

## **TLOA Lycan 351**

### **Chapter 351 - TORAK'S DECISION**

"We need to stop them." Serefina tried to stand up with the help of Calleb and was ready to go out of the room to settle thing on the first floor.

Yet, before Raine could follow the witch, Torak held her hand and stopped her. "What you will do?" he asked Serefina.

"What do you mean what I will do? of course to save your people down there." Serefina replied with voice laced in agitation.

"How? By drawing my mate's blood?" Torak was squinted his eyes.

Only then, Calleb and Raine realized what the method that Serefina would use to stop the battle down there.

"How much blood that you will draw from her to stop it?" Torak's voice was so stern. He couldn't tolerate to see his mate was in pain because of this.

Serefina held Torak's gaze when she replied to him. "As much as it needed."

The grip around Raine's wrist that held her from walking away, tightened. Torak and Serefina stayed in that position for a few more second before Torak responded to it.

"I don't agree." His voice was like a final verdict with no room for discussion.

Raine could understand why Torak didn't agree with Serefina's method, she was also afraid, after all it was her blood that needed to be drawn, but how about the other?

"So, what are you planning?" Serefina raised her eyebrows, she didn't mind to leave those Lycans behind, if that what Torak wanted. "Leaving your people behind?"

"We need to get out from here first." Torak said as he took the lead and walked out of the room.

On the first floor, Raine could see the Lycans had started to lose the battle as their injuries couldn't be healed. Among them, Raine could see Raphael in his beast form.

"Torak, we can't leave them behind." Raine tried to free her hand from Torak's grip, but she couldn't. "I don't want to leave them!" she struggled to release her wrist from him.

Calleb also was in complicated situation, he didn't want to leave his comrade, especially when Raphael was still there, standing tall and fought all of the evil creatures.

"Torak, are you really going to leave them?" Calleb couldn't help but ask, he was supporting Serefina weak body as he followed his Alpha.

"No." Torak said curtly, but didn't stop walking. It was so contradicting with what he said.

If he didn't want to leave them, so why he didn't stop and help? It wasn't make sense when Torak used the back door to go out of the house.

"Torak, the other people are still there!" Raine frantically tugged Torak's hand from her. "We need to help them. Raphael is still there as well!"

Caleb let Serefina to lean on him as they stood right in front of the house, from this point, they still could hear the sound of fierce battle from inside the house.

"Serefina, do something! We need to help them!" Because Torak refused to talk, Raine looked at the witch and asked for her help instead.

"I can't do anything to help them without your blood and since Torak doesn't agree with that method, I can do nothing." Serefina said in matter of fact tone.

"Torak!" Raine was very upset because Torak was ignoring her through and through. "You can't do this to your people! Raphael is there!"

Maybe Raine didn't know those Lycans' name one by one, but they had been around since Raine was here, and of course there was Raphael, how Torak could close his eyes on his Beta?

"I will save them." Torak placed his palms on both side of Raine's small face, he looked into his mate anxious eyes. "I will save them, you just need to stay calm, okay?" he repeated his words again.

Raine bit on her bottom lips before she nodded. "But, how?" They were outside of the house, don't tell her..."Are you going to go inside the house alone!?"

If that was what Torak wanted to do, then Raine wouldn't allow it! Thankfully, that was not what he thought.

"No, I will not." Torak caressed her head and said softly. "Stay there with Caleb and Serefina."

Raine didn't know what Torak wanted to do, but she did what she was told, as Raine didn't want to delay whatever Torak would do next.

"What he will do?" Caleb stared at his Alpha, who was standing tall right in front of the three of them.

In the other hand, Serefina narrowed her green lime eyes, apparently she had something in her mind about what Torak was going to do.

"He is crazy if he is going to do that." Serefina murmured. Her voice was not low enough to prevent Raine and Caleb to hear her. "I don't think his beast will be able to handle it."

"What do you mean? What is Torak trying to do?" Raine asked worriedly. She didn't want something bad happened to Torak. She had seen Torak in his worst state when he lost himself over his beast and she didn't wish to see him in that situation again.

In front of them, Torak looked straight toward the house while raising his hand. Afterward, he snapped his fingers in the air as a bird as big as falcon with majestic plumage that glow brightly like a bonfire appeared.

Raine had seen this bird before when Torak saved her from the library when Aeon took her away for reason to give her the grimoire.

The bird circled above Torak's head three times before it went toward the house. Its small body allowed it to move swiftly and flew quickly. action

No one knew what that little bird would do, except Torak and, apparently, Serefina.

Raine and Calleb looked at each other as they couldn't figure out what was in Torak's mind. However, before they could make a guess, suddenly from the direction of the house, they could hear the sound of a big explosion.

Soon after, the magnificent house crumbled as that building flattened to the ground, leaving only enormous debris in its wake.

### **Chapter 352 - LEAVING THAT PLACE**

The scene before Raine's eyes reminded her about the library building when it collapsed to the ground. It was the same.

So, as I turned out, Torak really did, the news about him as the perpetrator of the collapsed of the library building wasn't completely wrong. He indeed had caused hundreds of people died at that time. However, Torak must have his own reason to do that.

After all, the reason Torak was there in the first place was because he needed to save Raine, thus she couldn't blame him or this was the right time to think about that.

When the debris and dirt had settled, Raine dashed to Torak side and clutched onto his sleeves. "Torak, how about the other?"

If the house collapsed, crumbled just like that and burned, how about the other Lycans? Wouldn't they die too? But, if that was true, how about Raphael? Torak wouldn't kill his second in command, right?

That didn't sound well for Raine.

"They are all right." As Torak said that, he nodded at certain direction.

Out of instinct, Raine followed Torak's line of sight and found around thirty Lycans walked out of the debris with fire surrounded their body, yet it didn't burn them and even their shirt untouched.

They trudged forward, and Raphael was among them. He looked batter and had a big wound on his neck.

Raine was shocked, yet she was very glad and relief. They were fine and Raphael also.

"Can I trouble you to take care of them?" Torak pushed Raine's loose hair behind her ear lovingly.

Torak did it this because he knew, Serefina's method was riskier. Not to mention Serefina just recovered from her monthly 'hermitage', to kill around twenty creatures like that how much blood that Raine needed to draw?

But, this action that Torak had taken also has its own risk.

"Okay." Raine nodded her head fervently as she ran toward Raphael first and tried her best to show her ability.

To let their pack see that their Luna wasn't a mistress in damsel, she could do something for their pack. To help them and Torak was so proud of her.

Caleb also joined Raine to help whatever he could do, leaving Serefina and Torak alone.

"I don't know if you can use the firebird like that." Serefina looked at the distance, at the collapsed house that still burning. "It seems work."

"What her chance to leave this place?" Torak glanced at Serefina beside him. "Is she strong enough to return to our pack?"

Serefina tilted her head. "She is strong." She said tersely. "Yet, she still doesn't know how to control her power."

"It doesn't matter." Torak shook his head. He was very proud of the current Raine, for other abilities that she has, she could develop them over time. "All I need to know if her soul is able to take it if I bring her to our territory?"

Serefina narrowed her eyes at Raine, who was tending the Lycan's wound. "Let's see... after all, she is better now." Just like what Serefina had thought that this place had helped Raine to progress faster.

Torak sighed in relief after he got the witch assurance. He lifted his hand and the small bird appeared on the tip of his fingers. Its majestic plumage had turned dull as the little thing fell on Torak's palm.

"You will be in trouble if something happen to that thing." Serefina remarked as she glanced at the bird and walked forward to help Raine.

The little bird's breathed heavily as he rested on Torak's palm, its red eyes blinked a couple of times before they were closed, leaving his chest rises and falls, the only indication that the firebird was still alive.

It didn't take a long time before another back up came and helped their injured fellow to leave that place after Raine take a good care of them.

"I am done," Raine informed Torak as she stared at something in his hands. "What is this? is this the bird before?" she nudged its weak body with her finger.

"Yes," Torak answered curtly as he placed the little bird on Raine's palm. "Can you take care of it also?"

Raine shifted her eyes from the bird to Torak's face, his expression didn't say much. The Alpha only smiled warmly at his mate like what he always did.

"Of course." Raine nodded and cradled the bird carefully. "What your plan? How we will leave this place?"

"Don't worry about that, our car will be here." Torak draped a jacket on Raine's shoulder that Caleb had given to him as the sun started to illuminate that place.

"Torak, with this..." Raphael held his neck, the wound had closed, but it still left a scar there, maybe it could disappear or maybe not. But, that didn't matter. "... they will add another charge for you."

Before, Torak was a suspect of the collapsed of the library that killed hundreds people because of his pictures when he left the scene were posted online.

However now, Torak wouldn't be able to avoid the indictment with these evidences, he would have nowhere to hide in this City, or maybe in this Country.

Not to mention they were still unsure, how many people from human world that they could trust at this moment.

"It doesn't matter anymore we will leave this place soon." Torak saw a horde of car that came to pick them up.

Raphael looked at Torak and then understood what he meant as the Beta nodded. "Alright, I will arrange everything accordingly."

With that, Raphael walked away and made an arrangement, together with Calleb and the other Lycans.

"We will go now." Torak opened the car door for Raine as he carried Raine's backpack.

Raine turned her body to catch a glimpse of the ruined of their house. It was still burning.

Somehow, Raine felt sad. After all, she had lived in that house for a long time and that house also held many memories for her...

"Hm... Let's go." Raine scooted into the car.

### **Chapter 353 - STOP THE CAR!**

"Don't forget your bunny." Calleb came forward with a white bunny in his hand, he held the bunny long ears as he placed the other animal on Raine's lap.

"Thank you..." Raine held the docile bunny, which apparently hurt its leg and tried to heal it. action

However, as Raine tried to heal the bunny, she also realized that the bird in her hand didn't show progress. It still looked sickly.

Torak then got into the car and sat beside her while Calleb sat behind the wheel followed by Serefina, for Raphael and Jack, they would drive another car behind them.

"Torak, why I can't heal the bird?" Raine showed the little bird in her hand to Torak. "I can heal the bunny, but why this bird still looks like it is dying?" she frowned.

From the rear view mirror, Serefina threw a look to Torak, yet the Alpha ignored her.

"This is a mystical beast. Its condition is different." Torak explained it to Raine.

"Oh..." Raine nodded her head. Torak's reason sounded make sense for her, thus she didn't ask further and tried to keep the bird closed to her, perhaps, by doing that she could heal the bird faster.

Meanwhile their cars had entered highway that would bring them to the airport directly. Raphael had arranged everything.

When they reached the Airport, Donovan's private airplane would take them back to the Red River City, Torak's territory, once they were there, they would be safe.

"Serefina." Raine called the witch after a long period of silence before they reached the Airport.

"Hm?" Serefina hummed with eyes still closed, she seemed in pain and was lethargic, even her complexion looked so pale.

"I stopped the time again when we visited the Blue Moon pack." Raine forgot to tell her about this detail and only remembered it now.

"You did?" Serefina opened her eyes, but she closed them again when the sunlight fell on her face. "You did it or you unintentionally did it?" she wanted the specific condition.

"I think..." Raine stopped to think about that for a moment. "I think, I unintentionally did it."

"So, you still don't know how to control it, correct?" Serefina concluded.

"Well, yeah..." Raine dragged her words. "But, that is not what I want to ask."

"So, what is it?"

"When the time stopped, I am very sure the time was stop, the child that possessed with the dark magic could move..." Raine then explained briefly about Jade and how she knew about the dark tunnel under the bed, and also about Clarice. "... I mean, how the child could move when everything was still. The time was stop and I am sure about that, because Calleb also didn't move." She emphasized the time.

Serefina opened her green lime eyes again and slightly squinted them against the blazing sun, as she was in deep thought.

Torak and Calleb were also waiting for Serefina's conjecture, as they couldn't figure out how the child could move under such circumstances.

Before long, she spoke with certainty. "Your blood."

"My blood?" Raine's frown deepened, but Torak's expression turned rigid upon hearing the witch's answer.

"Yes, they used your blood to the child, so he could move even though you used your abilities." Serefina said. She was sure with her statement, because there was no other reason about how the child could move.

"And how about the other creatures inside the house? Do they have my blood too?" Raine remembered the devil had drawn her blood without she realized it when they were in the library not too long time ago. "But, they just have a droplet of my blood, how it could be fed too many creatures?"

"Maybe not all the creatures are given your blood. Probably the twenty five creatures back then, didn't have it." Serefina shrugged her shoulder as she drummed her fingers on her laps. "But, whatever it is, since they have your blood, it will not good for us."

"What they are able to do with my blood, Serefina?" Raine also scared with the potential danger that she unintentionally had created.

"Since the devil couldn't touch your blood, it will be the dark witches' work and the dark witches are cunning creatures." Serefina sighed deeply. "Just expects for the worse."

Raine was shocked, her blood could put them in such condition.

Feeling his mate distress, Torak comforted Raine by pulling her body close to him and rubbed her upper arms.

"They will not hurt you." Torak said.

Yet, the thing that truly made Raine anxious was the devil would hurt many people, many Lycanthropes when they tried to save her.

Raine didn't know which one was worse, putting herself in danger or seeing those Lycanthropes put themselves in front of Raine and died in order to keep her safe.

Whatever it would be, she didn't want both circumstance happened in their near future.

All they could do now was to get out of this city and returned to Torak's territory, once they were there, they could move freely and has more people to protect their own place.

However, their plan didn't go as smoothly as they expected.

This city had been under the devil's control. Most of the respected figure had gone crazy and possessed by the dark magic.

The incident that happened in Torak's house just happened less than half an hour, but they had caught the news and sent an order to catch Torak dead or alive.

The first place that the people from police department tried to secure was, of course, the Airport. As long as Torak couldn't leave this city, they would be able to have their hand on him.

"Stop the car." Serefina said all of sudden.

"What? Why?" Calleb glanced at the witch not understood her intention. They couldn't stop the car in the middle of the highway.

[Calleb, stop the car.] Raphael mind linked all the Lycanthropes. [Everyone, stop the car. We can not move further.]

Torak let out a low, deep growl when he commanded. [Stop the car and turnaround.]

### **Chapter 354 - WHERE DID YOU PUT IT?**

"What is happening?" Raine looked at Torak and stared at the far distance, yet Raine could see nothing.

"They blocked our way." Torak growled.

Though Raine couldn't see what Torak and Serefina had seen, she believed the two of them that there was some danger in front of them.

With the warning from Raphael and the command from Torak, around ten cars made a U- turn and crossed to another lane.

Their action caused many cars stopped abruptly and almost created a dreadful cars accident, fortunately that thing didn't happen.

"Where should we go?" Calleb drove quickly out of the curses of the other drivers. They didn't have time to say sorry to them.

"Drive to the south." Torak said grimly. "We need to split up."

Calleb then mind linked the other Lycans to relay Torak's order, thus after they knew their destination, the ten cars that followed Torak's dispersed and took different exit route out of the driveway.

There was only one car that was still following them, Raine assumed it was Raphael and Jack's car.

"You will go to the south?" Serefina narrowed her eyes. "What is it? You have an ally there? I thought this city is so far from any other Lycan's territory."

"The southern part is closer to Alpha Romulus's territory, Silver Moon pack. I will inform him to send back up." Torak said as he pulled out his phone from his pocket.

Calleb sped up and Serefina turned on the radio, somehow she managed to find police radio channel.

Raine was surprised when she heard the police were talking about Torak Donovan that they had issued an order to shot on the spot.

At least that was Raine's conclusion after hearing that for half an hour, they looked for Torak Donovan everywhere for his crime to kill twenty five police officers, one of them was a senior, respected figure in the police department.

Not only that, they also charged Torak for another crime. The collapsed of the Library building. At first Torak was only a witness in this case, but in matter of half day, they had changed Torak's status to a suspect.

Now, Torak was the most wanted person in this city.

Raine furrowed her eyebrows deeply when she heard they were allowed to shot Torak on the spot. "Why they do that?" She hugged Torak tightly, scared if something bad happened to him.

Raine couldn't imagine if they shot him. Would Torak survived? She didn't want to think about that or the possibilities Torak would get hurt.

"It's alright Raine, the Alpha will not die by a bullet or two." Calleb looked at Raine through the rear view mirror, trying to calm her down as if he knew what was Raine thinking.

"Your information doesn't help." Raine said, frowning. Even though Torak wouldn't die, it didn't mean he wouldn't feel the pain.

Raine hated the thought something would hurt her mate.

Meanwhile, Torak was talking to Alpha Romulus on the phone. He also heard what Raine's said and could feel her fear for him.

He pushed Raine's head against his chest to appease her as Raine snuggled closer toward Torak.



"Get off the highway." Torak said to Calleb and the Gamma did as he was told, followed by Raphael behind them.

Both cars get off the highway and used roads in urban areas, avoiding the cops and traffic.

"Is it safe to drive to the south part? We will pass the Donovan's building." Raine voiced out her concern. The southern part was near Donovan's building, thus Raine slightly worried if they drove passed that area, after all, the police must have been there to investigate that place. "They will recognize Torak's car, right?"

"No. We will change the car." Calleb told Raine.

As he said that, he turned left and drove the car to a secluded place. This road was only enough for two cars and was canopied with trees on both sides.

Because of that, this desolated road looked creepy and made Raine a little bit scare, but then she remembered that the people around her could be scarier than any kind of human.

After that, the car pulled over in front of a house. This house looked well taken care of and has a beautiful maple trees on the left and right sides.

The house didn't have a fence but has a beautiful garden that filled with purple roses. That kind of weird, yet fascinating for Raine to see this rare color of rose flower.

Raine put the little bird in her front pocket, near her chest and hugged her bunny as she carried her bag, but Torak took the bag and let Raine to carry the bunny only as they got off the car.

Once they were out of the car an old man came out of the house, he was very short for a man, even Raine was taller than him, his nose was crook and he has a white hair on the back of his head while his front head was bald.

The old man approached Torak and bowed his body very deep, almost touched his nose to the ground.  
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"Alpha..." His voice like someone sighing and his yellow teeth could be seen when he raised his head and smiled at Torak and the other. "Oh, there is the great witch, Serefina, too, visiting my humble house."

For some reason the old man politeness made Raine cringed. She stood closer to Torak while hugging her bunny.

"Is that the Luna? The Alpha's destined mate?" His big green eyes stared at Raine intensely. "I have heard about you Luna... you looked so beautiful than what those Lycan's said."

Raine smiled awkwardly, but Torak stepped forward, shielding Raine from that man gazes.

"Have you prepared what I asked?" Torak talked as he walked closer to that man and Calleb and Raphael stood in Torak's place.

"Sure, sure Alpha... please come inside." The man opened his arm, welcoming his honor guests.

"Stop your pretense and just show us where did you put it." Serefina was really impatient now.

## Chapter 355 - TAINTED SOUL

"The great witch's temper is never change, always on point." It was unsure whether the old man was praising Serefina or he just scorned at her.

Serefina didn't heed his words and kept her eyes staring at him intensely.

Meanwhile, Torak didn't wait for Serefina's staring contest or for the man's fake politeness as he sniffed the air and walked toward the backyard of the house, followed by the other.

The old man tailed behind them with his short legs, seemingly didn't mind with Torak roaming around his yard, or maybe he already knew that lying to the Alpha was a futile attempt.

"Who is that man?" Raine whispered at Calleb. She glanced at the old man from time to time.

"Dwarf." Calleb answered as he placed his hand over her shoulder. "Don't look, just ignore him." He added.

Yet, Raine couldn't help but took another glance at the dwarf as he smiled back at Raine with his yellow teeth. This time, Raine took Calleb's advice.

She didn't know if dwarf also existed in her world. The only dwarf that Raine knew was the one in bed time stories.

Torak led the way with Raine and Calleb right behind him and Serefina, Raphael, Jack were in front of the dwarf.

"What we are looking for?" Raine hugged her docile bunny and felt the bird in her front pocket.

"A vehicle so we can leave this city faster." Calleb informed Raine.

Not like how it looked, the length of the house was actually longer than it looked from the front side.

And then, in the end of the house there was a garage with wooden door that looked so old. This part of the building was not connected to the main building and seemed almost fell apart.

After that, Torak opened the big wooden door with ease as the door let out a shriek that hurt their ears.

Dust and dirt flew in the air and they could see nothing until they settled.

As if those things didn't bother him, Torak stepped inside the dark place and his figure immediately disappeared into the darkness.

However, seconds later the lamps inside the building was turned on and the light that illuminated the place flashed an image of a 'vehicle' that Calleb was talking about.

It was a helicopter.

Raine covered her mouth with her palm to avoid breathing the debris as she walked inside the building and stood beside Torak.

"We will leave by using this helicopter?" Raine pointed her fingers to the big helicopter in front of her, enchanted by its large blades.

"Yes, my love." Torak put his arm around her shoulder as he stared at the dwarf. "Have you prepared everything?"

The dwarf nodded his head while grinning. "Of course. Everything is well prepared. You are ready to go."

Raine, who heard that, frowned. This place looked like an abandoned place, what if the helicopter was broken? This things didn't look like well taken care of.

Torak then nodded at Raphael and the Beta, along with Calleb and Jack moved. They took the steel chain that etched on the base of the helicopter, which has wheels underneath, and started pulling the helicopter out of the building.

"Torak, are you sure that helicopter is safe?" Raine looked at the place around her and doubted the dwarf's words. "This place looks so shabby."

"Yes, but the helicopter is actually clean if you take a closer look." Torak grabbed her hand and walked out of the room.

Once the helicopter was outside, the sunlight fell on its steel body and showed how well-crafted the helicopter was.

Though there were a little bit dirt on it body, but it didn't look as shabby as the building behind Raine, just like what Torak said.

Apparently the dwarf only took care of the helicopter but not with the place. Fortunately the back yard was spacious enough that would allow them to fly it from there.

Torak then talked with the other men, discussing something that Raine couldn't hear, leaving her with Serefina and the dwarf.

"Luna... I am so glad to see you here." The dwarf started to talk to Raine.

"Uhm, thank you." Raine replied awkwardly as she glanced at the witch, who didn't care with the conversation that the dwarf wanted to start with her.

"Luna... you have a black soul." Said the dwarf, hissing.

"What?" Raine frowned, what he meant by that?

"You can't control your power yet because your soul is tainted." The dwarf elaborated, yet Raine still couldn't understand what he meant by saying that.

"What do you mean?" and how he knew that Raine was still unable to control her power?

"You have been touched by something dark. It tainted your soul. You are not as pure as you thought." The way the dwarf talked sounded like a riddle for Raine.

"I don't think I understand what you are saying." Raine glanced at Serefina, asking for her to decipher the dwarf's complicated words.

However, Serefina seemed not interested with that, as she leaned her body against the wooden door and closed her eyes.

Perhaps she was still recovering from whatever she had been through last night.

The dwarf crept closer at Raine and she, out of instinct, moved away from the creepy dwarf.

"You only manage to see the fleeting image of the past and future, am I right?" he asked.

Raine nodded because he said the right thing. "Do you know why?"

"Like I said, you have been touched with something evil, Luna. That's why you can't control your power." action

"Ok, that's enough. Stop talking nonsense or I will turn you into a frog." Serefina suddenly cut the dwarf's words icily and grabbed Raine's wrist to walk away from him.

"I will not dare to not obey the great witch warning." The dwarf bowed his head deeply.

But once Serefina had turned her back, he raised his head and stared at Raine, while mouthing; 'You are tainted.'

Raine was unsure with what the dwarf said, but if his words were true, she wanted to hear more.

### **Chapter 356 - ASSEMBLY**

"Wait." Raine tugged her wrist from Serefina's grasp. "He said he knows something about my power."

Serefina was squinted her eyes at Raine before she shifted her gaze at the dwarf, whose smirk was so unsightly. "If I were you, I wouldn't listen to his craps."

After saying that, Serefina grabbed Raine's wrist again and pulled her toward Torak and the other.

In the witch's eyes, everything that came out from the dwarf's mouth, shouldn't be trusted. She knew the dwarf long enough to make this judgment.

Yet, Raine still kept looking at the dwarf, hesitated. "What if the dwarf knows something?" in this situation, Raine really wanted to develop and increase her power as fast as she could, but there would be this feeling.

The feeling that something was obstructed her.

"I know him too well to tell you that he knows nothing except talking bullshit." Serefina said nonchalantly.

Actually, Serefina's words sounded more reliable, but something told Raine the otherwise about the dwarf.

She kept looking at the dwarf, who stayed in his spot, didn't move even an inch from there.

Was that true?

However, Raine didn't have time to ask because Torak had walked toward her and helped her to climb the helicopter.

As she was seated on the back seat, Torak strapped Raine there, didn't allow her to move. Serefina did the same to herself as she sat right next to Raine.

Not long after that, Torak and Calleb sat on the front as Torak turned on the engine and the rotor started spinning.

The sound of it was like chopping sound, but much way louder.

"We leave Raphael and Jack?!" Raine shouted above the pulsing noise around her.

"We will meet them at the border!" Torak replied as this machine started to ascend from the ground.

Raine glanced at Raphael and Jack, who were covering their face with their arms from the hard wind caused by the spinning blades.

And the last thing that Raine saw before they left that place was the smirking dwarf.

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Raine's first experienced to ride a helicopter wasn't all bad, except she hate to fly in such small space with Serefina and Torak quarreled nonstop.

Both of them has dispute in every topic, or they always have problems to debate.

Raine was scare at the point she couldn't sit still and kept glancing at the city below her, as she thought; if they were about to have crash landing, would they survive? Maybe the three of them would, because they were immortal, supernatural creatures and had awesome power and strength.

But, how about her? Raine was sure she would be a porridge once her body collided with the ground.

Thankfully, Raine's silly thought didn't happen.

Because, aside Torak was a great pilot and the quarrel between Serefina and he, actually they worked quite well together.

Serefina managed to do her magic, so they could leave the city undetected.

As for Raphael and Jack, Calleb told her that they would turn into their beast, which was faster and easier for them to move.

Raphael and Jack also would come with the other Lycans that had split with them since they left the airport.

Raine was glad to hear that.

They flew for around forty minutes before Torak decided to land on one of tall buildings that have a letter 'H' on the roof. The helipad.

Once they safely landed, Torak got off of his seat and helped Raine with her straps, as Serefina was too lazy to help her and Raine was confused with it.

When Raine stood steadily on the ground, Torak took her hand and walked dignifiedly toward a lot of people who were waiting for them.

Someone stepped forward to greet Torak while people behind him slightly lowered their head at the sight of their Supreme Alpha. This wasn't a sight that they could see every day.

"Alpha."

This person has a deep and husky voice and looked older a few years from Torak, but Raine couldn't tell as the Lycans aged differently. action

"This is your Luna." Torak replied him calmly, slightly put Raine in front of him to introduce her.

"Luna." The man was Alpha Romulus, who was on the phone with Torak when they were in the car.

"Hm, hallo." Raine said awkwardly. She didn't know how to respond him.

Fortunately, Alpha Romulus sensed her discomfort and smiled politely. "How are you Luna?"

"I am good." Raine responded sheepishly and Torak took over the conversation.

They walked inside an elevator, followed by Calleb, Serefina, Alpha Romulus and his Beta, Henry. The Beta has a lanky body and slightly taller than Calleb with olive skin tone and black eyes.

Raine couldn't tell if that was his real eyes color or the beast inside him was peeking.

Nonetheless, Raine felt safer among Torak's people. They would leave this place for sure and went to Torak's territory.

But, then Raine remembered her vision about the blood in her hands when she touched Sunny. If they left this place, she wouldn't have a chance to meet her, right? So, what about that vision? It had not happened yet.

Though Raine was confused, she didn't bother with that anymore, probably her vision also could be wrong and she was more than glad if the dreadful scene didn't happen.

"There are four Alphas that have arrived here when I called for them to come." Romulus informed Torak as they walked out of the elevator and passed corridor after corridor. "The other Alphas are on the way and ready for your order."

"Good." Torak nodded, pleased with Romulus's efficiency.

Afterward, Romulus opened a sophisticated door that led them to a multipurpose room where there were four men with imposing manner and another twenty men behind them.

All of sudden the atmosphere turned heavy as all of them has very strong aura.

"Alpha." All of the people inside the room spoke in unison when Torak stepped inside the room.

"And our Luna." Romulus opened his palm in front of Raine to introduce her.

### **Chapter 357 - THE ANDOORI FAMILY**

When Romulus introduce Raine as their Luna, all of the people inside the room took another glance at Raine, yet still politely treated her as they treated Torak and murmured their greeting. "Luna."

This time Raine just nodded formally.

Of course the sight of Raine right now, was way too different from the image of Luna that was inside their head. This wasn't the first time and, seemingly, wouldn't be the last.

With the delicate white bunny in her arms and her delicate body along with the soft vibrant that emanated from Raine, no wonder if they doubted her as their Luna.

Though they had heard about Raine, but actually this was the first time for them to see her in person.

There was disappointment in the way they saw Raine as they expected someone stronger and bolder as they leader, someone who could match with Torak's strong personality, especially in the moment like this.

Raine had gotten used to the way they stare at her, thus she didn't want to bother herself with their early judgment.

Romulus gave the head chair to Torak and put another chair next to him for Raine as they stood beside their respective chair and only seated when Torak and Raine had sat down.

Raine knew this was an important meeting, but still their imposing aura suffocated her nonetheless.

The white bunny apparently sensed her discomfort and rubbed its fluffy head against Raine's palm that earned scratch on the back of its ear from her.

The five Alphas and Serefina were sitting around the rectangular table and waited for Torak to give orders to them.

Meanwhile, Calleb was standing right behind Raine and Torak, just like the other Betas or Gammas from the other Alpha, did.

"Alpha, may I know what is happening in Fulbright city?" Alpha Chris asked Torak politely, he looked younger among the Alphas.

"Serefina will explain it for you." Torak nodded at Serefina, who didn't expect this. Her perfect brows furrowed slightly.

When Torak mentioned Serefina's name, there was a wave of murmur among them.

"You are Serefina? The great witch?" Asked Alpha Cris, looking at Serefina, who was sitting next to him. "The last time I heard about you was when you left the realm."

Needless to say about the cause of Serefina left the realm, because all of them knew about Serefina's relationship with Torak older brother.

This was also another thing that made Serefina's mood turned sour. She hated it when irrelevant people were talking carelessly about her.

"Gentlemen, let's focus on the problem at hand." Serefina's voice boomed inside the room as her slender figure stood up with radiant.

Raine was sure, if Serefina were a Lycan, she would be a perfect female Alpha with her assertive personality.

She would be a perfect image for Luna in those Alpha's eyes.

"So, I want to make you aware about something..."

And with that, Serefina breakdown all the things that had occurred and was happening in the Fulbright city.

Her voice and intonation was so clear, the detail and the sequence of even that she explained was understandable, so she didn't need to repeat herself.

"So, it is true that our Luna is guardian angel?" One of the Alpha looked at Raine with expression that devoid from any emotion.

"Alpha, is she really your destined mate?" It was so hard for them to believe that they had to bow down to a creature that once they didn't even put in their eyes.

Not only Serefina whose face turned unsightly by their questions, because the only thing that they talked about after her long explanation was this.

Meanwhile, Torak who saw his own people were disrespecting his mate right before his eyes boldly, suddenly stood up.

This action caused them to swallow another question that had reached their tongue.

"She is my destined mate. The mate that was promised by the moon goddess herself!" Torak's fearsome voice boomed inside the room, sending shiver down to their spine as they lowered their head submissively. "She is my equal and your Luna!"

It went without saying that the Alphas would treat Raine with respect, yet Raine doubted that they truly respect her

And the focus of this meeting back to what the steps that they should take about the devil's plan.

First of all, the Supreme Alpha needed to go back to his own territory, but this would be tricky because, now, Torak was the most wanted person in this country.

Yet, this didn't mean they couldn't do anything about this.

"The plane will be ready tomorrow, Alpha." Alpha Romulus said after he finished speaking to someone over the phone.

Apparently this city didn't have an airport, thus there was no airplane that available. Not to mention, Romulus just got news about Torak.

Torak Donovan's name was everywhere now, it would risk if they had a confrontation with human.

After that, the discussion for another thirty minutes before Torak wrapped it up.

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Through the window of the car, Raine could see the helicopter atop of one of the tallest building. action

Now, they were going to a safe place to take a rest before they took a flight back to red river city.

"Serefina." Raine was sitting on the back seat with Serefina while Torak was driving and Calleb was busy with his laptop. "What if the dwarf knows something about my power that we don't know? Somehow, his words bother me."



Serefina waved her hand nonchalantly while closing her eyes. She looked so tired. "Don't waste your time to think about his nonsensical words."

"But, what if?" Raine insisted.

"There is no 'if'." Serefin kicked the seat in front of her and startled Calleb. "Do you trust the dwarf's words?"

Calleb growled at Serefina, but he answered her. "I will not trust him even if he said the world is around."

"Don't think about that." Torak added.

"Hey, the Donovan company is taken over by your friend." Calleb informed them. "Her family cooperates with de Medici family."

"Who?" Raine asked.

"Sunny, the Andoori family."

### **Chapter 358 - A DREAM**

The mentioned of Sunny's name made Raine frowned.

"After they made motions to remove Torak's position, the head of de Medici family, Reiz, pointed the Andoori family as they new partner." Calleb read the new report from his laptop and sneered. "Reiz... it is Belphegor."

Reiz de Medici was the name that Belphegor used to be the head of that family, staying close to Torak to attack at the first opportunity given.

Torak had seen this coming, yet because his priority to stay in Fulbright city was Raine, he had no problem losing that company.

And now Raine was strong enough for them to return to red river city, whatever happened to that company, Torak had no qualms.

"Do you know that Sunny's family has been looking for support because their company is almost bankrupt?" Calleb tilted his head to look at Raine.

"I don't know, we never talk about that." Raine murmured, avoiding the topic.

Actually, Raine had heard about this from two people already. First, it was from Stephan, who had warned her about Sunny and the second, it was from Alice Harper when they met when Raine was buying lingerie.

At the same time also, she had that vision, the vision where Raine's hands were covered with blood the moment she touched Sunny.

Somehow, Raine felt there was a connection among these shattered pieces, she just couldn't find the red strings between them yet.

The sky turned dark and the sound of pitter patter from outside the car window was the only sound that could be heard inside the quiet car.

"Is it still far away?" Raine asked Torak as she leaned forward to place her chin on his shoulder, slightly felt sleepy.

Torak caressed her cheek with one hand and kissed her forehead. "We are almost there."

"Okey." Raine kissed his shoulder, ignoring Calleb who glued his eyes on the screen of his laptop, and leaned against her seat again.

The sound of the rain made Raine fell asleep...

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"Carry her." Torak told Calleb when they had arrived and Torak had turned off the engine. "And take the bunny with you."

"Huh? Carry who? Raine?" Calleb blinked his eyes as he asked Torak innocently.

However, his question made Torak glowered down at him. Needless to say that his guess was completely wrong.

Torak then opened the passenger car and carefully carried the sleeping Raine inside the house, while Calleb was nudging Serefina's cheek, didn't want to take Torak's advice to carry her.

"Hey, witch. Wake up! We are here." Calleb kept nudging her with his finger. "Witch, wake up!"

Yet, before Calleb could nudge her again, his body froze and Serefina's green lime eyes glared at him.

"Stay there." Serefina said coldly.

"What? No!" Calleb howled at the witch because his body couldn't move. "Hey, comeback, don't do this!"

"Don't worry, you will be free in fifteen minutes." Serefina didn't even stop when she said that.

The drizzling rain was nothing, but to stand under it in fifteen minutes, sure thing, Calleb would be soaking wet when he could move again.

"D\*mn you witch!" cursed Calleb under his breath.

The rain had started to wet his clothes, yet before fifteen minutes passed, Calleb could move again.

Though the Gamma was confused, he wouldn't waste his time to think under the drizzling rain and soaked himself.

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As the night turned darker, the rain falling in heavy drops. The sound of thunder in the gloomy sky, woke Raine up from her deep slumber.

She woke with a start as she immediately scanned her surroundings and found she was alone inside this unfamiliar room.

Raine frowned and called Torak. "Torak... are you here?" However, there was no one answered her. "Torak?"

Because Torak didn't answer, Raine decided to get off of the bed and walked out of the room.

The corridor was empty.

"Torak?" Raine walked along the corridor as she called out for everyone. "Serefina? Calleb?"

No one answer.

Raine stopped walking when she realized this corridor was too far and she couldn't see the end of it. This was so strange and Raine didn't want to take another step again.

Yet, when she turned around, she found the same scene behind her. The door of the room was no longer there.

The only light inside this corridor was oil lamps that etched on the wall of the corridor, Raine stick her back against the wall behind her as she looked at the big window in front of her.

The scene from the window wasn't like she was in the right era.

Did she traveled back the time again? How she could do this without her knowing?

And the important question was; where is she now? What should she do here?

Raine tried to calm herself down and closed her eyes, expecting the scene would change the moment she open them.

Raine almost jumped in scare when she heard someone was calling her name, but she was in pure relief when she heard it carefully.

This was the voice that Raine was very familiar, the only voice that she fond of.

"Torak?" Raine smiled brightly when she watched Torak was coming from the direction of the room before. "Torak, I am sorry, I thought I am lost."

Raine approached Torak happily and was about to give him a hug when she realized there was something weird was going on.

Raine couldn't touch Torak and as if her body was made of smoke, Torak just walked pass her, without noticing she was there.

And all of sudden Raine's eyes was flashed with blinding light and everything was so bright for her to see.

"Raine, wake up!" Someone shook her shoulder. "Wake up Raine."

Raine was still calling for Torak.

"Wake up!"

And Raine opened her eyes widely, she bolted up and breathed heavily.

"It's okay, it's just a dream." Said Serefina who was sitting next to her, patting her shoulder.

Yet, the only question that Raine had was; "Where is Torak?"

### **Chapter 359 - OLD FRIEND**

Torak carried the sleeping Raine toward the house and tucked her under the blanket before he went outside for awhile to meet Calleb and Serefina also Alpha Crish and Alpha Romulus who came in different cars.

They were talking about what was happening in the Fulbright city as they talk and also about Raphael and the other Lycans whereabouts.

Apparently, Raphael and Jack had just met the other Lycans and were going to meet Torak and the others at the airport when they were leaving for the red river city.

Their discussion last for two hours and from time to time, Torak would excuse himself to check on Raine. He didn't feel at ease when he had to leave his mate alone, though this house was heavily guarded.

However, when he excused himself to check on Raine again, from the corner of his eyes, he saw her fleeting dress, turning around the corner of the kitchen.

Torak frowned and followed her, he thought Raine might be thirsty and looked for something to drink, thus he didn't speed up his pace.

Yet, when Torak arrived in the kitchen he didn't see Raine there.

The kitchen was not very big, so there wouldn't be a corner for her to hide. If that was the case, where is her?

"Raine?" Torak called out her name, uneasiness laced in his voice. "Raine, where are you?"

Torak walked toward the door that connected the kitchen to the backyard. Even though he doubted that Raine could move very fast and be so quiet to open the door and suddenly disappear, moreover, what she was doing roaming a stranger place wasn't like her.

Yet, Torak need to check on her.

He opened the door that was unlocked. Maybe she did go out of the house.

The backyard of the house was only a small yard with no trees and only had bushes along the tall and thick wall that surrounded the house.

"Raine?" Torak called out her name again, he tried to sniff the air, but he couldn't pick her scent. "Raine, are you here?" his voice was getting louder as he quickened his pace to check every corner of this yard.

But, before he could walk further away from the back door, someone held his waist, hugging him. This action made Torak turned his body and ready to attack, whoever behind him.

Having their back to be touched, alarmed the Alpha.

However, his hand dropped and his body turned stiff when he watched his beautiful mate, staring at him with her doe- eyes.

"Raine..." he sighed in relief.

Raine hugged him and nuzzled her head against Torak's chest like a docile kitten. Torak reciprocated her action and hugged her a little bit tighter as he rested his chin on top of her head.

"Where have you been? Why did you go out of the house?" Torak questioned her with a frown.

"I was bored." Raine replied softly, she raised her head and looked at Torak with her beautiful smile etched on her rosy lips.

"Don't roam around alone, you scared me." Torak reprimanded her lightly.

Upon hearing that, Raine chuckled and grinned, showing her white teeth. "I will not if you kiss me." She said shamelessly.

Torak raised his eyebrows when he heard his mate's bold suggestion. "Sure."

Slowly, Torak put his palms on both sides of her face as he bent over to catch her lips. Yet, when his warm palms made skin contact with her cold cheeks, a flicker of understanding flashed in his eyes.

"My love, where is the bird?" Torak asked in a tender voice, his breath fanned her face and made Raine close her eyes in anticipation.

"What bird?" she asked, didn't know that her answer would be a death sentence for her.

Not so long after the question left her lips. Torak pressed his hands so hard on both sides of her face and crushed her head.

A short shrill scream pierced the quiet night before her body dropped to the ground, bleeding in a gruesome scene that would make a faint-hearted person pass out.

The moment the life left her, the girl's entire being slightly changed and Torak didn't need to confirm that whatever she was, she wasn't Raine.

His eyes could be deceived by the girl's appearance, which looked exactly like his mate, but the spark from skin to skin contact, was a dead giveaway for him to know that she wasn't his mate.

Torak was about to return inside the house to look for Raine in the bedroom when something happened to his entire body.

He felt the excruciating pain as if his blood flowed in reverse. Regardless, the pain was so unbearable, it wasn't enough to make Torak drop to his knees.

The Alpha closed his eyes and gritted his teeth, the pain made his mind clearer. Torak was almost certain the death of the impostor was the cause of this.

The only question was; what would happen? Would this kill him? How long would he be in this excruciating pain?

The moment Torak felt the pain subside, he was almost lost his breath. His sharp eyes opened as he scanned his surroundings.

Torak didn't have slightest surprise when he found himself was no longer at the backyard of the safe house, instead, he was inside a dim place, like a bar.

Torak was squinted his eyes when his angry gaze fell on the figure that he knew too well.

"Don't give me that look Alpha." Lucifer grinned from ear to ear as he greeted Torak with a woman beside him.

The woman has dark hair and lips, which curved upwards, looked like she was always smiling.

"I think you can read the Alpha very well..." the woman mused.

"Of course. We are old friend after all." Lucifer walked closer toward Torak, offering a gentle and harmless smile as he gestured for the Alpha to take a seat in front of him.

"Tell me, did he kiss my creature or he kill her?" but, after a moment of contemplation, she decided. "I think it's the former."

### **Chapter 360 - LET'S FIND OUT, SHALL WE?**

Torak didn't welcome Lucifer gesture that invited him for a drink, the Alpha chose to stand in front of the devil defiantly.

He looked around and realized that this probably a place where Raine had seen in her dream. A bar.

Today, the witch from the blue moon pack, which Raine ordered to be killed, supposed to meet with the devil if she was still alive.

As it turned out, Torak was the one who came to this place.

Just like what Raine said, the future would alter when something happen in the present.

"Tell me, did he kiss my creature or he kill her?" but, after a moment of contemplation, she decided. "I think it's the former."

The witch's voice stung Torak's ears as he shifted his gaze toward the woman with red shawl over her shoulder, she took a seat next to Lucifer.

"Tell me how do you know that the girl wasn't your mate?" The woman was very curious to know how her masterpiece could be discovered so fast.

She was confident to say that no one could see the difference between her creation and the real one, since she has the guardian angel's blood.

However, Torak didn't want to waste his breath to explain such a thing to insignificant person like her.

Torak put his focus back toward the devil. "What do you want?" he asked icily.

"Glory. Pride. Absolute power to rule all the creatures under my feet." Lucifer replied Torak's question with chuckle, yet there was a truth in his answer.

"How you could achieve your goal by keeping me here?" Torak didn't budge when he heard the malicious chuckle.

"Of course my target. No. our target..." Lucifer corrected himself. "... is your mate all this time."

"You will not be able to touch her." Torak pushed his words out of his gritted teeth.

"Maybe not now." Lucifer shrugged his shoulder. "But I will be able to do it soon, or should I say we will be able to do it soon?" He muttered the last sentence to himself.

Torak squinted his blue eyes dangerously.

"I wonder why do you still stand there and glower at me. Knowing you, Alpha, for centuries, you would have pounced on me the moment I mention your mate." Lucifer tilted his head, feigned an innocent expression. "But then, I realized that you don't have your spirit beast with you."

This was a trap. Ever since Torak returned from the blue moon pack, he had walked straight to the devils' trap.

Originally, Torak could sense it, he just too absorbed to protect Raine because of her view and all of the nonsense history about how to win the battle by sacrificing the guardian angel.

Torak ignored the fact that the devil had run his plan ahead of him.

Torak's eyes didn't turn into his black or red color because the beast in him was too weak to show up.

The devil had arranged all of this and left him with no other choice.

From the visit of the police officers that suddenly went rampant and fired their gun toward his people to the dead of the twenty five polices along with the respected figure of Mr. Brian that turned Torak into the suspect of many crimes.

Apparently, Lucifer had calculated that Torak would use his firebird to kill the creatures from hell that the devils had created.

Lucifer knew a little bit of Sereфина little secret about her monthly 'hermitage' that would exhaust herself.

Knowing Torak's overprotectiveness toward his mate and his acknowledge that the only thing that could kill those creatures would be his mate's blood, Torak definitely would not allow it.

Thus, the only option was his firebird.

This was a unique bond between the Lycan and the spirit animal, apparently not all the Lycan could possess that spirit beast.

This was only the privilege of the white Lycan. The precious white Lycan.

Until there, everything ran according to Lucifer's plan.

"With or without it, I will not touch my mate." Torak stated grimly as his blue eyes dimmed. "You will not find her."

"Are you sure?" Lucifer raised his glass as an offer before he gulped down the liquid. "Do you really think what you have done this past six months to clean up your pack from traitors is a success?" Lucifer chuckled lightly. "There will always be a rat among the wolves."

The supposed to be safe house, apparently wasn't safe enough, if the devil was able to sneak his paw inside the place and trick Torak with ease.

Torak had realized it too. This was the first thought that flashed his mind when he discovered the woman that he met wasn't Raine.

"There will be always the people who greed enough to seize the power and be the supreme Alpha. Those people had no qualms when they had to betray even his own soul. The kind of people that deem to rot in hell."

Lucifer continued his monologue.

"Do you think what will happen to your mate if you are no longer able protect her?" the woman beside Lucifer poured another glass for him with sickly smile pestered on his black lips.

All this while the respect that those Lycans gave to Raine was because Torak's present, thus what would happen to her when she lost her back up?

Not to mention in the pack where the traitors were lurking from every dark corners.

Torak listened to all of Lucifer rumbles without batting an eye. He didn't budge from his place or changed his expression. His face was devoid from all emotions. No one would be able to tell what was Torak thinking now.

However, the next line of Lucifer's words were said near Torak's ear as he stood behind the Alpha in lightning speed.

"Let's find out, shall we?" Lucifer asked breathily.

Torak, in his current state, didn't see it coming.

Yet, before the Alpha could respond Lucifer had conjured an intricate dagger from thin air and slashed it down to Torak's neck.

The devil beheaded the Alpha.