

## **TLOA Lycan 981**

### **Chapter 981 - KILL THEM ALL**

Darkness engulfed Raine and she couldn't see where she was. action

But, she knew that Aeon was here, after all it was not the first time the shadow warrior took her to this realm.

Soon, Raine could feel his warm breath tracing down to her jaw and to the bottom of her collarbones, sending warmth to her lower abdomen.

Afterward, Raine felt his breath brush past her b.r.e.a.s.ts, as she gasped in surprise and a growl could be heard from behind her.

Raine closed her eyes again, even though it didn't make anything different, because everything was very dark here.

And then she could feel his calloused hand on her waist and she was pulled to him. His nose nuzzled the curve between her neck and shoulder, and Raine's breath hitched with torturous delight.

In the next second, Raine was being pushed to lie on the floor, as his lips wildly kissed her neck.

The part of her knew his embrace was the safest place for her, but deep down she was scared and felt there was something wrong with all of this.

"Mine."

Raine could hear Aeon's deep and low voice resonating in her ears.

As if the darkness sucked her into a deep hole and her mind reeled, her body turned stiff and numb.

A few moments later, Raine sucked in a breath of cold air when she regained her consciousness.

As she opened her eyes, the golden light from the sunrise enriched her vision, but not bright enough to make her eyes feel uncomfortable.

Raine raised her hands and rubbed her face. "Aeon, stop it," she said in a low and tired voice and then lowered her hand to glance at the man, who was sitting on the edge of her bed. "What happened to you?"

Before this, Aeon had never stepped out of the line, but what he did in the shadow realm was a close call.

"I am sorry," Aeon muttered and then stood up, his expression looked uncomfortable.

"What happened to you?" Raine sat down and stared at the shadow warrior. From the way he reciprocated her gaze, Raine knew there was something that bothered his mind.

"Nothing." Aeon shook his head. "I am sorry." And then he vanished into thin air.

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Torak approached Belinda, who was holding Purple in her arms, the witch was sobbing slightly, as she tried to heal the fae.

Upon a closer look, Torak could see what exactly happened to Purple.

It seemed that the dragon shifters had burned the fae's beautiful wings and now she was suffering in agony because of the pain on her back.

Belinda supported her head and casted a spell between her tears on the back of the fae, while Purple laid on her stomach, puffing out shallow breaths.

No blood could be seen oozing out from her wounds, but the burns and char on her skin was very glaring to the eyes.

"How is she?" Torak asked. His mind was in a disarray, as he tried to keep his sanity and the rage of his beast in check when he realized his mate was gone. Someone had taken her. The devils...

"I don't know..." Belinda said, her voice was shaking in fear. "I don't know how... her wings..."

Torak stretched out his hand and patted her shoulder in an attempt to calm her down. "It's okay."

On the other hand, Purple reached Torak's hand, as she muttered something. Her voice was very low, even with Torak's hearing ability, he couldn't hear it clearly. It was as if the fae just moved her lips.

Therefore, Torak bent his body and moved closer to her, to hear what she wanted to say...

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Lilac, Sybil and the other Alphas were flabbergasted at what they had witnessed, even though the horde of the dragons had long disappeared in the horizon.

They just snapped out of their reverie when Sebastian approached them. "My queen," He said politely, but there was an urgency in the way he spoke. "The dragon shifters..."

"I know," Lilac said immediately. Her eyes became a few shades darker. "What happened there?"

Even before Lilac could hear Sebastian's answer, she knew that something dreadful must have happened and the look on the general's countenance only amplified her conjectures.

"The devils managed to take Raine and Hope," Sebastian said, solidifying what Lilac had guessed.

"D\*mn it!" Lilac cursed loudly. Her slender body was shaking in rage. She was livid beyond words.

Her words managed to make the other Alphas and Stephan stop talking about the dragon beasts and put their attention back on Lilac solemnly. They didn't want to aggravate her any further.

"Are Torak and Kace here?!" Lilac's voice was very harsh, it was almost like she was cursing Sebastian, though that was not the case.

"Yes, they are in Raine's room." Sebastian flinched slightly when he received Lilac's angry gaze.

And then Lilac shifted her attention toward the Alphas. "Find the remaining fire dragon shifters and kill them all!" she said through gritted teeth.

She didn't need to show them mercy when the present situation was as clear as a day. Once again, the dragon shifters had betrayed them and chose to side with the devils.

This was why they didn't trust Stephan enough to lift the curse and prolong it as much as possible. While the dragon earth shifters didn't mind it so much, as they could feel that the lycanthropes didn't trust them yet, but the fire dragon shifters had a hidden agenda.

Therefore, there was no need to show them mercy.

"Yes, my queen." The Alphas answered in unison. They were a little bit surprised at Lilac's cruel order, but this was what they expected from their queen. Needless to say, they were satisfied with her decision.

Showing kindness to your enemies was a crime.

"Sybil, come with me," Lilac said to the witch and along with Sebastian, they headed to the place where Raine's was room located.

[Jedrek, the dragon people...] Lilac mind- linked Jedrek on her way.

[I know,] Jedrek replied to her immediately. [I can already see them now, they are here.]

#### **Chapter 982 - PLEASE BE SAFE**

[I know,] Jedrek replied to her immediately. [I can already see them now, they are here.]

Lilac felt her chest tighten with fear, despite her acting tough and assured earlier, she couldn't help but worry about her mate and Jedrek could feel it through the bond that they shared.

[Take care of the things there, I will handle the situation here,] Jedrek said calmly. He didn't want to stress his mate more than this.

[Please be safe...]

Please be safe...

Lilac whispered in her heart, just like she was chanting a spell...

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Jedrek watched as the fire dragon beasts burned everything down to the ground, not only the creatures from hell, but everything... literally everything...

"Alpha... we need to back off!" Jack, Torak's Gamma, tried to talk to Jedrek, as the latter was still in a daze after hearing Lilac's voice.

He had an urge to see her. How long had it been since the last time they talked to each other? However, that was only his impulsiveness and he knew better than anything that more important things have to be taken care of first.

Jedrek glanced over his shoulder at the building behind him, it seemed like a school building, which still stood solidly.

"Bring all the people inside there," Jedrek said impassively.

"But, we are supposed to run away from this place," Jack saw the dragon beasts that were flying in the sky, breathing fire. If they didn't run as far as they could, surely they would be burned into ashes. Not even a concrete building could protect them now.

However, Jedrek didn't listen to him and repeated his order. "Bring all the people inside."

Theo, who was standing next to Jack, tugged his fellow lycan and nodded to the building that was pointed by Jedrek.

[Just follow his order,] Theo mind- linked him.

Jack was about to protest, but he swallowed it and ran toward the other lycanthropes, relying what Jedrek had ordered him and now the remaining lycan warriors and the Alphas, who survived until now rushed toward the building, looking for a shelter.

Meanwhile, Jedrek stood right in front of the gate and watched with cold eyes when one of the dragon beasts noticed him and flew straight toward him, breathing fire.

From the way the dragon beast looked at Jedrek, the king knew it was the new dragon lord, Theseus and he was about to set him on fire, yet the lycan didn't budge.

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Today was the first day of the new semester for Raine and she just arrived at her school when she saw a commotion.

"What happened?" Raine asked Kai, who was walking beside her.

"You don't know? Torak Donovan is here." Kai ate his chicken wrap and looked at Raine, munching as he continued talking. "Donovan company will open their new branch here and Torak Donovan had been in this city for more than two months, now he will be the guest of honor to give an opening speech for our new semester. All the lecturers were going crazy about this."

There... that strange feeling hit Raine yet again when she heard that certain name.

She felt flustered and agitated at the same time.

While walking to their classroom, Raine was listening to Kai chatter about how he was excited to see Torak Donovan in person and how he spent his holiday, but for some reason, Raine turned to a different corridor.

"Raine, where are you going?" Kai followed her and thought that the girl wanted to buy something to eat, since they were now walking in the direction of the canteen.

But, Raine stopped walking when she saw him.

This was the same person, who often appeared with Torak, his personal assistant with the name Raphael Lockwood. Of course Raine knew about him, since she had been spending days collecting information on Torak.

Raphael was talking to one of the lecturers when they walked passed Raine.

Kai nodded his head politely to greet the two people, but Raine stood there, dumbstruck when Raphael and her eyes met for two seconds.

And when they had walked away, Kai turned around to face Raine, but he realized something. "Raine, why are you crying?!" he was hysterical.

"Huh?" Raine didn't know that she was crying, yet when her fingers touched her cheeks, she could feel the moisture of her tears.

"What happened? Something's bothering you?" Kai bombarded her with questions, but Raine didn't say anything.

How could she know why she was crying? She just felt like crying when she saw Raphael...

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Lilac arrived at Raine's room, which was now turned upside down, as if it had been caught in fire, which was actually true, since Belinda and the fire dragon shifters were engaged in a fight earlier.

Behind her, Sebastian, Stephan and Sybil followed closely.

The first thing they saw was Belinda, who was holding Purple in her arms and Torak, who knelt down beside them, while Kace sat down, grabbing his hair in an attempt to calm himself down.

However, Lilac could see that their eyes had turned bright red, the indication that their beasts were livid and they were ready to lash out.

One Donovan with red eyes was not a good sign, not to mention there were two now. All of a sudden, every sound was nullified, even the sound of their footsteps could no longer be heard and the room fell into dead silence.

Lilac's figure appeared on the doorstep and the moment Torak and Kace realized her presence, they directed their attention toward her.

On the other hand, Lilac didn't falter at all, she held their gaze that filled with wrath bravely, because she knew the hostility was not for her.

It was understandable, the devils had taken their mates and the situation was not in their favor now, it was already good enough that they didn't go feral at a time like this.

"What is it?" Lilac approached them and her attention shifted to the fae in the witch's arms and a soft gasp escaped her lips when she noticed her burned back. "What happened to her?"

However, instead of replying to her question, Torak looked at Stephan and spoke, "come here."action

### **Chapter 983 - THE FLAMES**

Stephan looked at Torak worriedly. He didn't want to be close to this Alpha when his beast was more livid than his human's side, but did he have any other choice?

Thus, carefully, he shuffled over and crouched down on Purple's other side, facing Torak. "Yes, Alpha?" he asked timidly, as polite as he could, so that he wouldn't be the subject of his wrath now. Torak just lost Raine and it was more than terrifying to see him as calm as this rather than wreck some havoc.

These Donovans were unpredictable...

The young dragon lord was trying to calm his nerves, but he lost his cool when he saw Torak's outstretched hand.

Stephan immediately reacted. He raised both of his hands in a surrender gesture and tried to lean back his body as far as he could, to avoid Torak's hand, yet his reaction was only rewarded with a low growl that came deep from the Alpha's throat.

It was terrifying and threatening.

"I didn't do anything! I swore! I don't know the betrayal planned by the other dragon lord!" Stephan's eyes were fixed on the hand that stretched out toward him. "I don't have any involvement in this!"

"Shut up!" Torak snarled grimly. His whine only made his wolf furious and he had been holding his beast from doing something unnecessary.

In an instant Stephan closed his mouth and froze. Only when Torak retracted his hand back, could the young dragon lord sigh in relief.

Stephan didn't know that this role would be this exhausting and scary, especially when he had to keep up with the other Alphas and prominent figures.

No wonder his brother went crazy. He too felt like he would go berserk at any moment from now.

"Hold her hand," Torak said grimly. He nodded to Purple, whose breathing was becoming more and more shallow by each passing second.

"Why?" Stephan still looked slightly worried, but he knew it was better to do what he was told. Thus he he slowly reached for the fae's hand before looking back at Torak with puzzled face.

"I will fulfill my promise to your kind." Torak knew he had to do this. There was no way he could fight a horde of dragons while they breathed fire at everything that came in their way. Not to mention about the creatures from hell and the humans, who thought they were in a war with non-human existence and of course the seven deadly sins, who mastered the power of the guardian angels.

That was simply too much.

It seemed that the centuries of cold war between the three Donovan brothers had caused far too many troubles that they couldn't even oversee any single one of them.

No matter how hard they tried to be cooperative with one another after their reunion, it still left this gap among them and now they could finally see how big that gap was after it had overthrown their hasty preparations.

On the other hand, although dissolving the vow with the earth dragon shifters was simply another big gamble, but this was something worthy giving a try.

Torak just hoped that it would turn out well... If not...

And, he didn't even want to start thinking about Raine. She would be fine, the devils needed the guardian angels alive more than they needed them dead, that was the only comfort that Torak could count on because he would break down the moment he thought the other way and nothing good would be happening when the anxiety crashed all over him hard.

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After all the lycan warriors sought shelter behind the building of the school as per their King's instructions, Jedrek stood right in front of its gates, staring straight at the dragon beast above his head that wouldn't stop breathing fire.

Dark clouds framed that dreadful creature's features as smoke raised from the burning ground.

From its nostril, Jedrek knew that this beast could set him ablaze with one single yet full potential attack from it and there was no way he would stand a chance, or at least that was what the other lycans behind his back tried to tell him.

Jack, Torak's supreme Gamma and Lyrus, his royal Beta, flanked the king, as Theo, the general, was next to him.

"Jedrek, you must go." Lyrus put down his formalities, for now his king's safety overrode everything. He got anxious the moment the dragon beast flapped its wings vigorously and its head tipped back, ready to set them on fire. "Or, if you have any idea, I think you should go for it now."

And when they saw a big fire ball accumulating in the dragon beast's mouth and the shouts from behind them from all the warriors, begging their king to back off, grew louder, Lyrus threw himself in front of Jedrek, in order to protect his king.

Ignoring the fact that it would mean nothing and the fire would turn them all into ashes, regardless of what he did.

In the next second, everything turned bright as blazing fire surrounded them, until the sight of it alone blinded their vision.

Hot air prickled their skins, the atmosphere turned humid and dry as all the oxygen was sucked out of their surroundings.

The flames only got bigger and bigger, it did not only cover their sights, but also the dark sky above them. It successfully hid the gloomy sky that they had been seeing for the last few months.

For the first time the dark cloud was out of sight and the entire sky lit up, yet it was not in a good way.

However, after some time, Lyrus realized something. The most important thing; they weren't burned. Not like what he thought they would. The heat scorched their skin, but they were fine. action

Slowly, Lyrus opened his eyes and the first thing that he saw was the eyes of the king. They were in the color of white, almost silver, just like the fur of his beast.

Lyrus was flabbergasted, he had never known this. This was the first time he saw Jedrek in this state, so how could he know what was the meaning behind it?

Yet, when he turned around his body, he could see the true power of a Donovan.

The firebird grew bigger and that creature fought the fire from the dragon with its own fire, creating a barricade of flames around them.

#### **Chapter 984 - EVERY PIECE FELL INTO ITS PLACE**

The barricade of flames that the fire bird had created to encircle all the area of this building, safe from the massacre of those dragon beasts.

It created high walls that surrounded them like a fortress. And, prevented their enemies to move closer to them and do more harm than they could face right now.

It was fascinating to see, but at the same time almost terrifying.

"My king..." Lyrus was lost for words, but he was not the only one.

Jack who fell to his knees earlier, thinking he would die from the heat alone, was still trembling in his crouching position, but when he finally realized that he was still alive, he couldn't even utter a single word upon seeing the sight that greeted him right after he lifted his head up.

What was that? He had never seen such a scene...

It was magnificent and frightening... the Gamma couldn't even move a muscle. Not now...

Theo, who had lost his ability to say a word, since that night attack in the castle, could only look around him and take step a back, shivering.

Meanwhile, the other lycan warriors, who were trying to tell the king to back off and created a commotion among themselves, had turned silent. Their facial expressions' turned into one of an awe, as the sense of safety and faith crept in their hearts.

Seeing what Jedrek's power could do, there was still a chance for them to survive this...

Meanwhile, Jedrek still didn't budge. He kept his eyes fixed on the firebird that still continued to spew fire, fighting fire with fire, and within from this flame fortress it created, they could hear the roar of the dragon beast for his failed attempt to exterminate the remaining lycans on the battle ground.

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Raine didn't know why she was crying when she saw the billionaire's personal assistant, it didn't seem like she knew him either, but there was something that stirred within her. It made her restless and feel utter despair. She couldn't explain it in words. Her emotions were all over the place and she wanted nothing, but to approach him, as though that was the right thing to do now.

However, what would she say to him? How could she explain herself for such a crazy act, yet her heart craved to see him, as if Raphael was someone that she had long been missing. He felt like a family... Like a brother that she had never had...



It was crazy, Raine knew, but she couldn't help it.

If it was not for Kai, who was still standing beside her and holding her arm which prevented her from storming out to chase after that man, Raine would have done the most stupidest thing in her life.

"What happened Raine?" he asked with his brows furrowed deeply. Raine was crying and it must be something personal. It was very rare to see her like this.

"I don't know..." Raine shook her head and wiped the remaining tears that still stained her cheeks, as she stared gloomily at Raphael's back that disappeared at the corner of the corridor.

Right at that time, from the corner of her eyes, she could see Aeon, standing near a big tree, in the yard. His features were covered in the shadow, but the sadness in his eyes was prominent, it made Raine remember what had happened six nights back, in the shadow realm.

Aeon had never visited her ever since...

The fact that the shadow warrior was here, he must have something to say to her and Raine was more than willing to talk about it.

"I am all right Kai," Raine shook her head to clear her mind. "But, can you go to the class first? I have something to do." Raine looked at her best friend, with a pleading gaze. action

"No, I am not leaving you." How could Kai leave her when she was emotionally unstable like this.

"Kai, I need to be alone." Raine's tone was firm, but seeing the concern in Kai's eyes, her features softened. "Please..." she pleaded him softly.

For a moment, Kai wanted to rebut her, but he knew better that Raine was feeling a little bit off today, maybe some time alone for herself was all she needed. "I will wait for you in the class and if you didn't come before the class starts, I will skip the class with you." He winked at her playfully and ruffled her hair before he walked in the other direction.

Raine smiled at his gesture and sighed before she trudged to the spot where she saw Aeon.

The wind brisked gently against her skin. She loved the weather. It was serene and lessened the tension that she felt earlier. When she reached the spot where Aeon was, she called his name and he appeared from the shadows of the tree.

The two of them didn't talk for a moment, but then Aeon breached the silence between them. "Raine, I want you to go home."

"Hm?" Raine tilted her head, not understanding what he was saying. She thought he would apologize for what he did, but as it turned out, he asked her something that she didn't even think about. "Why?"

Aeon shuffled anxiously, his eyes looked down at the ground. He avoided looking into her eyes, as if he had done committed something outrageous.

"I want you to stay at home. The whole day." Aeon repeated his words, his eyes still didn't meet with hers. "Please." He was practically begging her with that tone.

"What happened?" Raine took a step closer and held his hands, squeezed them lightly, indicating her plea for him to look at her.

And Aeon did. But, at the same time, Raine could hear a deep low growl from behind her and Aeon became furious. Out of instinct, he pulled Raine closer to him and hid her behind his back, not wanting this intruder to see her.

However, it was too late, Raine had seen the red eyes of the other man and every piece that she was worried about finally fell into place...

Her lips pursed to whisper his name...

"Torak..."

And it brought all the memories back.

### **Chapter 985 - A DANGEROUS GAMBLE**

The mass of vampires, who have been camping outside of the earth dragon shifters' castle watched as a girl, around the age of thirteen or fourteen, walk in with confidence, all calm and composed. She carried herself very well and the aura around her demanded for them to oblige her, which was a little bit disturbing, since all of them couldn't sense what this young girl was. She looked like a mere human.

Yet, there was something about her that felt very dark and threatening.

"I have been waiting for you so long, what took you so long, Terra?" Dimitri said. He looked pleased when he watched the girl make her way toward him.

The girl named Terra turned around to face the crowd, as her purple cloak fluttered around her small body.

"I brought an order from Beelzebub," she said calmly.

"What is it?" Dimitri's eyes glinted with excitement, especially when he noticed the subtle way Terra glanced at the castle behind them.

"Something interesting, of course," Terra replied with a vicious smirk. She was full of herself for getting assigned with this task. She loved how her handiwork would look like later when they managed to complete it. "Shall we go inside?"

The smirk on Dimitri's lips grew more vicious, it made Xerxes frown deeply. He wondered from where exactly Dimitri knew this strange girl.

"So, this is the time?" Dimitri followed behind Terra, who was walking straight toward the high perimeter of the castle, ready to take it down.

"Yes," Terra said joyfully, her eyes gleamed with something terrifying and the vampires found themselves reluctant to ask her origin.

This girl was darker than when the rest of them were combined...

"There is a baby inside this castle... find him and bring him to me alive," Terra said before she stopped walking just a few meters away from the castle gates, which were now heavily blocked and guarded. The lycan warriors behind it were ready to take down anyone who trespassed their defenses.

However, the problem was; how long could they keep up with the fight?

It didn't look like they would be able to stand their ground for long.

On the other hand, when Dimitri heard what Terra said, he relayed the word to his people and made sure that they understood the gist of it.

Most of them only nodded their heads, but their eyes still lingered on Terra, filled with confusion, yet there was something about her that left them hesitant to question her and Dimitri's status made them follow his order without much protests to voice out.

After all, this was what they wanted, taking down the sanctuary of the lycanthropes which was occupied by important Lycans or their mates.

"What will you do?" Xerxes's interest was piqued when he saw Terra drawing a circle around her with a dry branch that she found, on the ground.

The girl tilted her head and grinned, the kind of grin that you didn't want to see. "Watch and learn," she said secretively. "It will be something grandiose... you better take a few steps back."

Dimitri took Xerxes' elbow and dragged him away from the little girl.

More than hundred pairs of eyes watched what Terra was about to do and no one could predict what would happen next.

Meanwhile, after Terra completed drawing a total of three circles around her, she looked up toward the sky and stretched out both of her hands, as if she was about to reach for something, while chanting something in an ancient language that Beelzebub had taught her.

It was a spell. A dark spell.

Xerxes had encountered many dark witches, so he knew what the spell was about... but, what did this girl intend to call?

However, his question was answered almost immediately when he heard a rumble from the dark sky as lightning struck across the horizon, creating a bright streak of light in the murky clouds.

Subsequently, a series of rumblings came from the sky, yet they were different from the thunderous sounds ensued a lightening. These sounded more powerful and felt like they came from something that was alive...

A loud gasp erupted from the masses they watched some movement; more precisely something flying behind the dark clouds.

And after that gasp, they shrieked in disbelief when that something showed it true self.

It was a dragon! action

A dragon beast!

The kind that had been deemed not to appear in that form because of the spell placed by the lycanthropes on them.

But, how could this happen?!

"Is that a dragon beast?!" Xerxes was in disbelief, not to mention him, even Dimitri didn't have any prior knowledge about this.

The people behind the two vampires backed away, when a dragon lunged onto the ground and flapped its majestic wings, just in time not to be swiped off their feet.

Once again, Terra turned around and faced the astounded vampires. "Shall we begin the eradication?" she smiled softly and harmlessly.

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All of the lycans gathered around in the front yard. They were in awe as they watched the magnificent earth dragon beasts before their eyes, as their mouth opened slightly agape.

There were around fifty earth dragon beasts before their eyes and all of them seemed confused and didn't know what they should do, as they tried to flap their wings as if testing which caused more damage around them, yet they couldn't fly like what the rest of the people expected.

It was very confusing, since this was the first time they had shifted into their beasts and was not able to adapt well.

How could the fire dragon beast could do it so easily? Since it was their first time to shift too...

"I hope you have made the right decision regarding this." Kace stood beside Torak watching the beasts, and narrowed his eyes when they made rumbling sounds and destroyed a line of trees.

"Let's hope so," Torak said, there was no emotion in the way he talked, because he didn't want to show it.

On the other hand, Lilac was ready to take the beasts down if they made any threatening moves. No one could guarantee which side they would take.

It was a dangerous gamble, after all.

### **Chapter 986 - I WILL BRING LILAC TO HIM**

It was a dangerous gamble after all and they would be risking everything if these beasts turned their backs on them right now.

The fire dragon shifters already found to be more than enough trouble for them, they didn't need one more kind to side with their enemies. It would be best to exterminate all the possible dangers for them once and for all.

On the other hand, Torak stepped forward and stretched out his hand toward the dragon lord, more precisely toward Stephan's beast.

His beast looked majestic and was bigger than the rest of his kind, but he was feeling all the same like his own people, utterly clueless. action

When Torak walked closer, he narrowed his eyes at the lycan, who was no bigger than his palm, but there was something about him that made the beast cautious and not dare to make any reckless move, especially when he acknowledged the guardian angel.

The aura around Lilac emanated nothing, but coldness. She made her intention clear that she wouldn't think twice before attacking.

Stephan then looked to the other side and find one more pair of red eyes that looked at him intently. Kace lost Hope, thus at this moment there was nothing that would hold him back from destroying any ally of his enemy.

The dragon beast then focused on the person in front of him again.

Torak stretched his hand and looked at the beast straight in front of him, in his eyes. Though his face was expressionless and cold, but various unconcealed emotions danced behind his red eyes.

But, hurt and angry were the two most prominent of them.

The lycan was hurt because he couldn't protect his mate, again, regardless what he had swore to her and himself and the beast was livid inside of him, ready to wreck havoc, yet his human side, with the little bit rationality left in him, was trying to restrain his beast side from doing so.

It was frustrating and tiring him out... both mentally and physically, since both sides of his inner self was contradicting with one another.

Kace knew that feeling very well since he had been dealing with it for long time, but Torak was different... he couldn't face it as smooth as his brother did.

Therefore, he couldn't think of any words that he would say when he stretched out his hand. His intention was clear; he wanted to see whether the dragon would submit to him or not.

Few more seconds passed at a snail's pace while the beast only tilted its big and scaly head, either staring at Torak or his stretching hand.

The remaining Alpha's behind the Donovans held their breath, in spite of the fact that they knew the earth dragon shifter wouldn't breath fire, but it didn't mean they couldn't do something equally worse than that.

Some more seconds passed and the beast slowly lowered his head, staring at Torak's hand cautiously, he was reluctant, but finally he bent his body, folding his huge wings and bent its knees to be on the same level as the Supreme Alpha.

Despite the dragon beast being a different kind from the lycanthropes, but they had been under the protection of Torak for a really long time and Stephan was not his brother, who had some personal hatred toward the lycanthropes.

As easy going as he was, Stephan didn't care or have concerns much about the power that the dragon beast could have if the lycanthropes, the Donovans, didn't force the vow on their ancestor.

Maybe that was the reason, why the human side of the dragon beast was willing to bow down to this Alpha, or maybe the beast knew its role in this war and showed its gratitude for being released from the sacred vow.

In the end, the dragon beast closed its eyes and let Torak touch its head.

Only then could the other lycanthropes sigh in relief.

And only when the other dragon beasts bowed down after seeing what their lord had done, could Lilac lower her guard.

On the other hand, Kace closed his eyes, trying to reach his mate, but to no avail...

[Hold on for a while, everything will be in place soon...]

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Serefina walked with ease seeing the situation around her.

Scattered dead bodies and the blood soaked on the ground, with fear and despair hanging very low in the air, but that was not all, because it was not even minute before those dead lycans moved their bodies and slowly rose up, with their dismembered bodies, gathering around the other creatures from hell.

The pure blooded witch's green eyes stared at them emotionlessly. There was nothing she was afraid of since those filthy creatures wouldn't attack her and the one who came close enough to her, would be turned into ashes if she felt their proximity irritating.

Serefina tilted her head and watched the dragon beasts flying in the dark sky. It was her first time seeing so many dragon beasts after all these centuries

Yet, it didn't fascinate her at all, as her focal point was on the flames of wall not too far from her.

It was way too intense until it lit up the sky behind, it turned the area around bright with its orange hues, the heat could be felt from the spot where Serefina was standing.

Serefina could only close her eyes when she realized what Jedrek had done. She was too late...

Yet, this was much better than what she imagined. Because more worse things awaited the Donovans.

"Finally you are here." Mammon appeared out of thin air, looking as exquisite as ever with his black hoodie and a calm demeanor.

"Why? Miss me?" Serefina didn't stop walking and the devil let out a grunt when he had to follow the witch.

"Don't mock us. I can kill you right here, right now!" he growled.

Serefina chuckled when she heard his threat. "Unfortunately, you can't." She didn't even hide the mocking undertone now, as she laughed with glee.

"You!" Mammon almost lost it, but Serefina turned around suddenly and glared at him, so vicious that it stopped him frozen in his spot.

"Do tell Lucifer, I will bring Lilac to him."

### **Chapter 987 - I CAN BRING YOU THERE**

"Do tell Lucifer, I will bring Lilac to him," Serefina said calmly and after saying that, she waved her hand nonchalantly, dismissing him with a goodbye. "I know he needs the other guardian angel too."

At this point, of course the witch was well informed that Raine and Hope were already in the hands of the devils and only Lilac was left for them to obtain.

"Do you think we trust you!?" Mammon shouted out loud, throwing a dirty look at the back of the retreating witch.

"Do you think you have a choice?" Serefina didn't even spare him another glance as she talked over her shoulder and burned another dead lycan who was raising from his death, as if taunting Mammon to do something about it.

And another, followed by one more...

She burned every creature that was within her reach as she walked over the bloody ground, leaving a chuckle for the devil to hear.

At this point, she looked more devilish than the devil itself.

Serefina was in her element and on the top of her own game now...

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Caleb and Ethan sat quietly in the silent and dark room. They didn't talk and couldn't remember how many minutes or hours that had passed since they were in this cubicle, without anyone being aware about their whereabouts.

The worst of it was; they didn't have enough strength to tear down the measly steel that locked them up. It was both embarrassing and frustrating to realize this.

However, if the lycanthropes could get rid of those filthy fire dragon shifters roaming in this place now, they would eventually realize that they were missing. They would come looking for them.

Yet, it was already so long and their anxiousness only grew with each passing second. action

"Do you think there will be someone out there, who will realize that we are missing?" Ethan tried to engage Caleb in a conversation, who had been quiet with his eyes closed this entire time. He knew the Supreme Beta wasn't sleeping.

"Of course they will know," Caleb murmured. "If the situation out there had been settled, they will realize that we have been missing and then follow our scents to this sh\*tty place," he cursed under his breath.

Caleb had been dreadful after he sensed a sudden pain from the mate bond. It would only indicate one thing and Caleb didn't even want to start thinking about it.

And when the pain didn't continue after a few moments, he sighed in relief. Rossie was fine. He would have enough time to reach her. They would find a way to get there.

Caleb repeated those few words like a charm. His hands were clammy and his heart was beating fast. He was sure Ethan could hear it from the opposite side too, but thankfully he didn't say anything about it.

When Ethan was about to talk again, they heard a rumbling sound from behind the door. It sounded very hectic and as if there was something trying to break the door down.

"What is that?" Ethan immediately stood up, prompting Caleb to do the same.

They perked up their ears to listen carefully to understand the cause of that commotion. But, it only lasted for a few minutes before the sound died down altogether and everything turned quiet once again.

Ethan and Caleb stared at each other, brows furrowed in confusion.

However...

"AARRGGH!" Both of them backed away in an instant when they noticed the door being set ablaze, red flames danced on the collapsed door and its frames.

However, a broad smile appeared on their lips when they noticed the majestic phoenix flying very low and cooed upon catching a sight of Caleb and Ethan.

During the past few days, Caleb would be with Raine and she would be with Hope along with this mythical bird, therefore it was not strange for the phoenix to recognize him.

Meanwhile, Ethan would occasionally feed it, hence the bird also recognized him.

Behind the Phoenix were, a few more lycanthropes who flooded this silent room and created chaos upon finding Caleb and Ethan.

"I don't believe it. The bird found us first before our people did." Caleb's tone was slightly hurt, but it didn't mean he was not grateful.

James, the head of the lycan warriors, tore apart the steel easily with his bare hands and grinned at Caleb which could be counted as his way of mocking him.

A friendly mock, but still he looked down on him and it hurt the Beta's pride.

"Stop smiling like that, you're making me want to smack your face," Caleb grumbled as he walked past the hole that James had created and the head of the warriors laughed. "Good to know that at least there is someone happy here."

Caleb was sullen, but he caressed the phoenix gently.

"Stop being grumpy!" James smacked his back and gestured at the other five warriors that came with him to lead them out of this place. "You will not believe what had happened while you are locked up here."



Caleb rolled his eyes. "Try me, I am at the point to believe all the impossible."

That was what Caleb said, but the moment he heard what really occurred and saw for himself the dragon beasts in the front yard, him being stunned would be an understatement.

Because, in front of him, was not just one beast, rather it was a horde of mighty dragon beasts! Even the considerably huge yard, looked very crowded with those creatures occupying it.

"Bloody hell..." Caleb and Ethan cursed under their breath when they watched one of the dragon beast shifted back into his human skin, followed by the rest of them.

"Right, bloody hell..." James murmured beside Caleb. "This is my first time seeing something like this."

"Me too," Ethan chimed in.

It went same for Caleb, but more important things drilled his head right now, thus he didn't waste another second to approach Torak.

When all the dragon beasts had shifted back, Caleb saw Stephan, who was crouching down on the ground, face down, he looked beyond shocked for experiencing all of this for the first time.

"Torak, we need to talk," Caleb said. "The sanctuary is under the siege of the vampires..."

"I can bring you there," Lilac intervened.

#### **Chapter 988 - DENYING HER FATE**

"I can bring you there," Lilac intervened.

She knew what Caleb wanted to say to Torak and she already found the solution to that problem. Lilac couldn't say it earlier because there were a few things that she needed to settle down first and the event with the dragon shifters only delayed it further.

"Could you?" Torak turned around and faced the guardian angel, while Caleb practically jumped in excitement, since Lilac offered a breakthrough for this painstaking situation.

"I just figured it now... your problem is with the spell around the sanctuary which prevented you from teleporting into that place." Lilac touched her chin. "I think I can help you with it."

"But, you are not a witch," Caleb stated the obvious. He didn't mean to crush the new hope that he just got, he just wanted to make things clear for them.

"Obviously," Lilac said, rolling her eyes. "I am a guardian angel."

On the side, Sebastian listened to what Lilac wanted to say silently. It looked very strange as what he came to know about the guardian angel all this while was differing way too far from the first time he met her.

Now, he respected her like the queen she was and, just like Jedrek, Sebastian put his loyalty on her. Since Jedrek had trusted Lilac under his protection, he would do everything to ensure her safety.

"How will you do that?" Torak asked.

"The blood of a guardian angel could strengthen your power. In case you forgot," Lilac reminded them about the reason why the guardian angels were being chased centuries ago and also the reason why their kind needed to seek protection from the shadow warriors.

Not to mention about fact that the blood of the guardian angel that was taken willingly was more powerful. It was also for this same reason that Lidya couldn't take Hope's blood without her consent, since it would spoil everything and the effect wouldn't be up to her expectations.

Torak narrowed his eyes. A lot of things happened these past few weeks and the thought that he could take blood from his mate would always be an out of option, thus that little fact was almost forgotten by him.

"Caleb," Torak said, his eyes were still on Lilac. "Bring all the Alphas and the lycan warriors with you."

Before this, six Alphas and two hundreds lycan warriors were delegated to assist Caleb, but because of the magic that surrounded the place, they couldn't teleport themselves in.

And now, since the problem had been solved by Lilac, they could continue with their initial plan.

Caleb didn't even waste one more second before he dashed to gather all the people that he needed with James' help.

"Sybil, come with me," Lilac said and the two of them separated themselves from the others, so she could tell the witch what she should do.

On the other hand, Torak saw Stephan and the rest of the earth dragon shifters, who were still sitting on the ground, still reeling from their shock.

"Get up," Torak said to the dragon lord. "There are a lot of things to talk." He didn't want to waste any more time now, since his mate was in the devil's hands, his calmness was only a fa?ade over the rage that was brewing inside.

Slowly, Stephan got up and looked at Torak.

From the look on the Supreme Alpha's eyes, he knew the war had just began for them.

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The last thing that Raine saw and remembered was Torak's red eyes and his furious expression, but the very next second when she blinked her eyes, something changed, No everything changed

She saw the sky turning red in the blink of an eye.

A bright red shade that was akin to blood. Even the sun was glaring in crimson color, as if it was angry.

For some unknown reason, Raine could feel her heartbeat quicken and her body trembled violently. She knew where she was. She had seen this scene before... and she didn't like it even one bit.

Raine balled her fists beside her body to make things clear in her head, since she already knew what she was going to see next, it wouldn't scare her like the first time, right?

Yet, she was proven wrong, because the moment her eyes landed on the ground beneath her, it was the most horrible thing that she had ever seen.

Worse than anything.

Raine's hand flew to cover her mouth to prevent herself from screaming at the top of her lungs. Tears started to fall from her eyes like a heavy rain.

Beneath her feet was the dismembered bodies, blood and many horrible things that she couldn't explain. However, she had seen all of this.

She had seen this when Torak took her to Rieka and to seek answers from the stone.

Raine did get an answer about the future that she wanted to know. However, how could this be the future? What future could it be when there was no life?

No!

This couldn't happen!

It was clear to see that all the living beings had died during the war. The death of the lycanthropes and the fall of all shifters.

This couldn't be true...

Raine closed her eyes once again. She shut them very tight, not willing to open them again if the scenes that greeted her were the same dreadful scenes.

And then Serefina's words echoed in her mind about the purpose of the resurrection of the guardian angels.

If she was still alive... then it meant the war had been won by the devils...

Serefina had made it clear since the very beginning that the death of the guardian angels was necessary to stop the war. action

The witch had repeated her words countless times and she just ignored it because she thought it was only Serefina's way to hurt her and it was Torak and the other people around her, also her will to live that said otherwise...

Raine felt her chest caved in.

In one second she was living a happy life, but in the next, the reality hit her hard. This was what would happen if she avoided the things that were bound to happen and denied her fate...

## **Chapter 989 - HER DECISION**

And the second time Raine opened her eyes was when she felt all the light around her dim all of sudden, turning her surroundings dark instantly. She was in the same room, on the very night of the death of her parents.

Raine was holding the huge blade, ready to kill the two creatures who were about to kill her parents. On the other side, she could see a smiling Belphegor, staring at her lazily.

"Hi again, Raine..." he waved his hand and smirked. "How is it? Happy with your decision?"

Raine fell to the floor and the blade in her hand clattered on the ground in the quiet, loudly. The time was stilled, but it was not her doing. It was Belphegor's handiwork.

"How..." Her breathe became uneven and her face contorted with dreadful thoughts. "What..." tears were rolling down her cheeks. "How could you do that...?"

Belphegor tilted his head, as if Raine was asking the most obvious thing. "I hold the same power as you, Hope and Lilac." He shrugged nonchalantly, as if that was not a big deal for him.

Raine shook her head. "What I saw..." she couldn't finish her words, her mind reeled with the thoughts of what she had gone through all this while. That was definitely not a dream.

Meanwhile, the devil took a leisurely walk to approach Raine and knelt down before her, his eyes looked at the girl curiously and then he chuckled in merry.

"Did you see that? Time is a dangerous thing, honey..." Belphegor stretched out his hand and with his slender finger, he tipped Raine's head so he could clearly see the fear dancing in Raine's eyes, it whirled wildly. "Don't mess up with time and don't avoid the things that were bound to happen." He shrugged his shoulders. action

Raine was trembling. She swatted Belphegor's hand that pinched her chin, not wanting to be touched by the devil.

Belphegor then fell on his back and looked at the guardian angel, amused. Raine was staring at her parents, with palpable fear prancing wildly in her eyes.

"What is the meaning of all this?" Her voice was very low, trembling. She could feel that she wouldn't like the answer, but she still asked him nonetheless.

Belphegor tilted his head. "Nothing." His golden eyes stared at Raine deeply. He wanted to put as much fear as possible in her, dismantle this guardian angel mentally and keep her in this realm. "I just like to see fear in your eyes."

This was what Serefina had said about Raine's fear. The devils could feel her fear and were tempted to use it to their own benefit.

The way Raine grew up was completely different from Hope and Lilac. She was totally clueless about any other worlds aside from her human world.

She grew up holding into a painful past which tainted her soul, her very soul of a guardian angel.

Raine was hopelessly broken when Torak finally found her and though she managed to get better, his presence in her life wasn't enough to heal her completely.

Her soul was still not at ease, meanwhile the essence of the guardian angel, the true power of their strength always came from their soul.

Therefore, how could Raine use the best of her power with that kind of soul? Even though she had already tapped into her power, there was so much room for her to do more...

She was something more entirely...

Hence, before Raine could overcome it on her own, no amount of external help could do this anything better for her.

"Why are you telling me this?" Her voice was still a whisper, but her eyes hardened, demanding for an answer.

"Because I can do it and this makes my immortal life feel less dull." Belphegor attempted to touch Raine's hair, but she swatted his hand again and moved back, out of his arm's reach. "Go on, you can kill the two creatures again and maybe the future will change if you tried something different. Who knows?"

This was one of the reasons why Serefina told Raine that; in spite of the fact that she could go back to the past, she was not allowed to change anything... because things could become worse than they already were.

The power to change something was a temptation itself. Another hurdle that Raine should overcome.

"So, do you want to change this again?" Belphegor waved his hand and the time was ticking again.

On the other hand, Raine watched the two creatures make their move against her parents, ready to kill them and she could stop them again, but...

No.

This time Raine didn't stop them, but a heart wrenching scream left her mouth when the two creatures did what they had done to her parents ten years ago.

At the back of her head, she could still feel how it was to grow up with parents beside her. However, the rationale part of her mind reminded about how it would all end up when she tried to intervene with the past...

Everything repeated once again before Raine's eyes and Belphegor only watched in amusement when he saw the fear wrecking her soul even more.

Her screams couldn't be heard, thus no matter how many times she asked them to stop, they simply didn't hear her plea...

Yet, the worst part was; this was just the beginning.

Raine knew what kind of life that she would see after this night and she was forced to relive it again.

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Solemnly, Serefina watched the wall of fire before her eyes and the dragon beasts in the sky that tried to fly past it, yet they were burned in an instant.

This fire was made to kill and even a fire dragon beast couldn't stand it.

So far, two dragon beasts tried to breakthrough, and they both ended up being dead. Seeing this, the other beasts could only fly away, trying to not get any contact with this fire.

This kept the people behind the flames wall safe. At least for the time being...

Serefina knew from where this fire came from and she just disagreed with Jedrek's choice of protection. This kind of move would only harm him in the end. A move that was executed in a pure moment of impulsiveness.

"Stupid," the witch hissed.

### **Chapter 990 - DO YOU WANT TO KILL ME? CAN YOU?**

"But, I think you are the stupidest creature here, witch." Dorian walked behind Serefina with his shadow tendrils flailing around his figure. "What are you doing here?"

Serefina rolled her eyes, but didn't say anything as she kept walking closer to the wall of fire. If this fire was indeed coming from what she had guessed, then she was sure she could dissolve it. Serefina managed to do it centuries ago, thus she could do it again now.

"Why don't you answer me?" Dorian approached the witch in two long strides. "Did you come here with the intention of saving your ex- lover? How kind of you," Dorian said mockingly. "You better not."

Serefina halted her movements upon hearing that and turned around to face the shadow warrior. "I don't have an obligation to answer you." action

Dorian sneered. He didn't want to have anything to do with this witch. But, just like her, he wanted something, precisely a few things to be done to Jedrek Donovan.

The shadow warrior was driven with hatred and he wanted nothing more to do now, except to see the downfall of all the lycanthropes. The death of the Donovans.

Therefore, if Serefina was here to intervene just like what she had done when they cursed the Alpha, the time he went to visit the eastern region, he would ignore all about how much those devils valued this witch.

He would end her right here and now if that was what the necessary thing to do.

Serefina should have known that. The shadow warrior didn't agree to side with any party that was fighting in this f\*cking war. He was just here to kill the Donovans. That's it.

However, Dorian must have known, it was not an easy feat to bring the last pure blooded witch down just because he wished.

"Serefina." Dorian's shadow tendrils darkened and his features stiffened. "Don't do something that will force you to regret the very second chance you got at life."

Instead of backing down, Serefina tilted her head, she gave the shadow warrior a look that similar to someone, who was watching a ten year old kid throwing tantrums.

"What will you do?" Serefina asked, her tone was very calm and her posture was composed, she didn't look like someone that was being intimidated at all. "You want to kill me? Can you?"

And that was the last thing that Serefina said as all the ground around her covered in darkness in the next second, even the fire behind her couldn't penetrate the veil of darkness that dr.a.p.ed her vision, as it engulfed her whole being.

And when everything became impossible to see, Serefina heard a sound, more precisely a voice; Dorian's voice.

"You will be locked in this realm. Forever." His tone cold and emotionless.

On the other hand, Serefina's green lime eyes were bright when she glared into the thick darkness defiantly, even though she couldn't see anything, she still continued to gaze into the nothingness in front of her, as if Dorian was standing right in front of her.

"You too have been given a second chance. You should cherish it before you regret doing something like this." Serefina's voice was very calm, but only she knew what kind of maddening rage that was brewing inside her.

"I have killed you once, and I can kill you again!" Dorian snarled, yet Serefina just snorted in disgust.

This pathetic shadow warrior was never tired of bringing up this again and again...

Seriously, if they were in a fair fight, Serefina wouldn't even break a sweat before squeezing the pathetic life out of him.

And that was what she proved it to him.

With a flick of her fingers, the darkness vanished and in the place of it was the bright sun, glaring above their heads.

They were not even in Rieka, the collapsed city anymore.

They were somewhere else. In a completely different time frame...

"Do you really wish to kill me?" Serefina tilted her head, glancing at the shadow warrior, who was dumbfounded after noticing his bright surroundings. "Let's see, who will kill who at this time. I am sick of you repeating the same words again and again."

Every time Dorian repeated that line, Serefina could feel her anger boiling in her stomach, gliding to her throat before burning her brain.

Because that was the very reason for the witch to end up in having a deal with the moon goddess. The very deal that she didn't intend to keep, yet Selene made her unable to do as she wished.

Therefore, it was only right for her to take her revenge on someone who had ruined her immortal life.

After all, this stupid shadow warrior wouldn't stop until he was shut for the eternity.

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"How is she?" Kace asked Belinda when he walked into the room occupied by Purple now.

He came here because Torak was handling everything outside, the last thing he confirmed was the dragon shifters bowing down to his brother and that was all he needed to know.

He needed some time alone, his beast retreated deep inside him, deeply hurt and livid because he lost his mate and Kace didn't have any energy to deal with it now.

The fae was lying on her stomach with her eyes closed shut, like she was sleeping at the moment.

But, a deep frown marred Kace's forehead when he noticed the gruesome back of Purple, which was supposed to be covered with her beautiful wings, was now filled with gashes and charred wounds inflicted by the fire dragon people.

"She..." Belinda's voice was very deep. "She is recuperating..." She lied, Kace could tell. "How are you?"

"I lost my Hope..." Kace said with an underlying meaning in his words. His head hung low when he sat down on the sofa in that room with his hand covering his face. He lost hope, literally...

It only took fifteen minutes for Calleb and Ethan to get prepared, to be teleported to the sanctuary.

With six Alphas and two hundreds Lycan warriors as their troops.

And aside from Sybil, another seven spell- casters had joined them to pull this off. However, it was still beyond their capabilities to teleport them all with only these few spell- casters by their side.

"Are you sure about this?" Torak looked at Lilac.

The guardian angel nodded. "Let's do this."