

TLOA Lycan 361

Chapter 361 - THIS IS NOT GOOD

Raine's eyes were glued to the storm outside the window where the heavy rain had created weird patterns on the surface of the glass.

It has been a day since Torak disappeared and no one knew his whereabouts.

That night, after Torak tucked Raine on the bed, they were having a meeting and Torak would occasionally come to the bedroom to check on her.

However, the last time he went to check her, Torak didn't return for some time until they heard an ear-piercing sound from the back yard. A woman's voice.

At first they thought it was Raine, but second latter, they knew it wasn't her voice.

Yet, when they arrived at the backyard, Torak had disappeared and only left a dead body of a woman, whose face had crushed and was hard to recognize.

They knew, it was Torak doing, but the Alpha was nowhere to be found until they heard another whimper from the direction of Raine's bedroom.

As soon as they saw her, she was trashing in her sleep as if she was having a nightmare.

And the first question that came from her mouth the moment she was awake made them realized something must have happened toward Torak.

"Still no clue?" Raine asked Calleb, who approached her with a bowl of rice and meat. Raine had not yet had a proper meal since Torak was missing.

"He will be fine." Calleb reassured Raine. "He is not a weak Lycan. He will come back to you as soon as possible."

Raine didn't budge when Calleb gave her the bowl in his hand. "You have to eat something," he tried to coax her.

"I don't have appetite to eat." Raine pulled her legs and wrapped her arms around them, hugging herself.

"You have to." Calleb was being stubborn. "You will not get anything if you act this way."

Raine buried her face on her knees. She really couldn't swallow anything.

"Stop that act!" there was this irritating voice that one could easily guess whose voice was belong to. "Eat your food or I will shove it down your throat!"

Raine raised her head, annoyed by her overbearing character, but didn't have strength to confront the witch.

"What!?" Serefina sat down on the sofa opposite from her, her green lime eyes ablaze with irk. "Do you really think by starving yourself you will get what you want?! Your act doesn't help in this case, you only

make people around you worry! Like Torak's disappearance is not enough to give us a headache." Serefina grumbled loudly as she

"So, can you use some of your magic to find him since you are a great witch?!" Raine retorted angrily, she had had enough with Serefina's bossy attitude, especially at times like this.

Serefina raised an eyebrow. "You are his mate. Why? Can't your mate bond do something about this?" the witch bit back snidely.

Serefina snarky remarks made Raine stood up and stomped her feet toward her bedroom.

Seeing the quarrel between the women, Calleb only could sigh helplessly. He hoped Raphael was here, so he would know what to do about this situation.

Calleb then sat down and ate the food inside the bowl that supposed to be Raine's. "So, do you have any idea what happened to Torak? Or better, where he is now?"

Serefina glowered at the Gamma and closed her eyes. "The body of the girl in the backyard last night had a trace of dark magic, my guess..." Serefina drawled as her mind formed an opinion. "They used magic to lure Torak out of the house."

"With a girl?" Calleb rolled his eyes. "You know, there is no woman in this world could make the Alpha infatuated except his own mate."

Serefina threw Calleb a look that saying; idiot. "What if the girl looks like his own mate?"

When Serefina said this, there was something click in Calleb's mind as he started form an understanding of this entire situation. "Do you mean..."

"Whatever you think right now." Serefina solidified Calleb's conjecture after she saw he had formed an understanding.

Their situation didn't get any better after knowing this.

There were around ten Alphas with their own pack whose looking for Torak's whereabouts since the Supreme Alpha had gone missing since last night, yet until this very second no one gave a satisfying information.

Meanwhile, Raphael, Jack and the other Lycan stayed in the Fulbright city, they didn't continue to come here because they were also looking for Torak there.

Since dark magic and witches involved in this chaotic situation, then everything could happen. For Torak to move to Fulbright city in matter of second, it wasn't impossible for that to happen.

There were many unpredictable things that, even, Serefina couldn't pinpoint.

Calleb sighed in frustration when he thought about this.

But, when Serefina and Calleb were in deep thought, they heard rushing footsteps that came from Raine's room direction, not so long, the Luna came while holding something in her hands. Her expression was very panicked.

"Serefina, what happen to this?!" Raine's voice laced with fear as she showed the creature in her palms.

"What?" Serefina opened her green lime eyes and gazed at something in Raine's hand.

"The bird's feathers keep falling." Raine's voice was stuck in her throat.

The bird was fine when the last time she saw it. Weak, but fine. However, when Raine checked on it just now, the bird looked like it was in its last breath and its beautiful golden feathers kept falling.

The bird was the one that Torak gave to her and she was told to heal it, yet it didn't heal as fast as Raine wanted, but because Torak said the bird was a supernatural creature so it took longer.

Raine didn't know why she felt very sad when she looked the weak bird. She was afraid of something.

Somehow, Raine felt the bird has some connection with Torak. Thus, if the bird was like this, so...

Raine tried to get rid of this thought when she heard Serefina mumbled. action

"This is not good."

Chapter 362 - TAKE ME TO HIM

"This is not good." Serefina mumbled under her breath, but it was loud enough for Raine and Calleb to hear.

"What do you mean this is not good?" Raine sat down next to Serefina, cradling the weak bird in her palms. "Is this bird has some connection with Torak?"

Raine knew this sounded weird, but for some reason this was make sense. She had not yet asked about the bird to Torak and how he had this little creature around him when the other Lycans didn't have it.

"This creature is the beast's soul." Serefina blurted out, didn't try to hide anything from her. "This is a deep secret of white Lycan. No one knows about this except them."

And Serefina knew this secret just because she had spent decades with Jedrek. Even Calleb didn't know about this.

But, since he was one of Torak's trusted people, Serefina just laid the information for them to know. action

"The Lycans are stronger and have extraordinarily sharp senses. But, for the legendary white Lycan their senses enhanced further. However..." Serefina glanced at the small little bird in Raine's palms. "Their beast side is not easy to be tamed, thus moon goddess gave another supernatural creature to balance the ferocity of the beast."

Needless to say the supernatural creature that was given to Torak was this firebird.

"Then, what does all this mean?" Raine felt her chest caved in, she had bad omen about Torak was being away from his firebird and the condition of this bird right now. "Torak didn't look sick or he was in pain when he gave the bird to me."

Raine remembered that Torak was perfectly fine.

"He is not, but his beast is." Serefina run her slender fingers on the feathers of the bird, it small chest rose and fell occasionally. "This condition is the opposite of Torak's condition when he made the library building collapsed and killed many people."

At that time, Torak's human side became weaker than his beast because he had harmed so many human that went against the rule of this realm.

That was why his ferocious beast appeared on the surface of his consciousness.

However, right now. This was the opposite.

Since Torak had used the firebird strength to kill those creatures that the devil and the witches sent to them, the beast was so weak.

Probably that was also the reason why Torak was easier to become the target and fall for the dark witches' schemes.

Raine listened attentively. "So, what is mean when the condition of the bird is like this?" though she asked the question, but Raine was afraid to listen for the answer, somehow she knew what the witch would say.

"He is... in danger." Serefina simplified her reply, but of course Raine and Calleb were able to grasp something more than the word 'danger' from Serefina.

Raine found herself was having a hard time to breathe. "Can you heal it?" she asked faintly, stretching her arms so the witch could see the poor little thing in her palms. Hopping Serefina could fine a solution.

Yet, the witch shook her head. "I am afraid I can't."

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Raine spent her afternoon until midnight inside her room. She ate her lunch and dinner inside the room, only because Serefina said she needed more strength to keep the bird alive.

The taste of the meals were like dry sands in her mouth, yet Raine didn't complain and kept eating.

Chewing, swallowing, chewing and swallowing again, without really tasted it. All she needed was extra strength to keep her power enough to keep the bird alive as long as possible, since Raine didn't know what she had to do.

"Torak, where are you? Can you hear me?" Raine wept, she kept the bird closed to her chest, in attempt to make this little creature felt warmer.

"I don't know what I should do..." Raine whispered to the empty room as she stared into the darkness. "Can you tell me where is Torak? Or, can you take me to see him? I really need him..." a tear fell on the head of the weak bird as it let out a gentle squalled.

When the time slipped away and the moon rose above the starry night, Raine's consciousness started to fade away as tired and anxiety engulfed her mind and body.

However, she was actually awake enough to hear that voice.

'Raine.'

He called her name just like how Raine remembered it. His voice was always tender when he talked to her, no matter what the circumstances.

'Raine.'

He called her again, but Raine just listened. Her vision and mind clouded with white fog, or maybe it was because Raine was dreaming?

Raine was unsure with her current state.

If this was a real or this only happened in her mind, but the voice unceasingly echoed in her ears.

'Raine. wake up my love.'

Raine gulped hard, 'Torak?' she called out his name in uncertainty. She started to question herself, whether she answered him in her dream or she really spoke his name.

'My love.'

And that was it.

Raine's eyes snapped open and felt a little bit of headache because of the sudden movement. At first she didn't know where she was. But, then... she started to recognize the interior of this place.

Raine abruptly stood up to make sure she wasn't seeing things. Only when she scanned the entire room carefully she was so sure that she was indeed in this place.

From the leather seat next to the floor-to-ceiling window and the sofa she sat down. She wouldn't mistake this place.

After all Raine had spent weeks in this room to prepare for her exam.

Raine was in Torak's office. The office of the Donovan Company that was located in Fulbright city.

Raine was actually there and she didn't know how and why!?

The only thing that her memories could provide was Torak's voice. She heard him and here she was.

Raine then lowered her eyes and realized she was still holding the little bird in her palms.

Chapter 363 - BACK TO FULBRIGHT CITY

This office room was exactly like the last time she was here. Nothing change, including the password in the private elevator that brought her to the basement.

Raine was very confused about why she was there, she didn't have any idea.

Inside the elevator, Raine put the little bird on her pocket jacket as she felt something heavy and hard inside. It was her phone.

Raine had never felt so grateful for sleeping without changing her clothes as she still kept everything with her, like her phone, her wallet and still wore her warm jacket in this slightly cold night.

First thing that Raine had to do was to find a hotel to stay and thought about this over also, she needed to call Calleb, Serefina and Raphael. She could meet the Beta since they were in the same city now.

Thus, Raine shuffled between the car, afraid if she was caught by the CCTV there. She covered her head with her hoodie and barefooted toward the exit of the parking lot.

Raine knew this place very well and could avoid the security if she was careful enough.

The only reason she didn't want to be seen by anyone that she was here, because she heard this Company had been acquired by de Medici Family, which Belphegor, oddly enough, was the head of the family.

However, there was another thing that bothered Raine too. de Medici family pointed Andoori Family to be their partner as the replacement of Torak Donovan.

It was weird enough because as long as Raine could remember, Andoori family wasn't an outstanding or prominent family in this city. They wouldn't offer many benefits for the de Medici family.

And also the fact that Raine became closer and closer to Sunny and her vision too. This thought scare her when she remembered how much blood on her hand in her vision.

Raine took a deep breath, now she walked on the street across the Donovan building. She needed to find a hotel, a cheap one.

Not because she didn't have money. Raine, fortunately, brought her wallet with her, so all the card inside was enough for her to stay in the most expensive hotel.

But, she couldn't do that, knowing Torak had become the most wanted person after his crime of killing many police officers and the people inside the library building, they would absolutely look for her too.

Thus Raine looked for a cheap hotel that didn't have a complicated procedure to check in.

Raine knew one place that would be perfect for her now.

"One room please." Raine said in low voice, covering half of her face as she stood in front of a reception table, which was a middle age woman sitting.

The woman looked at Raine, as she maintained a calm expression, and said the price. After Raine paid for her room, the woman gave her the key.

"Is today is Friday, may 8th?" Raine wanted to make sure that she just moved to another place and not jumped to another years. She was tired with this.

"Yes." The woman replied as she yawned. "Third floor, the eighth room from the stairs." She added.

"Got it." Raine was about to leave when the woman shouted at her again.

"Use the stairs, the elevator doesn't work." She informed her in her thick accent.

"Okey." Raine kept her words very short as she jogged to the third floor by stairs.

The eighth room from the stairs was actually the last room at the corner of this hallway. This place was usually used by people who only looked for a short stay or the backpacker who was short of money or any other brief activity that Raine didn't want to think about it.

The moment she was inside her room, Raine let out her breath that she didn't realize she had been holding, her tense shoulder also slightly relaxed.

Raine scanned her room briefly.

There was only a single bed in white sheet and a pillow, a small bedside table and a table with a chair that face the window, from her window, she could see the Donovan building a bit far from here.

Raine made sure the door was locked before she walked toward the bed and laid her tired body.

Raine felt something moving inside her pocket and pulled out the bird. "Did you do all this?" she questioned the bird, which let out a weak squeal.

She looked into the creature red eyes and put it on her chest before she made a phone call to Calleb.

"Why are you calling me when you are only inside your room?" Calleb was still awake, apparently, because Torak had gone missing and Raphael also wasn't there, he had a lot of things in his hand that needed to be handled.

The Gamma had to coordinate with the other Alphas to gain information about Torak, the movement in the Fulbright city or anything that out of ordinary.

"I am not inside my room." Raine glanced at the clock on the wall. It showed three o'clock in the morning.

"Wait, what!?"

From across the phone Raine could hear Calleb's heavy footstep stomping the floor when he stormed toward her bedroom.

Not long, Calleb roared over the phone. "Where are you!?" he sounded very angry because he thought Raine had sneaked out of her bedroom and did something stupid. "Why are you not inside your room?!"

"Relax. Let me explain." Raine tried to calm him down, but Calleb had riled up before she could utter her explanation.

"Girl, you better stay where you are and don't roam around alone until I get to you!" Calleb was breathless when Raine heard a jingling sound of car key. "Now tell me where are you!?" his voice raised a few octave.

Raine was quite irritated by the way Calleb talked to her, he had not yet heard her explanation, but already jumped into conclusion.

"I am in Fulbright city. Inside a cheap hotel near the Donovan building!" Raine bit back. "And no. I am not a girl. I am your Luna!"

Chapter 364 - I AM STILL IN FULBRIGHT CITY

The way Raine mentioned her title, her tone was so strong, just like how the Luna supposed to be.

This sudden fierce behavior of Raine made Calleb stopped in his track and regretted his words. Sometime, because they were too close, Calleb would forget his position and reprimanded Raine like his little sister.

This was his mistake, because regardless how Raine looked at him like an older brother, she was still his Luna.

The way he talked harshly to her was a form of disrespect to his leader. In other pack, his action was difficult to be pardoned, at least he would be demoted by now.

"I am sorry, Raine. I was just too panicked because you are not inside your room." Calleb sighed deeply. "Now tell me, how can you be in the fulbright city?" this wasn't make sense, or maybe Calleb heard it wrongly?

"I don't know... when I opened my eyes, I was already inside Torak's office room." Raine frowned as her free hand caressed the bird on her chest.

Afterward, Raine told Calleb everything and the Gamma listened to her attentively.

"Raine, listen to me. Don't move from that hotel, I will call Raphael to inform him that you are there, so he could pick you up and bring you back here." Calleb spoke quickly as he was trying to hold back the sudden urge to crush his phone.

Torak had gone missing and now Riane, unknowingly, was in the city miles away from here. There must be something wrong somewhere, like there was someone playing with them.

The first thing that popped up in his head was; a traitor.

It wasn't surprised if there was a traitor among the Alphas since Torak was still looking for the opportunity to reveal their true skin one by one.

Except Alpha Ryan, there must be someone out there who wanted to stab Torak behind his back.

"You got it?" Calleb demanded Raine's reply.

"Got it." Raine nodded, though her mind was still trying to figure out how she could, all of sudden, in this fulbright city.

"Be careful Raine, I will call Raphael now." Calleb warned her anxiously. "Talk to you later."

"Bye." And with that the line was cut off.

Raine stared at the ceiling of the room while caressing the bird as she fell into a deep slumber, into a dreamless sleep.

For some reason she felt very exhausted.

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When Raine opened her eyes, it was when she heard a loud ringing tone very near to her ears. She groaned and turned her body, but the sound was very irritating and wouldn't stop.

At the moment, she finally sat down and rubbed the sleepiness away from her eyes, she looked around and then finally the realization hit her as the memories of last night was brought back in her mind.

Raine gasped and looked for the little bird, she found the little creature was also fast asleep beside her, it breathing was shallow.

Carefully, Raine scooped the bird in her palm and wrapped it under the blanket as her phone kept ringing.

Only after she settled the bird, Raine picked her phone and frowned. Her heart skipped a beat as a bad premonition crept on the back of her head.

It was Sunny.

Why she called her?

Gritting her teeth. Raine wouldn't find out anything if she didn't pick her call, right? "Yes?" she kept her greeting as normal as possible.

"Raine, where are you? I am so worry about you and also Cassey, James, Kai and Connor, everyone wanted to know that you are all right." Sunny's distinctive voice flooded from the other line of the phone.

Raine's eyes casted down as she replied curtly. "I am fine. Don't worry." Her voice was so firm.

"Where are you now? Do you read the news? The police is looking for Torak Donovan. " Sunny reported.

"Don't worry about me, I am fine." Raine kept her answer short.

Because Raine didn't talk and ask anything back, as if she wanted to end it as soon as possible, thus the conversation turned a little bit awkward.

From the other end of the phone, Raine could hear Sunny cleared her throat. "Raine, about my family that took over the Donovan company..." she hung her words, hoping Raine would end it for her.

Knowing Raine, Sunny hoped she would say; it's all right.

Yet, Raine said nothing as she waited for Sunny to complete her sentence.

Leaving without any other choice, Sunny continued. "I know it's not right for my family to make this deal with de Medici family, but I just want you to know that I..." Sunny struggled to find the right word to say and Raine didn't help her. "... that I will always be your friend. Raine, are you angry with me?"

"No." Raine finally said something. "You have nothing to do with your family decision." She said to ease Sunny's conscience.

"I am glad if you think that way." Sunny sighed in relief.

"Sunny." action

"Yes?"

"May I know who the person in charge in de Medici family for the collusion?" Raine asked in deep voice, her eyes remained tranquil while Sunny was slightly taken aback by the word 'collusion'.

"Mmh... it is, Mr. Reiz de Medici." Sunny answered in weird tone.

"Reiz de Medici." Raine repeated his name. She knew that Reiz de Medici was no other than Belphegor, the devil.

When she thought about this, an idea flashed before her eyes.

Maybe she could find Torak's whereabouts faster if she could use this opportunity. The reason he was here might be because the bird had brought him here. After all it was the beast's soul.

It sounded weird, yet after what Raine had been through, she was open to all the possibilities, no matter how nonsense they were.

"Sunny, do you know that Torak is missing?" Raine asked as she caressed the bird. "And I am still in Fulbright city for some reason. I am looking for him."

"Really?" Sunny was surprised.

Chapter 365 - SHE WAS IN RUSH

"Really?" Sunny was surprised.

"Yes." Raine admitted it readily. "He disappeared last night."

"Disappeared? What do you mean with disappeared?" Sunny was startled, her voice laced with anxiety that she shouldn't have. "I thought you and Torak went out of the city."

"Went out of the city?" Raine's placid black eyes flickered. "I have never mentioned that I went out of the city."

"Oh, that is only my own thought." Sunny reasoned, murmuring. "Because the police couldn't find both of you..."

That reason was indeed make sense, but Raine felt there was something strange with the way Sunny said it.

Sunny has a bright personality, thus if she felt something that bothered her, it wasn't hard to spot it. Raine knew her enough to say that Sunny was hiding something while they were talking.

However, this was within Raine's prediction. Of course, she hid something from her.

The moment Raine returned to this city and how her vision was getting close to what would happen, she realized this was something that she couldn't avoid or she knew how to avoid it.

Thus, since she wasn't able to prevent it from happening, why she didn't face it and figure out what would actually happen.

Raine was in deep thought before she nodded and agreed. "Hm, we went out of the city."

"But, but... you said that you are still in fulbright city." Sunny reminded her about what she said earlier.

"Because I thought Torak returned to this city." Raine replied. "After all, he left the company that he had painstakingly established just like that. I think he still has some important thing to do and settle a few things, so I come here."

That was totally a lie and Raine knew she was lying. Torak wouldn't bat an eye even if they took over the company and froze his assets there.

Raine just wanted to give Sunny an excuse to call her again. Because if what Raine's guess was true, she would.

"Raine, just you know that I don't think Torak did all of that things that they said in media." Sunny said.

"Don't worry about that, the truth will come to light." Raine didn't really think that they would need the truth of the situation. All they wanted was to have Torak's head.

"Oh..." Sunny mumbled. "If I find some news about Torak, I will let you know... maybe, he was looking for those investors and his previous business partners..." She kept rumbling.

Raine didn't really care about what she was talking, neither she was listening to it.

"Yes, please do." Raine looked at the bustling city down there through the window and the Donovan building, not so far from her place. "I have to go, please call me if you hear something about Torak."

"Yes, but Raine..." Sunny was hesitated.

"Hm?"

"Where are you?" Sunny asked, her voice sounded like she didn't want Raine to answer her.

Of course, she wouldn't. "If you have news about Torak, I will come to you." Raine's message was very clear and she hoped that person would be able to get it.

"Alright. Take care of yourself." Sunny bid her goodbye, but Raine had cut the call.

Raine knew the decision that she took right now was very risky, but this was a faster way for her to find him.

Raine didn't have much time, the bird looked like it would die anytime. She was in rush. The only thing that she wished was for everything to run smoothly...

She typed something on her phone and waited for the reply.

It didn't take so long for Calleb to inform her about Raphael's number and within less than five minutes, Raine was in the phone call with the furious Beta.

"No! Raine, I object your idea!" Raphael said sternly. "I will be there in a few hours, until then, don't do anything rush."

"For now, I will not." Raine agreed, but she had not finished yet. "But, if they responded to my offer, then I will act accordingly.??"

"Raine, that's too dangerous!" Raphael was exasperated by his Luna.

"Torak is in danger! The more time we waste, the closer Torak is to death!" Raine gripped her phone tightly as she caressed the bird tenderly. "I will never risk that."

There was a determination in Raine's voice and Raphael couldn't find any room to negotiate it with her.

"Tell me what your plan..." Raphael yielded.

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"She is in this city..." Sunny put down her phone as she stared at her shoes, feeling bad for her friend.

In front of the young girl were her father and a man with beautiful golden eyes, next to him were two other women.

"Mr. Reiz, what do you want to do with this?" Mr. Andoori asked Belphegor beside him in a puzzled action.

Andoori Sr felt something was not right when the Medici family accepted their offer, not to mention it was far better than he expected, a position as the replacement of Torak Donovan! Who wouldn't take that golden opportunity?

Yet, he still couldn't find the reason why and Reiz de Medici wouldn't tell him anything. Andoori Sr just accepted his position right now just like that.

"Alright." Belphegor clapped his hands with a smile on his lips. "I just need that from you, you can go now."

Andoori Sr looked at his daughter whose face laced with complicated emotion, her eyes quivered as she stared back at her father. However, Andoori shook his head, indicating that they didn't need to know and walked out of the room.

Regardless of her father's silent warning, Sunny still approached Belphegor. "What will you do to her?"

Belphegor raised his eyebrows upon hearing the girl's question. "We will do nothing. You can relax." He stretched out his hand and caressed the girl's cheeks. "I will need you to call her again later."

Sunny felt something cold slithered on her face when they made skin-to-skin contact and abruptly stepped back. She didn't like this man or the fact that her father joined the Medici family.

Chapter 366 - MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ANGEL AND THE DEVIL

"How do you think she can be in the Fulbright city?" Calleb asked Serefina, who was sitting across the table.

Calleb had just informed their pack in Red River City and utilized their resources to find information about Torak's whereabouts as much as possible.

Not only that, the pack that was led by the seven Alphas who had betrayed Torak before also got a strict rule and once their people from the Red River City came, they would go to the Fulbright City if they couldn't find the Alpha until then.

This was a serious case, not only because this involved human world, but also the fact that the awakening of the devils drew near.

Serefina didn't answer him immediately, her green lime eyes fixed on the closed door as she was in deep thought.

"The thing that happened to Raine is not the same like what had happened to Torak." Calleb grew frustrated.

He came into this conclusion because if it was the devil doing, then Raine wouldn't be able to make a contact with him.

"Forget about the disappearance of Raine for awhile. Don't you think something is weird?" Serefina spoke as if she was daydreaming, her eyes were still etched at the closed door.

"What is weird?" Calleb frowned, his eyes traced the same spot where Serefina was looking at, yet he couldn't spot anything weird.

"We have talked about the traitors among Torak's pack." Serefina shifted her gaze on Calleb's face. "What if there is one here as well?"

Calleb's frown deepened. "Among the Alphas who helped with the search?"

"We can't rule out all the possibilities." Serefina voiced out her own thought. "Instead of worrying about Raine, why don't you think that there must be something will happen here since they got rid of Torak."

"What your guess?" Calleb leaned over to Serefina.

"They will start to make their move." Serefina then added. "Soon."

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Raine was having her dinner on her own as she tried to figure out how to preserve the tiny live on her palm.

The bird's condition didn't get worse, yet it didn't get better too.

Is Torak in danger? How is he now? Raine couldn't help, but became more and more nervous as the time passed.

"What should I do to you little one..." Raine nudged the little bird as she tried to feed it, but it didn't seem like to eat human's food and she didn't know what it like, thus Raine only gave it water, drop by drop.

Not long after that, just like how Raine had predicted, yet it came sooner. The phone call from Sunny.

Her phone rang a few times before Raine picked up her call.

"Yes?" Raine's voice turned rigid as she looked at the time; eight o'clock sharp.

"Raine..." Sunny called her name breathily. "Where are you?"

"Do you know Torak whereabouts?" Raine didn't want to waste any more time as she glanced at the tiny life in her hand.

"Yes, yes..." Sunny answered readily.

Raine raised an eyebrow. Were the devils not suspicious at all? They easily got fooled?

Raine was expecting Sunny wouldn't be so blatant to tell her directly that she had found Torak, Raine thought Sunny would give her some clues, which guided her toward Torak. Not direct confession like this.

Yet, since Sunny knew, so Raine would take every opportunity to find her mate.

"Can you come to the address that I will give to you?" Sunny asked again, her voice sounded lower than normal.

"Sure." There was a fleeting complicated emotion before Raine resumed her composure and calmly asked. "Will you come with me as well?"

"Yes, I will meet you there." Sunny then hang up the phone.

Raine put her phone down when a few second later it rang, a notification that she just received a message. There was an address when she opened it.

The only reason why Raine didn't ask anything, because she knew what would be waiting for her the moment she came.

And just like her, the other party also knew the phone call between Raine and Sunny was only pretense to relay her message to them.

Raine's message was clear; she wanted to know where Torak was.

And this, how the devil replied to her.

Raine placed her palms against her thumping heart as she closed her eyes. It was a lie if she said she wasn't afraid, of course she was, yet she knew this wasn't the right time to let her fear conquered herself.

'Everything will be all right.' Raine chanted to herself.

The moment she opened her eyes, there was determination in those beautiful dark eyes, as dark as the bleak night.

Raine picked up her phone and made a call as the other party picked it up on the second ring.

"Raph. I just got the address." Raine said rigidly.

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Raine walked under the canopies of the shadow of buildings and trees. The only source of light below this gloomy night was the lamp post along the street that led her to a three- story building.

She readjusted her jacket and made sure her face was covered under her hoodie as she walked down this path.

"Raine." Sunny waved her hand when she saw Raine and ran toward her.

Sunny was wearing body- hugging dress and jeans, she looked paler without her make up as her hair tied into a messy bun on top of her head. action

"I miss you." Sunny hugged Raine a little bit tighter as Raine reciprocated it casually.

"I miss you too." Raine imitated.

"Ehm, I saw... Torak Donovan... mh, I meant..." she fidgeted as she talked, avoiding Raine's eyes, trying to find the right reason or excuse to explain herself. "Someone told me that..."

"I know, let's get there." Raine spared her the explanation, as she didn't need someone to tell lie and waste her time.

Every second was important for Raine and nothing needed to be explained when the situation had reached this point.

"Oh, yes... right. let's go." Sunny stammered as she led the way reluctantly.

Chapter 367 - I WANT YOUR BLOOD

Raine followed her silently.

The silence that stretched between them was so hard to be ignored. The interaction between them was near like stranger, there was no trace that could say they were friend, as if both of them knew what would happen next and that wasn't something that they looked forward.

It was ten o'clock and the building was only guarded by two securities that they met at the entrance. Almost all the light had turned off and only left a few to illuminate the corridors that they passed.

Apparently the building didn't have elevator, thus they used the stairs to reach the highest place. This building was like a small start- up company that specialized in advertising as Raine could see many banners and advertis.e.m.e.nt along the wall.

But, whatever it was, Raine didn't think about it further as she had another important thing in her mind.

She could feel her blood rushed in her vein and the anxiety grew along with the steps that she took, the corridors looked confusing and the light was dimmer as they walked further, venturing inside this building.

Raine neither asked something nor she showed her fear in front of Sunny. She just walked along with her in silence.

Perhaps the mutual understanding also stretched out to Sunny. She knew that Raine knew what she did and it didn't help in her case, she felt remorse for putting Raine in this kind of situation.

"We almost there." Sunny murmured before they climbed the last staircase before they reached the rooftop.

Raine didn't answer her as she put her focus on herself and played hundreds of possibilities that could happen in a matter of a few minutes later.

Would she be able to see Torak directly? Or the devils would ask her to do something?

Raine was clueless, but she came prepared.

Once the door was opened, she could see there were four people inside and Raine had seen three of them.

Belphegor, Andromalius, a woman that she saw in her vision when she touched the witch in blue moon pack and a woman that she had never seen, wearing tutu skirt. She looked almost angelic if Raine couldn't say she was an evil beauty.

The woman that Raine had seen in her vision has black lips and hair, she looked at Raine with smirk on her devilish face and Raine felt there was something off about her, but she couldn't pin point what it was.

Meanwhile, Raine had only seen Andromalius once or twice in the past, but she was very sure it was the devil who owned the territory in Fulbright city.

Raine then shifted her gaze toward Belphegor, whose face sculpted beautifully as his golden eyes complimented his skin perfectly.

"Raine, long time no see..." Belphegor sighed upon seeing Raine's figure that emerged from behind the door.

The woman with black hair threw Raine a lopsided smile that didn't reach her eyes as they filled with malicious intent. Raine could feel it, the black hair woman had had put her interest on her since the first moment she laid her eyes on Raine.

Her tongue licked her black lips couple of times as her eyes stared at Raine like a predator, looking at its prey.

"Where is Torak." Raine didn't want to spend the next second for unnecessary pleasantries. She wanted to get it down straight to the business.

Raine's eyes hardened and her body tensed, as she took their gazes on her, especially the black hair woman, Raine lingered a little bit longer when their eyes met with each other.

A smirk on that woman's face told Raine that she was done for, without Torak who always protected her and without the bunch of Lycans that called her as their Luna, Raine was nothing except an easy target.

"You are very impatient, just like that Lycan..." the woman who wore tutu skirt twirled her hair with her forefinger as she rested her head against Belphegor's upper arms.

"Where is he?" Raine asked sternly as she repeated her question, her voice was as cold and gloomy as the evening breeze. She fixed her eyes on the sloth.

"Honest answer?" He raised his eyebrows questioningly. "I don't know." He shrugged his shoulder while smiling.

Raine didn't respond to his honesty, she stayed quiet.

"But, I do have a clue about his whereabouts." Belphegor talked playfully.

Yet, Raine showed him that she wasn't there to amuse him and his crony. "Keep talking."

Andromalius laughed harder when he heard Raine's remark. "How bold!" He clapped his hands happily as he grinned widely at Raine. "I remember the first time I saw you. You are so timid and not speak this loud." He reminisced.

"I don't have time to remember that." Raine stated coldly as she glowered at Belphegor. "So, what is the clue?"

Meanwhile, next to Raine, Sunny was at loss about the thing that they were talking about.

Did Mr. Reiz kidnap Torak Donovan? Raine knew all of them?

Sunny knew this was a trap for Raine and she was very sure that Raine also had figured out this was a scheme for her, yet Sunny couldn't understand, why Raine wanted to walk straight without hesitation to this place?

Wasn't that the same as suicide?

If it wasn't because for her family, Sunny wouldn't do something like this. She was genuinely didn't know what Mr. Reiz had planned for Raine. action

Sunny just hoped nothing bad would happen from this weird meeting.

"I want a bargain." The woman in black hair finally talked after her staring contest with Raine.

"I guess you will not ask for money, won't you?" Raine replied snidely.

The woman laughed eerily, even the wind that blew felt chiller on Raine's skin when she heard her shrill-like- a- laugh.

"You have a good sense of humor angel." That woman then fished out a small bottle from her pocket and flew it mid air as it moved on its own toward Raine. She was a witch. "I want your blood inside."

Chapter 368 - NO, I WILL NOT

"What if I decline?" Raine didn't take the bottle that stop mid air as she looked at the witch. Is she a dark witch?

"Do you think you can?" the witch mused, pinching her chin as she reciprocated Raine's gaze.

Raine didn't want to concede from this argument. "Tell me, where is Torak," she said firmly.

Since she had ordered to kill the witch, the future altered. In her vision before, it was Belphegor, Jenedieth and the witch that were meeting the witch from the blue moon pack, inside a place like a bar, but now it turned out this way and Raine slightly at loss.

Yet, to give her blood, she knew that wasn't a good decision, knowing a drop of her blood alone could make a chaotic situation like what had happened back then with the police.

And now they demanded a full bottle of it... What an army they could make out of it?

"Do you really think that Torak is here?" Andromalius smiled boringly. "You should learn one or two things from Torak when it comes to situation like this, so you are not easily fooled. Oh, by the way, I like the way you informed us by using your dear little friend."

Sunny shrunk back when Andromalius's eyes fell on her. "Raine, I am sorry..." she whimpered, yet Raine didn't have time to console her.

"He is with Lucifer." Said the woman in tutu skirt. "What?"

That woman raised her head and looked at the witch and Andromalius who glowered at her while Belphegor too lazy to even tear his eyes from Raine.

"She is helpless, what else she can do? Even though we let her know about it." the woman shrugged her shoulder. "Do you think she can walk out from this alive without our permission?"

True to her words, with Raine who came here alone, without any back up, what else this weak guardian angel could do? It would be forever etched to their mind, how weak the guardian angel were.

"What else I can do?" Raine smirked as she crossed her arms in front of her chest. "What if I said, Torak is in a place like a bar with Lucifer?"

This was a gambling. Raine was just guessing based on what her vision told her before this and the change in their facial expressions told Raine that what she said was true.

[Raph, do you know where is the bar?] Raine mind-linked Raphael, who stayed guard not too far from there.

[I do.] Raphael answered. [But, you will not be able to find it unless you have something from the people inside.]

It was useless if they knew the place, but couldn't find the location or even entered it.

Raine slightly frowned. [Like what?]

[Part of their body, something that close to them, something that is touched by their power.] Raphael listed.

When Raine heard that, she really wanted to clap her hand. Something that consist their power?

Raine's eyes gleamed with joy when she took another look at the small bottle that still hang mid-air, within her arm reach.

What a fortune that she has... Without second thought, Raine grabbed the bottle and twirled it in her hand.

"I think you are very good at guessing things." Andromalius gave an uncertain answer, whether what Raine had guessed was right, or it was a mere guess.

"Raine... I really don't know about this..." Sunny stepped forward after receiving a knowing stare from the witch and gave Raine a dagger to help her to draw the blood out of her body. "I am sorry... I have to do this for my family."

Raine turned her head, and this was the first time she looked at Sunny, the very first friend that she has. action

How time flew very fast, Raine slightly reminisce the memories when they were together, chatting, shopping and all the conversation that happened, but here they were, Sunny offered Raine a dagger to hurt herself.

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"You don't need to be sorry. You only do what you have to do." Raine took the dagger from Sunny and held it tightly.

There was silence that stretched in the air until the witch opened her mouth and spoke impatiently. "What are you waiting for? Do it!"

[Raph...] Raine dragged her words.

At the same time, Belphegor realized there was something wrong with this situation. A devilish smirk crept on his handsome face as he talked in his honey like voice. "She is not alone..."

[Now.]

There were three things that happened almost at the same time.

There was a thunderous growl that split the serene night, it was like a sign for Raine to make her move.

"Let's go!" Raine grabbed Sunny's hand and tugged her along with her as they ran toward the door.

And then Belphegor moved very fast, which human's eyes couldn't catch his motion, one second Belphegor was thirty meter away from Raine and Sunny, and now he was standing right before Raine's eyes.

Behind Raine, Raphael, Jack and the other Lycans that had met with Raphael when they split up, had their own share of fight with the three people.

Once they were there, Raphael immediately looked for Raine, but their Luna was closer to Belphegor than to him.

With thunderous roar, the beast moved on his four legs as fast as he could.

But, that wasn't fast enough as in the beast red eyes, he could see the devil had raised his hand and grabbed Raine's neck as he shoved Sunny aside with his other free hand.

The poor girl's body flew several meters away before crashing into the wall.

"You will come with me." The devil smirked upon seeing Raine's unyielding eyes. He couldn't draw Raine's blood alone as it would harm himself, thus he couldn't just crushed her neck and secreted the blood out of her body.

"No, I will not." Raine replied in difficulty, surprisingly the same smirk appeared on Raine's lips as she raised her hand.

Chapter 369 - THE VISION

Raine came in full preparation. She wasn't stupid and arrogant enough to think that she could defeat the devils by herself or the fact that those devils would keep their words like a gentleman.

With Belphegor was holding her neck, Raine wrapped her hands around his wrist. Of course, to push him away was only an empty wish for Raine, her strength wouldn't match the devil.

However, she knew what his weakness and used it against him wisely.

Without the devil knew it, Raine had smeared her palms with her own blood. No, she didn't cut herself with the dagger that Sunny gave to her. Raine had her blood drawn before she came here, because more or less, she knew what she would face. action

Once Raine's palms, which have her blood on it, made skin to skin contact with Belphegor, he screamed in agony and abruptly dropped Raine to the ground.

Yet, before Belphegor could even recover from his shock, a beast jumped over Raine's head and pounced on the devil.

Seeing this, Raine immediately rolled her body away from their battle. She would have died if she lingered there longer.

Crawling, Raine approached Sunny, who was sobbing as she felt her entire body was in pain.

"We have to go from here!" Raine informed Sunny and tried to help her to stand up, despite her complain.

"What happened?" Sunny asked breathily. She looked at the scene behind her, but her puzzled expression told Raine that she didn't see what she saw.

Raine couldn't fathom what she was seeing and didn't have to figure that out as she was too busy to help Sunny walk and dodge the attack that she couldn't see in order to get out from that rooftop, which now had turned into a battlefield.

Sunny grimace and whined in every steps that they took when they walked down the stairs.

Raphael would be able to find Raine, hence she didn't worry about that, the only thing that she needed to do now was to protect herself and Sunny.

Raine was sure Raphael and the other would be able to take care of them.

"Raine, what happened there? Do you see that? Why they want your blood?" Sunny was always a chatter, even in this situation she has many things to ask.

"It is much better for you to not know about this." Raine murmured under her breath, Sunny was not a fatty, but she was taller than Raine, therefore, she was a little bit struggling when she had to support her.

"Raine, I am sorry, I have to do this because my family is being threatened by Mr. Reiz..." Sunny tried to explain herself.

"It's all right." Raine couldn't find a reason to blame all of this on her as the Andoori family was only out of luck for being caught in the middle of this catastrophe situation between the creatures that they didn't even know exist.

"My family is in need for financial support and Mr. Reiz from de Medici family offered his help..." Sunny went on with her rant.

In the other hand, Raine knew she wouldn't be able to stop Sunny from ranting her words and explaining herself, thus she let her be.

Amidst of Sunny's rumble, Raine was trying to find a way out from there and tried to remember the way back to the entrance door.

"... I want to decline Mr. Reiz's order, but my father said I have to do this for our family..." Sunny said regretfully. She gritted her teeth, trying to bear the pain.

However, when they reached the first floor as they walked down the same corridor that they passed before, all of sudden Sunny stopped talking and shoved Raine inside a small room right next to her.

Caught out of guard, Raine stumbled and fell to the ground as she heard a loud sound of door being closed.

Raine immediately backed away and stood up. Her eyes turned rigid when she watched how Sunny's eyes had turned red.

Those eyes were the same eyes like the child in the blue moon pack and also the eyes of those twenty five polices that came to their house a few days ago.

Raine could feel the chill that ran down her spine.

Was this the time for her vision to come true? Sunny would kill her because she was possessed by dark magic?

So, it was true that the blood in Raine's hands was her own blood? Would she die now?

Raine remembered how difficult for them to defeat the child, if it wasn't because of Torak that the one who holding the child so Raine could give the final blow, Raine didn't think she would stand a chance.

But, why Sunny wasn't affected by Raine's blood when she helped her out from the rooftop, but then Raine realized that Sunny was wearing leather jacket and gloves, the details that she had missed.

Sunny's lips split into an eerie smile when she tilted her head to scrutinize Raine.

"Sunny..." Raine called out her name, hoping she would answer her or she could find a little bit sanity in her friend, but it was only a wishful thinking as Raine also knew there was no way out from this situation.

It was either she or Sunny who would die.

Raine felt her throat tightened. The memories of Sunny and their other friends flashed before her eyes, such happy memories back then.

How they used to laugh and quarrel and how Sunny used to talk very fast and reprimanded her about silly things.

But, is this how it would end?

Raine's finger clutched tightly on the dagger in her hand, the dagger that Sunny gave to her before. Sunny's condition couldn't be helped anymore...

When Sunny moved very fast to approach Raine, at the same time, both of the girls raised their hands and made slashing movements.

Raine managed to hurt her, but that wasn't the action that stopped Sunny, because the only thing that could stop her was Raine's blood and that was exactly what happened when Sunny pierced her hand through Raine's chest.

Chapter 370 - HEARTBREAKING DECISION

Raine was coughing blood so hard when excruciating pain spread her entire body before the feeling of numbness paralyzed her as she fell to the ground, breathing erratically.

Before her eyes, she watched how Sunny fell on her knees as she roared in pain because of Raine's blood that sprayed on her face and body.

The blood indeed harmed and stopped her, in matter of second Sunny had slumped on the floor, yet Raine's condition couldn't be saved.

She choked on her own blood, not to mention the blood that pooled beneath her body, the dim light of the room revealed her pale face as she fluttered her eyes.

In her blurry sight, Raine tried to stay conscious, mustering her will to survive from this, though she didn't know how when her condition was this bad.

The last thing Raine saw before blacking out was the expressionless face of Sunny.

NO!

Raine shouted in her head when black dots tainted her vision.

NO!

"NO!!!" Raine roared.

She shouted very loud until she hurt her throat before she felt someone shook her shoulder.

"Raine. What happened?!" someone shook her shoulder again before her voice registered in her consciousness. "Raine, open your eyes!"

"Raine!"

And then, Raine opened her eyes immediately. Her eyes were very sharp as they glowered at Sunny beside her.

Raine gasped loudly and her body was trembling uncontrollably, and when realization hit her, she knew she had travelled back time again.

The same thing that happened when she was attacked by those reporters outside of Torak's office when they were trying to burn her alive inside the car.

"Raine, what happened?" Sunny backed away slightly because the sight of Raine's expression right now was so terrifying. "Everything is all right?" she asked carefully, afraid to startle Raine. action

Raine tore her eyes from Sunny and looked at her surroundings, she was in the corridor again, trying to escape from the battle that happened on the rooftop.

Raine needed sometime to calm herself and her trembling body, after all she was too close to death or maybe she would have died if it wasn't because of her ability.

But, then... that only meant one thing...

Raine raised her head and looked at Sunny with complicated emotion. "I am fine..." her voice sounded hoarser than normal. "We have to go..."

"Oh, right..." Sunny, hesitantly, wrapped her arm again around Raine's shoulder. "Let's go."

"Sunny, what did you say before?" Raine asked calmly, too calm for Sunny to notice there was something different with Raine.

"Oh, I said..." Sunny tried to remember her last sentences before Raine acting strangely. "... I want to decline Mr. Reiz's order, but my father said I have to do this for our family..."

That's it. That was the last sentences from Sunny.

"... sorry." Raine whispered.

"Hm?" Sunny lowered her head to catch what Raine said. "What?"

From the corner of her eyes, Raine could see the room where Sunny would shove her inside and kill both of them, just a few steps away.

"I am sorry." Raine repeated as she stilled her heart and a look of determination flashed on her eyes.

"Why are you the one apologizing? Don't..." Sunny had not yet finished her words when Raine touched her face with her hand that smeared with her blood, the same blood that she used to make Belphegor released her.

At first, Sunny blinked her eyes innocently, the last expression of her that would attach in Raine's mind whenever she remembered this very moment.

Sunny was confused at first, but in the next second, her eyes opened widely as the color changed into bloody red.

Sunny roared with the voice that wasn't even hers. She raised her hand, which her nails were as sharp as razor, but Raine was faster than her, as she drew a dagger from her h.i.p.s and stabbed Sunny's chest with it.

A shrill scream filled the air, echoed through the wall in the corridor as Sunny's body fell on the floor. The front of Raine's clothes stained with blood.

Raine didn't know how long she was standing there, her vision and mind were clouded, as if she was staring through thick curtain of mist, until Raphael's voice called out her name behind her back.

"Raine, are you all right?" Raphael walked hastily at the girl, who was at loss in front of her friend's dead body.

In one glance, Raphael could tell what exactly happened there and now, Raine was in shocked.

"Raine..." Raphael patted her shoulder and ready to see her tears that streaming down her face, yet he didn't see it.

Raine didn't cry, she was very calm and collected, though her hands were slightly trembling, but her mental's state was way better than what Raphael expected.

Raphael then took off his jacket and covered Sunny's body with it while Jack did the same thing and covered the poor girl's face.

Raine turned around, staring at her own hands that covered with blood.

This was it.

This was how her vision looked like, her hands were covered with blood, not hers, but Sunny's. Should she feel relief because it wasn't she who died in the end?

Raine felt bad to think that way.

But, with Sunny, who had been possessed with dark magic, Raine couldn't do anything to help her.

Raine had seen and experienced it, if she didn't do what she had done now.

She didn't have a choice... but, why she felt like someone who was trying to justify her own action? The guilty feeling gnawed her heart alive.

And then Raine remembered what Serefina had said to her, long... very long time ago, when she was still too afraid to even look other people straight in their eyes.

What Serefina had said was true...

There would be time when Raine had to face something crueller that she could imagine and she had to make a quick decision out of it...

The worst part was, Raine realized this wouldn't be the last heart- breaking decision that she had to endure.

"Let's go." Raine said to the other Lycan's impassively as she walked out of the building.

