

~CARTER~

I groan as memories of the ght crash into me.

“Scarlett!” | gasp.

Where was she?

Did they manage to get her out of there?

I open my eyes, ready to jump out of the bed and rush outside. However, I didn’t move an inch when I saw Scarlett asleep beside me.

Was I dreaming? The last thing I remembered was being bitten by that f\*\*cking Fox.

Everything else after that was a distant blur. I’m not sure what happened. However, I was relieved to see my wife this close to me again. I looked around the room and instantly relaxed a little.

This was our room. It meant that we were back home. If that was the case, then we must have won the ght against the Cages.

I wrap my arms around her and pull her closer to me. Her eyes instantly opened, and I scolded myself for waking her.

“Carter!” She gasps. “You’re awake!”

I don’t have a chance to respond before she throws herself on top of me and wraps her arms tightly around my neck.

I can’t help but smile as I felt her soft body melt into mine.

This was the best possible way to wake up. I was thrilled that I had her next to me and that she was so happy to see me awake.

“What happened?” I ask her as I try to sit up with her still glued to me. I had to nd out what happened while I was knocked out. I needed to make sure that she was out of danger and Wilder wouldn’t be running after her anymore. If not, I would have to increase security and nd a way to keep him out of our lives for good.

“You almost died.” She cries against my neck. I could feel the tears prickle against my skin.

I didn’t want her to cry. My heart squeezed at the fear in her voice. She sounds like she was traumatized by what happened.

I should have dodged Fox’s attack. I hate seeing her like this.

“Scarlett,” I whisper as I try to pull away to look at her face.

“It’s okay. I’m here now. I’m alive. Nothing happened to me.

I’m never leaving your side again. I promise you.”

“I was so scared, Carter,” she whispers as the tears continue to fall. “I was terri ed that you would die and I would never get to see you again. I was worried that our baby would grow up without a father. I never want to experience something that horrible again.”

I placed a hand on her belly and smiled. “I’m so happy that the both of you are safe and back in my arms. I’m never letting either of you out of my sight again.” I promise her.

I wiped her tears away before lowering myself to leave kisses on her belly. My wife. My child. All mine. f\*ck, it felt so good to say that. No one was ever taking them from me again.

“It was so scary, Carter.” She repeats.

“So scary.”

I smile, “I can promise you that something like that will never happen again. The hard part is over now, Scarlett.

There are no secrets between us anymore. You know everything about me, and there’s no other man in your life who can try to take you from me. It’s just the two of us against the world.”

She leans into me and kisses me on my forehead. She doesn’t stop there; she leaves a bunch of kisses all over my face and neck. I happily accept all of them. Her kisses fed my energy. It made me happier and even stronger.

“I can’t believe how lucky I am to have your love, Scarlett,” | whisper. “I can’t believe. wait, what happened with Wilder?

I can’t remember everything that happened after Fox bit me.”

Why did it take me so long to ask her this? I was in my own fantasy world because she was near me, and almost forgot about the important details.

She smiles and stares at me like I am the last person on earth. I could see her love for me shining brightly in her soft gaze, and it warmed my heart.

There was no question about her love for me anymore.

This woman loved me just as much as I loved her.

“I rejected him, Carter.” She informs me. “I wanted him to feel as much pain as they made me feel by poisoning you.

And so, I rejected him. I couldn’t do it before because I didn’t know his full name. I wish I had gotten the chance to do it earlier; it would have avoided everything. I know I’m at fault; I should have tried harder to escape—”

I place one nger over her lips to stop her from blaming herself. How could she ever blame herself for Wilder’s wrongdoing? He and his brothers were at fault. They caused every bad thing that happened on that day.

“I can’t believe you rejected your mate to stay with me, Scarlett.” I whisper, “It’s still so crazy that you still love me despite nding your mate. How did you do it?”

She smiles brightly, “Carter Prince, star player of our football team and the most handsome man live ever seen; how can you ask me such a question?” She demands.

“How can I not?” I ask her gently.

“Can’t you tell by now how crazy I am for you?” She demands. “Did you think all those times I screamed that I love you was just a game for me? I meant every word I’ve ever spoken to you. My love for you cannot be compared to anything else in this world. I love you the most, Carter. It actually scares me how much I love you. And I can’t believe that you were pushing me away because you thought that I wouldn’t accept you for who you are. Your family’s curse isn’t your fault. None of it was ever your fault. Of course, I would never leave you because of it. I saw what you did to yourself that night to protect me. How can I not love a man like you? How can I ever love someone else?”

I can’t contain my happiness or my love for her.

I grab her by the waist and press my lips against hers. I can’t stop kissing her, taking as much of her as she’d let me.

“Carter, wait!” She gasps as she breaks the kiss.

“What’s wrong?” I asked her; I was desperate to get closer to her. A kiss wasn’t enough anymore.

“The healer and doctors said you should rest for a few days.” She tells me. “That means none of this; we can hug, but that’s all. And maybe just soft kisses.”

“f\*\*k what they said,” I growl. “I’m starving for you, Scarlett.

I can handle it. The only pain that I feel right now is not being closer to you.”

“No!” She stops me once more as I reach for her again. “I don’t want to risk anything. You weren’t there, Carter, I broke down in fear. I need to make sure that you are fully healed before anything happens between us.”

I pick her up and place her on top of me. She gasps when she feels my hardness beneath her.

It was only then that I realized I was naked beneath these sheets.

“Carter!” She scolds me.

I ripped her dress off her body so that her breasts were bare before me. I don’t waste another second as I cover one of them with my mouth and suck hard

She buries her hand in my hair, and instead of trying to push me away, she pulls me against her.

“I missed you so f\*\*cking much, Scarlett,” | tell her as I run my hands over her body. I couldn’t get enough of her. It still felt like a dream. I couldn’t believe she was indeed in my arms again.

“I missed you too, Carter.” She gasped as I moved to her other breast.

“You taste so f\*dig good,” I growl before pushing her down on the bed and spreading her legs wide.

She cries out when I cover her pixy with my mouth. I let her pull my hair as much as she liked while I devoured her.

“I’ll never get enough of you, Scarlett,” I warn her. “Every second of every day, I’ll want this.”

“It’s all yours.” She promises me. “Forever.”

“I need you,” I tell her before sliding my d\*ck into her p\*ssy.

“I’ve never loved another woman like I love you. And I will spend the rest of my life reminding you of this.”

She wraps her arms around my neck and buries her face against my chest as I continue to thrust into her.

“I love you, Carter. Only you. It’s always going to be you, my gorgeous, star player.”