

## Epilogue - 41

Carter's POV

4 years later.

I glanced at the clock that was hanging up in my office. It's almost 6pm and I decided that it was time to go home. I quickly packed up my stuff so that I can get home as fast as I can, so that I can spend my day with my gorgeous wife.

4 years ago, Ava had recovered slowly from her injuries she got from the horrible kidnapping in a few months, she was well and healthy. I was beyond happy and thrilled when the doctors said she was ready to leave the hospital, not only that Ava was safe but I was also happy that I finally got my Ava back.

After leaving the hospital I bought Ava and Noah back home. Ava said she was sorry for running away from me that day. She thought that I kissed Sophie on Ava's birthday and I did but unwillingly. Sophie was the cause of hurting my Ava and she's in jail with Asher and Julianna where they will suffer.

Ava quit her job at Mr. Cooper's restaurant a few years ago and decided that it was time she had opened up her own bakery which 2 years ago. She told me that it was her passion to bake.

Later on, a few years later I proposed to Ava, asking her to marry me, and she said yes. I was the most happiest person alive. We dated for 3 years and I thought that it was time I finally get married to my soulmate. Everyone was happy including Noah who was gleaming in joy and excitement.

A few months later we had our wedding situated in a peaceful and beautiful area. It was more like a park but it was decorated in different coloured flowers, candles, different types of food and tables.

But the most important part of the wedding for me was when Ava walked down the aisle. Her friend Rose and Bina were her bridesmaids, and Mr. Cooper walked her down the aisle since Ava's parents were not alive sadly.

That was about 7 months ago, and I say those months were glorious. I got to spend time with Ava and enjoy each and every second of it.

Today is my 27th birthday, Ava had called me while I was at work today saying that she wanted me to be home by half past six or else she would drag me home herself if I didn't show up by six thirty, my usual time to return home was half past eight.

I know that she is planning a surprise for me since she does it every year, and to say I love it.

She is one crazy woman. My crazy woman.

I chuckled at the thought and let my secretary who's name is Dianna, she is in her late 40's know that I was leaving and I asked if I had any meetings or anything I needed to know. I had no meetings anyway until 3 days from now so I don't need to worry about that. I exited the building and hopped into the car without a second to waste and I started the engine and went home.

When I finally made it home, I parked my car in my driveway and I jumped out of the car then glanced down at my watch and my eyes widened upon seeing that it was quarter to eight.

She's definitely going to kill me now isn't she?

I dashed towards the large doors of my mansion and unlocked it slowly not trying to make any sound, once I had fully stepped inside the mansion I realized that the hall was dark with no lights switched on whatsoever.

Sighing heavily I closed the door silently behind me then I turned back around as the lights switched on brightening up every corner of the hall startling me a little.

"Surprise!"

I jumped slightly when confetti fell everywhere around me top to bottom making me groan in annoyance.

A group of people wearing party hats appeared in my view grinning widely at me, to whom I quickly realized were none other than Noah, Mr. Cooper, mother, father, Zoey, Rose, Bina and Jacob.

I almost forgot to mention Bina doesn't work here anymore because Jacob decided that it was time she stop working for me and made her quit her job. Jacob told me that they both moved in together. And to be honest I don't really care about anything, as long as he's happy.

I smiled at everyone warmly which in return were laughing at me weirdly making me confused and lost as to why they were laughing at me. Noah was giggling hysterically whilst blowing a party whistle.

"Why are you all laughing?" I asked dropping my smile into a frown. Jacob recovered himself from laughing as he stepped forward towards me placing his arm on my shoulder trying his hardest not to burst out laughing. "My dear best friend is about to die out of his weakness. It's code red. I repeat code red."

Just as I was about to open my mouth and ask him what was going on Ava appeared standing still between Noah and Rose with her arms crossed over her chest. Her gray eyes stared back at me in fury and anger that scared me.

I gulped and chuckled nervously as I averted my gaze of her eyes and around the huge hall which was now decorated in lights, banners saying happy birthday, a large variety of coloured-balloons, scented candles which illuminated a berry type of smell around the hall giving it a homey feel and lastly a 3 layer cake probably made by Ava, Bina and Rose, covered in yellow frosting and that had several candles on it that stood on a wooden table nearby.

I'm definitely dead meat.

Bringing my gaze back to Ava I scanned her top to bottom. She was wearing a floral dress that made her look absolutely beautiful even with the adorable frown on her face as well as her light brown coloured hair loosely braided that reached right below her chest.

I grinned at her sweetly before taking long strides and engulfing her in a tight yet warm hug. "Gosh I missed you so much." I pulled away from the hug and cupped either side of her face and stared right into her eyes that glared into mine.

She wasn't even hugging me back!

I furrowed my eyebrows at her reaction then pecked her cheeks trying to cheer her up but all I got in return were glares from her and I had enough of it. "Ava, what's wrong?" I asked her all she did was stare back at me not saying a word. I dropped my arms to my sides from cupping her cheeks.

Maybe she's mad at me cause I kept her waiting here for a long time!

I closed my eyes and sighed before opening them again. "Are you angry cause I was late coming here?" I asked her once again she still said nothing however her eyes watered and a stream of tears rolled down her cheeks.

"Did anything happen to you while I was away?" I asked her looking into her tear filled gray eyes in search for an answer. "N-no" she started. "I just thought that you were in danger cause you came home late and cause of the amount of times I called you."

I closed my eyes in frustration remembering that I was in a business meeting and I forgot that I switched off my phone before receiving the call from Ava saying that I had to be home by 6 pm.

I wiped the tears that fell down her cheeks gently and hugged her tightly against my body in comfort. "I'm sorry that I worried you... I was caught up with work." I cooed in her ear calming her down a bit, I then released her from the hug and kissed her lips softly as I heard a bunch of 'Awws', giggles and 'Ewws'.

My lips separated from her's as a smile had taken place on my lips while I stared down at her face which was now covered in a red blush. "I still haven't forgiven you, Carter," she spoke breathlessly and grumpily as her eyes once again followed their way back to mine.

I chuckled at her words and placed a finger beneath her chin listening it. "What should I do for you to give me your forgiveness then?" I whispered into her ears as her lips churned up into a smile. I could tell she was having a difficult time figuring out what to say because of the many times she opened her mouth to only close it.

"Don't be afraid to tell me what it is that you want to say" I grinned whilst leaning my forehead on hers completely ignoring the others in the room. Ava closed her eyes and took in a deep breath before opening her eyes and locking her eyes with mine.

"What if I told you that there will be another pair of tiny legs roaming around the house along with us." I stood confused as to what she was saying. "What?" Ava stood on her tippy toes and whispered words that shook me into my ear. "It means... I'm pregnant."

Is she serious? Or am I imagining all of this?

My jaw hung low in surprise and excitement, "Are you serious?" I asked her incredulously.

I'm so happy! This is the best birthday gift ever!

She nodded and I pulled her into a passionate kiss. I could hear clicks of cameras in the background but that least bothered me. I was just happy and thrilled by the fact that my child is growing inside of Ava. I smiled against the kiss before pulling back and goggling her tightly as if she would disappear if I ever let her go. "That's the best gift ever." I said as Ava smiled.

"Cake time! Cake time!" Both of our heads turned towards Noah who was jumping up and down on the large couch in excitement gazing at the cake which was on the table. Jacob, Bina, mother, father and Mr. Cooper were laughing at Noah whilst Rose and Zoey were snapping several pictures of Ava and I.

I turned my face back to Ava and placed a kiss lightly on her head. "I feel happy that there will be another mini you running around the house." I said which earned a small chuckle from her. I led her head which was leaning on my shoulder comfortably.

"Thanks, my beautiful wife for coming into my life and making me the most happiest person alive." I said while I stared into her eyes lovingly, eyes that I can get lost in forever.

"Thanks to you for sticking with me and helping me get through my hardest times in life my dear husband." Ava smiled. She looked down at her stomach before taking my hand and placing it on her stomach. "For our baby as well."

Our baby...

I grinned at her and grabbed onto her waist and swung her in the air as she squealed and giggled at my sudden action.

I heard laughing coming from the others and soon enough, I felt a nudge on my upper arm and I set Ava carefully back onto the floor.

I watched Jacob as he told me to blow out the candles on the 3-layer cake that said Happy Birthday in icing on it, now it stood right in front of me. I leaned down and on the count of 3 from the others, I blew out the candles as party poppers flew out everywhere around me making me laugh.

Everyone congratulated me for my birthday wishes however I didn't miss out on the annoying comments coming from Zoey saying that I'm growing old and that she can see wrinkles all over my face.

While everyone was busy clapping and singing happy birthday, I caught ahold of Ava who was clapping her hands and singing happy birthday along with everyone else. I pulled her towards me and pecked her lips several times.

"I love you Ava, forever."

She grinned and circled her arms around my neck.

"I love you too Carter, forever and beyond."

.....The end.....

I hope you liked this story! Thanks for supporting me and reading this story. This is the end of Billionaire in love with the baker and I hope you enjoyed Ava and Carter's long journey of love.

I'll see you later, until next time.

Byee :D

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