

Chapter 1

I was reading in father's study, and Reyna, my older twin sister was currently out with her friends. While we are twins, we are nothing alike. Reyna enjoys reading fashion magazines, while I prefer novels, as well as sword fighting and archery. It was one year after father's death, and a lot of things have happened. Mother got remarried, to a widower with a daughter, Rose. Rose was a nice person, but seemed to fear our opinions of her. After all, her father was a tradesman, but our father was a noble lord. Reyna and I understood her, whatnot with having our father die of a heart disease one year ago. While Reyna was closer to mother, I was closer with father, and he taught me sword fighting and archery, as well other sports considered not ladylike. Stepfather seemed like a nice person, and treated all three of us fairly. Once Rose realized we weren't prejudiced against her, the three of us became friends. And yet, stepfather passed away three months after his marriage to mother. It was around that time mother's attitude towards Rose began to change. She addressed her harshly, and restricted her freedom. At first, Reyna and I thought this was her way of coping with stepfather's death, with Rose reminding her of him. That wasn't the case. She then ended up giving all of the household chores to Rose, when previously, we all had chores. She even tried to make us boss her around, but both of us refused. So, while mother treated Rose harshly, we would make sure she knew she had us, and wouldn't betray her. In fact, we helped her as much as we could, while mother was occupied with other matters. As time went by, the three of us turned nineteen, with Reyna and me being three months older than Rose. It was announced that the prince, which was what the heir of the yakuza clan was called, would be holding a ball, and it was mandatory attendance for all unmarried maidens. I didn't want to go. In fact, I always hated that mother was so stubborn about marrying me and Reyna off. Rose however, she wanted to go, but was forbidden by mother. Reyna and I agreed that she needed to be able to attend, after all, someone might like her, and save her from our mother's commanding ways, as we won't be around to help her forever. So, we devised a plan.

Chapter 2

Looking back on it, it was a rather simple plan. Reyna had wanted to go into fashion design, so she was able to do measurements, and once she told mother she was going to attempt to make our dresses for the ball, mother approved without a second thought, and gave her money to buy the supplies. Reyna and I both have jet black hair and grey eyes, while Rose has red hair and blue eyes. It was decided that we would buy a red fabric for Rose's dress, but tell our mother it was for decorating. Then, for Reyna, she chose a midnight blue fabric. However, mother would be suspicious if we did not return with one for me, so we ultimately chose a pale silver one. I wanted to choose black, but was overruled by Reyna and Rose, saying that it was a colour for mourning, and not a ball. Then we stopped by makeup shops to buy makeup, and brushes. With the amount we bought, it was easy to conceal the products which were for Rose in plain sight. Reyna worked on our dresses with barely any rest, making sure to only work on Rose's when mother wasn't home. When she finished, two days before the ball, we were allowed to look at them. They were amazing. Rose's dress was made with the ruby red fabric we chose, and had thin spaghetti straps, was floor length, and had a rose pattern sewn on. Reyna's midnight blue

dress was also floor length, but she chose to make hers strapless instead, and put on some sparkles. Mine was silver, and similar to Reyna's, but without as many sparkles as hers. Our plan was this, Reyna and I, in our outfits prepare to leave with mother, but just before we can leave, I feign illness, and tell them to go ahead. Then, I start helping Rose with her dress and makeup. After a few minutes, Reyna will tell mother she is checking up on me, and excuse herself from the ball for a while before helping Rose with her hair. Then, the three of us will attend the ball, but return home before midnight. I was originally not planning to attend, but again, it was the yakuza after all, and who knew what would happen if I defied their summons. Besides, I didn't want Reyna's hard work to go to waste. The plan was a success, in the way that we got Rose to the ball. Leaving turned out to be harder than we planned. The yakuza heir, a boy with blond hair and blue eyes, looked bored at first glance, but once he saw Reyna and us, he made his way over to us. "You're back, Miss Totsuka. And won't you introduce us?" he addressed Reyna, glancing at us. "Lilith, Rose, this is the yakuza heir Xavier Enoshima. Mister Enoshima, allow me to present my sisters Lilith Totsuka and Rose Totsuka." Reyna introduced formally. After exchanging pleasantries, we split up, but not before reminding each other of our promise to leave at midnight. I headed towards the refreshments table to get a drink, then watched the events going on. The yakuza heir had invited Rose to dance with him, and Reyna was socializing with her friends. As their dance ended, he separated from Rose and made his way over to me. "Miss Lilith, may I have this dance?" he asked, holding out his hand. "You may." I replied, with as less emotion as I could, knowing that I couldn't allow him to get intrigued by my refusal. The dance was silent, which was fine, as I did not feel like answering questions or pretending to be civil. He then returned to Rose, and seemed to spend the rest of the time with her. I was still wary of him, because of the whole yakuza heir thing, but if he could save Rose from mother's commanding ways, and treat her well, I would not object. Then the bell struck twelve, signalling midnight. Just as the three of us were about to begin leaving, the front door opened abruptly, causing everything to stop.

Chapter 3

Three people in suits walked in, with the boy in front having his hand on his sword handle, another boy with a gun, and a girl in a ninja outfit. "Enoshima." The leader, the boy with the sword called out. He was tall, had blackish hair which had a streak dyed red, and steel cold blue eyes. The yakuza heir, Enoshima excused himself from Rose to greet the unwelcome party. "Heir Aidoneus. What brings you to my party?" he said, in a cold, business like tone. "Our clans are enemies, but I would like to end this." The Aidoneus heir said, matching his tone. "How would you end a feud that began generations ago?" The Enoshima heir questioned. "I need a bride. Allow me to participate in your party, and choose one for myself. Then we can start from scratch, not as enemies." The Aidoneus heir said calmly. "Very well." The Enoshima heir said, then commanded the music to continue. The Enoshima heir then made his way over to us, and asked, "Are you three leaving?" "Yes, mother forbade Rose to attend, but we snuck her out. We need to get her back home before mother finds out, as she's returning from her card game in a few hours." Reyna explained. "I understand, however one of you must stay here until the other has finished escorting Miss Rose home." he replied. "I'll stay." I declared before Reyna could say anything, and continued, "Reyna, you know that I can't leave you here alone. Just be back

fast, alright?" "But... I'm the eldest, I should be staying to protect you from the Aidoneus heir..." Reyna said hesitantly. "Rey, look. We don't have the time to debate, what if mother is already on her way back? I will try my best to keep my temper under control, and wait for you to return." I said firmly. Reyna nodded, and the two of them left. It was then the Aidoneus heir approached me. "My name is Lucifer Aidoneus, heir of Aidoneus Clan. What is your name?" he introduced himself. "Hello Aidoneus, my name is Lilith, I am the second eldest." I replied, with my best fake smile. "Your sisters left?" he asked. "Yes, Rose was getting tired, so Reyna is escorting her home." I said, then began heading away from him, but he gripped my wrist. "Won't you dance with me?" he asked. "No, I do not feel like it. I am tired, and want to go home. Bye." I said coldly, getting out of his grip. He followed me, and blocked the exit. "You are not leaving me until I get a dance with you." he said passionately, with clear anger that he was rejected. "Leave me alone. I will not dance with you. Not today, tomorrow, or ever. Go look for your bride elsewhere, stop wasting your time on me." I said angrily, in a cold tone. He smiled, before replying, "I think I already found her." He pulled me closer to him, and put his arm around my waist tightly, and headed to Enoshima. "Enoshima. I want her to be my bride. As long as you agree, our clan will no longer see yours as an enemy clan. Here is the contract." he gestured to the girl who was following him at a distance, and she pulled out an envelope. I glared at him angrily, and stated coldly, "I will never agree to be your bride. I do not want to get married, especially not to a yakuza heir. I don't see why you insist on choosing me when there are more people who are more suitable to be your bride out here." It was then Reyna returned. "What are you doing to my sister? Let her go." she said calmly, addressing the Aidoneus heir. He reluctantly let go, and turned his attention to her asking, "And you are?" "Reyna Totsuka, eldest child, and older sister of Lilith Totsuka." Reyna responded professionally. "Lil, didn't you say you were going to control your temper?" She then turned to me. I sighed, before apologizing "I'm sorry, he just asked me to dance but I'm tired, so I turned him down not so nicely, and now he's come to the conclusion he wants me as his bride." "Stay out of this, Miss Reyna Totsuka." Aidoneus commanded. "This is between my fiancée and myself," he added, emphasizing on the word my. He then turned his attention back to me, and said with a smirk, "You don't exactly have a choice do you? If you try to escape our wedding, my clan will declare war. And who knows, my source said your other sister was rather close to Enoshima, hmm? Chances are, she'll be hurt in the crossfire or even dead." "Are you threatening me?" I asked, barely restraining my anger. "No, just stating the facts." He replied calmly. "And as for why I'm choosing you, it's because I find you intriguing. You are the first one to have ever said no to me. This makes you suitable to be my wife, because if I end up close to making a bad decision, you'll be able to stop me." he continued. I made my way over to Reyna, but he followed. I stepped on his foot with my high heel as hard as I could, and while he was in pain, opened the door and began running. I could hear his shouting commands to the two who followed him, but immediately sped up, after taking off my high heels. Once I got back home, I quickly locked the door, and bolted everything shut. It was only then I remembered that Reyna was still at the ball.

Chapter 4

The next morning, Reyna returned, holding a letter in her hands. "Rey! Are you alright?" I asked frantically. She nodded, saying "I'm fine. Don't you want to know what happened after you left?"

I took a deep breath in, before nodding. "The Enoshima heir tried to get him to consider someone else, but Aidoneus refused, then they signed the contract. Aidoneus has sent out his bodyguards to find you, and also told me you have twenty four hours to go to him, before he gets mad at you and rushes you into the marriage." Reyna said as calmly as she could. "Damnit. Why did I have to lose control last night? Now that idiotic heir has an obsession with me." I said angrily, mostly angry at myself. "Oh, that reminds me, here is his letter to you. I haven't opened it yet, so I don't know the contents." she said, passing me the letter. I sighed, as I glanced at it. It was addressed to me, but he emphasized the word "my" and changed my last name to his. I opened it up, and pretty much it was how that he was determined to have me, and to meet with him before midnight at a hotel. "Who does he think he is?" I asked angrily, putting down the letter. "He is insane, I am not suitable for him, and yet. He insists on making me marry him." Reyna sighed, before pulling out her phone, and opening a recording. "Trust me Lil, we tried to get him to see reason, but he refuted all our arguments." she said, then pressed play. The recording seemed to start as soon as she had returned from bringing Rose back, and sure enough, I heard the angered commands the Aidoneus heir were shouting. That's when the conversation continued. "Heir Aidoneus, I can not tolerate this anymore. Miss Lilith Totsuka is Miss Rose's sister, and I will not have Miss Rose angry at me just because I gave up her sister easily." Enoshima said coldly, addressing the Aidoneus heir. "Hmm? You said I had my choice from these attending your ball, didn't you? I've chosen, and I will have her." Aidoneus said darkly, as he seemed to have recovered. "Mister Aidoneus, before you make your mind up about something so drastic, shouldn't you ask the current leader?" Reyna said professionally, cutting through the tension. A sigh, and then the dialing of a number. Someone must have indicated him to put it on speaker, as seconds later a voice said "Son, what is this about?" "Father. Under your commands, I have attended Enoshima's ball, and am currently there. I met this one girl..." Aidoneus replied, trailing off. "A girl? Is she willing to marry you?" The father questioned. "No, she... she refused to even dance with me." Aidoneus said with a sigh. "Interesting. If she doesn't want to, then find someone else. You need a wife before I can allow you to take complete control of the clan, remember?" His father said, seemingly amused by his plight. "But father. I really want her, as she's the first one to ever say no to me. Isn't that a good trait for a wife?" Aidoneus said tiredly. "Fine, whatever, do what you want." his father replied, then hung up. "See? No opposition from my father." he said, addressing everyone. "Lilith will hate you even more if you force her to marry you" Reyna stated. "I will make her love me, no matter how long it takes." He refuted, before turning his attention back to Enoshima. "So? Are you willing to give me the girl? Or do you want a war between our clans?" Silence, then Enoshima sighed, before agreeing, and sounds of signing papers were heard. "Oh, and Reyna Totsuka. I know you have been recording since you returned. I just want to tell my fiance that she can not escape from me easily." The Aidoneus heir said calmly. The recording cut off there. "Rey? Do you think I should go listen to what he has to say?" I asked quietly, and upset. Before Reyna could answer however, Rose opened the door and entered. We quickly caught her up to speed, and she suggested that I go listen at least. So, I went to meet him.

Chapter 5

The moment I walked into the hotel lobby of the expensive hotel he demanded I meet him at, his attention focused on me, and began dragging me to the elevator. "What the hell Aidoneus? Say what you want, then I'm leaving. There's no need for you to have actually booked a room." I snapped angrily, getting out of his grip. He stayed silent, and after the elevator arrived, I realized that he booked the penthouse suite. "Well? Talk already." I demanded angrily, as he opened the door. "Lilith, I won't let you run away from me, however I am willing to let you keep some of your freedom." He said in a calm voice, after locking the door. "Some? Oh, how nice. You aren't even asking if I consent to being with you." I said bitterly, with sarcasm clear in my words. "In this case, then... Lilith, will you be mine for eternity?" he replied, getting a jewelry box, opening it up to reveal an engagement ring. "Aidoneus. I don't even know you as a person, and have no desire to do so. So, my response is no." I replied, trying to contain my anger. "My name is Lucifer. Stop addressing me by my last name." He said calmly, grabbing a beer from the minibar. Suddenly, he grabbed my left hand, and slid on the engagement ring. "Aidoneus. Didn't you hear a single word of rejection I just said?" I snapped angrily, trying to pull the ring off, but without success. "I made up my mind. The only person I will marry is you." he said calmly, while drinking his beer. "We only met last night. What makes you think I am good for a yakuza heir like you?" I pointed out. "You're different. Now, let's negotiate your terms. Anything except leaving you alone should be fine." Aidoneus answered, then deflected further responses. "I'll give you one week's time. You can try and make me love you, but if you don't succeed, you leave me alone." I said coldly, glaring at him. "You can't leave or escape during the week though. And you have to actually give me a chance." He said calmly, glancing at me. "Fine. Deal. Bye then, Aidoneus." I said bluntly, standing and heading to the exit. However, he pinned me against the wall, and whispered, "It's Lucifer, my Lilith." before releasing me. I glared at him, then gestured to the ring on my hand. "No, I'm not removing it. I will make sure you willingly accept me by the end of the week. So, there's no point in removing it." He replied, casually opening the door. I left the hotel hurriedly, and headed home. "Lilith, are you alright?" Reyna asked, quickly pulling me into her room. Rose was already waiting in there. "Damn it. He won't give up on me." I said barely containing my anger. "Is that an engagement ring?" Rose asked, glancing at the ring. I nodded stiffly. "Alright, so what did you two talk about?" Reyna asked.

Chapter 6

"Basically, he gets one week to try and make me fall for him, but if he fails he will leave me alone." I said, summarizing the conversation.