Epilogue

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a erwards.

"Mommy! Come play!" The small voice of my son called out. I chuckled so ly and pushed myself up out of my lawn chair.

The hot summer sun beat down on my back as I walked down the patio steps and broke into a light jog, chasing a er my son.

up, becoming louder as I swung the small boy up and onto my hip. I began to lightly tickle his sides, a smile appearing at the sound of his laughter.

The high pitched giggle filled my ears as I reached down to scoop him

"I'll save you Declan!" Aidens voice suddenly filled my ears and I turned in time to see him running towards us. Aiden clasped onto my legs and attempted to pull me down, using all of his body weight.

lower me and Declan to the ground. Aiden quickly scrambled to my side and pried my hands from his younger brother.

Declans small body rolled o of me and he was quick to push himself

to his wobbly toddler legs. Aiden reached out and grasped his baby

brothers hand in his own, gently tugging him in a direction away from

I was laughing loudly at this point and began to slowly, carefully,

me.

It was adorable to watch Declan try to keep up with his older brother and a er a ten second wait I began to chase a er them. The boys screamed when they saw me coming, bursting into giggles

I playfully chased my two sons around the spacious back yard for about five minutes before I reached them and scooped them both up, hugging them to my chest.

Declan was giggling uncontrollably while Aiden was smiling up at me in glee, his green eyes sparkling. I kissed them both on the cheeks, smoothing down Declans wild dark hair.

"Whats going on here?" A deep voice questioned from behind us.

"Daddy!" The two boys yelled at the same time, breaking away from me to run to their father. I watched with fond eyes as Xavier li ed both boys into his arms, spinning as he did so.

It always ba led me to see Xavier and Declan side by side, the resemblance was uncanny, just as it had been with Mason and Aiden.

A sad, but small, ping hit my heart at the thought of my ex mate, as it always did. I hardly thought about Mason nowadays, seeing as it had been four years I had gotten the time I needed to move on, but when I did I was always just a little bit sad.

Though Aiden remembered his father he didn't remember him well and shortly a er his death he had began to call Xavier his daddy. It was strange at first but we all got used to it eventually.

Aiden was six years old now and I'm sure that memories of his father are very vague. I know that he will have questions one day but that day isn't today, that I am thankful for.

Xaviers arms wrapped around my waist, causing me to jump. I

smiled.and rested into him, watching the boys playing in the distance. I had fallen pregnant with Declan three years ago and it had been one of the happiest days of my life.

Declan had not been planned but we loved him just the same, just as

we loved Aiden. The boys got along great and it had been a huge relief to us both. Of course Aiden had been a little jealous of the new baby at first but eventually his curiosity got the better of him and he's loved Declan ever since.

"What are you thinking about love?" Xaviers deep voice spoke into

my ear, causing me to shiver. I smiled fondly and turned in his arms, resting my hands flat on his chest.

"Our sons, you, our life." I answered, raising my eyebrows in a

challenging way when he began to chuckle so ly.

"Could you be more specific my lovely mate?" I playfully rolled my eyes at him and slid my arms down and wrapped them around his

waist. I rested my chin on his chest and looked up at him.

"I was thinking about how lucky I am to have you, them, this life really."'I spoke truthfully, watching as a tender smile li ed Xaviers

"Really? Because I was just thinking the same thing." His husky voice made me shiver before his lips were on mine, capturing them in a heated kiss.

"Eww! Stop!" Our moment was broken by the sound of our oldest

son. I groaned and pulled away from Xavier. Aiden had covered Declans small eyes, his face scrunched up, while the two year old tried to pry his hands away.

I shook my head and laughed.

"Ill show you eww little boy." I teased as I began to wiggle my fingers.

I watched as two pairs of eyes widened.

lips.

"The tickle monster is going to get you guys!" I cried out dramatically as I began to once again chase a er them.

Xavier soon joined in and as we chased our young sons around the backyard I felt at peace and utterly pleased with the way my life had

turned out.

Hey guys (:

So there it is, the end of The Runaway Mate.