

TLOA Lycan 661

Chapter 661 - ABOMINATION

"Furious?" Lilac frowned. What would it be this time?

"I can feel it through the mind-link." Tordoff took a deep breath. She could feel that he was now breathing unusually.

"Angry because of the secret room?" She was getting curious, and eager to find out about what was the matter with Jedrek this time.

"I don't know. Maybe." Tordoff shook his head. "It could also be because he lost the witch," he guessed. To think about it again, it was possible since there was this ambiguous relationship between him and that witch.

"He must be feeling really awful right now..." Lilac sneered. She pitied the witch the most. What if Jedrek really had done something terrible to that witch? Her pity for her lessened, she snapped herself out of it when the pounding in her head felt like it could kill her.

The headache hammered inside Lilac's head, and on top of that, the pain in her broken left arm was getting worse.

"I can't just stay. I have to leave to find out what happened." Tordoff stood up. He looked at Lilac once more. "I will ask someone to bring food for you." He sounded sorry. Somehow, he felt bad about leaving her alone there. But on the other hand, he really had to leave.

Hearing what he just said about food and all, made her feel like it was the moment for a sarcastic comment. She really was contemplating on saying something about it, because how it deserved one. Food? Of all things, he was concerned about my food intake?—she thought. In fact, food was at the bottom list of all things that she needed now. action

However, she thought about how considerate Tordoff had been to her, how nice of him to be such company through the night, she couldn't say something hurtful to him. Instead "Thank you," Lilac mumbled softly. Then, she heard Tordoff's footsteps echo, and felt them getting further away from the dungeon.

She heard the sound of metal clunk, a door was being opened, and then closed. The guardian angel was once more alone in this dreary room. Lilac moved her hand. She touched her forehead, and felt her skin was burning under her palm. She got a fever.

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When Tordoff arrived at the King's chamber, there was Sebastian, Kyle, Rowan, and Lyrus. They were standing in front of the door. A thundering roar echoed in the hallway from the other side of that door, inside the room. The Alpha king was in rage.

"What is going on here?" Tordoff asked Lyrus, his brows wrinkled when he received a wave of agony from the Alpha king's fury state. Meanwhile, the king was brutalizing everything that he could destroy inside his chamber.

"I'm wondering the same thing." Lyrus shook his head helplessly. Nobody had any idea of what was the cause of it. What's gotten into the Alpha king's mind to be in this state of mind?

"Did he perhaps receive any news about Serefina?" Rowan tried to guess it. The king would only be on the warpath like this, if he heard any news about that witch, Serefina. However, it had been a long time since they heard anything related to her. So, what could it be now?

"No." Lyrus shook his head again.

"Where is Maximus?" Sebastian looked around and didn't find the first general. "He should be here to talk to him."

Lyrus narrowed his eyes when he heard that. He was Jedrek's official Beta. But everybody always thought of Maximus as the one who could manage to calm the Alpha king down whenever he got into a state like his current situation.

This was ridiculous!

"Alpha gave an order to him," Tordoff replied, his face tainted with an awful emotion that didn't belong to him.

"What about Violet? Where is she?" Sebastian asked Tordoff.

"Don't you know about her wrongdoing? Haven't heard about the thing she did? The crime that she committed?" Lyrus gave Sebastian an unpleasant look. "I'm pretty sure, she's dead now."

Seeing the tension between Lyrus and Sebastian, Rowan stepped forward to provide the general some information that he missed. By the time Rowan was done with his explanation about the things that happened in the castle during Sebastian's absence, suddenly the bedroom door opened. That door swung so hard that it almost fell off its hinges.

The four generals and the Beta lowered their heads submissively. They moved back when Jedrek stormed off to the library. Anger still lingered in him, all the generals felt that. Stepped into the library, the Alpha king slammed the door shut, it felt like the castle was shaking when he did that.

Once the door shut, Jedrek headed straight towards the built-in sliding door, the secret entrance. Knowing that nobody would dare to even think about coming in and check on him inside the library, he made his way effortlessly to the dark tunnel without being bothered to close the sliding door behind him. He rushed straight to the wooden door at the end of that tunnel.

"JANUS!"

Jedrek roared and found his father was standing in the same spot where he stood the last time he came.

"What is it my son?" Janus looked at his son with arrogance in his eyes. He didn't even try to conceal the disdain look in the way he was staring at him.

"This is over!" Jedrek said grimly. He was fighting his beast that had been objecting the decision that he made on a whim.

Janus didn't give the response that Jedrek expected. Instead, he tilted his head while folding his hand behind his back, and said calmly, "You will never have the courage to do that, son."

"Are you challenging me now?!" Jedrek snarled at Janus for his deviant answer. The Alpha blood in him demanded for the man to submit, and bow down. However, it wasn't an easy thing to subdue the former Alpha, though he was long dead.

"Have you forgotten? You had killed me, son!" Janus stared back at him, and gave his son a flash of mocking smile. "What do you think you can do now?" he raised his eyes.

Jedrek almost shifted into his beast, the white fur sprouted on the surface of his skin, and a set of his talons came out.

"Or perhaps, do you want to kill your mother too?" Janus sneered. "Like I told before, you will never be able to bring yourself to do that. What would Torak and Kace think about you, if words come out? Especially since you have been hunting down Kace and his mate." Janus laughed, as though what he just said was a good joke.

Jedrek ignored him, it was a pointless argumentation anyway. It didn't deserve his precious time. He strode straight to the same room where his mother had been lying all this time. She had been unconscious for centuries by now.

The Alpha King didn't bring anything, but his sharp talon would definitely be sufficient to slit anyone's throat that he wanted. Tear anyone limb to limb. With that look in his face, he was filled with determination. Jedrek entered that room unhesitantly under Janus's hard gaze. He shouted behind his son's back before he slammed the door in his face.

"YOU WILL NEVER DO THAT! YOU ABOMINABLE SON! I CURSE YOU IF YOU DO THAT!"

The scream from Janus didn't stop Jedrek from approaching his mother.

"Leave!" Jedrek shouted to the special servant.

It wasn't Jedrek's voice that made her leave, but the feeling of being in danger that made her scamper away.

Chapter 662 - STRONG WILL

It wasn't Jedrek's voice that made her leave, but the feeling of being in danger that made her scamper away, after all she couldn't hear or say anything.

After the special servant left the room, there was nothing that could stop Jedrek from ending his own mother's life, the Queen of the Lycanthropes.

People who didn't know would think that the former king and queen were in their long journey, and enjoying their time together after the king gave his throne to his successor, his firstborn son. What they didn't know was that there were more to it, the truth hidden behind a closed curtain. A cruel reality of a family, where the son took down his father from the throne, and claimed it his.

No one knew the truth. Except for some, the extremely few people.

Jedrek crept closer towards his mother. Determination rounded in his eyes. His blood was boiling in anger. The idea to end Diana's life had been planned since as long as Jedrek could remember. It needed to be done in order to stop her suffering. But it always ended up to remain undone as a mere plan. Nothing could prepare him to actually do it.

It was easier for him when he had to challenge Janus for the throne. It was easier to end Janus. He kept on reminding himself about the crime that Janus had committed. That thought helped him to justify his action.

But, Diana...

She had done nothing that could potentially put harm to the kingdom. All she did was lay there, and do nothing. Her mate, Janus was worried over her that eventually turned him insane. This matter had been going on for too long. It needed to end.

As the successor of the throne, the current ruler of the sovereign in this realm, he had to make sure that everything went smoothly. Yet, he had been keeping the possible threat right under his roof.

Jedrek's eyes turned black. He could feel his beast was restless at the edge of his mind. The beast was bothered by the thought of harming Diana. The bond between mother and son was as strong as ever, and this one was an obstacle for the Alpha king.

He had to get rid of that feeling. The same thing applied to his feelings that was caused by the mate-bond between him and Lilac. It was important to dismiss those feelings once for all. Especially since Janus, and the devils behind him already knew his weakness, nothing would benefit him if he kept on being this way.

Janus played his card really well. Or else, Jedrek would absolutely impeach him under an accusation of being wrapped around the devils' fingers. The atmosphere was so thick and awful. Jedrek could feel Diana's pulse on her bare neck, thumping wildly against his palm. As though she knew what would come next if Jedrek ever managed to overcome whatever that was holding him back.

"You know it shouldn't end like this."

A voice that was as soft as feathers sounded. But, the moment Jedrek heard that voice, one could immediately see the fury that was coursing through his vein. He knew whose voice was that, and he wasn't pleased to hear it. Nonetheless, he kept his grip steady on Diana's neck. His claws started to dig the skin, leaving a trail of blood beneath the pillow.

"We can make it right, if you give me what I want," she said lightly, persuading him to stop doing whatever he was doing now. "You know you can make another choice. The easy choice." The woman walked in silent across the room and stood beside Jedrek. She landed her hand on his shoulder, and caressed him with her long nails, all the way to his jaw.

"I can help you to numb the pain, just like how I helped you to end your suffering when that witch left you." said the woman seductively, leaning down her body so that she could whisper to him. "Just come to me, and you will feel better."

He let out a low dangerous growl from inside his chest, the moment he felt her cold finger touch him. Her action made her nauseous, but the Alpha kept his grip steady. The amount of will that he had to

muster was greater than he could imagine. It would've been easier, as easy as breathing in fact, if Jedrek wanted to snap somebody else's neck in a second.

But it was his mother's neck of all people. It became a thousand times harder when his feelings got on his way.

"You know you don't want this." The devil rested her chin on Jedrek's shoulder, pouting her luscious lips while staring at him. Jedrek squeezed his mother's neck tighter, until her breathing became uneven, gasping for air as her complexion turned pale.

"We can find another way..." the devil caressed, and ran her fingers on the Alpha's arm, the arm that was strangling Diana. "Let her go. You know that you will regret this." Her voice was barely a whisper, soothing like a breeze of wind.

Jedrek gritted his teeth, there was some unfathomable emotion under his cold facade.

"You've killed your father, don't you think that's enough?" said the devil. She kept on talking, trying to assure, convince Jedrek not to kill his mother. That soothing voice was dangerous. Just like a spell that bounded the Alpha to resign to his fate. And Jedrek was fed up, had enough of it.

In a blink of an eye, Jedrek swung his hand, and clawed that devil. His sharp claws tore her stomach, cut her body in half. Jedrek stood up and was about to vent his anger out to the lifeless body on the floor, shredding what was left of her body when he heard someone sighed behind his back. action

"You're not supposed to do that," The devil clicked her tongue, and said sullenly while staring at her own body on the floor. "You should've treated me nicely when I treat you with kindness."

Upon hearing that, Jedrek straightened his back. The anger that flashed on his expression a moment ago had vanished. To be exact, it was hidden under his cold facade, again. Then, he turned around to face Asmodeous, who was leaning her back against the wall across the chamber.

"Alright, I will make things easier for you, since I had caused you so much trouble." She tilted her head, thinking of the right deal she could offer to him. An offer that she thought he could not refuse. "I will make your mate never bother you ever again. I'll make her fall for someone else, so that you could continue to grieve over your love for the witch."

Fall for someone else. Hearing that, only made the beast inside him start to claw at the back of his mind.

"And the beautiful guardian angel would be taken care of by one of your generals." she continued.

If there were any feelings that Jedrek felt when he heard that, he hid it very well. Buried it deep inside him, concealed it so that they won't surface for the devil to see. No one would guess what he was thinking right now, especially after hearing that his own mate would be together with someone else. And of all people, it would be with one of his generals.

"Who would be the best candidate?" Asmodeous touched her chin, before she looked back at Jedrek. "The sweet Lilac can be Tordoff's second mate, right?"

After hearing the final verdict, Jedrek had the urge to fight it. He didn't fight the devil out there, but he did fight the one who lived under the same roof with him.

Chapter 663 - WHICH PRISONER?

Someone came to bring a tray of food and drink for Lilac, but she couldn't see his or her feature, as everything in her sight was blurred because of the fever she was suffering from.

The sound of footsteps was receding in this dimly lit cell. Now, the blanket that wrapped Lilac's body was no longer comfortable as it was drenched with her sweat.

Her broken left arm had weakened her human body greatly and it became worse because she didn't receive a treatment that she needed.

Lilac rolled her body and freed herself from the blanket, feeling the cold floor against her skin and this was very nice against her burning skin. action

However, her condition would get worse if this continued.

"Selene... where are you?" Lilac whispered, hoping the moon goddess would appear and lift her pain, but deep down in her heart, the guardian angel knew that she was in this alone.

Lilac tilted her head to look at the place where Tordoff was sitting in the entire night and wished he would come.

She wondered when he would come again.

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"Your Majesty?" Tordoff called for Jedrek, wasn't sure how to respond with the new order that he received.

"Are my words unclear?" Jedrek shot him a dagger look when the general was about to question his decision.

"No, your Majesty." Tordoff lowered his head and clenched his fists beside his body, fighting the urge to argue with Jedrek. Not only he would strip off of his title, but he would also lose his head if he did so.

"You will go to the southern area with Warlock, the first thing you do the next morning," Jedrek spoke with finality, didn't leave any room for argumentation and didn't wait for Tordoff's answer before he turned around and walked away.

However, Tordoff's next question forced him to stop.

"What about the guardian angel? Lilac?" Tordoff even didn't realize he had asked this question. His mouth had voiced out his deepest concern for the guardian angel.

For some reason that he didn't know, Lilac's pale face and how she grimaced with every moves she made, engraved in his head. He didn't seem could get rid of it.

"Don't ever mention his name again, or else, I will make sure you will never utter any words," Jedrek spoke grimly. His words were akin to venom that dripped in the air.

"Understood," Tordoff tried to make his voice as smooth as possible, but he couldn't hide the displeasure behind his tone. The way Jedrek treated Lilac, somehow, angered him.

And then, the conversation reached stalemate.

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Tordoff didn't know what bring him here, he felt restless in the entire night and couldn't close his eyes. Even though he knew what the cause of it, he was so stubborn to brush it aside, until the first light of the sun kissed the horizon, he couldn't help it and gave up to his irrational thought.

Therefore, here he was, walking down the stairs toward a certain cell inside the dungeon, just two hours away from his departure to the southern region.

It was the peak of being one of Jedrek's seven generals, no one would question him when the guards saw him visited the dungeon early in the morning. They would only bow their head respectfully.

Nasty odor lingered in the air when Tordoff walked past the cells for the prisoner, most of them had been there for years for the crimes that they committed, but Lilac was not there, she was in the other side of the cell.

The side where people rarely go there.

Tordoff's heart quickened in every steps that he took. He sniffed the air and could smell her faint scent. However, the closer he was, the stronger he felt that something was amiss.

"Lilac?" Tordoff called her name.

There was no answer.

Tordoff could feel it in his guts that the girl's condition was getting worse and he couldn't help it when he let out a deep annoyance growl.

The moment he reached the front of her cell, he watched Lilac was sleeping in fetal position, her broken left arm stretched out uncomfortably.

"Lilac?"

Still, there was no answer except her shallow breathing that echoed faintly in her cell.

Tordoff couldn't see her face because her hair covered it, but no need to be a genius to know that she was black out.

The way Lilac curled herself tugged Tordoff's heart ruthlessly, reminding him of his deceased soul mate, a mate that he had never had time to love.

She looked so helpless and was a polar apart from the bright girl that Tordoff had known this past week.

His adrenaline rushed in his veins when he decided something against his Alpha's order. His action inflicted pain when he opposed his King, but it didn't enough to stop him.

With ease, Tordoff managed to open the lock within seconds and reached to Lilac. Gently, he cradled her in his arms and brushed away her black hair from her face, only to see how sick she was. Her body was burning with fever and she didn't even seem to notice her surroundings.

Lilac's eyebrows knitted together tightly, she whimpered when Tordoff hugged her and moved her hand.

At this point, how could Tordoff ever leave her alone in this cell? Without knowing no one would come to save her.

She would die and Tordoff doubted Jedrek would be kind enough to remember that he had Lilac imprisoned here.

"It's okay, I will bring you out of here," Tordoff whispered to her, comforting her, as he reached for the blanket that he had brought last night and wrapped the guardian angel with it, cautiously placing Lilac's hand in more comfortable position.

After Tordoff made sure no one would catch a glimpse of her face, carefully, he stood up and carried her out of the cell, walked back the path where he was coming from and dismissed the guards questioning look when they saw the generals brought someone from inside.

Which prisoner that he took?

Chapter 664 - YOU WILL NOT DIE SO EASILY

Jedrek was talking to Lyrus about the issues regarding the devils when he felt the snap of the mate bond between him and Lilac.

"What happened?" Lyrus asked in concern when he felt the King anxiousness.

Jedrek didn't answer him for a moment, as he closed his eyes and calmed his self down before he spoke grimly. "Where did you say Tordoff and Warlock?"

Lyrus tilted his head, he didn't understand why Jedrek asked this question, yet he answered him anyway. "They will leave to the southern region in an hour. I think they were already at the west gates."

Jedrek gritted his teeth to fight the urge to lash out. He could feel it in his bone that Tordoff was nowhere near the west gates.

"Find them." Jedrek stood up. "And bring them to me before they go."

Lyrus wanted to ask about Jedrek's sudden change, but seeing how gloomy the Alpha was, he swallowed hard his question. This was not a good time for him to interfere.

"Will do, your majesty." Lyrus nodded his head and excused himself with question in his mind.

However, once Lyrus was out of the room, Jedrek also dashed out of the room. Regardless his order to Lyrus, he knew that Tordoff was not there. He was somewhere else with his mate.

Jedrek could feel it in his bone, something was wrong, the mate bond was getting weaker and weaker, since his beast was on edge since they had hurt Lilac.

Once Jedrek stepped on the hallway, the beast inside him couldn't take it any second longer, as he shifted into his white beast.

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Tordoff shook his head again and again, as he realized what crime that he was committing now. However, once he watched Lilac and how vulnerable she was now, he determined to bring her out of this place.

About where he should go? Tordoff didn't know. He was fully aware that nowhere was safe if it was his King, who chased after them, yet he was stubborn to make sure Lilac was safe.

Something about the girl moved his heart, in the same way when he watched his mate died before his eyes.

Is she his second chance? Tordoff didn't know. All he wanted to do now was to protect her from any harm.

He ran toward the western gates since the southern gates would be packed with many guards upon their departure to the northern region, with Lilac in his arms. He could feel her breathing was getting shallow.

"Tordoff?" Lilac stirred awake, she snuggled to his chest when the sunlight hit her face, forced her to shut her eyes tightly.

"Don't worry Lilac, I will bring you out from here. You will be safe." Tordoff reassured Lilac and held her close to him, despite the turmoil that he felt as he experienced mind- numbing terror and agonizing aches for fighting his Alpha's order, he could feel his beast purred in satisfaction.

In the other hand, Lilac gave him a small nod before she let him to bring her away.

Right at that time, Tordoff was too distracted to reach the gates as soon as possible, added to the fact that he was used to his scent, thus the general was caught out of guard in the last second he realized what was coming after him.

Tordoff was thrown to the side in full force. Lilac slipped from his arms, as her body dropped to the ground. He still could hear the girl gasped loudly when her body hit the ground.

Tordoff knocked down three trees before his body stopped flying and hit a big rock. The pain almost took his breath away and his blood started to trickle down from his open wounds.

However, he didn't have time to wait until his wounds were closed, because in the next second, the sharp claw of the Alpha King had torn his chest. An ugly gash was apparent, as he choked in his own blood, gasping for air.

Tordoff laid flat on his back, watched in horror when the Alpha King shifted back into his human skin, but his bloody red eyes remained, warning him that the beast was in control.

Jedrek prowled toward his general, bared his canines and stomped on his chest to strain off the wound in Tordoff's chest, didn't give him time to recover.

"Traitor." Jedrek spat those words with malice and Tordoff knew what would come next once he was marked as a traitor.

Ignoring the pain that shattered through his body, Tordoff hit the Alpha's leg away from his stomach and rolled onto his back. He knew Jedrek was going easy on him. The beast enjoyed to see the suffering of his opponent. It was in their nature.

Tordoff crawled back until he created a distance between them, though it wouldn't help him, but at least he could talk to Jedrek, bought some time to regain his bearing.

"Your Majesty." He was coughing blood, but he wiped it away harshly before he continued to speak. "The guardian angel will die if you keep her that way... she is sick."

Jedrek didn't give any respond to that.

"She needs treatment for her arm. You broke her arm," Tordoff reminded him. Black dots started to appear before his eyes because of the blood loss that he suffered.

Yet, Jedrek didn't listen. He stretched out his hand and his claw tore the skin on Tordoff's left cheek. His eyes didn't move from the lycan, who was writhing in pain before him.

Tordoff knew, there would be nothing that he could do now, not even begging for forgiveness would be able to save his sorry life. He braced himself for the worst, prayed to the moon goddess that she would save Lilac from Jedrek's wrath.

The claws that dug into his skin deepened as Jedrek trailed the incision on his neck, creating another gashes.

But, when Tordoff had given up, Jedrek stop and spoke viciously. "You will not die so easily."

Chapter 665 - BITTERNESS

Jedrek stepped back when he felt Lyrus came with a few guards. His eyes fixed on Tordoff's body. It was only his raging breath that indicated he was still alive, despite all serious wounds that he suffered.

"What happened here?" Lyrus's eyes caught dreadful sight of Tordoff's body. "Tordoff?" He watched in horror. The first thing that flashed in his mind was they were ambushed by an enemy, but when he saw the way Jedrek stared at his youngest general, he knew immediately, there was something more than what was seen.

"Bring the general to the healer." Lyrus took the initiative because Jedrek didn't speak a word. However, his next order caught him completely off guard.

"Bring him to the dungeon for execution tomorrow," he spoke icily.

"Execution!?" Lyrus raised his voice and immediately adjusted himself when Jedrek glowered at him. "But, Jedrek..." He was talking as a friend, not as a Beta. "What crime did he commit?"

Direct execution was only for unforgiveable crime, such as; turncoat. However, there was no way Tordoff would stab his own King behind his back. Right?

"Treachery," Jedrek said curtly and turned around to walk away while adding. "No food. No drink. No healer. He will suffer until his execution!"

Lyrus was dumbfounded as he tried to grasp the situation, but failed to understand. "What have you done, pup?" he said sympathetically and crouched down to help Tordoff sit down before the other guards helped to carry him away to the dungeon, where he would spend his last night.

In Jedrek's current anger, there would be nothing that could change his decision and it would be the death of him if Lyrus tried to interfere.

Meanwhile, Jedrek was walking back, where Tordoff had dropped Lilac. He smelled her scent, but hated it when there was another scent that mixed near her.

The moment, Jedrek closed enough to see Lilac, his face darkened when he watched three of the guards hovered above her, in their attempt to carry her, giving a helping hand for the poor girl, because in one look it was visible to see that Lilac needed to see a healer.

However, it was not like that in Jedrek's eyes.

All he was able to understand about it was; after Tordoff was trying to bring Lilac out of this palace, the other men wanted to touch his mate again.

Jedrek let out a dangerous low growl when he stormed toward them. The sound of it reverberated under their feet and made them jump in shock, but one of them was too late to move out of the danger as he rewarded with a claw on his face.

Even though the wounds would close eventually, but the pain still sent him to his knees. The guard wailed in pain.

The other guards who watched what was happening didn't dare to move a step closer to the angry King. They kept their distance when Jedrek scooped Lilac's body and strode toward the castle.

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Don't worry Lilac, I will bring you out from here.

You will be safe.

That was the last thing that she heard from Tordoff before she closed her eyes and snuggled to the warmth of his embrace and also before she heard an angry growl and she was thrown to the ground in the next second.

Lilac didn't remember what was happening after that.

Lilac moved groggily and tried to open her eyes to see her surroundings. Her neck felt stiff and her forehead was throbbing in pain.

Where is Tordoff?

She took her time to observe where she was in, but it looked like she was inside a splendid chamber, lavished with gold and silk.

Lilac tried to sit down, but it needed a great effort from her to even move a muscle. In the end, she gave up and rested her head again on the soft pillow.

The golden sunlight illuminated the room from behind the close white curtain. It could be morning or afternoon. Lilac lost track of time. action

How long has she been unconscious? Where is she?

As if replying what was inside her mind, a hoarse voice sounded from her left side. From the far place of the room, hiding behind the darker spot of this chamber.

"So, you are awake now?" Jedrek's voice reached Lilac and it sent shiver down her spine.

She didn't have energy to deal with the Alpha King now. Not with her current condition. Especially when her left arm was wrapped tightly in white bandages.

"What do you want?" She spoke hoarsely and her throat was burning in pain, as if she had not used it for long time. Probably she was right. She could have been passed out for days.

"I already get what I want." Jedrek's expression still hid from behind the darkness and Lilac couldn't guess what he meant by that.

But, her next line of question got Jedrek under his skin. "Where is Tordoff?" she remembered clearly Tordoff was about to bring her away from Jedrek, but if Jedrek was here, then something must have happened to Tordoff.

"The first person you ask was him?" Jedrek asked bitterly. He stood up and walked toward the light, let his feature basked under the faint sunlight from the close window.

Lilac rolled her body to the other side of this extravagant bed, trying to be as far as she could from Jedrek, who was approaching her.

"You let the other man to hug you, but you move away from your mate?" Jedrek spoke dryly, there was a sarcasm smile on the corner of his lips. His face was unsightly.

"You don't want a mate!" Lilac fought back her fear and anger when she said that. "Where is Tordoff?"

And then, Jedrek did what he had never done before; he laughed, yet there was no humor in his cold eyes.

"He was dead. I made sure his head rolled on the floor with the sin that he committed." The sound of his own voice sounded hollow in his ears.

Chapter 666 - YOU DON'T DESERVE LOYALTY

Lilac didn't know what kind of response that she had to show upon hearing Jedrek's words. How could he kill his own general without batting an eye!?

"You lie," Lilac spoke through her greeted teeth, her voice was shaking because of the anger that coursed through her veins.

"I am sorry that I didn't keep his head to prove my words." Jedrek's eyes fixed on Lilac, who was standing on the other side of the bed.

"You bastard!" All the dizziness and wooziness disappeared, as her eyes shone brightly with enmity. Even the word hatred was not sufficient to describe what she felt now. "I hope you rot in hell! You are monster!!!" Lilac screamed on the top of her lungs, she didn't even care when she hurt her throat.

"Monster?" Jedrek tilted his head, his eyes darkened when he heard that words from his mate. "Yes, I am. You just realized it, my mate?"

"Bastard!" Lilac screamed again, her black eyes blazed with fury.

"You told me that before." Jedrek didn't show any emotion, neither Lilac's anger bothered him. The Alpha walked toward the table near him and poured a glass of water. "Here, drink this, so you can scream all you want."

"Now I do understand why the moon goddess cursed you for not having a mate." Lilac hissed viciously as she moved toward the door, ready to escape in the first chance she got.

"Really?" Jedrek raised his brows. "Please, enlighten me."

"You don't deserve an ounce of love. You have a nasty soul. You are the most loathsome person that I ever met." Lilac made sure every word were enunciated carefully, so Jedrek could feel her repulsion in every single words that came out from her mouth. "Even the devil looks like an angel compared to you."

And for the next five minutes, Lilac tried to get on Jedrek's nerves, to make him feel the same amount of anger that she felt now.

However, it was only a waste of time. Jedrek didn't seem hurt by her words. Hell! He didn't even change his facial expression when Lilac spat all the profanities that she knew.

And when Lilac lost for words and hyperventilated because she couldn't handle her emotion, Jedrek leaned his back against the table and crossed his arms in front of his chest, staring at Lilac apathetically. "Go on. Are you done?"

"I hope you rot in hell!" Lilac screamed again, as her fingers brushed the doorknob behind her back.

"Trust me, you are not the first to hope like that," Jedrek said calmly.

Despite all the hatred between the two of them, the Alpha King looked more calm and talkative compared to himself a few days ago when he faced Lilac.

Lilac couldn't stand to be near this monster, she needed to go. Everywhere was fine as long as she could get away from him.

Hence, with her right hand, she turned the doorknob and ready to take her leave, spared herself from repulsion. However, as much as she wanted to go, she forgot that Jedrek would have killed her if he let her go easily. There must be something that he wanted from her. Needed from her.

The door was locked and no matter how hard Lilac tried, she couldn't break it.

Meanwhile, Jedrek approached her with leisure steps, chuckled darkly upon seeing his mate attempt to escape from this place.

"Why? Do you want to go to meet your lover? Are you so angry that you want to leave and can't stand being around me?" Jedrek asked rhetorically.

Lilac turned around and faced Jedrek, as she smirked deviantly. "Why? Can't you tell from my expression? Should I tell you out loud that being near you is really disgusting?"

"Then you will have to find a way to bear with it because I have no intention of letting go of you soon," Jedrek said icily. "I do apologize for killing your lover, I should have waited until you are awake, so you can see with your own eyes what the consequences of betraying me."

"You don't deserve loyalty, Jedrek." Lilac bit back. She didn't want to back down, even when she didn't have her power to protect her from Jedrek's wrath.

"And what happened to Tordoff will be their end too." Jedrek gritted his teeth when he shoved Lilac away, so he could open the door and disappeared behind it.

However, when Lilac was about to open it again right after Jedrek, the door had been locked. She was sure, Jedrek wouldn't have time to lock it.

"What is this!?" Lilac tried to turn the knob, but the door didn't budge. She kicked it, but nothing happened.

The door obviously made of wood, but she couldn't bend it with her power. She couldn't feel it. There was something wrong here, or maybe it was because her arm had not yet healed?

"What is this place?"

Jedrek opened his eyes and tilted his head as he watched Lilac was fast asleep beside him. Her breathing was irregular and her brows knitted tightly.

The Alpha stretched out his hand and smoothed the wrinkle between her brows. His thumb brushed her forehead carefully.

There was tranquility in the air when Jedrek stared at his sleeping mate silently. No one would know what was inside his mind right now, but from the way he laid his eyes on her, one could say there was a faint helplessness and regret.

"Your majesty." A man walked inside the room and broke the spell, forced Jedrek to withdraw his attention from Lilac. "My apologize for the interruption."

"What is it Eaton?" Jedrek sat down swiftly and got out of bed.

"The mind reader asked, how long you will keep her unconscious?" Eaton was Janus's beta, but now he pledged his loyalty to the current sovereign. He knew everything just like how Jedrek knew all the dark secrets in the Donovan's family. "Because he needs to make a preparation if you want her to be in this state longer."

Chapter 667 - WILL DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD

Jedrek was in desolated place, near the habitation of fairy, was surrounded and protected by their magic. No one knew this place except a handful people that Jedrek was certain with their loyalty toward him.

Eaton was one of them. The former Beta of his father had pledged his loyalty to him long time ago, once he realized Janus had gone insane when he almost lost his mate when Diana was pregnant with Kace.

"The mind reader asked, how long you will keep her unconscious? Because he needs to make a preparation if you want her to be in this state longer." Eaton was no longer young, but his observant judgment was as sharp as ever. "There will be a side effect too if you keep her inside the illusion."

Eaton glanced at Lilac. Her sleeping face contorted, she must be fighting to break through the door at this time.

"For as long as possible." Jedrek glanced at Lilac before he received his cloak and walked out of the room. "Keep your eyes around this place."

"Will do," Eaton answered solemnly, but there was a trace of sadness when he watched Jedrek's back when he followed him to walk along the hallway.

Eaton had known him since the first day he was brought to this world, when everything was still sun and rainbow for the Donovan's family. action

However, everything changed once Diana got pregnant with Kace and her condition became worse over the time.

"Jedrek." Eaton stopped him while they were on the porch of this two- story house. "How long are you going to prolong this thing? You have to stop this before all of the situation now are getting out of hands and eventually kill you."

Jedrek looked at Eaton and shook his head. "This is not the time yet. I have to ensure something."

"There will no right time for the execution of the decision that you will take." Eaton hardened his gaze to the Alpha. Time truly had hardened this boy's heart. "There is no more time now. You know that. The guardian angel is here, regardless your plan to get rid of her."

However, Eaton's face fell when he watched the stubbornness in Jedrek's eyes. He knew right away that whatever he said now would fall on deaf ears.

"Tell the mind reader to go to Kace before Maximus does." Jedrek pat Eaton's shoulder. Make sure he finds the other guardian angel, who is with him."

Eaton narrowed his eyes. "What you will do when he finds the other guardian angel?"

"I will tell you once I see the three guardian angels." Jedrek didn't stay longer, after saying his pieces, he walked away, ignoring Eaton's questioning expression and helpless gaze.

"I hope you know what you will do and your decision is not something that you will regret," Eaton muttered to himself while watching Jedrek's retreating back.

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"So, the Alpha wants me to hunt down his younger brother before Maximus can find him?" the mind reader entered the room where Lilac was still sleeping uncomfortably. "She is quite a fighter you know," he commented when he walked over to Lilac's bed side, placing a purple lilac flower beside the bed.

"As expected from the Alpha's mate," Eaton followed the mind reader's line of sight and watched as Lilac drifted, just like someone who was having a nightmare. "And yes, he wants you to go after Kace."

The mind reader crossed his arms and looked at Eaton with disapproving look. "Jedrek's mind is totally a mess, even I can't read his mind in this point. He keeps changing his plan from time to time."

"Maybe he did that, so you will not pry into his mind." Eaton shrugged his shoulder. He didn't need to be a mind reader to know how completely mess Jedrek's mind was. "He had told you many times to not do that, but you never listen."

"Aren't we his confidants?" The mind reader looked offended. "Why he didn't share his plan with us?"

The room was not very big and had no window, but it was comfortable enough with very few furniture and was dominated with pale blue color.

"With all the experience that he had been through, it's understandable."

The mind reader looked at Eaton with disdain, "Stop taking his side and justify his every action."

"You are right," Eaton nodded as he wiped the sweat from Lilac's forehead. "His decisions are not always the best, but I am sure he had thought about it thoroughly before he decided that was the best option for the situation. After all, desperate times call for desperate measures." And Eaton believed Jedrek was desperate to try to put everything in the right place.

"I will not argue with you about this." The mind reader threw his hands up, knowing really well how stubborn Eaton was.

The former Beta of Janus had lost his mate and son due to the deal that Janus made with the devil. However, long before that time, he always thought of Jedrek as his own. After all, the Donovan's firstborn grew under his watched, especially when Janus was too busy to find the cure for Diana.

Even though Jedrek went with him to most of the place that Janus visited, both of them rarely spoke with each other and the communication between father and son became nothing but a formal greeting.

Jedrek would always stick with Eaton.

"I will go now," the mind reader spoke irritably. The thought of going to different realm didn't really thrill him. "So, what am I going to do after I find Kace?"

"You have to find the guardian angel, who is with him," Eaton replied.

"Of course I know that." The mind reader rolled his eyes dramatically. "What I want to know is; what I am I going to do after I find Kace and know where the guardian angel is? Bring her here? Kill her? No matter what, she is his brother's mate. Her dead will do more harm than good."

Chapter 668 - THINGS THAT HAPPENED

Eaton glanced at Lilac, who was still fast asleep, but the furrow on her brows told him that she was not in her beautiful dream.

"No, don't kill the guardian angel," Eaton said it calmly, though Jedrek didn't say anything about what the mind reader would do once he found the guardian angel, but if Jedrek insisted to keep his mate alive, then he shouldn't have any objection to keep the other guardian angel alive too. "Just find out where she is and return."

The mind reader nodded his head, satisfied. "I do think the same." He caressed Lilac's cheek and her wrinkled eyebrows before the girl's expression became slightly relax. "If only he could be a little less stubborn, then things wouldn't have gotten this complicated."

After saying that, the mind reader straightened his back and walked toward the door.

"Things will only go from bad to really bad from now on. I can feel that," the mind reader spoke before he walked out of the room.

"Can??t you become a little bit optimistic?" Eaton frowned at the closed door and sighed tiredly.

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It had been a year since Tordoff was executed by Jedrek himself inside the dungeon without the right ceremony, as a traitor, he also didn't get a proper burial.

And since Maximus was given a special task to go to the other realm and Warlock went to the southern region, there would be only Lyrus around the castle because Sebastian, Kyle and Rowan were busy to patch things up in the city center and smaller cities within their territory.

The number of missing shifter had increased significantly and was still counting.

Meanwhile, Jedrek still insisted that the matter was not made public, because in any case, they had killed many shifters and no one would ever agree for them to kill their family members, even if they were told the truth.

Other shifters who had been spared have proven that they were normal to some extent, yet at certain times, they would show signs that they were about to go feral and be dangerous. They had no other choice, but to kill them.

During this one year, there were small riots here and there because of this matter, not only that, there was rumor about the royal had been killing the shifter for unknown reason. Sadly, the rumor was right in a way.

Though this problem was still under control, but there were a lot of things occurred because of these rumors in general public.

"Visiting your mother again?" Janus spoke to Jedrek in mocking tone, his eyes fixed on his firstborn, as the aura around him became more and more dark.

Jedrek acted like he didn't listen what he spoke and kept walking, yet Janus caught up to him before the Alpha could walk out of the oval secret chamber.

"You know, you can end this situation." Janus's eyes looked wilder than the last time Jedrek saw him. "Just give the guardian angel to me and make the new deal with Mammon."

The former Alpha looked at his son expectantly. He was similar to someone who had lost their minds and was babbling nonsense every time they opened their mouths.

It had been ten months since the last time Jedrek gave him the sacrifice that he needed to sustain his fake life. Jedrek didn't really know what would happen to Janus if this condition kept going for another month, but the situation had been worse enough for Jedrek to concern about him.

If the Kingdom would go down. Jedrek would make sure, it went down for good.

After all, this Kingdom was expected to be doomed since Janus made several deals with the devil to save Diana and their predicament at that time.

"YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MOTHER AND THIS KINGDOM!" Janus roared because Jedrek didn't give the respond that he wanted and kept his eyes away from him, as if he was too disgusted by his own father.

However, when finally Jedrek decided to answer him, his voice was devoid from any emotion, yet his eyes spoke volume about how much resentment that he had for Janus.

"You have lost my respect father and I will not go down in the same path that you took. If the Kingdom has to go down and mother can't be saved, so be it. It will end the vicious cycle that you created."

This was the longest words that Jedrek spoke since a year ago, when he put Lilac in deep illusion and sent the mind reader after Kace.

"YOU ARE A BASTARD!"

Janus moved forward and threw a punch on Jedrek's face, but his fist past through him and Janus stumbled, in the other hand, Jedrek just felt a cold wind brushed his face roughly, but nothing more.

Jedrek chuckled eerily when he heard that, 'bastard' had been Lilac's favorite word to call him, every time he visited her in her little illusion world.

"You are starting to fade." Jedrek mumbled, remarked the change that Janus had, and threw him one last glance before he walked out of the room, leaving Janus went berserk there, calling for Maximus.

Unfortunately, Jedrek had sent his confidante away, to pursue the only thing that interested him the most. His younger brother.

Kace didn't disappoint him. He was still very difficult to be caught like usual. Even with the mind reader in addition, none from both could go back to him and gave Jedrek Kace's exact location, even so his mate, the guardian angel.

"Your Majesty," Lyrus greeted Jedrek once he opened the built in sliding bookcase and emerged from the dark secret tunnel. "You need to talk to me?" action

Jedrek didn't say a word, but he gestured his Beta to follow him.

Once they were out of the library, Jedre turned around to face him. "I want you to go to Torak's place and report to me what has happened there."

From his sources, Jedrek knew there was something happen with Torak. He had been missing for days and no one knew where he was.

Chapter 669 - SHE NEEDS TO UP HER GAME

"Torak?" Lyrus frowned and then realized what Jedrek wanted to know. "Do you want me to find out what is happening to Torak?"

"Yes." Jedrek shifted his gaze to the library's door and spoke in low voice. "Bring some people with you and tell him I extend my help if he can't handle his situation."

Lyrus was still confuse, because as far as he knew, Jedrek had never put his finger in Torak's problem, no matter what news he heard about his second brother.

It was mostly because Torak would never appreciate Jedrek's interference and also because Jedrek and Torak had not been in good term since long time ago when the second brother decided to create his own pack. They had not yet talked properly ever since.

"Will do, your Majesty." Lyrus excused himself when he realized there was nothing Jedrek wanted to say again.

Once Lyrus left, Jedrek would be all alone again. It didn't bother him though, as he was used to this, but he wanted to meet someone at this time. It had been a while since the last time he visited her and his beast had become restless in his head. action

Despite the fact, there was nothing good would happen if they met with each other, but at the very least, it could calm his own beast only by looking her angry face.

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"YOU ARE A CRAP!" Lilac threw a pillow toward Jedrek, but the lycan just swatted it away. He even didn't bother to look.

"Your vocabulary has increased," Jedrek remarked as he sipped his tea and sat leisurely on the same chair where he always sat every time he visited Lilac.

"Let me out from here!" Lilac was very frustrated. She didn't know how long she had been trapped in this room, everything seemed fuzzy in her mind.

The oddity did not stop there, even though her arm had been healed, but Lilac still couldn't use her power. It was so strange.

"As you can see, the door is there." Jedrek nodded toward the door and leaned his back against the backrest of the sofa, staring at Lilac's angry face.

Her hair had grown longer, it reached her h.i.p.s and looked very soft under the light of the sun through the window glass. He wished he could run his fingers through her silky hair, but he was pretty sure Lilac would punch him before he could come closer.

"The door is locked!" Lilac threw her body on the soft mattress of the bed, sighed frustratedly. "Do you think I will be here if I can open it?!"

"The door made of wood. You can open it with your power, I remember you are good at it." Jedrek smirked, somehow he enjoyed to see how he could make Lilac become more furious than this. Pushed the wrong button and Lilac would turn as red as an apple in an instant.

"You put something inside my food! That's why I can't use my power, right!?" Lilac was going back to her accusation.

She had pondered about this for long time and made a conclusion that Jedrek had spiked her food or there was some magic around this place that prevented her from using her magic.

"You are free not to eat the food," Jedrek said in matter of fact.

"Do you really think I have never tried that?!" Lilac had starved herself, by refused to eat anything that appear all of sudden on the table every time she felt hungry, but nothing happened except a feeling of discomfort. She didn't even feel weak from not eating.

Lilac sat down on her bed and glowered at Jedrek. If she was a lycan or any shifters, she would have shifted into her beast form, unfortunately she was not and in her current situation, she was as normal as human being without her magic.

"I know you have tried it," Jedrek agreed and this reply only annoyed Lilac further.

"If you don't have anything to do here except aggravated me, you better leave!" Lilac shouted at him. No matter what kind of bad and sarcastic words that she used on him, she had never succeeded to get on his nerves.

Jedrek's calmness was something that Lilac couldn't understand.

"Sure, I was about to leave after all," Jedrek said in impassive voice as he stood up and walked toward the door, granted Lilac's wish to be left here alone.

"I don't see the benefit from you visiting me here from time to time. Why don't you just kill me or leave me alone since none from both of us want to see each other," Lilac spoke through her gritted teeth.

"I really want to do that." Jedrek turned around to face his mate. "But, as you can see here, the moon goddess has interfered with that freedom, so I do this for that shake. My beast has been restless to see you and this annoyed me too."

There was a silence that fell between them after Jedrek said that, until Lilac walked over and stood very close to the Alpha.

"So, it is your beast, huh?" Lilac stared at him, but not like her previous angry expression, there was nothing that Jedrek could read from her now.

"Do you wish I am the one who wants to see you?" Jedrek tilted his head and smiled at her.

However, instead of answering Jedrek's question, Lilac threw her arms around Jedrek's neck and buried her face on the crook of his shoulder as the delicious spark erupted between them.

It had been very a long time since they touched each other and Lilac's action caught both of them of guard for a few second before Jedrek gained his bearing again.

"What are you doing?" his voice was very deep and husky. He didn't hug Lilac back, but he didn't push her away as well.

"I want to get out of here," Lilac whined to Jedrek's ear and her warm breath on his neck sent shiver down his spine.

Lilac had to up her game.

Chapter 670 - MY LITTLE FLOWER

If Jedrek didn't want her, at least his beast still had a feeling for her and Jedrek couldn't completely disregard his beast's desire for his mate, that was what Jedrek told her earlier.

Thus, Lilac would bet on this.

If she couldn't fight Jedrek or take his soft side, maybe she would be able to get what she wanted from his beast.

Lilac could sense Jedrek's body tensed up because of their closeness and she knew right away that she had this affect on him.

"I want to get out of here," Lilac spoke again. "Can't you let me leave?" this time Lilac stared into Jedrek's blue eyes.

It was clear to see that what Lilac did now had stirred some emotion on his cold faded face. However, it was not enough for Jedrek to agree immediately.

He was staring at Lilac. Didn't say anything. Didn't move.

Focusing on the pleasant spark between them, Lilac put aside her ego and resentment that she felt earlier for Jedrek and tiptoed to kiss his chin.

"Let me go, okay?" Lilac tilted her head, staring at him innocently and expectantly. She was waiting for his reaction, but when she got none, the girl pouted her lips and looked crestfallen. "I want to go... I have been inside this room for as long as I can remember," she muttered under her breath.

If Lilac was grumbling internally, it didn't show on her face as she continued with her newfound ability.

"Please..." Lilac said softly, even her voice slightly trembled, showing her vulnerability.

Once again, Lilac tiptoed and this time she planted a kiss on his lips. Jedrek felt surprised and Lilac immediately pulled away. Bit her lips timidly.

Is it okay to do that? Lilac thought, suddenly felt self-conscious with what she had done.

However, Jedrek drew his mate closer. He put both of his hands on either side of Lilac's and kissed her back.

That caught Lilac by surprise. She wanted to pull away, but Jedrek's grip on her body was too strong. He pressed his body closer to her, so close until Lilac could feel his heartbeat.

"My little flower." His voice was deep and husky, the vibrations made Lilac shudder involuntarily.

It was her, who initiated this, but at this point, she couldn't take it anymore.

But, then Jedrek stopped. He pulled away, concern in his dark eyes. He brushed his finger against Lilac's cheek and it came away wet.

Was she crying?

For some time, Jedrek stared at the tips of his fingers which were now wet with lilac tears. He stepped away.

"Why are you crying?" that was the same deep and husky voice like before, but lack of warmth. He was distancing himself.

"You hurt me," Lilac whispered, her warm tears fell on her cheek. It seemed, being imprisoned for long time, had finally taken a toll on her. She was having a mental breakdown now.

Jedrek gritted his teeth upon hearing her answer, but when he replied, his voice sounded toneless. "I did and I will if I have to."

After saying that, Jedrek turned around and left, leaving Lilac alone, and even though she knew that she would never be able to open the door, Lilac still walked over and tried to turn the doorknob, only to find out it was locked like she had expected.

Jedrek opened his eyes and stared at the white ceiling above his head. He raised his finger and watched attentively, but there was no trace of Lilac's tears there, after all, what had happened was an illusion.

However, when he turned his head, he found Lilac was sleeping beside him, her brows knitted tightly and tears escaped from her close eyes.

Once again, Jedrek wiped her tears away, but this time for real and Lilac whimpered softly when he touched her.

He knew, but at the same time he didn't understand what he felt for her. Everything was a mess. He wanted to push her away, but also wanted to keep her as close as possible.

"Jedrek."

Jedrek whipped his head, startled, when he heard his name was being called. He even didn't realize since when Eaton was there, as he was in his deep thought.

"Hm?" Jedrek shifted back his attention to Lilac and adjust her blanket before he got out of bed.

In the other hand, Eaton watched Jedrek every movements, as he leaned his back against the frame door.

"You should stop it." Eaton frowned. "Don't you afraid, the moment she wakes up, she will hate you and there will be no chance for you to make it right?"

Jedrek smiled faintly. "She came here because she hates me. If she will continue to hate me in the future, that is not a big news for me."

"She is your mate." Eaton couldn't believe it there was shifter who treated their own mate this way. As the Alpha, the pull of the mate bond should be enough for Jedrek to relent, yet here he was, torturing himself and his other half.

"I am aware." Jedrek nodded. "And I killed her when she was only a few days old."

"Jedrek." Eaton called his name in warning tone, he grimaced.

Eaton remembered the day Jedrek gave the order, they were having a fierce argumentation, but this Lycan was too stubborn to talk to, yet now, he was given a second chance, but he screwed it again.

"You should know that you are not walking down this path alone." Eaton sighed helplessly. "You are not your father and it is our nature to be with someone who is destined to be with us."

Jedrek walked toward the door, but stopped because Eaton didn't want to move away. "You are right, I am not my father." His voice sounded very rigid. "But, her presence was never in the plan and never will be."

"She wouldn't be here if you didn't have a plan for her." Eaton knew he said the right thing when Jedrek shoved him away to avoid this conversation. "The castle is under attack."