

Chapter 37 Give up

Disguisedly Draco approaches Eduarda and says:

"Use their fear to your advantage, threaten to set everything on fire, that will be enough to keep you alive."

Eduarda is getting more and more nervous, it's true that she has been training but this has only been a week.

Draco starts the draw and the first fight begins.

Eduarda is horrified with the brutality of it, while all around her people shout and encourage the fighters, and the fight only stops when one of them falls unconscious, because

it seems that nobody wants to give up.

Fight after fight, Eduarda gets more and more nervous.

Camila, next to Erick, seems to love it all.

Gaby's turn comes
and she takes on a Lycan from group four.

The fight is brutal,
but to everyone's surprise Gaby seems to be enjoying herself, and next to
her

Peter grumbles:

"Show-off"

Gaby eventually
defeats the Lycan leading the newbies into delirium.

As she descends from
the ring she takes Eduarda in a hug and spins her around.

Eduarda laughs at
her friend's excitement but her smile dies as she sees Erick's wry smile, and
seems to hear his voice in her mind:

"What was it like
sniffing pillow and kissing in the hallway", Erick seems to be thinking the
same thing by the look he casts at her.

Camila seems to
notice the exchange of glances and kisses Erick on the lips, thus
interrupting

their eye contact.

Two fights later

Peter also does very well, although he suffered much more than Gaby to win the

fight, but determined to be better than Gaby before Eduarda notices he kisses

her on both cheeks.

Camila is called to

the next fight, and her rival is Betany.

Camila is brutal to

the point of sadism, dragging na unconscious Betany through the ring laughing

like a madwoman.

"Let her go, the

fight is over," says Eduarda, not being able to stand it anymore.

Silence takes over

the shed, and Draco smiles .

"What did you say?"

asks Camila, still holding Betany.

Taking a deep breath

Eduarda says in a loud voice taken by a rage that went beyond her:

"I said let her go
the fight is over"

Draco doesn't get
involved he just watches the scene.

Camila lets out a
laugh and says:

"I'll let go if you
take her place"

Feeling fear running
through her body Eduarda makes mention of going to the ringe but Gaby
and Peter
stop her saying there is no point, after all Betany has always picked on her.

But Eduarda is
beyond persuasion and heads for the ringe.

Without any
difficulty Camila throws Betany out of the ring and before Eduarda even
fully
enters the ring she already starts throwing a series of punches.

Eduarda manages to
get some distance from Camila and throws a few punches that Draco
taught her but

without causing much damage. Her nose is bleeding, and she must have a cut on

her forehead as her eye is bloodshot as well.

Peter shouts:

"Give up"

But Eduarda doesn't want to give up for Camila, so she keeps catching, dodging and once in a while

hitting a blow .

People shout words of encouragement to Camila.

And Gaby joins Peter and asks Eduarda to give up, because her injuries are visible.

From the bleachers Erick turns his face away, and locks his jaw as if making a supernatural effort to stay still.

And that's when it happens, Eduarda's eyes take on a red hue, and her hands emit a red glow, Camila screams in fright saying:

"Help she's going to
burn me, help"

People move away
from the ring for fear of being hit by Eduarda. Draco almost claps his
hands
in excitement and says:

"Did you give up
Camila?"

Startled Camila nods
making yes, that's when Erick lightly touches Eduarda's hand and says
softly:

"That's enough, you
won"

Just as it came all
Eduarda's anger vanishes and with it her burst of power and she falls sitting
up as Camila launches herself at Erick, and he walks away with her without
looking at Eduarda again.

Watching them walk away Eduarda feels her
heart tighten and something inside her dies.

After the fight, it
is official Eduarda has the power to burn people, so everyone including the

girls in her group walk away from Eduarda with the exception of Gaby and Peter.

Eduarda feels her strange bond with Gaby grow stronger, as does her friendship with Peter.

Days go by, and there is no news from Joshua and Lila, much less from her Uncle Peter.

After the fight Betany stopped teasing Eduarda, as she feels indebted to her.

Now three months have passed since Joshua left, and the changes in Eduarda are impressive.

She is no longer the scrawny girl who arrived there, now she has gained weight and curves, her hair

is longer and shinier, she is also no longer the fearful girl, because the academy and Draco's training have hardened her.

On another of her walks to the clearing, Eduarda sits there and is lost in the memory of her last kiss on Erick.

Gaby is becoming more and more persuasive, and she knows that there will come a time when

she

will have to decide whether to turn the friendship into something more or not.

Sometimes the bond between the two is so strong that Eduarda wonders if he couldn't be her companion.

As if called by her thoughts Gaby appears.

"Here again? You really like this place," he says sitting down next to her.

Actually she was going there to escape Camila's ever constant presence in the royal pavilion, but she thought it best not to tell that to Gaby, instead she said:

"It's beautiful don't you think?"

Looking at her he says:

"You are beautiful," their gazes meet, and Gaby slowly moves closer, Eduarda knows he is going to kiss her, and doesn't pull away.

At first the kiss is gentle, but then it turns into something more urgent, Eduarda feels the need

to pull away, because she feels as if Gaby is draining her strength, but he holds her tighter.

Eduarda tries once again to pull Gaby away, feeling panic take over, and that is when he is violently pulled off of her.