

Chapter 69

Ava POV

"Holy shit," I replied. I was feeling a bit dizzy. Something inside of me was feeling hot again. It was the same feeling I got when I was tied up with Ana. Speaking of her.... "What happened? Where is Ana?" I asked. Everyone suddenly looked uncomfortable. "Can you walk?" I heard Atlas's voice in my head. I looked at him. His clothes were stained with blood, and his eyes held so much sadness. I stretched and stood up.

"Careful, careful," dad said, helping me out of bed. The dizziness started to subside after standing. I took a few steps, leaning against my dad, before trying some of my own. My focus went to my best friend.

"Harmony," I said, near tears. Harmon walked up to me and hugged me. Her tearful eyes matched mine.

"What are you doing here?" I asked her.

"I was kidnapped too. By Brandon, no less. He is gone. I know that for certain. I did find my second chance, mate," she said.

"What!!!! Where are they?" I asked, looking around the room. She looked as if she was about to cry more, but it looked as if she was going to hold it back.

"It was Adam. Adam was my second chance," she said, a lone tear escaping.

"Was it?" I said, looking around the room until I met Atlas' face, who also had a tear escape his eye before he wiped it away.

"He is dead now," she said before she burst into tears. Samael and Jasmine grabbed her and held her. I walked straight to Atlas.

"Yes, I can walk. Catch me up to speed. It seems like there were many things I have missed," I linked him in my mind. He held out his hand, and I took it. I looked at Sarah.

"You said you were here to help me. Do you still have your power?" I asked her.

"I do," she said, but your magic is destined to be twice as strong as mine. Your prophecy is known throughout the Silver Gates.

"My prophecy?" I asked.

"You haven't told her?" she said, looking at Dad. He avoided my gaze. She sighed, then looked at Atlas. They seemed to share some sort of communication.

"Come, I will tell you everything," Atlas said. I took his hand and left with him. As we walked through the halls, he told me everything, from the prophecy up to Adam's sacrifice for us to escape. By the time he was finished, I was devastated. Ana and Lucifer have been putting us through so much misery. So much. So much. The hot feeling in me was growing and growing. I couldn't stand it anymore. I had to... I had to...

Atlas Pov

After I had finished explaining what happened to her, she seemed to get lost in her head. Her eyes closed. At once, the walls started shaking.

"Her power is surfacing," Kai said in my mind. I grabbed her hands again and pulled her close to me.

"Ava, stop," I said, soothing her. Some of the hanging pieces started unraveling and started to shatter on the floor.

"I'm going to kill Lucifer and Ana," Ava said. Her eyes were still closed. Her aura was pulsating, and it was dark again. I was tasting her rage.

"I'm going to rip their freaking heads off," she yelled. Her eyes and the staircase next to us cracked.

"That's THATS ENOUGH!", I heard from behind me, and everything stopped moving at once. Ava's eyes opened, and they were white, fading back into her purple ones. I turned and saw Sarah behind us. Her eyes were also white before they went back to their normal color. Ava's aura went back to being light as well, as she looked up at me and then looked around to see all the broken things.

"What happened?" Ava asked. Sarah came down from the stairs, mending the cracks Ava had made.

"Her powers are surfacing much quicker than normal as her birthday approaches, and she is feeling many things at once. Her strongest emotions will dictate her powers, and she will act on them. Uncle Ellis came around the corner.

"Is anyone hurt?" I asked him.

"No. Just a few items shattered. What the hell happened?" he asked.

"There is nothing to concern yourself with. "Away," Sarah said, and at once Uncle Ellis turned around and walked away. "Fix yourself," Sarah said, and at once everything that was shattered was repaired.

"What did you just do?" Ava asked, looking in awe at everything going back to normal.

Ava Pov

"Willpower is the basis of expression. There really isn't much you won't be able to do once you master it. At full power, you will be able to defeat Lucifer as well as your sister, and I will teach you how. My only regret is that I was not able to stop Lucifer when I had the chance. Michael would only let me come back once more, and that is to teach you what I know. After that, I must depart for the Silver Gates. It was our agreement," she told us.

"How long until we start?" Ava asked.

"By the looks of things, we need to start now, but it is late. Tomorrow at 6 a. m., meet me by the lake." She said this before disappearing in the blink of an eye.

I turned to look at Atlas. He had been through so much lately, and I felt like it was all because of me. All of this damage and destruction. It was all my fault.

"It is not your fault. Don't ever let me hear you say that again," I heard a deep voice say in my head. I looked into Atlas' eyes and saw they were lizard-like. His dragon persona was taking over. I recognized my mate, as did my wolf. As did my powers.

"I am sorry," I told him. I knew he knew what I was referring to, too. Atlas/Kai gripped me tightly in his arms, holding me close, and I could smell honey coming from him. My favorite scent in the world. It was calming.

"My brother was an asshole, and the things he did, I don't know if we can forgive him for, but in the end, he died a true dragon, and that's all we've ever wanted for him." Atlas/Kai said. I hugged him even tighter. I felt dad linking me.

"Sarah has told us she will be training you here. She has opened up a portal for us to get back home since we have some things to take care of. Do you want to come with us and take you back in the morning, or do you want to stay?" dad asked.

"I am staying with my mate," I told him. It amazed me how quick I was to come to that decision, given the mutual hatred we shared. Or rather, I used to share, because lately, I have realized just how much my feelings for him have started to change, and even if he doesn't love me back, I need him on my side for the future that is to come.

"Okay," he said, not questioning my decision. I pulled away from Atlas and saw his silver eyes return to normal.

"My family is going back to our realm." I told him as we walked back up the stairs. "Are you leaving too?" he asked me. I could tell by the tone of his voice that it wasn't what he wanted, but he tried to give nothing away.

"No. My training with Sarah will be here. I decided to stay, if that is okay with you." I asked him, to which he nodded.

"You don't have to ask to stay. This realm belongs to you too now," he said. It made me stop and pause.

"I thought you didn't like me," I told him. He stopped walking and turned to face me directly.

"Ava. Despite all that has happened, I am sorry I have ever hated you. I hated the circumstances of knowing you were a witch, given the witches' ties to my mother. Now though, I now know it was not witches, but your sister and the most vile of demons, that were responsible, and for hating you, I truly am sorry," he said. I looked deep into his eyes and could tell he meant every word of it.

"I forgive you, Atlas."