## **CHAPTER 1 - THE CONSTANT NIGHTMARE**

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She is running inside the dark wilderness forest barefooted while being chase by the shadow that she can't even see no matter how sharp her eyes. Sweat forms on her forehead while her heart beats like a marathon with fear that the same shadow will get to her. She keep running and running until she can feel that her feet are sore, she decided to turn the other way when she saw her parents fighting the four wolves. It seems that the wolves detected her presence and stopped for a moment before finally biting the neck of her father. The rouged looked at her one more time and gave the meanest victory grin.

"NOOO!! NOO!!" Diana screamed upon seeing her father's body pooled in blood.

Marcel bolted out of the bed and saw that his sister is having the bad dream like she always have whenever this day comes. That is why he made an arrangement with the Alpha to let him sleep with his sisters to make sure they are safe and protected. He sees to it that Diana and Minerva are sleeping in his room no matter what happens.

"Sis! Wake up!!" Marcel shakes Diana's shoulder.

Dina became aware of that tone and realized she wasn't day dreaming when she heard her brother's voice calling her name. If you take in sights of him closely you will think he isn't Diana's sibling because they have a total different look. Marcel and Minerva got their mother's features while Diana had her father's but you can tell one specific similarity - their blue eyes. Diana has black hair from her father while blond hair were taken by Minerva and Marcel from their mother.

"Marcel." Diana hugged her brother while crying on his chest.

Marcel stands 6'1 while Diana is 5'5 making her like a midget on her brother's gigantic height.

"Shhh... It's okay... I'm here." Marcel gave soothing words to calm his sister.

"I promise I won't." He assured his sister while wiping the tears.

"Please don't leave me." Diana's tears keep flowing down her face.

nightmares every night. It is the same day she promised to find justice for their parents and she swears she will never stop hunting those rouges that snatched the lives of their parents.

It's been five years since the horrific incident happened with their parents but Diana is still having the same

"I'm sorry about your shirt bro." Diana saw it was creased and wet.

"It doesn't matter it's you I'm more concerned about and your nightmares." Her brother shrugged.

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"I'll be fine." Diana assured him.

"I hate seeing you like this and I wish I could help you." Marcel hugged his sister.

"It will only happen when we figure out who killed Mom and Dad." Diana had a determine voice.

"We will sis and its was Luna and Alpha's promise to us remember?" Marcel says while composing his sister.

"Where is Mini?" Diana's eyes darted to her sister's bed.

If you're wondering about Minerva, she is now able to understand the situation and knew the truth about their parents. Marcel and Diana knew she is too young to absorb that sensitive information but Minerva bared it with courage. She is now 6 years old and full of positive outlook in life.

"She's with Luna Axelia and eating by now probably." Marcel wiped her wet cheeks.

"What time we should go?" Diana suddenly remembered their usual activity for today.

Today is the exact date that they marked their family day and it became their habit to visit the forest. The pack including the Alpha and Luna knew about it so they let them have this day by themselves.

"After we had breakfast, we will go." Marcel looked at the time.

"Can we go after an hour?" Diana asked.

"Why?" Her brother interestedly said.

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requested.

Diana is now 18 years old and a junior student in the University all expenses paid by Alpha and Luna.

Everyone thinks Marcel is her boyfriend but they just laughed it off and doesn't care about their gossips. It was on their third month of schooling when finally everyone found out they are actually siblings. "Al right, I'll tell Alpha Marco so we can use the car by then." Marcel agreed.

"Thanks bro." Diana hugged him.

"No probs sis, school is also important and I'm sure they will understand that." He started to stand up.

"I'll just have a quick shower and prepare our stuff." Diana is now fixing the bed with the help of her brother.

"Just make sure you don't use all the hot water." He ruffled his sister's hair.

"Ha ha ha as if!" Diana laughed.

"See yah!" Diana hollered as she watched him to the door.

"See yah downstairs sis." He kissed Diana's forehead.

Diana began her daily routine and make sure that the stuff she wrote last night on her list was inside the travel

bag that they are going to use for their short trip. In about ten minutes, Diana was done and checked one last time the necessary stuff they needed. Diana chose a white top that was knotted to the side and a denim skirts paired with white sneakers. The day is warm unlike last week wherein they are experiencing a bad weather due to typhoon. 'Sis, are you done?' Marcel disturbed her silence.

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'Luna Axelia is looking for you.' Her brother informed her.

'Almost, why?' Diana skeptically said.

'Does she say why?' She replied back.

'Tell Luna that I have it packed so don't worry.' Diana grabbed the travel bag. 'Hurry up Sis!' Her sister yelled though their mind link.

'Be there in a sec Mini!' Diana quickly answered.

'Okay.' Minerva short responds.

'I will.' Minerva answered.

'Finish your food and I will take care of her bathe as well.' Diana ordered her sister ncely.

'She reminded me about the medicine we need to bring for our short trip' Minerva explained.

'Great, see yah all!' Diana ended the link.

She checked her appearance one last time before heading down to the dining where her siblings are

impatiently waiting.

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