

TLOA Lycan 321

Chapter 321 - JEDREK AND HIS PRIDE

"She was killed?" Torak frowned and glanced at his mate beside him, this kind of information puzzled him. "What do you mean she was killed?"

"I saw it Torak, I saw it with my own eyes that Serefina was stabbed by the shadow from the shadow warrior. "It was shadow with shape of spare that pierced through Serefina's heart, I saw it when she collapsed to the ground with blood was gushing out from her chest."

Raine went on with the detail, she told Torak everything that she had seen and why she was so sure that Serefina had died at that time.

Also about the white Lycan that was so livid by seeing the witch fell to the ground lifelessly.

Serefina maybe the most powerful witch, as she was a pure blood, but it didn't make her insusceptible to death.

"Don't you think there is something fishy about her sudden appearance after so long?" Raine stared at the side profile of Torak. "She helps me to gain my power despite her hate toward us."

"It was because of the Moon Goddess." Torak said. "She said it a while ago. She had a deal with the Selene."

"What kind of deal?" Raine was getting curios. There were so many things that she didn't understand about all of it; starting from Serefina, Lyrus, the Moon Goddess and Torak's brothers. Everything seemed engulfed with mystery.

"I don't know. Serefina would never tell anyone about that even if I ask her." Torak said in matter of fact tone.

Knowing Serefina, what Torak said was true. That witch wouldn't spill a word if she determined to keep it secret.

"How about your brother? I meant, I am quite sure that the white Lycan was your elder brother... didn't he say something about Serefina?" Raine asked, she remembered how the white Lycan growled and howled in agony upon seeing Serefina's bloody body on the ground.

Torak shook his head. "I wasn't there when they destroyed the village of angel." He tried to recall his distance memories. "It was only Jedrek and Serefina who went there, but as I could recall, Jedrek returned alone without her."

"Didn't you ask why Serefina was not with him?" Raine had wanted to know about this. How Serefina managed to survive that sudden attack? After all, that attack was so fatal.

"No. I am not quite close with Jedrek, we respect each other to not ask any unnecessary things, moreover, I didn't really care where was she as I was quite busy with the preparation of the great war." It was true, his focus was elsewhere at that moment.

Silence ensued inside the car as Torak drove away from the abandoned place, fortunately it was still afternoon, or else that place would be as scary as haunted house.

"How about Lyrus... if he is your brother's people, why he is here with us?" Raine still felt unease with the way that man looked at her.

Torak's expression turned grim when he heard that. "Actually Lyrus is not part of my pack, it's just Jedrek caught news about the dispute in this realm so he sent Lyrus here.

Torak could say, as the first born, Jedrek was much more difficult to deal with. He was so demanding and authoritative.

He would use any means to force the peace that he viewed and sometimes neglected other people opinion. Including Torak, that was why, he didn't quite get along with Jedrek and chose to create his own pack in different realm.

Not only that, Jedrek obviously hated the idea that he would bestow a mate in his life as he was so infatuate with Serefina.

He loved the witch and her craziness to the bone, thus Torak has his own opinion that Jedrek had sent Lyrus here not only to give unnecessary help to Torak, but also to look for the witch and their younger brother, Kace.

Jedrek must still not be able to get rid of the rumors about Serefina and Kace, out of his mind.

Torak didn't care what his older brother wanted to do, as long as he didn't cross the line by hurting his mate and created chaos within his pack, Lyrus could do whatever he wanted here, after all, with him here, he would be able to increase Torak's force.

"Agreed." Raine chimed in.

"Pardon me?" Torak furrowed his eyebrows as he glanced at his mate beside him, who was blinking her eyes at him. "What do you agree with?"

"As long as Lyrus doesn't create trouble for you and he doesn't harm me, I think with him here, he would be able to make sure you don't lack help." Raine was smiling beautifully when she said that.

Torak stared at her with amus.e.m.e.nt danced in his eyes. "May I know how do you know that?" The Alpha was sure the words didn't leave his lips and his mind was blocked.

"I don't know... I just could hear your inner thought very well from here." Raine shrugged her shoulder. "It's just like a whisper."

"Really?" Torak was amazed. How his mate could do that? action

"Is that strange?" Raine bit her lips, wasn't that normal?

"No, maybe you can hear my thought clearly because I had been bitten by you, so we could connect easily." Torak winked at Raine beside him, who was laughing cheekily.

They laughed harmoniously despite the situation that they would face or the gruesome scene that had happened.

They were happy as long as they had each other.

When the laugh had died down, Raine thought about something. "The girl that I saw in my vision..." She was slightly hesitated. "If she is your brother's mate, what do you think he would do the moment he met his mate? What I meant... he hates her even though he hasn't met her."

Torak gave some thought regarding Raine's statement. "I don't know... Jedrek tends to take everything so seriously and hate when he had to back out of his own words."

"Then... how about her?" Raine looked worried.

"I hope my brother's pride doesn't cloud his heart." Torak stated.

Chapter 322 - A WITCH IN BLUE MOON PACK

Torak didn't want to think that his brother would kill his own mate, because it looked like that's what he would do, the moment his mate appeared before his eyes.

Torak doubted the mate bond, between Jedrek and his mate, could stop him from killing his own mate. If that was the case, Torak didn't have a say to interfere, because he didn't want to have clash with his own brother as long as he kept his own business to himself and didn't touch his mate.

Jedrek could do whatever he wanted to his mate, but once he issued an order for Lyrus to harm Raine, he would send that Lycan's head straight to Jedrek's eyes.

Raine was looking at the scenery outside, seemingly, there was something that she was thinking now.

She had grown pretty well under Torak's care, physically and mentally. Raine had gained more weight than the first time they met and more talkative.

"Thanks to you..." Raine suddenly turned her head and looked at Torak, her eyes turned crescent when she smiled beautifully.

Torak raised her eyebrows as his lips curled into smiled. "I am very sure I have covered my mind, but how can you read me so easily, my love?"

"Really?" There was a tinge of surprised in those beautiful eyes.

"Really. Is it because your strength has progressed a lot?" Torak didn't mind at all if Raine could read his mind. He didn't have a plan to hide anything from her after all, it's just he wondered, why and how she could do that? "Is this because of your training with Serefina?"

Raine thought about it for a while, but she didn't think that was the case. "I am not sure, I think I didn't do anything significant with Serefina before."

"I see..." Torak nodded. Though they couldn't understand how Raine's power progressed by leaps and bounds, but it was a relief.

They traveled for another thirty minutes before they arrived at a small town, with a mountain as the background.

Raine was pretty sure, they had traveled far from the Fulbright city.

When they just passed a signpost, Raine heard a howl of animal and almost jumped from her seat when something dashed from the side of the car.

Torak was laughing upon seeing his mate reaction. "Don't worry, that's Calleb."

Raine turned her head to see a big grey wolf had been waiting for them when Torak stopped the car. From the smirk on his face, Raine knew this Gamma was deliberately surprised her.

Torak got out of the car and walked around to open the car door for Raine, she looked at Torak for a while, because Raine thought Torak would ask her to stay inside the car again. action

But, this time Torak wanted her to meet all the Lycans there with him. Torak intertwined their fingers together, claiming her silently that she was his.

The bad big grey wolf nudged his snout when Raine was close enough with him and smirked.

Out of instinct, Raine ran her fingers on his big head and felt his soft fur when Torak's presence automatically gathered all the Lycans there to hear their Alpha's words.

Torak looked so imposing under the bright afternoon sunlight and his wide back was a safe heaven for Raine when all the Lycanthropes started to walk toward her and surrounded the two of them.

Raine was still not able to get used to this, especially when she watched Lyrus was on the front line of those beast. She felt like all of them would pounce on her once she let her guard down.

A silly thought of course. Torak was there and that kind of action was equal with suicide.

"What have you got?" Torak asked, his voice so steady and stern, giving off a dominant aura around him.

Meanwhile, Calleb in his beast form stood closer toward Raine, brushed his fur against her legs as if saying that he was there and no need to be afraid.

This small act indeed gave Raine a little bit securities that she needed, aside from Torak's warm hand.

It was Lyrus again who answered Torak. He walked forward and flashed his curious eyes on Raine for a millisecond before his focus fixed on The Alpha.

"Our people have secured the Blue Moon Pack and now are looking for Alpha Ryan." Lyrus reported monotonously. "It seems Alpha Ryan is indeed part of them as we caught a witch near the border of blue moon pack before she could flee."

"A witch, huh?" Torak sneered. "Bring me to her."

"This way please Alpha." Lyrus opened his arms as he showed the way to Torak and Raine.

Once again, Raine could feel Lyrus eyes on the back of her head when he followed them while Calleb's beast led the way to the side road.

They had to go through many trees and bushes before they could reach a spot where the grasses withered and turned into golden color.

Under a big tree Raine could see a woman, wearing all blue gown, as if she just returned from a party. She lowered her head and her hair cascaded down beside her face.

Raine couldn't see her face clearly because of that, but she was sure this witch has a beautiful feature due to her soft hair and fair skin.

"Stay here." Torak released Raine's fingers from him as he let Calleb to stay with her. He wanted Raine to be safe and out of harm.

Raine stayed ten steps away from the witch, the distances that saved enough for her to watch what would happen, but still protected if that witch wanted to do something fishy.

"Raised your head." Torak said in his deep voice. He deliberately stood between Raine and the witch, covering his mate figure with his own body.

The witch raised her head defiantly as she glared at Torak with his fiery red eyes.

"Are you from northern coven?" Torak asked her directly.

But, instead of answered Torak's question, the witch laughed mockingly at Torak.

Chapter 323 - THIS IS MY PACK, MY RULE!

"Alpha..." She let out a breathy voice as she tried to catch a glimpse of Raine behind Torak's back.

But, of course, Torak wouldn't give her such a chance as he ordered the man behind the witch to keep her steady.

That man grabbed the witch's hair and pulled her head back so Torak could see her face clearer.

The witch was wailing in agony when she felt her hair was being tugged from her scalp, yet despite of the agony that she felt, her voice was so steady. "This will be a long battle Alpha, even if you killed me you will not win this so easy." The witch sneered. "No, I think you will not win this war again."

Torak narrowed his eyes. "I asked whether you came from northern coven or not, but you give me a long reply without answering my question."

"So, what if you know whether I come from northern coven or not? The fact that your mate should have died in order to win this war will not change." The witch glanced at her surrounding, trying to take the Lycanthropes around her into her peripheral vision. "Now you heard..."

Before the witch could utter another word, Torak had slit her throat with his claws.

With a soft thud the witch's body fell on the ground, leaving her head hung mid air just because the man behind her was grabbing her hair.

Calleb acted so quick, he shifted into his human form in matter of second and pulled Raine into his arms, pressed her face against his chest to cover the gruesome scene before their eyes.

Maybe for those Lycans this sort of scene was nothing, especially those old Lycans. This was just another died body for them.

However for Raine, it would be a big blow. action

In the other hand, Raine let Calleb to hug her, shutting her eyes tightly, she placed her hands on his chest. She knew what was happening and didn't think she could take it, thus she was grateful for Calleb thoughtful action.

All the Lycanthropes that witnessed this not even flinch when the witch dead body was being taken away and burned into ashes.

This was how to deal with the witch, because they could use dark magic to revive their fellow friends, even though not all the witch possessed that ability.

The witch last words sounded like an empty words, a dying talk from someone who knew that she would survive this.

However, it didn't sound that way for Lyrus. He was there when the war happened, thus he knew very well what the necessary things that should have done to prevent the war, or if it was too late for that, to win this war.

Lyrus's eyes caught a glimpse of Raine in Calleb's embrace. It was only one word that could describe her. Weak.

The Lycanthropes who were so haughty with their strength and praised with their power and authority, didn't need a weakling Luna.

He needed to talk about this with Torak in person.

After the body of the witch had turned into nothing, Torak walked toward Raine and instinctively Calleb released his hands from his Luna.

Raine was still shocked, but seeing Torak's hand that stretched out for her, she took it without any hesitation.

Once Torak caught her hand, he pulled her closer and let her stood beside him while he looked around at the Lycanthropes from his own pack.

"This is not the best moment for me to announce this!" Torak's voice boomed and sent a sudden urge for the rest of them to bow their head solemnly at him. "But, I would like to introduce you to your Luna!"

Raine never thought Torak would introduce her in this very moment. was he worried about what the witch said before?

"She is my equal! And if anyone of you mistreated her than she should deserve, it would be the same as you defied my words and the punishment would be dire!"

In the end of Torak's words, those Lycanthropes bowed their head solemnly as they knelt before their Alpha and Luna.

This wasn't ceremony that Torak wanted when he had to introduce Raine as the Luna of the pack. This was too hasty and Raine wasn't ready for this yet.

However, not only Lyrus who realized the after effect of the witch's last words, Torak also aware about that.

He knew some of the old Lycan, who had tasted the war centuries ago, would immediately think about sacrificing Raine.

At this point they must have been aware that Raine was a guardian angel, one of the creatures that they naturally despise the most because of their weak nature.

That was why Torak told them about Raine before there was one person stepped forward and had a wrong idea about this.

It couldn't be denied that they still didn't believe if Raine was Torak destined mate and not the chosen one.

After all, Torak had been cursed for centuries and mateless along that period of time.

At least, this proclamation could restrain them from saying a wrong thing and created unnecessary dispute within his pack.

Because if Torak didn't take this stern action, it wouldn't rule out the possibility that in the future there would be differences of opinion which can divide their unity.

It was their nature to follow their Alpha's words, though not all of them had the same thought about this.

This was another way for Torak to protect Raine from his pack's judgment.

Lyrus was squinted his eyes when he heard Torak's words. It also indirectly answered the thing that he initially wanted to discuss with the Alpha.

[Keep your thought for yourself, Lyrus.]

Torak's cold voice echoes inside his head among the argumentation that he had with himself.

[Alpha Torak, your brother will not like this.] Lyrus answered hesitantly.

"Lyrus." Suddenly Torak voiced was so loud for all of them to hear. "You can go back to my brother and tell him that I don't need his advice, help or guidance."

Lyrus lifted his head only to meet Torak's black eyes.

"Tell him; this is my pack, my rule!"

Chapter 324 - PROCLAIMED

Upon hearing that, Lyrus stood up, followed by around twenty Lycans behind him.

This action showed how many people that Lyrus had brought with him because of Jedrek's order. In the end, he wasn't Torak's people.

"Alpha Torak. Regardless you have your own pack, but I don't think you should forget about your root." Lyrus said calmly. "You are the second son of the royal family and you should respect Alpha Jedrek as the first born, the Alpha and your brother." He tried to justify his words and action.

"Go back to your place." Torak said grimly. His hand around Raine's shoulder tightened, yet he was still aware to not hurt his mate.

"You should put the pack interest about anything." Lyrus was very sure that Jedrek would have the same thought as him.

"Try to say that after I tear your mate limb by limb." Torak was livid and the other Lycanthropes could feel their Alpha's wrath.

Lyrus was the most loyal Lycan in their realm, but he didn't put his loyalty on a subject like the Alpha, but he put his loyalty for the Lycanthropes.

Lyrus was the living proverb for; sacrifice was needed for greater good. He wouldn't hesitate to do anything to for the Lycanthropes.

He would do anything to ensure their glory and Jedrek shared the same thought as him, that was why, Lyrus was the most trusted person for Jedrek aside from his Beta and Gamma.

That point also, which made Torak to separate himself from his brother. They were simply not in the same page of the book, their view about life, pack and mate was so differ.

"Alpha Torak, I don't think if you send me away now, Alpha Jedrek would be pleased with your action." Lyrus was still bringing Jedrek's name over and over again.

"I don't rule my pack to please him." Torak said icily. "Leave now." He said in deep voice.

The tension in the air was so palpable, it left the other Lycans from Torak pack shivered out of fear, even Raine couldn't help but staring at her shoes.

Torak was holding back his temper.

He didn't want to attack Lyrus and incurred his brother's wrath, it would be a waste of time and effort, moreover, he has known Lyrus for very long time, if it wasn't necessary Torak was still reluctant to attack his old friend.

"Excuse us, Alpha Torak." Lyrus still respected Torak's decision as an Alpha and took his leave along with the other twenty Lycans that he brought with him.

When Lyrus and his people was out of their sight, Torak looked at his mate, who had lowered her head until her chin touched her chest.

Torak caressed her cheek and lifted her chin, in the next second he had planted a kiss on her sweet lips. Sealed his proclamation in front of his pack.

The other Lycans raised their head when the tension suddenly was gone and witnessed this as their Alpha claimed their Luna.

A few beasts on the background howled ceremoniously to the sky followed by the others.

It startled Raine as she retracted herself from Torak, but the Alpha held her head to keep her steady during their kiss.

Actually, it was quite embarrassing when she had to be kissed in front of many people and beasts as they stared at them solemnly.

However, Torak made sure to cover her attractive red face with his big palms and hid her body with his for some of the beasts' sight.

When the kiss was ended, Raine was breathless and as red as a boiled shrimp, while Torak was just like the Alpha he was.

"We will head to the Blue Moon Pack." He stated, taking Raine's hand and walked to the opposite direction.

[Caleb. Made sure to let me know my brother's movement.] Torak mind- linked his Gamma.

Jedrek maybe wouldn't come to him directly and asked him to sacrifice his mate for greater good, but it didn't mean he wouldn't try.

[Yes, Alpha.] Caleb answered.

Jedrek was so disgusted by the idea of having a guardian angel as his mate, he was too haughty just to lower his head in front of the creature that much weaker than him.

Raine's question resounded in Torak's head; would Jedrek's mate would be all right when she met him?

Torak couldn't answer that, as he wasn't even sure how the mate bond would work on him.

Once they arrived at the border of the blue moon pack, bunches of Torak's people had been there, they greeted their Alpha and their Luna.

Raine didn't know why, but she was sure those people that she had met now, seemingly knew about Torak's action to claim her. action

Probably through mind- link? Raine still didn't really understand how this work.

"Alpha. Luna." One of the Lycan stepped forward, he was as tall as Torak, but a bit skinny. His brown eyes fell on Raine as he nodded his head politely that Raine reciprocated the same. "We have restricted this area and searched for their Alpha, but we still can't find Alpha Ryan here."

Apparently, Torak's people was so fast to take action and very efficient in carrying out their duties.

"But, we found Alpha Ryan's mate and his son." That man continued before Torak's expression turned more unsightly.

"Lead the way." Torak said curtly with his hands draped protectively on Raine's shoulder.

Torak didn't talk much with Raine, but she could hear his thought nonetheless and it was very complicated.

There were a lot of things running around in her mate's head, until the point, Raine couldn't catch up with his thought and chose to block his mind to save her from headache.

Along with Torak, Raine walked down a street where, she assumed, all the residents in that place stood line after line on both sides of the road.

Fear, confusion and anxiety were written on their face, when the air became suffocated with the appearance of their supreme Alpha.

Not many of them were lucky enough to see Torak directly in his life.

Chapter 325 - THIS IS HOW TORAK DEALT WITH THE SITUATION

However, when their eyes fell on the little girl beside their Alpha, their eyes flashed with curiosity. They knew Raine when their Alpha threw a magnificent birthday party for her that was broadcast live not so long ago.

The rumor said she was their Luna, but then, just like other common people, their mind still stuck with the fact about Donovan's curse.

However, after witnessing how protective their Alpha toward her, they knew she was indeed Alpha's Torak destined mate.

Meanwhile, Raine kept looking at those people that lowered their head solemnly as she, Torak and the other walked. Raine had never seen this situation before and was amazed by the authority that Torak held.

[Don't look at them, my love.] Torak's soft voice suddenly sounded in Raine's head, startled her.

Even though the voice that rung in her head was very soft, but when Raine turned around to see his face, Torak still wore that cold expression that devoid from any emotions, he gave off a dominating vibe.

[Just look ahead.] Torak said again.

He didn't want for them to see Raine's fragile side as he knew the nature of the Lycan and werewolves. They wouldn't take Raine seriously if she showed that side to them.

However much he hated it, he still had to admit what Serefina told them was true. The situation and his people wouldn't care to wait for Raine's progress.

Especially at this time, when everything had started to turn upside down and they had enemies in every corners.

Torak's pack expectation was so high for their Luna and if Raine didn't meet their expectation, it would cause turbulence within the pack.

Thus, at the very least Torak could do was to prevent Raine for showing her concern and altruism toward them.

Both of that was something strange for their kind.

Raine needed more time to get used with this and Torak wanted to give all the time that she needed to her, yet it wasn't that case anymore. He had to start to show Raine how to be a Luna for this brute pack.

They walked for five minutes before they reached a three- story building, painted with blue color.

Someone pushed open the gates for them and let them stepped inside the front yard that filled with roses.

Just like what Torak had said to her, she kept her eyes from wandering the beautiful flowers around her and fixed her eyes at the door.

When they reached the threshold, the same person opened the brown door and showed the interior of that building.

Raine was sure this place was a pack house, similar to the one that she had seen.

However, before Raine could take a look of the inside design and was amazed by how artistic this place, her eyes zeroed in to the woman and a child that looked only three years old, she was kneeling on the floor.

That woman hugged the child protectively and would glare to anyone who dare enough to take a step closer to them. Mother instinct.

They must be the wife and the son of Alpha Ryan.

Her defensive eyes abruptly turned into fear when they caught Torak's figure, standing just a few steps away from her with imposing manner.

Suddenly she started to cry that make the child in her arms also crying, without even knowing what was happening. action

Torak could feel his mate started to take pity on them, but he couldn't let her to show it in front of these people.

[Don't say a word and stay with Calleb.] Another warning that Torak mind- linked her.

Torak stepped forward as he let Calleb to take his place beside Raine, just in case the situation turned ugly and Raine became too emotional to handle it.

"Alpha... I don't know what happen." The woman started to wail pitifully. "Please spare my son's life." She begged for her child's life instead of hers.

Raine slightly turned her head so she wouldn't see the expression of the mother.

"Clarice." Torak said her name and the woman was surprised that the Alpha actually remembered her name despite they had only met for once in the past. "Where is Ryan?"

Clarice wiped her tears and tried to comfort her son, so his cry could cease down. "... I really don't know where he is going... he was here this morning..." She stammered in her attempt to explain her innocent to Torak.

The Alpha narrowed his eyes. He didn't want to hurt the innocent people and even a child, after all they were still his people, but he would do it without hesitation if that was something that must have been done to make her confess.

"When was the last time you saw him?" Torak asked coldly.

Amidst her anxiety and fear, Clarice tried her best to remember when the last time she saw her mate. "I saw him... I saw him..." She stuttered and got distracted because the child was crying really hard, sensing his mother distress.

Without hesitation, Torak gestured his man to take the child away from Clarice, and of course this aggravated the mother.

However, one of a Lycan easily took her down and the other lycan snatched her son away from her. Now, both mother and child were crying, wailing and shouting.

"SILENCE!" Torak's voice boomed inside the house, startled all of the people there, including a few people who were standing at the back, shrunk their body out of fear so no one could notice them.

"Stop crying!" Torak said grimly. "I will return your son unscathed if you answer all my questions."

Clarice, leaving with no choice, nodded her head vehemently, biting her lips to stop her sobs. "Don't hurt my son... don't hurt my son."

Raine squeezed Calleb's hand tightly. This scene before her eyes was so heartbreaking. She wanted to say something, but she knew this was how Torak dealt with the situation, her intervention wouldn't bring any good result for them.

Thus, she tried hard to keep her expression as calm as she could.

Chapter 326 - CLARICE CONFESSION

"Where is Ryan?" Torak asked the same question again. His expression was devoid from any emotion as he kept his eyes fixed on Clarice.

"I don't know..." Clarice shook her head as she glanced again and again at the closed door, where the Lycan had taken her son in. "He was here this morning... but, when... Beta Gary came and told him something... he went outside and... I don't know..." Clarice sobbed again.

She felt so distressed with all of this situation, especially when she couldn't have her child with her, she didn't want something bad befall on her son.

"Where is Gary?" Torak asked grimly at his people.

One of the Lycan stepped forward and gave his report. "Beta Gary had disappeared along with Alpha Ryan." He said.

"And his family?" Torak furrowed his eyebrows.

"Beta Gary is an orphan, he doesn't have family." He replied. That was why they couldn't bring Gary's family here, because he had none.

"Have you checked all the area?" Torak asked Calleb, who was standing beside Raine, behind the Alpha.

"Yes, Alpha." Calleb nodded. "We have all the area checked, but still we couldn't find him and his Beta."

"Announce this! I will have his mate killed if he didn't show up until the sunset." Torak said cruelly.

Announcement like this would spread faster between the Lycan and werewolf as they used their mind-link to share their thought.

As long as Ryan was still near his territory, he would be able to receive it.

"He will not come Alpha... he will not come." Clarice was weeping once again. She clutched her chest tightly as if she was holding back her grievances. "Even if you said you will kill me, he will not come..."

Torak narrowed his eyes. "What do you mean?" It was impossible for their other half to stand the pain of losing their own mate.

"Because I am not his mate... I am not his mate..." Clarice said it repetitively. Her tears wetted her face. "I was just his chosen mate..." She confessed. "He will not care about me..."

Torak had never heard that Ryan was together with Clarice because she was his chosen mate. Though this case happened, but it was very rare within the werewolves and Lycanthropes, because they always chose to wait for their destined mate.

Except...

"Why? Did his mate die?" Torak asked rigidly. action

Because Ryan's status before was Alpha Xavier's Beta, thus he didn't care or aware enough about that.

"No... because his destined mate was Jenedieth, the late Alpha Xavier's daughter." Clarice blurted out.

This revelation not only surprised the Alpha, but also shocked the rest of the people, especially those who came from this blue moon pack.

They also didn't know about this story.

In truth, to Clarice for admitting this was some kind of humiliation. However, she didn't have any other choice, she must save her son.

He was the only reason Clarice still survived until now.

"Jenedieth?" Torak frowned. This piece of information became more absurd for Torak.

If Jenedieth was Ryan's destined mate so, why were not they together?

"Because..." Clarice looked at the people from the blue moon pack over her shoulder, she was hesitated to tell the reason in the presence of those people.

Knowing this, Torak gestured his people to bring them away, so Clarice could talk more about this matter.

Mate was a sacred thing for shape shifter like them.

If one could live with their chosen mate was a rare occasion, then to reject their own mate was unheard. How they could do that?

Torak thought Jedrek would be the first one, however he actually got this issued here, in his own pack.

Those blue moon pack people were taken to the third floor and were locked in their own bedroom until further order.

Even if they didn't lock them away, they wouldn't dare to step out of their bedroom under Torak's restriction order. They knew better to not cross the Alpha's bottom line, moreover at time like this.

After it was only Torak's people who surrounded Clarice she choked in her tears when she started to talk again.

"Ms. Jenedieth rejected him..." She bit her lips to hold back her agony when she continued to speak. "He enraged and... and he marked me by force..." Another tears were rolling down her cheeks as she hastily wiped them away.

When the last words were coming out of her mouth, Raine could feel all the people inside the room held back their breath in shocked.

Raine knew it was something bad, but didn't really know how bad it was to be marked by force... actually, she was one of it...

Torak marked her without her consent when he in his beast form, yet she was fine and there was not any major damaged that had done.

[What happened if you were marked forcefully?] Raine asked Calleb through mind- link.

[It would severe the mate bond between you two.] Calleb answered. [In Clarice's case, she would never meet her destined mate ever.]

[But, Torak did the same to me... and I am fine...] Raine glanced at Calleb who glanced back at her.

[That can't be counted. Your case is different.] Calleb shook his head silently and continued to explain. [Between you and Torak, the mate bond is only affected the Alpha, since you don't have it, so how it could be severed?]

In another words; the feeling that she felt for Torak now was pure because she loved him, without any intervention of the mate bond.

[Then, how bad it is for the lady?] Raine shifted her attention back to clarice, who was wailing pitifully. There was regret, shame and anger in the way she expressed herself after the confession.

[Forcing mark is similar with r.a.p.e in your world, and you will be forced to live the rest of your life with your rapist. Our kind despises that kind of act the most. So, how bad it is for her?] Calleb looked? at Raine, who was staring at him with eyes wide open in shock. [That is why she said Ryan will not come for her. She is not his mate in the first place.]

Chapter 327 - LIED

After hearing Calleb's explanation, Raine felt sorry for Clarice. How could someone do that to someone else? Though in this case they were Lycans.

Raine looked at Clarice, who was still wailing on the ground, and then Torak's back.

Though all of the Lycan showed their surprised and hatefulness when Clarice told them that she was forcefully marked, but when they watched the way the female werewolf was crying on the ground, their face contorted in disgust. They didn't like this kind of act.

After all, they were Torak's loyal fighter, so they didn't have the same empathy as normal people did. Their beast's blood was very thick, as if their sole existence was for combat.

Thus, this show of pitiful act, wasn't their favorite scene.

For a moment, Raine wondered what Torak would do? Did he really not feel anything? His broad shoulder and straighten back was so imposing, giving the vibe of his dominance nature.

So, this how his world, this how the Lycan and the supernatural's world. There was no space for the weak.

Now Raine could understand why their kind despised the guardian angel...

Seemingly Raine needed an extra effort to get their recognition and for some reason this scared her. Would she meet their expectation?

"Please Alpha... I just want my child back... please give me back my son..." Clarice cupped her hands together, she looked very pitiful.

In the other hand, Torak was unfazed. His dark eyes stared at the woman in front of him with face that devoid from any emotion.

Nobody knew what was going on in his head, and since he didn't issue an order to release the child and returned him to his mother, ultimately no one would dare enough to say otherwise, no matter how loud the woman was crying her heart out.

Raine wanted to say something, but she held herself back, she didn't want to ruin this for Torak. He must know what he had to do.

However, because Torak didn't say anything and treated her coldly, the woman shifted her eyes on Raine and crawled toward her direction.

"Luna... you must be the supreme Luna..." She sobbed pitifully at Raine. "Luna please helps me... my son..."

Yet, before she could reach Raine one of the Lycan grabbed her shoulder and pushed her back while yelling at her.

"Step back!"

The woman flew a few meters away because of the male Lycan's strength and her body hit the wall with a loud sound.

Raine literally could hear the sound of broken bones when her haggard self collided with the solid wall.

[She will be all right.] Calleb said through mind link. He lightly squeezed Raine's fingers to remind her that she supposed to not show any emotion.

Though it sounded cruel, but once Raine showed Clarice her soft side, the woman would use it and it would make her soft heart ached when she couldn't save the woman if Torak wanted to say otherwise.

Raine knew it as well, thus she just stood there while looking at Torak's back. She didn't want to see Clarice.

[The broken bone will be healed within two minutes.] Calleb informed Raine, so she could slightly feel relieved. action

It was true, after all their healing ability was very fast, though it depended on how severed the injuries.

Raine nodded her head slightly. She indeed felt relieved after hearing that.

"My son... please Alpha..." Clarice begged again.

"Give back her son." Torak finally said and this made the woman stopped crying as she looked at the shut door expectantly.

Her son was just behind that door.

The moment the door opened and she saw her son, she rushed over and hugged him tightly, the boy also did the same.

Apparently what Calleb said was true, her body healed so fast.

"Isolate this area until we find their Alpha." Torak issued an order before he turned back and stretched out his hand toward Raine.

Without second thought, Raine walked over toward Torak and stayed beside him as she watched Clarice was standing three steps away from her.

From closer look, Raine could see her swollen eyes.

"Alpha, thank you..." Clarice said between her sobs. "Luna, thank you..."

Raine just gave her small nod. Actually she didn't deserve her gratefulness because she didn't do anything.

Afterward Torak brought them to go out of the pack house with Clarice followed behind them.

Because of what Clarice had said to them, the original plan to make Ryan came voluntarily by using his son and wife couldn't be done.

Ryan wouldn't leave them in the first place if he knew that Torak would come, the possibility for Torak to use his little family was high, thus with him leaving them, Ryan obviously didn't care much about them.

Especially when Clarice said she wasn't his destined mate.

But, in exchange, their pack would suffer because their Alpha was so irresponsible to neglect his own pack for his own safety, aside from that Raine believed Torak wouldn't do anything harsh on innocent people.

When they were outside, Raine's attention was on the boy in Clarice's arms, who stole a glance at Raine from time to time.

"What is his name?" Raine asked, the boy was only three years old with big brown eyes that stared at Raine in curiosity.

Out of instinct, Raine stretched out her hand to touch the boy soft cheek, but Torak grabbed her wrist and looked at her questioningly.

"Jade, his name is Jade." Clarice said with bright smile on her lips.

"It's alright. He is just a boy." Raine reassured Torak, she just wanted to squeeze his chubby face. That's all.

That was a normal reaction when someone saw a beautiful child like him. At least, that was what Raine felt.

Torak released her wrist and looked at Clarice sternly. He didn't trust her, therefore he didn't want Raine to come close to her.

Once again Raine reached out her hand to touch the boy's cheek, but when her fingers brushed Jade's skin she stared at Clarice while retracting her hand hastily. "She lied."

Chapter 328 - THERE IS SOMETHING UNDER THE BED

"She lied." Raine frowned while looking at Clarice, who was staring back at her with surprised.

"What do you mean Luna?" Clarice's voice was shaking when she asked Raine while stepping back gingerly.

"You know where he is." Raine stated. She knew it for sure. Her voice was so determined as if she held an evidence for her accusation.

Torak reacted fast as he hid Raine behind his back and growled. "Hold her." He said grimly.

Without waiting for another second, once again Clarice was being separated from her son and was held back to the ground.

"I don't know! I don't know!" Clarice shook her head vehemently, the tears that had dried on her face started to stream down again from her eyes. "Let me go! Let me go!" She tried to free herself with no avail.

"How dare you to lie to your Alpha!" The Lycan who held her down to the ground roared. There was a loud sound of broken bone from the pressure as Clarice choked on her sobs.

"No. Stop!" Raine stepped forward out of instinct, exposed herself from behind Torak's back. "No, don't hurt her!"

Raine didn't even realize when she did that and when she was aware with what she had done, every eyes of the Lycanthropes near her were looking at her in disagreed.

This act was unacceptable, as a Luna, Raine was expected to act wisely and for them, 'wise' in their case was not to show her personal emotion, especially to their enemies.

As everything had turned out like this, Raine just could continue. She turned around to look Torak whose face was still devoid from any emotions.

"Torak, please. Let me talk to her." Raine touched Torak's hand, with pleading eyes she looked at the Alpha. "Let me talk to her for awhile then I will let you know why I said she lied."

Torak pulled Raine closer by her waist and kept her close while nodding at the Lycan who was holding Clarice to the ground and almost killed the female werewolf.

Torak's intention was clear. Raine could ask Clarice, but she was not allowed to step closer to her. Torak didn't want to gamble with his mate safety.

"Why did you lie?" Raine asked when Clarice had been released from the Lycan's grip.

Yet, Clarice didn't cherish that and kept shaking her head, still harbor the thought that she could keep her act until the end, despite she didn't know why Raine suddenly said something like that.

"I am not lying..." Clarice looked so pitiful, playing victim in front of Raine with her big teary eyes, trying to gain the Luna's sympathy.

"Tell me the truth and I will help you." Raine tried to save her from Torak's wrath also, but Clarice didn't know any better, as she kept denied. "I swear!"

Raine looked at Clarice in disappointment and then shifted her gaze at Torak. "I will show you."

After saying that, Raine took Torak's hand and walked back toward the pack house followed by the rest of the Lycanthropes, wondered, what their Luna would show it to them.

Behind Torak and Raine, Clarice's eyes flickered in panic as she was being dragged back to the pack house again.

Even Torak couldn't tell what Raine was going to do, but knowing her ability was getting stronger he knew that his mate would do the right things, thus he let Raine to lead the way for them.

It was a rare occasion to see Raine took the initiative first. Thus, Torak was eager to see what she would do.

Raine held Torak's hand while walking inside the pack house and walked past the living room where they gathered earlier.

But, then she walked to the second floor, but before she climbed the stairs, she turned around to look at one of the nearby Lycan. "Bring the child." She said curtly.

The Lycan didn't immediately do what his Luna told him, instead he looked at his Alpha, waiting for his approval.

Of course this kind of act was within Raine's expectation. They didn't take her word seriously and without Torak's permission she was nothing but a title without true power.

"Your Luna's words are my words!" Torak growled in dissatisfaction as his people questioned his mate's order. They had to start to learn to look Raine as their Luna.

"Yes Alpha, Luna." The Lycan lowered his head as he went to get the child.

Raine smiled faintly at Torak and squeezed his hand lightly to show her gratitude, in exchange, Torak kissed her cheek and spoke softly. "Let's go."

Raine nodded and continued to go to the second floor.

There were many rooms in the second floor and as if Raine had lived there for years, she walked straight to one room with determination and tried to open it, but it was locked. action

Torak pulled Raine back and with one hard pound he tore the door open from its hinges.

Raine looked at that with eyes widened in disbelief. Just how strong Torak was? But then she realized Torak wasn't even a human in the first place.

Torak threw the broken door away and grabbed Raine's hand, guided her inside carefully, reminded her about the shattered wood on the floor, just in case she stepped on it and the sharp pieces pierced through her shoes.

This room was a bedroom with a simple decoration and beautiful chandelier. Aside from a king size bed at the left side, there was only a small table beside the bed.

"Lift that bed." Raine pointed at the bed in front of her. It indeed looked heavy, but she was sure with the Lycan's inhumanly strength they could lift it without breaking a sweat. "And bring Jade here."

Raine ordered them swiftly, and because what Torak had said before, they didn't dare to delay their Luna's order.

One Lycan stepped inside the room and another two entered with Jade and Clarice with them, Calleb followed as well.

"There is something under the bed." Raine answered Torak's unspoken question, apparently she became more astute at reading her mate.

Chapter 329 - DARK TUNNEL

The Lycan who was standing in front of the bed immediately lifted it up easily and put it upside down as it leaned against the wall.

Under the bed everyone could see there was a square board of wood that didn't suit with another board of wood around it and there was a key hole in the middle of it.

Raine stepped forward with Torak walking so close behind her, in case something unpleasant was happening and he needed to react fast.

Raine squatted down and touched the key hole with her slender fingers before she lifted her head and looked at Jade, the three-year-old child was crying silently in the arms of the Lycanthropes.

"There is a key around his ankle." Raine pointed her fingers at Jade's left ankle.

Once she said that, Clarice went berserk as she shifted into his brown wolf with a golden strip around her hind legs until her snout.

The beast's eyes turned black as she snarled at the person who was holding her son. She tried to snatch away her son, but of course it wouldn't be an easy job to do because the other Lycans had been ready and also shifted into their beast form.

Torak pulled Raine behind his back as his canines elongated. He was ready to tear the female wolf into shred if she dared enough to touch his mate.

However, the only thing that interested the female wolf was only her child. She tried and failed, tried and failed to get back her son until one of the beasts pounced on her and bit down her neck.

In matter of second, the female wolf let out an agony howl before she fell on the ground with blood flooded around her.

Raine hid her face and shut her eyes tightly. She didn't understand why the woman chose to defy Torak's order and turned aggressive when all Raine wanted was only the key that attached at her son's ankle.

Raine even didn't think to hurt the mother or the child.

"Stop it Torak... make them stop..." Raine whimpered. The gurgling sound that was heard from Clarice's throat scared her greatly as her body started to tremble.

Torak raised his hand to stop the beast assault on the female wolf that was still put a fight though she was badly injured.

The moment the fight was happening the boy was brought out of the room and the other Lycan returned with the key that Raine had mentioned before while Jade was staying in the other room.

Raine still could hear his cry.

The injured female Lycan tried to stand and snatched the key away from Raine's hand, but failed as she kept falling to the ground. Loss a lot of blood and energy.

Not only that, the female Lycan was trying to put more effort to stop Raine, yet all she could do was only wailing in pain. action

"Don't!" She hissed as she turned into her human form. The bite on her neck had slowly healed but, the blood loss that she suffered couldn't be replenished so fast.

The Lycan gave the key to Raine, slightly nodded his head out of courtesy.

Yet, it was Torak who received the key and scrutinized the small metal in his hand. "Back away my love." He said.

He didn't know why Clarice was so adamant for the door to not open, but giving her agitation now, they wouldn't be able to talk to her right now.

In the other hand, Calleb walked beside Raine and pulled her back, away from the secret door. And just like Torak overprotectiveness, Calleb also hid his Luna behind his back and only allowed her to peek from behind his broad shoulder.

Actually Raine thought there was nothing dangerous behind the secret door, but she was not very sure because she only saw a dark tunnel behind it.

Her vision was ended there, because Raine saw it from the child's perception.

"Torak..." Raine called out his name from behind Calleb's back, she couldn't help but worried for her mate. "Be careful." She said, her face showed her discomfort.

Torak just gave her a faint smile without saying anything.

However, that sort of act left the other Lycanthropes were befuddled. They had never seen their Alpha's gaze so tender and smile so harmless like that.

Did they see a thing?

Torak ignored their strange gaze on him as he turned around and placed the key on the key hole and twisted it until a faint sound could be heard from it.

He lifted it open and saw there was stairs that went all the way down to the ground and beneath it apparently it was dark tunnel.

In the other hand, Clarice kept shouting at them to get away from there.

Torak straightened his back as he walked toward Clarice, in the end, the woman's voice irritated him. "Tell me why I can't go there?" He asked in low dangerous tone.

"No. I can't tell you..." She shook her head and now the wound on her neck had closed completely. "I can't tell you... but, you can't go there Alpha... don't go there..." She wept.

Torak disliked this kind of reason and just like how the curiosity worked, the more Clarice didn't allow him to go down to the tunnel and didn't give him significant answer, the more he would go there to see it for himself what was the thing that the woman scared of.

Torak ignored Clarice's warning and gestured to four of the Lycan to follow him inside the tunnel.

"Torak..." Raine stepped forward from behind Calleb's back, she clutched onto Torak's shirt, unwilling to let him go.

For some reason Clarice's warning slightly bothered her.

"I will come back soon." Torak caressed her cheek and smoothed her wrinkled eyebrows. "Stay here with Calleb, okay?"

"I don't want you to go..." Raine glanced at the empty tunnel, it looked the same from what she had seen and she had a bad feeling about it.

"I will be alright." Torak kissed Raine's forehead and together with the other four Lycan's, he went down to the dark tunnel.

Chapter 330 - SHE WAS CURSED

Once Torak had gone from her sight, Raine couldn't help but become nervous. She couldn't feel at ease by the sight of the dark tunnel in front of her.

Therefore, she squatted down beside the entrance of it with Calleb right beside her.

What if something happened to Torak down there? What if this just another trick from the devil? What if there was unknown monster down there?

Raine's head was buzzing with question after question, unable to think clearly and assessed the situation.

Raine really wanted for Torak to comeback right now.

When she felt her head was about to explode from too much thinking, she felt a big palm on her head, tousled her hair in soothing motion.

Only then, Raine realized Calleb has been staring at her with soft smile on his lips. His voice was so warm and calm when he spoke. "He will be fine. The Alpha will return soon."

Raine stared at Calleb for sometime before she nodded her head silently.

"Where is the child?" Raine asked.

"He is fine, he is in the room next door." Calleb reassured her.

Raine nodded. They didn't need to hurt the child, he was innocent, it was just Raine saw in her vision that Clarice was putting the key around his ankle after she closed the secret door.

Yes, Clarice. action

Raine didn't think about this before.

She abruptly stood up and approached Clarice, who was still sobbing on the ground under the eyes of the Lycanthropes.

More than five Lycanthropes were inside this room, paying close attention to her, if she dared to make any dangerous movement than they wouldn't be so merciful enough to let her alive.

Not to mention the Alpha had given them order, before he went to the dark tunnel, to kill her if she became a threat toward the Luna.

Calleb realized Raine's attention and quickly grabbed her hand to hold her back. "Where are you going?" He asked her.

"I want to talk to her." Raine said in matter of fact tone. There was something that she needed to know.

"No. You are not allowed to be near her." Calleb's grip became firmer. "The Alpha will kill me if something happen to you." He whispered.

"Hold her then." Raine gave a solution. She needed to talk to Clarice. She would not do nothing while waiting for Torak, at the very least, she had to be able to get a tiny bit additional information for Torak.

"She will not say anything." Calleb reminded Raine. "Don't you see that she almost deceived us if it wasn't because of your warning?"

"It's okay." Raine tried to release his grip from her, but it was so tight, though it didn't hurt her, but she couldn't free herself. "I have my own way... I guess." She added, slightly hesitated.

"What will you do?" Calleb narrowed his eyes in suspicion. "Don't do anything reckless at time like this." He warned her again.

"Of course not." Raine frowned as she felt wronged. "Why I want to put myself in danger?"

Calleb stared at Raine for a bit longer before he sighed helplessly and yielded to her request. "Torak will kill me once he knows this." He released his grip on her.

"Don't worry, I will back you up." Raine grinned at him and the latter couldn't help but grin as well.

Calleb walked forward and asked two of the Lycans to hold Clarice, made sure she wouldn't make a sudden move that would endanger their Luna.

As the third in command, ultimately, those Lycans followed the Gamma's order, moreover it was something that their Luna asked too.

They still remembered their Alpha's words and obeyed both Calleb and Luna.

The two Lycans were holding each of Clarice's arms while the one on her left was grabbing her hair and pulled it down, so her head could tilt up to look at Raine.

Raine wanted to say that they shouldn't treat her badly, but held herself from commenting something like that.

It was a beast that she had to deal with, once wrong move and because of her sorry feeling for her, Raine's life would be in danger and absolutely she didn't want to put herself in that situation.

After all, their harsh treatment wouldn't kill Clarice.

"Tell me, why were you lying about the secret door?" Raine stood two steps away from her, too close for Calleb's liking.

The Gamma's shoulder turned stiff, he was in alert, ready to battle anyone who would do harm on Raine.

"I can't tell you." Clarice gritted her teeth. "I can't tell you." She was so stubborn, giving to her situation now.

"Why?" Raine asked. She narrowed her eyes. "Why you can not?"

Clarice clammed her lips to prevent her to talk further, this also emphasized her reluctance to tell Raine the truth.

"Tell me or I will order them to kill your son." Raine said in cold tone.

This made Calleb whipped his head toward her, wasn't sure that he heard it right. would never have thought Raine would say something like that, even though this was only an empty threat.

There was no way she would order something like that.

However, Clarice didn't think that way. Her mother's instinct wouldn't let any harm befall on her child, whether it was only an empty threat or not.

Clarice wouldn't take a risk to try it. After all, she didn't know Raine for long time, thus she wasn't aware about her character.

Raine was gambling with mother's nature. However, even if Clarice didn't fall for this cheap trick, Raine still has something.

"No, please Luna... I can't tell you... I will die..." Clarice started to beg her. She wailed again as tears started to roll down on her cheeks.

Caleb then remembered what had happened to the people that betrayed Torak the moment they tried to talk. Was this dark magic again?

"Raine, I don't think she can talk." Caleb informed her.

"I know." Raine said curtly, yet she took another steps closer to her as she stretched out her hand toward Clarice's face.