

TLOA Lycan 671

Chapter 671 - SHE IS AWAKE

"The castle is under attack," Eaton repeated his words and managed to make Jedrek to stop for a while.

"I know," he replied in the same hollow voice. "I can feel that. Sebastian and Kyle are in the castle to take care of it."

There was nothing major about this attack. It was only a few rogues that conspired with unhappy citizen to break through the castle once they heard Jedrek and his generals were not there, to look for their family member.

Most of the citizens were the people who had been long dissatisfied with the way Jedrek ruled this realm. Old problem.

"What you will do with them?" Eaton asked.

"Them?"

"The rebellion."

"Kill them, of course," Jedrek replied in matter of fact.

"You will destroy this kingdom." Eaton's eyes hardened, when he realized what Jedrek was about to do.

"My father had destroyed it when he made a deal with the devil, I just prolong it." Jedrek scoffed and he knew he was saying the right thing when Eaton stopped confronting him.

"What will you do? Do you not trust me enough to share it with me?" Eaton narrowed his eyes.

"I will not leave her with you, if I don't trust you," Jedrek replied before he closed the door behind him.

He had made his point very clear. His statement not only said he trusted Eaton, but also explained indirectly that Lilac's life mattered to him.

Maybe the Alpha was not aware that his words had conveyed his feeling more than what he wanted to show.

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"Let's stop this hide and seek game and come out, will you?" Kace's voice sounded boring, but it didn't lack its fierceness when he glared at the end of the dark alley.

The second Donovan had felt his presence since a year ago and had been trying to avoid him. This man had been aggravated Kace.

He was also the reason why Kace couldn't see his mate for long time and trying his best to not thinking about her, as he tried to stuff his head with useless things just to make his mind stopped wondering to his little mate.

The man was a mind reader, the person who had been sent by Jedrek to hunt him down. Apparently, Maximus didn't meet his expectation, therefore, the King of the Lycanthropes had the need to send another creature after him.

"How are you Kace?" Killian emerged from the shadow of the alley and stood under the flickering lamp post.

"I was good before I see you." Kace sneered.

There was a great distance that separated them, yet it was not enough to reduce the tension between Kace and the mind reader.

"You flatter me," Killian answered nonchalantly, brushed away the hostility in Kace's tone. "I have come so far to see you, why don't you invite me for a tea or coffee while talking about weather."

Kace rolled his blue eyes. He couldn't understand his brother. Why he always had strange people in his disposal.

"I don't feel like I want to invite you into anything except a fight, so I can kick your as* away from me." Kace crossed his arms in front of his chest she took leisurely steps to approach him.

Killian didn't move, he remained in his place, but his eyes as sharp as ever, when he concentrated to penetrate Kace's mind.

"What is her name?" Killian threw the bait to make Kace thought about her.

"Who? Anna? Dalia? Rose? Martha?" Kace chuckled as he threw random names to Killian.

"No, your mate." Killian smirked when he got a flash of a girl's face from Kace's mind. "She is beautiful." He nodded, smiling. "Where is she?"

Kace had been avoiding him for a year, because he didn't want this confrontation. Because once Killian was talking about Hope, he couldn't help, but think about his mate as a feeling of longing coursed through in his blood. He missed her, of course.

However if he didn't confront him now, how long he had to outrun him and Maximus? Kace would never be able to come near Hope if Killian was tailing him from time to time.

He was harder than Maximus to deal with.

"You miss her, I see..." Killian mumbled, but before he could ask another question and led Kace to reveal Hope's exact location in his mind, the Lycan had charged toward him with his claws elongated threateningly to tear every flesh that it could touch.

However, before Kace could reach him, Killian had moved away swiftly, jumped and landed on the tall wall behind him.

"I don't want to fight, I just want to talk." The mind reader was lack of fighting skill. He was not there to fight. "I just want to know where is she?"

Kace's eyes turned dark when he felt there was something trying to pierce through his mind, this must be Killian's desperate attempt to know where Hope was before he could flee from Kace and lurked around again, watching him from the dark.

Kace wouldn't give him another chance to endanger Hope's life.

"Jedrek will not kill your mate," Killian said sternly when he watched Kace started to shift into his beast form.

And that was the last lie Kace wanted to hear.

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It had been another weeks since Jedrek left to take care of his problem in the castle. Since the last attack, nothing major had happened, but it seemed the Alpha King was too occupied with all the problem in his hands.

Eaton sighed and started to feed Lilac with another spoon of yellow liquid to sustain her life since she couldn't eat anything since she was unconscious.

But, the spoon in Eaton's hand stopped mid- air when the old Lycan witnessed Lilac opened her eyes. She looked confused as she scanned her surrounding and fixed her eyes on Eaton.

"Impossible..." he muttered under his breath. How could she wake up?

However, Eaton didn't have time to ask when he felt his body was being thrown away.

Chapter 672 - I CAN AND I WILL

Vines and roots sprang from the ground just like a huge snakes that had its own mind, it slid and moved with surprising speed.

Eaton was completely floored with what he saw to be able to react in time. He had heard what Lilac was capable of, but it was different when he had to witness it directly.

Moreover, Lilac was not supposed to be awake. She shouldn't be able to gain her consciousness on her own, unless something happened to the mind reader.

Yet, this wasn't the right time for Eaton to worry about someone else, when his own life was in danger in the hand of the delicate girl right before his eyes.

Eaton was bound to the wall behind him, wrapped tightly with roots and vines, so skintight until he couldn't move his finger, even his mouth was being secured. He could feel the bitter taste of dirt and soil in his mouth.

It was only Eaton's eyes that were spared to see how graceful the way Lilac walked barefoot toward him, once she got out of the bed, throwing away the blanket and flicked her long black hair, which tumbling down on her shoulder.

She looked confused, but also in high alert when she observed her surroundings. It seemed, she wanted to be in the safe side just in case Eaton was an enemy and the lycan, somehow, could understand that.

Lilac looked very much different from her unconscious and conscious self.

The word 'angel' suited her when she was in defenseless state, looked very delicate and charming. However, the conscious Lilac was not someone who could be trifled with. She looked so fierce and threatening.

"Where is this?" Lilac couldn't find out the answer only by looking her surrounding, thus she decided to ask the question to the only living soul in this room.

"You are in the safe place," Eaton answered her when Lilac waved her hand and get rid the vines that covered his mouth. This girl with her power was so frightening.

Lilac stared at him impassively. "I will be the one who decide, whether I am safe or not."

She remembered the room that she had been living since... Lilac was not sure, how long she had been living in that place. It felt like months.

She had been trapped there without her power, but when Lilac felt her power was back, she tried to push open the door and succeeded.

However, instead of being in the hallway or somewhere, she returned to this strange room, staring at a strange man.

All of this was very confusing for Lilac to understand, her head was throbbing.

"Who are you?" Lilac took another cautious steps, tightening the roots around Eaton's body until the lycan groaned in pain.

"Eaton," Eaton replied through his gritted teeth.

"And who are you Eaton?" Lilac took her time to interrogate him. She looked patient, but didn't mean she wouldn't finish him off if Eaton was trying to do something funny.

"I am the King's confidant," Eaton answered through his raspy voice.

Lilac narrowed her eyes. "I don't like the King," she said rigidly. "Or his people."

"Lilac... stop this." Eaton gagged when the root around his neck tightened, choked him. "You misunderstood him. Jedrek is trying to keep you safe."

"Jedrek? Keep me safe?" Lilac sneered, her black eyes hardened. "The last thing I remember, he had been imprisoned me and killed Tordoff for saving me from the dungeon."

Lilac still felt the death of Tordoff was her fault and every time she remembered this, she felt the bitterness of that fact.

"There are a lot of thing that you don't understand about him." Eaton struggled to catch on his breath, if this kept going like this, he would be dead. It seemed Lilac knew very well how to handle a shifter, in his current position, he was not able to move a muscle not to say shifting into his beast.

"Unfortunately, I am not in the mood to understand him." Lilac had given time and chance to Jedrek, but he proved it to her again and again that he didn't deserve it.

"Don't you come with a mission from the moon goddess? You can't just walk away and shrug off your responsibilities, right?" Eaton was trying to make Lilac hesitate with her decision, because he could feel, in the fit of her hatred toward Jedrek, the girl was more than capable to squeeze him to his death.

"I can and I will." Lilac had had enough with all the things that Jedrek had done to her, she didn't want to deal with him anymore, because the first thing she would do when she met him was to make him pay for everything that he had done. Especially, when she already got her power back.

"Lilac... you will kill me if you... don't put away these things..." His breathing became uneven, but Lilac didn't budge, apparently, she was no longer care and Eaton had to do something to make the girl relent. "What had happened to you was not real... it was only illusion... Jedrek didn't mean to harm you??"

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Jedrek kneaded his temple when the sound of Janus's voice kept roaring in his mind, though he had cut the mind- link between them.

The former Alpha had been so furious and enraged, until Jedrek needed to tell the special servant to stop coming and taking care of Diana.

[Alpha.] the girl stood before Jedrek with her head hung low. [I am worry about Luna Diana... is it okay if I don't visit her? It had been a long time.]

The special servant was indeed couldn't speak or hear, but he was still a werewolf, they had another way to communicate with each other.

"You don't have to worry about it." After saying that, Jedrek dismissed her.

However, his eyes turned sharp the second he felt there was something wrong.

Jedrek felt anxious and this had something to do with the mate bond.

Chapter 673 - MAKE IT RIGHT

Suddenly, Jedrek shot to his feet. However, this was not because of the strangeness that he felt through the mate bond, because more or less, he knew what was happening even before he could confirm it.

Something must have happened to Killian, the mind reader, that it woke Lilac up. It was most likely because Jedrek was not able to feel anything since Lilac was trapped in the illusion, yet now, he felt it again.

Once again, after a few weeks since the last time Jedrek came into the secret tunnel, he was here again. Walked through the dark secret passage, the one that he had walked down countless times, yet the resentment he felt every time he was here, had not decreased one bit even though much time had passed.

The tunnel was eerie silent, there was only Jedrek's footsteps that echoed through the wall, which covered with graffiti.

The Alpha King took his time to walk down this path, as it could be the last time he would be here.

He knew he should have done this long time ago, yet at the same time he understood the excuses that he always made for not doing so.

"Finally you are here." Janus dark voice was the one who greeted Jedrek once he stepped inside the oval chamber.

"Glad to be here." Jedrek glanced at his father, but this time he didn't brush him away and listened to whatever nonsense he wanted to spit.

"Where is the sacrifice for me?" He asked through gritted teeth, his body had faded away and now he was no longer could touch Jedrek, as though his flesh had turned into a white smoke.

"As you can see, I don't bring any with me." Jedrek leaned his back against the wall behind him, showing his patient, as though he would give all the time that Janus had demanded since weeks ago.

Janus glared at his son, but tried to hold back his anger. "You know what the consequences if I disappeared or your mother stop living."

Jedrek shook his head, he looked tired. At this moment, he didn't look like the great King, who always wore his cold facade, he let out his emotion appeared on his face. "She had died long time ago. All the stupid things that you had done only prolong her life."

"IF YOU GIVE ME THE GUARDIAN ANGEL, SHE WILL LIVE!" Janus roared in frustration, he threw Jedrek a punch, but just like before, it only past through his face and this fact only aggravated the former Alpha further.

"But, you will kill mine." Jedrek watched Janus attentively.

A loud laugh rang through the chamber when Janus heard Jedrek's answer. "You don't care about her Jedrek," Janus hissed. He was standing only a meter away from him. "Do you forget? You are the one who killed her when she was only a few days old."

"You are right. I still haven't forgotten that." Jedrek nodded. Agreed. "But, I prefer she died in my hand than yours."

"YOU!" Janus almost turned feral now. Only if he could summon his beast again, he would have shifted and clawed his firstborn's face.

"I miss the father you were," Jedrek spoke softly, barely a whisper, yet it laced with sorrow when he recalled the memories of the past inside his head.

"I am still your father!" Janus pronounced every words clearly.

"No, you are not." Jedrek gave him a sorry look. "You are no longer my father, the moment you made your first deal with the devil and more so several deals after that."

"I did that to save Diana!" Janus balled his fists beside his body. He knew better to not try to punch Jedrek again, as it would be a futile attempt. "What you did for her!?"

Jedrek's eyes turned dark when he replied. "I wipe out the guardian angel's race to keep your end of the deal. Brought them to the battlefield just to draw their blood when you had sapped their power."

Those poor guardian angels were barely alive at that time and Jedrek remembered the way those weak creatures stared at him with hatred, the things that he thought was not possible for them to do.

??The moon goddess told you to bring all the guardian angels, not me!" Janus retorted.

"Indeed." Jedrek agreed once again. "But I am sure the goddess wouldn't have agreed to help you to keep your end of deal with the devil, as she never said anything about sapping their energy."

If Kace and Torak could accept their mate with opened arms and excitement, Jedrek couldn't do that. This so called blessing from the moon goddess, because she had lifted their curse, was actually another punishment.

It almost felt like the moon goddess mocked him when she bestowed the guardian angel as their mate. The very same kind that Jedrek had eradicated from this realm.

Even more so when Jedrek found out and became part of helping Janus to fulfill his deal with the devils. One of the many things that not even Torak or Kace were aware of.

"Don't blame it on me," Janus sneered. "You challenged me for the Alpha title and killed me, but in the end, you helped me. That was your decision to bring all the guardian angels to me."

Jedrek sighed deeply when he heard that. Feelings of guilt, for having killed his father with his own hands after he had challenged him to the Alpha title, ate away at his conscience.

Jedrek thought, he could make amend by saving Diana and the only way that left, was the way that Janus had paved. Jedrek walked down the same path and that was his first mistake, which led him to another.

"I challenged you because you threatened to kill Kace, if I didn't give you what you want." Jedrek pushed himself from the wall and straightened his back, determination in his dark eyes. "That was my mistake and I will make it right, now."

Chapter 674 - THE UNDERSTANDING

"The soft- hearted Kace..." Janus clicked his tongue. "He is a useless son who had caused this to your mother. I will not lost anything if I lost him."

For some reason, Diana's health depleted when she gave birth to Kace. This fact made Janus very worried. However, he wouldn't say something like that when he was in his right mind.

Therefore, the man before Jedrek, was no more than a tainted soul with deranged mind. Because of the deal that Janus had made, Even though Jedrek had killed him, his soul was still alive, asking for a sacrifice to sustain his fake life.

"The Alpha and father that I know will never say that." Jedrek narrowed his eyes. His memories about his father that he admired almost as blurry as Janus's entire being right now.

"Then, you don't know about me well enough." Janus smirked like a madman.

"I will end it today," Jedrek said curtly. He was very calm right now, almost as if not himself.

"You will never be able to do it again, why bother to try?" Janus crossed his arms in front of his chest as he watched Jedrek walked past him to the door where Diana was fast asleep since centuries ago. "Did you forget? The last time you tried it, you incurred the wrath of your mate because you killed her lover?"

Janus mocked him, yet Jedrek didn't even spare him a glance when he marched toward the door.

"You should thanks Asmodeous to bring your little mate together with the man who cared for her since you don't want a mate in your life." Janus followed Jedrek's movement with his eyes.

Jedrek closed the door behind him, efficiently shut Janus's voice. He walked toward the bed and leaned over to kiss Diana's temple.

"I am sorry, mother," he whispered.

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"What will happen if Jedrek killed Diana?" Lilac narrowed her eyes at Eaton.

"Catastrophe," answered Eaton. "We don't know what Janus offered the devil in exchange for Diana's life. Jedrek still hasn't managed to figure this out."

"What drink that Maximus gave to Jedrek?" Lilac loosened up the bound around Eaton's body, so he could catch his breath and became more relax.

"I am not really sure." Eaton looked hesitant to speak.

"What is it?" Lilac took a chair and sat down in front of Eaton, she was willing to give Eaton the time that she needed, as long as this lycan was telling her the truth. This was the last chance that Lilac willing to give to understand Jedrek and his reason.

"I am not sure if I should say this." Eaton felt uncomfortable and it had nothing to do with his current state.

"I am waiting," Lilac said impassively.

Sighing deeply, Eaton decided to come clean with Lilac, since she was willing to hear this, despite everything that Jedrek had put her through, she deserved the truth. Jedrek had proved it that hiding something from the people who were willing to help, didn't bring any benefit. "Jedrek almost went feral when Serefina left him." Eaton stopped to observe Lilac's reaction.

Lilac knew who was Serefina. The last pure blood witch. Another creature that had been resurrected by the moon goddess besides herself.

Jedrek's first love.

Lilac scoffed internally with that thought.

"So?" If Lilac felt something when she heard Serefina's name, she didn't show it on her face.

"It supposed to relieve Jedrek's pain, but later, Jedrek figured out that it was not only to relieve the pain, but also prevented him from making the right decision."

"Do you want to say that every wrong thing that he had done was because he drank that?" Lilac jeered at that statement, she would laugh if Eaton said 'yes', but he didn't.

"No, once Jedrek realized it, he stopped drinking it." Eaton looked at the fierce girl in front of him. Her black eyes showed hatred, but also sadness. "What I want to say is; Jedrek has been living with his pain and not allowed to show it, until it becomes a habit of him to hide away his true feeling."

"That didn't justify for what he had done." Lilac stood her ground.

"No. I am not on his side, especially when he ordered to kill you and the other guardian angel, only because he thought it was the right thing to do to have all of you killed before the devil could get to you first."

"That was stupid," Lilac spoke through gritted teeth.

"I agree." Eaton nodded. "Yet..."

Lilac raised her hand to stop Eaton from talking, her passive expression turned serious as her brows furrowed tightly.

"What happened?" Eaton frowned when he watched Lilac crouched down on the floor with her palms were facing the ground, as though she was feeling something.

"Can't you feel that?" Lilac asked in low tone, as she concentrated to whatever things that she felt beneath the ground.

"No, I don't. If it is something on the ground, I will not be able to feel it since my feet don't step on it." Eaton was stuck on the wall, wrapped tightly by roots with his feet hung a few inches away from the ground.

Lilac ignored what Eaton said as she focused on what she felt on the ground.

"Earthquake?" Lilac mumbled, but then she shook her head. It was not an earthquake, but she could feel it the ground was shaking, as if there was something emerged from inside.

"What do you feel?" Eaton frowned when he watched how serious Lilac was. Her face contorted in concentration.

"Something is happening. The ground is shaking, but this does not happen naturally, as if some foreign forces are forcing this to happen."

Eaton fell silent for a moment before he spoke rigidly. "Release me."

Lilac raised her head and gave Eaton a look.

The lycan groaned when he felt her distrust toward him. "I think it's happening now."

And with that, the understanding dawn on her, as she realized what was about to happen.

Chapter 675 - KNOCKED SOME SENSE INTO HIS HEAD

Lilac didn't believe it.

She was totally speechless with her own decision to come here.

She should have gone far, far away from this realm and had nothing to do with a man named Jedrek.

She swore, she would teach Jedrek some lesson if they had ever met again, for being such a bastard, but that wouldn't happen any time soon.

She needed to talk with Selene, the Moon Goddess should know better to not pair both of them, yet since the moon goddess had decided to not show herself, maybe a little rebellion from Lilac's side could force her to appear and they could negotiate her mission.

However, here she was, trying to break down the entrance gates of the castle with Eaton beside her.

Lilac frowned when she was staring at the burning buildings, mounds rubbles and the screaming citizens and beasts. She didn't believe what lay before her eyes.

It was as if an earthquake shook the foundations of the kingdom while an asteroid plummeted from the sky.

This was devastation.

Lilac had been in this city central for a few weeks before the bad lycan put her into some kind of illusion magic for almost a year now, therefore, she had the opportunity to witness how beautiful the city was, despite Jedrek's unbearable attitude and his thick-headed decisions, his people lived in glory.

But, this was a nightmare. Created in the darkest despair and brought to life.

"Is this the consequences? Did Jedrek know?" Lilac gulped down hard.

"I think he already knew." Eaton frowned. "We should not be here, we have to go."

Eaton thought this was the sign that Jedrek was talking about. The King had told him that he would know when the time came. Eaton had to bring Lilac, whether she was already awake or not, to the northern region and met his other generals there.

However, Jedrek didn't say anything about himself. Hell! He had never talked about what was going on in his thick-skull of mind clearly.

"Right, we have to go.?? Lilac walked toward the entrance gates, but before she could take another step closer, Eaton had held her arm.

"No, we have to go from this city." Eaton shook his head. "It is not safe to be here!" Eaton was half-shouting above the sound of the still-crumbling buildings. He realized what Lilac's intention and he couldn't let her to do that.

Right. Lilac should not be here. Didn't she really intend to stay away from Jedrek? Had her resolve become weak now, after what she heard about him?

"We need to get to the castle," Lilac spoke calmly. Even she was surprised to hear how calm her voice sounded.

But, deep down in her heart, she knew, she was doing the right thing.

The path to the castle wouldn't be simple. There would be more wreckage behind this gigantic wall.

"No, Lilac." Eaton shook his head, as his grip tightened. "Jedrek doesn't want you to be here."

Lilac scoffed when she heard that name. "Since when I listen to him?" She tried to free her arm from Eaton, but he refused to let her go. "He is not my King, he is not my Alpha, he refused the mate bond between us and he is far from the figure of a knight with shining armor."

"This is for your own safety." Eaton knew Jedrek was stubborn, but he couldn't understand why did the moon goddess give a more stubborn creature to match the Alpha's stubbornness?

"He has made my life miserable and I will settle score with him." Since Lilac couldn't pry Eaton's grip from her, she used her power to do that. Roots and vines crept on Eaton's body, sneaked on his arms and forced him to release Lilac.

"Lilac, this is not the right time for revenge." Eaton looked at the things that glided on his arm worriedly.

Ignoring Eaton's words, Lilac spoke contemptuously. "If he has to die. I will be the one who kill him."

Eaton was dumbfounded. That was a bold statement. To kill the King? But, seeing how pissed Lilac now with the fact she was unconscious for almost a year and the ability that she held, that was not impossible for her...

In the other hand, without waiting for Eaton's consent, Lilac turned around and made his way to the castle.

"Jedrek can be anywhere!" Eaton shouted at Lilac's back desperately as the girl stared at the closed gates, it seemed like she was thinking about how to crush that enormous and heavy iron gates.

"He is inside!" Lilac shouted back. She could feel it. He was still inside.

Part of him wanted lilac to give up her idea to bring down the iron gates, as it was impossible for her to do that, but part of him was curious to see what she would do, or what else could she do.

Apparently, after sometime Lilac came to conclusion that she wouldn't be able to destroy the annoying iron gates, no matter how strong her roots were.

Therefore, she took three steps back and conjured more roots as big as trunk to create a magical bridge that let her jumped over the high gates and wall.

Eaton's jaw dropped along with the vines that held him. He shook his head in disbelief when he witnessed how easy Lilac overcame the hurdle and how swiftly she moved.

She left the giant bridge made of roots that traversed from the ground to the highest point of the gates. Her delicate figure disappeared when she jumped without much of hesitation to the other side of the gates.

Maybe Jedrek was wrong all the time about this guardian angel, Eaton thought. She was nothing but weak. Whether it was her mind or soul. She was strong.

The strongest female that Eaton had ever seen in his life.

Probably this was what the Alpha King needed.

To have someone to knock some sense into his head.

Literally...

Chapter 676 - COMPANION

Lilac landed softly on the ground, in the other side of the gates, when her barefoot touched the soil, she could feel the rumbles beneath it, as if there was a creature trying to get up and rise from beneath the ground.

Lilac tried her best to focus on finding Jedrek. But, where? This castle was too vast for her to venture and her guts feeling didn't let her know where exactly Jedrek was now.

However, Lilac just realized it now, the situation here was so strange, there were no guards in sight. Where those people?

Lilac ventured inside the empty castle aimlessly, but still couldn't find anyone.

In no time, she reached the great hall, the one that she had destroyed when the first time Lilac met Jedrek, and this place now was even more horrible than the destruction that she had made back then.

From the vantage point through the huge window, which lined up at both sides of the hall, Lilac could see the smokes curling up from the other buildings.

What was happening here?!

As Lilac was looking around to figure out what she had to do next, a figure appeared from the opened door of the great hall. Lilac clenched her fists and gathered the roots beneath her feet, readied herself for a battle.

But, her tensed muscled slightly relax when she watched Eaton emerged from the dusty hallway.

"So, you decided to join me?" Lilac asked sarcastically, but a smile on her face couldn't deceive the old lycan that the girl was more than welcome for a companion.

"Where else should I go?" Eaton shrugged his shoulder. "Where do you think Jedrek is?"

Lilac had been thinking about that, but she didn't have any idea where he is.

"Why there is no one here?" this fact still bothered Lilac. "Did you see someone on your way here?"

Eaton shook his head. "This is strange."

"Don't you know anything about it?" Lilac couldn't believe how secretive Jedrek was. It was clear to see that Eaton was the most loyal confidant that he could have in his messy life, but why he even didn't want to share his plan with him?

This King was surely annoying!

"He works in silence, alone." Eaton also didn't believe this fact. Jedrek definitely wouldn't have thought that he would collaborate with Lilac and disobey his orders.

When the two of them were in deep thought, Eaton raised his nose and sniffed the air. "Who is there?" his brows furrowed when he tried to distinguish the scent that he smelled. "Airin, is that you?"

Lilac followed Eaton's line of sight and watched as a young girl that she knew as a special servant in the north wing, the place where Maximus let her to reside during her stay in this castle, emerged from across the room.

She looked at Eaton and Lilac sheepishly and bit her lips nervously.

The special servant named Airin walked closer with her head hung low, until her black hair covered her face.

When Airin had stood in front of them, Eaton sighed helplessly, as he said. "Apparently, it is not only us who disobeyed the King's order."

Lilac wanted to know how Eaton could come into that conclusion, since she Airin couldn't speak and Eaton didn't say anything to confirm his statement, but then she remembered that Lycan had their own way to communicate with each other.

"Do you know where is Jedrek?" Lilac didn't want to waste time and immediately jumped into their main concern.

Airin glanced at Eaton before she walked toward the door, it seemed she would lead the way to Jedrek.

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"I thought she will lead us to the secret place inside the library," Lilac said as they ran into the north wing, the place where Lilac resided before.

Lilac remembered that place on their way here. How she could forget about that place? When it held so much memory for her. She thought sarcastically.

"We will go to the secret place, but not from the library, that place had been destroyed. You can't come from there. We will take another route." Eaton explained to her.

Lilac raised her brows, staring at Airin's back, who was running in front of her. She didn't expect that this girl knew more things than she showed.

After turning at several intersections, Airin finally stopped running as she stood in front of a painting as tall as her body and pushed it aside.

Behind it, there was a tunnel of the secret passage, which was cold and dark. The sunlight from the window across them only could manage to illuminate a few steps away from the entrance and after that, the darkness engulfed them when they walked further.

Lilac held onto Eaton when she couldn't see anything and wondered how the two of them didn't seem to have problem moving around in this darkness.

Every steps echoed off the walls on both sides of them, as they made their way through the surprisingly long passageway.

"It will take us right to Diana's chamber," Eaton spoke, breaking the eerily silence.

"Do you think, Jedrek is still there?" Lilac asked. She was a little bit nervous to meet Jedrek at this point.

The destruction of the city was proof that Jedrek had done what he was supposed to do long ago, but still, killing Diana in order to break the vicious cycle was something entirely different.

How was Jedrek now? And moreover, they didn't know what was waiting them when they reached the end of this tunnel.

Despite the chilly atmosphere, sweat was already glistening on Lilac's forehead. The passageway rose on an incline that looked as if it would never end.

It felt like Lilac had been in another illusion, as she was not being able to see anything. She only sighed in relieved when they finally came to a stop.

"There is a high chance that Jedrek is behind this door, are you ready?" Eaton asked, putting his hand on the door that Lilac couldn't see, waiting for her confirmation to push it open.

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Chapter 677 - MEETING JEDREK

Lilac bit her lips and nodded. It wasn't the time to back down now.

However, before Eaton could open the door, there was an earth- shattering sound that could be heard from the other side. His eyes widened when he watched the doorknob rattled in his hold.

"What happened?!" Lilac shouted above the frenzy sound. She couldn't see it, but she knew there was something wrong with the way Eaton's body became tense.

And then they heard what sounded like wh.i.p.s cutting through the air. The sharp and distinct cracks reverberated throughout the dark tunnel.

The sound became louder and more intense.

"MOVE!" Eaton shouted to Airin, but of course she wouldn't be able to hear anything, thus he had to push her away. Too hard until the poor girl flew a few meter to her right side and her body bumped onto the stone wall.

Everything happened so fast, after shoving Airin to the other side, Eaton hugged Lilac and turned them both, so the sudden blast from the door hit Eaton's back.

The explosion indeed hit Eaton's back, but the blast hurled them to the other side of the stone wall.

If it was not because of Lilac made a quick decision, to cover both of them with her power, her body would have been crushed because of the strong force of the explosion.

"What is that?" Lilac watched in horror when she witnessed, the door had burst into flames, the fire was very hot until she could feel the heat licked her skin.

The blaze illuminated the dark tunnel until Lilac could see every dirt and dust around her, as if everything was caught on fire.

It took a long time before the fire subsided and the moment it had gone out, the tunnel once again plunged into darkness.

"Eaton?" Lilac snapped to reality as she shifted her attention to Eaton, who was still hugging her. "Are you okay?"

Eaton groaned and tried to move, but the pain made it harder for him. Once he crawled away from Lilac, he fell on his stomach.

The light from the room, which the door had burned into ashes, allowed Lilac to see the horrible scald and blister behind his back because of the explosion before.

"Eaton! Your back!" Lilac gasped in shock.

Eaton's face contorted in pain and he groaned again when he answered her. "Worry not. I just need a few moments to recover."

He was right, the burn had slowly healed, but it took some time before the lycan could fully recover. However, Lilac didn't have a patient to wait. Even now, she still could hear the uproar from inside the room

"I will check on Airin," Lilac said, she was worry about the girl too. She didn't know whether Airin got caught in the flames or she managed to escape.

"Wait for me, don't enter the room without me," Eaton grumbled, hating the fact that his injuries took quite a long time to heal.

Lilac didn't say anything as she dashed toward the other end of the tunnel. She couldn't promise to wait for him. Her patient was running out and she wanted to know where that flame came from after made sure Airin was all right.

"Airin?" She called for her, but there was no answer. "Airin?"

Lilac walked further to the seemingly the ruins of the stone wall. With her bare hands, she started to pick up the stone as it looked like Airin was buried beneath it.

Her guess was right, after moving three stones, she could see the girl, unconscious, but alive.

Lilac summoned the roots under her feet to get Airin out from there quickly and laid her on the vacant space near the ruin.

Airin was fine, it was only a matter of time before she gained her consciousness.

Once again, Lilac heard the uproar from inside the room and this time she heard a familiar snarls and growls too.

In spite of the fact, Lilac had only fought with him once, but she was sure the animal sound belonged to the Alpha King.

Jedrek was fighting something inside that room, but what?! From the sound of it, it must be a creature much monstrous than himself. Something that could breathe fire.

Impossible...

Lilac scrambled to her feet, ignoring the warning that Eaton gave to her, she ran toward the secret chamber and halted for a moment to assess the situation before she poked her head with caution. If the fire could turn the door into dust, she didn't want her head to be the next target.

And inside, she watched a yellow salamander with slender body and blunt snouts, as big as the white lycan, was pinned to the ground.

Its slender body covered with black liquids that Lilac assumed was its blood and its blunt snouts were torn, leaving it impossible to breathe another fire.

Lilac was in time to witness how vicious the white lycan when he clawed the Salamander's stomach with his sharp talons, dug them deep until the ugly creature breathed his last.

Lilac was floored to see such bloody scene, she didn't even realize that her body trembled. The black liquid spurting from the salamander's stomach and coated the white fur of the lycan with it, now the last monster looked more feral than ever with his white fur turned black.

Lilac couldn't take her eyes from him, until the white lycan itself, who found her. With his red- bloody eyes, he glared at the girl.

The white lycan snarled to get her attention, but when his mate was still standing there, seemingly couldn't take her attention out of the dead salamander, the lycan approached her with a deep growl, which reverberated through the stone wall.

Jedrek shifted back to his human skin once he was close enough to her.

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!" He roared in anger and this efficiently got Lilac's attention.

Lilac didn't appreciate Jedrek's tone as she snapped back at him. "TO GET YOU OUT FROM HERE, OF COURSE!"

Chapter 678 - STAY CLOSE

Jedrek scowled, he ran his fingers through his black hair and growled deeply upon hearing what Lilac had shouted to him. "What?"

"Let's go!" Lilac didn't want to spend another second with argumentation, she grabbed Jedrek's arm and was about to pull him away from here, yet the Alpha King didn't budge and the guardian angel didn't have enough strength to do otherwise. "What now?!"

"I can't go." Jedrek stared at Lilac's small hand that wanted to drag him along with her and relished the spark between them. The spark was there so did their bond. No matter how hard Jedrek pushed her away and hurt her, this little girl was always come back in one way or another.

"Of course you can!" Lilac was irritated. "Oh, please. Can we save the argumentation for later?" she asked dramatically. "Eaton and Airin are injured. They can't move!"

Jedrek narrowed his eyes and stepped out from the secret room to the dark tunnel, but he grabbed Lilac's hand to go with him too, made sure she was within his sight.

Jedrek approached Eaton first and checked on him, apparently the lycan has gained his consciousness and tried to sit down, though he looked haggard, but still, it was better to see him arguing with Jedrek.

"Didn't I tell you that you should go?" Jedrek glowered at him.

"It's not me, it's her." Eaton nodded to Lilac, because he knew the girl would fight back while he too exhausted to argue with Jedrek. "I have told her to go, but she didn't listen."

Lilac frowned when she heard that. Well, that wasn't wrong, but why she felt Eaton put the blame on her head?

Jedrek glanced at Lilac with unreadable expression, but didn't say anything. "Can you stand up?"

"I guess," Eaton groaned when he tried to stand up and Jedrek didn't do anything to help. It seemed he was annoyed beyond words to even give a hand to him.

In the other hand, Lilac couldn't stand it, she moved forward and was about to help Eaton when Jedrek shoved her away to the side and finally did what he had to do.

"Airin is over there," Lilac said, walking to the other rumbles where she had laid Airin there.

After helping Eaton to stand up Jedrek let him to walk on his own while he approached Lilac with hasty steps.

Jedrek watched the special servant was lying on the ground, started to stir awake, as her injuries began to heal.

"Are you all right?" Lilac crouched down and helped Airin to sit. "Come on, we have to go."

"You three get out of here!" Jedrek spoke in deep voice, leaving no room for negotiation. He watched with rigid expression when Lilac stood right in front of him. The tip of her head only reached his shoulder, but she didn't look intimidated at all.

"Your grace," she said, sarcasm was very thick in her tone. "In case you have forgotten what I already said earlier, I will remind you again."

The guardian angel looked like she was on the verge of losing her patient, yet tried hard to stay calm and this amused Jedrek to see her expression.

"We came here to get you out from this place, so be nice and cooperate." Lilac glowered, no longer trying to hold back her anger.

Jedrek knew she was a feisty and fierce one. Somehow, he always knew it. Nothing would make this girl to back down when he had decided on something.

Yet, Jedrek didn't heed to her words when the animalistic sounds erupted throughout the entire place, shaking the ground beneath them.

"What is that?" This time, it was Eaton who was flabbergasted with the imminent danger that seemed lurking from the dark.

"The creatures from hell," Jedrek said tonelessly, but didn't slow down his steps to approach the door once again.

"The creatures from hell," Eaton repeated in disbelief. "Is that what the consequences are all about? Breaking the deal will lead us to open the gates to Tartarus?"

"I don't believe it too, but the reality is hard to deny," Jedrek spoke grimly. "You should go from here."

Eaton grabbed Jedrek's arm to stop him. "So, what are you going to do? Fight every creatures that come out?!" Anger rose in his throat. "That's not a plan."

"There was never a plan for this." Jedrek looked at Eaton hard.

Both of them knew, no one expected this outcome. Who would have thought that Janus would go this far to save Diana?

Open the Tartarus gates? It could be the end of the world. Just like what the prophecy said. They had to fight the devils once again.

In short, another war...

How could the devil had predicted this? If this was indeed the devil's plan, they had enrooted this since the first war.

How could that be possible?

"Get them out of here." Jedrek shook his arm from Eaton's grip, but then he heard his mate spoke in her sweet tone. There was no fear in the way she talked.

"Too late," she said, putting her palms on the ground. "The other end of the passage was already covered in rubbles."

Jedrek squinted his eyes on Lilac. "You can easily move them away."

"This tunnel is not steady, one more clatter and maybe the entire tunnel will collapse. I don't want to go there." Lilac shrugged her shoulder, leaving Jedrek with no other choice. "If you don't believe me, you can go with us and see it yourself."

Jedrek closed his eyes as he tried to content his anger. He didn't know whether Lilac was saying the truth or not. She was hard to predict, especially when she talked so calm and with smirk on her lips, as though she was saying; I will do what I want to do and you will do what I say.

Jedrek turned on his heel, took three long strides and grabbed Lilac's arm as he spoke grimly, "stay close."

Chapter 679 - DON'T LOOK!

Jedrek didn't have any idea about the consequences of the deal that Janus made with the devils could lead them to this catastrophe. How could his father became so stupid to bend his knees in order to save his mate?!

That was a stupid decision!

Jedrek despised for having Lilac. No, he loathed the fact that he was having a mate, yet, he couldn't help but started to fall into his fate.

He couldn't deny that he couldn't hurt Lilac, at the very least, not after this bond gets stronger as the days go by.

Anger rose in Jedrek's throat, he was furious beyond words. However, one thing that he didn't know, someone had gone to go to the extra miles for him.

Similar thing that Janus did for Diana.

Jedrek felt like he almost lost his temper, thus he let go Lilac's hand. He didn't want to crush that fragile hand again. The first time he did it was an accident and his beast almost killed him with agony. He didn't need to feel that way at time like this.

Meanwhile, Lilac followed Jedrek back into the previous chamber. From inside she could hear another explosion with a sound like a small bomb.

Jedrek had just let go of Lilac's arm, but then he flung his arms over her head and pulled her closer into the chamber when a big piece of tunnel ceiling fell straight to the floor.

At the same time, Eaton grabbed Airin's shoulder and pulled her away from the imminent danger, as the ceiling collapsed and blocked their way. Next moment, the two of them were standing in the dark, gazing at the solid wall of broken rock. Separated from Jedrek and Lilac.

"Jedrek! Are you okay!?" Eaton tried to move the rock to get to him, but he had to stop before the ceiling of the tunnel collapsed again.

Inside the chamber, Jedrek gritted his teeth when he examined Lilac's body and looked at her terrified face. The tension loosened a little when he saw that she was okay. It was a close call. "I am fine!" Jedrek shouted back to Eaton. "Stay there, I will find a way to get to you!"

Lilac blinked her eyes to get back to her senses, what was just happening simply too terrifying, and only then she realized that they had been separated.

"I think I can lift those rocks," Lilac said.

"And risk another collapsing rock when your roots emerge from the ground? No. We have to get you out from here," Jedrek said sternly.

Lilac swatted Jedrek's hand, which was about to drag her again. "And leave them here?!" Lilac asked in disbelief. "No, I will not go anywhere."

Jedrek glared at her.

However, their argumentation was cut short when Lilac's eyes widened in horror as she watched something behind Jedrek's back. Something scaly and big, with its body slithering on the ground.

"Jedrek!" she shrieked.

Even before Lilac called his name, he knew this creature was there. Therefore, he needed to get Lilac out of here.

Very fast. Jedrek pressed Lilac's head to his chest, preventing her to look another second longer. He could feel his mate's body was trembling.

Jedrek knew what was happening behind his back through the reflection of the shadow on the stone wall.

"Stay here," Jedrek said in stern voice. "I mean it. Stay. Here." He emphasized every word, so Lilac could understand how serious he was now.

"What is that?" her voice cracked in fear. She knew it was not a normal serpent.

"Basilisk," Jedrek said through gritted teeth. The creatures that came out from Tartarus were getting worse and worse.

Lilac was panic-stricken when Jedrek turned her body around, so she faced the stone wall and let go of her. She knew what basilisk was and what this monster capable of.

In matter of second, Lilac could hear vicious growls and snarls from behind her back. Apparently, Jedrek had shifted into his beast and fought the monster. She didn't have any idea how he did it, as no one could see the Basilisk's eyes.

However, Lilac had another important task in her hand.

There was a loud explosive sound behind her and then something heavy hit the wall near Lilac. It must be the serpent's body. Even though Lilac couldn't see it, but she could hear its heavy body slithering heavily across the dusty floor.

If this situation continued, this place would collapse, thus, bending her knees, Lilac put her palms flat to the ground and did what she had to do.

The ground was shaking, but this time not because of the monster that emerged from Tartarus, but from the power that Lilac gathered.

The ground seemed to move with an immense waves, just as the serpent hit the wall again and the ceiling almost collapsed, branches as thick as python sprung from the ground and hit the ceiling, its gnarled bough spread and held the crumbling stones firmly.

Lilac narrowed her eyes to keep it steady. Not only inside the chamber, Lilac also extended her power beyond it, to make sure Eaton and Airin were safe at the other side.

"What is happening there!?" Eaton demanded answer, but Lilac barely could speak in her current state.

However, in the next second, she felt someone grabbed her arms and spun her body. Lilac shrieked, but then realized, it was Jedrek.

"Don't look," Jedrek said sternly when he bent his body and put his strong arms behind her back and knees to carry her.

Lilac did what she was told and buried her face on the crook of Jedrek's shoulder, after took a glance of the scaly body of the basilisk. The monster was still alive.

Jedrek brought her away and only put her down when Lilac could feel the breeze of the wind caressed her skin.

"Go now," Jedrek said rigidly.

"What? No, I..." Lilac was about to argue with him, but Jedrek kissed her deeply before he let her go and slammed the door from which they came.

Chapter 680 - SHE WILL HURT YOU

The door was gone.

One second the door was there and then it was gone once Jedrek disappeared behind it.

How could that be possible to happen? Lilac kept staring at the vacant space in front of her. She swore Jedrek had just disappeared behind the close door, which no longer there.

"Lilac."

Lilac jumped out of her skin when she heard someone called her name, out of instinct, she turned around in alert, ready to battle this stranger.

However, it was not a stranger. This was the person that she knew.

"Tordoff...?" Lilac was floored, everything seemed to not make sense for her.

In front of her, it was Tordoff. The same man that she thought had been killed by Jedrek. At least, that was what he told her. But, now he was standing before her eyes without any injuries or losing any limbs.

Or, maybe it was only another dream? Jedrek had put her into another illusion?

"Tordoff, I thought you were..."

"Dead." Tordoff finished the sentences for her. "No, I am not." He shook his head. "The King didn't kill me."

Lilac felt her head spun with this information.

"I will tell you everything on our way to the safety place." Tordoff approached Lilac, but she moved away from him, seemingly still trying to comprehend this sudden situation. "We need to go to the southern region."

Lilac ignored him as she observed her surroundings. She saw the large green leaves and twisted trunks of the jungle.

Great! Lilac didn't know where she was now.

The strange sounds of the insects and distance howls greeted her ears, as the smell of rich soil and vegetation permeated the air.

A deep growl came from behind the thick vegetation as a massive dark lycan emerged from the leaves and branches, behind the beast, there were another beasts and then the lycanthropes in their human skin.

"Don't worry Lilac, they are with us." Tordoff explained when he watched Lilac took a defensive stance. He didn't need another battle with this girl, especially when she was in confusion. "They are the King's guard."

Lilac blinked her eyes and shifted her attention toward Tordoff, who was standing only three steps away from her while those horde of human and beast stopped in their place, a few meters away from her upon sensing her distress.

"What the King's guards are doing here when their King is in danger?!" Lilac snapped at Tordoff.

The basilisk still alive, Airin and Eaton were still trapped inside the tunnel and Jedrek, stubbornly, pushing her away! Without asking her consent!

Tordoff grimaced when he heard Lilac was shouting at him. "This is the King's order."

Not many people knew about Tordoff was still alive, but all of them knew the sign when they had to abandon the Kingdom and moved toward the southern region where they would join with Warlock, Rowan, Kyle and Sebastian.

"He is not my King and I will not take his order," Lilac said grimly as she turned around and was about to leave. She could see the spire in the distance, thus she didn't need to ask for direction.

However, the black beast leapt over her head and landed with a soft thud in front of her, it bared his fangs threateningly.

Lilac glared at the beast, it was clear to see that she didn't fear him.

"Step back Theo, she will hurt you." Tordoff warned the seventh general.

The beast glowered, but then shifted into his human skin. "Hurt me?" he raised his brows to Tordoff. "How could she hurt me?" he asked defiantly.

"Well, the six of us had fought her and she was able to hold us back, but if you want to have one on one fight. You can do that later." Tordoff shrugged his shoulder.

If this had happened any other time, Lilac would have laughed to hear their banter.

The general named Theo scoffed and was about to grab Lilac's arm, but she dodged it swiftly.

"I will go there." Lilac pointed the direction of the castle. "With or without your permission," she spoke coldly and started to walk.

"You don't have to worry about the King! He will go out from there alive!" Theo shouted at her.

"Who said I am worry about that Jerk?!" Lilac turned around and snapped at him, she was amused by their shock expression when she called Jedrek a jerk. "My friend is trapped under the ground, I am going back to save her!"

Lilac was not completely lying. Airin was still there, though she had not yet considered Eaton as her friend, but the special servant was the one who took care of her when she was still in the north wing.

Theo looked at Tordoff. "Now what?" he asked in confusion. Just like what Tordoff said, they couldn't drag Lilac to follow them without a fight and if that happened, not only it would slow them down, but it was possible there would be casualties. "She is the first person who insulted the King and we even don't know what to do to her."

Tordoff shook his head, he was getting a headache. "We will follow her."

"You disobey the King's order." Theo raised his brows questioningly.

"This will not be the first time." Tordoff winked at Theo.

Theo was the first general who found out that Tordoff was actually still alive, despite the rumor that said he was killed by Jedrek because he disobeyed his order and was breakout the prison with the guardian angel.

"I hope the King will not kill you for real this time." Theo commented sarcastically as he gestured to the other guards to follow them.

"I hope not." Tordoff sighed deeply. He stared at Lilac's back, she seemed very determine to go back to the castle.

The guardian angel was like a sweet little flower, but her determination was always mesmerized him. This was also what Tordoff felt about her when he decided to bring her out of the prison a year ago and incurred Jedrek's wrath.