

Chapter 40 All the Time It Was You

Erick, enters the tight space of the cave and sees Eduarda leaning against the back wall, overcome by his inner beast he moves towards her like a feline on its way to its prey.

His transformed and now clawed hand moves toward her.

Eduarda tries to dodge, but this only annoys Kairon who tries to grab her by the neck, but instead grabs her necklace and pulls.

The chain breaks and falls to the ground, and it is at this moment that everything around Erick seems to explode, Kairon howls and puts his nose to Eduarda's neck.

Eduarda at the moment the necklace falls to the ground also feels na explosion, her senses sharpen and Erick's wonderful smell envelops her.

Erick gradually

transforms into human form, with his face still embedded in Eduarda's neck, both Kairon and Tron howl in his mind claiming Eduarda as his mate.

Already transformed

he pulls away a little and the two face each other and say at the same time:

"Mine"

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Taken by instinct

they both move towards each other and their mouths connect in a
overwhelming

kiss full of urgency and voluptuousness.

Erick's hands run

down the sides of Eduarda's body. While she stands on her tiptoes and
wraps her

arms around his neck.

Erick deepens the

kiss further delighting himself with the taste and smell of her that he can
now

feel. Eduarda moans without his mouth and Erick holds her tight pulling her
off

the floor, Eduarda promptly passes her legs around Erick who abandons his
mouth



to lick and suck that spot on her neck that drove her crazy , Eduarda returns

the favor also finding that spot on Erick's neck at the same time she starts rubbing herself against Erick's huge erection.

"So all the time it was you," Erick whispers between her moans.

But those words cut the spell and Erick remembers the last year of suffering, and the realization that his weakling companion was actually a powerful she-wolf who could burn

people, hit him like a bolt of lightning.

Then he looks at the necklace on the floor and understands. She had the power to defend herself, but

she didn't, and she condemned him to suffer all that with her.

Erick puts her down and Eduarda looks at him, stunned.

"You had the power to defend yourself all this time, or you could have told Peter or Joshua and they would have saved you" he says taking a few more steps away from her, and

giving a bitter smile he says, "you have no idea what I've been through" and turning he leaves Eduarda alone with her pain and anguish.

Eduarda then

remembers how sorry she felt for Erick when her uncle told her about his condition, and the phrase :

"And because of that he hates his mate", echoed in her mind breaking through the barriers and making her cry.

A short time later she picks up the necklace from the floor, determined never to put it on again, and heads for the royal pavilion.

As soon as she opens the door she knows that Erick is not there, and now with the bond established on both sides she feels all the pain and anguish coming from him.

Joshua and Lila, who were sitting in the room, look at her with pity, and as soon as Eduarda tells them what happened, Joshua goes in search of his friend and Lila hugs her, saying words of comfort.

Joshua finds Erick in a totally destroyed part of the forest, where Erick has taken all his pain and anger out on him.

Joshua approaches
his friend and stands by his side without saying anything.

After a while Erick
asks:

"Did you know?"

"I was pretty
sure," Joshua answers truthfully

"Since that time
she stayed in the infirmary after Tiffany's attack, the doctor said that her
companion could speed up the healing process, and since you had been
acting
strange with her, I decided to test it so I asked you to hold her hand, and
her
vital signs improved immediately"

Erick thinks about
what na idiot he was, it was in his face the whole time and only he didn't
realize it.

With his voice
embittered he asks:

"Why didn't you tell
me?"

"Because I know you,
and you hated your mate, so I wanted to let you two get close on your
own"

Erick couldn't
blame his friend as countless times he had said horrible things about his
lost
mate.

"What now?" ,
Joshua asks apprehensively

"I don't know, but
of one thing you can be sure, Hercules will never touch Eduarda"

Since Erick will
touch the subject of the prophecy, Joshua didn't want to hide anything
more
from his friend and tells all about the story of him being the protector ,
Draco
the keeper of the secret of the things his parents said before they died.
When
he finishes Erick asks:

"So she hid the
powers because she promised to her mother"

"Yes but I don't think it was my mother's intention for her to do that for so long"

"I understand," Erick says with a little less anger at Eduarda learning the whole story.

"Can you forgive me," Joshua asks

"Of course I would do the same thing in your place," Erick says promptly

"What about Eduarda?" tries Joshua.

"It will take a while , I don't know, I just can't forget everything like this," says Erick kicking a stick.

They are silent for a while longer, and Joshua says:

"Dude for the love of the moon goddess, what's all this about smelling pillows?", and to his surprise Erick is a little embarrassed.

"You're turning

red," teases Joshua.

Erick crouches
down picking up a stick and sticks it at his friend who flinches away laughing
and saying:

"Come on I'm your
Beta and best friend, and maybe future brother-in-law, so tell it like it is"

Smiling truthfully
Erick says:

"You wouldn't want
to know"

"Oh come on, if I'm
asking, it's because I want to know", Joshua replies

"Well, you asked,"
Erick says with a mischievous smile and begins, "remember the day I asked
you
to pick up a red shirt from the laundry room?"

"Sure there was no
blouse you were just trying to keep me from seeing the turn girl in your
room,"
Joshua replies promptly.

Erick lets out a
small laugh and continues:

"Well that day I got out of the shower, and
found Eduarda in my room smelling my pillow and..."

"Enough, enough,
enough, you're right I don't care," interrupts Joshua bringing his hands to his
ears.

