

Forever in the Past and Forever in the Future

Chapter 209



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Marco picks me up at five a.m. sharp and takes me down to the training ground. James is there with Delilah and Tyree.

"Hi Delilah...Tyree...what are you guys doing here?" I smile, happy to see them.

"Kas, Alpha Bronx is making some updates on the team. We wanted to surprise you and introduce your newest full time guard and magic advisor," Marco says with a smile, motioning to Tyree and Delilah.

"Really?" my eyes light up as I look at Delilah, who winks at me, then at Tyree with his arms crossed in front of him, smiling cheerfully. 1

"I'm glad I will get to be with you full time from now on, Luna," Tyree says, his dark eyes twinkle in the early morning light, "Although the Gamma was kinda bummed out that he needs to find a new scout."

James steps forward and speaks now, "Kas, we are bringing on Tyree because I won't be on physical duty for you as often anymore. I mean sometimes, but mostly, I am going to be working with Gamma Reggie, Beta Lenora, and Musu. We are going to be keeping a closer eye on things in the world to make sure you are not in danger."

"So you are my eye in the sky?" I try not to giggle.

James chuckles, "Yeah, think of me as the eye in the sky. And if we think you could be in danger or if you need Delilah or me at any time, all you need to do is give the word and we will be there right away."

"Thank you, James. I'm so excited for you," I feel myself hopping on my toes and clapping a little. Delilah takes James's hand and gives it a supportive kiss.

"I think this guy over here has even bigger news," he points his thumb over his shoulder to Marco.

"Marco, you have news too?" I raise my eyebrows in excitement.

"Yeah, Kas, I do actually," he rubs the back of his neck, looking a little embarrassed. He takes a deep breath before he speaks again, "Starting today, I'm the Lead Guard for your team. Tyree and I are gonna split up guard duty. James will fill in for US occasionally, but like he said, he is going to be focusing on intel. Delilah is going to help you learn how to use your abilities better. Everyone reports to me when it has anything to do

with your safety. I report any updates to Alpha Bronx on Monday mornings or as needed." 1

"Oh, Marco! This is amazing! We need to celebrate!" I squeal. Carly, Delilah, and Musu did not give me this much detail yesterday, so I am genuinely surprised and happy. 1

"No need to celebrate, Kas. We got work to do," Marco insists, putting his hands up.

"Okay, fine. No celebration. Can I at least buy you a new suit?"

"No, Kas, don't buy me a new suit. I'm fine with the ones I got," he sighs, trying not to cave in on my requests.

"Come on, Marco. At least let me buy you a new tie," I relent. He has to let me do something. Lead Guard is a big deal.

"Fine. You can get me a tie but no crazy colors," he pinches the bridge of his nose in frustration, finally giving in.

"Deal!" I laugh.

"Alright, we gotta get to work," Marco says more seriously, "Today, you, me, and James is gonna train like we usually do, so Tyree and Delilah can see how it goes. Next time, we are gonna get Tyree to spar with you so we can see where he needs more practice and so we can teach him the things James and I have learned about defending ourselves against your abilities. We are also gonna set aside time for you and Delilah to work together." 2

"Delilah, you're going to watch US spar?" I turn to her. Delilah is a pacifist. So when she told me yesterday that she would help me learn magic, it surprised me, but now she is going to focus on teaching me how to use my abilities in a fight? That seems like it would go against her morals. 1

"Kas, after everything you have been through, I understand this is necessary. Lady Camille has agreed, and she supports the decision as well," Delilah says, "I am a little concerned watching the four of you fight, though. I don't want to see anyone get hurt."

I step forward and pull Delilah into a tight hug.

"Thank you, my friend," I whisper in her ear, "Thank you so much."

She pulls away and smiles at me before she gives me a kiss on the cheek, nodding.

"Alright gang, vamanos. Time to get to work," Marco interrupts, "Tyree, Delilah, feel free to ask questions as we go through our routines."

At six-thirty sharp, the timer goes off and we finally stop. James helps Marco up off the ground. I touch the spot under his eye where I just kicked him and there is still some blood dripping, healing him instantly. The three of us look over to Delilah and Tyree only to find them staring at US wide eyed. Delilah looks a little pale. 1

"That was way more intense than anything I've seen during pack sparring matches," Tyree says with a gulp.

"Well, that's because I'm not allowed to use my abilities during those matches," I pat him on the shoulder before I pick up my water bottle.

"I- Marco, you almost shot her," Delilah says with a shaky voice, "I-I can't... that's...!..."

James wraps his arms around her and rubs her back, "It's alright, my Love. We don't put real bullets in the gun anymore. It's just blanks to make a noise. But that's why you're so important. We need Kas to use her abilities to protect herself in case a real gun goes off."

Delilah looks up at James and blinks twice. I watch as her eyes turn a dark shade of blue when she looks at me, "Kas, we have a lot of work to do, young lady."

I can tell from her look that she means working on more than just the abilities that James and Marco are aware of. I nod in agreement.

"You okay, Tyree?" Marco asks with his hands on his hips.

Tyree looks at US and smiles, "Yeah, this is going to be awesome. Luna, I'm IF

"Nope," I put my hand up, stopping him from finishing whatever he was about to say, Tm only Luna when we are in public, Tyree. When it is just the

four of us, I'm just Kas. Got it?"

"Yes, Lun-...uh...Kas," he responds, "Kas, I'm really glad Alpha Bronx gave me this opportunity."

"Me too, Tyree. Now let's get breakfast. I'm starving and I have a busy day ahead of me," I clap him on the shoulder, "Marco, I would like to speak to you and Delilah separately about her and I training together. Just so we understand expectations."

"Of course. James, can you and Tyree clean up? I will walk the ladies up to the packhouse," Marco asks.

"Yes, Sir," James nods.

As Delilah, Marco, and I walk away, I turn to Delilah, "I need to tell him Delilah. Marco is too smart to not find out on his own."

"Yes, that is probably for the best," Delilah looks at me with a nod of confirmation.

I take a deep breath, "Marco, I have a lot to fill you in on, so I just need you to hang in there and promise to keep this all a secret, okay?"

Marco looks at me with knit eyebrows, "Okay? I promise to keep whatever it is a secret."

As we walk up to the packhouse, Delilah and I tell him everything we know about my conversation with Leticia and the extent of my abilities, not just the ones he knows about.

"So if any of the other Manaes can do it, so can you?" he crosses an arm across his chest and rubs his chin with the other hand, looking into the distance. 1

"That's what Leticia seems to think," I shrug.

"Yeah, definitely don't let the Alpha know that until we understand it better. Who knows what his reaction would be," he muses, "Delilah, teach her whatever you need to, but I need you to report it to me so I know what's goin' on. I'll make sure James and Musu keep US updated on exactly what the other Manaes' abilities are. We will tell them we just need you to know how to defend yourself against them. That will help you know what you need to learn, right?" 1

"Yes, Marco, it will definitely help," I feel a sense of relief that he understands my position and is willing to help.

"You can count on me, Kas," he gives me a half a smile, "Let's get breakfast."