

TLOA Lycan 771

Chapter 771 - PREDICAMENT

The people from Torak's pack and the centaurs along with the people from the village and a few shifter, would arrive today and from Jedrek's guard, they had arrived in the south area.

Because it would be too crowded if those people came to the city and attracted too much attention, Torak and Kace would receive them here, outside of the great wall that surrounded the south city.

"I don't believe it we are in this situation again," Kace mumbled beside Torak.

"I don't believe it that I will return to this realm again," Torak replied, from where they were standing now, they could see the horde of their people, coming closer.

"Hm," Kace hummed, as he touched his chin. "I don't understand why did you leave this realm? I just remembered that you had a lot of arguments with Jedrek, but I don't really understand what the two of you were fighting for."

"I don't really remember those fights either," Torak said casually and glanced at his younger brother with mocking smile on his lips and this only annoyed Kace. "That is not important now, we have a lot of things to work on here, come on."

Torak slapped Kace's back so hard, he groaned in pain and tried to rub his back while grumbling to catch up with Torak who had already walked in front of him.

"Why Jedrek didn't come with us?" Kace asked, as he waved his hand to Bree, who was running toward him.

"They are not his people, do you think he wants to spare his time to be here with us?" Torak replied simply.

"I will take this little girl to the castle," Kace said. He didn't really hear what Torak's reply.

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Serefina didn't even blink or flinch when the black lycan pounced onto her. The witch's lime green eyes shone brightly when that beast was only a few inch away from her.

However, before his sharp- razor claws could tear her face, the beast was being hurled very hard all of sudden until his big body hit the wall and created a big dent there.

"Don't you learn something from your devil's friend?" Serefina scoffed disdainfully. "That is not wise to attack a witch upfront. Or, are you too stupid to listen to them?"

The beast growled viciously at the witch and tried his second attempt to attack her, yet he couldn't break the invisible wall that Serefina had created around her and Theo.

"You never learn your lesson, don't you?" Serefina narrowed her eyes and with a flick of her wrist, she set fire on the ground the beast was trampling on.

The beast was about to leap to the side where there was no fire, but he just realized that his body couldn't move an inch.

His red eyes glared at Serefina with animosity and as soon as the fire licked his black fur, he started howling in pain and bared his teeth.

Serefina scoffed at the beast's lame attempt to scare her. He should know that he was not in the position to intimidate the witch. Even if he was, there was no way Serefina would scare of him when she had annoyed the three Donovans and fought them several times.

"So, is it him, right?" Serefina tilted her head and glanced at Theo over her shoulder. Theo shifted his eyes to Serefina and blinked, since he couldn't move his body or made any sound. "All right then..."

Serefina let the blue fire burned the beast and forced him back into his human skin, only then the flames disappeared.

"Do you really think that you can take me down alone?" Serefina sat down on the chair and crossed her legs, while looking down at Rowan. "You are so overconfident."

On the other hand, Rowan was panting heavily, his whole body was trembling and his skin was burned and blackened because of the fire.

"It is so unfortunate that you can save him." Rowan nodded at Theo. "But, you can't save the the girl." He smirked.

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Some pregnancy for werewolf or shifters would lead the female to gradually lose their remarkable sensing ability as the shifter. That was why Lana was not able to quickly realize that she was being followed when she visited Serefina in Theo's room.

However, when Kyle followed her, the wind brought his scent and exposed him, or maybe Kyle didn't really want to hide himself, since he should have known that it was a futile attempt to stalk on shifter.

"So, why did you follow me?" Lana raised her brows questioningly. She looked around and found that she was alone with only Kyle in this corridor, while the other tower needed around ten minutes for her to reach.

"I didn't." Kyle shrugged his shoulder and walked closer to Lana with his hands were inside his cloak pocket.

Lana didn't overlook this fact and her eyes became sharp.

"I just want to ask you why the king moved Theo's room? Perhaps you know the reason?" Kyle stopped two steps away from Lana, giving her space to put her guard up, but not enough to defend herself if his attack was quicker than her moves.

???Why do you think I know the answer?" Lana asked, feigning an innocent face. "That is your king, not mine."

"Perhaps Raphael knows something?" Kyle suggested.

"Don't you think that you are asking the wrong person? Why don't you ask the king since you are his general?" Lana scoffed, out of instinct she put her arms around her belly and took a step back to create a distance between them.

"Right." He nodded. "Where you will go? Why don't I walk you to the other tower?"

"Thank you, but no need to worry, I can find my own way there," Lana rejected him sarcastically, but didn't dare to turn her back against Kyle.

"I think you know why I am here, right?" Kyle smiled at Lana and pulled out a silver dagger from his cloak pocket.

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"I don't understand." Lana smiled derisively. "You said, you will walk me back to the other tower, but I don't understand what the need of the silver dagger in your hand?"

"Stop pretending that you don't know anything." Kyle played with the dagger in his hand, he knew there was no one there to save Lana, this part of the king tower was exceptionally quiet, because Jedrek prefer to don't have much guards roaming around in his place.

"Apart from the fact that you are trying to kill me now, I know nothing." Lana kept her voice calm while occasionally she would glance at the dagger in Kyle's hand. "Oh, maybe you want to ask, whether I know or not about your attempt to kill Theo?"

The smile on Kyle's lips slightly faltered as his eyes turned dark with anger with the way Lana spoke. She was mocking him.

"Do you really thing you can get away easily after killing a general? I don't think the king that stupid." Lana took a step back. She needed to think how to get away from this man and a silver dagger was a great deal for her, especially in her condition now.

Lana wouldn't risk that, thus all she needed to do was to buy some time.

"You know that it was impossible for you to fight me." Every shifter were able to know if their opponent was more stronger than them, it was the same way how those creatures could distinguish an Alpha or any shifter with higher rank than them. They would know who was the predator.

And in this case, Lana was nothing for a high rank general like Kyle, in his opinion.

"Well, you don't know." Lana looked around her, calculating her chance and what she could do in her current situation. "I had fought someone much worse than you," she said as she backed away.

"Really? You never saw the worst then."

After saying that, Kyle charged forward and made a slash movement with his dagger as Lana tried to dodge him by jumping to the other side and rolled her body on the ground while she shifted smoothly into her beast.

Kyle watched the beast in front of him and sneered. "I don't need to shift into my beast to face your scrawny wolf." He moved his forefinger in beckoning gesture. "Come here you little dog."

Lana's brown wolf snarled viciously and howled, but she was smart enough to not rush forward blindly toward the deathly silver dagger.

A lycan was stronger to withstand attacked using silver but not a werewolf, it could be a death sentence for them if Kyle cut her right in her heart.

"I will get you then..." Kyle twirled the dagger and started to walk slowly toward lana before he sped up.

With remarkable agility, Kyle dodge the beast attack and plunged the dagger straight to her back, but before the damage could be done, the beast propelled forward and sent him fly until his body crashed against the rows of flower beds.

But, before that, kyle managed to cut the beast's upper arm. Blood trickled down on her brown fur as she howled in pain.

The beast stepped back in her attempt to run away, but Kyle bolted to his feet and dashed toward her in incredible speed that managed to outrun her.

The beast pivoted in her place and avoid Kyle's dagger as she threw herself to the side, yet Kyle maneuvered and caught up to her.

He pushed the beast with his shoulder hardly, while the beast clawed his face deeply. With blood covered his vision, Kyle grunted and snarled. "B*tch!!!"

As the beast was flying midair and exposed her vital part of her body, Kyle smirked and charged forward.

This time, Lana lost her balance and was not able to gain her footing when Kyle pounced onto her and raised his dagger above his head.

The light from the sun fell on the sharp edge of the silver, ready to stab Lana to her death.

However, before Kyle could smile triumphantly, he was thrown to the ground with great force and without knowing what had happened, his head had been torn off his shoulder. The last thing that he saw was; a red eyes from a big brown beast with black strip on his left side, after that, he saw nothing when the excruciating pain washed over him.

The furious big brown beast didn't stop there, he tore Kyle's body limbs after limbs and snarled viciously when his opponent's blood coated his fur until he heard his mate soft voice.

"Raph..."

Lana's voice was very soft and laced with agony as she held her bleeding right arm. She sat down on the ground and watched how vicious Raphael's beast was, but that was the last of her concern. It was good enough that it was Kyle's head that was being ripped apart from his body, instead of hers or Raphael's.

"Lana!" Raphael had shifted back the moment he approached Lana and cradled her in his arms, his eyes were still the color of blood when he watched what Kyle had done to his mate. He shouldn't give him a quick death!

"It is a silver," Lana whimpered when the deep cut of her wound didn't heal.

"I know, I know..." Raphael picked her up carefully. "I am sorry I am late."

Lana had mind-linked him the moment she realized that she was being followed by Kyle. Of course she was aware about the treason that Kyle and Rowan had committed and her chance to win over Kyle if she had to face him head on, was nearly impossible.

"It's all right," Lana said softly to appease Raphael's anxiousness. She was glad that she just injured her arm.

"We need to bring her to the healer." Sereфина panted slightly when she arrived at the yard where Kyle had attacked Lana and saw the girl in Raphael's arms.

On the ground, Kyle's dead body was almost unrecognizable.

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Raphael watched intensely when the healer bandaged Lana's right arm as he held her other hands.

"How is she?" the Beta asked grimly. His eyes still the color of the night sky as he couldn't content his anger upon seeing Lana's pale face. If the silver stabbed her vital part, he would have lost her now for sure.

"I am all right," Lana tried to soothe Raphael's anxiety, but no amount of words that could ease his tense.

"She will be fine after two days of rest," the healer said after she finished tied up the bandage and let Lana laid back down. "Her healing ability will help, but since it is silver, so it will take time. You just have to pay attention not to get the wound wet."

"Thank you," Raphael murmured, yet his eyes didn't leave Lana's face. "I think Sereфина will need you in the king's tower."

"Right. I will leave you now," the healer said and cleaned up her things before she left the room while saying; "Just call me if you need something."

"Sure," Raphael replied absentmindedly and heard when the door was being closed. "I will get you some water."

They were in the old tower, inside the room, where Theo was being treated the first time he was found almost died.

The place didn't put concern much to a nursing place like this since all the shifters were having the ability to heal themselves and didn't need the healer's treatment most of the time.

"Here." Raphael come back with a glass of warm water and helped Lana to sit down, so she wouldn't choke.

"They are really traitors," Lana sighed deeply after she finished half of water.

"I shouldn't leave you alone," Raphael said regretfully and put down the glass on the table. He then laid down next to her and careful enough to not touch her wounds while Lana snuggled into his chest. This bed was big enough for the two of them.

"It's okay, you don't know." Lana nuzzled his neck and closed her eyes, tired. "I am glad you are there right in time." She couldn't imagine if Kyle got her before Raphael came.

They just met each other for weeks and blessed with love that they deserved, if something happened, it would be a nightmare for both of them.

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Serefina went back to Theo's room, where she left Rowan with Theo.

The general was unconscious after Serefina smashed his head against the wall really hard until she could hear his cracking skull the moment he said Lana was in danger. The witch just hoped it wouldn't damage his brain. It would be bothersome if he did.

When Serefina comeback to the room, Rowan was still lying on the ground with blood pooled beneath his head, but the rose and fall from his chest indicated that he was still alive and that was all that matter for now.

Serefina strode across the room and found Theo was struggling to sit down, but the witch pushed him back firmly. "You need to rest," she said. "The healer will be here soon."

The dead body of Kyle had been taken care of and now, perhaps the word about this attack had reached Jedrek. And for Rowan, she would let the lycan to decide what they would do to him.

"Can you talk?" Serefina asked Theo, but he slightly shook his head.

Theo had been trying to talk ever since he woke up, yet he couldn't produce any words. Perhaps, it was because of his wound. He needed to rest a bit longer...

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"Hoam!" Calleb yawned. He was very boring, following the two guardian angels chatted away inside the library.

Hope found this place and took Raine here, and because Torak and Kace were not here at the moment, it was Calleb new job to baby sit the two of them.

"You can read the book," Raine giggled when she watched how Calleb scratched his head and wiped away his tears.

"Me and book don't have chemistry at all," Calleb stood up and stretched his body to ease his tense muscle. "Can we go to another place that less boring than this?"

"I don't feel boring here," Hope said cheerfully, flipping every books that she could reach.

"Me too," Raine chimed in only to tease Calleb.

"Ugh! Where is Raphael?" Calleb groaned. The Beta was with him earlier, but he left hastily without saying a word.

At the same time, there was a guard entered the library and approached Calleb, he talked in low voice to him that couldn't be heard by Raine and Hope, but from the changing of Calleb's expression when he heard that, Raine was sure, it was not good news.

"What happened?" Raine walked closer to him.

"Lana is injured," he said.

"What?" Hope put down the book hastily and ran over. "What did you say? How could Lana get injured?"

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"Jedrek, I think we need to go to the east," Lilac approached Jedrek and touched his tense shoulder.

A guard just came with a report from Tordoff and Killian. There was no word in the envelop, but it was a secret message that Tordoff managed to deliver from the eastern region, where the eastern coven of the witches located.

The envelope created red smoke when Jedrek burned it in the fireplace, a sign that what was happening there, was not in their favor.

To put it simply, Tordoff and Killian were in danger.

"I will go after the ceremony," Jedrek said solemnly, but Lilac knew better that was another facade that he put on.

"We will go together," Lilac said calmly, she entwined their fingers.

Jedrek frowned and was about to reject her idea, he had planned to let her ruled this place in his stead, but before he could voice out his protest, another guard had entered the room and gave another bad news to the couple.

"General Kyle has been killed by Raphael," he reported.

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"Raphael killed Kyle?" Torak frowned when he heard what the guard told him and Kace. It didn't make sense for him, he knew Raphael very well that his Beta wouldn't make a reckless decision like that, even though they had known Kyle as the traitor.

"Why all of sudden Raphael killed Kyle?" Kace was also confused. It sounded weird, they just left the castle a few hours ago, but why things had escalated so fast there?

"General Theo has regained consciousness and now a healer checks on her." The guard then added. "And also, Lady Lana is injured during the attack."

"Lana is injured?!" Kace bolted up from his seat.

Aside from Torak and Kace inside the tent, which was built near the town that was being attacked a few days ago, there were Chiron, Delta and five Alphas from Torak's pack, while the other member of his pack camped outside.

Even now, the town was already packed because of them. However, they had to think about another site, since there would be more people who would come to join them from Torak's pack and the shifters that Kace had gathered with the help of Sterling.

"How is she now?" Torak still looked calm, but now it answered his confusion upon Raphael's action. His Beta was always the level headed person, if he had done something without his permission, the situation must be required a quick decision.

And it looked like what had happened, related to Lana's safety therefore, it seemed that what Raphael did was to be expected.

"Lady Lana is fine, she only needs to rest for a few days," the guard conveyed what he knew.

"I will go back to the castle," Kace said hastily, but Torak rejected his idea.

"No, you stay here and coordinate with them, I will go back to the castle to check the situation there." Torak took his cloak and walked out of the tent, without waiting for Kace's answer.

Hence, his younger brother chased after him and caught up with Torak before he shifted into his white beast.

"Wait! Why should I wait here?! I should go back to the castle. I need to check on my mate and Lana!" Kace protested. He hated this if he had to listen to his older brother's order.

"Lana doesn't need you, Raphael is there," Torak pointed out the oblivious. Lana needed her mate more rather than a brotherly concern from Kace. "Your mate will be with Raine and both of them will be well protected." Torak would make sure of it.

"Good!" Kace said sarcastically. "Then we can go back together."

"No," Torak said firmly.

"And why 'no'?" Kace knitted his brows, didn't look slightly happy with Torak's constant rejection.

"There is no one here who would lead them," Torak said in matter of fact tone.

Kace scoffed and laughed dryly. "You have a lot of Alpha from your pack there." He pointed the big tent behind him with his thumb.

"But, there is no Donovan there," Torak said.

"Why do you need a Donovan?" He asked incredulously.

"So, they will know who lead them." Torak turned around and was about to shift, but Kace grabbed his shoulder and stood in front of him.

"Like you said, this is our war. Why do you need a Donovan? Anyone can take that role for all I care." Kace didn't want to be inside that tent and giving an order. As much as he hated to take an order from his older brother, he didn't want to give order to other people again.

"Anyone can be leaders, then what? We will never win the war because everyone leads themselves." Torak raised his brows questioningly. "We led the war before and we will lead it again now."

In all honesty, from what they had been through before, there was no certainty in time of war. The person that you thought could be trusted, turned out to be a biggest traitor. If there was no one capable enough to take the control and placed their trust to wrong person, they would be doomed.

There was countless traitors could be found in the first war and they were facing it now, starting with Jedrek's people.

At the very least, the three Donovans would choose to face the other person head to head and wouldn't stab behind their brothers' back, if they really wanted to execute their other brother.

"I can't lead them," Kace said grimly.

"Yes you can." Torak shrugged Kace's hand from his shoulder. "You used to lead them before and you will lead them now."

After saying that, Torak leapt forward and landed in his white beast. His big paw pounded the ground heavily when he dashed toward the castle in hurry.

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"She is sleeping now," Raphael said in rigid tone, leaning against the door of Lana's nursing room and didn't let anyone to come inside, so they wouldn't disturb Lana's sleep.

In front of the defensive Beta was Calleb, Raine and Hope.

"Is she all right?" Raine asked in timid voice. She had never seen Raphael was so agitated like this before.

Raphael sighed when he heard Raine, he knew that he was overreacting, yet he couldn't help it. "Yes, Raine. She just needs a few days of rest."

"Oh, it's a good news." Raine smiled and sat down on the chair nearby, followed by Hope. The guardian angels didn't say much afterward.

Meanwhile, Calleb walked toward him and squeezed Raphael's tense shoulder, as if saying; it's all right, everything would be okay.

Not long time after that, Lilac came to ask about Lana and Raphael let her know what he had told the other people.

"Silver can be dangerous for shifters," Lilac murmured.

"I killed Kyle, but I think Serefina managed to get Rowan and keep him alive." Raphael said. He knew the importance of the two traitors to keep them alive, but he had killed one of them in fit of rage, yet he didn't regret it regardless.

Chapter 775 - ALPHA'S BLOOD

"Don't worry about that," Lilac said in reassuring tone. "Jedrek went to see Rowan now. I am sure he will get something from him."

Raphael nodded, but the tension still didn't leave his expression. "Great."

"I am sorry about Lana," Lilac said regretfully. "We should have approached this matter more cautiously."

But, Raphael shook his head, "No one knows this will end up like this."

Lilac stared at the door and then at Raphael, who seemingly still didn't want to let anyone entered the room. "I will take Hope and Raine with me."

"Bring Calleb also with you," Raphael said, nodded at Calleb, who was sitting beside Raine with brows knitted together tightly, he seemed worried for Raphael.

"No need, we will meet Serefina." Lilac refused it. "Calieb can stay here with you, I will bring a few guards with us."

Raphael shook his head. "No. Bring Calleb. We don't need another sneaky attack on the guardian angel. The things will only get worse if that happened." Raphael made his point.

However, at that time, Torak's scent hit their sense even before his figure appeared.

And of course, the first person he would check on was Raine. He approached her and gave a brief examination to make sure his mate was safe and sound.

"You are here," Raine hugged him and looked very please. She was worried about him too.

"Hei, may I know where is Kace?" Hope asked, she craned her neck, but couldn't see her mate anywhere. Didn't Torak and Kace go together?

"He is out of this city wall. Lead the people, who just came into this realm," Torak replied and freed himself from Raine tight hug before he walked toward Raphael to check on his Beta, leaving the confused Hope.

It was very rare to know that Kace was willing to give an order and acted as a leader, not to mention there were a lot of people there.

"How is she?" Torak asked Raphael, he could see that the Beta was being overprotective by not letting anyone to enter the room. He could understand this, after all Torak would have done worse when he witnessed someone hurt Raine.

"She is fine, just need a few days to rest. Fortunately, the silver didn't reach her vital." Raphael glanced at the door. "Torak, I am sorry but..."

"Stay here." Torak cut him in mid sentence. He knew what Raphael was going to ask. "You need to be with her."

There was a faint smile on Raphael's lips. "Thank you, Torak," he was grateful for his Alpha's thoughtfulness.

"You also stay here," Torak said to Calleb.

It surprised the Gamma, but it was Raphael, who rejected the idea immediately. "I don't think he will be much help here." The last thing that Raphael needed was Calleb nagging at him and he knew he would do.

"Hei! You don't need to show your displeasure straight away!" Calleb complained.

"You need to be quiet, yet you are nothing but quiet," Raphael scoffed and crossed his arms.

"He will be a good reminder for you," Torak finished their banter. It was the right decision to let Calleb looked after Raphael, since the Beta would neglect and tire himself when he took care of Lana, thus Calleb's fussiness would be needed.

And because Torak had decided that way, Raphael and Calleb couldn't say otherwise.

"Torak, I need to take Raine and Hope with me to meet Serefina, there is something that I want to discuss," Lilac said after Torak had settled down the thing with the two of them.

Torak glanced at Raine. "What is it?"

"A few things about guardian angel," Lilac spoke firmly.

"All right," Torak agreed. "I will walk you to meet Serefina, after that I will find Jedrek."

"Jedrek is in the dungeon, interrogating Rowan. I think he will be there for some time." Lilac let him know where Jedrek was. Things only became more complicated, not only in this place, but also in the eastern region.

"As expected." Torak nodded solemnly.

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"Did you manage to make him open his mouth?" Torak asked, leaning against the door made of iron steel inside this strong and very unpleasant smell dungeon.

In front of Jedrek, who was sitting on the chair, it was Rowan, writhing in pain because of the cut from the same silver dagger that Kyle used to hurt Lana.

The king would ask one of his men to cut a chunk of his flesh if Rowan was still stubborn to not say anything useful.

And for now, he just finished to destroy Rowan's left thigh and cut off all his toes. Blood was everywhere, even Rowan was choked with his own blood and pain.

"You should knock the door," Jedrek said dramatically, though he already knew Torak was coming to his way the moment the guards let him into the dungeon. His brother's scent was quite hard to be ignored.

Torak rapped his knuckles on the iron door twice. "What you get from him?"

"Nothing. He didn't say anything." Jedrek tilted his head and touched his chin.

"Maybe you cut his tongue." A guard brought another chair for Torak next to Jedrek.

"That will be the last part of him that I will cut off." Jedrek glanced at Torak. "Any idea?"

Torak scrunched his nose when he heard Rowan was cursing both of them and got kicks from the guards. "He is always this vulgar?"

"He was quite bold even when he was still pretending to pledge his loyalty to me." Jedrek chatted with Torak lightly. "I didn't see Kace."

"He is in charge for the people outside the city wall," Torak replied and Jedrek looked at him in surprise.

"I thought he will never agree to take that responsibility again." If there was one thing that changed from Kace since the war, it was his reluctance to take control upon other people's life again.

"Alpha's blood runs through his veins and he is not in the position to refuse it," Torak said.

Chapter 776 - RAINE SAW SOMETHING

Jamie looked gloomily at the dark sky when she sat down on the bench next to Kai, who was applying his make up again for their next class.

"Where are Casey and Connor?" Jamie asked grimly at Kai, who seemingly determined to not be bothered by her question until his lips was smudged glossily.

"Fighting again," Kai answered and sighed while putting back all of his things into his bag. "They had been fighting since..." He tried to remember, but couldn't. "...I don't even remember since when they are fighting like this? Both of them are always so sweet."

Now, in this table, were only Jammie and Kai. The news of Sunny's death really stirred up the school and business world.

The police found Sunny's body inside a building. Stabbed to death, but the investigation met a death end since very few clues can be found at the scene. Temporary suspicion, Sunny was murdered due to family business problems.

Rumor said, Sunny's family business had a clash with Donovan Company, but it was almost impossible because the two companies were not on par, except the fact that before Sunny was being found death, Andoori family signed a contract with de Medici family.

However, there was nothing that shook the world more than the news about the Donovan Company now and the legendary business Torak Donovan himself.

Since Torak Donovan was accused for murder a few high ranked polices, he couldn't be found anywhere.

Even when several his subsidiary companies had collapsed and the main quarter of his business in the Red River city was no longer could operate properly due to lack of management, Torak was still not showing up.

He simply vanished and not only him. The young girl, who he declared as his woman, and a few his trusted people also had disappeared.

"The weather is so gloomy." Kai raised his head and watched how dark sky hung above their head. "Like a storm is coming."

"Hmm," Jammie murmured and watched a few people were in dark mood while the other seemed too sensitive to be approached, as if they would tear your face if you rubbed them in the wrong way.

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Oliver had his arm wrapped around Norah's shoulder as he walked her back home, but a sudden scream startled them.

"What is that?" Norah jumped in fear and looked around to find the source of the commotion.

Even though it was day time, but above them, dark clouds were hanging low as cold wind blew from the north. Recently, the weather was so bad, but the people were worse.

"Robbery," Oliver said as he nodded at the crowded across the street.

"This will be the thrice in this week." Norah frowned.

Mystic river was a small village, which had a low crime rate, but how could this happen almost every day? At least, there were three cases within a week.

Perhaps, this was a side effect of the current economic crisis. From what they heard on the news, giant companies like Donovan was in the brink of going bankrupt, therefore it gave a huge impact to the other aspect since that company had many subsidiary in almost everywhere.

There were several riots in the big city and now people in this village, started to behave very strange.

"Let's go, we have to reach your home before it rains." Oliver nudged Norah's shoulder.

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"Cut his hand," Jedrek said to his man.

The guard executed his order perfectly and made a clean cut on Rowan's left hand, not long after that, an agony screaming echoed throughout the wall of the dungeon.

However, this kind of scene even didn't make anyone inside the room flinch or furrowed their brows, as they had seen much worse than this.

Yet, Rowan still didn't let them know any useful information.

"Mate?" Torak asked, he propped his elbow on the armchair and supported his head with his fist.

"Have not met," Jedrek replied curtly.

"Family?" Torak asked again.

"All my generals are orphan." Jedrek chose it that way so their loyalty wouldn't be divided, yet apparently his idea was proved to be wrong.

"You killed their family?" Torak raised his brows.

"Their family died when there was riot," Jedrek answered.

"Then, he is useless." Torak shrugged his shoulder. "You can't make him talk and since he betrayed you, there is nothing he is afraid of."

Jedrek touched his chin thoughtfully before he gave an order. "Kill him." Since Rowan determined to keep silence, then Jedrek would silence him forever.

Afterward, the executioner carried out the order. It didn't take a long time before the dungeon became quiet.

"I will go to the East region." Jedrek stood up when three guards dragged Rowan's body out of the room.

Torak didn't respond to Jedrek's statement. He looked at the two guards that were still inside the room and spoke. "Leave us alone."

However, they didn't take his order and didn't move an inch.

"They are not your people, they don't listen to you," Jedrek said.

"Then, tell them to leave. There is something I want to talk to you."

"About what?"

"About our parents and what you have done all this time." Torak also stood up. They were at the same height and very intimidating.

When the two Alpha's started to stare at each other and tried to subdue one another, suddenly the room became very tensed and the atmosphere became very thick.

Even though, neither Torak nor Jedrek were looking at the two guards, but they felt intimidated and lowered their head, didn't even dare to stare anywhere except their own shoes.

"You know where they are and what happened to them." Jedrek's expression was devoid from any emotion.

"Stop lying to me Jedrek," Torak scoffed. He looked at his brother carefully. "Is that the reason why you forced me to go?"

"You left this realm with your own volition." Jedrek waved his hand and was about to walk away, but Torak stopped him.

"Raine saw something."

Chapter 777 - CONFRONTATION

"We need our Alpha to talk about this!" Alpha Ralph from Glory Wind pack was frowning. They wanted their Alpha to lead them, not his long lost brother.

All of them knew about Kace, who became rogue, though the reason was still unclear, but they didn't appreciate to be told by him.

Unfortunately, the five Alphas there had the same thought. They didn't want to take an order from someone who was not their leader.

Even if Kace was Jedrek, they wouldn't budge.

"Your Alpha gave this responsibility to me!" Kace was pissed by their attitude and Chiron's existence didn't not help him either. Apparently, Torak's people were having a problem to get along with other creature outside of their kind. Even after their long journey together, it didn't warm up both creatures.

"And we have every right to reject it!" Alpha Ralph said grumpily. "We just arrived from long journey, if we have to talk about nonsense, I will prefer to take some rest."

His statement was supported by the other four Alphas inside the tent.

"Do you want to disobey your Alpha's direct order?!" Kace shouted. He didn't believe he had to face disrespectful behavior like this.

In the past, he had led thousand people and commanded them without being questioned, but now they simply walked away right in front of his face?!

Kace indeed didn't want to give an order, but it didn't mean he would tolerate their behavior. His beast growled loudly inside his head, demanding respect that he deserved from these people.

They should know; despite of being rogue, as a Donovan, Kace's rank was higher than anyone inside this tent.

"Come back here." Kace commanded them in low voice, he almost growled. However, there was no one paid attention to his warning.

"You are not here to give order to us." Alpha Brian said brusquely.

"I SAID COME BACK HERE!" Kace's voice thundered inside the tent, even people outside the tent could hear him.

Out of instinct, the five Alphas turned around only to find Kace's red eyes. His beast took control of him.

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In their first dinner, Raine accidentally touched Jedrek and, as she couldn't control her power yet, some visions came into her mind about a few pieces of events that happened in the past.

Jedrek perhaps didn't realize that, since that happened so fast.

"Raine saw something," Torak said. His voice neither loud nor harsh, but Jedrek could see how serious this matter was.

"What did she see?" Jedrek asked grimly. Lilac had told her about the power that the other two guardian angels possessed and he knew Torak was telling the truth about Raine's visions.

"Are you sure, you want me to tell you now?" Torak glanced briefly at the two guards, who were still lowering their head, feeling intimidated by the two Donovans.

Jedrek gritted his teeth. "Leave us alone."

Without wasting another second the two guards immediately dashed out of the room and closed the door behind them.

"So?" Jedrek tried to guess what exactly Torak knew, or what Raine had seen, about his past.

"You fought father for Alpha's title," Torak enunciated every word clearly and he could see a flash of surprise in Jedrek's blue eyes, which disappeared in a flash, showing his aloofness once again. "Why did you do that?"

Jedrek didn't need to challenge their father for the Alpha's position. He would inherit it eventually. A challenge for Alpha would require one of them to die. Whether the challenger won the battle by killing the former Alpha, or the Alpha would kill the challenger to prevent a complicated trouble in the future.

The challenger had tarnished their loyalty to their Alpha, therefore it was a death sentence for one of them.

"You know the rule! But, why!?" Torak growled as he took a step closer toward his older brother.

They were glaring at each other, as a deep dangerous growl reverberated from within their chest and Jedrek chose to not answer Torak's question.

"They were not going together to live peacefully in the other realm, right?" Torak narrowed his eyes. That was what Jedrek told him when their parents disappeared all of sudden. "You killed father in that battle for Alpha's title." Torak's voice sounded like not himself.

"Yes, I killed him," Jedrek admitted.

Torak's whole body shook with rage and when he asked the next question, white fur had sprouted on his skin. "Where is mother?"

"I killed her too."

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"Serefina!" Hope saw Serefina entered the room and immediately rose onto her feet and then rushed to hug the witch. "I miss you!"

"Get away from me," Serefina said grumpily as she shoved away Hope from her, but not hard enough to hurt her.

Meanwhile, Raine and Lilac were sitting next to each other. When they watched how Hope behaved with Serefina, Lilac leaned over to Raine to whisper something.

"I can't imagine Serefina raised one of us," Lilac said in low voice. "I felt like she would have strangled us to death with her temper."

Raine chuckled when she heard that. She would have thought the same the same thing as Lilac when the first time she met Serefina.

"Not everyone can stand her," Raine admitted. But, with time, she understood the witch, even though she didn't really agree with everything that she said or the decision that she made.

"Right," Lilac said, but then she realized; Jedrek was one of a few people, who could stand her.

"Two of you! Come here, we don't have all day!" Serefina looked at Lilac and Raine disapprovingly. "We need to do it now."

"Hm? What is it?" Raine looked at Lilac, but she just stood up and ushered her toward Serefina and Hope.

But, when Raine was close enough to Serefina, Hope felt cold wind blew on her face, forcing her to close her eyes, yet, when she opened them, they were no longer inside the room in the castle.

This place was the same place like in her dream.

Chapter 778 - APRICITY RIVER

"Apricity river?" Raine said, she immediately recognized this place and took a notice of how murky the sky right now. "Are we going back to the past?" she looked around her, yet it didn't seem they were in the past now.

This was village of angel, but in recent time. The last time Raine was here, was when Torak met the vampire.

"We are in Red River city?" Raine tilted her head to look at Serefina.

"Yes," Serefina replied curtly and then she talked to Hope. "Is this the place in your dream?"

"Yes, this is..." Hope watched the frozen river. "This is the place in my dream."

"The river is frozen again," Raine murmured she remembered this was the second time she saw the river was frozen. The first time was when she went to the past for the first time and met Aeon.

Raine grimaced. His name still left a big regret in her heart and a painful memory about what happened if she was not capable enough to protect the people, who dear to her.

"I don't even know that this place is real," Hope spoke in disbelief and then she looked at the witch. "Why we are here?"

That was the same question that Raine wanted to know, even Lilac didn't know that Serefina would bring them to this place after what she told her about Hope's dream.

Lilac and Serefina couldn't be said they were in good term, there were many complications that mixed in their relationship, but at the very least, they had the same goal and it was very clear that they had to work on it together.

They had too many enemies out there and from within, thus they didn't need to add more between themselves.

"The Apricity River only ever froze once and that was when the war broke out. However, from what I have heard, but I can't prove the authenticity of the news, this river had frozen long before that time."

"You mean before the first war?" Lilac asked Serefina. She walked closer to the riverside.

"Yes." Serefina nodded.

"It meant there was another war before the great war between the lycanthropes and the devils?" Lilac crouched down and tried to take a better look of the frozen river.

"It seems so..." Serefina murmured. "Just like what I said, I can't prove the authenticity of the news."

"Where did you get this news?" Hope asked. She walked closer to Lilac and squatted down beside her.

"Old script from here and there..." Serefina said. This kind of information that she had been gathered since she left the realm centuries ago and this was also what Lana had been trying to find for her all along.

"Wait..." Raine frowned. "In that case... Is it also the lycanthropes, who have fought against the devils?"

"No, based on what I have got, the war occurred before the lycanthropes or any other creatures existed in this world," Serefina said thoughtfully, she touched her chin.

"Then, who fought them?" Hope stood up and walked toward Serefina, while Lilac turned around and stared at the witch, waiting for her explanation.

That was right, if the war happened before the lycanthropes or any other creatures existed, then who had fought the devil then?

Serefina answered with a low and deep voice, as if she was not really certain with her reply. "The gods and goddesses."

"Wow..." Hope was surprised, yet her voice lacked with enthusiasm. "Things only become more complicated now."

Silence fell among them while the sky let out a deafening roar, indicating that rain was about to fall.

"Torak once told me that this city was called Red River City because the river from Apricity was once red," Raine said. She looked up the sky and frowned.

"That is true..." Serefina said. "After the war, the apricity river turned red, it happened for a few years before the color of the water turned back into normal."

"It means something connects this river and the war that has occurred," Raine concluded.

"That's right, added to the fact that Hope kept dreaming about this place," Lilac murmured. "What are you doing?" she asked when Hope inched closer toward the frozen river.

"I heard something..." she said absentmindedly. "Don't you hear that too?"

"Hear what?" Serefina strode hastily and pulled her back before Hope could touch the surface of it. "I don't hear anything."

Hope frowned. "A whisper."

"A whisper?" Lilac knitted her brows. "I don't hear anything." Lilac looked at Raine, but she shook her head, indicating she didn't hear what Hope heard.

"But, I am sure something is whispering from down there." Hope pointed toward the river. "Why is it only me who can hear it?"

"What the whisper said?" Lilac walked closer toward Hope and stood next to her while staring at the glistening frozen river. Above them, the sound of thunder resumed.

"I don't know... the voice is not coherent." Hope shook her head and tried to listen more carefully, but she still couldn't catch the words.

Meanwhile, Raine, who was standing a little bit far from the three of them, caught something from the corner of her eyes.

She didn't believe what she saw, thus without a second thought she walked away from Serefina and Lilac, which focus was on Hope.

The silhouette of this person disappeared behind a pile of empty barrels not far away from where Raine was standing.

Raine approached it cautiously, her brows knitted tightly and her heart beat very fast.

"Dorian?" Raine gasped. She didn't believe she would meet him again now. "You are still alive?"

Dorian was leaning his back against the empty barrels, his eyes met Raine's and he scoffed. "Hello again Raine. Yes, I am still alive."

"But, how..." Actually, Raine did not see Dorian die during the attack on the village of angel, but still, seeing him alive like this was quite a shock to her. "Why are you here?"

Right at that time, Raine remembered what she had seen during the attack.

Chapter 779 - YOU ARE ON THE WRONG SIDE

Kace held Alpha Brian's neck and hang him along his arm- length for his defiance. The Alpha from crescent moon pack was gritting his teeth and tried to free himself, but the more he moved the tighter Kace's hand wrapped around his neck.

Alpha Brian felt lightheaded now and his vision became blurry. He even didn't have a chance to complete his shift into his beast when Kace stormed toward him unexpectedly and strangled him like this.

"Go ahead and kill him," Alpha Ralph's voice entered Kace's consciousness and he tilted his head toward the Alpha. His red eyes glared viciously at him. "Do you think you can order us around just because you kill one of us?"

Kace smirked at his statement and before Alpha Brian breathed his last, he was thrown out of the tent with so much force.

"You better give an order to your own freak creatures and let Torak do this job." The other Alpha glowered and gave Chiron a nasty look. He barred his teeth and ready to fight the youngest Donovan in case he attacked him the way he did to Alpha Brian. The Donovan's strength was quite remarkable, they couldn't put their guard down, especially when Kace looked very upset now.

Kace felt his head boiled with rage, all he could see was red.

But then, his human's side pushed his way through the thick confusion and took over. He knew he couldn't do this. He was not an Alpha or he regarded those Torak's people as his own.

"Good." Kace only said that word before he walked out of the tent, shifted into his beast and dashed toward the city behind the wall.

He hated himself for running away from his responsibility, but Torak should know that he couldn't take his people in short notice and expected them to give him the same respect that they gave to Torak.

This is suck!

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"You were the one who killed Serefina," Raine remembered. She watched the spear of shadow that pierced through Serefina's chest that killed her. "You killed Serefina in that attack."

Dorian watched Raine with hard gaze, before he admitted to the thing that he had done. "Yes, I killed her." His black eyes glanced at the witch and the other two guardian angels, who didn't seem to notice that he was there, talking to Raine. "But, why she is still alive?" he narrowed his eyes. Confusion was evident on his face.

"And why are you still alive too?" Raine threw the same question to him. She looked around her expectantly. "Are you the only one alive?" she asked.

"What? Are you looking for Aeon?" Dorian scoffed disdainfully and when Raine averted her eyes, he knew his random guess was right. "Your mate crushed his heart and the witch burned him. Do you think he would survive that? Even if the devils wanted to resurrect him again, there was nothing left of him."

Raine knitted her brows when she heard that statement.

"You take his feeling for granted and now you acted like you care," Dorian sneered and shook his head. He heard what Aeon had been doing for Raine all these past years until the end, though they had never met with each other or Aeon was aware about his existence, but Dorian had his way to know everything.

After all, his motive was different from Aeon. Aeon's focus was solely to find this certain guardian angel, yet for Dorian, it was to see the death of all the lycanthropes. And he was determined to see this happen.

"You were resurrected by the devil," Raine stated, ignoring the harsh words from Dorian that criticized her for not taking Aeon's side.

Raine cared for Aeon, but there was no way she would take his side. No matter how many times Aeon had saved her life or how he had taken care of her during the years when she had to face those supernatural creatures, before she met Torak, Raine wouldn't be able to reciprocate his feeling and Aeon was completely aware about that.

Hence, there was no point to fuss over that matter.

"I am," Dorian admitted, as realization fell upon him. "Was someone resurrected Serefina?"

Raine was not sure about that, but she seemed didn't need to ask another question to find the answer. Everything was so clear for her now.

If Selene, the moon goddess was able to resurrect the guardian angels, then she was more than capable to do the same to Serefina.

Raine shifted her attention from Serefina when she heard Dorian chuckled. "Those creatures," he jeered. "It seems very easy for them to ruin the order of death and life. We just repeated the old story."

"If the old story is being repeated then you should know that you are on the wrong side," Raine said grimly.

"You don't know." Dorian shook his head. "You are a fool if you think the devils were defeated."

"Didn't they?" Raine pursed her lips into a thin line.

"Do you think there will be another war if they were being defeated?" Dorian scoffed disdainfully. "I will give you an advice. I am sure you have heard this."

Raine could see from the corner of her eyes that Serefina and the other started to realize that she was not there.

"Don't meddle with this war. You will repeat the fate of the guardian angel before you," Dorian said.

"Raine! What are you doing there?!" Serefina walked over toward her. "We have to go now."

The thunder rumbled in the dark sky and drizzle of rain started to fall to the ground, but when Raine looked at the spot where Dorian was standing a while ago. The shadow warrior was no longer there.

"Why are you here?" Serefina berated her and looked around, but she saw no one.

"I meet the shadow warrior that killed you," Raine said. She didn't have any intention to hide this truth from Serefina. "It's true, right? That you were dead during the attack."

Chapter 780 - HOW TO HEAL YOUR WOUND

"What happened to you?" Torak panted heavily when he watched Jedrek writhed on the ground.

Blood covered the ground of the dungeon. The blood of Donovans.

A while ago the two white beasts were fighting each other, trying to dominate one another, but it didn't take a long time before Torak realized there was something wrong with Jedrek.

He had seen the gashed behind his brother's back during the rogue attack, but there was no way it was not healed yet.

Torak wiped the blood from the corner of his lips and from his forehead. The fight didn't last for long time, but it was enough to make them covered in blood, cut and bruises.

However, during the fight, it was clear to see that Jedrek was not in good shape. The gashes from his last battle with the rogue was still apparent on his back.

"D*mn it Jedrek! Shift back!" Torak roared when the white beast snarled at him. "What happened with your wound?!" It was already strange enough to see the way Jedrek moved to dodge his attack, no need to mention he had wounds that didn't heal after days.

The white beast glowered at Torak through his black eyes, yet in the next second, his body was shaking violently, it seemed the process to shift back into his human skin, put him in pain.

"What happened with your wounds?!" Torak walked closer and yanked his clothes, as Jedrek swatted his hand away from him, yet he was not fast enough because Torak had grabbed the material and tore it, revealing the nasty wounds. "What happened with you?!"

"None of your business!" Jedrek took his cloak and was about to walk out of this room, when another voice surprised the two of them.

"How did you get those wounds?" Kace's voice echoed inside the dungeon along with his heavy footsteps.

Jedrek and Torak were too focus at each other until didn't realize that Kace had been standing there for some time.

"Is it Maximus who gave you that wound?" Kace walked into the room.

"What are you doing here?!" Both Jedrek and Torak threw their younger brother the same question.

"Wow!" Kace stopped on his track and raised both of his hands in surrender. "I thought you were fighting. I don't know that the two of you get along pretty well," he said sarcastically.

Ignoring Kace's snarky comment, Torak narrowed his eyes at him while Jedrek put on his cloak to cover his wounds. "I told you to lead the people out there. What are you doing here?!" Torak was not the least bit happy to see Kace here.

"Those people are yours!" Kace shouted back at Torak. He was not happy either because what had happened in the tent. "Do you really think that those Alphas will listen to me?! They were whining, saying that they missed you!"

Jedrek grimaced upon hearing Kace's choice of words. It sounded unpleasant to hear.

"You let them to kick you out!?" Torak crossed his arms in front of his chest. He was not sure, whether he was more angry at Jedrek or Kace, both of them made his head hurt. He wanted to end things here and seek for comfort from his mate. "You should show them who in charge there!"

"In what way?! Kill them!?" Kace almost lost his temper again as he could feel his beast prowled on the edge of his consciousness.

"If you want to bicker with each other, I will go first," Jedrek spoke in irritated tone. "Try to not kill each other. We still have a war to fight for."

"I am not yet done with you." Torak shifted his attention toward Jedrek and Kace blocked his way out.

"You have not answer my question yet." Kace stood tall in front of Jedrek. The three of them were almost at the same height, yet Jedrek seemed a little bit taller than Torak and Kace.

"What is it? Do you team up to stop me now?" Jedrek raised his brows, didn't like the way his two younger brothers treated him.

"Where did you get those wounds?" Kace repeated his question. "Is it Maximus?" action

Only then, Jedrek remembered the report that he received a year ago. "Maximus did this to you too?"

"Yes," Kace replied and then scoffed disdainfully. "Thanks to you."

"What? You have the same wounds?" Torak was at lost. It seemed they needed more than a day to catch up with each other. There were so many things that they didn't know. "Both of you were injured with the same person?"

Seeing Jedrek in his current condition was already a surprise for Torak, the fact that he could be wounded to that extent, but to know Kace also suffered the same thing was not a good news for them.

"I have recovered." Kace shrugged his shoulder nonchalantly, but there was uneasiness that flashed on his eyes when he remembered how he recovered from that nasty curse of wounds.

"How?" Jedrek really needed to know this, though he said that this wounds didn't bother him, but he could still feel the side effects of it.

"Apparently, mark Hope, heal my wounds," Kace said.

"How did it work?" Jedrek knew he would mark Lilac after the mating ceremony, but he didn't know that it could heal his wound as well. This could be added into one of the reason?why his decision to do the mating ceremony was right.

"I don't want to go into detail," Kace rejected to explain further. "You and I were in different situation. But, marking Hope worked for me. I think it would have the same effect on you."

"Good," Jedrek nodded his head. "I will mark her sooner or later, so there is nothing to worry about."

Jedrek was about to leave the room when Torak held his shoulder and spoke sternly.

"You have not yet answer my question, brother." Torak gritted his teeth when he continued. "What happened to our parents?"