

## Chapter 77 - Her Forbidden Alpha

### Chapter 77 Epilogue

5 YEARS LATER

“Oh, come on Elijah! You have to wear it!” Rafael said holding up the shiny pink unicorn party hat. Elijah glared at his friend.

“I wouldn’t be caught dead in that.” He said.

“It’s Raihana’s birthday. Come on, she’s going to cry if you don’t.”

Elijah raised an eyebrow. “She’s 2. I don’t think she’ll even care.”

From across the garden, Scarlett and Maria exchanged looks.

“Them two argue too much...” Maria said as she arranged the sandwich platter and set it down.

“Bromance at its finest!” Indigo called as she walked out from the Villa.

It was Rafael’s second child’s birthday and he had rented a villa for some of their friends.

“Look she’s not wearing one...” Elijah said, giving Rafael a look as he pointed at Indigo.

“Ok fine... You and Alejandro are such party poopers...” He grumbled glancing at his brother, who to be honest he was shocked he had even come for the party. The rest had come the day before but Alejandro had only turned up 10 minutes ago.

The 20-year-old sat on the ground away from the area they had lit up with solar-powered lanterns and fairy lights, busy scrolling through his phone. Rafael’s smile vanished as he watched him, concerned. It had been 7 years since they had discovered what he was. 7 years of worrying for his safety but as the years went by, he realised it wasn’t Alejandro who needed protection.

The younger man now looked up, his dark cold eyes meeting his brother's warm ones, but before either could say anything the sound of children's laughter and excitement filled the air. The doors opened and out poured the gang of children.

At the front were Liam and Rayhan. Both boys racing dangerously fast towards their dads.

"I won!" Liam said grabbing Elijah's leg.

"No, I did!" Rayhan retorted. Rafael sighed.

"I think it was a draw. Don't you agree Elijah?"

"Yeah maybe." Elijah said, earning a frown from Scarlett from across the room. He winked at her and she rolled her eyes looking away. Rayhan was only a week younger than their twins who were 4. Monica and Aarons son Damon who had turned 5 a month ago strolled out lazily, staring at the moon that now peeked out from behind the trees. Rafael's Beta's family was also there. The boys ran off joining the rest.

Whilst one child stood on the steps not moving, her soft sandy blonde hair framed her face as she looked out into the brightly lit garden.

Elijah's smile faded as he walked over to his daughter Kiara, concern clear on his face. Unlike her headstrong brother, she was the opposite. He crouched down looking into her eyes that were a mix of both his and Scarlett's; a sage green with a bright blue ring. He cupped her face and she gave him the purest smile he had ever seen.

"What's wrong cutie patootie?" He asked softly. "Can you see alright?"

She nodded. "I can see all this daddy." She said pointing to the brightly lit area. Elijah smiled kissing her forehead.

"That's good."

His heart aching a little. He scooped her up in his arm kissing her cheeks. He'd always be there to take care of her.

The party was in full swing. Music played loudly and the children were having a blast. Elijah pulled Scarlett onto the dance floor.

“Come on kitten, one dance.” He said, gripping her hips and pressing her firmly against him. His lips meeting hers in a passionate kiss. She wrapped her arms around his neck, pulling him closer.

It had been nearly 6 years since they had fallen in love, found out they were mates and had gotten married just over 3 years ago.

could be possible. She hadn't changed much her hair was still the same, but it was slightly longer now. Since

been born it was Elijah who had wanted to name their son after Liam and Scarlett had loved the

Kiara was sat at a table eating a cake pop. Her large eyes spotting a glow-worm on the ground. Her eyes widened in curiosity and she climbed off her chair. Slowly following the worm into the forest. So enchanted she didn't even realise she

one of the pups going into the forest, about to look away when he noticed she seem to be limping slightly. He raised an eyebrow taking in her sandy blond hair, Elijah's kid? Probably... He went back to his phone after a glance at

and Scarlett pulled away, feeling

hand teasingly ran over his front making him smirk. She turned away

as everyone began looking. Elijah scanned the trees,

rugged voice emotionless and cold. Elijah's eyes flashed

is she?” He

went into the forest

as Elijah

just the forest, not like there's anything out there that's big bad and scary." He taunted his brother. Rafael's eyes flashed as he

for once get off your fucking throne and think that we're talking about an innocent child?!" He shouted, motioning his Beta

moment Alejandro's ears picked up the low hissing of what he had kids inside." He

ran into the forest at a speed that left the rest in awe

deeper and deeper into the forest when they heard her

"Mama is that you?"

they slowed down, padding forward. It was then the putrid smell of decay, rotten

won't get near that thing." Alejandro said, now stopping in front of them. Elijah growled quietly but Alejandro

two legs. A mix of a wolf and a man. Black fur covered his muscled body, his face looked like a

hell is he....?' Indigo

spoke. Only one word described the

in the forest that time... Alpha Daniel's odd murder... The speed and strength he always had as

of Alpha's?' Indigo asked,

hasn't been one in existence since the Lycan King 300 years ago...' Aaron said through

Scarlett asked after a moment, her heart racing in fear for her

more capable.' Elijah said, his tone clipped and cold knowing he was just stood there, not knowing what was happening

“Mama? Daddy?”

against him and he rubbed her neck knowing it was hard for her to just stand here

put down to rogue attacks, he had been searching for this thing. However, when the bodies were mainly eaten, he didn't really think it was rogues... He had tracked it close

Nothing of the sort had been heard of

saw the little doll-like child holding her hands out, remembering what Rafael said about her not being

“Mama? Daddy?”

hissing loudly. Its long tongue extended. Kiara screamed in terror realising it was not her parents. Just as Alejandro slammed it across the field, scooping Kiara into his arms growling dangerously at the creature who hissed and lurched itself at him. In a few seconds, he had

neck, her body shaking in

I want mama.”

and Elijah burst from the trees having heard the sounds. Relieved to see a shaken but otherwise ok Kiara. Scarlett shifted not caring who was around, taking Kiara into her arms and soothing the terrified child. Elijah growled warning Aaron and Alejandro not to look. Alejandro mentally rolled

ahead. He knew Rafael wouldn't stop harassing him to know what it was. Since these four had seen him, it was best he had a word with them before he left. He didn't give a shit about anyone's questioning but right now, he needed his identity to be kept secret. He had plans, but

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The adults had got

was the reason for his odd form but realised it just became more and more beast-like. The man was about 6 foot 6 but his Lycan form was well over 7 feet. He was faster, stronger and had a stronger

Elijah cast

words, he's a freak of nature."

nature? Isn't that what your kid is?" Alejandro replied, taking out a cigarette

Alejandro..." Rafael said, his words falling on deaf ears. Elijah growled at him, daring

pup who can't see in the dark? A fucking invalid. Surprising,

at Alejandro, his fist raised but the younger man gripped his fist not caring

eyes flashing as he stared

off him and Elijah felt his wolf fight him. He gritted his teeth wrenching his hand free. "At least she has

"Scarlett. Take Kiara to bed. Now." Elijah said. He didn't want her to hear this shit. Scarlett glared coldly at Alejandro before she lifted Kiara who was staring wide-eyed, her young mind uncertain of exactly what was happening.

"If you hadn't saved her... I'd fucking kill you."

"Or die in the process." Alejandro replied coldly, smoking his cigarette.

"I'm sorry on his behalf Elijah. What was that thing out there?" Rafael asked trying to diffuse the situation.

"Something that feeds on children or foetuses of werewolves. I had a feeling it wasn't rogues behind the brutal murders."

Rafael looked down feeling guilty. He had even thought his brother may have been behind those attacks. He looked away and Alejandro scoffed coldly, he knew what was going through his brothers' mind. The fucker didn't fully trust him, that or he thought he was a monster. Well, he fucking was...

"Well, I'll be out of here before morning, just need my phone charged." He didn't care what people thought of him. He'd do what he wanted and no one would stand in his way.

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Elijah entered the kids' room, seeing Scarlett caressing Kiara's hair. Liam was asleep on the other side of the bed

"Is she asleep?" He asked softly as he walked over, pulling Scarlett up and into his arms.

"Yeah... Alejandro isn't wrong... She will be bullied and probably looked down on." Scarlett whispered, sadness filling her. When Kiara was barely two, they had been attacked by rogues and she had her right foot almost bitten off. Her bones had been crushed beyond the ability of her healing and she now had to live with damage to her Achilles tendon for life. The guilt never left Elijah; it was his job to protect her no matter what but he had failed her.

"I'll protect her." Elijah said his eyes flashing, his hold on Scarlett tightening. She cupped his face and kissed him softly.

"I know you want to be the perfect dad, and you are, but protecting her from everything will only hurt her. In the long run, she will have to face the world and all the shit it's going to bring her way. We need to make sure she's ready for it."

They both looked at her and Elijah sighed. "You're right Red."

"Let's get to bed." She replied, pulling away she gave both her kids a soft kiss. Elijah did the same before they both took their leave and returned to their own room.

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It was hours later and Alejandro sat on the front doorstep, smoking his fourth cigarette. Lost in thought about the creature. Was it just a lone attack or were there more? Where had it come from? Something bigger was at work here, he could feel it.

He heard quiet footsteps and turned, seeing Kiara walking down the steps, she kept using her left foot to step down then lifting her right. He frowned as she looked up at him and walked a little faster down the stairs. Stumbling on the bottom one. He shook his head looking away. Didn't the idiots know how to look after one child? Or was she just a disobedient brat.

"Thank you for saving me from the monster." She said, stepping out of the house to stand in front of Alejandro. He looked down at her, for the first time paying attention to her large eyes. It was ironic that they looked so unique but were pretty useless. He looked out into the darkness. The child still staring at him. "Are you deaf?"

He glanced at her, sharply glaring at her.

"I'm not a loser like you, now get lost." He said coldly, his eyes flashing red. She only smiled and stepped closer.

"When it was dark. I could see your eyes glowing." She said as if it was the most amazing thing ever. He tossed the cigarette to the floor. Did the kid not get a hint?

"Good for you, now get the hell back to bed."

"I wanted to give you this." She now held out a red rose with a crumpled stem. He raised his eyebrow when she bravely took his hand and placed the flower into it smiling happily. He frowned, even his niece and nephew stayed metres away from him whenever he saw them. Which was rather rare.

"Go away."

She ignored him now placing her index fingers at the corner of his lips and pushing his face. He glared at her.

“What are you doing?” He said pushing her hands away. Stupid kid.

“I’m teaching you to smile.” She said giving him a huge one. He gave her a cold smirk in reply.

“Life’s a fucking nightmare kid. The earlier you learn that, the better.” He stood up. He didn’t have the time or patience to waste with a pathetic weak pup. He grabbed his phone from the hallway charger and stepped outside.

The little girl stepped inside, she looked a little upset at his words but still stood there silently. He glared at her tossing the flower she had passed him onto the ground. Her eyes widened as she looked at it, her eyes stinging with tears of hurt.

Her tears spilt down her cheeks when he stepped on it crushing it.