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Chapter 481 - SELF- CHANGE

Kace widened his eyes and his lips pulled into an astonished smile.

"Wasn't that a great speech?" Hop grinned.

"Indeed." Kace agreed readily.

"But, I am still waiting here for you to speak." Despite Hope acted as if she was only joking around, when actually she was serious about her questions. "What happened to my parents?"

Kace sighed deeply. "I think this will be a very long conversation." He started the engine and drove back to the road.

"Don't worry, we have the whole night and tomorrow and the day after that." Hope grinned and adjusted her sitting position, so she could face him properly. "I am all ears."

"About your parents..." the time showed it was ten o'clock when they were driving through the night with a long story that must be told. action

The street light and a few passing cars were the only thing that prominent that night aside from whatever news that Kace would tell Hope.

"Both of your parents have died." Kace broke the information in a very simple way possible, after that he glanced at Hope beside him, afraid if she was going to cry.

However, the girl just stared at him while asking. "What caused it?"

"Your father had a car accident when you were still in your mother's w.o.m.b and your mother died when she delivered you." Kace kept staring at Hope and the road back and forth, trying to engage her reaction.

But, all he got was only a regretful sigh. "That's one of the reasons I have thought about." She nodded to herself. "And then? How did Serefina find me?"

"That's it?" Kace raised his eyebrows. "You are not going to cry your eyes out after finding the truth that your parents have died?"

"Don't be so dramatic." Hope slapped his arms. "I don't even know them. Yes, it was a pity knowing I will never have a chance to see them, but to say I will cry my heart out is very exaggerated, how can I shed tears for someone that I don't even know???"

Though what Hope said sounded cold, but it was very logic for her. She had never met them and didn't have an emotional attachment to them, moreover this reason was within her expectation.

Yes, there was a regret, but not strong enough to turn her into a crying mess.

Apparently, Serefina took an important role in developing Hope's character to be a logical person and bold enough to defend herself, just like how she handled Oliver and Abby by herself.

Kace didn't complain, if anything, he liked it when Hope has a strong character. He was hesitant to tell her about this because he didn't want to see her sad, but it seemed it wouldn't be the case now.

"Very logic." Kace nodded in agreement. "And then, how did Serefina find me?"

"About that, you have to ask Serefina yourself. She didn't tell me anything even when I asked." Kace shrugged. "She only said it was her obligation to find you."

Hope frowned as she tilted her head. "That's weird, if I don't know Serefina, I will assume she had something to do with the death of my parents."

Kace chuckled. "That is farfetched."

"Right?" Hope rolled her eyes, living with Serefina over years, she had ruled out that possibility. "But, why she didn't want to tell you anything about that?"

"That's something I want to know too." Kace remembered Serefina changed right after the war with the devil ended and the witch decided to leave the realm along with Jedrek, the love of her life, if Kace could say.

"How about my other family? No one was looking for a missing baby?" Hope wanted to know about this if she had other relatives, yet it didn't mean she was going to see them soon, she only wanted to know, that's all.

"I think Serefina did something to your other relatives' memories about you." Kace glanced at Hope when they reached the mystic river village's border. "You know, like what she had done to your friends back then when you were in the red river city."

Hope nodded her head slowly.

"But, if you want to meet them, we can find free time to go, they are in different region." Kace gave her an offer. "Serefina told me about them when she gave you to me."

Hope stared at the familiar road ahead of her as she thought about the offer. "I don't think that is necessary." She decided. "They don't even remember about my existence and I don't know them at all. It is pointless."

"Hm, I see your point." Kace, once again, glanced at his mate. He always saw Hope as a cheerful little girl with adorable smile.

However, what he watched now was a young woman with a deep thought and rational. Kace would never expect that one day he would have this kind of conversation with her and witnessed how calm her reaction could be.

Indeed, Hope was right, when he had gone for three years, she have grown up and the moment of his visit once a year, was not enough for him to get to know her character deeper.

"Are you going to answer all my questions?" Hope asked carefully. The question about her parents was one of many things that she wanted to ask.

Kace pulled over his car in front of the house and shifted in his seat to face his eager little mate. "If I answer all your questions, will you forgive me for the past three years for not calling you?"

Hope crossed her arms and stared at him.

In Kace's eyes, she looked adorable and made him couldn't help himself to not pinch her cheeks.

"What is that for?" Hope groaned as she swatted his hand away.

"For being so cute." Kace chuckled seeing Hope was being upset.

"I will think about that, because that will be my another questions. It will depend on what your reason for leaving me without news at all."

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"I will try." Kace grinned, got out of the car and opened the gate before he walked back and then drove inside the garage. "I just want to make sure, how many questions that you have?"

"Hm, three or four or more..." Hope answered him, unsure.

"It seems it will be a long night." After he parked the car, Kace turned off the engine. "Are you sure, your pretty little head could take it all?"

Hope shrugged. "I will try my best to absorb every information like a dry towel."

Kace laughed upon hearing her weird analogy. He got out of the car and closed the gate with Hope followed behind him to enter the house.

"So, tell me what are your questions?" Kace took off his black leather jacket and dr.a.p.ed it on the back of the sofa as he plopped down there, looked exhausted. "Come, sit here." He patted the spot beside him.

"First of all, I want to know why Serefina took me? I mean there will be hundreds babies out there with similar background story like me. But, why me?" Hope sat down beside Kace and stared at him eagerly.

This was the moment that Hope had been waiting for years, while Kace wanted to talk about it, then Hope would ask everything that she had been dying for to know.

Kace has this trouble look on his face as if he did not really want to talk about this, but did not totally want to hide it from Hope too.

"You promised me years ago that you will tell me everything." Hope prodded. "Don't go back with your own words."

If Kace refused to tell her, Hope had a few plans in her minds to make him talk and all of that was including she didn't want to talk to him ever.

"I don't." Kace stretched out his hand and tucked Hope's strand hair behind her ear. "I am just confused how to start it."

Hope didn't talk again as she wait for him to start his explanation. But, when Kace still kept shutting his mouth and playing with her hair absentmindedly, the girl frowned. "I have been waiting for ten minutes now."

"I have been waiting for you for seventeen years, you know." Kace smiled tenderly at her.

"You can't compare it that way." Hope protested. "I am just..." yet, her sentences was cut when Kace started to talk.

"There was a prophecy and a war, centuries ago." Kace shifted his attention from her hair to her eyes. "Between the Lycanthropes and the devil."

Hope pulled her legs against her chest and hugged herself, finding a comfortable position to listen to Kace's explanation.

"Oh, I forgot to mention the curse." Kace mentioned it lightly, as if it meant nothing to him, when the truth was the other way around.

"A curse about you, who can't have a mate?" Hope tried to guess and based on the expression that Kace gave to her, apparently her guess was on point. "Ethan told me about this. They said this curse about the Donovan brothers is quite popular among your kind."

This was also one of the reasons, which confused Hope and the thing that Hope had?been discussed the most with the siblings.

"It's a shame to have that curse and the reason behind it." Kace said solemnly.

The moon Goddess wouldn't curse them if there was nothing outrageous that they had done and it was something that Kace didn't want to talk about or he wanted Hope to know about this.

"If that's the case, what am I to you then? You said I am your mate?" Hope would be very disappointed if Kace said she wasn't his mate. Very sad and down even.

Knowing about the curse and the fact Kace didn't call her for years, was a great combination for Hope to feel insecure every time she thought about him and the possibility that Kace was mistaken her as his mate.

"Of course you are my mate. There is no doubt about that." Kace was very serious this time. "The moon goddess lifted the curse when the lycanthropes won the war against the devil."

Hope beamed with delight when she heard this. "So, I like a gift for you?"

Kace tapped his fingers on the seat as he contemplated. It sounded weird. "I would like to say you are a bless."

Hope giggled when she heard that and adjusted her sitting position. She figured out that using Kace's lap as a pillow was a good idea, thus she rested her head on his lap with his hand played with her hair.

"Can I be arrogant for a moment?" Hope was laughing, her voice was akin to a beautiful melody in Kace's ears. "You had done a bad thing and moon goddess got angry and cursed you, but because you won the war against the evil creatures, moon goddess was happy and gave me to you, right?"

There was nothing wrong with what Hope said, but the way she phrased it, it sounded very simple and almost like a fairy-tale story.

The Donovan not only had done any regular 'bad thing' and the war wasn't an easy moment, moreover, Kace had to wait for Hope for hundreds of years, to finally be able to touch his mate, experienced this spark and heart-beating moment whenever he was with her.

"Right." but, Kace agreed nonetheless. "But if you are going to be so arrogant, probably I don't need to say the best part of it."

"Say it, say it!" Hope squealed and tugged Kace's sleeves, eager to hear more.

"You are not an ordinary human, you are a guardian angel." Kace gave in and told her. "Guardian angels became extinct during the war, but the moon goddess said, they would be resurrected into human children and be the Donovans' mates. You are one of the three guardian angels."

However, there was something Hope really wanted to know once she heard that. "Why are they extinct?"

Chapter 483 - THE PROPHECY

It sounded very amazing to hear that and almost unbelievable to say the least after Hope heard Kace's explanation about his mate that turned out to be a guardian angel, which was herself. Action

Hope knew she was different from other people and since she had been living with supernatural creatures for her entire life, could see them when other people couldn't, Hope was not too surprised to learn that she was one of them.

A guardian angel...? Hm... sounded cool!

But there was something that piqued her interest the most from Kace's information.

"Why are they extinct?" Hope asked with furrowed brows. "Are there other creatures that are also extinct?" Hope kept asking.

Kace stared down at Hope, who was laying on his lap. "No," He said curtly.

"Is there another reason why only guardian angels are extinct?" Hope could feel Kace's peculiar mood the moment she asked about this.

"Because they were not built for war." Kace replied and added. "Guardian angels are spiritually strong, but their physique makes them the weakest creature."

"Really?" Hope widened her eyes. "I think I don't really like the part that the guardian angel is the weakest creature." She frowned. Hope was not accustomed to think that she was weak.

"That's why you have me as your mate, to balance the world." Kace laughed out loud when he watched Hope's face turned unsightly.

"I am not grateful." Hope spoke irritably and this only made Kace's laugh louder.

"For me that is a false paradigm. Because when guardian angel's physic is weak, but like I said, they are the strongest spirit ever." Kace pinched her small nose lightly. He liked to touch her and seemed has a hard time to put his hands off of her. "The problem is, the world we live in now, doesn't appreciate that part, when all the creatures want is a power and authority that requires us to have physical strength."

What Kace said makes sense. He didn't want peace for the world, as it was a farfetched wishing and Kace was not na?ve to expect that.

But, in the world where dog bit dog, who would care enough to have a spiritual strength?

On the other hand, more or less, Hope could grasp the surface of this information and knew where the guardian angel was standing in this realm.

Hence, Hope moved to another question. "If they were extinct, then why guardian angels are being resurrected now?" Hope added. "I assume there are two more like me out there since you said the guardian angels are also bestowed to your brothers."

"Yes, it supposed to be there are two more like you for my annoying brother." Kace grinned. It couldn't be said Kace was in good term with his brothers. Their relationship was very tense lately.

"Did they found theirs?" Hope was curious, she wanted to see what the other guardian angel looked like.

"I don't know. We are kind of, lost contact with each other." Kace tried to phrase it as simple as possible.

"Then why the guardian angel is being resurrected now?" Hope asked curiously. "Is there a purpose for that?"

Hope's sensibility to see through the situation surprised Kace again. She had been asking about the most important part of the whole secrets that was hidden from her until now.

"There is..." Kace nodded. At this point, he was unsure whether it was the right choice to tell her or not. But Hope's eyes told him to continue. "In the first war, together with the guardian angel, Lycanthropes and a few other creatures we managed to suppress the devil's power. Not destroy them, only weaken them."

"Wait." Something clicked in Hope's mind as she started to grasp this pattern. "You want to say with the resurrection of the guardian angel, there will be another war with the devil?"

"You are very smart!" Kace pinched her cheeks. "Just like I expected from my mate."

Hope pulled out her tongue and sneered. "What kind of war? Is it like Game of Thrones kind of war?" Hope shifted her position and now she laid flat on her stomach.

"Why I have an impression that you are excited about this?" Kace leaned over to observe Hope's expression closer.

"I don't..." Hope shook her head vigorously. "I just think it is cool that my life has a purpose and I have an important mission to save the world!" Hope exclaimed, her eyes beamed with enthusiasm.

The corner of Kace's lips twitched when he heard that. "You are watching movie too much!" he knock her head. "Instead of thriller, we should have watched romance in our first date."

Hope pouted. "No way. I want my life to be filled with action and challenge instead of tears and erratic emotions." Hope sat down and stared at Kace straight into his blue ocean eyes. "Kicking some evil creature is more fun than crying because of the misunderstandings that often occur in love, right?"

"I know this." Kace sighed helplessly. "I shouldn't leave you with Serefina. This is a mistake from the beginning." He shook his head regretfully.

"So, what we should do now? Is there some weapon that we need to find? Or will we go into a journey to find a powerful sage to help us win this war? Is this what Serefina, Lana and you have been doing all this time? Recruiting more creatures to help win the war?"

Kace narrowed his eyes, he was caught by surprise with Hope's reaction upon this matter. "I don't know if your reaction will be like this."

Hope laughed when she watched Kace's disbelieve expression. "What do you expect?"

But, the thing that Hope forgot to ask for detail was; how the guardian angel helped during the war that caused them to become extinct from this realm. Hope was not aware about this, at least, not now when she was too excited with the possibilities in her head.

"Now, tell me why you didn't call me when you could call Lana?"

Chapter 484 - WINGS

"Now, tell me why you didn't call me when you could call Lana?" Hope asked in stern voice. The fact that Kace was calling Lana and didn't want to talk to her, had been bothering Hope to say the least.

"Because I fought someone who can read my mind and I don't want that creature to have an access more to know about you further." Kace caressed her cheeks, "Since you are always inside my mind, calling you would only make me think about you a lot. You are quite a distraction, you know?"

Kace then leaned over to kiss her temple while whispered against her skin. "A beautiful distraction."

Hope felt giddy and wanted to squeal when she heard Kace's words, but she didn't do that and embarrassed herself to act like a silly teenager, well, although she was indeed a silly teenager for a certain point.

"It's already late, why don't you go to sleep?" Kace whispered again, sounded sweet and gentle.

However, Hope snapped from her bubble of daydream as she caught the underlying meaning from Kace's action.

"Are you trying to distract me?" Hope narrowed her eyes as she slapped Kace's hand away from her. "Do you want to avoid the next question, don't you?"

Kace laughed out loud again when Hope pushed him from her. "How can you see it right away?"

"Seriously Kace." Hope crossed her arms, annoyed by him. "Did you kill the creature?" Hope didn't give Kace the opportunity to change the topic.

"No, I hurt him, but I didn't kill him." Kace admitted. He just... couldn't bring himself to kill that creature. Something held him back from giving in to his animalistic side. The same thing also happened when he fought Maximus and caused him this great wound on his back.

Not only that, Kace could start to feel his beast side was gradually becoming weak because of the constant oppression that Kace gave to himself.

"You don't?" Hope tilted her head when she heard that, "Was that a good idea to leave your enemy alive out there?"

Kace gave a small kiss on her forehead before he stood up. "You sound more and more like Serefina." After saying that, Kace walked toward the kitchen. "I am hungry, I will make noodles, do you want one?" he shouted from the kitchen.

Hope jumped down from the sofa and trotted toward the kitchen too. "No, but I still have many questions for you."

"Relax, I will answer all of that, but I still need to eat. I can't concentrate if I am hungry." Kace winked at Hope, who was sitting on the bar stool now.

"So, this creature had prevented you from calling me because you thought by being in contact with me, you wouldn't be able to stop thinking about me?" Hope surmised. "It doesn't sound convincing. How can you prevent yourself from thinking about something?"

Kace boiled water and started to make his own noodles. "I did thinking about you, but as I cut all the contact with you and focused on the matter at hand, that thought was less prominent in my mind."

Hope propped her head with her hands on the kitchen islands as she contemplated, thinking about Kace's explanation.

"Was that help? Doesn't that mean that thought is still in your head?" Hope watched Kace moved swiftly from side to side as he cooked his supper.

"Well, he was not that powerful to dig deeper into my mind." Kace shrugged. "Thankfully."

"Okay." For the meantime, Hope would satisfy with this explanation. "How about the two people that we met in the theatre, you seemed to know that annoying woman pretty well." Hope's voice laced with accusation.

"Both of them are witches from northern coven and apparently, there is another gathering there that required them to come to this village." Kace tried his noodles and nodded in satisfaction at the tastes in his mouth before he brought the noodles to the kitchen islands and sat across from Hope.

"Then what were you talking about earlier? About 'this thing???' and 'that thing'." Hope took another fork and ate the noodles, despite she said she didn't want to eat it.

"Your blood." Kace pushed the bowl and placed it in the middle so they could eat it together. "When you were sick, I took you to the hospital and they got your blood."

"Was that when I was eight years old?" Hope remembered the last time she was sick and was being admitted to the hospital. It was snow hard at that time.

"Yes." Kace nodded as he separated the egg yolk from the white one, because she didn't like it.

"There is a problem with my blood?" Hope ate the white one while Kace ate the egg yolk.

Afterward, Kace ended up explaining everything to Hope about the guardian angel and how her blood could be used for something evil, not only that, Hope also learned that her spirit power could be sapped.

If that happened, she would end up like an empty shell without soul.

Hope frowned when she heard Kace's explanation as she ate all the noodles and Kace could only sigh helplessly. Didn't she say, she didn't want to eat?

"That was my mistake to not careful enough. I didn't think clearly when we were in the hospital." Kace admitted. "A few things had happened in the supernatural realm and Serefina guessed; there is something to do with the blood that they took from you."

"Bad thing?" Hope put down the bowl and looked at Kace worriedly.

"Bad thing." Kace took the bowl and put it down in the sink.

"So, it means you, Serefina and Lana have been trying to track down the blood?" Hope asked curiously.

"That is only one of the missions." Kace poured a glass of water and gave it to Hope as he sat down again.

"I just realized now the reason why the devil woman back then was hurt because of my blood." Hope drawled. "As an angel, shouldn't I have wings, no?"

Chapter 485 - IT WILL BE EASIER FOR US

"Wings?" Kace widened his eyes and then chuckled. "Do you really think every angel have wings?"

"They don't?" Hope's face fell in disappointment.

"I don't know. The only angel I ever met was guardian angel and they obviously didn't have wings." Kace tell the truth.

"What other strength do I have besides my blood that can harm the devil?" Hope gulped down her drink and looked at Kace eagerly. "Can't I become invisible or move things without touching them?"

"You watched too much movie girl." Kace tousled her head and Hope rested her chin on the table as she yawned.

"There are a lot of things that I want to ask you..." but, after eating and felt satiated, Hope became sleepy.

"You can ask me tomorrow." Kace stared at his sleepy mate, she looked adorable no matter what she did. "I will be around, you don't need to be so rush."

"I am afraid you will go all of sudden and disappear and I have to wait for another years until you come back without any news again." Hope pouted, but she enjoyed Kace's touch on her head. She was like a little kitty now, asking to be rubbed.

"I had told you, once I come back I will not go again." Kace propped his head while playing with her hair.

"You better keep your word, because if you go again, then the moment you return I will not only have a boyfriend but I will be the wife of another man." Hope threatened him and this earned a low growl from Kace.

"I will shred that man into pieces." Kace said in low voice, but his tone laced with malice and this made Hope opened her eyes widely.

"That is why you have to keep your promise." Hope glared at him. "I am still upset, you know."

"I intend to keep my promise this time, but don't say something like that again." Kace couldn't content himself when he had to imagine another man touched his mate. "Now, go to sleep will you? It is late already."

Hope sat straight and raised her arms to stretch her body, feeling her tense muscle relaxed. "Alright."

However, before Hope could stand up and went to bed, Lana walked into the kitchen and poured a glass of water for herself.

"You return early." Kace greeted Lana while the later didn't seem like she noticed Kace and Hope there as she drank her water unhurriedly before she replied.

"There is something that Sereфина needs to know." Lana answered without looking at Kace. "But, I think she is not here." action

"I thought she went to catch up with you." Kace slightly furrowed her brows.

On the other hand, Hope didn't seem like she wanted to sleep. Her sleepiness had evaporated into thin air, there was no way she wanted to leave Kace alone with Lana.

Called her childish, but the thought of them being alone didn't settle well with her, added that to the fact these past three years, Kace would always call Lana.

Despite the explanation that Kace gave to her, it wouldn't change the fact that those three years they had grown closer to each other, right?

"No, she didn't come. You know, she hates being there." Lana took off her jacket and put it on the bar stool beside Hope.

"She is never change." Kace murmured and then turned to look at Hope. "Why don't you go to your room, you said you are sleepy?"

"No, I am fine now." Hope jumped from the bar stool and hugged Lana, "I miss you!"

Lana hugged her back, "I only left for two weeks."

"Lana, did you know that I am a guardian angel?" Hope kept hugging her when she asked. Hope was ten centimeter shorter than Lana, thus she needed to look up if she wanted to see her eyes. "Kace just told me about that."

Lana didn't immediately answer Hope's statement, she threw Kace a questioning look. "You told her?"

"I did." Kace admitted. "Serefina had been nagging me to tell her about all of this."

"Hm," Lana only nodded as a response before she put her attention toward Hope. "I knew."

"How long have you known about this?" Hope didn't surprise at all, but the fact that Lana and Kace shared the same understanding made her slightly felt uneasy.

"Since the beginning." Lana shrugged her shoulder and casually let go of Hope's arms from her body.

"You have been keeping this secret from me." Hope feigned to be upset as she tried to strike a conversation so she could stay there and not to let the two of them alone.

"I am not keeping this secret from you, but I can't tell you even if I want." Lana boiled water to make a bowl of noodles, she was very hungry after the long journey.

"What is that mean?" Hope didn't understand. "You want to tell me, but you can't."

"Yes, since I have been tied down with a vow with Kace, I can't do anything without his consent." Lana said it casually and with her back was facing Hope, she couldn't see how the girl's face slightly changed.

"Vow? What is that? What kind of vow?" Hope crossed her arms in front of her chest, her black obsidian eyes darted from Lana and Kace back and forth. She didn't like this information.

Why it sounded very intimate?

"When we found you, it was only a few days away before we met Lana, thus we didn't really trust her." Kace didn't notice Hope's mood changed as he busied checking his phone.

"Yeah, and the witch forced me to take a vow so I will not betray anyone of this family." There was sarcasm in the way Lana said the word 'family'. "Since you already know your true self, I think in the future it will be easier for us to tell you if something happens because all the tasks I have done is related to you." Lana said lightly.

Chapter 486 - THE OTHER GUARDIAN ANGEL

"Is that about the blood?" Hope asked, the frown on her face did not disappear.

"Yes, and more information about guardian angel because your kind had disappeared decades ago, there is not much information about it." Lana finally gave Hope a decent answer about this topic, because before, Lana would only brush away her question and repeated her monotonous answer; 'You can ask about this to Kace or Serefina'.

"Why are you looking for Serefina?" Kace raised his head from his phone and turned to look at Lana. It was rare to see Lana neglected the task, which was given to her if it wasn't for something more important.

Lana brought a bowl of noodles to the kitchen islands and sat down beside Kace, because the bar stool next to him was closer to her position.

Hope bit her lips upon seeing how close Lana and Kace became, but her dissatisfaction evaporated the moment she heard Lana's answer.

"Apparently your brother had found his mate." Lana blew her noodles before she ate it.

"What? Which brother?" Kace was surprised by this information, he put down his phone and faced Lana, giving his full attention toward her.

"Torak." Lana answered after she swallowed her food.

Kace's eyes slightly turned dark, "Did he kill his mate?" he wouldn't be surprised if he did.

"No," Lana looked to the far distance as she contemplated for the answer. "I think he is fond of his newly found mate."

"Really?" this news surprised him now. "He didn't despise her?"

"Wait, did your brother found his mate? It means there is another guardian angel like me?" Hope eyes flickered with excitement. "But, why did he want to kill his mate?"

"Because it is our nature to look down on creatures that weaker than us and guardian angel is the weakest creature in the food chain." Lana answered casually.

What Lana said was a common knowledge in their world and since Kace had told Hope about her true self, thus she assumed the girl also knew about this fact.

Yet, she was wrong...

"What...?" Hope darted her eyes to Kace as realization hit her. "You want to kill your mate because you are ashamed of them?"

"My brother, not me." Kace corrected.

"You don't tell her that your other brother wants to kill her?" Lana pointed her fork toward Hope as she stared at Kace innocently, "I thought you have told her everything."

"Your brother wants to kill me?!" Hope could feel her heart was beating very fast now. "But, why? Didn't you tell me that a mate is the most important part of shape shifter's life? Why he wants to kill his own brothers' mates?"

"Not only his own brothers', but also his as well." Lana added. "But, Kace had not yet told you about this?"

"No, I don't know." Hope shook her head and threw an accusation look to Kace.

"Thank you Lana, now she knows." Kace frowned there was a hint of sarcasm in the way he talked to the woman beside him.

"Never mind, I am glad I can help you." Lana spoke nonchalantly as she drank her water and continued to eat.

"Is that one of the reason why you always on run? And rarely comes to see me over these years?" Hope narrowed her eyes at Kace. "Why don't you tell me? And why your brother wants to kill his brothers' mates?"

"For your first question the answer is 'yes'. I am not unwilling to tell you about this, it's just our previous conversation has not yet reached this point." Kace stared at Hope, who was looking at him cautiously. "Don't look at me like that Hope, you know I will never hurt you."

"But, why your brother wants me dead?" Hope frowned. Deep down, she was aware Kace would never hurt her, but the fact that his brother had this intention still shook her.

"That is..." Kace made an uncomfortable expression, as if he was being forced to tell a story that he didn't want to say. "... the reason behind it, is slightly complicated."

"His first brother, Jedrek Donovan, has a relationship with Serefina and since Serefina knew the moon goddess would bestow a mate upon him, she left him." Lana explained it to Hope plainly. "I think that is the reason why Jedrek wants to kill his mate and his brothers'."

"Thank you for your explanation." The corner of Kace's lips twitched when Lana explained the problematic story in an easy way. action

"You are welcome." Lana finished her noodles and stretched out her body, feeling full and exhausted.

"I don't know that Serefina has this interesting love story!" Hope's face beamed, as if someone had enlightened her.

"Now you know." Lana noted.

"But, don't talk about this matter to the witch, she will be very upset," Kace warned Hope when he saw mischievous smile on his mate's face. "Never ever mention this."

Hope pouted when Kace talked to her sternly. "I know."

"So, Torak didn't kill his mate?" Kace mumbled. "It means the mate bond is stronger than his hatred..."

"But, the thing that I wonder is; why he could find his mate, when we have been looking for her for almost seventeen years and never found any clue about it?" Lana frowned when she remembered how many troubles she had been through to find the other guardian angel and as if someone was blocking their effort, they found nothing. "Is it because they are mate?"

"Probably." Kace nodded. He knew that Serefina and Lana had been looking for the other guardian angel. He would help them occasionally, but thanked to Jedrek, he always kept him occupied for running away from Maximus when Kace was not chasing after the Gluttony.

"So, your second brother didn't kill his mate, it means he loves her? Can I meet with the other guardian angel? Is she able to see what I see?" Hope was very excited to know this.

"I think we have to ask Serefina about that. Torak has sent a hunter named James to look for her," Lana said.

Chapter 487 - GOOD NIGHT KISS

"Where is Serefina now?" Hope was very excited. "Kace, can't we come to your brother place?"

"What do you expect?" Kace stretched out his body and felt the pain on his back as he frowned slightly, but no one noticed this small gesture of discomfort. "Knocking his door and said; 'can I see your mate?' like that?"

"Why? Can't we do that?" Hope blinked her eyes innocently, she didn't understand why they couldn't do that? "He is your brother."

"Yes, that fact doesn't change anything." Kace disagreed immediately. "My other brother has been looking for me to find you and harm you. You will not go near any of my brother until I know their clear intention, especially Jedrek." Because Kace still considered Torak's decision to keep his mate. Does he mean it?

There was a time when Kace was very close with Jedrek and Torak. The three of them were actually very close, it's just that it happened at such a long time ago, until it felt like a very distant dream...

"Why is Torak looking for Serefina?" Kace felt bad for disappointing Hope, but it was for her safety. Though Torak accepted his mate and had never messed with him, but being in constant hunted, had developed this bad habit for Kace.

Although on the surface he looked like an easy-going person and careless, but when it came to Hope, Kace wasn't a tolerance person.

"I think because he wants to know more about his mate, after all, before all of this, no one is willing to put more effort to know about the existence of the guardian angel." Lana gave her opinion as put the empty bowl on the sink and poured a glass of water for her. "If there is nothing you want to discuss, I will go back to my room."

After Lana was sure no one wanted to talk, she walked out of the kitchen, straight to her bedroom.
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"Then, why don't you sleep now?" Kace turned his attention on Hope. "Don't you say you were sleepy?"

"I will go to sleep." Hope jumped down from the bar stool. Since Lana had gone to her bedroom, she felt at ease.

Kace also went out of the kitchen with Hope, to walk her to her bedroom. He stopped in front of her door and leaned over to kiss her temple while Hope yawning widely.

It almost three o'clock in the morning and Hope rarely still awoke at this hours.

This time, Kace didn't step into her bedroom and tucked her into bed, because in this age, he thought it was not proper for him to do so... unless, Hope allowed him.

Yet, seeing how Hope stood in front of him and didn't give a space for him to go past the door, that gesture alone had already told him his boundary.

"But, kace..." Hope leaned against her door frame as she stared at the man in front of her with sleepy face.

"Hm?" Kace hummed.

"This still bother me to know your brother wants to kill me... is your kind despise someone like me a lot? I know, compare to you, I am the weak one, but I don't think I am that weak..." Hope's words jumbled up as she tried to convey her point. "You know... I am not weak."

"I know you are not weak." Kace could see Hope was agitated because of that statement. "Don't think about it too much. Jedrek is a jerk."

"Even though you said that, it doesn't really helpful for me to feel better." Hope pouted, being very sleepy turned her became grumpier.

"Sleep tight. Good night, babe." Kace chuckled and immediately bid her good night.

"Good night." Hope tip toed and kissed his cheek before she closed the door immediately.

Behind the close door, Hope felt she had been awoken by her own sudden action. She rushed toward her bed and threw herself on the soft mattress as she covered her face with her pillow.

Oh, please! That wasn't the first time she kissed him! She had done that countless time when she was only a child!

Yet, why the feeling right now was very different? Hope could feel her chest was about to burst because of her nervousness.

Ugh!

Why it was very different? Maybe this feeling was intensified because she didn't meet for three years. Hence, Kace's image as a good big brother gradually faded away and now, Hope saw him as a man.

Hope thought that was the most logical theory that she could come up with.

But, whatever it was, she aside from her nervousness because of her bold action, she felt giddy and happy.

Meanwhile, outside the door, Kace stared at the closed door as he smiled to himself. The way Hope was blushing right after she kissed him, didn't go unnoticed by him and this softened his feature and melted his heart.

"Kace, can we talk for awhile?" Lana looked at Kace impassively as she stood a few meter away from him in the corridor.

"Hha?" Kace was so occupied with his own thought until he didn't realize that Lana had been standing there and watched everything that happened there.

"We need to talk about the wound on your back." Lana nodded her head as a sign for Kace to follow her. Kace complied and walked behind her without any questions.

Lana led the way to the terrace beside of the house, near Serefina's bedroom and stopped there. "Sit first, let me see the wound."

Kace sat down and took off his shirt to reveal his back, though the four line of wounds were still there, but it didn't prevent Lana from wandering her eyes to relish the view before her eyes.

"Does your wound still hurt?" Lana sat down behind Kace as she traced her fingers along the wounds, just like what Serefina had done, the tip of Lana's finger flickered with light.

"Sometime." Kace admitted. "You have improved your ability. It is odd to know a she werewolf could do this magic too."

Chapter 488 - I AM WORRIED ABOUT YOU

"Half she- werewolf," Lana corrected him while trying to heal Kace's wounds, although the effect was not really pronounced, at the very least, his wounds wouldn't get worse. "I have fae's blood in my vein."

"Right..." Kace mumbled as he felt the warm on his skin from the tip of Lana's fingers, which touched his skin. "Any news about your mother?"

Aside from all the tasks that Serefina had given to her regarding the guardian angel and to track down Gluttony along with Kace, Lana also has been searching for her mother when they arrived in this village for the second time.

"No." there was a small frown between his eyebrows when she replied. "I think that is not something important for me now and I don't understand why Serefina is very adamant for me to find the fae. It is not like I can enter the northern coven as I wish..."

It was hard to go to that realm when you are not a creature with magical ability such as witch or fae while Serefina, as the last pure blood witch, didn't really like to mingle with the other witches.

The realm in northern coven was a mysterious place, even Kace had never stepped a foot there.

"Don't you want to see your mother?" Kace tilted his head to look at Lana, but she placed her hands on both sides of his face from behind firmly.

"Don't move," Lana warned him and then continued what she was doing.

"Alright." Kace remembered the first time he met Lana, she was only a little girl with a sharp tongue, who seemed very bold and was in a deep trouble for being a rogue in her early age.

She was looking for her mother at that time. action

"I was looking for my mother because at that time, I don't have someone to rely on and I think I was too young to be able to defend myself from the creatures that hunted me. I have to survive." Lana shrugged her shoulder. "But, I couldn't use those reasons again now. Though Serefina is really annoying and exhaust my energy to talk to her, but she is also reliable and now I can protect myself just fine."

Lana had gotten what she needed. A place to stay and food every day, thus she didn't wish to find her mother anymore, but Serefina seemed has different thought in her mind.

"Serefina must have her own reason for doing this." Kace muttered.

"Hm." Lana hummed as a reply, she kept tracing Kace's back even when she supposed to end this healing session.

"What will you do if the war is about to happen?" Lana suddenly asked, she just wanted to kept conversing with Kace. "You know that you have to reunite with your other brothers in order to win this war again."

Kace furrowed his eyebrows, he disliked this topic and didn't want to think about that.

"Moreover, with Hope. Have you told her about the war? Does she know her role in this war?" Lana knew Serefina had been reminding Kace about this, but the lycan would always brush away this topic.

"We don't need to talk about it, that is something that will not necessarily happen." Kace's frown deepened. He felt unease whenever he was being reminded about this.

"You have seen the sign. It will happen sooner or later." Lana emphasized her words with her eyes fixed on Kace's back.

"Can we talk about something else?" in his discomfort, Kace didn't even realize when all Lana did was only tracing her fingers on his back.

"If what Serefina said is true, her life is in great danger if the war happens." Ignoring Kace's words, Lana kept rumbling. "There is a possibility for you to lose your mate in order to win the war."

"I will never let that happen!" Kace let out a low growl, their conversation had reached the point where he despised the most. He regarded this with a contemptuous sneer.

"That is why we have to figure out another way to save Hope, but I think you should have to reconcile with your other brothers and be in the right term with your beast." Lana knew the problem that Kace faced regarding his beast.

It was not common for any shifter to repress their own beast to the degree that they lost their instinct to kill.

Killing and being killed was a common occurrence in their world, it was part of survival instinct and it would be a serious case if they lost it.

"My beast is fine." Kace replied curtly, feeling the fingers, which tracing his back had stopped.

"I can feel your beast is dying there." Lana disagreed with Kace's statement. "You know, the peak of being half fae, you can feel the spirit around you... and the spirit of your beast is weakening."

Kace didn't answer that statement, his eyes hardened.

Lana bit her lips upon seeing the gashes on Kace's back. She was not able to heal it and even with their kind remarkable healing ability and Kace as the white lycan, the wounds still not closed.

It has been more than two weeks, but his condition didn't become better.

Though Lana didn't show it, but she was very worried about Kace's condition. One of the reasons she was going to the northern coven was because Serefina had told her about Kace's condition and they needed to find a powerful Fae or healer there.

Although the impact of Kace's injury was due to himself who had suppressed his animal instincts, but because of the lycan didn't want to fix the situation, his condition wouldn't be better in near future.

"Have you done?" Kace asked because he couldn't feel Lana's fingers on his back for a while now. His voice was devoid from any emotion, as he didn't wish to talk about his condition or the war or the possibility he would lose his mate.

There was no answer from Lana, but Kace's body turned stiff when he felt Lana was hugging him from behind and whispered. "I am worried about you."

Chapter 489 - DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN!

Lana didn't know what got into her when she circled her arms around Kace's torso and rested her forehead against his back.

"I am worried about you..." she heard herself whispered against Kace's skin and the body in her arms became stilled.

Lana was worried about Kace and that was the truth, this was a genuine feeling that she felt for him for over seventeen years now.

Regardless her effort to avoid him or her futile attempt to ignore her feeling, the affection that Lana has for Kace was honest.

She knew how much Kace loved Hope because of the mate bond between them and Lana could see the little girl has the same feeling for this lycan.

But, if the war happened and Kace would lose his mate, how he could cope up with the pain?

It was pathetic that Lana has to repeat the same story as the witch. Just like Serefina, she loved someone who didn't belong to them.

Lana knew, Serefina's another intention for giving her many tasks that should required her to be away from Kace, especially during his visit.

All this time, she just accepted it. Lana thought she would forget about this feeling, that this feeling was a fleeting moment of affection, gratefulness because Kace had saved her life. action

But, seeing Kace was in pain and the horrible wounds on his back, Lana couldn't help herself, she wanted to be near him, as close as possible.

The feeling of his warm skin against hers only lasted for a moment before all of that disappeared and a deep growled rang in her ears.

Lana raised her head only to meet the dark eyes from the beast under Kace's human skin. His body was shaking, his beast was fighting his human side to take control, to teach the werewolf in front of his eyes a lesson for touching him in improper way.

"Don't ever f*cking do that again!" Kace's eyes flickered from black to red, as his blood boiled in his veins. He spoke through gritted teeth and was having a hard time to control his beast.

Even though the monster inside of him have weakened but that did not mean the human side of Kace simply accepted the action that Lana have been done.

It was outrageous!

Lana gulped down hardly, her lips parted but she failed to produce any sound or explanation, which Kace wouldn't want to hear now. He had heard enough Lana's rumbling for tonight and he didn't want more of that.

Very quickly, Kace took his clothes and walked away from that house with anger reverberated in every step that he took.

Leaving Lana was still in daze.

It happened very fast and the moment she realized what she had done, she was alone in that terrace. A dry smile pulled on her lips, knowing she would be in great trouble now.

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Hope scribbled something on her book while listening to Lana's explanation about today lesson, her monotonous voice echoed through the whole room and bored a few students until they decided to fall asleep during her class.

Hope knew that Lana was aware about that, but like usual, she didn't give a d*mn about the way how she taught her students.

After all, she was here not because she wanted to be here, it was just because she couldn't refuse the witch and was tied down with the vow with Kace.

For the last case, Hope was slightly agitated. Why both of them had that kind of vow? She couldn't comprehend it.

No, her jealousy couldn't understand it.

Hope pouted and continued to scribble something on her book until Ian, who was sitting next to her, nudged her arm.

"What?" Hope hissed as she turned around to see Ian was nodding his head to the window beside her.

"Look." Ian spoke in low voice. "That woman has been looking to your direction since ten minutes ago."

Hope narrowed her eyes at the figure across the school gate, it was a woman who was wearing a brown floppy hat with a black sunglasses that covered half of her face, but from the way she angled her head, Hope agreed with Ian that the woman was looking toward her direction.

"I have never seen that woman..." Hope frowned and returned her focus on her book. "Maybe she is looking at someone else and not me."

"Impossible." Ian refused Hope's statement readily, his hazel eyes fixed on the woman's figure. "She is not a human, you know."

Hope whipped her head to see the woman again, but she couldn't pinpoint anything from her that made Ian could say she wasn't a human.

"She looks human for me." Hope shrugged, but her eyes were still on the woman with floppy hat.

A yellow long dress and black boots with sling bags, fluttering blonde hair behind her back, nothing was unusual and Hope was too lazy to find out what that woman was.

She had been seeing those creatures for years and now she was at the point, she didn't need to pay extra attention for them.

"It is hard to say it, but my instinct which tell me..." Ian plopped down on his seat again and followed the rest of Lana's boring explanation.

When the bell rang and it was the time for another teacher and lesson, Lana repeated her lines of 'goodbye' before she gave another tasks that Hope was very sure, she had never really cared enough to check it.

Afterward, Lana's tall body disappeared behind the door.

"Hope, Ms. Rellin left her book, why don't you give it back to her?" Celline approached Hope while giving her the book that Lana had left behind.

"Alright," Hope answered lightly, she knew most of the student didn't want to be near Lana because of her dark aura, which as if telling people to stay away from her.

Hope stood up, she didn't mind to deliver the book, maybe she could catch a glimpse of Kace in the teacher's room.

Chapter 490 - SET THE LINE

It was very easy for Lana to find where Kace was right now, as his scent was something that Lana had familiarized for years.

Like how it was easy for Lana to find him, it was also easy for Kace to know that she was approaching him.

Since what happened four days ago, Kace had not yet come to Serefina's house, most of the time, he would meet Hope after school and picked her up from the siblings' house before both of them went somewhere and Kace would drop her right in front of the house.

Kace didn't mean to avoid Lana, he just didn't want to meet her and heard her explanation for her action that night.

To say he was angry was an understatement.

Kace always thought of her as his younger sister, but what she did that night had showed her intention and crossed the line, while Kace could keep his livid beast at bay, he was unsure if he met Lana now, he wouldn't snap at her.

For the sake of what she had done for him and his mate, he didn't want to do that, but knowing her feeling for him, had turned everything became awkward and tense.

Maybe the lycan needed time to adjust his feeling about the whole situation, but one thing was certain, the situation wouldn't go on as before.

However, at this moment, when there were around forty students that surrounded him, Kace had nowhere to go and forced to face Lana.

A few students were throwing a meaningful look and wiggled their eyebrows toward him upon seeing Lana was walking toward their directions.

Despite being a new teacher, Kace was actually getting along pretty well with everyone there, whether it was teachers or students.

"Mr. Wolfie, can we talk for awhile please?" even Lana has that strange look on her face when she mentioned his name. What a weird name that Kace picked for himself.

Kace's eyes flickered to dark one for a second before they returned to its initial blue color when Kace waved his hand for Lana to follow him.

A few students whistled behind their back, but not like usual, Kace didn't give any response to them. He kept walking with Lana followed behind him.

They walked in silence along the empty corridor and passed a few classes where the students were studying and threw a glance toward both of them through the window.

Kace only stopped when they reached an empty class. He opened the door and let Lana walked first before he closed the door behind him.

"Make it quick." Kace leaned against the door, stayed away from her as he folded his arms.

He did this not only because of the reason he was still upset, but because the beast in him felt disgusted to be near this woman. Kace couldn't help it, the feeling of his beast surged through his system and he couldn't refuse it.

Though the power of the beast was being suppressed by its owner, this did not prevent the beast from expressing its feelings emotionally.

"Can I ask for apologize?" Lana's expression was devoid from any emotions, just like her usual facial expression.

"Apology accepted, if that's what you need," Kace replied almost immediately and was about to walk out of the room, but Lana stopped him.

"Is hugging you a very big mistake?" Lana clenched her hands, waiting for his answer.

"You know it is." Kace turned to face her again and his answer came out short and cold. action

"Can you just pretend that I didn't do it?" Lana furrowed her eyebrows.

Couldn't meet Kace for four days was not a big deal for her, but knowing they were not in good terms was something else.

Lana knew it was a mistake, but she couldn't help it when her feeling got the best of her and she was too drawn by the situation at that time, which then led her to not able to think clearly.

"Let's pretend that didn't happen then." Kace agreed casually. "Don't look for me like that again, I don't want those human to think about something absurd."

"I have been taking care of your mate for her entire life, but only one mistake and you throw away that fact?" Lana furrowed her eyebrows.

"Are you trying to talk about who is indebted to whom?" Kace narrowed his eyes.

Lana shut her mouth immediately, because she knew; she living with them, was her own choice and if it wasn't because of Kace who chose to ignore Serefina's warning and saved her life, Lana would have died now.

"I am sure you are aware about my feeling for you." Lana talked about something else, the thing that she had kept for many years and she thought she would forget about it as time goes by, yet she was totally wrong.

The feeling got worse the moment she watched Hope reciprocated Kace's affection. She didn't want to hate the girl or hurt her feeling because, as weird as it sounded, she raised Hope and thought of her like her own sister.

"It's crystal clear now about your feeling toward me." Kace then added. "And I think it is plain to see how I despised being touched the way you touched me."

Lana was about to say something when Kace didn't even give her a chance to talk and set the line between them.

"I am grateful for what you have done toward Hope, but I want you to obliterate your feeling for me, because it will not bring you anything but pain." Kace's expression softened. "You will find your mate sooner or later and at that time you will understand how I feel."

For Kace, it's better to give Lana a harsh response rather than to give comforting words that would be misinterpreted and led to another misunderstanding.

"I heard you are looking for me."

All of sudden Serefina's voice rang through the empty room, before both of them could see her figure, sitting on the table near the window.