?" Raine looked at her provokingly as she swept her hair from her shoulder, showing the most prominent thing that solidified the bond between Torak and her. His mark. "Baby girl, huh?" She used the same tone to mock Adair.

"You!" Adair's face was so red as her anger coursed in her vein.

Before Adair could lash out, someone opened the other door of the kitchen room as Belinda trudged inside with a big pot of soup in her hands.

The middle age witch's eyes fell on Raine. "Raine, what are you doing here? Do you need something honey?"

The contempt in Raine's expression for Adair, disappeared in an instant when she turned around to face Belinda. "I came to ask if there is something that I could help." She said sweetly.

"Oh, you don't need to. You supposed to be with the Alpha." Belinda shook her head as she giggled and then spoke to Adair. "Bring the last plate of chicken b.r.e.a.s.t, Raine like it."

"Yes, I like it." Raine looked at Adair meaningfully. "I guess I have to go back to Torak."

"Yes, go ahead dear." Belinda said with smile plastered on her face.

With that, Raine sashayed away from the kitchen while caressing her neck with gentle expression and looked at Adair for the last time before she closed the door.

Adair's face was unsightly when she had to see Raine's smug expression as she showed off her mark.

In the dining room, Raine found Torak was talking with Calleb, walking toward him, she abruptly sat down on his laps. action

This action earned another helpless sighed from the Gamma, who was shaking his head in disbelief. Why he had to witness scenes like this every now and then?



Torak was also surprised by his mate action, but instinctively wrapped his arms around her slender waist to secure her position.

"What is it?" Torak nudged Raine's head with his nose as he looked at his mate with sparkling eyes.

Raine didn't answer him, but her lips pursed into a thin line, indicating that she wasn't in good mood. Torak wanted to pry to her mind, but was afraid if she wouldn't like it.

"Tell me..." He coaxed her.

Raine kept her expression until she watched Belinda and Adair came while bringing the last side dishes, only then she opened her mouth.

"She said, you call her your baby girl." Raine's voice wasn't so loud, but it was enough for the rest three people there to hear it.

"Baby girl?" Torak stared at Raine with his brows creased. "Who?"

"Adair." Raine pointed her finger at the girl.

She wasn't being childish because of this matter, she just didn't like it when she heard Torak had called another woman as his baby girl and wanted to find out the truth by confronting the two people, so no one would lie to her.

Alright, she was being slightly childish... she was only eighteenth, a teenager after all. Raine tried to find a good reason to justify her nonsensical behavior.

"No. I have never called her that way." Torak fixed his eyes on Raine, didn't even spare Adair a glance.

"But, she said it..." Raine was still adamant with her words.

"Alpha, you called me that way when I was little." Adair's voice was trembling slightly, just like a child who was wronged.

At that time, it was Calleb who suddenly made a sound. "Ah! That one..." His voice trailed off as he shifted his gaze from Torak, Raine and Adair. And then back to Torak again. "That one..."

"What!?" Raine snapped again because Calleb didn't finish his words and left them hanging.

"I am sorry... but, I think you got it wrong Adair..." Calleb looked at Adair cautiously. "You didn't take my word at that time seriously, did you?"

Adair, who was standing beside Calleb stared down at the Gamma, who was sitting in dreadful expression. "You said it yourself that Torak, was calling me baby girl! That I am his baby girl!" She lashed out at Calleb.

How could she forget about it? He would never forge that.

It happened when she was twelve. She was crying when she graduated from Primary School. When she watched every children were being fetched by their parents and they were being hugged happily by them.

The little Adair was sad because she didn't have her parents to celebrate that day with her and then it was Calleb who came with Torak to pick her up.

Inside the car, in order to persuade the little girl from crying tirelessly, Calleb said it, the Gamma said; she didn't need to be sad because she was the Alpha's baby girl.

And then, that was where the thought came from.

It wasn't only one or twice, but everytime Adair was crying because of something she would run toward Calleb and the Gamma would say the same thing again.

"Don't get me wrong..." Calleb grimaced. "I am sorry for that, but I never would have thought that you would take it seriously."

Adair's face turned ashen as drop by drop of tears started to fall from her eyes before she bawled and ran out of the dining room, just like any movies where the side characters would run out of the scene with teary face.

Raine thought it was so comical.

"Don't you want to chase after your baby girl?" Raine stared at Calleb. "After all, it was you who had made her crying."

Calleb shrugged. "What little girl? She is forty two years, in human world, she is considered as an old woman."

*Chapter 293 - THE HEAT*

"Forty two?" Raine raised her eyebrows in disbelief, she turned her head to look at Torak, who was playing with her hair, didn't even care about Adair crying scene earlier.

His mate hair was more interesting than some random woman crying over something that he didn't understand.

"I tend to her before I became the Gamma of the pack." Calleb explained. "She was just a little girl back then and I had many spare time, so I befriend with her." He shrugged while looking at the dishes on the table, eager to eat, yet he couldn't do that as Torak had not yet started the dinner.

It would be rude for Calleb to eat now, but he was hungry...

"So, why everyone in this pack said Torak dotted on her." Actually that wasn't the exact word that Adair told Raine.

"Well, she was a little girl back then and didn't have anyone, so I don't think even though she offended the Alpha, Torak would be so petty to make a fuss over a child." Belinda chimed in. "I remembered Adair was always following Torak everywhere, at that time, her act was so cute."

Raine pouted when she imagined the little Adair was running around Torak with her sweet smile.

"Shall we eat?" Torak smoothed the creased between Raine's eyebrows with his thumb.

"Yes, yes, yes!" Calleb nodded his head vigorously, the voices in his stomach had been running rampant since he caught a whiff of the delicious smell in front of him.

"Oh, you are so helpless!" Belinda slapped the back of Calleb head when he acted that way.

"Why did you slap me? Why both Raphael and you loved to bully me?" He whined as he rubbed his head.

"Don't be silly. If that caress could hurt you, what is the use for your muscle?" Belinda retorted at Calleb exaggerated reaction.

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After dinner, Raine didn't see Adair anymore, but it didn't mean she was looking for her, of course not. Why would she?

Raine snuggled into Torak's arms when she had changed her clothes into her yellow pajamas.

Like usual, she wrapped her arms around Torak body as she rested her head on his chest. She brought his hand on her head asked him silently to stroke her hair. It was becoming a habit for her.

Torak gladly complied as he hummed when his skin touched her silky soft hair.

"Are you still mad at me?" He asked softly.

Raine didn't answer.

"You are..." Torak smiled indulgently at her.

"I am not." Raine finally said as she raised her head. "Torak... what if..." She was hesitated to finish her words.

"What if...?" Torak prodded, stared at her eyes.

"What if you don't find me? Will you take her as your mate...?" Raine asked carefully, afraid that this question would offend Torak in some way.

"Who is 'her' are you talking about?" There was no change in Torak's expression, his face still looked serene as he played with Raine's hair, which sprawled on his chest.

"Do you have many candidates?" Raine frowned that earned a chuckle from her mate. "How many women did you consider?"

"I don't know, never think about that." Torak still answered Raine calmly, seemingly didn't even bother with their topic.

"But, you have someone in your mind right?" Raine narrowed her eyes at Torak, scrutinized him.

"Jenedieth... ouch! Why did you bite me?" Torak was surprised the moment Jenedieth's name left his lips, Raine already bit his neck, it was painful enough to make Torak pinched her waist to remind her.

"See?! You were in relationship with Jenedieth!" Raine lashed out as she spare Torak's neck.

"Are you jealous?" For some reason, seeing Raine was bad mood because of this matter, made Torak was very happy. "You are jealous, right?" He nudged her cheeks.

"I am not!" Raine was adamant, yet her expression was telling Torak otherwise.

But, of course Torak didn't believe it as he kept laughing at Raine's sullen expression. Her lips pouted to the max as her brows furrowed unsightly.

"I am not! I am not! I am not!" Raine tried to bite Torak again, but the latter dodged her this time as he held her with both of his hands while laughing.

"Why do you have to bite me?" Torak asked in amus.e.m.e.nt.

"Of course because you had bitten me, it is only right if I bite you too!" Raine was struggling to make Torak to let go of her face.

However, he was too strong, while his grip didn't hurt Raine, it was absolutely annoyed her.

"Let me go! I will bite you, so you will have my mark too!" Raine yelled furiously, yet the Alpha only laughed at his little mate fuming expression.

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Raine didn't know when it start, but she was awaken when the room felt so hot.

At first she thought it was because the blanket and Torak's body was too hot and the temperature inside the room had increased.

But, as Raine kicked the blanket away she didn't find any relief. In short time, she felt like her entire body was trapped in a fire.

When the heat started to become suffocating, Raine screamed and began to thrash around the blanket that tangled on her legs, trying to release herself.

"Raine!" Torak's voice was so stern and laced with distress when he called out her name.

Torak quickly picked his mate up and placed her on his lap as he ripped the blanket from her legs. Yet, Raine still thrashed in his firm grip.

Raine felt awful. Her ears were ringing painfully as she started to sob because of the unbearable feeling.

Raine couldn't point out what she actually felt right now, every emotion seemed running rampant inside her body.

And when Torak carried her into the bathroom hurriedly, the sparks danced across her skin from the skin to skin contact and this made Raine feel slightly better.

Raine clung her body onto Torak as it felt so good to touch him.

But, Torak decided to throw Raine to the bath as he ran the water from the faucet. Losing the spark between them made Raine whimper miserably.

"No... no..." She wanted to touch him desperately.

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*Chapter 294 - THE HEAT (2)*

[Calleb! Come over here with Belinda and Sapphire!] Torak roared through the mind link as he tried to hold Raine's body under the water without hurting her.

"No..." Raine whimpered as her hand reached out to Torak, trying to touch him. "I want to touch you..." She was crying now. Desperate, as Torak didn't allow her to touch him.

Raine wanted to tell Torak that the spark from their skin to skin contact made her feel better, but her mind was like burning, she lost her words, didn't know where she should start to explain it to him.

"No, my love." Torak said, yet the pain in his voice was so apparent.

He knew that the spark between them could slightly elevate the pain that she was suffering now, but it would lead to something else and Torak didn't want to do it when Raine was in this state.

"What happened?!" The door slammed open and Calleb rushed inside the bathroom with Belinda and Sapphire in tow.

The scene before the Gamma's eyes was somewhat puzzled him. It was Raine, writhing in pain as Torak held her body down, under the water, but kept her head afloat.

"She is... she is in heat, isn't she? Right?" Belinda stumbled with her words.

"DO SOMETHING!" Torak roared as he glared at the Belinda and Sapphire. His beast was, once again, threatening to come out.

"Alpha... this is the heat... you have to..." Sapphire stuttered.

"NO!" Torak rejected Sapphire's idea even though it had not yet left her lips. "I will not call you all if I have to resolve to that!"

"Torak... what is this?" Raine's whimper was ringing in Torak's ears as he watched his mate was being torn apart by the heat. "It hurt... it hurt..."

Raine had never felt so helpless. She felt like her inside was being crushed. The heat that gnawed on her skin was akin to thousands bugs were biting her. It was agony.

The only thing that made her felt better was the touch of her mate, but Torak didn't want to hold her, he kept pushing her body under the cold water, made sure her head stayed afloat on the surface.

Raine pleaded with her eyes, as she couldn't utter a word to him, yet Torak didn't understand. No. he did understand, but he refused to do so.

But, why?!

Raine was tormented by the thing that she couldn't see. The thing that she didn't even know what it was, or how long it would last.

Now, there were three people inside the bathroom except from Torak and herself. All of them were talking to each other.

But, because of the ringing sound on Raine's ears she couldn't hear what was exactly they were talking about.

The only thing that Raine was certain; Torak was so angry to whatever Sapphire said. He kept shouting at the healer with

Why he should be angry to the healer when the thing that he could now was simply holding her?

Raine didn't understand with this situation and as she closed her eyes, her body was engulfed with the darkness, longer than she intended.

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When the sun started to rise on the horizon, Raine found herself lying on the bed with blanket covering her body.

It was the spark that Raine felt from the finger that traced a circle on her left cheek that told her Torak was right beside her.

When Raine fully woke up, her entire body was numb from the painful feeling that she had endured.

"My love... are you awake?" It was Torak's voice that forced Raine to open her eyes. "How are you feeling?"

The first thing that she saw the moment she opened her eyes was the blue eyes that filled with concern and worry that greeted her sight.

Her throat was so dry and hurts, which she assumed because of screamings last night.

"Do you feel better now?" Torak asked her again, this time Raine nodded weakly. "Do you want to drink some water?" action

And once again Raine nodded.

Torak was quick to reach a glass of water near the bed that he had prepared and helped Raine to drink it while cradled her head so she didn't choke.

When the liquid moistened her dry throat, Raine felt better and have a little bit energy to talk to Torak. "What was ... that?" Her voice sounded rough just like a dessert.



Torak carefully pulled her into his arms as he kissed her forehead. "You were in heat last night." He explained curtly.

Raine wanted to ask Torak to elaborate what was that 'heat', but the aching on her head was drumming against her skull painfully.

She didn't know if she could take information about the heat even though Torak explained it to her right now.

Thus, Raine chose to savor this moment, snuggled toward her mate and placed her head on the crook of his neck and inhaled his tantalizing scent while snaking her arms around his waist so she could snuggle even closer to him.

Not long after, someone knocked the room, though Torak didn't say anything the other person opened the door and walked inside.

"How are you feeling Raine?" Raine didn't need to turn her body to look who was the person that came into their bedroom.

It was Calleb and from the smell that came with him, Raine assumed he brought something with him.

Probably Torak mind link the Gamma to bring something for Raine to eat after what he realized she was awake.

"Fine." Raine answered with eyes still closed.

"You can go." Torak said, shut the Gamma's next line of questions. He knew Calleb was worried about Raine's condition, but it wasn't the right time for him to ask her more than this.

With knowing look, Calleb nodded and said. "Be careful, the porridge is still hot." Before he walked out of the room.

"You have to eat now, okay?" Torak caressed Raine's back before he got a nod from her.

Though the hard part had passed, but Raine felt very awful, she didn't want to go through that kind of pain again.

*Chapter 295 - IT WAS ADAIR*

Because of Raine's condition, they needed to stay a bit longer inside the pack house, but of course they couldn't prolong their visit more than this because of Serefina's warning.

Raine was indeed had gained her true power, but it didn't mean she could handle it yet, therefore it was still risky for her to stay among the Lycan.

That was why, on the second day since they arrived, Torak decided to comeback to Fulbright city this afternoon.

But, before they left, Raine wanted to see the flower that she had planted with Belinda when she was here months ago.

Torak didn't have a problem with that, hence before they went to the airport, to go to Fulbright city, Calleb drove them there.

The place where Belinda and she had planted those seeds was a meadow at the back of the pack house with beautiful scenery of mountain miles away.

Belinda had been there, taking care of the plants while someone with her back was facing Raine, talking to Belinda.

On the closer look, Raine could guess who she was.

She was no other than Adair's friend that she met last night inside the kitchen, but when Raine was only a few meter away from where they stood, she could practically hear, Belinda was growling at her.

The first thought that flew on Raine's mind was; what exactly this girl was doing until Belinda looked very upset.

Belinda wasn't hot- headed person who would rebuke someone else without proper reasons.

Yet, before Raine could ask, she figured out on her own what the thing that made Belinda was furious about. After all, in one glance, it wasn't hard to guess.

Since Belinda was very fond of flower, actually she had planted most of the flower in this meadow and took good care of them, it was understandable that

she was very upset when there was a plot of land, which was filled with withered sunflowers.

"Belinda, what happened with the sunflowers?" Raine approached the fuming Belinda while touching the withered sunflower that its petal fell to the ground lifelessly.

The bright yellow color on the flower had disappeared as it had turned into the color of dark brown.

The condition of the flowers was so pathetic, therefore Raine assumed this was definitely not Belinda's.

"Raine." Belinda noticed her, but the word 'upset' was written all over her face. "The flowers withered." She complained like a little child at Raine.

Meanwhile, Torak and Calleb followed Raine just a few steps away from her.

"This is the flowers that we had planted together." Belinda was angry because she wanted to show it to Raine badly since she was here. She didn't know when Raine would visit them again, but it was obvious that wouldn't happen soon.

Raine also frowned when she heard Belinda's words, she insisted to come here because she wanted to see these flowers. It meant something to her.

Belinda kept talking fastly out of her anger. "Yesterday the flowers were just fine, I personally fertilized the flower and when you said you will visit here before you return to Fulbright city, I thought I will just come here early so I could pick some flower for you, but... this..." Belinda spread her arms toward the withered sunflowers exasperatedly, her complicated emotions apparent on her eyes. She was truly upset right now.

"But, it wasn't me Belinda..." The girl was trembling now, especially when she realized the flowers belonged to Raine, their Luna and the scariest thing was the Alpha also present.

"You watered the flower with disinfectant!" Belinda pointed her sharp nail toward the watering pot that the girl was holding.

Even Raine, as human, she could smell it from where she was standing the strong smell of disinfectant that Belinda was talking about and despite Raine

was sad because the sunflowers was dead, but she wasn't as furious as Belinda, only now she knew that the witch loved flowers too much.

"Belinda... I don't know... my sense of smell doesn't work..." The girl whimpered as she rubbed her nose.

"Nonsense!" Belinda spat. "What kind of wolf who has trouble with his sense of smell?!"

In the other hand, Raine tugged Torak's sleeves, who seemingly didn't even bother with the scene before him, he wasn't fond of flower and was there because of Raine alone, so when they met this scene he was actually quite bored.

"Is it possible that the wolf lost their ability to smell?" Raine whispered. She found it was a weird excuse, but it was also so bold of this girl to lie about something like that.

Torak shifted his gaze from his mate toward the girl, who was crying now. "There is. She should go to sapphire and check her condition." He spoke to her with no interest whatsoever. action

Raine bit her lips and looked at the withere sunflowers once again and felt a big palm rubbed on top of her head.

"Don't be sad, if you like it I will ask someone to fill our home with sunflower." Torak tried to appease his mate.

Apparently Torak didn't quite understand with this kind of feeling and wasn't sensitive enough to feel sad over flower.

In his eyes, Raine was sad because she couldn't see the sunflower, without considering the sentimental fact that it was the first flower that she had planted. This matter was very simple in his eyes.

Raine was used to this side of him and didn't take it to heart. Torak meant well, but he just lack of sensitivity.

Once again, Raine stretched out her hand and caressed the petals, which slowly flew to the ground. She blinked her eyes a couple of time as she felt her surrounding turned so quiet.

If Torak saw Raine's eyes now, he would realize they showed nothing as if her soul wasn't there.

Yet, it happened only for a few second before she gained her focus again and spoke in low voice. "It was Adair."

"What?" Belinda stopped her rumbling as she turned her head toward Raine.

"It was Adair." Raine repeated, clearer this time.

*Chapter 296 - YOU WILL REMEMBER ME*

"It was Adair." Raine repeated, clearer this time.

"Adair?" Calleb and Belinda asked simultaneously.

Raine looked at both of them as she nodded slowly. It was Adair and Raine was certain with her words.

"But, how you could say it was Adair?" Calleb narrowed his eyes at Raine. This girl did nothing and suddenly accused Adair for this crime toward the flowers. The thought Raine was still upset because of last night. "Raine, you can't accuse someone just because you don't like her."

Calleb stared at Torak, assessing his reaction.

"Why did you say it was her?" Torak's brows furrowed despite his soft gaze on his mate.

There was a cheeky smile curled on Raine's lips when she spoke. "You will know when you called her here."

At this point, the girl had stopped sobbing and looked Raine in confusion. She had the same thought as Calleb. Probably the Luna still held grudge toward Adair, that was why she accused her.

Despite was being upset because she was accused to do something that she didn't do by Belinda and she even didn't believe her when she said she lost her olfactory senses, but the girl could consider as Adair's best friend, thus she was a bit peeved at Raine's random guessing. action

"There was no way Adair would do all this." The girl lowered her head, no matter what the Alpha was there and she didn't want to be caught glaring at his mate as she refused the idea that her best friend put her in this situation.

"Torak..." Raine didn't want to argue with this girl, despite the fact she was telling them the true and saved the girl from Belinda's wrath, the girl was still doubted her and Raine didn't want to waste her energy to convince her.

"Call Adair." Torak looked at Calleb beside him, who immediately fished out his phone to call someone.

Currently, they were in the middle of a meadow, so it was too far for Calleb to mind- link someone from the pack house.

While waiting for Adair to come, Torak took Raine to sit down on the nearest bench while Belinda sullenly pulled the withered sunflowers from the ground with the help of that girl, she needed to plant another seeds there.

"I will ask someone to fill the back yard house with sunflowers since you like it." Torak put his arm on her waist while Raine rested her head on his shoulder.

"No, I don't really like sunflower. Actually I don't really like any flower." Raine confessed.

"Hm? I thought you like it." Torak was surprised. "You look sad because of the flower."

Raine sighed and sit straight, she faced her mate and held his curious gaze on her. "I am sad not because of the flower, but the memory behind it." She spoke slowly.

"What memory? It just flower, you can find it anywhere and it will always look the same." He wasn't a sensitive person, he would calculate the pros and cons, and wouldn't involve his feeling on his judgment and decision. No, he couldn't afford to be overly sensitive for something insignificant. This was his way to rule his pack and because of this trait he was feared and respected.

Or at least before he met Raine... he was the cold- blooded Alpha after all. In the other hand, Raine was very aware about that fact.

"True, if you put it that way. But," Raine halted and cupped his face in both of her small palms. "I can't agree with you for that matter."

Torak raised his eyebrows, asking for Raine to elaborate her theory, though their ideas would be differ, but Torak loved to hear her point of view rather than to read them without her permission.

"Even though they look similar, but there were always stories behind everything." Raine gaze softened. "I know when Serefina burned my mother's diary and I was so depressed, you were confused why I felt so fond of an inanimate object."

Raine put down her hands from Torak's face and then rested her head on his shoulder again before she continued.

"It wasn't the object that I fond of, but the memories behind it. The fact that it was only that book that kept reminding me of my late mother." Raine looked at the distance. "I was too young and the event when I lost my parents was traumatized me, so I gradually couldn't remember their faces."

There was silence that ensued.

"Honestly, I don't really understand with this sentimental story and I don't think I will." Torak uttered. "I have been living too long to cherish a certain memory or maybe I just don't want to remember them all."

Raine chuckled. "But, I guess you will remember me when I become part of your memories, no?"

"You are not a memory." Torak retorted.

"Time is a mystery, even immortal beings will not be able to go against time." Raine said placidly.

Torak's face contorted when he heard Raine's statement, he wanted to ask what she meant with that when Belinda's voice interrupted him.

Torak didn't realize since when Adair was there, but apparently Belinda discovered something about the mystery of her withered sunflowers and ready to lash out to her the moment Adair was close enough.

"How did you know that?" Calleb approached them with bewildered look on his face. "How did you know that it was Adair who put disinfectant and did something to Kiara so she couldn't smell it?"

"Belinda knew it was her?" Torak asked Calleb.

"Yes, there is a faint smell of disinfectant from her hand." Calleb reported. "But, how Raine knew about it?"

Raine looked at the Gamma and Torak, who stared at her with the same confusion and then giggled.

"Did you forget what Serefina had told us?" Raine mused and when the two of them were only staring at her she spoke again. "I am the guardian angel who controls the time."

"Do you want to tell me that you can foresee the future?" Calleb asked enthusiastically, excitement was apparent in his eyes.

Raine shrugged her shoulder nonchalantly. "Sort of."

#### *Chapter 297 - A GIRL AND FLOWERS*

"So, is it what you got when you were in coma state?" Calleb rubbed his chin as he contemplated about this matter.

Raine nodded her head vigorously. "Cool, isn't it?"

"Let's go back." Torak stood up as he gazed at Raine. Serefina had told him about this matter beforehand, but they still needed to see how the development of this power and how Raine would control it.

No matter how powerful the power that one possessed, but if the receiver couldn't adapt to it, it would be a boomerang someday.

Calleb raised two thumbs for Raine. "Cool!" He exclaimed and approached Raine. "Hey, will you tell me when I will meet with my mate?"

Raine tilted her head as her expression turned into a frown.

"What? What with that look?" Calleb couldn't help, but frown as well.



"You don't have." Raine blurted out, yet before Calleb could rumble nonstop about it, she added. "Or, maybe I have not seen it yet."

"You almost give me a heart attack." Calleb rubbed his chest dramatically.

"Your heart is too fragile." Raine uttered as she hugged Torak's arm while walking back to their car. "You are overreacting. Even certain someone who was cursed mateless can find his mate now, right?" She tiptoed and gave Torak a kiss on his cheek.

Torak kissed the tip of her nose when he helped her to get into their car.

"Raine!" Belinda called her before Torak could close the door. The witch approached her while hugging a bunch of red rose in her arms. "Are you going without saying goodbye to me?" She pouted.

"Ah, I am sorry..." Raine grimaced. It was Calleb fault, actually aside to see the flower, she was going to say goodbye to Belinda, but Calleb kept talking and made her forgot. "But, you can visit me everytime."

"Oh, I will!" Belinda beamed as she shoved a bunch of flower in her arms to Raine. "The flower that we plant withered, but I still want to give you this."

The fresh red roses' scent filled the air and gave a pleasant feeling.

"Thank you." Raine smiled brightly when she received the flower.

"We have to go now." Torak gave a small polite nod to Belinda before he got on the car and Raine waved her goodbye.

"Take care all of you." Belinda said. "See you again, Raine."

After their exchanging goodbye, Calleb drove them to the airport and Belinda stood still until the car was out of her sight.

"The smell is so strong." Calleb noted as he rubbed his nose. It wasn't that he dislike the flower, it was just in this narrow space like this, the scent was so noticeable for his sensitive nose.

Calleb glanced at Torak from the rearview mirror, wanted to see what kind of expression that he made as he was quite irritated by strong scent like this.

But, for the Gamma surprised, the Alpha was staring at the Luna with adoration in his eyes. No, not adoration, he worshiped her.

In Torak's eyes, seeing Raine with a bunch of roses in her arms was a sight to behold. Her skin contrasted with the red flower as her scent lingered with it.

The smell was very sweet, intoxicated, but at the same time it made Torak smiled even more. Raine's eyes were glistened as she stared at the flower as if she was in trance. Or, maybe she was...

At first, Raine was seeing the red roses in her arms, but then they gradually withered as its red petals turned into grey color.

The process was so slow, it was like Raine was watching a time lapse video, but then it wasn't the red turned into grey anymore, all of sudden it wasn't a bunch of flower, but a field filled with withered flowers.

Raine gasped by the scene that unfolded before her eyes. It was very hard to believe that it was happening.

Yet, Raine knew this was only another phase of her vision, therefore she remained calm, waiting for what would happen next.

As far as Raine's eyes could see, she only saw a withered flower garden. Looking up, Raine could see the sky had turned dark as gloomy cloud rumbled along with thunder.

But then, from afar, Raine could see a girl, in her age, staring back at her and subsequently shifted her gaze at the dark cloud as both of her hand reached to the withered flowers around her.

Her long hair flew by the wind as she closed her eyes.

And just like how Raine watched the time lapse of the fresh flower turned withered, now she watched the opposite.

Red color crept from the first flower that she touched until it reached the flowers around Raine and then covered all the field with the same bold color.

It was beautiful to see, yet mind blowing that rendered Raine speechless.

After everything was done, the girl opened her eyes and smiled at Raine. The kind of smile that made you wanted to reciprocate it.

"Your smile is beautiful."

Instinctively, Raine turned her head to the source of the voice. Torak's voice.

Raine's eyes met Torak's bedazzling smile. She blinked a couple of times before she realized she was still inside the car and wasn't in the flower field.  
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Moreover, the mysterious girl was nowhere to be seen.

Raine lowered her gaze and stared at the red roses in her arms, it was as fresh as the moment Belinda had given her. Beautiful and captivating.

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Along the way from Oriole City to Fulbright City, Raine chose to close her eyes, pretending she was asleep, but her mind kept recalling the scene that she just witnessed.

Was that something that would happen in the future?

But, who is that girl?

She saw her and smiled at her...

The flower...

Raine resumed her pretense to sleep until they reached the city and it was already night when they reached their house.

Torak didn't want to wake Raine up, so he just simply carried her to their bedroom and put her gently on the bed.

"You can stop pretending, my love... now tell me what is it?" Torak caressed Raine's hair.

*Chapter 298 - HOW TO COMPLETE THE BONDING?*

Slowly, Raine opened her eyes, she stared at Torak guiltily as she spoke timidly. "How do you know I wasn't asleep?"

Torak flicked her head lightly. "You are too loud." He referred to Raine's internal argumentation.

"Did you hear all of that?" Raine's eyes widened in disbelief, she thought she had successfully masked her thought.

"No, I didn't hear a single word." Torak said in a matter of fact. "You masked it, but there were buzzing sounds from it, like a broken radio."

No words that Torak could hear, but the buzzing sound that he heard from her was a giveaway Raine was actually not asleep.

She was still learning how to mask her thoughts after all, so it was understandable if it wasn't perfect yet.

"What is bothering you my love?" Torak lay next to her. His arm served as Raine's pillow while his other arm smoothed the crease between her eyebrows.

"I saw a girl..." Raine stared at Torak, trying to arrange her words.

"A girl?" Torak asked with a frown, he didn't remember Raine meeting any other girl except Adair. "Where?"

"In my vision..." Raine decided to come clean with Torak.

"You have seen what will happen in the future?" Though it sounded peculiar to say something like this, but Torak still listened attentively to what Raine wanted to say.

"Yes..." Raine bit her lips nervously.

"Just like how you saw it was Adair who had ruined your flowers?" Torak asked for confirmation.

"Am I strange...?" Raine lifted her gaze to look at Torak.

Torak laughed at her question. "Something like that happens in our world, my love. You are not strange, you are gifted." He tucked her hair behind her ears. "My precious gift."

Raine a bit relaxed when she heard that and then she spent almost thirty minutes to explain to Torak about what she had seen when they were inside the car, about the girl, the flower and the gloomy sky.

"What do you think about that?" Raine asked Torak when she ended her story.

Torak turned quiet for some time before he spoke softly. "Honestly, I don't know what to say for now." He pulled the blanket to cover both of them. "I have done my research and looked into the history about the guardian angel, who controls the time, but there is not much that I can find."

"I think you got more information than I did when you traveled back to the past." Torak added.

"I just know that the guardian angel kept her power inside the pure blood witch's grimoire, because she wanted to see her lover once again." Raine contemplated.

Torak had heard this, but only now the thought flashed in his mind. "If you are the guardian angel from the past, who was looking for your lover, that didn't it mean I am the one who you are looking for?" He teased her.

Raine chuckled upon hearing his statement. "Probably." She teased him back as she kissed his chin. action

"What do you mean probably?" Torak raised his eyebrows. "There was no guardian angel could control the time before you."

"So, you assumed that we have been mated since millions of years ago?" Raine mimicked Torak's expression.

"Why? You don't like it?" The Alpha pinched his mate tender cheeks.

"If that's the case, I hope we will never be separated ever again." Raine nuzzled against Torak's chest, inhaled his scent that could calm her down.

"I know that you can't live without me." Torak smugly said that earned a bit from Raine on his chest. "You have developed a bad habit." He pinched her waist, forced her to stop biting him.

"I think I am infected by your habit through the mark." Raine retorted.

And then the sound of both of them laughter echoed through the wall of the bed room. "Let's we figure this out one step at time. We still have much time for this." Torak suggested after the laughter had died down.

"Don't you feel sleepy?" Torak brushed his finger lightly on Raine's red cheeks, she laughed so long that turned her face scarlet.

"I don't." Raine felt better after she talked with Torak. "Why don't we talk about what exactly happened with me nights before?" She suggested.

"You fell into heat." His fingers on her cheeks came to halt as he stared at Raine.

"So, what is this heat? I felt so awful..." Raine complained. "I felt like I was thrown into pit of fire. My whole body was burning."

"It happens when the bonding has not yet completed after the marking." Torak explained. "You will be in heat in random time."

"Random time?" Raine frowned. That meant, she would go through something like that again and again? That would not be the last time she felt that.

The thought of it made Raine grimace. She didn't want to endure something like that again.

"Torak, when I was in heat..." Raine bit her lips, hesitant apparent in her eyes, yet she continued anyway. "... I felt better when you touched me, I think you know that... but, why...?" She didn't finish her line of question, but Torak knew it regardless.

A flash of complicated feeling on his eyes. "I know."

And then silence.

Raine was waiting for Torak next explanation, but all he said was only 'I know'.

"And then?" Raine prodded.

"It was only temporary, because all you wanted is not my touch." Torak narrowed his eyes, but an idea flashed in his mind as he grinned mischievously. "You will feel like that until the bonding is completed."

"So, why don't we complete the bonding?" Raine was puzzled, usually Torak would do everything for her to not feel any pain, but why he looked hesitate? If she could free from that pain, she was more than willing to complete the bonding. "How we complete the bonding?"

Torak has been waiting for this question. "Open your mind, I will show you."

The blue eyes stared intently at Raine's black one, as they turned bright when Torak watched a red color covered his mate skin until her cute ears.

"Torak!" Raine was beyond mortified as she covered her face inside the blanket while Torak was laughing boisterously.

*Chapter 299 - BLUSHING*

Ever since Torak talked about the way how to complete the bonding, Raine would be blushing if she was near him.

Honestly speaking, that kind of thought, indeed, ever came to her mind, after all Raine wasn't a little girl anymore and they had been sleeping together since day one they met with each other.

It was strange enough that Torak had never touched her with l.u.s.t in his eyes.

He is normal, right? Raine peered at Torak beside her.

Currently they were having breakfast together. It has been awhile since the last time Raine attended her classes, so she was very sure she needed work very hard to catch up with the latest lesson.

Her absence wouldn't be good for this semester, yet all she could think now was Torak's words last night.

No, it wasn't exactly words as he didn't say anything, he preferred to show it to her through the mind- link and the images kept Raine wide awake the whole night.

How he could boldly show her images like that?!

Raine wanted to be upset, but she the fact that she didn't, annoyed her even more and at the same time, everytime she remembered it, she felt giddy.

This mind- link things, Raine didn't know whether she like it or not.

"Your mind kept buzzing." Torak flicked Raine's head that instantly pulled her out of her wild imagination. "What are you thinking?"

Torak even dared enough to wink at Raine, teased her even more.

"Nothing." Raine finally averted her gaze from him and focused on her breakfast instead, though it was hard, but she managed to ignore Torak's secretive laugh.

When Raine finally finished her toast, while Torak was only having his morning coffee, the latter picked Raine's bag and led her to the garage.

"Are you not going to work?" Because Raine's mind was occupied with inconsequential thought, she failed to realize that Torak had not yet changed into his business attire.

Torak was still in his hommy style, t- shirt and jeans. He didn't look like that cold CEO that everyone portrayed about him. In Raine's eyes now, he looked free and young, like boy next door.

"No. I still resume the news about me being missing." Torak opened the back seat and put Raine' bag there before he opened the front seat and let Raine entered the car. He put his hand on top of Raine's head, just in case she bumped into the car.

"Why you should do that?" Raine asked after Torak sat down behind the wheel, apparently, he would drive her to University.

"So, those people who have tendency to stab my back could step forward." Torak started the car. "With this, I could safe my energy to lure them out."

Since the devil had started with their moved, Torak should ensure that people around him was those who loyal to him. He didn't need backstabber inside his own people. action

"Oh," Raine nodded. "Be careful." She added with concer.

Mirth danced in Torak's eyes as he glanced at his little mate. "I will."

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It took Raine twenty minutes slower than usual to arrive at the university with the way Torak drive the car.

He really made it obvious to only spare a few minutes for Raine to run inside her class.



"You deliberately make me late!" Raine punched Torak's upperarms in annoyed. How he could do that? Now Raine had to run to her class.

From afar, she could see Stephan had been waiting for her at the gates like usual. His expression was boring and was about to lash out if Raine didn't approach him any time soon.

"Your bag." Torak laughed as he stretched out his hand to reach Raine's bag at the back seat. "Have a good day." He said while giving her bag.

Sullenly Raine received it and was about to get out of the car when she realized the door was locked. She turned her head and looked at Torak questioningly.

"The door is locked." She stated the obvious.

"I know." Torak replied.

Though his smile almost made Raine became dizzy, she still has the right mind to think about her classes.

"Open it." Raine tried to mimick Torak's cold expression, but her face turned scarlet instead under Torak's intense gaze.

"You forget something, my love." Torak sulked. This kind of act supposed to not suit him, yet Raine stared at him like she was being charmed.

"What is it?" Raine bit her lips while roaming her eyes inside the car. She didn't drop anything, right?

"My morning kiss." With that was being said, Torak leaned over and kissed Raine's lips abruptly. "Stop blushing." The Alpha said in his husky tone after the morning kiss.

"I am not." Raine lied with straight face, but of course the blush wouldn't suddenly disappear just because she said so.

"Liar." Torak chuckled and pecked her lips once again. "Stop blushing because you are very attractive now and I don't want to kill those people who stared at my mate."

"Nice joke." Raine blurted out.

"You know I am not joking my love." Torak caressed his hand on her cheeks. "You had been blushing ever since I answer your question about the bonding last night."

Raine was speechless, she didn't know what to say to cover up her embarrassed feeling at this moment as she half-yelled at Torak. "Open the door, you pervert!"

Torak laughed out loud at Raine's reaction, but he spared her by open the car door and let her go.

The little girl bolted out from the car immediately.

"I will pick you up later." Torak said before Riane closed the door and ran toward the entrance gates where Stephan had been waiting for her.

"What took you so long?" Stephan grumbled once Raine was close enough to hear him whining. "I have been waiting for you since thirty minutes ago! And why did you not show up for almost two weeks straight?"

Raine stopped walking and faced him. "You are so noisy." She glared at him and continued to walk.

### *Chapter 300 - BETRAYAL*

After the first class ended, Stephan gave her a flash disk, it sparkled under the sunlight that went through the window beside Raine's table.

"What is it?" Raine picked up the red flash disk and looked at Stephan curiously.

"You should thank me for summarizing all the lessons that you had skipped." Stephan said proudly. "Free lunch will do."

Raine chuckled. "Sure, but I don't want you to be in the same table with sunny and the other." She remembered the dispute last time and she thought it would be wise to not provoke Sunny further. After all she and the other people there were Raine's first friend.

"I am sorry sweetie, but your mate will beat my a\*\* if I leave you out of my sight." Stephan shook his head dramatically. "You know how protective your mate could be."

"I am thanking you for this." Raine showed the flash disk in her hand, but then she waved her hand. "But, no. I don't want you to make a ruckus like last time. I will talk to Torak about this."

At the same time, before Stephan could answer her, his phone rang, indicating he had received a message.

Stephan skimmed briefly the message and shrugged his shoulder. "I think you get what you want."

Raine turned around and looked at him. "What is that?"

"I have an emergency call, so I will take my leave first." Stephan leisurely walked past her as he waved his hand.

"You will not come with me for lunch?" Raine asked in confusion. What the emergency that he got? Usually, whatever it was, he would never let her go off.

"I am sorry sweetie, but this time even if you were begging me, I can't accompany you for lunch." He said with laugh.

"Go away!" Raine shouted at him.

"Don't worry I will comeback for the second class." Stephan laughed at her reaction.

"Don't come back!"

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Stephan walked toward the exit door and turned left. From afar he could see the parking lot where not many people were there.

He didn't need to look for the right car for long time as he approached the black sport car, which was parked under a lush tree instead of the parking lot.

Without checking first, Stephan opened the front seat and sat down quickly.

The moment he closed the door, he could feel the oppressive atmosphere inside the car. It was so suffocating until Stephan was having a second thought to go out from this narrow space, but of course his mind knew better to not do that.

"How are you Alpha?" Stephan greeted him timidly. This was the first time he met Torak after such long time.

Actually he had a hunch that Torak had comeback, when he saw Raine returned after long time being absent.

Torak, who was sitting at the back seat didn't answer Stephan's lousy greeting, instead he spoke straight to the matter that he wanted to ask him. "Did you tell Lucifer about Raine's mark?"

"Ah, yes..." Stephan nodded his head. "Just like what you had predicted. He looked for me once he caught a wind about you were being missing and asked about the mark."

Silence ensued inside the car and made Stephan fidgeted in his seat. He gulped hard and turned his body to look at Torak, but he couldn't look him in the eyes, instead he stared at his shoulder. action

"Alpha... how about our female...?" He asked gingerly.

"When Lucifer will let Reynold meet with his mate?" Torak asked. He knew it all. He had arranged it all. This was part of his plans after all.

"The devil said he would let them meet two months from now." Stephan said unsure, the promise of the devil was something that one should worry. "My brother had been so agitated about this."

Torak didn't talk again as he calculated something in his mind.

"Alpha..." Stephan called Torak because he didn't get any reply from him. "You know that I don't have guts to defy you, but... I don't think I can play this role for long time... the Devil will know about this sooner or later."

"So?" Torak crossed his legs as he stared at the timid dragon shifter. This dragon shifter had been indulging himself in human world so much until his nature was corroded.

Without the influence of his brother, he would be nothing.

The scene when Torak cut off his brother's arm truly engraved in his mind and it made him feared the Alpha until the point his breath was so shallow everytime he was near Torak.

Though, behind Torak's back he could still defy his order, such as let his presence was being known by Raine at the very first day they met, disregarding Calleb's warning, but when he had to face Torak directly, he was nothing but a timid little boy.

"I am afraid they would do something to our female and ..." Stephan gulped hard. "Well, you know how important she is for us."

But, at least there was still a little bit conscience, which left from him, to actually think about the sustainability of his kind.

"We will take her." Torak said. That was one of his plans to solidify the loyalty of those dragon shifters.

"Oh," Stephan was surprised by Torak's statement, but relief at the same time. "Thank you Alpha. I pledged my loyalty to you. I will never betray you." At this time Stephan tried to boot lick the Alpha, probably the later could be less scary if he did that.

"Betray me?" Torak bemused. "Do you even have a choice?"

Upon hearing that, Stephan gulped hard and shrunk in his seat.

"You can go now." Torak said coldly.

With that remark, Stephan hastily clawed the car door and was about to go out before he remembered something.

"Alpha, I don't think your mate's friends have a good intention toward her." He reported it.

Torak didn't answer him immediately, but a few second later he spoke in the same chilly tone. "You can go now." Yet, after Stephan was no longer there, Torak added. "Look into her friends' background."

"Yes, Alpha." Jack answered politely.