

The Love of a Lycan

Chapter 81 - HE WOULD NEVER ALLOW IT

"No, she will not go out of my territory." Torak insisted, his eyes darkened, extremely displeased with Serefina's suggestion.

What the hell with the plan of sending his mate away from him?! On top of that, Serefina chose the place where he had no control of it!

"Then, she will be like this for long time." Serefina pointed her chin toward Raine. "I know you are worried about her, but this is the best that I can offer to you." She shrugged nonchalantly.

"And why do you want to help?" There was something fishy about Serefina's participation in this case.

"Are we going back to this topic again?" Serefina glared at Torak.

They had had conversation about this and she didn't want to have discussing the same thing all over again, however, apparently Torak didn't convince with their last talk.

"My relationship with your brother has nothing to do with this, we are over once I knew the Moon Goddess lifted your curse and bestowed the three of you with mate." Serefina's voice sounded boring. "I deserve better than sharing a male, don't you think?"

Upon hearing her rhetorical question, Torak chuckled lightly, this was the first pleasant voice from him after many days shrouded by killing intent. He knew how arrogant Serefina could be, like she said, it much better if she left his brother or else this witch would stop for nothing.

"Good to know that you are in your right mind." Torak strolled across the room when the nurse had finished fixing Raine IV drip, and sat beside her bed, kissing her forehead.

"It's good to know that you finally found your mate, it's mean so did Jedrek and Kace." Serefina glanced at the glimmers light of the city, deep in thought.

"I will assume you return for good this time." Torak still concerned about Serefina and his brother relationship after all.

They parted way in bad terms.

This time Serefina didn't say anything to answer him.

Regardless, Serefina could have any hidden agenda behind her return for all Torak care, as long as she didn't do harm on his mate and pack, she could do as she wish.

At that time, Raine's eyes fluttered as she let out a small grunt from her trembling lips. Torak caught her movement and anxiously calling Serefina. "Serefina she is awake!"

Serefina strolled across the room and sat beside Raine's bed as she held her hand.

The warm touch from Serefina alerted her as she made an attempt to pull her hand from her grasp, her eyebrows locked together in discomfort. Raine had never seen her.

Not to mention, this woman's appearance didn't look like a doctor with her short red hair and overly luxurious gown.

"It's alright my love... she is here to help."

Only then Raine realized Torak's presence and the spark that came from her another hand that has been holding by him all this while.

She turned her head and stared at him through her blurry sight, everything around her turned into a fuzzy image at this moment.

"Torak..." Raine rasped out a sound that very weak.

He like it when Raine called out his name, but as far as Torak could remember every time Raine called his name, it had been always in unpleasant occasion.

"I am here my love..." Torak caressed her cheeks and she leaned to his touch, it made his beast slightly appeased after all the tense that they had been through.

Chapter 82 - HE WILL SEND HER AWAY TO HER NIGHTMARE

Serefina poured a glass of water and gave it to Torak, so he could help her drink some liquid to freshen up her drying throat, afterward she called the doctor to check on Raine.

The Doctor was a human as well as the two nurses who came with him.

Because of Serefina's warning about Raine's weak spirit, Torak had limited Raine interaction with other Lycans.

Including himself, he had been keeping his distance all this time and only came to touch her very rarely. It was inconvenient, but it helped her to recovery, so as frustrated as he was about the situation, Torak couldn't complain about it.

After some major check up, they said there was nothing to worry about her condition now, she would recover and would be able to discharge after a week.

"Let Doctor Lucas know about the result and ask his opinion." Torak told the Doctor, he needed his own people to make sure that Raine's condition was not in danger anymore, physically.

"Will do Mr. Donovan." The Doctor smiled politely before he walked out of the room with the two nurses, who kept stealing a glance or two at Torak direction, seemingly smitten with his charm and mysterious aura around him.

"How are you feeling my love?" Torak caressed Raine's cheek fondly, feeling her soft skin.

Raine felt like she was under the water, disoriented and headache, everything was fuzzy in her eyes. Her body was like a jelly and her lower back was sore due to lying down for a long time. She wanted to sit.

However, she didn't have much strength to hoist herself up. With hazy mind, she reached out her arms, asking Torak to help her.

A tender smile appeared on Torak's lips upon seeing her gesture.

How he could endure to be separated from this little creature? He must wrack his brain to think of another way.

Gingerly, Torak supported her back as he pressed the button to lift the bed, he arranged pillows around her so she would feel comfortable.

Throughout the process, Serefina watched how gentle Torak treated his mate.

She remembered how ferocious this Lycan centuries ago, actually he was still that way till now, the beast only lie down, not dead.

However no one believed it if they were looking how devoted this beast to his mate at this moment.

Is he also like this to his mate? Serefina's mind flew to the image of a certain Lycan.

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After five days of a good care, Raine's condition became much better. Originally she was allowed to discharge by now, however Torak insisted her to stay for another two days.

When Raine wasn't as muddleheaded as before, the first thing that came up in her mind was how grandeur this hospital ward, she didn't feel like she was in a hospital at all, instead it more like a seven stars hotel, even though she had never been in any rate of hotel before.

Another thought was; how much money that Torak had spent for her?

He was an affluent man, she knew that from the moment he brought her out of the orphan, but to spend his money on her this way, not to mention with her had been unconscious, Torak could put her in regular room and she would never say a word about it, was this all worth it?

Another thing that came to her understanding was the presence of the woman named Serefina, occasionally she would hold her hand without saying anything, during that moment, Raine would feel numb with a warm sensation that crept from her hand, which she was holding.

It wasn't unpleasant feeling, in contrary, after Serefina had done that, she felt better as if she had regained her strength.

And the last thing that had bothered her the most was the fact that Torak had been avoiding for being close to her.

Actually, Torak was still inside the room, however instead of being near her, he would sat on the sofa close to the window, busying himself with a stack of doc.u.ment.

Only if Raine walked toward him than he would urge her to go back to lie down on the bed, not to mention he was more cautious and careful when he was with her, more than before.

Another small thing that she realized was the fact she had not seen Raphael and Calleb even for once since she regained consciousness.

As long as she remembered, both of them were rarely leaving Torak's side.

What actually had happened?

"What is it, my love?" Torak kissed Raine's beautiful eyes as they were looking at him absentmindedly.

Currently, he was cuddling, lying down with her on the sofa beside the floor to ceiling window while looking at the drizzle rain outside, fogging their view from the city below.

It was still afternoon, 1.43 p.m, but the gloomy cloud didn't allow a ray of the sunlight escaped. Thunder and lightning appeared at the other further side of the sky, behind a tall building, giving an ominous feeling.

Raine shifted to find comfort in Torak's embrace while he adjusted the blanket around her.

It was the moment when Torak hoped time would freeze and let him relished his mate's presence for a little bit longer.

At this time nothing was matter anymore for him. He had given Raphael autoration to deal with the matter regarding the Dragon People and their company takeover.

Raine used his arms as a pillow while Torak's other hand played with her hair, one of his favorite things to do when he has Raine near him.

"Where is Call and Raph?" Raine's voice was so soft like a breeze wind when she asked him.

She had started to talk again, but it was only with him, while with the other people like the Doctor and nurses, she chose to remain silence or used her ipad to communicate.

"Why are you asking them?" Torak slightly frowned, didn't like when she was asking another men, even though he knew what she meant. She must have realized it by now.

"You are always with them." Raine whispered, snuggled deeper to his chest.

"I will call them if you want." Torak found it difficult to explain the situation to her.

It would be the day after tomorrow, Serefina would bring her back to her birthplace, but Raine was still in the dark.

The idea of being separated from her didn't please the Alpha either.

"No, just asking..." Raine shook her head, didn't want to trouble him. "But..."

Before Raine could talk further a sudden sound of the door being opened with unnecessary forces, echoed inside the room, startling Raine as she jolted to sit.

She was very self conscious if there was someone else near her as she was too shy to let other people saw her cuddling with Torak.

Meanwhile, Torak was really annoy with the sudden interruption, his blue ocean eyes were looking at Serefina, who strolled inside the room with bright saffron yellow fur coats that complimented her lime green eyes, she was too doll up for Torak's taste.

"Can we talk straight to the business?" Serefina crossed her feet and leaned her back against the sofa as she put on airs, her features was very radiating for Raine.

The girl lowered her head like she always did when she felt intimidated while she felt Torak wrapped his arm around her waist protectively.

Torak gave Serefina a warning glare that the woman ignored it completely.

"You." Serefina pointed her chin at Raine arrogantly. "Will live with me in your hometown, we will go the day after tomorrow."

Serefina short declaration earned a low growl from Torak as Raine whipped her head to look at the woman straight in the eyes.

"After many days, finally you have courage to look at me." Mockery was clear to hear from the way Serefina said it.

"Watch your mouth witch!" Torak said through gritted teeth as his hand balled into a fist.

If it wasn't for Raine's sake the witch would have been thrown out of the ward through the window.

"I don't know what is wrong with you, but I can't find reasonable reason for you to keep this matter until now." Serefina had run out of her patience.

She couldn't stand the way Torak spoiled Raine and kept this issue secret until today while their departure was so close.

The way Torak treated her wouldn't do any good for her chance to survive! She had to find her own way through this struggle time!

Patience would never be the witch forte, hence it put her on edge when she looked at Torak pampered Raine in such a way.

Raine looked at Torak with apprehensive eyes, her lips slightly opened but nothing that she could say, her body was trembling when she realized that Torak would send her away.

"GET OUT!" Torak barked at Serefina, his eyes turned black because of anger.

He would let Raine knew about this eventually, but not in this way. She would misunderstand his intention if Serefina put the matter in such way.

Raine in his embrace startled when she heard Torak shouted furiously at the woman in front of them, and to her surprise that woman didn't even bother with Torak harsh words, she looked at Raine with impassive eyes and strolled out of the ward indifferently.

Only when a sound of the door had closed, Torak sighed agitatedly. He needed two second before he could face the fear on Raine's expression.

And the next thing that Raine said almost broke his soul painfully.

"You don't want me anymore...?" Raine asked, her voice was very soft, only barely a whispered. Tears had threatened to spill on the corner of her eyes, but she bit her lips stubbornly to hold them back.

She didn't want to go back to her hometown, it was a nightmare...

Chapter 83 - TRESPASSER

"Of course that is not the case my love..." Torak put his thumb under her chin to release her pale lips from her teeth, she would harm herself if she kept doing that.

"Of course I want you... you are the only person that I want..." Torak pulled her closer and pushed her head softly toward his chest, caressing her trembling back.

Inwardly he cursed Serefina to bring such a pain on Raine by her words and made her misunderstood this situation, though he knew what that witch said was true.

Torak was aware that he couldn't procrastinate the explanation of this matter forever, moreover it was a good thing for having Serefina at this time to help Raine to find out about herself, it could help her to heal her spirit faster under the witch surveillance, but her way to announce it didn't make things better.

However, the problem was the location that Serefina chose.

That wasn't his territory! In another simple words; DANGER.

Raine sobbed silently against Torak's chest, tainted his shirt with her tears. She really didn't want to go there. Anywhere would be better than there...

"Torak..." Raine lifted her head, her teary eyes were looking her mate with hopelessness and that made his beast aggravated, both of them didn't like to see her tears.

Clumsily Torak wipe away the tears that tracing down on her cheeks, but they kept falling. "Yes my love..."

"Can I not go there?" Her lips were trembling when she was saying that. "Please... anywhere, but not there..." Another tears escape her eyes, fell on the back of Torak's hand.

Torak couldn't bear to see her pleading like that, especially for something that he couldn't grant, his throat suddenly dried as no word could be spoken.

For long time, Torak just held her until the rain outside the window ceased and tears from her eyes stopped to fall.

"My love, there is something that I want to tell you... will you hear me first?" Torak caressed her back and held her tight, kept her warm in his arms. "After that, if you still don't want to go, I will not force you."

How he could bear to let her go to the place that she didn't want, not to mention the danger that lurked around.

For now, he only wanted her to know her own situation, to make things easier for her to adapt.

He could feel Raine nodded her head on his chest and sighed deeply before started to speak. "My love, like you have already known there is another world beside your human world, also there is this thing that we call spirit."

Raine raised her head, her swollen eyes looked at Torak questioningly.

"In my world, there are many supernatural creatures, charms and curses. You can always ward off charms and curses as long as you have a strong spirit." Torak stopped to let his word seeped in.

Raine blinked, fluttering her long wet lashes as her sob had subsided. She gave Torak her full attention, without her knowing, the way she looked at him made Torak in daze, drowning himself into her charm.

"In your case, your spirit is very weak to the point you will be sick only by get close to me for long time. Live surrounded by supernatural creatures also doesn't help your case." Torak tried to explain it carefully, he didn't want Raine to feel like no one wanted her. She had felt that way for years.

Raine was tightening her clutch on Torak's shirt.

"You should be aware by now that I have many enemies. They will harm you the same way they try to harm me." Torak leaned over and kissed her cheek as he whispered to her ear. "And I can't let that to happen, my love." There was a faint trace of fear in the way Torak said his last sentence.

"You were sick because someone cursed you and your spirit couldn't take it." Torak didn't go down to the detail, but that also the right words to put her situation.

Raine snuggled to the crook of Torak's shoulder, seeking for comfort. "That was the reason why you will send me away?" As she whispered, Torak could feel the warm liquid wetted his neck.

"Don't say it in that way... I will never let you go if it's not for your safety sake..."

"With my weak spirit I can't be with you?"

"You will suffer if you stay with me and I can't bear to see you in pain..."

"Will Serefina help me?"

"Yes, she will."

It wasn't only a place, it was the place where her parents had been killed, the place where she had been charged for three years in mental institution and had lived as orphanage.

When she thought she was free from that place, she needed to return.

How cruel that could be?

"I am afraid..." She said truthfully, even her voice was shaking.

"Don't... I will be by your side."

And then Raine started sobbing again, her raspy voice echoed in Torak's ears, reverberating to his being.

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The day until Raine's departure was uneventful, Torak kept her company in every passing second.

Along that time, Serefina didn't talk too much to Raine if it was not something necessary, actually she act that way from the first time they met.

She had gotten used with being ignored and had even experienced something worse so, it didn't really bother Raine.

However on the day of her departure, Torak couldn't accompany her to the airport because Serefina adamant to not let him.

She had a strong argumentation for that though.

"You want to announce to the whole world that she is your mate!? That she is leaving your territory and will enter your enemy's land!? I am afraid she will be dead even before the plane landed!" Serefina berated Torak harshly.

Even Raphael and Calleb who was there at that time tempted to salute this witch for being able to stay intact after her disrespect act. If this someone else, they would be dead before they could catch the next breath.

But, Torak's mood only turned gloomy and said nothing.

With Torak's identity in both worlds it would be uproar if Raine's identity was revealed.

Before, only a few human who saw her in person when Torak brought her to the meeting while those newspapermen didn't have any idea how she looks like.

Generally speaking Raine's identity was still a secret for the outside world until today.

This was an advantage for her, and Serefina very adamant to keep it that way.

"I will come often..." Torak said before let her out of the ward.

"Don't come often!" Serefina chided even before Torak finished his words.

"GET HER OUT!" Torak roared angrily, holding Raine's body against his to keep his mind sane from this irritating witch.

This witch has been breathing on his skin since the moment she came!

"Let's wait outside..." Calleb tugged Serefina's right arm as he half dragged her out of the room. Raphael followed behind them.

Serefina was wearing yellow jumper with blue jeans and golden black sling bag, she looked fresh and young, no one would have thought she has lived for centuries.

Once Serefina left and it was only the two of them, Torak let out an irritated breath as he rested his forehead against Raine's shoulder.

"I will come to you." He said firmly.

It wasn't a promise it was a determination.

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Torak had made an arrangement for everything. He bought a house in Serefina's name, so it would be difficult for someone to draw a link back to him, arranged new identity for Raine, thus no one knew she came from an orphan and also didn't appear in the airport.

Raine was waiting their plane with Serefina was sitting next to her, playing with her phone when suddenly she bristled.

"Your mate is too much!!!" Serefina sat up straight and glared at her screen phone as if that gadget had wronged her greatly. "I can't stand this!"

Serefina bolted up and walked further to calling someone that Raine assumed it would be Torak at the end of the line.

Curiously, Raine fished out her own phone and typed Torak's name, there were thousands article about him, but in the recent feed there was news about him that managed to be a trending topic in less than an hour.

It was about him who bought De Medicci corp.

De Medicci was a respected family, where they family's company specialized in legal field, but it wasn't the shocking news, the thing that made all those businessmen shook their head in puzzled was because De Medicci corp. was rumored on the verge of bankruptcy.

If Torak insisted to buy it, he wouldn't see profit until one year ahead; that was what people said in online.

During that time, Torak needed to dig his hoard deeper to keep the company stayed afloat.

But, those things wasn't Torak's main focus, he was capable to provide ten more companies like that.

His real goal was to use De Medicci corp as a reason for him to stay in the same country as Raine.

If Torak couldn't stay because of his Alpha title would count him as a trespasser, then he would use business as the reason for him to trespass.

"He is coming..." There was something warm spreading in Raine's heart as she read the article.

Meanwhile at the corner, Serefina's face had turned red as her eyes glared viciously at the innocent display board, she clearly bristled to her phone.

Chapter 84 - DON'T WAIT FOR ANYONE TO SAVE YOU

"I declare to you that woman must not depend upon the protection of man, but must be taught to protect herself, and there I take my stand."

-Susan B. Anthony-

Serefina and Raine arrived at their destination after hours of flight, during the trip they didn't talk at all, if it wasn't a necessary case.

It wasn't because Raine was having hard time to communicating with Serefina, but the witch didn't really try to make a small talk with her also.

They both looked like strangers to one another.

Probably before they could start something, the first thing that they needed to work on was the way they interact with each other.

Raine thought Serefina was still very mad because of Torak's sudden arrangement to open his new business plan in the same country as her.

She could see Serefina clenched and unclenched her fist couple of time and breathed deeply in order to calm her tense nerves.

Called her thoughtless, but Raine enjoyed the sight of Serefina fumed with anger. She has been very annoying since the first time they met and now Torak gave her another headache and annoyed her back, so how could Raine not be consoled by this?

However, she couldn't let the witch knew about this, or else her days ahead wouldn't be good.

Raine kept walking two steps behind Serefina as her presence was so intimidating. If she could choose, she wanted to be everywhere except beside her. Her self-conscious kept reminding her how uncomfortable she was.

"Can you walk faster? I don't want to be bothered looking for you if you are lost!" Serefina hissed at her and looked at Raine who was shorter than her, through her shoulder, disdainfully. "Torak really has spoiled you too much until you can't even move your ass faster than my cat."

The harsh comment made Raine's body fidgeted nervously as unpleasant memories flew back in her head.

Would it be the same as before?

"Raise your chin and look at me!" Serefina suddenly stopped walking and crossed her slender arms in front of her chest provocatively. She was venting out her anger toward Torak to his mate.

This witch was about a head taller than Raine and with her red hair, it was like her head was flaring with flame, like medusa but with flame.

Raine tugged the strips of her backpack nervously as she stopped a bit further from her.

"Come closer to me or I assure you, you will not like the things that I will do next." Serefina warned her. She has a temper that was worse than her step sister, Belinda, moreover she wasn't the patient type either.

Raine was very aware about what she could do, but would she do something atrocious in front of thousand people?

She glanced at her surroundings secretly, they were in the airport and lots of people milling around with their suitcase. Not far from them, there were guards and airport police. She would be safe, wouldn't she?

But, before Raine could decide what she would do, she felt her feet moved forcefully without her consent. She looked around in panic when she wasn't able to stop herself to move closer toward Serefina.

Only when Raine was standing in front of her, her feet stopped moving and by 'didn't move', her feet literally were not able to move an inch from her spot now.

Raine's body started to tremble as her heart called out the only name that crossed her mind every time she felt insecure.

Torak...

Tears began to well up in the corner of her eyes as fear crept in.

"Raise your head and look at me!" Serefina hissed viciously.

And like her feet, her head and eyes moved without her consent to meet Serefina's glaring one. It scared Raine terribly.

"Do you really think that I can't do anything in public area like this?" She waved her hand to her surrounding and scoffed. "Think again."

The feeling of being controlled was awful and Raine didn't like it a bit. She was used with harsh words and physical abuse, but not this type of abuse.

"When I talk to you, you have to look at me in the eyes like this, understand?!" Serefina was squinted her eyes dangerously at Raine like a predator stared at their prey.

Raine wanted to nod her head, but she couldn't move a muscle.

"Answer me." Serefina ordered Raine sternly.

"Understood..." Raine's voice was barely a whisper when she answered the witch as tear of fear was rolling down on her cheek.

Looking at her tears, Serefina scorned with derision. "Crying?" She raised her eyebrows. "That is the only thing that you can do? Do you really think your tears can stop 'them' from killing you?"

Raine wasn't sure whom Serefina referred to by the mention of 'them', but they must be those creatures that had been hunting her for years.

"If you can't even raise your head to face me, how do you expect you will survive in this place? Out of your mad- mate's territory! You think Torak will always be here for you in every dangerous situation to save your life!?" Serefina's words were very hard to hear, though there was truth in it.

Raine knew Serefina was right, but her method was too rude and abrupt for her. Raine needed time to overcome her trauma and knowing she had to return to her own nightmare and faced the horror in her life again, didn't help her case at all.

"Don't wait for any men to save your ass, you have to save your own ass in order to survive! Understand!?"

"Understood." Raine blinked her eyes rapidly to hold back her tears as she tried to gulp down the fear that went up to her throat.

Her face flushed with the color of red as her body trembled, if Torak was there, the word of 'mad' wouldn't be able to describe his emotion, unfortunately he wasn't there.

"It will be the first and the last time you ever cry in front of me." Serefine remarked sharply.

Chapter 85 - WE WILL MEET SOON

"And I need you. Not in the ways to survive, but in the ways that make life worth living."

-JmStorm, Pinterest-

After saying those harsh words, Serefina released Raine. She didn't have intention to hurt her, however the witch really got irritated if someone started to cry and showed any kind of weakness, that was her least favorite things.

In the other hand, Raine gripped on the strip of her backpack tightened as she bit down her lips, she looked around, trying to find a way to escape from Serefina.

She was so terrified by her, something in her told Raine that Serefina wouldn't go easy on her, whether it was because her duty to help her became stronger, or to vent out her anger toward Torak. Neither would end up good.

"Don't waste your time to think that you can do that." Serefina was facing Raine again with impatient look on her face. "Once you do that and I catch you, no mercy for you." She talked in low and soft tones, but the meaning behind it spoke more volumes. "I will cut off your hair."

Raine gasped loudly, somehow she believed that she would do exactly what she said, on top of that, Serefina had the ability and the cruelty to do that.

The little angel rubbed her eyes roughly before her tears fell on her cheeks, the witch said she didn't like to see her crying, who knew what she would do if she saw this.

The airport filled with many people, but no one pay attention or cared enough to watch what was happening with the two women as they minded their own business.

Raine took step by step with great effort to follow Serefina, as if her feet suddenly weighed a ton each.

When they walked someone suddenly approached Serefina, he was a young man in black suit with tanned skin and a smile on his lips that seemingly never faded, he looked like a man in the middle of his twenties.

"Miss Serefina and..." His amber eyes landed on Raine. "Mrs. Donovan, right? My name is Jack, I will be your chauffeur." The young man introduced himself.

"What do you mean 'Mrs. Donovan'?! Call her by her name!" Serefina's voice raised a few octaves upon hearing how Jack addressed Raine.

"But, she is the Alpha's mate." Jack stated the fact without faltered even under Serefina's sharp gaze, his smile still etched on his full lips. For him, as a werewolf, mate would be the forever one, whether they had married or not, their woman would be the last woman for them.

"Or, which one do you prefer? Mrs. Donovan or Miss. Raine?" Jack asked Raine politely.

Jack had heard a little bit about their future Luna's personality, Calleb told him that their Luna was softhearted and a bit shy, but in his eyes 'shy' couldn't describe her... Raine had a problem more than being 'shy'.

Raine looked at her intertwined her own fingers, she lowered her head only until the tip of her nose and her lips that could be seen.

"Call her Raine!" Serefina was almost screaming in her frustration, she had told Torak to keep low profile, and stopped doing stupid things to spoil his mate, but he just couldn't listen.

Because in Torak's eyes, sending someone to pick them up for the Airport didn't count as a fancy thing, maybe they needed to talk more detail about 'does and don't's rule'.

Ignoring Serefina's angry tone, Jack kept looking at Rain, waiting for her answer. "So?"

Raine startled a bit when Serefina talked, she hastily pulled out her phone and typed something before she showed it to Jack.

On the screen there were only three simple words.

'Just Raine please'.

Jack smiled. "Ok. Raine, do you ready to go home?" He asked softly while giving back her phone.

Raine slightly raised her head when she heard the way Jack spoke to her, she glanced at Serefina's impatient expression, before she nodded her head slowly.

"Over here please." Jack led them to the black car that parked not too far from them.

After the three of them got into the car, Serefina told Raine to take a seat beside Jack, who was driving, while she was sitting alone in the back seat, her reason was because she needed more space.

Raine didn't feel offended for that, as she also preferred to stay as far away as she could from Serefina.

When they just drove for a few minutes, Serefina's phone rang. The name that popped out from her phone didn't make her bad mood better.

"Torak, there are a lot of things that we need to talk!" Serefina shouted at her phone.

"Where is my mate?" At the other side of the phone, Torak demanded.

"No! I will give the phone to your mate if you stop doing this!" Serefina yelled and glared at the traffic jam in front of them.

"Are you inside the car?" Torak asked impatiently.

"Yes, and this..." However before Serefina could say something the line had cut off.

The next second, another phone was ringing, it was Jack's. Jack only glanced at the name that appeared on his screen phone before he gave it directly to Raine.

Apparently, it wasn't only Serefina who owned the phone inside the car, Jack wanted to laugh on this.

"My love, are you alright?" Torak's soft tone was heard the moment Raine picked up the phone.

Raine nodded, the habit of hers, before she realized that Torak couldn't see her, and then said in low voice. "Yes..."

There was silence afterwards, before Torak said. "I love you, my angel. We will meet soon." And the line was cut off.

Raine was surprised when Torak said that, because Serefina would flip out if he did come, she had warned him not to meet her, but apparently The Alpha didn't take it well.

Whatever it would be, Torak's words still managed to warm Raine's heart as a tear trickled down from her eyes, which she wiped it hastily.

It has not even been a week, but...

She missed him...

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Inside a luxurious room, Torak was staring at his phone before abruptly stood up and gave a sudden order. "Arrange a meeting with De medicci family."

"When?" Calleb caught out of guard by the sudden order.

"Tommorow." Torak replied curtly before he went out of the room, leaving Calleb with his jaw dropped open.

"Raph, is the Alpha starting to become crazy? We can't do that! De Medicci family is living not in our territory, there are a lot of thing that we should do first to announce our visit!" Calleb cried to Raphael beside him.

If Torak wanted to meet De Medicci family tomorrow, then at least they should leave tonight. And Calleb needed to an extra job to make their visit wasn't count as trespassing the other territory. The time was so tight if Calleb has to arrange this meeting.

Raphael looked at Calleb helplessly. "Can you change his mind?"

Calleb shook his head. "Of course not."

"Can you defy his order?"

"No."

"Can you say 'no' to him?" Raphael asked again, crossing his arms in front of his broad chest.

"No."

"Stop complaining and just do it then."

Calleb. "..."

Chapter 86 - RED TULIP; DEEP LOVE

Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are anger and courage. Anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are.

-S.t Augustine-

Jack brought Raine and Serefina to their new residence, it was an old-fashioned eight- story apartment building with a little bit touch of medieval style.

In the entrance hallway there was a big reception table with a beautiful receptionist sitting elegantly there.

Jack walked toward her and made a little bit conversation with the receptionist, she was blushing and giggled upon hearing whatever Jack told her while Serefina was too busy with her phone to stop Jack from infusing his charm to the poor lady.

Raine was sitting on the sofa while waiting for Jack to retrieve the keys of their flat, Serefina was sitting next to her. She was staring at her phone dissapointly, she would never be able to receive Torak's call because Serefina had thrown away her sim card before they take off.

That was why, Torak called Serefina to speak with Raine instead of calling her directly.

It was ten minutes later when Jack finally finished with his flattering words and got the key for them, he winked at the lady receptionist when he turned to face Raine and Serefina.

"Let's go to see your flat." Jack reached out his hand to help Raine to carry her backpack, but shook her head and mouthed, 'it's okay'.

Jack smiled softly and carried their suitcase instead, there was one porter, who followed them to their flat, pushed a trolley to carry all of their belongings.

Their flat was in eleventh floor, in this floor, there were four doors that led to different flats. Serefina and Raine got flat number 111 while Jack 112, he would live next to them.

This time, Serefina didn't complain as she agreed with the selected apartment building, this place was pleasant and modest, and moreover this met her request.

"Your room will be there." Serefina pointed the second room to Raine when they entered.

This flat consists with two bedrooms, one living room, one bathroom and a small kitchen, their flat was a fully- furnished one, so they didn't need to add anything significant.

Raine entered the room that Serefina had pointed to her and found that she love this room immediately.

This room was very simple with a single bed near the window and with white cover sheet and a bedside table with two drawers, which also in color of white.

And beside a big cabinet there was a standing mirror.

Raine's room was so simple, but this was a perfect room for her. She walked inside and put her backpack on her bed and looked around her room with, fascinating.

On the top of bedside table there was a red tulip on a glass vast, it's color was so daring and gave off an indifferent beauty and simplicity.

Raine touched its petals with her finger tips. Could this be Torak, who asked someone to put it here? Or, it was only part of decoration?

"So cheesy."

Raine startled when she heard Serefina's sarcastic tone.

Who knows how long she has been standing at the doorway, but her eyes locked on the red tulip on the bedside table, spitefully.

"Come outside, there is something we need to talk. I have allergic with flower." Serefina mumbled her last words acrimoniously.

Raine glanced at the red tulip before she went outside of her room and closed it door.

Apparently, Jack had left and it was only the two of them.

Serefina was sitting on the sofa when Raine appeared and took a seat across of her, the incident at the airport when she was controlling her, still etched in her memory, thus the girl was very afraid to be near her.

Serefina tilted her head when she saw Raine's timid gestures, she needed more than patient to stand this kind of person. The witch hated Raine's timidity.

She didn't really care about her trauma or dreadful experience that she had gone through, because everyone has it! She also has her own share and she didn't succ.u.mb on her fear.

But, Serefina forgot that not everyone has the same problem as her neither they had her supercilious attitude.

"I will make the rule and you will do as I say. Understand?" Serefina opened the conversation with that statement.

Raine didn't like it, when Serefina tried to control her, mentally or physiologically, she had enough with that when she was in the mental hospitality.

However, she couldn't voice out her rejection openly and Serefina didn't need her agreement for that, as she assumed everything was under her control.

"Take a look at this." Serefina put down three brochures on the table between them. "These are colleges near this place and you will start a new semester in four month. I don't care what majors you will take and I think your mate also didn't care much about it."

Raine reached the three brocures and checked on it, there were various majors that they offered, but the problem was...

Raine fished out her phone and was about to type something when Serefina snatched it away and crushed it into a dust.

"When I talk to you, I want you to answer me." Serefina said viciously, her eyes bore onto Raine's. "Talk!"

Raine clenched her fist to calm herself, she opened her mouth but there was not a single word that could come out, she felt suffocating.

"Talk!" Serefina yelled sternly.

"I..." Raine bit her lower lips as she was trying hard to produce the words. "High... school...."

Across from her, Serefina knitted her eyebrows. "Talk clearly!"

"High school... not graduated... yet..." Raine stammered, stumbled with her words as her body trembling.

Fortunately, Serefina didn't ask her to repeat that. "I have thought about that, during these four months there will be a tutor who will come regularly, so you can take the final exam like the other high school students."

Raine nodded and then hastily added. "Yes." Before Serefina flipped out again.

"And every once a month, I don't want you to disturb me, you are not allowed to knock or call my name during that time, no matter how urgent the situation." Serefina warned her. "No matter what you will hear, don't disturb me. Understood?"

Though Raine didn't understand why she had to do that, she still nodded her head and whispered. "Understood."

Chapter 87 - WHAT THE GIRL MEANS TO YOU?

Serefina's eyes stared at Raine for a few more second before she continued with other trivial rule, like; Raine wasn't allow to go outside of the flat without Serefina's permission, Raine would be the one who would cook something for them to eat because Serefina couldn't do that, Raine would be the one who would clean up their flat because Serefina was too busy to do it, but she wasn't allowed to enter her room, Serefina made sure that she had repeated that many times.

And another 'rules' that made Raine scrunched her brows in confusion. Basically, it would always be Raine, who would do the core work as Serefina excuse would go back and forth between busy and she couldn't do it.

Actually, Raine didn't mind to do it, as she had done worse thing than that in the past. But, she wondered when she could meet Torak again?

Serefina seemingly had planned to separate them as long as she could.

"When you graduate from the college, or after you manage to revive your power." That was what her reply when Raine asked about meeting Torak.

Her black obsidian's eyes widened when she heard that.

Graduate from the college would take, at least, four years and to revive her power, she didn't even know if she has it. What was Serefina's mean by power?

Lifting an object without touch it?

Shot fire from her eyes?

Produce watter from her finger tips?

"What power?" Raine tilted her head, asking in low voice. She even didn't know if her question sounded stupid or what, but she needed to know what Serefina wanted to do with her.

She told Torak that she would help Raine to get better and for her to be able to stand against the enemy, but all she had done was; made Raine afraid of her.

"I don't know, you tell me." Serefina shrugged nonchalantly. "Every Guardian Angel has it own charm, I don't know what that is... some experience will be needed to figure that out." She mumbled and then stood up, walked toward her room, leaving the confuse Raine behind her.

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It was very early in the morning when a private jet landed at the airport, even the sun has not shone yet. However, the activity in the airport was as busy like always.

Torak was wearing black shirt under his leather brown jacket and black sunglasses perched on his nose, walked beside him was his Beta and Gamma along with the other ten Lycans.

That small group apparently drew people attention, especially from women, they would take another look and even stared at them bluntly.

That was a good sight to behold in this early boring morning.

Fortunately, that didn't last for long time as they had their own private exit and luxurious cars that had been waiting for them.

"Greetings, Alpha Torak."

Someone suddenly appeared a few meters away from Torak's group, simultaneously all of the lycans turned their head toward the direction of the voice and found a man, with skin that almost looked translucent, was staring at Torak with warm smile hung on his lips.

Torak didn't answer his greeting, but he didn't move to open the car door either, he was waiting for the other person to explain his appearance.

"You are so parsimonious with your word like always." That man remarked, but even so, it didn't falter his smile.

"What do you want?" Torak asked, his voice was so deep and calm, but somehow gave off an authority and impatient.

The other man chuckled lightly, seemingly he wasn't the type that would like to get down straight to his main point while the other hand, Torak didn't have much patient to deal with this.

Seeing the other man was still reluctant to talk, Torak opened the car door and was about to leave, when that man all of sudden stopped chuckling and his voice turned serious.

"I came to invite you to my place." That man blurted out, realizing that Torak would leave. "The last time you were here, you came and went so fast, I didn't even have time to greet you. This time your beta gave me a short notice about your arrival, and here I am, waiting to greet you." The man was half whinning toward the Alpha and opened his hands to emphasize his words.

Torak glanced at him as his ocean blue eyes slightly became darker.

Realizing the situation would get out of hand, Raphael stepped forward, he stood between the two men. "Andromalius."

The man nodded solemnly. "Yes, that is me."

"We have notified you about our arrival and as you know, we came here for business, there was nothing to do with our realm." Raphael said impassively.

"I got your point." Andromalius took two steps closer. "But, the last time you were here, I lost one person in my territory."

Andromalius was waiting for the reaction of Torak after hearing his words, but his expression remained unreadable.

The Alpha held his eyes with undecipherable emotion. No one could tell whether he was surprised that Andromalius knew about this, or he didn't even care about that because that wasn't something important for him.

"She was a girl from an orphanage." Andromalius took another step forward. "And surprisingly, when I checked there, no one could remember her face. Not a single soul could tell how she looks like."

"Your point is?" Raphael's voice remained calm and composed. He knew that, because Torak had ordered to do something with the people in the orphanage.

"The only information that I got from there was the girl's name is Raine." Andromalius tilted his head and looked at Torak through Raphael's shoulders. "Why did you take the girl away? What that girl means to you?"

The Alpha had never done this before and he wouldn't do that if there was not anything important in her, this fact alone had tickled his curiosity.

Torak grabbed Raphael's shoulder and pulled him back as he faced Andromalius directly.

Chapter 88 - YOUR LOVE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

He asked: "Why are you so insecure with my love for you?"

She said: "Because I have never had anyone love me the way that you do, or care for me the way that you do. I am afraid that this might be a dream and that your love is too good to be true."

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"Put your nose somewhere else Andromalius. You will not like it when I lost my patience." Torak made sure that his opponent could hear his voice clearly as he emphasized every syllable of his words. "I don't have much of it."

Torak's black eyes stared at Andromalius, washed away the smile on his smug face.

"You are indeed the Supreme Alpha with the biggest territory, but here, is not your land." Andromalius hissed as a black snake crept his way up and perched on his shoulder.

"I will make it mine if you keep appear in front of me." Torak warned him, and he always meant his word. Fulbright City would bath with blood the moment Torak determined to expand his territory.

"You can't threaten me in my own territory Alpha." The snake on his shoulder hissed with him when he talked.

"I wasn't threatening you. That was a warning." His black eyes were like a deep whirlpool that could suck any sould into it.

Andromalius smirked and took two steps back. He knew how dangerous this creature in front of him, or else the Moon Goddess herself wouldn't put curse on him for the sin that his brothers and he had done.

"Enjoy your visit." Andromalius gave another polite smile before he turned around and walked away.

A man approached Andromalius when he had walked far enough from Torak's earshot. "Andromalius." The way he talked akin to snake that hissed to his prey.

"Find out who is the girl." Andromalius got in the car and let the other man to drive it.

"Got it." The man said while he started the engine, the car came to life with a quiet whine then began to purr.

It was a rare case that Torak put his interest in another creature, not to mention she was only a weak, poor human girl, he saw a piece of news about when Torak left the hotel last time with a girl in his arms, though no one could manage to see her face, but it created quite an uproar.

There must be something more about the girl named Raine, and Andromalius determined to find out about it.

On the other side of the road.

Torak stared at the Jeep Wrangler that slowly left with dark eyes, his eyes didn't return into their initial color even when he faced Raphael and Calleb.

"Put your eyes on him." He said in an eerie cold tone.

"Yes Alpha." Both of them replied simultaneously.

It wouldn't be a good beginning...

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Four days after Raine resided in this new environment, Serefina has been so busy with her own matter and neglected her, she would be often went out somewhere, of course she would never tell Raine where she would go.

However, Raine didn't complain about it, actually it was a good thing for her. Sometimes, Serefina could be so stern and to be around her was so tense.

Serefina said, her home tutor would come next week, until then Raine has a lot of free time and she spent it in front of the television.

This wasn't because she interested to watch any movie, but these three days, Torak frequently made an appearance in business programme about his forthcoming project that would absorb a lot of manpower.

His project received full support from the government.

Apparently, beside joint venture with De Medici, Torak had determined to settle his influence in this country too, rooted his position in business world.

"The Alpha indeed will go to any lengths to be close to you, Luna." Jack clicked his tongue when he watched the news, he brought a plate full with chicken wings with him and handed it over to Raine.

Serefina wasn't home, she has been leaving the apartment since morning and now it's already 4.45 pm and both Raine and Jack was watching evening news.

Raine took a bite of the chicken wings, after these four days she was used to Jack's presence, he was like Calleb, but more mature than him.

"He is doing a business." Raine muttered.

It was heartwarming to know someone would do something beyond reason and convention only to be near the other person, but what Torak had done was way too extreme for Raine to believe that his reason solely because of her.

"Business?" Jack looked at Raine incredulously. "Alpha will not do any business here. He doesn't like the owner of this territory." He explained while watching the news.

On the screen the camera caught a glimpse of Torak when he was about to enter his car, apparently, he had just met with one of the ministers in the government.

"So, why did he do it?" Raine asked timidly.

"Because of you of course." Jack tilted his head and knitted his eyebrows together. "Raine, you still don't grasp the concept of mate, do you?"

Raine didn't answer that, but she averted her eyes and put her focus on the chicken wings on her lap.

Torak had told her about that, but like what Jack had guessed she still didn't really grasp the idea of 'mate'.

"With time, you will understand it better." There was no better way to explain it, because for some people, their explanation would sound nonsense.

No longer after that, Jack's phone rang and he picked it up. "Cal." He said the other person's name and went silent, apparently Calleb was giving him a short instruction and hung up after Jack's reply. "I got it."

Raine was staring at Jack upon hearing Calleb's name was being mentioned, her eyes as if asked him 'what happen?' when he hung up the phone.

"The Alpha wants to meet you, but he couldn't come here, so we will go and see him, what do you say Luna?" Jack said with teasing tone laced in his voice. His happy- go- lucky face was smiling brightly.

He knew that Raine has long missed him.

Raine's face lightened up immediately, but then it dimmed. "But, Serefina said..." She was not allowed to step out of the apartment.

"Well..." Jack scratched the back of his head. "I can call back and say that, if that's what you want."

"No." Raine shook her head and the smile returned to her face. "Let's go."

Chapter 89 - DESIRE

Until your soul gets what it desires, other joys of this world become a temporary escape.

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This was the first time for Jack to see the bright smile on Raine's lips, she looked so adorable with her black hair framed her small face, her bang had gotten longer and almost covered her eyes.

"I will get my jacket." Raine said before she dashed toward her room, she was like a child who got an early birthday gift.

Just now Jack realized that Raine would be much more talkative when she was happy.

He didn't know why Calleb said that they couldn't find the apartment when he was the one who had reserved it for them.

Caleb's voice on the phone, sounded as if he was upset about it.

It didn't take Raine long time before she appeared again with her brown hooded parka that make her looked more smaller, as though the jacket drowned her.

Jack didn't know why Raine often wanted to hide herself, she was a beautiful young girl and she shouldn't act that way.

Many girls in her age would like to show the world how many curves on their body that they have, at least the girls that Jack knew, and that meant the option was only limited to the party girls.

"Make sure you cover your face Raine." Jack remarked casually.

As a response, Raine pulled out a black mask from her pocket and waved it in front of Jack while grinning. She was so lovable when she did that, with her eyes were shining brightly.

Ugh.

Out of the blue, Jack felt he was like a brother who was about to take his little sister to her first date.

"Alright, let's go smarty." Jack picked the car key and went ahead to the bas.e.m.e.nt where their car was parked, with Raine tailed behind him.

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Raine thought they would directly meet Torak at the appointed place, but it had been an hour since they were roaming around the city and Caleb kept ordering to change the direction.

"What happen?" Raine asked Jack beside her, her expression slightly disappointed. She kept looking out of the window, hoping she could see Torak somewhere.

"Apparently there are many people following him." Jack said as they took another turned after the traffic light.

"I can't meet him...?" Raine asked in broken tone.

"Don't worry, we will find out the way." Jack assured Raine.

It wasn't only Raine who was disappointed, but Torak was really pissed off by those human, who had been following him since he left the government building.

Torak was sitting at the back seat of his car, closed his eyes as he clenched his jaw tightly.

Before, Torak was about to go directly to the apartment, his men had secured the street and made sure it was safe for him to go without being noticed, however, strangely Raphael wasn't able to find the way to go there, which Torak assumed, it was because Serefina had put an odd spell around the area that kept them away.

In the end, those paparazzi and news reporter caught up with them, not only that, Torak's hunter reported there was around three unknown creatures were following him.

Torak was so close to explode.

It was almost a week since the last time he saw Raine, neither he could hear her voice, and now his wolf was on edge, so did he. Every time he tried to talk to her, the line was suddenly cut off or there was no voice that came out from the other phone.

He really tempted to kill that witch.

Torak knew Serefina really enjoyed this, after all he has known her for centuries, there was a time when she was the only female who could get close to the three Donovan's brother, however it was a very old story.

"Tell Jack to bring my Luna to the west bas.e.m.e.nt of Sunrise Mall, I will meet him there." Torak's hoarse voice sounded from the backseat.

"But, how can you go there Torak? We can not..." Before Raphael could finish his words, Torak had opened the car door, at the intersection, and turned into his big white wolf.

"Alpha!" Both Raphael and Calleb yelled at the same time as Raphael hit the break.

'Keep moving!' Torak mind- linked his Beta and Gamma and added to the warrior who came with him. 'Kill all the creatures that follow me!'

three cars that flanked Torak's stopped at the same time as five men shifted into their wolf form and followed their Alpha.

In human's eyes, they only saw the three cars stopped all of sudden and the door swung open, but no one came out from inside the car, afterward the door shut close and they drove away again.

Torak dashed in four legs toward the direction of the Sunrise Mall, as he shifted and his senses heightened, he could feel there were three unwanted creatures that had been following him, he didn't know what were them, but his warriors would deal with them, before they could follow him any further.

'Kill them!' Torak mind- linked his warriors, gave them a green light to destroy their enemies.

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The car Jack was driving had just stopped when Raine saw a white wolf that she knew, approaching her.

Raine immediately opened the car door, smiled and giggled at the same time as she hugged Torak in his wolf form. There was no hesitation when she did that.

The soft fur that touched her skin was so delightful, Raine hummed in contentment when she basked in his woodsy scent.

In her arms, Raine could feel Torak gradually changed into his human form, the fur faded and there were strong arms that hugged her instead, it felt so warm and safe with him.

"I really miss you my beautiful angel." Torak whispered to her ears as he hugged her tightly and carefully.

This was a long wait until he could get her into his arms again, and finally he got what his heart desired. Any consequences that he had to pay later would be worth it, especially when he killed the creatures that had followed him.

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A forehead kiss means protection. It's respect. It says "You're mine, don't ever leave my side". It says "I care about you and I don't want you to get hurt". It says "I'll come between you and whatever tries to hurt you". It says "I love you and you're my baby".

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It would go without saying that the creatures that had followed Torak were ordered by Andromalius, that fallen angel really didn't know when to stop.

Since many decades ago, Torak had been avoiding to deal with any fallen angel or witches, as they temper and attitude truly annoyed him, just like Serefina and Andromalius now.

"Let me see you my love." Torak loosened his arms around Raine's body as he cupped her face gently.

Raine gave him a sheepish smile as she looked at him without blinking. She didn't know that she had missed him this much until Torak was standing before her eyes and within her arms reach, she didn't want to let him go.

Raine liked the way Torak held her carefully and the way he called her with lovely endearments, or the way he stared at her as if Raine was the only important thing in his eyes, and that was true, only she didn't dare to believe it yet.

"My beautiful angel..." Torak sighed contently, he kissed her forehead and her eyes. "Come..." Torak grabbed Raine's hand and led her inside the car.

He still needed to take precaution, in case something unpredictable happened.

Torak admitted that he was being selfish now, as he could risk his life and Raine's safety by seeing her like this, but he barely could hold back his beast from running amok as a result of being separated with his mate.

Torak helped Raine to get in the car and closed the door behind him, leaving the two of them alone while Jack was nowhere to be seen. He knew better to spare himself from the sudden display of affection.

Both of them were sitting on the backseat with Raine rested her head against Torak's chest, enjoying his strong heartbeat while Torak pulled her hairband and let her black jet hair fell on her back.

Torak hummed in satisfaction when he felt her silky hair between his fingers.

"What Serefina's plans for you my love? How she treated you these past days?" Torak asked with concern, he really needed to know what that witch had planned for his mate as she could be a bit crazy with her envisaged.

Raine started to talk about Serefina's idea to call a tutor so she could attend the exam and finished her high school's year, before she went to university and became freshmen.

Actually Torak didn't really like the idea of Raine went to university, Serefina could just let her attend an online programs, it was more safe for her that way, but again, he didn't know what was running inside that witch's mind.

Torak made a mental note about this, he would ask Raphael to do a background check upon the three universities, especially what kind of creature that was there.

Raine didn't talk about the housecore that Serefina had tasked her to do, as she didn't want to make Torak angrier than this. His perfect eyebrows were knitted together. But, she told him Serefina's odd rule about not allowed to disturb her once a month.

Torak nodded his head as if he understood something that Raine didn't know, actually there wasn't many things that she knew, but Torak didn't explain about it further and Raine didn't dare to ask.

"When the time comes, don't disturb her." Torak only reminded Raine that.

His fingers traced her face, from her eyebrows to her chin, stopped at her ears that Torak thought they were cute, as Raine talked. He was fascinated by her, from the way she talked to the way she moved.

He couldn't describe how much he loved her, with a small simple smile from her, it could make his heart swelled with happiness.

Torak felt insane when he realized that, the insanity which he welcomed.

"I don't know that four days is what it takes to make you talk more to me." Torak teased her when Raine started to talk about Torak's project with the government.

Realizing that she talked too much, Raine shut her mouth and stared at Torak timidly, she was also not aware about this.

Did I offend him? Did I annoy him? Was he angry?

Raine became conscious and worry, and Torak could see it in her eyes as he leaned closer.

"I love to hear your voice my love." He kissed her forehead and both her cheeks. "The most beautiful sound that I ever heard."

And that was all that Torak needed to say to make his mate happy again. Raine snuggled against his chest as she giggled.

"You said this is not your territory, but why..." Raine's voice trailed off, Jack had explained it to her before, but apparently his words couldn't convince her and she wanted to hear it from Torak directly.

This time, her self confidence wasn't the issue here, as this was a common insecurities and curiosity that any women would face if their men took an extreme step like what Torak did and they became the reason of it.

"... Why I established a company here?" Torak picked up Raine's unfinished question.

Raine nodded, hiding her face from him as she nuzzled his chest, this gesture alone could make Torak overjoyed, he loved when sometime Raine acted bashful like this, as it could only mean she wasn't afraid of him anymore.

When the first time Torak met her, she got scared easily, not to mention to hug him with her own volition, like what she did now, Raine would cower away the moment Torak got close to her and too afraid to even see him in the eyes.

"Because I want to be as close as possible to you." Torak answered her truthfully, there was nothing he wanted to hide from her, not even his feeling and he didn't need to feel embarrass to say something like that. Torak said it with pride, because she was his pride.