

TLOA Lycan 881

Chapter 881 - BAD FEELING

"My sweet Rosie!" Calleb called her name cheekily and ran toward her with a bright, big smile on his face.

If he was in his wolf form, then he would have been wagging its tail by now.

Calleb hugged her for a second, but then he released the girl, while scouring their surroundings. "You are alone?"

It was very rare to find Rosie alone, she was often found accompanying Bree or one of her twin brothers would follow her.

"I am alone," Rosie said timidly, she slightly pushed him away and glanced at the long corridor, afraid if there was someone, who would catch her in this position.

Yet, Calleb didn't want to let her go and hugged her again, happy there was no one around, who would scold him if he was too close to Rosie.

"Someone will see us like this," Rosie reminded Calleb, as she patted his back, but the happy Gamma couldn't care less about anyone else when he had finally got a chance to hug her. This was a rare occasion worth celebrating for him.

"Let them see, they already know that you are mine," Calleb whispered into her ear and that made Rosie's heart fluttered, as she hugged him back.

It felt so nice to be hugged like this and she had never felt this feeling before. The feeling of being loved and protected.

Of course, Rosie didn't lack of love from both her parents and her brothers, but being with Calleb was entirely a different thing. She felt whole and cherished every second that she spent with him.

After hugging and giggling for a few more minutes and ignoring the questioning gazes from the guards, who had to take a detour to avoid the love birds to avoid being third wheels, Calleb finally released her.

"Why are you alone out here?" Calleb started asking, as happy as he was to see her alone, but at this time, he was also worried that something might happen to his mate.

"Oh, I want to ask you if you had dinner, have you eaten already?" Rosie asked, remembered what was her purpose to see him.

"No," Calleb answered readily, even though he had already eaten, but he would never turn down Rosie's offer to be with her.

"Let's eat in my place," Rosie said, looked at him shyly and tugged his shirt to follow her.

Calleb laughed upon seeing how demure his mate was. He twisted her hand and placed it on his h.i.p.s, while he placed his on hers.

Rosie was surprised, but she didn't mind it, as they walked along the corridor.

Actually, inviting Calleb for dinner was her idea, and today her father was less strict on her, since he saw how spiritless she was when she couldn't see her mate for three days straight.

That, or the fact that her mother's voice finally could be heard by her father and finally he accepted the fact that his little girl had finally found her mate. It was not wise to keep mates from each other, especially when you just found them.

And when Rosie was about to look for Calleb, Sophie even scolded Sterling when he asked the twin to follow her.

In the end, her mother won the argumentation and Rosie could have some time alone with Calleb.

"Don't you think the weather is very strange?" Rosie asked, while staring at the night sky and the thunder from the murky clouds. "I don't even remember when the last time I saw the sun."

Calleb followed her line of sight and nodded. Agreeing. "Don't worry, everything will be fine." Right?

Needless to say, this must have something to do with the devils and Rosie didn't need to be told twice to understand this.

They could only hope that they would go through this without any unprecedented incidents and eventually enjoy a happy life ahead. It wasn't impossible, right?

"How is the king?" asked Emerald in low voice, the leader of the fae. She stared at the tent, where Jedrek was residing these few days.

"He needs more time to recuperate," Lilac said, as her eyes glued onto the wall of the city in front of her.

"I can feel all the lycans becoming more and more restless because they couldn't see their king for so long," Emerald contemplated.

Jedrek was not in good condition since the battle with those wicked spell-casters. No one knew what happened to him, since all the warriors were fine now after they rested for a day, but Jedrek's condition didn't get any better.

It worried Lilac even more and she couldn't even think straight nowadays.

Why did Jedrek fell ill when those lycanthropes, who fought alongside with him were totally fine now? Was there a certain curse that hit him during the battle?

Yet, no one could confirm that because there were too many curses and spells being thrown at them during the fight.

Sebastian approached Lilac. "We can't wait any longer," he said.

"Why?" Lilac frowned at him ready to argue if it was necessary. As their last interaction didn't leave a good impression. Lilac last count how many times she had to ward off Jedrek's generals from approaching him, every single time they ended up on a different note.

However, this time Sebastian shook his head, as if saying that he didn't mean to aggravate his queen.

"We didn't plan to stay here for more than a week, thus we are running out of ransom now, adding the faes to our lot, the ransom that left is only able to provide us for less than three days," Sebastian tried to explain their situation.

Lilac squinted her eyes, she knew that this problem would come sooner or later.

"Either we charge toward the city without the king, or we have to retreat," Sebastian said.

Lilac glanced at the tent behind her and contemplated. It was impossible for them to retreat. Jedrek would never agree to that.

However, in Jedrek's current condition...

And then something crossed Lilac's mind, as she turned around to go to the tent hastily, but before that, she told Sebastian something that had been bothering her for these past few days.

"Ask someone to check the castle now, I want to know if the other Donovans are still there."

Chapter 882 - SHE IS THERE!

Lilac entered the tent to check upon any progress in Jedrek's condition.

However, she just realized that his current condition was the same as before, or it could be said that it was more severe than the last time she checked on him.

There was a deep frown between Lilac's eyes, as she walked over to sit on the edge of the bed.

"Jedrek," Lilac leaned over to whisper to him.

"My little flower..." Jedrek whispered back to her with his eyes still closed.

"Yes, it's me," Lilac caressed his face and felt his cold skin on her fingers. "Can you turn your body over?" she asked him gently.

Jedrek opened his eyes and looked at his mate. He had been feeling utterly exhausted since the last battle with the spell-casters where he tried to suppress them and forced them to give him his people back.

"What do you want to do?" Jedrek asked in a hoarse voice, his eyes turned sharp when he realized that Lilac was up to something.

"I think this is the same thing that happened to you before..." Lilac said as she sat down at the edge of the bed and held his hands firmly. "I want to see your back."

It would be easier if this was the same curse that Maximus had put on Jedrek months ago. It meant, she could help Jedrek to feel better, though the process was not comfortable, but they didn't have any other choice, right? Jedrek didn't have to choose to refuse doing it either.

They were running out of time and now, Lilac felt they were just wasting their time being here waiting.

Was this just a distraction? But, for what?

Yet, everything was possible since their enemies were the devils. They always have a thousand plans to plot against them and prevent the lycanthropes to unite with the other creatures and won the upcoming war.

"What is it?" Jedrek frowned, he was very upset because he had to be bedridden at a time like this. This stupid curse or whatever they put on him, had drained his energy and now, he could barely feel his beast.

"I think this is the same thing that happened to you before. The curse that Maximus put on you..." Lilac said.

"Do you think so?" Jedrek narrowed his eyes. "I was not like this before..."

Indeed.

Before, Jedrek could still stand tall and act normal, as if he was not suffering from the last 'gift' that Maximus gave to him.

However now, it was indeed very different.

Jedrek could barely stay awake for longer than a few minutes and this aggravated him for being so weak, yet there was nothing he could do.

"Let me see first," Lilac was adamant to see it and Jedrek finally relented. He turned his body and showed his back to Lilac.

There, Lilac could see the deep agonizing gashes, which disappeared when Jedrek marked her, being reappeared again.

Not only that, it looked more terrifying than before.

"Jedrek!" Lilac gasped loudly, as her hands moved to cover her scream.

"Is it that bad?" Jedrek asked in a light tone, as if it didn't surprise him at all.

"Jedrek, don't you feel any pain?!" Lilac was almost crying upon seeing what she saw right now.

Jedrek moved his body again and watched his mate staring at him with tears in her beautiful eyes. "I don't feel any pain," he stretched out his hand and Lilac held it, as she put his palm against her cheek.

"Don't cry..."

If only Jedrek could see what Lilac was seeing, he would know how much it pained her to see him in his current state.

"We have to do what we have done before," Lilac said softly. It was the only thing that could make him feel better.

Jedrek didn't immediately answer her neither did he agree with her and Lilac knew what was going on in his mind, therefore she wiped the tears from her cheeks and looked at Jedrek right in his eyes.

"We have to do that," Lilac said firmly.

"It will hurt you," Jedrek said after a few moments. He didn't want to do the same thing like before as he knew the consequences.

Yet, Lilac was determined to do this. If this could cure him, then it would be the most important thing that should be done now. "We have done it before and I was fine, there won't be any difference now."

Jedrek knew it, but it didn't mean he could overlook her pain and agree to it.

"Our ransom is running out and all the warriors and the fairies feel anxious now since you have not recovered for days," Lilac's voice sounded hard as she tried to make her point across. "Either we did this or I will lead those people out there to break the city wall, no matter what it takes."

"You will lead those people into a fight?" Jedrek asked incredulously, his breathing became unstable, but even now he knew that Lilac meant every word she said.

"You know I will," Lilac said and Jedrek nodded lightly.

"I know you will," Jedrek agreed.

After saying that, they were staring into each other eyes, before he stretched out his hands and pulled her closer to him.

Jedrek kissed her lips lightly while saying, "I will hurt you again..." there was deep regret in his voice.

Yet, Lilac didn't want to hear that right now, thus she smiled and teased him. "It will not be the first time."

And Jedrek smiled along with her. "You don't make me feel better, my little flower," he said.

Lilac leaned over to kiss his lips and lingered a little longer before she pulled back and showed her neck, where Jedrek's mark was placed.

If Jedrek had to sap her power, so be it.

However, after waiting for a few seconds longer than necessary, Lilac didn't feel Jedrek's movement, instead she heard a familiar voice greeting them.

"You will kill him if you let him mark you in his current condition, you stupid little girl," said the unexpected guest derisively.

Lilac immediately turned around and her eyes widened in surprise upon seeing that particular person in their tent.

Chapter 883 - SEREFINA

"You?!" Lilac almost screamed when she noticed Serefina standing right behind her, the witch's lime-green eyes, stared at Jedrek with such intensity which raged Lilac's fury.

What the hell in the world did this witch want??And moreover, how could she enter freely without even alarming the guards outside?!

Lilac immediately jumped to her feet and faced Serefina. The ground beneath them shook with her power. The guardian angel was ready to show the witch that she was unwelcomed here.

"Calm down girl," Serefina sneered and then lazily she shifted her attention to Lilac. "You will kill him if you let him mark you in his current condition, you stupid little girl," she repeated her words from earlier.

Lilac was really upset beyond words for the witch's presence here, but Serefina's last words caught her attention. "What do you mean?"

Once again, Serefina flashed her a mocking smile, as she spoke her mind. "You are not as pure as you think you are," she started.

"I don't think I understand what you are saying," Lilac said through gritted teeth. Did the witch want to ridicule her by saying that? What did she even mean by that?

"You will only be worsening his condition further if I let you do what you are intending to do," Serefina said with a sigh, as if she was talking to a five years old little girl. "You know that the spell-casters had taken the devils side and they had put this curse on Jedrek through the spell-casters, who fought him."

More or less, Lilac had already guessed about the devils' part in it. However, it didn't explain what Serefina said earlier.

As though, Serefina could read her mind, she answered Lilac's unspoken question.

"Did you forget that the devils have your blood?" the witch raised her eyebrows questioningly and from the look on Lilac's face, of course she didn't forget about that. The event was still embedded deeply in her mind. "Have you never been curious about what they would do with your blood?"

Lilac knew that the devils were after the guardian angel's blood and she was well aware what her blood could do, yet she didn't really know what the devils' actual plan by having hands on their blood.

"Moreover, the devils have the blood from all the three of you," Serefina continued.

However, whatever it was, it wouldn't be good...

"And now, I'm going to show you what can they do..." Serefina waved her hands to her surroundings for Lilac to see what actually meant for the guardian angels to end up in the wrong hands.

The frown between Lilac's brows deepened when she followed Serefina's movement.

However, because there was no other person inside the room, except for her, Jedrek and the witch, thus she was a little bit late to realize what Serefina meant with her words.

"What is it?" Lilac muttered to herself, as she couldn't find the difference, yet when she turned around, she saw that Jedrek was in the same position from before as he held her hand and closed his eyes as if he was still holding her hand in his hands.

The sight of him was awkward, but it helped Lilac to realize what exactly was going on.

"You stopped the time!?" Lilac whipped her head around and looked at Serefina in disbelief. "But, how..."

Controlling time, was Raine's gift as a guardian angel, so how could Serefina manage to do that too? It must not be true, right?!

It would be a mess and a great loss for them if Serefina could do this.

"Like I told you, a long time ago," Serefina smirked at Lilac. "You know nothing."

Lilac was a guardian angel, thus it didn't affect her, but it was indeed different from before, when Raine stopped the time, this time Jedrek couldn't move freely due to the curse on him.

"The only reason why the devil couldn't finish you off when Chiron was being stopped by Raine's power, was because they couldn't withhold such a power," Serefina said, she shrugged her shoulders nonchalantly. "But, not now, since I have solved the problem."

The devils were only pleased when Serefina managed to meet their expectations by achieving this. However, just like all other promises that those filthy devils had done, they didn't bother to keep their promise now also.

It pissed Serefina off when she knew they used this nasty curse to plot against Jedrek and kill him by leaving Lilac in the same opinion as before, to think that she could help him by doing the same thing like before.

Because once Jedrek sap her power, with the curse in his body, death would be something that he wouldn't be able to avoid.

Even now, Serefina could feel his beast gradually growing weak.

"You really betrayed us," Lilac said while gritting her teeth to contain the anger that started to consume her.

"What did you expect?" Serefina sneered, a complicated feeling flashed in her lime green eyes, which was failed to be noticed by Lilac, as it only lasted for a second.

"You betrayed Jedrek," Lilac emphasized her words this time, as she knew it would affect Serefina by including Jedrek in this conversation.

Serefina squinted her eyes and spoke rigidly, though she was trying to sound like she didn't care, but she failed. "He will thank me when he woke up later."

After saying that, Serefina walked closer toward Jedrek's bed, but Lilac held her back with the tendrils and roots to stop her movement.

"Do you think this lame trick can affect me?" Serefina jeered. "You don't learn anything, do you?"

And after saying that, Serefina waved her hand, which loosened the roots and tendrils that wrapped on her body.

However, it was not the only thing that left Lilac flabbergasted, but the fact that those tendrils followed Serefina's command and tightened around her own body, rendering her immobile, which shocked her to the core.

"I told you, right?" Serefina flicked the tendrils from her shoulder and looked at Lilac with derision in her lime green eyes. "The devils got the blood from the three of you..." Serefina said as she walked closer to Jedrek while Lilac couldn't even move a finger.

It meant, they could not only stop the time, but could also use Lilac and Hope's power as well.?

Chapter 884 - THE TIME AND THE CURE

Torak had been looking for the dragon shifter's whereabouts for days, but he was still clueless until today, James, the hunter of his pack managed to find them.

Therefore, here they were, standing in front of another manor of the dragon shifters, which was only known by a handful of people before. Now though, Torak and the members of his pack came to know about this place after days of hunting.

This manor was almost as big as the first castle to which Raine was taken along for a visit long time ago. That was the first time she got to meet Stephan.

At that time, she didn't see Reynold, but she heard that Torak had done something to Stephan's brother and whatever her mate had done to him, Raine really didn't wanted to know about it then, much less now.

"Stay with Jack, okay?" Torak leaned over to kiss Raine's temple before he alighted from the car and approached the front door of the manor.

"What do you think will happen?" Raine asked, looking a little bit in daze while she kept her eyes glued onto Torak's back.

"The worse I guess," Jack replied. Didn't seem to bother with what was going to happen to the dragon shifters later, as he fished out his phone and started to play a game.

Recently, he found a good game, which piqued his interest in no time while he found himself getting addicted, ultra fast, as protecting Raine was not a difficult task to do.

Moreover, the guardian angel never complained whenever he busied himself playing, and Jack would always use his time guarding her to level up.

Of course, he wouldn't get engrossed senseless in this game, just in case something strange happened, he was more than ready to act quickly.

Meanwhile, Raine stared at Torak, who was standing right in front of the stairs which led to the terrace, as he talked something to one of the warrior, which she couldn't hear.

However, a moment later, someone brought something and then he put it in front of the door, afterward, he stepped back quickly and stood beside Torak.

Raine didn't know what it was until she watched how that thing exploded the whole well-built door, breaking down and left it with a big hollow. After the scattering dirt and dust settled, they could see the inside of entire room through it.

Inside the car, Jack just gave a brief glance when he heard the explosion before he focused on his game again.

"Torak didn't need to blast the door, right?" Raine was flabbergasted upon seeing Torak's method. Even now, she was still not used to this side of him.

"No, the Alpha didn't need to blast it," Jack answered. "But this way is much easier," he said in matter of fact tone and Raine couldn't find the right words to reply to him.

All of sudden, Torak's voice rang in her mind.

[Did I scared you, my love?] Torak asked Raine through the mind-link, even in a situation like this, he was still worried about her well being.

Raine couldn't help but let out a helpless sigh, as she smiled softly at him, though the lycan couldn't see her from the dark tinted glass.

[I think I will get used to it over the time,] Raine said and she could feel Torak's mood lifting. [Be careful.]

[I will.] was Torak's reply before he entered the room.

However, before Torak could enter the place, something odd happened, as everything came to a stand still.

The faint sound that came from the game suddenly died down and the commotion outside couldn't be heard anymore.

Raine straightened her back as she was on alert.

"Jack?" Raine whipped her head to see him, but he didn't respond to her as his eyes focused on the game on his phone, which was on pause, or that was how it looked like.

A moment later, Raine was startled because the door on her side was being pulled opened from outside, but she soon sighed in relief, as it was just Torak.

"Come here," he said grimly and helped Raine to get out of the car. "Did you do this?" Torak asked.

In front of them, aside from Jack in the car, who couldn't move, the other lycanthropes that came with them, were also in the same position, not moving an inch.

As though the time had stopped for them, or... maybe it did.

"No, this is not me..." Raine shook her head. She would know if it was her.

"What are you going to do?!" Lilac watched with her eyes wide open when Serefina walked closer to Jedrek and sat down on the edge of the bed. She clasped his hand and kissed his knuckles while staring at Lilac provocatively.

"I told you, right?" she said, caressing Jedrek's face, as the king was not conscious enough to realize it. "I came here to help."

"Help?" Lilac jeered. "You said you are helping by betraying us?" she hated this when she couldn't move to tear the ugly smile off the witch's face, as if the situation right now was within her grasp.

"Us?" Serefina raised her eyebrows at Lilac. "I just want to help him, I don't care about all of you."

Serefina wouldn't be here if the devils didn't mess with Jedrek this way. Jedrek should have known that this was a set up, well he came up with a perfect plan by using the faes to help with the battle with the witches, but apparently it was not enough and now he was hurt.

"Your words are contradicting," Lilac sneered, she tried to move her hand, but she couldn't even move a finger to get rid of this things that wrapped around her body.

"I am not contradicting with my words," Serefina said. "I am here for him."

After saying that, Serefina completely ignored Lilac, as she put her attention back on Jedrek. She missed him.

It was hard for her to do this, but at least, she could help him now.

Serefina glanced briefly at Lilac before she leaned over to place a kiss on Jedrek's cold lips.

It was a sight that Lilac would have never thought before she would witness with her own eyes. And, as if time was stopped for her, she found herself feeling hard to breath.

Chapter 885 - THE TIME AND THE CURE (2)

The sight of Jedrek being kissed by Serefina boiled her blood with anger. Lilac never thought that she could be this angry, until all she saw was red.

Serefina was very close to Jedrek, she rested her body against his and cupped his face with her left hand, while her right hand placed Jedrek's on her h.i.p.s, as she kissed him.

"STOP!" Lilac hyperventilated by the provocative sight, she gritted her teeth and screamed at the top of her lungs to make the witch stop and stay away from Jedrek. "STOP!"

Serefina opened her eyes, irritated by Lilac's voice, who was disrupting her moment. She gave the guardian angel a brief glance, while mouthing words; 'try to stop me.'

And that was all Lilac needed...

Caleb trained all of his focus on his opponent. Today was yet another tiring day of training and he had been fighting since early in the morning. It was quite hard to determine whether it was morning or night, since the sun was covered by the thick blanket of the gloomy clouds.

Caleb was paired with one of the warrior from Torak's pack, but before he leapt very high and was about to shift into his beast mid-air, suddenly all of the voices around Caleb died down, just like the sound of radio that was being turned off.

"What?" Caleb mumbled in confusion. He saw the man stop in his mid transformation and his body was in the air, as though he could fly. "What is this?"

The Gamma observed his surrounding before he concluded what was happening; the time was stopped.

This was not the first time he experienced this, therefore Caleb was not panic, he just frowned.

The questions that ran in his mind was; if Raine stopped the time, but why could he still move? The same happened when they went to rescue Lilac from the centaur.

Raine also stopped the time in order to save Lilac's life, but Caleb was able to move as well just like the other Donovans.

And another question that crossed his mind was; why would Raine stop the time? Did something happen to her, until she felt the need to use her power? Or maybe she was just practicing, since she just got a hold of her power recently.

Whatever it was, Calleb hoped that nothing bad should happen to her, moreover Torak was with her, thus there was no way he would let something harmful befall on her.

And now, all Calleb could do was to wait until the time started to tick again...

The Gamma looked up into the sky. The dark clouds were hanging very low and this spread a sense of sadness and despair...

Though the people in the city was not a problem, at least not now, but the news about the missing people made them restless again.

Calleb sat down on the ground and breathed heavily, he used this moment to take some rest and think what he had done in order to evade Raine's power until it couldn't affect him.

"You shouldn't interfere," he said, when he saw Serefina who was panting heavily on the ground, writhing in pain, as this was the day when she would feel the unbearable pain that tore her soul into pieces.

Serefina was too tired and occupied to mind her own business. She didn't even have time to glare at Dorian.

"You should've let him die," Dorian spoke with so much derision on the tip of his tongue. "I should kill you twice when I have a chance..." he thought to himself.

"You will not do such a thing, shadow..." Asmodeus suddenly appeared not too far from the witch and the shadow warrior. "She is more important than you..."

Dorian glared at Asmodeus, who was admiring her well-polished nails with such interest, as if there was nothing more important for her except that.

"I pity her," Dorian looked at Serefina, who was trying to fight the pain. She was very vulnerable at this moment and the shadow warrior could kill her within a second, especially after she helped Jedrek and postponed his death.

"So do I," Asmodeus said and watched how Serefina cried her heart out.

In spite of the fact that she had tried to hide herself during this period of time, but those filthy creatures still managed to find her whereabouts.

"But, I agree with you," Asmodeus talked to Dorian. "She shouldn't interfere with the curse. It would be very romantic and dramatic if Jedrek died in the hands of his mate. Such a beautiful love story..." the devil sighed in regret.

If only Serefina was not in so much pain, she would have glared at her viciously right now.

The only thing that Lilac could hear was the ringing in her ears, as she closed her eyes tightly.

For a second, she was lost in her own thoughts as she couldn't decipher what she was doing or more precisely what she had done... everything appeared blurry in her memory.

But then, she felt the tingles on her skin along with a voice that she had been longing to hear.

Fearfully, Lilac opened her eyes and her lips mentioned her name. "Selene..."

The moon goddess was standing before her, the faint glow from her being illuminated the dark of their surroundings, but even so, there was nothing that Lilac could see... everything was too dark for her to catch any form or knowing where she was right now.

"Child, what are you doing?" The moon goddess looked at her and Lilac could see a trace of disappointment in those beautiful eyes of the goddess. This was the first time she saw it.

Why was Selene disappointed in her? What had she done? "You shouldn't let your anger get the best of you," Selene spoke again, though all of this was still confusing for Lilac.

"Where are we?" Lilac asked an irrelevant question.

"In your mind," Selene answered softly.

And then everything went dark again, before Lilac could feel the tingly feeling that danced on her skin again, letting her know that Jedrek was near her.

Chapter 886 - THE DAMAGE

Jedrek opened his eyes and found himself in the middle of a disastrous place.

The tent was no longer standing and the campsite looked like it had just been hit by a violent typhoon. People whimpered and groaned, writhing on the ground, which was now cracked creating a few fissures.

Jedrek observed with cold eyes the state of his people, who were trying to stand up and check on their fellow lycans, whether they were alive or not.

Above him, the faes were fluttering their wings, but their focus was on a certain object, or... a person, murmuring something that Jedrek couldn't hear clearly.

What the hell is happening!?

Jedrek shook his head to clear his mind, when someone approached him, it was Theo.

The general couldn't talk, thus he used mind-link to communicate with his king, but it only added to Jedrek's headache.

[Are you alright, my king?] there was a hint of concern in his voice.

"I am fine," Jedrek groaned, but the first thing that came into his mind when he cleared his head, was his mate.

His eyes turned sharp, as he looked around to find Lilac.

Only then did he realize that the person that the faes gathered around was her. Something must have happened to Lilac until those faes looked fearful just to get near her, but also couldn't leave her alone.

Without a second thought, Jedrek immediately dashed toward his mate. He gritted his teeth as all the worse possibilities scattered in his mind and it pained him to imagine all of that.

Jedrek was about to see what happened to her when Sebastian suddenly stopped him from going closer.

"No, my king... she is not stable..." Sebastian said, and for the first time Jedrek could hear fear that was clearly evident in his voice. "You can't go any near to her."

Jedrek snarled when he heard that. What the hell happened that he couldn't see his mate?!

"SCRAM!" Jedrek yelled at Sebastian, but the general stood his ground and didn't move an inch. Instead, he pointed his fingers to the direction of the city.

And it took Jedrek a minute to recover from the shock as he noticed how the city, which stood tall and looked impenetrable a few hours ago, had now completely collapsed.

No, saying it was collapsed would be an understatement.

The city was buried under the ground.

It only left the spire of the castle, which was the only thing that could still be seen on the surface of the ground, as the rest of the city had disappeared from their sights.

"What was happening?" Jedrek asked grimly. He clenched his fists when his head couldn't wrap around what went wrong that led to this mass destruction. "Did she do all this?"

Even before hearing the answer, Jedrek knew by heart that none of them present were capable enough to impose such destruction except for his mate.

"Yes, my king," Sebastian answered solemnly. "All of a sudden we heard a very loud explosion and the ground split." He gulped down hard when he remembered what he witnessed a few minutes ago. "We were trying to climb our way from the crater before the ground caved in again."

In spite of the fact that all of it lasted no longer than two minutes, but the damage caused was still mind-boggling.

"My king, you should..." Sebastian was about to advise him to stay away from Lilac until they could be sure that she was fine.

However, Jedrek had a different idea from his. All the things that he had witnessed, only left him craving to see her more.

"SCRAM!" Jedrek shoved Sebastian away, as he was blocking his way.

What actually happened when he lost his consciousness? The last thing that Jedrek could remember was; he was about to bite his mark on Lilac's neck, in order to sap some of her power. He was reluctant to do so and couldn't remember whether he managed to do it or not.

Yet, the first thing that he saw when he gained his bearing, was all of this destruction and a nonsense advice to stay away from his mate.

What happened to Lilac?!

Jedrek didn't care about the destruction or the disappearance of the city. The only thing that he wanted was; to make sure whether she was all right or not.

The king quickened his steps and the faes moved aside to give way to him.

And there, sitting on the ground, was Lilac, who was hugging her legs tightly while burying her face on her knees. She didn't move and didn't make any sound, but from the way her small shoulders trembled, he knew that she was crying.

Lilac hugged herself very tight, as if she was afraid she would fall apart.

"Move," Jedrek told the faes to leave them alone.

At first, those faes just looked at one another, they were not sure if it was a good to let Jedrek go near Lilac, yet the king's rigid expression told them, it would be wise of them to listen to him and not question his decision.

Slowly, the faes flew to an acceptable distance and gave some space for the two of them.

Jedrek approached Lilac carefully. He wanted her to know that he was coming for her and didn't mean to cause any harm, so she could let her guard down.

"Lilac..." Jedrek called out her name softly and crouched down in front of her. He put his hand on top of her head and she let out a pitiful whimper. He caressed her hair gently.

"It's all right now..." Jedrek persuaded her, as he came closer and pulled her to him, yet the guardian angel still didn't want to see him. Lilac covered her face with her hands, while sobbing softly. "My little flower..."

After Lilac's futile attempt to get away from Jedrek, finally she relented and let her mate hug her instead, letting him hold her so she wouldn't fall apart.

"It's all right... everything is okay now..." Jedrek coaxed her, as he cradled the girl in his arms and let her cried her heart out.

Jedrek didn't know what went wrong. However, since he felt better now, then he assumed that it should be the method that Lilac suggested was a success, but what exactly happened to result in all of this mess?

Chapter 887 - WE NEED TO BE READY

Lilac sobbed against Jedrek's chest as she clutched onto the front of his cloak tightly. She didn't know how long she was in this position, letting him hug her.

Only when Lilac's sobs had ceased down, did Jedrek push her from him and kept her within an arm's length to see her face and wiped her tears.

"Are you all right now?" He asked softly, while tucking a few strands of her stray hair behind her ears. Her face turned red because of crying for too long.

"No," Lilac said, shaking her head while avoiding eye contact with him.

Lilac tried to look elsewhere, but then she ended up spotting the city, which was no longer in sight.

"What happened?" Lilac gasped as her eyes opened wide. "Who did that?" she whispered to herself.

The last thing that Lilac could remember was the heartbreaking sight of Serefina kissing Jedrek passionately, or at least that was how it looked like for her at that time, and then everything went dark when anger consumed her whole being and left her senseless.

She didn't know what happened after that or how long she kept her eyes closed shut.

And then the next thing she knew, she was in the presence of the moon goddess.

'You shouldn't let your anger get the best of you,'

That was what she said, and the disappointment on her face...

Was she disappointed in her? But, what was the reason.

Yet, when Lilac noticed how her surroundings appeared completely destroyed and the city which had disappeared, she could guess the reason why the moon goddess looked disappointed.

"Did I do that?" Lilac gulped down hard and looked at Jedrek for an answer.

The king could feel the uneasiness Lilac was feeling right now. He was not sure about what actually happened when he was unconscious, but that was what Sebastian told him and the way those faes reacted, only solidified Sebastian's words.

Moreover, who else would be able to do that except for her?

"Yes," Jedrek pulled her closer. "I think it was you..."

Lilac didn't give any reaction at first and Jedrek gave all the time that she needed, to let her adjust with that fact.

Jedrek told the other lycanthropes to stay away from him and his mate, and even though they were reluctant to do so, but it was impossible for them to do otherwise also.

In their eyes, Lilac was akin to a bomb, which would explode without any notice.

They had never thought that such massive destruction could be caused by one person. Was that rumor really true about the guardian angel being the weakest creature? Was the rumor even reliable?

Torak held Raine closer to him, since the situation was very strange. If it wasn't Raine who did this, then who else would have the ability to do it?

Moreover, Torak still couldn't grasp the concept of Raine's power. If the time was stopped, then why could he move? Also Calleb. It happened when they went to rescue Lilac. Find authorized novels in , faster updates, better experience, Please click /book/the-love-of-a-lycan_13952362506619705/we-need-to-be-ready_50488053092895017 for visiting.

However, Eaton couldn't do that and the centaurs, even the devils were still affected by her power.

"My love, are you sure, you were not the one who did this?" Torak looked at Raine, who was scrunching her eyebrows in confusion, as she shook her head.

"A hundred percent sure..." she said.

However, it didn't take too long, before everything came back to normal and the time flew again.

"Alpha." The people in front of the blown-up door were confused because Torak disappeared from his earlier position, even Jack got out of the car to ask how Raine could be outside of the car without him knowing it.

"Luna, how can you be out of the car? I didn't see you..." Jack was speechless.

However, the couple couldn't bother themselves with those lycans' confusion as they were busy with their own thoughts.

"Come with me, my love," Torak said.

At this point of time, Torak wouldn't let her be alone out here.

Raphael was inside his room with Lana, hugging his mate on the bed as he inhaled her sweet scent, while talking about the baby.

They just needed to wait for one more month before they could see the baby. Their firstborn. Their first son.

Both of them were very excited and giddy to see him. To hold him in their arms and watch every second of his growth and his every first, his first steps, his first words and what not.

Raphael and Lana didn't know how to act as good parents, as both of them didn't have a family to begin with to follow as a role model.

However, they promised to be the best they could for their little family.

"Oh," Raphael was surprised and then he chuckled in delight when he felt the baby kick the side where he placed his hand. "He likes to kick," he stated.

Lana snuggled closer to her mate, as Raphael covered her body with blanket.

"I hope this moment will last forever," she said sleepily.

"Hm," Raphael agreed, he didn't mind if the time stopped now and let them enjoy this moment together for a little bit longer, away from the upcoming war or any stressful events with the leaders from the other region or packs.

Especially Lord Bayle, the dragon shifter from the north region. He looked suspicious and Raphael didn't have a good impression of him.

However, their peaceful moment didn't last for long when they heard someone knocking on their door.

From the sound of it, they could guess the urgency of the person.

"Who is that?" Lana frowned, but Raphael had gotten off from the bed and took his cloak.

"Stay here," Raphael said firmly.

This must be something important, or else, his fellow lycans wouldn't dare to bother him in the middle of the night like this.

Lana frowned, but she stayed on the bed, now her sleepiness had vanished. She was on full alert. She could feel it, something wrong must have happened.

Meanwhile, Raphael yanked the door open when the knocks on the door got louder.

"What happened, Eaton?" Raphael could smell his scent even before he opened the door.

"We need to be ready!" he said grimly.

"Ready for what?" Raphael asked rigidly.

Chapter 888 - DISTRACTION

It took some time for Lilac to finally calm down and discern everything that had happened.

"I killed those people," she stated. There was pain in her voice.

"If you didn't kill them, I would have." Jedrek tried to ease her distress a little bit by saying that, since he really didn't mind her killing those filthy wizards and witches.

In Jedrek's eyes, there was nothing wrong with what Lilac had done, but on the other hand, he could understand why this fact shocked her.

The guardian angel was a kindhearted creature, though Lilac usually appeared tough and strong, but she still had the kind spirit of the guardian angel.

"I don't mean to kill them all..." Lilac whimpered again, she rested her body against Jedrek's chest as he cradled her in his arms.

Meanwhile, the other lycanthropes and faes were trying to find their fellow friends and busied themselves tending to the injured ones.

Though, every now and then they would cast a glance in Jedrek and Lilac's direction, still they wouldn't dare to interfere with their moment together.

Not only because of Jedrek's direct order, but as they also felt a little bit afraid of Lilac now.

"I know you don't..." Jedrek caressed her back, when Lilac snuggled closer to him, seeking for the feeling of safety from her mate, while gloomy clouds hung very low above them. "But, they will end up like this even if you didn't do it... you saved us a lot of time," he tried his best to cheer her.

However, at the same time, the king didn't know what the right words to tell her, so she could feel less heartache.

"Maybe Killian and Tordoff were inside the city..." Lilac said as another realization hit her that she had accidentally killed the people that they supposed to save, she whimpered again.

Jedrek just continued to pat her head, but didn't say anything.

Honestly, losing Killian was a loss for him, since he had known him for so long, but for Tordoff... Jedrek didn't feel the same way as he knew that general had his eyes on his mate. It was indeed cruel to think that way at a time like this, therefore Jedrek didn't say anything to voice out his own thoughts.

"Our aim of coming to this place went in vain," Lilac said regretfully.

"No," Jedrek replied to her almost immediately. "They had let us see which side they were planning to take, thus the only choice that we are left with was to destroy them and we did it." Jedrek emphasized the word 'we', so Lilac wouldn't feel the burden, as it wouldn't be a compliment for her to kill those spell-casters and destroying the whole city in a bid of her loss of control.

Lilac sniffed and then raised her head, she looked at Jedrek with tearful eyes and hugged him tightly.

"I am glad you are fine..." she whispered into his ears.

"Thanks to you, I am fine now..." even now, Jedrek still thought it was because Lilac that he could survive the curse, yet Jedrek felt her body stiffen at his words.

"That was not me..." Lilac said softly. "Sereфина came and saved you..." she confessed. "She kissed you..."

Raine sat beside Torak on the sofa, while Jack was standing behind her.

In front of Raine was Reynold and Stephan. She couldn't remember when was the last time she got to meet Stephan, was it when they were still in the university?

Raine felt like her days in the university along with those very few friends of hers, were just memories from a different lifetime. Those days were one of the best days she had ever experienced since she met Torak.

"I remember that I cut off your hand," Torak addressed Reynold, as he glanced at his arm. "Did you grow it back?" he mocked him.

Of course, he knew that it must be the devils, who helped him with his hand. There was no other way the dragon shifter was able to do that.

"Alpha... please..." Stephan tried to talk to Torak. "We didn't mean to betray you, but you promised us our female dragon, but until now, we still can't see our female dragon..."

On the other hand, Reynold glared at his brother, he had told him not to say a word to Torak, but he ended up begging this Alpha.

"So, it was true... you had chosen your side?" Torak asked Reynold, completely ignoring Stephan.

The younger dragon shifter didn't have any value for his words, since it was Reynold, who was the lord for the dragon earth shifters, who called the shots for their kind.

Reynold stood up and looked at Torak right in his eyes. "I'm not siding with the devils, but I will side with them if they can give me what I want."

Torak held his gaze firmly, as he spoke to him with the same tone like before. "The devils indeed have your female, do you think they will keep their promise to give you back the last female dragon from your race?"

It was stupid to think those devils would hold the end of their bargain.

"I will pledge my loyalty to you if you can keep your promise to give me back what I want," Reynold said.

"The only thing that you can do to get your female back was already very clear, we have to win the war. And why should I trust you?" Torak squinted his eyes. "You have said the same thing to me a few times already."

Reynold took a step forward, but a set of loud collective growls from Torak's people stopped him in his tracks.

"I have some important information to tell you," Reynold said and paused for awhile to gauge Torak's reaction. "You shouldn't be here, Alpha... my refusal to join you in the other realm is only a distraction to lure you to come here. The same things happened to your other brothers."

"What happened with those people?!" Raphael watched as countless beasts trying to enter the castle and some of them even managed to jump over the wall. It seemed the whole city had turned insane and wanted to kill them all. What was wrong with them?!

Chapter 889 - SHE LET HIM GO

"I don't know." Eaton shook his head, he was also lost for words. "At first there were only five people, who forced their way inside the castle fighting with the guards, but not long after that, the crowd increased and it seems like the whole city came to this place."

"What about the other entrance gates!?" Raphael's eyes turned sharp. What the hell happened here?! Was this done by the devils?

There were three entrance gates to this castle, the north gates, the south gates and the east gates, each of them were heavily guarded since the Donovans were currently out of reach.

However, if the whole city were coming for them, it meant they were being besieged now. That didn't sound very good.

"The same happened at the other two gates too," Eaton said grimly as he watched their people being slaughtered by the beasts that managed to climb the high walls.

Raphael clenched his fists and gritted his teeth. "Order as many people as you can to gather at the three entrance gates and meet me with all the leaders in the throne room as fast as you can," Raphael gave him an order and then he rushed back to his room to find Lana.

"Got it," Eaton said and ran to the other direction to mind-link as many people as he could reach.

[Call!] Raphael mind-link Calleb while he ran in the corridor. [The castle!]

[I know! I see it!] came Calleb's answer. [I am at the north entrance gates! Its like hell in here!] he groaned. It seemed like he was answering while fending off the intruders in a battle.

[You have never been there, Call...] Raphael remarked, trying to lighten the mood so it could be less tense.

[Yeah,] Calleb scoffed. [Do something Raph, or if they indeed managed to go through all of us, we are done for!]

[Just hold on!]

Rossie was awoken by the noises from down stairs, where she could hear all of her family's voices.

Why are they still awake at this hour? Rossie thought, as she rubbed her eyes sleepily.

Soon she heard hasty footsteps in the corridor and not long after that, someone barged into her room without knocking first.

Rossie almost jumped from her bed when someone opened the door harshly.

"Ian!" Rossie half-yelled at her brother, who didn't even care to wait for his little sister to catch her breath when he threw away her blanket and pulled out one of her cloak randomly.

"Wear this, we have to go from here," Ian said sternly.

"What happened?" Rossie was confused, but seeing Ian now, she knew it was not the time for long explanation. Something big must have been going on.

"You, mother and Bree should go to the bunker," Ian said, as he helped Rossie to wear her shoes and made sure that she was warm enough. "We are besieged."

"Besieged? By whom?" Rossie asked again, fear palpable in her eyes.

"The whole city." Ian yanked open the door and grabbed his little sister's hand, as they joined the rest of the family in the living room.

"What is happening out there?" Lana asked Raphael, as they met in the corridor.

How could she stay inside the room, when she heard a lot of commotion and people yelling from out there?

"We are being besieged," Raphael immediately approached his mate and grabbed her hand to lead her to the bunker. "You need to stay in the bunker with the rest of the people."

"Is the situation that worse?" Lana tried to keep up her pace with Raphael, but it was hard for her to do so, since her stomach had grown so big and she couldn't see her feet.

Seeing Lana having difficulties to keep up with his pace, Raphael carried her to go down the stairs and ran toward the direction of the bunker.

Lana wrapped her hands around Raphael's neck, as she could see the ongoing fight in the yard. Right now, it seemed it could still be handled, but once those beasts went through the entrance gates, the result would be unpredictable.

Lana felt unease when she saw this, especially when Raphael put her down right in front of the door to the bunker, where she saw that many people had already gathered and most of them were women, children and the elders, who wouldn't be able to fight.

If only Lana was not pregnant and she needn't had to think about their child, she wouldn't let Raphael to leave her behind. She was a fighter herself and she would fight alongside her mate if it was necessary.

Yet, the reality told her otherwise. There was an important soul that she needed to protect, even with her own life.

"Go inside," Raphael said, as he put her down and let Keira, one of the Omega, to take care of his mate. "I will look for you once everything was settled." He leaned over to kiss Lana's temple and kneel to kiss her bump, their unborn baby. "I will come for you..." he whispered.

From afar, loud voices of people screaming and cursing could be heard, followed by a deafening explosion sound.

It forced them to be alert, as Raphael stood up immediately. He must to go now.

"I have to go," Raphael said to Lana, but she pulled him for a hug.

"Please come back," Lana said softly, pleading for his return. She didn't know why she felt this way, but seeing how those people caught them off guard and the fact that it was the people from the city that had attacked them, left her restless.

She didn't want to think of the worse, but it just kept flashing in her mind. All the worst possibilities that could happen and this scared her to the core.

Even so, she knew without a doubt that Raphael would go straight to that battlefield.

"I will, sweetheart. I will," Raphael promised her and hugged her back tightly, but not tight enough to hurt their baby. "I will come back for the two of you, I promise."

Lana nodded and sobbed silently when she let him go...

Yet, her heart told her that she shouldn't do that...

Chapter 890 - THE BROKEN MATE BOND

"You shouldn't be here, Alpha... my refusal to join you in the other realm is only a distraction to lure you to come here. The same things happened to your other brothers." Reynold looked Torak straight in the eyes.

Torak squinted his eyes as he stared back at Reynold. For some reason he felt unease when he heard his words.

He was telling the truth. He could see it in his eyes that the dragon lord was telling him the truth about Torak being lured to come here.

"What are you planning?" Torak asked, as he stood up and walked closer toward Reynold.

"It was not me," Reynold said, he stood his ground when Torak walked over to him. "You know that I am not the one who planned all of this."

Torak growled. "So, you want to say that you lured me here?"

"It is a mistake on your part to come here," Reynold replied in a roundabout manner, but his words still held the same meaning. He knew that Torak would come personally to look for him, since the war was at their door. It was only right for him to find as many people as they could to join forces with them.

Or, destroy as many people as possible, who would be a threat for them, as it was more or less clear that they chose to be on the devils side.

It was easy to see, as they had used the same method during the first war.

Unfortunately, the dragon lord didn't have any interest to spare for the upcoming war when their kind was almost extinct with the uncertainty of their last living female's survival.

"Send someone to follow up the condition in the castle with Raphael," Torak commanded, and one of his people left the house to carry out his order. "If something happened to them, your head will be on my table," he said in a low, dangerous tone.

"Alpha," Reynold smirked. "If something happened to them, it's all your fault, don't put the blame on me. You do realize that this is a war, right? Then you should think two or three steps ahead," he said tauntingly.

"Brother..." Stephan grimaced when he heard the way his brother talked to Torak.

"I'm not taking any sides, but I will do whatever it takes to get what I deserve," Reynold emphasized every single word he said.

While Calleb was busy defending the north entrance gates along with thousands of their men and Eaton was at the east gates to lead another few thousands, Raphael went to the south gates, which were the gates that directly faced the city.

Therefore, the battle there was akin to a hellish nightmare.

Blood covered the ground and smell of death vividly spread in the air, more so as their men's lives were hanging by a thread when those crazy beasts managed to break down the gates and wreaked havoc inside the castle.

Though those beasts were the citizens, who didn't receive any training for a proper fight, but their number alone was enough to overwhelm them.

The devils must be behind all of this!

The same and exact thing had happened to the guards in the castle, on the day when Lilac had been kidnapped.

Those filthy devils controlled those people!

How could they do that?

And the worst part was; no one saw this coming.

[THEY WERE THROUGH! THEY WERE THROUGH! THE GATES FELL DOWN!]

Those words rang inside their heads when the south gates collapsed and many beasts went berserk, fighting, clawing, biting off anyone that they met.

[HOLD TIGHT! DON'T LET THEM GO ANY FURTHER!] Raphael commanded, his voice laced with urgency when he bit off the head of one of the beast that attacked him and then readied himself for another two who sneaked behind him.

Under the moonless sky and dark clouds that rumbled, the castle was in total chaos.

[Raph!] Calleb reached him through mind-link.

[What?!] Raphael roared, as he concentrated on fighting the beast before his eyes.

[You have to leave there!] Calleb said with urgency as he too, had to concentrate on his own battle.

[Bring Lana and Rossie and get out from there!]

[I am not leaving them!] how could he leave those men, who fought alongside with him when he was the one, who gave them an order?

[Don't be stubborn Raph!] Calleb reprimanded him. [This is a fight we can't win!] the Gamma knew, from the anxiety that he could feel from the warriors on the south gates that they were in a deep trouble. [GET OUT FROM THERE!]

However, Raphael cut off the mind-link and Calleb got nothing in reply.

"Everything will be all right, my dear..." Sophie grabbed Lana's hand, as she tried to make her feel a little bit more relaxed. "Everything will be settled down in no time and he will come to you."

Lana grimaced. She wanted to give her a smile, but she couldn't lie to herself that she was very nervous.

It had been an hour since Raphael cut off the mind link between them and the last news that she heard from him was; the south entrance gates have collapsed.

Since Lana was not connected with the other warriors, the only way she was able to know about the progress of the battle outside, was through Raphael.

Lana was sitting with Sophie, Rossie and Bree, also Keira, who couldn't stop fidgeting for a second; just like most of the women here, their mates were out there, fighting in the fierce battle against the whole city.

This bunker was very big that it could accommodate a large number of people, but it was very quiet, as everyone inside was deep in their own thoughts.

However, all of a sudden, there was a shrill scream that echoed through the wall. Followed by another woman's scream.

"What happened?" Bree asked, as she crept closer to Rossie. "Why are they screaming?"

Sophie didn't answer that, but Lana did with an emotionless expression.

"They were feeling the pain of the broken mate bond," Lana said darkly. "They lost their mates."