## The Dark Side of Fate Chapter 324

~Tamia~

159 Happy Homecoming

We returned home from the hearing feeling incredibly happy. It was as if a heavy burden had been lifted off our shoulders. We had been so worried that something terrible would happen, but it all stopped suddenly, and we made it through unharmed. I was filled with joy and couldn't wait to see my children again. The time we spent apart felt so long, and I missed them dearly. But now, we could finally relax. Sylvester held my hand as we drove home, appreciating the beauty of the trees around us. We no longer had to fear for our

lives. There was no need to worry about someone attacking us or shooting at us out of nowhere. It was all over. I looked at Sylvester, who caught my attention by gently touching my hand.

"We did it," I said, and he smiled and softly touched my cheek.

"Yes, we did," he replied. We both realised that we had won, and we allowed ourselves to savour the moment.

We sat quietly in the back of the car, enjoying the view as we drove home. Finally, we arrived, and we all got out of the car and went inside. I had planned a small evening party in the living room as a surprise, so I told everyone to gather there after

changing into more comfortable clothes. "Please join Sylvester and me in the living room once you've changed out of your formal attire," I announced to everyone. Sylvester raised an eyebrow, curious about my plan.

"What's the occasion, my love?' Sylvester asked as we climbed the stairs. "Just a little time to relax and connect now that we're all here," I replied.

"I'm sure they'll appreciate the gesture, my dear," he said, gently kissing my hand.

We returned to our room, changed into casual clothes, and headed to the living room.

We were the first ones to arrive.

The staff did a wonderful job. Everything was prepared-the drinks, the snacks, and the entertainment. Happiness would finally return to the Volkov estate.

again. I missed them so much, but I tried to contain my excitement.

enjoyable, despite Yuri's tricks.

and looked at them.

that direction.

other's gaps.

giving up.

I made sure the staff prepared spring rolls just to tease Amelia and Leo. They used to make spring rolls in their kitchen in the East, It was the default snack Omega Macy served every time, and it brought back memories of being with everyone in their

packhouse. It was a fun time, and I hoped we could do it more often. Amelia and Leo were great hosts, and the place was

Sylvester instructed Bryce and Levi to bring our children, and I was filled with anticipation, longing to see little Liam and Harper

"Spring rolls," Sylvester said, eyeing the tray of delicious snacks, and I laughed. He knew exactly why I included them. "And sandwiches, too!" he exclaimed wide-eyed, and I laughed. It reminded me of the bet we won against the men and how we punished ourselves with sandwiches. I had never eaten so many sandwiches in my life. It was a memory to cherish.

"Leo and Amelia will be thrilled," he added, and I nodded, laughing, knowing exactly how uninterested they would be. They were tired of the stuff.

Sylvester took my hand and held me in his arms, and like a gentle dance, we swayed to the soft background music.

be happy and live our lives. "You know, we should be doing this in our bedroom, green eyes," he whispered, dangerously close to my ears, arousing me in

Resting my head against his chest, I let his scent fill my senses, reassuring myself that the danger was over and we could finally

The music and the mood were perfect, but since we were in a public place, I had to settle for enjoying our dance together.

"I see you started the party without us," I heard David's cheerful voice, accompanied by Nicole's giggles. We stopped dancing

"We have the rest of our lives to celebrate," I managed to say, and he spun me around, pulling me back into his arms.

David reached for Nicole's hand and playfully imitated our dance moves.

"Don't stop the fun on our account; this is a well-deserved lounge ball,' David said, and we all laughed. Sylvester and I resumed our dance, and slowly, everyone arrived and joined in, immersing themselves in the joyful atmosphere.

I looked around. Every one of us was there.

When we were all present, I paused the music to address everyone.

the process. I sighed, trying to suppress my sudden desire for him.

I looked at each person, their attention fixed on me, waiting to hear my words.

Susan sat on Devin's lap, looking healthy and happy. Their joy was finally complete.

Amelia sat on Leo's lap, eagerly anticipating my words, while Leo looked at her in awe. Seeing them, I knew he wouldn't mess it

Nicole and David sat side by side, the oldest love in the room still strong and unbreakable. Vino held Claudia in his arms, their

up.

Avery and Marcel couldn't keep their hands off each other, as always.

joy and peace evident from their calm expressions. Katya sat on Dominic's lap, his hand gently caressing her growing baby bump.

touch because I was about to get emotional.

Along the way, we forged new connections and friendships.

Linda rested against Theo's body, filled with contentment.

Alexei, Clay, Andrew, and Nelson stood at the bar, waiting for me to speak. Max and Kyle sat in individual chairs, radiating happiness and contentment.

The only ones missing were Jake and Stephanie, and they were excused. Jake was still recovering, so I understood why they weren't there. With the exception of Gezel and Erik, this gathering wasn't their scene.

I sighed with contentment and stood upto address everyone. Sylvester stood beside me, holding my hand tightly. I needed his

Gezel and Erik stood together at the bar. They hadn't officially become a couple yet, but it was clear that they were heading in

"I am grateful that we all made it," I began, and smiles spread across their faces. "Something that seemed incredibly difficult and impossible is now behind us.

ensuring that our troubles didn't overwhelm us. Our friendship has grown, and we have become like family, knowing each other's strengths and weaknesses, and filling in each

We discovered secrets and truths, but most importantly, we were there for each other, supporting and helping one another,

Our friendship and love have grown stronger. Everything we've been through has made us stronger and happier.

I genuinely hope we will stay connected and always support one another, no matter what happens.

started teasing about them. Sylvester and I laughed heartily. It was definitely going to be a fun afternoon.

We stood by each other, offering a helping hand every step of the way.

I hope our friendship and love will endure and stand the test of time.

ceased as they turned their focus toward me.

and my excitement grew. Then I turned to Leo.

would take place in the north at the same time.

crossed, hoping they would agree.

she liked the idea too.

their temporary location.

where they had kept the children.

Even though we will soon return to our own homes, let this not be the end.

and become a story that brings happiness and joy to everyone involved," I said, my voice trembling with emotion. "Long live the King and Queen!" David exclaimed, and applause filled the room. Laughter filled the air, and Linda was the first to request a snack.

Sylvester and I sat together on a couch, and I leaned on him. The staff brought out the tray of spring rolls, and Amelia exclaimed.

"Not again! We stuffed ourselves with those things in Mountain," she complained, and Leo seemed to share her sentiment. The

expressions on their faces were priceless. Most of us burst into laughter. Then the sandwiches were brought out, and everyone

After a while, I decided to make a request. I gently tapped my glass with a teaspoon to get everyone's attention. The chatter

Let's not spend too much time apart, and always we will always be there for each other. May our friendship continue to blossom

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for being loyal and true, for believing in us and for never

"I hope my request won't offend any of you, but Sylvester and I were hoping that all of you could have your weddings in the north. Since it will be taking place under a blue moon, we don't want to have to choose which weddings to attend. We want to be there for all of you, and I doubt we can make it if we have to travel across regions for each wedding," I explained, my fingers

"Sue and I don't have a problem with that, as long as her parents are willing to come to the north for the wedding," Devin said,

"Well, I'm sure my parents won't mind, and Gezel is already here, so why not?" he replied, and Amelia's face lit up. It seemed

"Marvelous! We will take care of the planning and arrangements. None of you will have to lift a finger," Linda offered, and I frowned playfully at her. I couldn't believe she had been hoping for this to happen but hadn't mustered the courage to ask. "Don't give me that look; I'm not the queen," she defended herself, and we all laughed. We had just solved the puzzle of which wedding to attend and whom to send our well wishes and apologies to. There would be no need forthat because all the weddings

We continued to enjoy our time in the lounge, eating, laughing, and sharing stories. Bryce linked Sylvester to inform him that they

followed, eager to see their children and hold them in their arms. As I hurried, nerves and worries about the children's well-being

had brought our children. Without thinking, I sprang to my feet and rushed toward the entrance. Linda, Avery, and Nicole

Were the nannies treating them kindly? These questions swirled in my head as we reached the entrance and saw Levi and Wilson helping Nicole's children out of the van.

Tanya, Elisabeth, and Justin ran toward Nicole and David, who embraced them with overwhelming happiness. The girls hugged

her father tightly, expressing how much they had missed him. They looked well and clean. I assumed they were comfortable in

"They took us to a small house with a beautiful garden, Daddy," Tanya told her father, and I glanced at Bryce, curious about

"We didn't keep them in the bunker, but we didn't disclose the location either. Knowing that some council members were among

They brought Liam to me, and he smiled when he saw me. "Mama," he said, his voice clear and audible.

counted my blessings.

their children.

filled the air

the traitors, we were afraid they might have access to specific places in the north.

Marcel held Marvin in his arms. "Welcome home, big guy," he said, lifting him up and blowing on his tummy to tickle him, eliciting laughter from the little one. Joy

in the bunker filled my mind. Were they being taken care of properly? Were they healthy?

So I sent them to my mother's bungalow in Pearl's village, ensuring that no matter what happens, no one would find them,' Bryce explained. At the same time, the nanny holding Harper brought her to her father. She had grown so much and now resembled Stephanie a lot. The only thing she inherited from me was my eyes. She was a beautiful child.

I was grateful that fate had been on our side, and we had survived Yuri. I was grateful to hold my children in my arms again. I was simply grateful. Lily, Miles, and Oliver were with their parents. Linda and Theodore's joy and emotions were evident as they held and embraced

"They can say some words now," one of the nannies mentioned, but I couldn't focus on her words. I held Liam in my arms and