

TLOA Lycan 801

Chapter 801 - THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

"This is the last time you order me around," Torak glared at his brother and then took the envelope that he just mentioned.

It was a white envelope, with a broken seal.

Jedrek rolled his eyes dramatically when he heard Torak.

"Read it," Jedrek said as he shifted his attention back to his mate. "I received it two days ago, on the day of the ceremony."

Torak opened the envelope and from the red seal, he knew it was from the people of eastern region since it was their sign.

During these two days of Jedrek's absence, Torak learned about the problem, concerning the eastern region and also about the missing people who were taken away by the devil. Unfortunately, those people would return but without their beasts, meaning their soul had been ripped off of their bodies.

That reminded Torak what happened to Jenedieth previously, he found that the female lycan was also met with the same fate and lost her beast when the devil saved her from the dungeon. However, this time the devils were really trying to get on their nerves for actually daring to attack the citizens.

"They are demanding for freedom?" Torak's brows creased after he read the letter. "What makes them think that they can demand something like freedom from us?"

"Because I killed Maximus," Jedrek said simply. "Maximus's influence in east was insane."

That was the reason why he kept Maximus beside him for so long, even though he knew that lycan had been feeding him with nothing good, but a potion that would in turn harm his body.

"I don't understand, why the east people would even offer their loyalty to someone like Maximus, but not to you?" Torak had been away for so long and he needed more than two days to catch up with everything that had been happening these past few centuries.

"It is an old story. Apparently, the first Gregory and the leader of the east were sworn brothers, therefore; even though, I ordered to execute all the Gregory, I chose to save Maximus, not only because he turned his whole family in for their crimes, but also because it would stir a chaos in the east region," Jedrek explained.

"You mean father ordered you to do that," Torak corrected him.

Jedrek glanced at his brother briefly before he turned to stare at his mate again. "Whatever you say it was," he said casually. "The main problem now was, two of my people are in east and I have not heard anything from them until now."

It was Killian and Tordoff. With the arrival of that letter and their open confrontation to declare themselves free from Jedrek's territory, it was not exaggerating to assume the worst.

"So, what you will do? Go full force on them?" Torak put down the letter. He remembered when Jedrek told them the true story about their parents, the other day in the dungeon, he mentioned about something like 'going to the eastern region after the mating ceremony'.

However, seeing how things had turned out, even if Jedrek decided to go there now, it wouldn't be a friendly visit.

Jedrek mumbled. "The eastern region is the strongest hold among all the other regions."

"It doesn't mean we can't win," Torak said.

"We can't afford the repercussions from two consecutive wars," Jedrek replied in a matter of fact tone. They couldn't go for another war before the real war with the devil. It would be too much for them.

"Do you think the devils were behind it?" Torak put down the letter at the same place, from where he took it. "If they were, then we will have to face both forces at the same time in the battlefield."

"We will not stand a chance," Jedrek said grimly.

"Why do you think that way?" Torak frowned, he didn't like it when Jedrek was gloomy and demotivated like this. Was Lilac's condition turned his mood down?

"Mine, yours and Kace's people, were still not getting along, right? How do you think we can win the war when the soldiers can't trust their backs to each other? They are clearly at odds." Jedrek pointed out the internal problem that they had. "How is Kace getting along with those people?"

Torak could see what Jedrek said was true. They wouldn't be able to go anywhere with those hundred thousand people if they had even a tiny bit suspicion about each other. When he thought about this again, it was indeed a serious problem.

"Moreover, your people are all from younger generations. How many of them have experienced a real war before?" Jedrek glanced at Torak and received a disdainful scoff from his brother. He knew he was saying the truth, only Torak didn't want to admit it.

Torak's people mostly did business with him. Of course, there would be a regular training to keep their territory safe from rogues or any other creatures, but a pack battle was entirely different from a war. They could not be compared at all, not even anything close to comparison could be considered when they put the two together.

Moreover, most of them had never faced the devils' forces first hand, not to mention that they had never even got a chance to witness with their own eyes, how terrifying and nerve wrecking their dark forces could be.

"So, what is your plan? Let them imprison or even kill your two men, since it is not worthy to declare a war with them at a time like this?" Torak asked. "I don't think you have many options in this matter."

But, Jedrek didn't give him any immediate answer, he just mumbled, "I am aware of that, I am thinking of the best possible solution."

"Who are the two people that had been taken?" Torak asked.

"Killian, the mind- reader and one of my general, Tordoff," Jedrek replied.

"A mind reader?"Torak raised his brows. "I thought that their kind had disappeared a long time ago."

"As long as I can remember, Killian is the last mind- reader." Jedrek kissed the back of Lilac's hand.

"You are very good at keeping extraordinary people near you," Torak commented. However, his voice sounded as if he was cursing at his brother.

"Stop getting on my nerves every time we talk," Jedrek groaned. Torak had been nagging at him to run his kingdom since he disliked to sit on the throne and got less time to spend with Raine.

"I will ask Raine and Hope to visit in the afternoon and you have to go with me, there are a ton of things that we need to handle," Torak said sternly.

Chapter 802 - CHIRON'S DISAPPEARANCE

"When do you think she will wake up?" Hope was lying flat beside Lilac while Raine was sitting on the sofa beside the bed.

With Torak's unwavering persistence, finally he managed to drag Jedrek out of the room.

When Torak kept pestering Jedrek, they thought there would be a battle between the brothers, but fortunately aside from growling and snarling, they did not do any real harm to each other. Only the moment Jedrek stepped out of the room and followed Torak, could they sigh in relief.

Now only the three guardian angels were inside the room, while Calleb stayed just behind the door. Jedrek would never let any man to enter the room other than his brothers, no matter what, therefore the Gamma stood grumpily outside the bedroom.

"I don't know," Raine tilted her head and looked at Lilac's sleeping face. "It took days for me to recover."

"Hm," Hope nodded. "It took me a year to fully recover. I was dead after all," she said in low voice.

"Strange enough that I feel much better when I am with you."

"Really?"Raine raised her brows and then she remembered the first time she met Hope. She was indeed not in good condition, but because Hope didn't really look like a sick person at the first glance, she didn't think much about it then.

"AH!" Hope suddenly sat up while startling Raine with her loud voice. "Maybe..."

Hope didn't have time to finish her words when the door was slammed opened and Calleb rushed into the room.

"What happened?!" he asked in panic. He heard Hope's scream, thus without a second thought he rushed inside. "Why are you screaming?!"

Hope and Raine were surprised to see the Gamma, he was scanning the room and looked for any possible threat, yet he found nothing.

"I am sorry," Hope said timidly, grinning. "I just remembered something and got too excited."

"What?!" Calleb's brows creased and behind him there were another five guards that entered the room, they looked just as confused as him.

The shifters had sensitive hearing, therefore when Hope screamed all of sudden, they thought that something had happened.

Because inside this room were the three precious mates of the Donovans, the guardian angels, if something happened to them, those cruel lycans would have their head right away. Or, worse they would torture them until they wished for death.

Therefore, they had been fully alert and kept a sensitive ear open to any sounds or oddity around them.

"Don't scream like that out of nowhere!" Calleb reprimanded Hope and waved his hand to the other guards for them to leave the room.

"I am sorry," Hope said softly, but since she knew how Calleb would usually react, she didn't think much about his outburst. The Gamma sometimes didn't treat her kindly, but he was not that rude, at least not as much as the first time they met. Raine had told Hope about the reason of Calleb's behavior and she could understand.

"What makes you scream like that?" Calleb walked closer and pulled a chair, placed it beside Raine and sat on it.

However, Raine hit his thigh. "Jedrek will be very upset if he smelled your scent here later."

"I am already here, he will smell my scent anyway, so why don't I chat with you guys for now. Those guards out there are very boring, they doesn't even say a word and keeping their precious lips sealed," Calleb cringed. He couldn't believe he had to stay silent for hours.

"You just wanted to cause trouble for Torak," Raine glared at him playfully, but chuckled when he grinned.

"Both of them are not on good terms already, even without me they will argue about everything. It is already good enough that Kace goes beyond the wall often," Calleb commented, but then he received a glare from Hope.

"It is not good at all! He didn't allow me to go there!" Hope snapped.

The people from the village were placed in the city and Bree was not allowed to enter the castle, since Jedrek didn't allow her.

Hope missed the little girl, especially now when Kace was very busy and they didn't have much time together.

However, Kace promised to bring the girl into the castle, once he had the opportunity to visit her.

"There is nothing you can see there, only beast and beast or rude men and rude men. You know how the Alphas when they put together in one place," Calleb rumbled.

"I don't know," Hope replied honestly. "I have never lived in that hierarchy. And I don't think Kace likes to take charge over them."

If one thing that Hope was sure about Kace, was the fact that he had an odd trauma to command people and this was related to his past and his unstable beast, though his condition right now was a little bit better, but that was because he had been healed.

However, no matter what, suppressing your beast's instinct would take a toll on the shifter in one way or another. This fact still worried her.

"Therefore, there shouldn't be two Alphas in the same place at the same time. Not to mention there are many of them," Calleb said, sighing deeply. He could imagine what kind of trouble Kace had to face in order to tame those people.

Calleb had met most of the Alphas in Torak's pack, thus he knew how stubborn they were when it came to the person that they were unwilling to listen.

Kace had a lot of homework to do.

"Anyway," Calleb clapped his hands and looked at Hope expectantly. "What do you want to say that could actually make you scream like that?" he was all ears to listen to whatever Hope wanted to say.

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"What do you mean you had not seen Chiron since two days ago?" Kace felt like he was about to go crazy when he had to deal with those shifters. The Alphas were the worst. He really wanted to knock their heads off their shoulders.

"Yes, maybe you should ask Carina about his whereabouts," Zarrn said. He looked flustered as well about Chiron's disappearance.

"Alright," Kace said. It was strange for Chiron to disappear all of a sudden, that too at a time like this.

Chapter 803 - IN OTHER WORDS...

The campsite was large enough to cover all the empty land between the city and the town that had been attacked by rogues a few weeks ago, not to mention about some strange scent in the air in here which was very strong and overwhelming to their sensitive noses, making it almost impossible to track anyone's scent, thus it was not an easy task to find Carina.

However, since the centaurs were not someone to mingle with the other Lycans or the shifters, and the hunters from the village didn't really get along with the rest of Torak's pack, they decided to camp in a different spot.

And, it was that place to where Kace headed right now. He needed to talk to Chiron, to get an advice or two about what he should do with those people. Torak didn't say anything helpful when he gave this task to him and Jedrek couldn't be bothered since Lilac didn't seem to wake up any soon.

"Where is Carina?" Kace asked Delta, the leader of the hunters, when he arrived at their campsite.

"There," Delta said while pointing his finger toward the side where several people were sparring, a training ground. "Are you looking for Carina because you wanted to ask about Chiron's whereabouts?" he asked.

"Yes," Kace shifted his attention toward Delta. "Do you know where he is? I can't find him and Zarrn said he was yet to see him since two days ago."

"So do I," Delta said as he sharpened his sword. "But, you will not get any useful answer from Carina, I have tried it a few times, but she seemed to shut her mouth, unwilling to reveal anything." A slight irritation could be sensed in the voice of the head of the hunters.

"Why?" Kace felt that it was a little bit strange, since Carina was always with Chiron, even though they were not mates, but he thought they found some consolation around each other, or that was what Kace thought after being with them for more than a year.

"I don't know, she just didn't want to say it." Delta shrugged his shoulder. "But, maybe you can get some information from her, you seem close."

Kace rolled his eyes. They seemed close just because Carina treated Hope when she just got her mark and too weak to even stay awake for a long time, that happened before she met with the other guardian angel. And, afterward Hope miraculously got healed within no time.

"I will go to her," Kace mumbled as his brows knitted together in a deep frown.

He went toward Carina, who was standing to the side in the training ground, she appeared to be watching the match, but when one observed closely, it was clear that her eyes had already wandered off to a distant place.

"Carina," Kace called her and she got startled when he tapped her shoulder. "Sorry, I scared you," he mumbled. However, Kace felt something wrong with the way Carina reacted to him.

The female centaur always presented herself as someone who was collected and level-headed, but now she appeared distraught, as if she was carrying a huge burden on her shoulders and couldn't get rid of it.

"No, it's okay," she said, but her stiffened shoulders couldn't hide her nervousness.

"Do you know where is Chiron?" Kace asked lightly, but his blue eyes were glued on to her face and he could vividly see how Carina became more anxious with the question.

"I don't know," she said immediately. "I have been looking for him too."

"Really?" Kace squinted his eyes at Carina. "When was the last time you saw him?" he asked again.

"Two days ago," Carina answered while avoiding seeing Kace in the eyes.

"And you don't know where he went?" Kace crossed his arms in front of his chest and stared at the female centaur closely.

Carina tilted her head and looked at Kace. "I don't know," she emphasized each and every word.

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The night was so dark without the light from the moon and Kace's shadow danced on the floor because of the wind that blew the burning torch.

He walked alone toward the throne room, nodding his head slightly at all the guards who greeted him.

"They know how to heal her?"

Kace heard Jedrek's voice from inside the throne room, from his voice alone, he could say that his older brother was not in good mood, but then, Jedrek had not been in good mood for as long as he could remember, thus it didn't make any difference.

Kace pushed the door open and walked inside. He was rewarded with a brief look from Jedrek, Torak and Calleb.

"What happened here?" he asked in a puzzled tone.

"Raine and Hope figured a way to heal Lilac," Calleb answered Kace immediately.

"Good," Kace said, but it couldn't cease the confusion from his expression. "That is a good news, so why all of you look upset." He stared at his older brothers.

Yet, instead of answering Kace's question Jedrek stormed out of the throne room, followed by Torak, who was shouting at him.

"What do you want to do!?" Torak rushed out of the room to chase after Jedrek. action

"Can you tell me what happened here?" Kace looked Calleb. "I have only been out for a whole day, but why does it seem like there is so much going on here?"

"Let's go," Calleb tapped Kace on his shoulder and walked out of the room.

"Hey, tell me what happened?" Kace called after him while half- running to catch up to Calleb.

"Raine and Hope said that if they continue staying around Lilac, it might help her condition, to recover faster." Calleb explained it to Kace while they were walking toward the king's wing.

"So, what was the problem with that?" Kace frowned. He couldn't see any?sort of problem with that arrangement. "It's good that Lilac can heal faster so my annoying brother can function properly," he said in annoyance.

"The problem is..." the two of them arrived at the king's wing and watched how Jedrek and Torak were talking to Hope while Raine just stood beside her. "...They want to spend day and night with Lilac until she is fully recovered."

In other words, the three poor lycan should sleep alone until Lilac regained her consciousness and no one could tell for sure when it would happen.

"I will close the door, good night."

Hope said as she closed the door, leaving Jedrek and Torak in an awkward position.

"I don't like this," Torak said grimly.

"Hm." Jedrek was thinking whether he should bust down the door or not.

Chapter 804 - THE KING'S DESTINED MATE

"When do you think your mate will wake up?" Kace glared at Jedrek when they headed toward the campsite outside the wall.

This time, Sterling would come with some of the shifters that Kace had come across these past few centuries, thus the three Donovans were going to greet them there.

It wasn't because they wanted to visit Kace's 'friends', but because they had to appease their own people since the creatures that Sterling would bring were mostly shifters without pack or another supernatural creatures that they thought had been extinct.

So, they were in a need to observe the situation with these newcomers first, in order to know where this collaboration would lead them to.

While Kace was running away from this realm, it seemed he encountered many interesting creatures and Sterling was with him until he met his mate and settle down in the mystic river village.

"I will let you know once I have the answer," Jedrek said offhandedly.

"I hate it when I don't have my mate beside me," Kace said, annoyed.

Sterling, who supposed to come a few days ago, had delayed his arrival and this caused Kace to feel extremely grumpy?these past two days. However, mostly it was because Hope had been staying with Lilac and Raine instead of spending time with him. action

"You are not the only one." Torak glanced at Kace and gave him a look. "So, stop complaining."

Torak was upset too, because Raine chose to stay with Lilac and was listening to whatever Hope had to say, instead of being with him.

However, it seemed what Hope discovered about their power was right. Lilac looked better now when he saw her this morning. Her complexion was not as pale as before and some color had returned to her face now.

Therefore, they couldn't disagree with the girls' method to heal each other. It seemed that they had their own ability to heal faster whenever they were with each other. This was a new information that they didn't know before.

"Ck," Kace clicked his tongue in annoyance. "I hate this."

The younger Donovan kept complaining until they sensed a horde marching closer toward them and one of the guard came to Jedrek, to inform him that the entourage that led by Sterling had moved closer and they would be arriving in about five minutes.

Jedrek dismissed the guard and sniffed the air. "Rogues," he said grimly when he smelled the various scents in the air.

Behind the three brothers were a few important people under each respective Donovan, and because Chiron still couldn't be found, it was Zarrn who took the responsibility to represent their kind, beside him there was Delta, the head of hunters.

"They are not rogues. They are just shifters who didn't belong to any pack," Kace corrected Jedrek, but he scoffed upon hearing that.

"That's why they are called rogues. Because they doesn't belong to any pack," Jedrek said.

"Whatever," Kace gritted his teeth, yet his anger disappeared almost immediately when he saw Sterling and his mate, along with the twins and their daughter.

Kace waved his hands at them and rushed over.

"Can't he act with a little bit dignity?" Jedrek frowned, he disliked Kace's current behavior. He was just like a little boy, who was meeting his favorite friend. "He shouldn't be too friendly with them," he criticized.

"Those people came here willingly because of him, not like our people." Torak walked forward to follow Jedrek to meet their new force. "I think that kind of behavior is something that brings them together."

"They can treat them like that, but he will not only lead his own people, therefore, he cannot act that way with our people," Jedrek pointed out the problem. "You know that."

Kace could be friendly with the people that he knew, but if he wanted to command all of the lycanthropes, he should be less friendly and become more determined instead, whether he liked it or not. Unfortunately, Kace didn't have much choice in this matter.

Meanwhile, Kace happily hugged Sterling and then his mate, Sophia, causing the lycan to growl viciously and shove him aside.

"Hands off my mate, you brat!" Sterling pulled back Sophia behind him, yet the woman just rolled her eyes upon seeing the two men acting this way again.

"Can't he stop hugging our mother?" Ethan mumbled to his twin.

"They have known each other for a very long time," Ian said, he shrugged his shoulder and didn't think much about it.

"Hai, Rossie!" Kace raised his hand to the girl beside her mother. "You have become more beautiful!"

"Hai, Kace," Rossie replied to him timidly.

"And why did he only greet the women in our family?" Ethan complained. Kace didn't even spare the boys a glance. "He is becoming more and more annoying."

However, after Kace tousled Rossie's head his easy-going expression turned solemn upon seeing the people that came with Sterling.

There were around three hundred people, closely observing their new environment and frowned upon seeing Jedrek and Torak behind Kace.

This number, indeed, as not big as the number of the people from Torak's pack that came two days ago, but most of the people here were more powerful than anyone could imagine. They might appear normal, but that didn't mean they were not hiding any explosive powers behind their normal exterior.

"Rest of them will come within three or four days from now," Sterling informed Kace and then he added. "But, I can't find Aidan."

"He is not in that place?" Kace's brows creased. He needed that shifter now, but where the hell was he?

"No, I had searched that place, but found no one," Sterling shook his head in regret. "But, I think he was already aware of the upcoming war."

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Calleb was heading toward the king's wing after talking a few things with Raphael when he saw Chiron, who was walking leisurely in the backyard.

"Why are you here?" Calleb quickened his steps and walked alongside the centaur.

"Hello, Calleb," Chiron greeted him with a bright smile. "I am here to meet Lilac."

"I don't think you can see her, Jedrek doesn't allow anyone to meet her now," Calleb told him.

"So, this is true, she is the king's destined mate?" Chiron asked.

"Lilac? Yes, she is," Calleb replied.

Chapter 805 - CHIRON VISITED LILAC

Calleb and Chiron walked together toward the king's wing.

"Why can't I see her?" Chiron asked, his tone was very calm and his expression didn't show what his true intentions were at all.

"Lilac is sick after the mating ceremony," Calleb glanced at Chiron and clicked his tongue. "You know, the marking and mating for a lycan will never be something easy."

"Hm," Chiron hummed, but didn't say anything again.

The silence that fell between them was slightly awkward, but then the Gamma remembered the question that Chiron had not answered yet.

"Why are you here? I thought you were with Kace and the other people," Calleb asked Chiron curiously. He spotted something like a purple fabric stuffed inside a small bag that the centaur tied up around his torso.

"No," Chiron said in low voice. "I'm here to see Lilac," he repeated the same reason.

"Well, I have told you that you can't see her," Calleb told him again. He felt slightly uneasy with the way Chiron's unperturbed insistence to meet Lilac. "How did you get into the castle?"

Chiron tilted his head and chuckled lightly, as if Calleb had just asked him a silly question. "Through the gates, of course."

"Oh, right," Calleb murmured. In that case, he could assume that the guards already knew about Chiron and didn't have a restriction order to not allow him to enter the castle.

They walked together toward the king's chamber, but then Calleb stopped right in front the door and turned around to face Chiron.

He had known this centaur only for a short period of time, but since he was with Kace, thus there was no reason for Calleb to question him.

"Wait, I don't think you can enter the room," Calleb said in hesitation as his brows creased, because he didn't really know what decision he should make. "May I know, why you want to see Lilac?" he shrugged his shoulders in an attempt to make his question appear inoffensive to Chiron. "She is not someone that you can see as you like. You know the king."

Chiron blinked and looked at Calleb straight into his eyes. "Of course, I know him," he said. "I know him more than you do."

After all, Chiron had known Jedrek and experienced his tyranny even before Calleb was born. Therefore, he knew Jedrek perfectly and what he wanted now.

"In that case, I think you will understand if I said that you need the king's permission to visit his chamber." Calleb smiled, waiting for Chiron's reaction.

The Gamma couldn't let just anyone to enter the king chamber, after all, it was just not Lilac in the chamber, but both Raine and Hope were also present, as they were accompanying Lilac.

And Chiron's intention was slightly questionable. Calleb wasn't informed beforehand that Chiron would come to visit Lilac, so why did he suddenly appear here and demanded a meeting with her? Not to mention, Lilac was the queen now.

"I have to see her," Chiron said in a demanding tone, as his voice turned hard.

At this point, Calleb felt something was not right with this centaur before he realized that there were no guards here. Even, when they walked toward this wing, the Gamma didn't see any guards.

Where were they? They shouldn't leave their posts just like that.

"Chiron," Calleb called his name coldly. "I don't know what you are up to, but whatever it was, I want you to stop. If you want to see Lilac, you can wait until the king had returned."

Chiron smiled faintly. He didn't look flustered or hesitant. "I don't want to wait for the king." And his next words put Calleb on alert. "He is not my king."

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The people, who came with Sterling had settled down near the campsite of the centaurs and the hunters.

Their number indeed increased, but there was another problem that rose as well; it was hard for them to get along with each other.

Jedrek and Torak's people felt a strong discomfort to have a horde of rogues or other unknown creatures to be part of their army and likewise, meanwhile these both parties were not on good terms with each other as well.

Jedrek's people, since this was their realm, showed their superiority over Torak's people and all the Alphas in his pack didn't take it really well to be treated less than what they deserved.

"I will take Sterling and his family back to the castle with us," Kace stated. He was not asking for permission, he just told Jedrek what he was going to do.

"Do as you wish," Jedrek mumbled as didn't seem interested about whoever Kace would want to take back to the castle. "We will leave now."

"All right, I will tell them to get ready," Kace said as he walked out of the tent, leaving Torak, Jedrek, Sebastian and Eaton inside.

Once Kace was out of the tent, Sebastian voiced out his concern.

"I had not seen the chief of the centaur recently," he said. "And no one got to see him either."

Jedrek and Torak looked at the general with creased brows.

"Did Kace know about this?" Jedrek asked. The centaurs were the people under Kace. He should be aware about Chiron disappearance, more over he was not any ordinary centaur, he was the chief of those creatures.

"I think Kace knew about it. He has been asking about Chief Chiron's whereabouts since yesterday, yet no one know where he was, including the female centaur named Carina." Because Carina was often found together with Chiron, thus it was pretty normal to turn to her when they couldn't find him.

Jedrek contemplated for a while "Kace didn't talk about it with you?"

"No," Torak said truthfully.

"He shouldn't keep something like this," Jedrek said in a cold tone.

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"Chiron, what do you want to do?" Kace asked, his back against the door, as he mind- linked Raine inside the chamber.

[What happened out there Call? I can hear you talking to someone.] Raine's voice echoed inside Kace's head.

[Whatever you hear, don't come outside and try to reach Raphael. I can't reach him.] It was strange that he couldn't mind- link the Beta.

Chapter 806 - THE NIGHT CAME

Raphael had been with Lana for these past few days as his mate's condition started to become better, the wound from the silver dagger had started to close in and left only a thin line of scar on her skin.

Up until now, no one knew about Lana's pregnancy, aside from the healer.

Raphael heard what happened to Lilac after the marking and the mating process, and she was not in a good condition right now, but aside from her being completely exhausted, Jedrek did the same mistake as his brothers, Torak and Kace; he accidentally sapped the guardian Angel's energy dry.

It didn't help at all.

However, based on the similar situations involving the other two guardian angels, they knew that Lilac would recover from it eventually, though it would take some time. Therefore, there was nothing to be worry about.

Even though Raphael felt slightly uncomfortable; there was this feeling in him that said something was wrong, but he couldn't put his finger on whatever specific problem it might be, until Lana mentioned it.

That was why, they were very busy right now, even Calleb had only visited him a few moments ago. However, he didn't stay for long and was too dense to realize that there was something different.

"Don't you think it is unusually quiet?" Lana asked while munching her lunch. Her beautiful face contorted slightly.

"Yes," Raphael said, as he looked at Lana's expression seriously.

Raphael put down the bowl in his hand and walked toward the door to see that the seemingly empty corridor was exceptionally quiet. Usually, there would be two or three guards walking around or the healer with her apprentices.

Yet, Raphael couldn't see anyone there. He felt that something was amiss with this situation.

"Lana, I think we should go from here," Raphael said in low voice. He didn't want to go and check this place while leaving Lana alone in this room, or stay in this strange silent situation.

However, when Raphael turned around, Lana had gotten off of the bed and was putting a grey cloak on. She knew what she had to do at a moment like this. All of it was thanks to Serefina's lesson that made her quickly aware about what she had to do at such a short notice during situations like now.

"Let's go," Lana said as she grabbed Raphael's hand and led the way out of the place.

Slightly behind her, Raphael stared at his mate in awe. She was just like a brave female warrior and this made him proud.

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Bree was hugging her little cat when she felt a shadow casting over her and when she raised her head, the bright sunlight was covered with gloomy clouds. Her little face contorted in confusion.

Why did the weather turn gloomy all of sudden?

A woman named Bryana, who was tasked to look after her, approached the little girl and ushered her inside the big house, which was specifically prepared for the people from the village.

"Come inside Bree, I don't feel good with the sudden change of the weather," Bryana looked up at the sky with a worried expression as she grabbed the little girl's hand and along with the other people, who were enjoying the sunlight a moment ago, went inside the house in hurry just before the thunder strike the dark sky.

Bree looked at her little cat and hugged it tightly while whispering, "don't be afraid."

Meanwhile, inside the castle, the same roaring thunder could be heard by a pair of certain shifters, a lycan and a centaur.

Caleb squinted his eyes at Chiron as his eyes turned black and his canines elongated dangerously. He growled at the creature in front of him, which was much taller than him.

"What are you up to, centaur?" his voice was hard and laced with menace.

"I just need to meet with Lilac," Chiron said with the same tone that he always used, ignoring the fact that the lycan could dig his claw into his flesh in a matter of few seconds.

"You are betraying us?" Caleb kept talking, but his eyes caught a glimpse of the dark sky and the big droplets of rain that soon started pouring down. He was certain that he could take down the centaur alone, yet there was something that bothered him. His gut feeling told him that this was not as easy as it seemed.

"I don't have to betray you, I never took your side," Chiron said in a matter of fact tone. He just followed Kace and demanded the land of the centaur, which was the right of his kind.

However, those things were different from his personal interest. And, what he was going to do now had nothing to do with the rest of the centaurs. He was doing this on his own.

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Kace was looking for Sterling when he saw Carina walking toward him and from the look on her face, he could say there must be something important that she wanted to talk with him.

"Kace, we need to talk," Carina said without missing a beat. She looked anxious and it didn't seem like her usual self at all.

"I think we should," Kace said curtly, as he followed the female centaur to a spot where there were not many people passing by.

When he followed Carina, Sterling threw him a questioning look.

"Find my brother, I will be back in a minute," Kace said to Sterling, who nodded in understanding and glanced a few times at the centaurs before he led his family to the main tent, where Jedrek and Torak were discussing something.

Once Carina reached the place beside her tent, where she was sure no one would listen to their conversation, she turned around to face Kace. Her face contorted in pain.

"What is it?" looking at Carina made Kace extremely nervous. "Is it something about Chiron?"

"Yes," Carina said without a second thought, this time she didn't deny it.

"Tell me," Kace pressed the matter. "Where is he?"

"You have to stop him, Kace." Carina gritted her teeth when she said that.

Yet, at the same time, rumbling of thunder could be heard as the sky turned dark all of sudden, as if the night have arrived ahead of time.

Chapter 807 - WITHOUT PROTECTION

Jedrek and Torak went out of the tent when they heard the deafening sound of the rumbling thunder and felt that something was wrong with the shadow that casted down upon their tent, as everything turned dark all of sudden.

"What happened?" Eaton followed the two Donovan brothers out of the tent, and watched as the sky turned dark rapidly and large droplets of water started pouring down from the gloomy sky.

"Rain?" Sebastian stood beside Eaton and raised his hand to touch the droplets of liquid that fell on his face, but when he saw his fingers, they were stained with a strange, black liquid. "What is this?"

Jedrek and Torak wiped their faces off the black liquid that poured down from the sky like rain and narrowed their eyes dangerously. This was water which was mixed with charcoal and something sticky..... Blood?

"We need to go back to the castle now," Jedrek said in a low voice that sounded like an angry growl as he rushed toward the palatial gates of the city with Torak right behind him.

There was only one thing in their minds; their mates.

They left the castle and their mates, thinking they would be safe. After all, who would dare to come and harm them there?

And now they realized that their decision to leave the castle was totally wrong.

However, when Jedrek and Torak reached the front gates, they were stopped in their tracks all of sudden at the sight of the dreadful creature, who was standing right before them.

"Lucifer," Jedrek called a name with venom on the tip of his tongue. Meanwhile, Torak growled loudly upon seeing the devil.

"Long time no see the king of the lycanthropes," Lucifer said mockingly. He slightly bent his knees to show some respect toward Jedrek, yet it didn't seem like it.

"What are you doing here?" Torak asked grimly, but he glanced at his surroundings and tried to see and hear something from the city beyond the wall, yet he could see nothing except black smoke from behind the tall wall and the city was exceptionally quiet.

On the other hand, Jedrek didn't have patience to strike a conversation with Lucifer. He strode forward, ignoring the fact that the devil could be cunning enough to attack him right then and there, as they didn't know what he had up his sleeves.

"Jedrek!" Torak warned his brother, he wanted to grab his hand and pull him back, but he missed it and could only watch him walk straight toward Lucifer with his hands half shifted into sharp-razor claws.

Everything went very fast, and once Jedrek was close enough to the devil, he swung his hand and clawed Lucifer's chest.

Yet, instead of wailing in pain, the devil smiled viciously and from his wounded chest, it wasn't blood that trickled down, but black smoke that covered his whole body and then he vanished into thin air, leaving Jedrek standing there alone.

The king didn't waste another second, he was well aware that it was impossible to kill the devil, thus with the disappearance of Lucifer, he proceeded toward the most important matter at hand, he had to go to the castle and made sure that his mate was fine.

After that, Jedrek dashed toward the closed gates, trying to push it. However, the majestic iron-steel structure didn't even budge an inch.

At that time, from the corner of his eyes, he saw a white beast climbing the tall wall, digging his claws into the solid stone.

Jedrek clicked his tongue, shifted into his white beast and followed Torak's beast to climb the wall instead.

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"Something is wrong Hope," Raine said. She was frightened by the last word from Calleb, him asking her to reach Raphael and the fact there was someone outside of the room along with the Gamma.

However, after that Raine couldn't hear Calleb's voice again, as if there was something had blocked her mind and was not allowing her to hear him.

Raine couldn't reach Raphael also like what Calleb told her to do.

"Yes, I can hear Calleb right outside the door." Hope looked at Lilac and then toward the door, she also heard Calleb's voice, talking to someone about something that she couldn't comprehend.

At that time, Raine felt like someone was staring at her and when she turned around, she found the familiar figure, smiling lazily at her while leaning his tall body against the fireplace behind him.

"Hello, Raine... long time no see," he greeted her with no enthusiasm. "Do you miss me?"

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Serefina opened her eyes, her breathing was shallow and her body felt like she had just been thrown to the ground from a twenty floors building.

Last night was the night when she had to receive her long awaited repercussion for being alive, once again. A torturing night. Her bones felt like jelly and every move she made was filled with immense pain as she felt like her muscles were being torn apart.

She hated this feeling. But somehow, she was grateful for this pain, because it could distract her mind for awhile, from remembering another sort of pain, a pain from her injured heart.

Serefina was very weak at the moment, so did her power that protected the whole city, especially this castle.

Actually, she would recover after a few hours of resting, yet it seemed like she didn't have the luxury of time when the light of the sun that shone through her window was covered by gloomy clouds and the sky turned darker very fast.

When thunder rumbled, Serefina opened her sleepy eyes. Those lime-green eyes of hers watched her surroundings fiercely and her brows creased deeply.

Something was wrong.

And that was the moment when she could finally feel that her spell that had been protecting the whole place had disappeared, leaving this place vulnerable.

With that realization and the oddity, Serefina got up from her bed hurriedly, but her aching head hindered her movements.

Her body fell to the cold ground like a shaking leaf when she tried to gain her focus back.

And then, she heard the same voice she had been hearing for several times recently.

"My offer is still valid, if you want to join us," the voice was sweet and the promise behind it was very tempting.

Chapter 808 - THE INFILTRATION

"Asmodeus," Serefina muttered her name with an irritable sigh, she was not in good shape to make a sarcastic remark, neither did she have enough strength to fight her back nor burn her alive as she wanted, just like when the devil came to give her an offer the last time.

The devil really didn't know when to stop bothering her.

"What do you want now?" Serefina used the edge of the bed to support her body, so she could stand up. There was no way she would want to stay on the ground in front of Asmodeus. Even when her every move was killing her, the witch stood up stubbornly.

"You know what I want and the offer is still the same," Asmodeus said happily. "Do you still want to give me the same reply?" she waved her hand toward the window, which showed how gloomy the sky had turned. "We have sieged this city," she stated with a smile that seemed to never leave her lips.

Serefina scoffed when she heard that. "I don't know that I am very precious to all of you," she said in mockery. "Until you keep bothering me like this and siege the city just to get me."

Asmodeus chuckled lightly as she flicked her dark hair coquettishly and winked at the witch. "No, we sieged the city to get the guardian angels since all the Donovans are not here and you are too weak to put up your shield."

D*mn!

All of them left the castle?!

Serefina internally cursed this situation, but her anger didn't appear on her poker face. She looked like that news didn't bother her at all and this made Asmodeus raise her perfect brows slightly.

"So, if you already got what you want, then you can stop bothering me now." Serefina took a deep breath. Her body screamed for her to go back to the bed and curl up into a ball, but her mind was strong enough to keep her priorities first.

Asmodeus shrugged her shoulders. "I just feel like; it will be such a waste if you don't join us. You, as the last pure blood witch, will be a great force that we could have if you join us."

"What if I refuse?" Serefina leaned her body against one of the pillar of her bed, crossing her arms defiantly.

"No problem," Asmodeus said lightly as she walked toward the door. "Like you said; we have got what we want, I think it is time to leave."

"Let me come with you then." Serefina gave her the brightest smile as she strode toward the witch, as she did so, her cold demeanor disappeared.

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Caleb shifted into his beast when he knew, he couldn't receive anything useful from dragging this conversation. Chiron had already decided the path that he wanted to take, thus there was no point in talking to him.

It didn't take too long before the two creatures entangled in a fierce battle, where the lycan tried to dig his sharp-razor claws into the centaur's flesh as the latter tried to kick him away from him.

Louder snarls and growls echoed throughout the hallway, yet not even one guard could be seen in the vicinity. What happened to them?

However, Caleb didn't have time to think about it, since he had a battle that he had to win at any cost.

Chiron was the chief of the centaurs for a reason. He managed to maneuver every attack that the lycan attempted and dodged him very quickly in order to not get bitten by the predator.

Yet, finally on Caleb's nth attempt, the beast managed to clamp his jaw on the left side of the centaur and took a chunk of his flesh.

Chiron roared in agony and drew a small silver dagger from the bag that wrapped around his torso and stabbed the beast's shoulder twice until he let go of his body.

Blood trickled down from the open wounds of both creatures.

Through his bloody red eyes, the beast ignored the pain that shot in his veins as he dashed toward the centaur and tried to bring him down, and end this battle for good before he lost too much blood and wouldn't be able to support himself anymore.

Silver would hinder his healing ability and this was the worst part in this kind of situation.

However, before the beast could lay his claw on the centaur, he felt something wrapped around his hind legs and in the next second, he was being thrown into the air.

His body flew a few meters away in the air before it hit against the wall and the sound of cracking bones could be heard along with a loud wail of pained howling.

And, when he raised his head to see what exactly attacked him, the beast watched a man emerge from his very own shadow and blanketed him in darkness until the beast couldn't see anything.

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"Belphegor," Raine hissed. She had never hated someone as much as she hated this devil. They were the cause for her countless heart breaking memories, even though from that she had learned how to become much stronger.

"You know him?" Hope moved to stand next to Raine, but was pushed behind her. It surprised her because Raine had never taken an aggressive stance like this.

"No need to glare at me," Belphegor raised both of his hands and chuckled upon seeing how fierce Raine was now. He remembered the very first time he met her and how timid she was back then.

Yet, she looked more adorable this way.

"What do you want?" Raine kept her eyes locked onto the devil's golden ones and glanced briefly toward the door. What happened to Calleb? Why hadn't he coming into the room, yet? action

"Just a tiny drop of your friend's blood," Belphegor said lazily as he walked closer toward the guardian angels.

"You can't touch our blood," Raine said in a matter of fact tone.

"There are a million ways to draw your blood without touching it," Belphegor smiled softly at her, but didn't slow down his pace. "Now, if you excuse me, I will do my job and I promise I will go from here soon after."

Chapter 809 - THE INFILTRATION (2)

"Lidya, what happened?" Bree asked the witch when Bryana took her inside the house. The little girl looked for the witch immediately, because she felt she would have the answer for her question.

Yet, Lidya shook her head. "I don't know little girl, but you better stay inside the house." She tousled Bree's head, but her eyes were glued to the open window, which showed the rain that started to pour down from the sky. The strong howl of the wind was a terrifying sound to hear at the moment, as if it could tear down the building.

"Where are you going?" Bree grabbed Lidya's dress when she was about to walk toward the door. "It is very scary out there, you can't go outside."

"I will be fine, there is something I have to do." Lidya gently untangled Bree's fingers from hers. "You should keep the little cat close to you, okay?" she nudged at the small fur ball in the little girl's embrace.

"Okay," Bree said gently as her lips tightened. "Don't worry, I will keep her safe." And the little kitty meowed after her in response.

Afterward, Lidya gave a few orders to Bryana and some people before she walked out of the house in to the storm that was awaiting her outside.

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The two beasts were running as if it was a private race with each other as they sprinted as fast as they could through the empty streets of the city, apparently this strange weather had forced the citizens to stay inside the safety of their house and that was a good thing to do.

They moved very quick until it seemed like they were only a flash of white among this black droplets of water like rain.

Both of them didn't even slow down when they reached the castle gates. And just like the city gates, this majestic iron-steel doors were closed shut, while no guards could be seen in the vicinity.

This fact alone incurred the wrath from both of the infuriated lycans, they dashed forward even faster, when they thought about the worst possible scenario that could have developed inside this castle now.

The Donovans would flip this realm if something happened to their mates!

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"No one is here," Lana said, her brows creased as she tried to step aside from Raphael's broad back. She was not used to be protected, as she had been fighting alone since she was only a little girl.

However, Raphael wouldn't let anything happen to his mate, especially in this suspicious situation. She was pregnant and the Beta wouldn't be so kind to take any threat lightly.

When they stepped out from the tower they were greeted by pouring rain, yet when Raphael stretched out his hand into the rain, all his hand could collect was some strange black liquid along with a smell like blood mixed with ashes.

"Stay close to me," Raphael said grimly as he wrapped his arm around Lana's waist protectively and he took a detour toward the other tower through the connecting corridor, which had a canopy above their head to protect them from this strange rain.

Raphael didn't know whether this rain could be harmful or not, but he didn't want to take any risk by trying to walk under it with Lana.

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"Don't you dare to take another step toward us," Raine glared at the Sloth. There was not an ounce of her demeanor, which implied that she was afraid of him.

Hope was slightly taken aback with this side of Raine. Among the three of them, Raine would be the last person, to lose her temper in any situation, yet here she was, ready to fight back the suspicious man, who was trying to draw Lilac's blood.

Even though Hope didn't know who he was, but based on Raine's hostile reaction alone, she could tell that he was a dangerous person.

"Wow! Torak really has trained you very well, to the point where you're even brave enough to threaten me now," Belphegor said, his golden eyes shone brightly as he stopped only three steps away from them, staring at Raine with curiosity. "You are no longer a little bunny, now should I call you a little kitten instead?"

"Don't call me at all," Raine snapped at him. Her face turned hard when she glanced at the sleeping guardian angel, Lilac.

Her complexion was not as pale as before, even though they could see her rosy cheeks, but she was still in a deep sleep, without any sign of waking up.

"You are becoming more and more interesting," Belphegor complimented her, as he walked closer.

Seeing this, Hope immediately grabbed something that she could reach and threw it toward Belphegor. It was a red horse statue, which was as big as her hand.

However, before that solid stone could do any harm on Belphegor, he parried it like it was nothing to him.

"Who is he?" Hope whispered to Raine. Her brows creased in wariness.

"The devil," Raine said grimly.

And with the mention of it, both of them understood there was only one thing that they could use to fight the devil and it was; their blood.

Hope figured it out when she was thirteen years old and met with the first devil in her life, yet Raine learned it in the hard way at the age of eight, when she lost her parents.

"Yes, I am," Belphegor said proudly and walked closer toward Raine and Hope.

When both of them were trying to hurt themselves in order to draw their blood to fight Belphegor, someone opened the door and this halted the sloth.

"Chiron!" Hope cried out. "He wants to hurt us!" she pointed her finger toward Belphegor in accusation.

The centaur looked at him with hostility and spoke sternly. "Step back!"

Surprisingly, Belphegor listened to him and walked away from the three guardian angels.

Afterward, Chiron strolled across the room calmly and stood in front of Raine and Hope while staring at Lilac.

"I am glad you are here," Hope said.

Though Raine was talking to Calleb through the mind-link earlier, but the Gamma failed to mention anything about Chiron. He just asked Raine to call for help.

Yet, when Chiron moved forward to carry Lilac, Raine asked him the obvious. "Where is Calleb?"

Chapter 810 - THE INFILTRATION (3)

"He is outside," Chiron replied to Raine as he took Lilac into his arms.

"Outside?" Raine repeated the word in confusion.

"If he is outside, then why doesn't he come inside?" Hope asked Chiron warily, she felt something was wrong with his behavior.

On the other hand, Chiron didn't answer their questions and walked away with Lilac in his hands.

However, when the centaur turned around and showed his back, Hope could see the wound on the side of his body. It was as if someone had bit him and it seemed that the centaur didn't realize the wound was still bleeding.

"What happened to your body?" Raine asked grimly, she wanted to follow Chiron, but Belphegor intervened by stepping forward between them.

Hope immediately pulled Raine back to avoid the devil, but this move created quite a gap between them and Chiron, who was still holding Lilac in his arms.

"Chiron, what is this?" Hope asked incredulously. She had a bad feeling about this and felt that she wouldn't like the answer.

"Isn't it already as clear as a day? " Belphegor said, grinning triumphantly. "He is with us."

"No!" Hope screamed. "Impossible!" her eyes looked at Chiron, she tried to see any sign that would imply what the devil saying was wrong, but soon felt her heart thumping rapidly in her chest. "Chiron, what are you doing!?"

Hope had spent more than a year with the centaurs, the hunters and people from the village when Kace took her away from Serefina, they had grown closer during that time, therefore Hope couldn't believe that Chiron would betray them like this, after what they had gone through and all.

It couldn't be true, right?

The fact that Chiron walked away from them without giving an answer to Hope's question or even without sparing her a second glance, hurt Hope more than she could ever imagine.

Chiron was like a father to her. She used to listen to him and learned a lot of things in the process, while they still lived together. Not only that, the chief of the centaurs was one of the closest persons to Kace and this betrayal would hurt him too, like it did to her, or even more.

Raine tried to push Belphegor who was blocking their way, but the sloth caught her hand and pulled her closer toward him, while Hope rushed toward the door in order to go after Chiron, who started walking outside while carrying Lilac.

Hope thought that Raine would be right behind her. Therefore, in her rush, she didn't look back to check on the other guardian angel and just ran to catch up with Chiron.

"Let me go!" Raine growled as she gritted her teeth and glared at the devil viciously.

"Or what?" Belphegor smirked, his golden eyes shone brightly under the light of the thunder that was rumbling outside. "Do you want to call your mate?"

Raine tried to wriggle her hand out of his grasp, but he held her firmly, though it wasn't tight enough to hurt her, she didn't like to be close to him so she struggled trying to get away from him.

Raine narrowed her eyes and raised her leg to kick him, yet Belphegor saw it coming and raised his leg too, parrying her attack smoothly.

Seeing Raine became even angrier, the Sloth laughed happily, as if he found something that amused him.

"Where did you learn this?" Belphegor caught Raine's hand, which was about to slap his face and held both of her arms in one hand, while his other hand caressed her face gently.

Raine shuddered when his cold fingers traced her cheeks and her chin, as she shook her head to get rid from his touch. action

"You look more adorable than the last time we got to see each other..." he said absentmindedly.

However, at the same time, there was another voice, that called out to Belphegor all of sudden, which was laced with impatience.

"Can you stop doing that?" Asmodeus appeared behind Belphegor and threw the two of them a disapproving look, as if she just caught the Sloth neglected his job once again, which was not totally wrong. "Will you bring her with us?"

However, it wasn't the appearance of the other devil that surprised Raine, but at the sight of someone familiar, who walked in after Asmodeus.

It was Serefina.

Her aloof expression met with Raine's gaze, but the witch chose to ignore her as she looked around the room.

"So, where are the other guardian angels?" Serefina asked, she crossed her arms in front of her chest as she walked across the room and found blotches of blood on the ground. Chiron's blood. "Did you hurt them?" the witch frowned at Belphegor.

"Or course not," The sloth pulled Raine closer and hugged her instead because she wouldn't stop trying to kick him. "That blood belongs the centaur."

"Serefina!" Raine called out to the witch while the witch glanced at her coldly. "No... not you too..." her voice was barely a whisper.

"Kill her," Asmodeus said lightly. "It will save our time."

"Kill her?" Belphegor tilted his head and looked at Raine, who had her back against his sturdy chest. "It is such a waste to kill her."

Asmodeus rolled her eyes dramatically and scoffed. "She will die sooner or later. You can collect her soul in Tartarus if you really want her."

Belphegor jeered when he heard that. "Who wants to go there?" and then he looked at Raine, contemplating. "I like her alive and admire her blushing like this." He traced his fingers along her jaw line and chuckled lightly when he watched her futile attempt to free herself once again.

"Stop playing with her, we have to go now." Serefina narrowed her eyes at the proximity between Raine and Belphegor and the way the devil wrapped his hand around the girl's neck. "Or else the Donovans will come and wreck havoc here."

"Alright, alright..." Belphegor said lazily. He spun Raine around and made the girl face him, but out of the blue, he leaned forward and pecked her lips. "A kiss from the devil," he said softly.

Raine was shocked from what Belphegor did, yet all of a sudden, she felt lightheaded and her vision became blurry as her body turned very weak.

She couldn't resist the sleepiness that suddenly urged her eyes to closed shut.

"What did you do to her?!" Serefina asked angrily and that was the last thing that reached Raine's ears before she was welcomed into the darkness.