

TLOA Lycan 951

Chapter 951 - OUT!

"Not now, there is something that I have to do first," Hope said and she could see the disappointment that flashed on Kace's face when she said she was not able to come back with him, thus she tiptoed and pecked his lips. "I will come back soon, just wait for me."

After saying that, Hope walked away in the opposite direction from Kace, who was still standing in the same position, waving his hand.

She didn't know how she know this, but it was like the knowledge was already ingrained in her every cell, like something that she had forgotten, but then she remembered about it again.

Hope hastened her steps when Kace's figure looked smaller because of the distance between them, as if she could see a path in front of her and not just only the color of bright white.

But, at some point, she stopped running when she could no longer see Kace in her near sight and was totally surrounded by this color.

Hope took a deep breath, even though she just ran for sometime, her breathing was still normal and she wasn't even panting. It was strange, yet at the same time expected.

Closing her eyes, she whispered softly into the nothingness. "Lilac... Raine..."

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Jedrek looked at his furious mate in disbelief. Why did they came to this again?!

"Can't you see? I just want to keep you safe!" Jedrek roared, annoyed by Lilac's stubbornness. "Calm down woman!"

Lilac threw him a sharp look as she retorted back. "I will calm down if you agree to talk about this!"

"There is nothing to talk about!" Jedrek was beyond frustrated with Lilac's behavior.

Meanwhile, upon hearing the commotion, two guards from outside, opened the door in alert, they were stationed just next to the door to watch over the situation.

"Is everything all right, your majesty?" One of them addressed the angry couple, his eyes roamed around the room quickly, looking for any threat. action

However, he didn't expect that the real threat for him was from his sovereign himself.

"OUT!" Jedrek and Lilac shouted simultaneously.

On other occasions, it might have looked funny when they both spoke almost at the same time, but not now, when they looked like they wanted to throw anyone, If someone dared enough to interrupt their fight.

The two guards stumbled over their own feet upon hearing the loud order, they didn't ask any further neither did they think twice to run out of the room.

The king and queen at this very moment, looked scarier than any deadly creatures from hell.

Meanwhile, when only the two of them were left alone again and the guards had shut the door, Jedrek and Lilac shifted their attentions onto one another again.

"Jedrek, you know that I will not agree with your decision, that was why you left me out of every discussion concerning the war, is that true?" Lilac just realized this. Jedrek had fooled her from the very beginning.

Raine and Hope would be very understanding if they were not included in the meetings that the Donovans held with the other Alphas, but Lilac was different, she knew her purpose of life from the very beginning, as she was raised by the moon goddess herself.

She knew that things would come to this, all she needed to do was to figure it out and even if giving her life was necessary to end the war, she was ready for that too.

Therefore, she had told Jedrek that he could choose Sereфина over her, from the very beginning, but time had changed everything, including hearts of every one involved...

And here they were, conflicting with their fate and love... making everything more complicated.

"D*mn with the moon goddess!" Jedrek cursed grimly. "She gave me you and put the mate bond between us, but then she wanted to make you sacrifice yourself?!" He was very angry at this fact.

"Jedrek, you can't possibly lose the war, but you don't want to win it either?" Lilac creased her brows. "Do you think you can keep the situation like this forever? How many lives would be wasted out there?"

"So, what do you want me to do?!" Jedrek roared. "Watch you jump into the crater?!" he shook his head. "Do you think my brothers will agree to this idea?"

Jedrek could realize what Lilac had seen when she touched the stone, therefore, he knew what would lie ahead of them if he let her do whatever she needed to do.

Somehow, the obvious slipped from Lilac's mind when she quarreled with Jedrek.

Knowing she wouldn't be able to talk to Jedrek now, she walked ahead and waved her hands, as roots that emerged from the floor coiled around Jedrek's body, keeping him in his position.

"I will find Raine and Hope to hear what they will say about this," Lilac said in a low voice, her expression turned dark.

"No!" Jedrek refused that idea and tore the roots around his body easily, as if it was nothing for him.

Lilac frowned when she saw this. Why did her power become weak when she had to face Jedrek? Her power also seemed didn't have much effect on Jedrek, when he kissed her for the first time on that night... Find authorized novels in , faster updates, better experience, Please click #!_5112344731666598 for visiting.

Of course, this fact pissed Lilac off.

Selene, why would you give me such power, but made him as an exception? Lilac thought annoyingly when she watched Jedrek trudging over to her, not even having any idea that Lilac became more upset toward him.

"NO!" Lilac yelled angrily, she tried to make him stop, but Jedrek stomped the roots beneath his feet, not getting affected at all.

Jedrek didn't see Lilac's effort to keep him away and the moment she was within his arm reach, he grabbed her hand to stop sending him those things.

"Stop it! Will you!?" Jedrek was upset too.

However, before Lilac could rebuke him for hurting her hand, as he held it too tight for her comfort, she heard some voice whispering into her ears.

The sound was very faint, until Lilac doubted that Jedrek could hear it. However, she could tell that this was Hope's voice.

The voice whispered her name and the last thing that Lilac could see was Jedrek's shocked expression before everything whitened in her vision.

Chapter 952 - THE SCENT OF CITRUS

"Hope?" Lilac whispered the other guardian angel's name when she opened her eyes and saw her standing in front of her.

Lilac didn't realize it until Hope helped her to stand up that she was sitting on the floor made of white tiles, yet everything was white in here, even the walls... no, actually Lilac was unsure whether there was a divider around her.

This place was plain white and there was nothing she could see except that one particular color.

"Hope, where are we?" Lilac asked her, looking around her with unconcealed confusion in her eyes.

Hope smiled softly. "I don't really know what to call this place, but I could say that this place is mine," she said firmly. For some reason, Hope was sure what she said was right. This place belonged to her.

She didn't know when she started to realize it, but she just knew it.

"You know, like I own this realm," Hope added, she waved her hand toward her surroundings and smiled shyly for talking so bold.

Lilac raised her eyebrows. She knew that there were many realms and she assumed, this realm that Hope was talking about was akin to the realm that belonged to those shadow guards.

The shadow guards had the ability to create a shadow realm that just belonged to them alone, but it depended on the ability of that person and not something that could be achieved by every single shadow guard.

"Wow." Lilac was lost for words. "You have improved greatly."

Hope smiled wryly. "I think our situation now required us to finally tap into our power. And this is something we have since the very beginning, right? We just need to feel it and find the right path."

"And I guess this war and our mates' crazyness have forced us to do what is best," Lilac murmured. "Do you know what the Donovans had done?" She was not sure if Hope had already knew about it, though she was reluctant to be the one to reveal this to her fellow guardian angel, yet the latter must know about this matter too.

To her relief, Hope nodded her head and said sadly. "I just got to know about it and one second I'm in the middle of my argumentation with Kace about that crazy plan he and his brothers were following, and the next moment, I am here."

Lilac looked around her, even though she didn't voice it out for Hope to hear, but the latter could see that she was still not convinced and worried even.

"It's okay, this is not my first time being here, in the past I will be in this state whenever I talked with Kace, his innerself," Hope said, holding Lilac's hand and started strolling around in light steps.

"Innerself?" Lilac repeated those words. "What happened to us then?"

Hope shrugged her shoulders. "We are only souls here, while our bodies..." She thought about it for a moment, to think about the right words to say. "I think we are in unconscious state right now."

Lilac stared at Hope and then laughed heartily. "I wonder what Jedrek's expression would be now when he saw me lose consciousness all of a sudden in the middle of our fight."

The moment she said that, she could already imagine how panicked her mate would be and then she laughed triumphantly, as if she had won some kind of battle.

This place sure was strange, but in a good way.

This place gave a positive aura and made her tensed nerves calm down. These past few days after they arrived at Reika, they were not in good situation which made her feel a little bit stressed out.

"Me too," Hope chuckled. "Kace would be freaked out by now."

And then both of them laughed heartily. The two guardian angels were in good mood, it was really good to be able to laugh like this after all they had been through.

The atmosphere here was totally the opposite to whatever was happening out there, it felt like Lilac could stay in this place for days, yet the moment their laugh died down, they knew there were many things that they have to do.

"Where is Raine? Why don't you call her?" Lilac realized that Raine was not with them, it was impossible for Hope to leave out Raine if she could bring her here.

Hope frowned. "I have tried to reach her, but I just can't do that." From the crease between her brows, Lilac could see that this matter bothered her.

"What happened?" she asked and prayed this was not some other problem again. They already have enough on their plates now.

"I just can't reach her..." Hope murmured and then shifted her attention toward Lilac. "I am afraid this has something to do with the thing that I saw in her."

"What is it?" Lilac found herself frowning too. What did Hope see in Raine that made her anxious?

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Raine was staring at Hope when Sybil and Belinda, along with two other healers came to check over Hope's condition.

"Let's go back," Torak said softly, he hoped that Raine's anger had receded as she spent the past few hours worrying about Hope, but from the look on her face, he could tell that she was just holding back her emotions and protests, since this was not the right time for them to talk about it. "They are trying to do what they can do and if this is not the first time for Hope to become like this, then it is only a matter of time before she regain her consciousness again."

That was Torak's conclusion, though it made some sense, Kace wouldn't want to hear such lame statement without base.

That was understandable, because if Raine was in Hope's condition now, he wouldn't listen to himself too. action

"I hope you are right," Raine sighed deeply and then looked at Torak with a tired expression. "But, I want to stay here," she insisted.

"Raine..." Torak was about to argue with his mate, when he smelled her scent, the citrus scent that shouldn't be there. How could she be here?!

Torak whipped his head toward the direction of that scent and saw her walking through the door with light steps, as if this was her own room.

Chapter 953 - SEREFINA

Serefina.

That was the name that Raine could feel at the tip of her tongue when she watched the red haired witch with her familiar green lime eyes, walking through the door with a smirk at the corner of her lips.

As soon as her figure was clear to see for them, the following event happened. As though the sound died down, the room became exceptionally quiet, just like a buzzing sound from the television was turned off, everything became still, even the wind had stopped blowing.

Raine didn't realize this until she watched how Sybil and Belinda were standing in weird positions, bending their bodies to look at Hope, as if they didn't realize that Serefina came into the room.

Maybe they didn't, because time had been stopped for them.

However, that was not the same case for Raine, Torak and Kace. The first one, who cracked the silence that was being stretched out upon the appearance of the witch, was Kace.

"Serefina!" he called out her name in surprise, but there was no hostility in his tone, only bafflement.

It was very strange to have Serefina visit them now of all times, since they knew that the witch had crossed the bridge and sided with the devils, yet they couldn't help, but feel the same familiarity toward her.

Ignoring the fact that Torak wasn't quite fond of her, yet, it was different for Kace.

As annoying as she was, Serefina was still someone, whom they had known for centuries, especially to Kace, as they had faced all ups and downs of the situation when the two of them became rogues and chased down by Jedrek's people. action

Serefina tilted her head to see Kace, who was still cradling Hope in his arms, yet the younger Donovan was lost for words.

In normal situation, he would cry for help and ask the witch to check Hope's condition, he would have pestered her until she told him what was wrong with Hope, but the situation now was a little bit conflicting.

"What are you doing here?" Torak asked grimly. If Serefina came with good intentions, let's say she wanted to admit her mistake, which was not in the question since the witch wouldn't stop the time if the aforementioned issue was her reason to pay them a visit. She was only provoking them even more by doing that.

Serefina didn't answer Torak's question, instead, she shifted her attention toward Raine, who was hiding behind Torak's broad back.

"Raine," Serefina called her name in a flat tone.

"What do you want WITCH?" Torak repeated his question, barring his fangs, as his eyes turned red.

On the bed, Kace shook his head. "Serefina it is not a good thing to provoke us at a time like this." But, then he remembered something. "Did you do this to Hope?" Kace narrowed his red eyes at Serefina.

"No," she said firmly. "She did that to herself."

Kace couldn't understand what she meant by that, but odd enough, he still believed her. It was indeed true that old habits die hard.

"Raine!" Serefina raised her voice to get the guardian angel's attention. All she needed now was for her to look at her right in the eyes, after that, everything would be easier.

However, Torak was stubborn enough to not let Serefina see even a strand of his mate's hair, as he stood ramrod straight in front of her.

"Leave now, Serefina, before I tear you apart." Torak gritted his teeth, he was ready to shift, if Serefina dared to do something silly.

Yet, she didn't even spare him a glance, as her lime green eyes remained fixed on Raine. She was trying to get the guardians angel's attention.

"Raine!" Serefina kept calling her name and Raine became restless, she wanted to see the witch, but couldn't.

Torak had been warning her through mind-link that she couldn't see her neither was she allowed to answer the witch.

After all, Torak had lived long enough to familiarize himself with two or three tricks of the witch.

Knowing that Torak wouldn't budge and Raine wouldn't come out from her hiding place, Serefina could only look at Torak in annoyance.

"Do you want to tear me apart?" Serefina asked with the same annoying tone that she always used. "Come here and get me," she smirked tauntingly and backed away three steps.

Torak scoffed, he wouldn't buy it.

"What? You don't even want to greet me with a warm hug?" Serefina tilted her head, provoking the Alpha even further.

However, before she could say another word, she was forced to move very fast to the side when she felt someone was approaching her.

It was Kace in his beast form.

The white lycan landed on his fours and snarled viciously at her. In his opinion, if Serefina didn't come here to help them, then she should leave, instead of adding one more trouble for them to deal with.

"What is it? Why did you attack me now, Kace?" she feigned a surprised expression, but the look in her eyes was anything but surprise. She had expected this.

"Kace, back away," Torak talked to Kace in a warning tone, yet, his younger brother wouldn't listen easily as usual, especially when he was under the control of his beast. He followed his instinct and his instinct now told him to make the witch scam out of their sights.

"Do you really think that by keeping the war on going will give you a solution?" Serefina talked, but her eyes were on alert, anticipating Torak or Kace's move. "I have told you that you will die, haven't I?" This last question was directed to Raine.

Out of instinct, Raine poked her head from behind Torak's back and glared viciously at Serefina. "You are the one who will die!" Raine shouted at the witch.

However, only then did she realize her mistake when she watched a triumphant smirk appearing at the corner of Serefina's lips as she mouthed, 'Gotcha.'

The last thing before the darkness consumed her was the sight of the white beast that charged toward Serefina coupled with Torak's frenzied voice, calling out her name.

Meanwhile, after she succeeded doing what she wanted to do, Serefina teleported herself out of the reach of the two Donovan brothers as the time started ticking again.

Chapter 954 - THE LAND OF THE GOD

Caleb was talking to Rossie over the phone when he realized the time being stopped and there was no answer from the other side of the phone call.

The Beta looked around him and frowned when he noticed that the other people had stopped moving, though it didn't happen for a long time, but the moment he could hear Rossie's voice again, as she talked as if nothing was odd, Calleb was already on his way to Hope's room, where he knew Raine and Torak went to see her.

Apparently something happened to her.

"Sweetie, I will call you again, okay?" Calleb spoke after Rossie finished saying her reply.

"What happened?" Rossie asked with worry laced in her voice, but then Calleb chuckled lightly to let her know that nothing bad had happened on his end.

"I will check something and I will call you again," Calleb said and ended the call after Rossie said 'be careful.'

Just like the Donovans, Calleb was not in the city to fight the creatures from hell, leading the other warriors, but he stayed inside this building like a castle on the top of the hill, since he couldn't fight without his beast, so couldn't Ethan.

The young lycan had been very furious and frustrated because he wanted to help in the war, but it would only be a suicide for him if he did so when he couldn't shift into his beast. The least that he could do was help Calleb with his tasks, but right now he was on the other side of this building.

Therefore, it was Jack, the newly pointed Gamma, who led the warriors to fight in the city along with a few Alphas from both Torak and Jedrek's packs. Some of Kace's friends were helping them too.

Calleb hastened his steps when he heard Torak yelling at someone from inside the room. From the sound of it alone, he knew that something must have happened to Raine.

"What happened?!" Calleb opened the door, no, he almost toppled it down when he walked inside the room and found that Raine had fell unconscious with a panicking Torak holding her close to him.

The white beast shifted back and Kace ran toward Torak with Sybil and Belinda crowding him.

No, not Raine too...

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"You know what is that?" Lilac asked, with a worried expression when she finished listening to Hope's explanation about Raine's strange dark aura, which was almost the same like what she saw around the people in the city.

"No," Hope said sadly. "I don't know what possessed her, but I am afraid she might turn into something like those people."

Lilac gritted her teeth, though Raine didn't show any indication that she would go feral and out of her mind like those people, but it was clear to see that she acted out of her character during the quarrel between Torak and Kace a week ago.

"We need to find the dwarf," Lilac stated in a murmuring tone, she was worried about Raine. The heaping number of problems on their plates were already enough, no need to add one more to it. "In

order to do so, I think we should wake up, right?" She looked at Hope with curious eyes. "You can bring us back, right?"

Hope smiled cheekily. "I think I have another way which was much easier," she said in a secretive tone. "After all, I want to let our mates feel a little bit more anxious, what do you think?"

Hope was always full of tricks and she loved how Kace would turn everything upside down worrying over her, she liked it when she got all his attention, though it was not the time for something childish like that, but she could pass it off as a 'punishment' because they had done something atrocious and whatever they pleased without talking to them. action

Lilac laughed alongside with her, it was not that she wanted to give Jedrek a heart attack because she fell unconscious all of a sudden.

Well, half of her reason was that, but the main thing was; she wanted to be here for a little bit longer, the warm atmosphere here was very pleasant and was in complete contrary to the dark atmosphere that had hung over them for days by now.

It gave a positive vibe and made her able to think calmly.

But, the most important feeling was; it gave her a new hope to live through this stressful situation.

Kace was very right to name her Hope. She was indeed a hope.

"I like the idea," Lilac said and let Hope guide them elsewhere.

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Raine felt a breeze of wind caressing her face as her hair fluttered freely, she thought she was sleeping inside her room like usual, until the last memory about Serefina flooded her mind causing her to open her eyes abruptly.

The first thing that she saw was a vast land of sands... it seemed like she was in a desert.

"What...?" she abruptly sat down and looked around her, though it was slightly dark and no harsh sun was blazing over her head at this moment, but Raine was sure she had been in this place before.

No, actually this would be her third time being here.

Serefina called this place as the land of the God, but the guardian angels from the past would call this the desert of no return. However, Raine had her own impression of this place, whatever she was here for might be, she could conclude one thing for sure; she had jumped the time again.

"Familiar with this place?"

Raine whipped her head upon hearing her voice and just like what she had guessed, it was the witch, who was talking to her.

"You?" Raine squinted her eyes when she watched Serefina, who was standing not too far from her, folding her arms arrogantly.

It was so strange that Raine didn't feel irritated by her behavior, instead she was absorbed with the thought when they met for the first time. Serefina didn't change at all; her snarky comments and her harsh attitude, but for some strange reasons, Raine missed those days.

It looked more peaceful than what they had to face now.

Chapter 955 - I CAN DO AS I PLEASE

"Go on then!"

"Right!"

"No, listen to me!"

"We are going to wedge them in! That's what we do! From this side and that side, we just wedge them in!"

"...And squeeze them out!"

"Wedge them in?! Is that your plan?!"

That was the quarrel Dmitri heard the moment he entered the meeting room. It went without saying that his people were arguing about nothing again, forgetting that he was the leader here.

The hierarchy for the vampires was a little bit different from the pack for the lycanthropes and werewolves, they couldn't subdue those vampires with their Alpha's tone, instead of that, those vampires must be subjected to fear, only then could they be put in order.

"Shut up!"

"Stop!"

Dmitri slammed opened the door and let his presence stop the fight between his people.

"WHAT NOW!?" He roared in anger, glaring at them one by one.

Inside this room were five leaders of five different vampire clans, who were throwing snarky remarks toward each other and was about to tear one another apart.

The two vampires, who just quarreled a moment ago, lowered their heads and glanced at Dmitri in ashamed before one of them informed him.

"We have found the sanctuary of those lycans, we should attack them now!" the vampire named Xerxes roared. "We can attack them and kill their mates, the same thing that they had been doing to many shifters all this while!"

They just got information about the sanctuary of the lycanthropes in one of the property of the earth dragon shifters, from what they heard, inside that building, were important people kept under protection of some lycan warriors.

The mates of lycan warriors.

Though they were apart, but the lycans would feel it when they lost their mates and it would be a great disadvantage to them along with the chaotic situation that they had to face since the humans now were aware of the non- human existence.

"No!" the other vampire, named Lhogos retorted. "We should wait for the devils, it will be easier for us to wipe them out if those devils made their move on them first!"

"Beelzebub is not here!" Xerxes bit back. "She was gone for a long time and I am tired of waiting!" action

Since the fight in the forest of the northern coven realm, when they fought the youngest sibling of the Donovans and was defeated, Beelzebub went to the other realm to chase her prey and had not come back until now.

The devil woman had joined her fellow devils and busied herself with annoying the crap out of the lycanthropes.

Actually, it was a good thing, but the vampires and the witches from the northern coven realm wanted to taste the victory over the lycanthropes too.

"We must annihilate their entire race!" Xerxes yelled, which was supported by the other two vampires behind him. "We shouldn't rest until we have destroyed their final sanctuary!"

And Dmitri really considered those options. He had grown tired of waiting for Beelzebub to come too... maybe this was time for them to make their own decisions. After all, they should rule their own kind and shouldn't let other creatures to mind their business too much.

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"You?" Raine squinted her eyes when she watched Serefina, who was standing not too far from her, folding her arms arrogantly. "What do you want now? Why did you bring me here?"

"Why? To reminisce old times?" Serefina raised her eyebrows and looked at Raine with a boring gaze. "Move your body and follow me."

Raine was about to ask how she could stop the time when they were inside Hope's room, but then she remembered that Serefina was able to master the power of the three guardian angels, not only her, but the devils too, though they had not used it yet.

Raine gritted her teeth upon learning that fact.

Along with that realization, she also realized something else. There was this one time when the time stopped even though Raine did nothing to result in it, so it must be Serefina, right?

"Where are you taking me?" Raine followed her reluctantly, since she didn't want to be in this desert alone.

"Stop complaining and just follow me," Serefina grumbled, and it was just like replaying the old days again.

"I will not move an inch if you don't tell me where you want to take me," Raine said stubbornly as she stopped walking before folding her arms in front of her chest.

The witch turned around and glared at her, she looked like she was about to lash out, but for some reason she held back her sharp tongue and talked rigidly.

"Time is a very dangerous thing. You can't play with it," she said.

"What do you mean?" Raine frowned, she didn't expect to get a lecture from her, because all she needed now was an explanation.

"I see you already tap into your power now," Serefina replied. "And I remember that I have told you that I will train you to control it."

Raine squinted her eyes dangerously. "I don't need a traitor to teach me anything."

Serefina chuckled upon hearing that. "I will give you one or two lessons then, if you don't want me to train you." She smirked viciously. "It doesn't seem like you can refuse what I have to give to you."

"I want to go back. Now," Raine replied. If Serefina only wanted to torture her, she didn't want to follow this witch anywhere.

"You are welcomed to leave," Serefina said, shrugging her shoulders nonchalantly. "If you can," she added.

Raine was silent for a moment, as if she was concentrating on something, but with each passing minute, the crease between her brows only deepened.

"Why are you still here? I thought you want to go immediately?" she asked tauntingly.

"What did you do to me?" Raine didn't feel like herself and she was not able to tap into her power.

"You are nothing but a soul under my mercy, Raine, and this realm is mine. I can do as I please." Serefina used Hope's power on her and brought Raine's soul to travel back to the past.

Chapter 956 - I CAN DO AS I PLEASE (2)

"Hey, wake up..." Hope nudged Nutdrouk body lightly with the tip of her toe when the dwarf didn't wake up even after they had waited for some time.

"I don't believe that you can do something like this," Lilac said as she watched the soundly sleeping dwarf, in this realm belonged to Hope, but then she was also called here by Hope, yet why wouldn't Nutdrouk wake up? It had already been quite some time, hadn't it? "Why do you think he wasn't waking up?"

Hope frowned. She was sure that she had done it right, but why was this soul being super stubborn to the point he didn't even want to open his eyes. "I don't know."

After Hope said that, Lilac kicked the dwarf a little bit harder, until his small body rolled over, only then did they hear a cry from the dwarf.

"You can't kick me like that! You insolent girls!" he yelled at the two guardian angels, as he sat up and rubbed the side of his body that had just been kicked by Lilac.

As it turned out, Nutdrouk was awake from the moment he arrived in this place. He just couldn't believe what Serefina said was true. These girls had managed to bring his soul to this strange place, but it still pissed him off because he couldn't escape or teleport himself out of this realm that belonged to Hope.

"Where am I?" Nutdrouk grumbled, looking around him. However, he could see nothing but white. He knew the reason, but somehow he just needed the answer straight from Hope, so he could be sure about what Serefina had told him.

"Technically, you are still in the same place, where the last time you were still conscious. I only invited your soul here." Hope used the word 'invited' to smoothen the harsh way she forced him to come.

Yet, Nutdrouk corrected her choice of words immediately. "This is not an invitation, this is literally kidnapping," he grumbled.

"Whatever you say," Hope replied, shrugging her shoulders nonchalantly. "Now, tell me..." she suddenly crouched down and stared at the dwarf, forcing Nutdrouk to crawl away from her, as if she was some kind of disease.

Nutdrouk hated it when he felt helpless and that was clearly his state now, being vulnerable in this unknown realm.

"Tell you what?" he asked defensively.

"What happened to Raine?" Hope asked him. "Raine told me what you told her, which is her being a tainted guardian angel, and her soul was not as pure as it looks. What does that mean?"

Nutdrouk had expected this kind of question, well that witch had already given a heads up about it... however, he didn't want to tell them right away.

"Fine! I will tell you, only after you guarantee that I will go out of this realm as soon as I answer that," Nutdrouk said.

"Okay." Hope didn't have a problem with that.

"And one more thing," Nutdrouk added.

"What now?" this time, it was Lilac, who was crouching down beside Hope. "You are asking too much, don't you think so?"

"Hey! This is me, asking for her to fulfill her promise to Lidya," Nutdrouk retorted in annoyance.

"What promise?" Lilac turned to look at Hope.

At first, Hope was confused, but then she remembered what she had promised Lidya. "Ah!"

"What is it?" Lilac asked worriedly. "What did you promise to the witch?"

Hope looked at Lilac, grimacing. That promise was made in a time of rush and she planned to trick her, but it seemed she couldn't avoid it any longer.

"I promised to give her my blood willingly," she said in an apologetic tone, as though she had done something bad. Or, maybe it was a wrong decision.

"You promised what?" Lilac raised her brows. "You know that it was very crucial for us to get our blood drawn, right?"

Hope grimaced. "Well, I didn't think that far at the time I promised her, and the situation was a little bit urgent..." Then she looked at Nutdrouk. "But, you need to tell Lidya to come and get it from me herself," she said.

After all, they couldn't draw her blood here.

"No problem, I will tell her this," Nutdrouk said lightly. action

Lilac could only sigh before she turned her attention onto the dwarf again. "So, what do you know about Raine's condition that we don't know about?" she asked.

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"Why are we here?" Raine looked around her when she found herself in yet another familiar place.

They were no longer in the desert, but now they were surrounded by rows after rows of blue flowers that bloomed to the fullest. It was beautiful to see.

Though it was Raine's second time to be here, but she was still astonished to see such scenery, in spite of the fact the dark gloomy cloud hanging low in the sky. It seemed this place also shared the same sky. Were they in the current time? Raine couldn't tell, she lost track of time, despite it was her gift.

"To train," Serefina said in a matter of fact tone.

Raine narrowed her eyes at the witch, whatever training that she was talking about, it wouldn't be a pleasant experience, especially when even Hope was not sure, which side the witch had taken.

"Which side are you now?" Raine blurted out the question that she desperately needed an answer for. It wasn't just her, but also some people that were close to Serefina were pondering over this. "Have you been deceiving the devils to help us?"

Raine hoped Serefina would nod her pretty head, if she did so, she would believe her unquestionably.

It was true that her hard- approach attitude and rude behavior was such a pain to deal with, but people closer to her would feel like something was amiss without it.

Serefina would give those three Donovans a few earfuls if she knew what they had done about the war. Just like how she disobeyed Torak's order when he told her to not tell Raine about his condition a long time ago, when Torak's human side was very weak and his beast took over.

The witch would always find a way to do what she thought was right, despite her method being unpleasant to be followed sometimes.

Chapter 957 - BROKEN ANGEL

"It doesn't matter which side I am on, because it's not like you will not understand it either," she said, underestimating her.

Raine squinted her eyes at the witch. She was far too familiar with her methods to know that her words weren't really mean like how they sounded.

Sometimes, Raine felt that Serefina just threw sharp comments and acted like she didn't care or behaved rudely was actually to protect herself from the outsiders, so no one would know her true intentions.

The witch kept other people within her arms' length, emotionally, thus no one would realize what she felt, since she didn't want to feel vulnerable and bare her heart.

However, Raine had passed all of that and she was an observant type, someone who would look through her thick facade and now, she saw the witch doing it again; hiding her feelings by talking rudely.

Why did she keep doing this?

But, it was understandable... sometimes, people would build a high wall, to protect themselves from other people feelings, so no one could hurt them, in Serefina's case, she did everything to build that wall over the last few centuries, and now, no one knew how high or thick the wall that she had built around herself.

Raine then sighed, and changed her question since Serefina wouldn't answer her previous one. "Will this do me any good? I mean for the war that's going to happen."

Serefina stared at Raine for a moment, before shrugging her shoulders. "Depends on how your thick head will comprehend all the things that I told you."

Raine closed her eyes, though she could understand a little bit about her, but to be treated this way, still required a lot of effort to maintain one's patience.

"Tell me what you want to show me then," Raine said, gritting her teeth.

For a moment, the witch didn't answer her question, she just sized her up and down, seemingly weighing her options before trying to find the right thing to do with this guardian angel.

Raine was different from the other two guardian angels. She lived among humans longer than Lilac or Hope.

Since Lilac was under the care of the moon goddess herself and Hope was her responsibility to take care of, the two of them didn't experience many things like what Raine had been through.

She was broken and battered emotionally when Torak found her, not to mention about the influence of the shadow warrior that fixed his eyes on her, it affected her greatly, just like how Torak affected Raine, causing her to move to the other state in order to stable her strength.

Not only that, Raine had been touched by the devils' creatures since she was very young. The two creatures that had killed her parents, Belphegor, who had laid his hands on her, and even kissed her...

And not to forget about those devilish creatures that were attracted by her scent and were trying to have her.

Actually, from the time she was at least eight year old kid, she had been encountered by many dark creatures that she couldn't even remember about.

If it was not because of Aeon's protection from the shadows, the damage on Raine would be more complicated than this. That was also the reason why Serefina had a hard time to find Raine before Torak did.

The shadow warrior had been protecting her from being noticed and in this case, apparently, they should thank the shadow warrior for this...

This was why Nutdrouk said her soul was tainted and she was not as pure as the other guardian angels.

"Your fear," Serefina finally said. She could see a flash of emotion from behind Raine's dark eyes. The guardian angel felt uneasy when she heard that.

In spite of the fact that she was no longer timid like how she used to be in the past, but it didn't mean she had healed completely, Raine just managed to suppress her own fears, but never faced them. It was totally a different thing.

Lilac faced her fear to be with Jedrek and Hope faced her fear by finding Kace's innerself, but Raine... she had too many fears for her disadvantage.

The devils would use it and the moment they did that, Raine would be doomed.

Therefore, here they were.

"What kind of fear do you mean?" Raine looked at Serefina, uneasiness was palpable in her eyes.

"Any kind of fear that you have been trying to hide." The witch stretched out her hand to touch Raine.

"How?" Raine watched as Serefina's hand touched her shoulder, she was reluctant about her gesture, but as if she was being hypnotized, she couldn't move her body at her will.

"To face them all," Serefina said lightly and then Raine was forced to close her eyes as the blue flowers around her disappeared from her sight.

It was true about the statement that said; you will never heal if you are still pretending that you are not hurt.

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"What actually had happened to her?" Hope asked Nutdrouk when he explained why he told Raine that she was not as pure as she thought.

"I don't know," Nutdrouk said, seemingly not interested in talking about Raine's past. "Many things had happened to her, I guess that those caused the other guardian angel to look sorrowful."

That and the strange weather, which left every heart feeling more depressed. It only added to the dark soul in Raine's heart as if adding salt on a wound.

Therefore, while staying in Reika made others to feel uneasy because the weather affected them, it drew a much stronger response from Raine.

"So, where is she now?" Lilac asked worriedly.

"She..." Nutdrouk lamented and then looked at the other side of this white place, as if he could see some answer there. "I think she is facing the ghosts from her past now..."

"What if she couldn't handle it?" Lilac asked again. action

"Then, she couldn't come back, what is good to have a broken angel?" Nutdrouk said offhandedly.

Chapter 958 - LOOK MORE A DEVIL THAN AN ANGEL

"To face them all," Serefina said lightly and when Raine was forced to close her eyes because of the blinding light, the blue flowers around her disappeared from her sight.

The moment the light was slightly dimmed, Raine opened her eyes again and was greeted with yet another scenery that was on full display before her eyes.

Her first reaction was frowning. After all, the warm light of the sun shone brightly on her and turned the air surrounding them slightly humid.

"What?" Raine murmured. "Where are we?" Or, more precisely, what era did Serefina had brought her to? Because it had been weeks since the last time Raine saw the sun shining brightly in the sky.

However now, it looked like everything was normal, so the only explanation was; she was brought back to the time before the devils turned everything upside-down, including the weather.

Raine looked around her, but she couldn't find Serefina, yet she noticed that she was in a park, where many families had brought their children.

All she could see now was smiling faces.

"Serefina!" Raine called out for the witch.

"It all started from here, right?" Serefina's voice could be heard from behind her, as she stepped forward and stood beside Raine all of a sudden.

"Where are we?" Raine squinted her eyes, extremely suspicious of this witch.

"Don't you remember?" Serefina asked in a low voice, but her green lime eyes were focused onto something ahead of her.

"Remember what?" Raine tried to study the witch's expression, but just like her many previous attempts, she had failed in doing so yet again.

"There," Serefina said, as she nodded her head at something in front of her.

Frowning, Raine followed the witch's line of sight and saw something that made her eyes well up with tears.

"No way," she whispered in disbelief.

In front of her, she saw the younger version of herself, being carried by her father, and her mother was walking beside him, happy smiles blossomed on their faces, while the little girl was sleeping with her head resting on the man's shoulder.

Raine didn't remember this, but judging from her age at this moment of time, maybe she was too young to remember anything.

But, no matter what, this must be the happiest memory of her life. action

Out of instinct, Raine was about to walk toward them, but Serefina held her shoulder firmly, stopping her feet from bringing her to her family.

"What?" Raine asked her impatiently. She didn't want to be stopped now, she wanted to meet her parents, memories of them had long been blurred in her mind, Raine was ashamed to admit that she had forgotten about how they looked like, but seeing them now, instantly flooded all the memories from the past in her head and the longing feeling that she was feeling now was unbearable.

"You are the guardian angel of time," Serefina said in a calm, but clear voice. It was strange for her to act like this, even so she did now. "And time is a very dangerous thing."

"What do you mean? Just tell me already, what do you want?" Raine's patience was already running low.

Serefina didn't answer Raine immediately, but she looked at her with a gaze that was difficult to decipher before she finally said, "you can change everything here. Save your family or whatever you want."

"Really?" Raine raised her brows, she didn't believe what she heard. Of course, if she was given a chance to save them, she would do so.

"But, it will change the future too," Serefina added. She released Raine's shoulder when she was sure that she wouldn't go. "Sometimes, it will be a good thing, but sometimes it can be worse than what you can even imagine. Just remember, everything happened for a reason and you have to face it.

"You have to face your fears by not changing anything in the past, as it would affect the future. Only by doing this, you will understand why you had gone through all of that and free yourself from whatever scared you of or your regrets, only then can you return."

But, just before Serefina's figure faded away completely right before Raine's eyes, she added a little bit more.

"You can also stay here if you like, but you know better than me that this is your past. Don't dwell in your past too much."

After saying that, Serefina left her alone.

At this point, Raine was all alone to make her own decision. At the same time, she felt like her life with Torak was a million years away from here, something unreal, as if she was dreaming about that life.

And it was the life before her eyes that felt more tempting to live.

The life with her happy small family...

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"Broken angel?" Lilac frowned. "What do you mean by that?"

"You know that she has lived a far too different life from the two of you, with a mental trauma that she had to overcome. It was crucial for a guardian angel." Nutdrouk touched his chest, right at his heart.

"The heart of guardian angel should be pure. But, she is tainted."

"I don't think my heart is pure..." Hope murmured, she knew that she was not a saint, there was no way that her heart was pure.

However, the dwarf threw her a glare. "Of course, you three are not pure guardian angels, after all you are born as humans, with human emotions. But, Raine's case is different."

That was one of the reasons why Serefina had to bring her away from Torak's pack a long time ago.

"I have told you everything, now let's go back to the real world." Nutdrouk patted his pants, even though there was no way for dust to accumulate in a place like this, and stood up. "Don't forget your promise, your blood. Lydia had been waiting for that."

Hope grimaced.

"What will you do with that blood?" Lilac stood up and stared down at the dwarf. "If you caused any more trouble with it, no matter how far you hide away, I will chase you down. Remember that."

Nutdrouk took a step back. "You look more like a devil than an angel."

Chapter 959 - EDDARD IS THERE TOO

It had been three days since the guardian angels had fell unconscious one after the other and no one knew why.

No.

Actually, Kace said something like; 'they will wake up when they feel like it,' and something like; 'Hope said she needed to do something.'

However, whatever Hope wanted to do, it was her business and had nothing to do with Raine or Lilac, right? So, why didn't the two of them still regain their consciousness? It didn't any make sense at all!

Jedrek spent most of his time accompanying Lilac, sitting beside her bed with the look of someone who had been waiting for his final verdict, while Torak wasn't really any different from him.

It was only Kace, who could still function properly. He managed to give an order to their fellow lycanthropes and planned a strategy to lessen the casualties, though it didn't solve the main problem, since they were not only fighting the devils, but also humans and vampires, at the same time too.

It would be hard for them to keep up with their initial plan; to prolong the war until they could find a solution.

At this point, he finally realized that maybe what Hope said was right. They shouldn't be blinded by their impulsiveness and hid this fact from the guardian angels.

After all, this was the purpose of their resurrection.

And if Selene, the moon goddess, could bring them back from extinction of their entire race, it should be not a big deal for the said goddess to bring them back from their death, right?

It gave a little hope to Kace, as he realized Hope's words made more sense than their rushed plan.

All they have to do was to talk about it with their mates and found a solution together. However, it was impossible to discuss this with Jedrek and Torak now. His elder brothers were too tensed to hear something like this and it wouldn't end up good for Kace too if he pushed them too far with this idea when their mates were not even able to speak a word.

Yet, in spite of the fact that the younger Donovan indeed believed that Hope would come after whatever things that she was doing now, still spending these past seven days without any progress in their condition left him perplexed.

Kace started to look a little bit restless when his mate didn't show any sign of waking up any soon.

Thus, here he was... sitting beside Hope's bed like what Jedrek and Torak were doing for the past few days. Whispering sweet nothings in to Hope's ears, as if she could hear him... maybe she could.

Coaxing her to open her eyes.

"Ehem."

Someone cleared their throat purposely to get his attention and this made Kace frown as he noticed Calleb, who was standing at the door.

Since when was he standing there?

"What?" Kace asked sharply and leaned back from Hope and watched as Calleb walked into the room casually.

"I want to talk about the matter regarding the red river city," Calleb said. Because he couldn't shift into his beast yet, he was in charge of whatever happened here, especially since the guardian angels fell unconscious all of a sudden.

"You can talk to Torak," Kace grumbled. He couldn't believe it that he took all the responsibility for the upcoming war while his elder brothers didn't even mind anything at the moment.

He would have laughed out loud if someone told him something like this would happen years ago, since Kace didn't have the tiniest bit of intention to take responsibility over giving a command to others, he wouldn't even consider bossing around a single soul, but now... here he was... replacing his two brothers and letting the burden of thousand hundreds of lives of shifters fall on his shoulders.

Great...

"You know how he is now," Calleb sighed, as he got a chair for him to sit down beside Hope's bed, on which Kace cradled Hope's head in his arms. "Talking to a wall is much better than talking to him."

"You are free to do that," Kace responded offhandedly. He didn't feel like he wanted to talk now. "There are many walls here," he said.

"Funny," Calleb commented dryly. "Listen." He straightened his back. "I got some information about the situation in the red river city."

"Humans?" Kace asked and glanced at Calleb for a second before he returned his attention toward Hope.

"Yes, Humans." Calleb nodded. "But, this time, the vampires and the spell-casters from the northern coven realm also started to make their move."

Kace clicked his tongue in annoyance. "Let those creatures kill each other and we will deal with the one who won in the end."

Humans with their advance technology and the vampires with their mortality, if they were in a different situation, it would be fun to see which side would win over the other.

However, Kace was not in the state to enjoy the situation.

"No, I think that will not be the case..." Calleb looked hesitant to tell this, he contemplated for a little bit longer and Kace let him take as long as he needed. "Our people said, their movement is slightly suspicious."

"Suspicious?" Kace raised his eyebrows at the Beta. "Do you really think they will announce their movements in broadcast stations?" he asked in disbelief, of course they would move suspiciously, secretly and as quietly as possible. What else did Calleb expect from the vampires?

Upon hearing Kace's snarky comment, Calleb rolled his eyes and hardened his tone. "They moved toward Abursque city," he said sternly.

Abursque city was the place where one of the castles of the dragon lord located, the same place they used as their last sanctuary.

But, more important than anything was; Rossie was there.

"If all the vampires and the spell-casters planned to attack that place at the same time, we don't have enough men to hold them back."

Kace looked contemplating, but Calleb pressed this matter, there was no way he would let something happen to Rossie, ignoring the fact that Kace wouldn't care much about her, still there was someone about whom Kace would absolutely care for...

"Eddard, Lana's son is there too..." Calleb said.

Chapter 960 - IN THAT CASE, YOU HAVE TO HELP ME

Upon hearing that, Kace gritted his teeth. He could care less about those people that he just knew by name, but how could he let something happen to Lana's son? Moreover he had not even seen the baby yet, since he was busy handling things regarding the war after the massacre.

Kace couldn't do anything for her when she needed help the most and she had to leave like that, under such disturbing circumstances.

It was not completely Torak's fault either, no one could be blamed fully for that disaster. However, it was all different from what they had been doing to their own people now, in order to keep their mate's safe. Though it sounded right for them to do so, their conscience still told them that they were starting to lose their minds for actually doing that to their own people.

They shouldn't do it, but it was just... they couldn't help it. Their fear of losing their mates was far greater than their conscience's reminders which wouldn't stop echoing inside their heads.

"Eddard, Lana's son, is there too. If something happen like the vampires did attack that place, I don't think that with the number of warriors we left there it will be possible to hold the situation." Calleb watched as Kace's expression changed and he knew he had said the right thing. "It will be a slaughter."

However, despite all the emotions that flashed on Kace's face, he didn't tell him anything as an answer to the Beta's question about what they had to do, or what they should do about them, yet.

Seeing that Kace didn't seem to speak any soon, Calleb sighed and resigned himself. He stood up and was about to leave the room, but before that, he turned around and faced Kace.

"My mate is taking care of Eddard there, though I will not be able to do anything in my current situation, just like you, I too want to be with my mate if you chose not to do anything about it." Calleb shrugged his shoulders. "I just want you to know."

It was almost as if Calleb said that he wouldn't listen to whatever order that he would receive from the Donovans if it was not about rescuing the people in that place, to rescue his mate, Rossie...

Even if did not make any sense just as it sounded, Calleb knew that he would do that, ignore the Alpha's order if he had to. Since he couldn't feel his beast, it would be easier to disobey them, right?

Calleb's decision was crazy, but so was the Donovans'. And the Beta just wanted what the three of them wanted...

Be with his mate...

However, before Calleb could leave the room, Kace spoke in a deep and clear voice, "Gather all the Alphas." Calleb was about to sigh in relief when he heard Kace next words.

"And tell my brothers to come too."

"You know they will not come."

"I will kick their a**, if they don't."

Calleb raised his brows. "Really?" he asked doubtfully.

And then he saw a smirk at the corner of Kace's lips for the first time, since the beginning of these hellish days, since the guardian angels fell unconscious. "However, you have to help me."

Calleb chuckled lightly along with Kace, and they knew everything would be all right if they executed their little thought right. "I don't think I will be much of help, though."

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Bree walked into the dungeon after confirming that the lycan warriors weren't paying any attention to her, after all, she was just a little girl and no one would think that she would sneak around in this place.

After that, Bree walked down the stairs and found the prison cells, where they held Lord Bayle captive.

She knew that she shouldn't be here and she would get herself into trouble if someone saw her here, but she couldn't help it.

The little girl bowed down to her own curiosity which got the best of her and given to that tender age of hers, she had less considerations about the predicament she might land into, if she met with the fire dragon lord without anyone's knowledge

Bree didn't know why but her curiosity was piqued ever since she saw the dragon lord.

"What are you doing here again, little girl?" A hoarse and harsh voice from one of the prison cells could be heard and Bree knew that voice belonged to the dragon lord.

"Playing," Bree answered and then she stood in front of Lord Bayle's cell. She stood as far as she could from that cell, but not too far enough, so she could still see the dragon lord who was sitting down on the cold ground, leaning his back against the wall. "You look old," she said without any particular meaning, she just told him what she saw.

The chuckle from Lord Bayle echoed through the walls when he heard the little girl's innocent confession.

"I think I should thank that guardian angel for giving me this appearance," he said. "Now, what are you doing here?"

"Playing," Bree repeated her answer, kicking the pebble beneath her feet lightly.

"You are playing here every day?" Lord Bayle raised his head and moved closer to the bars, where he could see the little girl more clearly.

At first, the dragon lord thought Bree would run away, since his current look was something that could even chase away the ghosts, but his guess was wrong; the little girl just looked at him with curiosity. But no fear.

Interesting.

Lord Bayle grabbed the bars and pressed his face close to it, staring at Bree. "What do you want sweetie pie? What actually brought you here?"

Bree blinked her eyes, but didn't speak for a whole minute, before she finally decided to open her mouth. "Are you a dragon shifter?"

Lord Bayle chuckled and spoke hoarsely, yet there was a sense of pride when he answered her back. "Yes. From the royal family," he said proudly.

"Can you shift into your beast? I want to see how a dragon looks like," Bree said, her eyes shone expectantly.

However, before she could hear the lord Bayle's response, they heard some commotion from the floor above, through the door that was left open.