

Life or death - 40

WARNING

Some scenes in this chapter and the ones after can be harsh for the reader. Read with caution!

Carter's POV

I paced back and forth in the corridor of the hospital frantically in tension and worry. Thinking about Ava and if she's going to be okay. My heart is beating fast cause I can't wait to see Ava open her beautiful eyes assuring me that everything will be okay.

When I found Ava's body sprawled across the floor with her own blood covering her body I couldn't help but cry and hold her tightly against my chest hoping that she would wake up.

She took the bullet for me even if she was in so much pain she still did for me.

Jacob and the police had arrested Asher and Julianna while they had also searched the barn for Sophie who was also included in kidnapping and threatening Ava and Noah.

The police found Sophie unconscious in the basement of the barn armed with a gun. The reason was that someone crashed a rock on her head making her collapse by the sudden impact. Sophie is being treated for now but only until she starts regaining consciousness then she'll be questioned and arrested by the police.

We still do not know how Ava and Noah have escaped the barn. Apparently they both were trapped in the basement of the barn by Asher, Julianna and Sophie. There was giant shards of glass splattered across the floor, a barrel staircase leading up to a small window which had been shattered by probably a rock in the corner of a wall in the basement.

The police think that Ava and Noah somehow managed to escape the basement by making a small staircase of barrels just to reach the window then they probably crawled their way out of the basement however the police still don't understand as to why Sophie was found unconscious and they're still investigating.

Jacob told me that during the time I was inside the barn talking to Asher and Julianna, Ava sprinted and limped all the way to where Jacob and the police had been, carrying Noah as well.

Ava handed Noah to the police for safety and then had asked Jacob where I was at that time.

Jacob told her that I was in the barn dealing with Asher and that she needed to get away from the barn cause she was heavily injured but being Ava herself. She hesitated against Jacob and had fled and then she ran inside the barn and to me, pushing me away from the bullet which had just been shot by Asher and took the bullet for me.

I can't describe Ava in words right now. She is truly a goddess. I love her.

I ruled my already messy hair. I'm really scared that if anything happens to Ava I'll be heartbroken, she is the light to my life and I will never lose her. I sat down in one of the hospital chairs which faced the room which Ava was being treated in. The doctors are performing an operation on her cause Ava's injuries were bad, they said we will get the results of her operation. I hope she is alright.

A small tap on my shoulder caught my attention and I turned at to look at who it was.

"Cartee" Noah hugged my arm with his small arms. I hugged him back, kissing his forehead.

"I want Avee! They won't let me see her Cartee!" He cried hugging my arm more tightly. "Shhh... I'm here, calm down." I rubbed his back as he sat on my lap.

"Shh everything's gonna be okay." I cooed to him, staring at the wall in front of me, hoping Noah would asleep. A few minutes passed and loud footsteps echoed down the empty hallway. I wasn't even going to look to see who it was. I was lost in my own thoughts and worry for Ava.

"Any news on Ava yet?" Jacob asked me as I felt him take a seat beside me on one of the chairs. "No." I answered not wanting to talk to him right now. I cradled Noah as he slept. "Did they finish the operation?" He asked again. Instead of answering I shook my head as my head started to hurt.

"Do you think she'll be alright?" he started but I cut him off with an annoyed tone. "I don't know, I'm fucking scared for Ava." Jacob put his hands up in a surrender pose then spoke,

"Fine, just chill."

"Just chill?" I asked him. I turned around to face him then continued. "How can I possibly chill when the woman that I love is inside that room fighting for her life?" My breathing was uneasy. Jacob gave me a sad smile and looked away.

I heard the doctor, who was a young man, in his mid 20's probably, with dirty blonde hair and blue eyes speaking to several nurses. He was walking out of the room where Ava's operation was held in.

"Okay, make new reports of the patient and bring them to me." A nurse nodded and scurried off into the hallway.

He must be the doctor operating on Ava.

I stood up and marched over to the doctor carefully handing Noah to Jacob. The doctor continued speaking to the nurses. "Now keep watch of the patient in case anything happens." I cut him off. "Where's Ava, where is she?"

The doctor opened his mouth to answer but I cut him off again frantically. "Is she okay? Don't you dare tell me that she's in any sort of danger!"

The doctor all of a sudden moved away from me and took a cautious step back whilst staring at me, then he asked. "Excuse me, let me speak, this is a hospital and you might startle patients but who are you?"

"He is Carter Nicholson, he knows the patient privately. We appointed her to this hospital so let us see Ava before this guy will totally lose it." Jacob pointed at me while I shot him an angry look. "The patient is recovering. It'll take some time for her to regain consciousness" The doctor paused then continued.

"She's in a very serious condition... we had to remove a huge shard of glass from her thigh which would have infected her leg but we treated her in time, and the bullet had just missed her heart but that doesn't mean she's safe. She might have a few problems with breathing which may even result in death and she's unconscious right now." He finished and I closed my eyes, clenching my fists as he muttered the word death.

I'll not let my Ava just leave me again. I'll bring her back to where she belongs and this time I'll not let her go. Ever.

"Please move aside, I need to see her." The doctor nodded then replied. "You may see her now." I gently pushed down the handle of the door and opened it slowly making sure to not make any loud noise. I stepped into the room examining it while Jacob followed me inside as well closing the door behind him.

The walls were painted in a light gray color, there were several windows aligned into the walls. But what really caught my attention was a bed surrounded with monitors, pipes and poles. There laid on the bed, the love of my life in a heart clenching scene. Her body was covered in bandages and casts, several pipes plunged into her arms and her beautiful face was engulfed with an oxygen mask that covered almost half of her face.

Tears blurred my vision completely as a tear rolled down my cheek.

It hurt. It really hurts seeing her in this state. I felt like someone stabbed me right through the heart.

The sound of beeping from one of the monitors surrounded the room, which meant Ava's heart beat was stable. Without another thought I rushed over to Ava crouching beside the bed she currently laid on. I raised my hand and caressed her cheek so lightly hoping she would open her eyes and tell me that everything was going to be okay.

I want to apologise to her cause of all that happened to her cause of me. I did something to her that made her run away from me, then I got her into trouble and now she's lying in bed cause of me.

I kept my eyes on her the entire time and began to speak my heart out to her. "The first time I met you, I thought you were the most craziest woman I ever saw." I smiled remembering the memory of Zoey's birthday.

The first time I met her...

I paused for a moment taking in a deep breath then continued. "You spilled drinks on me and I got mad at you which led to you raging out on me" I let out a laugh then went back into seriousness, I clutched onto her palm. "I never thought I would love a person this much ever in my life..." I kissed her palm gently as if it was the most fragile thing ever to exist.

Smiling a bit I leaned down and kissed her forehead. "I'm sorry for what you have been through cause of me." I trailed off gazing at her unconscious form. "I don't know what I did that made you upset and hurt, so that you ran away from me." I spoke as if she was listening to every word that I was saying.

I laid my head on her palm as it were a pillow. "I'm sorry that I made you broken. I'm sorry that cause of me you are in this state." My eyes were full of tears as I spoke. "If you don't understand, I feel ashamed I wasn't with you when you saved my life just by sacrificing yours." My voice cracked at the end of the sentence.

I love her so much... I've never loved someone this much... ever.

"But just remember that I love you and will always love you. If you choose to leave me or stay with me, either way it won't change the undying love I have for you." I whispered as a small smile formed on my lips.

I lifted my head upright from lying down on Ava's palm and searched about the room around expecting to see Jacob and Noah, however there was not a single sight of them.

With closed eyes I spoke. "I just want you to open your pretty eyes and I want you to be safe and happy." I smiled cheerfully as a thought of her beautiful smile settled in my mind.

I suddenly felt a light pinch on one of my fingers. I hissed in pain as I shot open my eyes and look down to my shock. Gray eyes stared back at me as I squinted my eyes not believing what I'm seeing right now.

"Ava?" My voice croaked out still in shock that she was actually awake.

Ava's POV

I could hear a voice speaking to me as my vision was nothing but dark. Soothing words conquered my mind, words that were faint but I could make them out.

I tried opening my eyes but couldn't. I couldn't see what was happening or who was speaking to me but I heard them apologising.

Apologising for everything they had done, they were ashamed for not being by my side when I sacrificed my life for him and I immediately knew it was Carter who was talking to me. Every sentence he said was heart breaking, he was apologising for mistakes he never committed. If I had known why he kissed Sophie that day maybe all of this wouldn't have happened.

He was just trying to save me not break my heart...

I felt a hand clutch onto mine weakly. I tried opening my eyes again and it was kind of working cause I could see a bright blur rather than complete darkness.

"I just want you to open your pretty eyes and I want you to be safe and happy."

I opened my eyes widely taking in the brightness of this room, my vision slowly settled from all the blurriness that surrounded me. Turning my head to my side, I spotted a figure with its eyes closed, messy hair and had a small smile on its face. It was Carter.

I pinched his palm lightly that was interlocked with mine so that he can open his eyes and see me. Carter hissed in pain and before I knew it his eyes shot open. He looked down at me locking his eyes with mine in a shocked expression. "Ava?"

My eyes watered as I stared into his green eyes.

I took off the mask on my mouth that prevented me from talking. "Ava you're awake! I was so worried about you!" Carter exclaimed happily with a big grin on his handsome face. His face looked tired like he hadn't slept for a while.

"Carter..." I whispered so softly in a hushed voice. He reached out to cup my jaw with his hands. "Ava I'm so sorry for everything, you don't deserve this." I cut him off. "Shh... I heard it all. I'm okay now."

Carter kissed my forehead. "Thank god you're safe." I smiled hearing him and said.

"I'm safe with you."

How was that chapter?

Any thoughts?

Do you think Ava will survive or not?

I'll see you in the next chapter!

Until then bye :D