

Chapter 33 Alive or Dead

In the darkness of the night Hercules drags Peter's inert body through the forest, while cursing him, because that wound will take a while to heal because it was made with silver and aconite.

But Hercules as always got what he wanted, but this fight showed how far he is from being able to defeat Erick, he needed to find a way to finish the ritual and thus become Erick's match.

Finally they arrive at a hidden cave deep in the forest that had been prepared by his followers to be his new hiding place.

Throwing Peter at the feet of his servant he says:

"Tie him up with silver and torture him until you get all possible information from Eduarda out



of him, tomorrow I will return to pay you a visit" he finishes with a devilish smile and turns and to make the long way to the royal academy, but his smile

widens even more when a few meters away dark the agonizing screams of Pedro

Meanwhile in her room at the royal academy, Eduarda struggles and screams in bed in the midst of a terrible nightmare.

Joshua makes mention of getting up and going to his sister, but Lila hugs him to the bed and says:

"Xiii let someone else come to her rescue" and kisses Joshua's neck again driving him crazy.

He smiles and wonders how he was able to try to get away from Lila, because she was amazing and she was right, they needed to bring Eduarda and Erick closer together once and for all.

Meanwhile in the other room, Erick wakes up startled by Eduarda's screams, and his first thought

was of Hercules so he gets up in just his underwear and runs to Eduarda's room.

Upon entering he
finds her struggling on the covers, trapped by her own nightmares.

Walking over to her
he gently touches her forehead and says words of comfort as he brushes
her hair
away from her face.

It was already possible to see some changes in Eduarda. Now that she was eating properly she had gained some weight, she no longer looked as scrawny as before, and her hair, previously dull and lifeless, was now falling onto the pillow shiny and silky.

Eduarda calms down at Erick's touch, and he steps away to leave, but has one of his hands grabbed by Eduarda who whispers :

"Don't leave me
alone please"

Erick knows the right thing would be to ignore her plea, but for some obscure reason he can't,

so he walks over to her and says :

"Move over"

Eduarda makes room

for Erick on her bed , and he lies down, and Eduarda as if it was the most natural thing in the world snuggles into Erick's chest, who for a second gets

tense, but then goes relaxing with the feeling of fullness, and to his surprise

there is no lust there, only affection and understanding.

"Do you want to talk

about the dream?" he asks as his hands as if they had a life of their own begin

to caress the arm Eduarda has placed on his chest.

"I have been

dreaming about a beautiful she-wolf trapped, only this time something was very

wrong, she was in agony and I couldn't let her go," Eduarda tells him truthfully.

"She needs to

connect with her she-wolf fast, or risk losing her forever," says Tron, in Erick's head

Erick chooses his

words and says:

"Eduarda I don't

know why you are blocking her transformation..." begins Erick but Eduarda makes

a threat to interrupt him, but he remains firm, "I am the supreme Eduarda I have two beasts inside me, I am not asking why, but I know that is what is going on, I will not meddle because this is actually your problem, but it must

be extremely lonely for your she-wolf to be contained in a corner of your mind

feeling alone and rejected, have you ever wondered what will happen if she gives up waiting and you lose her forever? I can't imagine being without Kairon

and Tron, well I'm just saying that these dreams might actually be a cry for help from your she-wolf.

Erick's words touch

Eduarda deeply, and a solitary tear runs down her face, and she makes an important decision.

Slowly Eduarda

falls asleep, lulled to sleep by Erick, who scolds himself for being there.

For one hour her

companion will appear, as will his, and no matter how much he had seen her kissing Gaby the other day he knew deep in his being that Eduarda was not the

kind of girl who could relate without commitment.

Sighing he leaves

Eduarda's room before he does something that will make him regret it later.

The next morning a

royal guard rushes into the royal academy because he has important news for the

prince and his Beta .

As soon as he finds

them in a private room he says :

"Sir I was sent to

report the disappearance of the royal guard Pedro, yesterday he went out to

patrol the forest, and today he did not report in, after a fact finding search

a certain area of the forest was found totally destroyed, which led us to

conclude that a fight took place there, but we found no trace of Pedro and his

whereabouts"

Joshua loses all

color in his face as he remembers his uncle.

And the last words

he said to him.

Erick stands

thoughtfully for a moment and says:

"Take a larger group

and search every corner of our territory, if Peter is here alive or dead I want to know, and reinforce the security of the Pack something tells me that damn

Hercules might be involved in this"

Upon hearing that

name Joshua makes the decision to attend with Eduarda and Lila at the meeting

with Draco, for the time has come to prepare for war.

The guard leaves

soon after, receiving his orders, Erick looks at Joshua, who seems to have aged

ten years after the news and says:

"Peter is one of our

best men, surely he is alive, and we will find him"

Joshua nods in

agreement but his mind is on meeting Draco later, and on his uncle's words:

"If you must trust

Draco, trust suspiciously, I do only what is necessary"