

Chapter 51 - The Greek Billionaire's Indecent Proposal

Soraya's POV

Jovan and Kai were holding Ajana's hands as they walked into the house, one standing on her left and the other on her right.

Gaia, my mom, Demetria, Stacy, Sasha and I were right behind them. The men were behind us. We walked into the den and housekeepers started to bring out tea and finger foods. We had just come back from the family graveyard.

"I think maybe building a fort will make us feel better." Jovan suggested. Kai smiled at him and pulled Ajana in for a hug. He really had his father's mannerisms, the only difference was that Kai was very expressive of his emotions and Xander only ever showed one or two emotions which were usually anger or irritation or he maintained his poker face.

"Will that make you feel better Aja? We can also get some snacks and camp there tonight?" He pulled away to look at her, she looked back at him with somber eyes.

"I want my daddy." She said quietly and stuck her thumb in her mouth. Gaia had told me that Ajana had been a thumb sucker until the age of 3 when Sofija forced her to stop but it seems that this trauma had brought back the habit.

I walked forward and stood in a squat position so that I was eye level with her. She immediately put her hands around my neck and hugged me. My arms went around her little body and I rubbed her back.

Joud walked in also looking like he had the weight of the world on his shoulders, he intended on leaving tonight but I needed to talk to him. I didn't think that this would be good for Ajana at all.

"Joud can we talk please?" I said to him as I stood up with Ajana still in my arms, her head went to rest on my shoulders. He nodded his head and followed me to one of the formal living rooms.

"You can't leave just yet Joud, she's going to need you." I looked at him, my eyes tried to reason with him.

“I’m no good to her right now, she needs to be around people who will pull her out of this, Soraya I can’t, I don’t want to be pulled out of this state myself. How do I pull her out if I’m still stuck in it.” He shook his head.

Suddenly Ajana spoke up. “Mommy died because of me.” She said and began to cry.

“No honey why would you say that? It’s not true.” I made her look at me.

“She did, when I wished for you to be my mommy.” She said between hiccups as she continued to cry. “It was my fault.”

Joud came forward and took her from my arms and hugged her tightly. He walked to the sofa and sat down placing her on his lap.

“Baby, look at daddy. It’s not your fault, mommy just didn’t get better because she had to go to heaven to become an angel. Now she’s protecting you from heaven. Every time when you see the stars outside at night, mommy is one of those beautiful stars, okay?” He kissed her forehead.

“But who will be my mommy now?”

He didn’t want to say it because it would be like confirming that her wish had come true. He looked at me with distress in his eyes.

I walked towards them and knelt in front of Joud “Mommy will always be your mommy, but I will take care of you my love.” I said. She nodded her head but looked at Joud.

“Will you also go to heaven daddy? I don’t want you to go to heaven.” She looked into her dad’s eyes. He stayed silent for a while.

“Not now, one day but not now.” He smiled at her. But I have to go away for a while, aunty Raya will look after you. Daddy has some things he needs to take care off. You can’t be sad Aja bear, if you are sad then daddy is sad okay?” She nodded her head. He hugged her tightly.

She reached out for me and I took her. My heart hurt for both of them. For what they were going through.

“Joud you better come back.” I said quietly to him, the tears that had been building up in my eyes ran down my face. “Don’t you dare think of doing anything stupid that will get you killed. You better come back home you hear me? I whispered and put my one arm around his neck to hug him. He hugged both Ajana and I.

“I promise I will.” I could barely hear him but I was satisfied with his answer. “You are going to make a wonderful Dona, Soraya.”

We went back to the den and I forced them both to eat something before I took Ajana upstairs for a nap. Stacy followed me upstairs. I tucked Ajana in her bed and kissed her forehead. She asked me to stay with her until she fell asleep, it didn't take her very long.

As Stacy and I walked back to join everyone downstairs she stopped me before we could descend the stairs. "I heard Dorian speaking to Hector last night, Hector thought I was asleep so he talked freely."

I kept quiet because I knew what direction this conversation was headed.

"Raya! Really? So you really are going through with this? You are torturing people? What are your parents going to say about this?"

"It's my business, not anyone else's." I said stubbornly.

"You know that Xander is not like you right? He is not averse to using the tools of his trade as often as necessary. He is ruthless, he was born into this which means he has the capacity and ability to compartmentalise his emotions to deal with things like these. You on the other hand..."

"You forget that I am a lawyer, I am able to compartmentalise my emotions too. Stacy I'm not that clueless naïve twenty four years old that you once knew so well. I had to grow up and working in New York in the corporate sector has taught me a lot about being ruthless. Being a single mother, having to fight for my spot... that woke me up. Stop treating me like I'm some sort of fragile baby, Xander sees me... he really sees me and he doesn't treat me like I'm going to break."

"I don't want you to do this because this is dangerous, I don't want you to get involved in all this, what if I lose you?" She began to cry.

"Stacy you won't lose me, this is why I want to equip myself. You know I never wanted any of this too but they involved me by taking me. I never ever want to feel that helpless again. The only way you will be able to understand what I mean is if you go through the same thing and I don't want you to go through the same thing."

"Hector had Dorian on loudspeaker, he said you are a natural. He said you didn't flinch when you held the blow torch over this man's body." More tears came from her eyes. "A blow torch?"

I didn't want to tell her that I actually cried and that Xander held me until I was okay. I just shrugged my shoulders and looked down the stairs.

"Well then Dona, I guess you are adjusting quite well to your role." She tried to smile but the concern in her eyes was still evident. "Be careful okay?" She pulled me into her arms and hugged me. Now I totally understood why Xander didn't like to be around emotions and why he didn't want to express emotions to people. I also wished people would stop calling me a Dona, it was as weird as people calling a little boy 'Master' like we were in the eighteen hundreds.

“Xander won’t let anything happen to me.” I smiled.

“Look at the two of you, the modern day Bonnie and Clyde.” She teased as she wiped her tears.

“Bonnie and Clyde robbed banks, the Adamos family owns banks.” I teased back making her laugh.

Xander’s POV

“Xander and Soraya walk with us back to our place please.” Soraya’s father had been trying to talk to both Soraya and I since she came back from the hospital. I didn’t have a problem with it but Soraya had been dodging the talk for some time.

“Uhhh okay.” Soraya looked at her father then me. I could tell she was searching her mind for an excuse, I found it amusing I almost laughed.

Matthew and Alessandra bid everyone goodbye then we walked out of the house.

“Soraya Elizabeth Eaton...” Matthew dragged out her name.

“Yes Daddy...” she sounded so nervous. I pursed my lips because I really wanted to smile, this exchange was fascinating. Soraya only ever sassd me when we argued.

“When did you start lying to me?” He asked sternly.

“Daddy I didn’t lie, I sort of didn’t tell you the whole truth.” She looked down at the ground while she bit a bottom lip.

“Is that what you are teaching my grandson?” He barked at her and she flinched. Huh! Not even one little word of sass from her.

“I didn’t know how to tell you both.” She explained.

“And you Xander? You said you didn’t want to start this relationship with lies, yet you neglected to tell me who you really were. We have been waiting for you to come and talk to us, to come clean and you have been ignoring us.” He looked at me. He looked very murderous.

“I don’t ignore or hide Matthew, that’s not in my nature. I have been waiting for Soraya to feel comfortable about coming to you.” I said.

“So you are going to blame it on her?” He asked.

“Daddy he is right, I am the one that’s been keeping everything from you. Xander wanted to tell you from the get go but I was worried you would have issues with this.”

“Of course I would! I do have issues with all this! You were kidnapped.” He yelled.

“That would have happened whether I was married to Xander or not. As soon as people found out about Kai they would come Daddy.” She explained quietly. Soraya’s mother like myself watched this exchange without adding anything to it. I knew she would have much more to say but she chose not to interrupt her angry husband. Usually she did but she looked like she knew better than to do it when he was like this.

“Matthew with all due respect, I’m not trying to make an excuse for what my family does, I never hid it from Soraya and I’m pretty sure you found out before the kidnap. Why didn’t you say anything then?” I asked.

“Because I could see that my daughter loves you, I didn’t think it would be this bad but now I’m not so sure. But at the end of the day it’s her prerogative to stay here with you. I think you are going to get her killed one day.” He blurted out.

Alessandra started to cry silently, Soraya walked towards her mother and hugged her.

“That’s not going to happen Matthew, I’d die first before I let anything happen to my wife and child.” I said confidently and with authority.

“Your first wife? What happened to her?” He asked.

A voice I hadn’t heard in years came from behind us and answered the question. “My daughter’s death was my fault, the men that killed her were after me.”

Michail Kastellanos, Hera’s father stood there with his son and Hector.

Enter Hera’s father! How awkward is that interaction going to be? Yikes!

Welcome to my new readers and thank you so much for the support and the well wishes from everyone. Thank you for sharing my story.

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Xander's POV

To say that I was shocked was an understatement, I maintained a straight face as I walked towards him. He pulled me into his arms for a hug and patted my back. "How have you been doing son?." He smiled.

"Michail, it has been years, I'm well." I said and looked at Hector, he shrugged his shoulders. "How have you been?"

"I was disappointed to find out that you got married again and didn't invite me to your wedding." He exclaimed. "Is this the beautiful young lady?"

"We ehhm didn't have a wedding, we just signed, yes this is my wife Soraya and her parents, Matthew and Alessandra Eaton." I reached out for Soraya and she took my hand, my arm automatically went around her waist protectively.

I looked at Matthew and Alessandra. "This is Hera's father, my former father in law, Michail Kastellanos." They acknowledged each other but I could tell both sides were feeling uneasy.

"It's not Xander's fault that my daughter died, my own carelessness got her in harms way." He said to Matthew who just nodded. The two men regarded each other with an expression I couldn't quite place, they seemed to instantly dislike one another but kept their composure.

Michail turned to look at Soraya. "You remind me of her, you don't look exactly like her per say but something about you reminds me of her." He said.

"I have been getting quite a lot of that, it's a pleasure to meet you Mr Kastellanos." She held out her hand for him to shake but instead he lifted it and kissed the back of her hand while he looked at her, his lips lingering. I tried not to look irritated.

"The pleasure is all mine Dona, very exquisite, a goddess. Adamos you have chosen well."

"You complement me like I'm a rare high end luxury object Mr Kastellanos." Soraya smiled diplomatically. I had not expected her to say that but she gazed at him challenging his stare and he chuckled. I smiled at her boldness, if she only knew that not many people actually talked to him like that.

“A true Dona that you have here son, my apologies my dear. I don’t mean to make you sound like some rare collectible object, forgive an old man for admiring your beauty so openly like that.” He smiled. “Let me introduce you to my son, Basil Kastellanos.”

Soraya shook his hand and smiled politely “I’m afraid I’m going to have to leave you gentlemen, I still have to escort my parents.”

“Matthew I will definitely return so that we can finish our conversation, Alessandra thank you for the support today.” I walked up to her and kissed her cheek then took Soraya by her hand and gave her a kiss. Matthew nodded and led the women away.

“What the universe taketh it seems that it giveth back, not the original though. Is the new version better?” Michail smiled a smile that didn’t quite reach his eyes.

“I think you might have gotten that saying all wrong. What do you want me to say Michail? That I can still visualise Hera’s dead bloodied body as I picked her up from the floor of the consultation room?” I eyed him trying to keep my face expressionless.

“It’s okay to want something for yourself once in a while, you are only human. You went through a lot with your loss.”

Hector had been listening to our exchange patiently but I could tell he was running out of patience. “Michail is here to pay his respects to the family with the loss.” He informed me.

“Sofija was like a daughter to me, she was my daughter’s best friend. Why wouldn’t you tell me that she passed away. What happened to her?” He looked very upset.

“It’s been a hard time for the family, Gaia’s and Joud’. For their sake we wanted to keep it small.”

“Your mother looks really broken up about it, I guess I missed the young widow. I’m told he requested some time off. Anything that the family might need, I am here for you. You and I are still family you know, Hera may be gone but we still have a responsibility towards one another as a family.”

He had gone silent for years, I had thought maybe he just needed time to mourn Hera after we took out the enemy that had killed her. I had needed time too but the last time we spoke was about four years ago when Basil came to me with a business proposal that I had to turn down. Michail had called me to understand why I had refused to join their business venture.

What responsibility was he talking about? I felt very uneasy having him around Soraya, especially after the statement he had just made about the universe taking and giving. Just as I was going to respond to him, Jovan and Kai came running towards us with the nannies right on their heels.

The boys were giggling while they evaded them. If it were not for Michail's shocked expression I would have chuckled at the cute scene.

"The universe really has blessed you son. He looks exactly like you." His voice sounded strained. "I wonder what Hera's son would have looked like." His eyes tearing up.

"Daddy, daddy..." Kai ran up to me and wrapped his arms around my one leg. Jovan came and held on to Kai as they giggled.

The nannies stood a few feet away and bowed their heads in respect. Keeping their heads down as they waited for me to instruct them on what to do.

"Boys, what's all this? Why are you running away from the nannies?" I looked down at Kai.

"We just wanted to see if daddy and uncle Hector wanted to play soccer with us but nanny Lena said you were busy." He suddenly realised he was in the wrong and looked down at his feet. "We haven't played in a long long time daddy." He tried to make an excuse, he pouted his lips making me chuckle.

"I think you definitely get that from your mother, I promise we will play soccer this weekend but right now daddy has to do some work stuff." I explained to him.

"Is it very important?" He asked.

"Not as important or as fun as soccer but it has to be done."

"Okay, we can wait I guess. Right Jovan?" He turned and looked at his cousin.

"Uh huh, we can wait." Jovan grinned. I smiled at them and then indicated for the nanny to take them.

"And stop running from the nannies." I said as they walked away to which Kai nonchalantly replied "okay" making Hector chuckle.

I looked at Michail and he was looking at Kai thoughtfully then back at me. "You know what, we should celebrate your union. Tell your wife that I'd like to throw you a wedding, I will pay for any kind of wedding that she wants. You know that money is no object, it will be my present to you." He said.

"Michail I..." I was about to decline.

"I will not take no for an answer Xander, and I would like to have you over to my house. Hera's mother and Basil's wife are throwing a charity luncheon. I will have them call Gaia. I am curious though, how old is he? Is Soraya his mother? How long have you been married for?" He nodded towards the direction the kids had gone.

“I met Soraya way after Hera passed. Michail with all due respect the rest is not up for discussion.”

He nodded and smiled but his manner was austere. We made small talk until he bid us farewell, we escorted them to the car and just like that they were gone.

“That had to be the most awkward encounter I have ever been in. I know he is your ex father in law but Xander...” Hector frowned.

“I know, I saw that too.” I said quietly. “This is why I need to equip her Hector, they will come from every angle.” I said to him and he suddenly understood.

Soraya’s POV

“Why does he want to throw us a wedding? I don’t want one from him. That is very weird, your dead wife’s father throwing us a wedding?” I looked at Xander while I got ready to go to the warehouse with him.

I thought of this afternoon, meeting Michail Kastellanos. I had been shell shocked at seeing him there in person. He was a tall burly man who looked like he didn’t have an ounce of spare fat. He looked like he exuded an animal like strength that made lesser men wary before they even approached or spoke to him and his blue eyes looked cunning, you would expect him to look grandfatherly with his greying hair but something about him just made me uneasy.

“He’s not going to take no for an answer you know.” This was the first time that I saw worry in Xander’s eyes and it didn’t sit well with me.

I didn’t want to tell him what I really thought of Hera’s father because at the end of day she had been his wife, I had to respect that.

“I don’t want a wedding, I never asked for one.” I retorted. “Besides, ever heard of the saying that the road to hell is paved with good intentions?”

Xander walked up to me and pulled me into his arms. “I have been to hell, it doesn’t faze me. He said and kissed my forehead. “You mean to tell me you never dreamt of having a huge white wedding with a beautiful dress in a big venue with loads of people to see you walk down the isle? From what I’m told, women obsess over these things.” He lowered his head to kiss me. “I’d give you anything that you ask for.” He smiled at me.

“I always wanted a simple wedding with just close friends and family, nothing fancy.” I sighed. “Your mother and Stacy were mortified when I told them that.”

He chuckled. “You are an Adamos and not just any Adamos wife but Xander Adamos’ wife. People want to see extravaganza.” He kept planting kisses on me and it was distracting.

“If my wedding is paid for by Michail, I will not show up to the alter Xander, I will jilt you in front of all your old money, new money friends, royal or non royal guests.” I pointed out. He threw his head back and laughed.

“I actually believe you.” He chuckled. “You would jilt me at the alter for real? How ruthlessly cruel Mrs Adamos.” He drawled.

“Well well well, I learnt from the best.” I smiled coyly and he chuckled. I tugged at his bottom lip as he kissed me and he groaned deeply.

“We have to go.” I said and smiled. He groaned and opened his eyes.

“You saucy little minx.” He whispered and I giggled. He bent down to tie my military boots laces and then kissed me affectionately.

As we walked out the room my mind went back to Michail Kastellanos. He definitely wasn’t happy about Xander moving on.

Hector’s POV

Today, Soraya was going to torture the man that had drugged her. I had to see it for myself. I watched her get out of the car confidently with her hand in Xander’s.

As much as I worried about her, I had to admit that she exuded power within her, she wasn’t your typical kind of woman. At first when you met her, she looked innocent and sweet, she looked like she needed someone to constantly be protecting her but the moment you got to know her, her mannerisms said otherwise. Without even realising it she handled herself like a Dona.

She had a determined look on her face as this Nikolaj guy was brought out of his cell. Xander let Soraya choose her method of torture and without hesitation she chose the rat torture method. Xander wasn’t worried and he didn’t try and question her about it, he let her take the lead.

Xander had briefed her on questions that she needed to ask earlier on. She ordered Yannis and Leon to strap the cage with the rats on Nikolaj as he lay on a gurney. His arms and feet were bound. He kept looking at Soraya as if he could incite some sort of pity or empathy from her but she never budged.

“I never allowed myself to feel my loss when I miscarried.” She explained to him. I am glad I waited because who knew that there could be a better way to channel my anger.” She said to him

with an unwavering voice. She looked like she had crossed over to a dark place, her eyes looked hauntingly beautiful but also cold.

“I didn’t know you were pregnant.” He begged. The man looked dehydrated and tired.

“Would it have stopped you?” She asked vehemently. “I don’t think it would have.”

She got out the blow torch which seemed to be her favourite tool in the warehouse and proceeded to question him. At first he remained stubborn. She lit the blow torch on the top part of the cage and after a while the rats began to squeal, Nikolaj screamed as they began to dig into his flesh trying to escape from the intense heat that the blow torch was creating.

Yannis and Leon would reposition the cage in different parts of his body and his resolve began to waver. Xander had said the aim wasn’t to kill him, just to cause him pain and extract information from him. Soraya didn’t flinch or look unsure as she proceeded. His screams didn’t deter her at all. Xander and I both looked at each other, we both had expected her to waver a bit and we were still shocked that she was going at it like she was used to torturing men.

“Remember when you killed Cassius my driver?” She leaned closer to his face. “You shot him like he was nothing! Like he was some rabid dog! Im doing this for him too! Im doing this for his brother!”

The man eventually fainted out of pain. Xander walked forward and took the blow torch from her hand and placed it on a tray then looked deeply into her eyes.

“You have to learn to leave this rage here at the warehouse. Compartmentalise your emotions. We don’t take all this home with us.” He said to her.

She closed her eyes for a few seconds and took deep breaths then the Soraya I knew was back. He signalled for Yannis and Leon to take Nikolaj back to his cell. His body was bloodied and he had burrow marks all over his abdomen.

“That was intense.” I said to her as I walked towards them.

She shrugged her shoulders and placed her hand in Xander’s who pulled her closer to him. I studied her face and that’s when I saw it, a little part of her was also shocked at her own actions, but you had to look really close to see it in her eyes.

“Ready to go back home?” He asked her and she nodded.

“I have a request though.” She said quietly.

“Tell me.” Xander cupped her face.

“I want to be there when you torture Moretti.” She said.

“No, I can’t let you watch that.” Xander shook his head.

“Why not?” She argued.

“Soraya you are not ready for that, I can’t let you watch what I plan to do to him.”

“Xander…”

“Trust me?” He said and kissed her. “You are going to go back to your weapons and combat training then after that we head to the business side of all this.” He kissed her again then led her out to the room.

I had to be honest that I was intrigued, impressed and worried all in one but most of all I was impressed by Soraya.

Hello my lovelies, I hope you are all well

What is Kastellanos up to? Is he genuine or is he not happy about Xander moving on? The road to hell truly is paved with bad intentions. Wink! Please don’t forget to share and follow.

Chapter 52

Chapter 53 - The Greek Billionaire’s Indecent Proposal

Soraya’s POV

Stacy, Sasha and I sat by the gazebo while they filled me in on the next social event on the calendar. The kids were running around by the grass with kites that John had helped them build, their giggles could be heard from where we sat. Sasha was warming up to Stacy and I and was more engaging than she had been proving that her silence and shyness were because of Sofija.

I had been training with Dorian and Xander for the past three weeks. The combat training was brutal and Dorian did not spare me any pain at all just because I was a woman or Xander’s wife. In fact it was for that exact reason that he came hard on me, I was grateful for it because I didn’t want to be babied. He kept saying though that I learned quite fast as I found ways to bend his rules and pin him to the ground a couple of times.

With Xander it was harder to trick him because it was like he knew exactly what I was thinking. He anticipated my every move and would chuckle every time he pinned me down and I sighed in frustration.

“Excuse me Madam, you have a visitor in one of the sitting room areas” one of the housekeepers smiled at me.

“I have a visitor? Who?” That was strange considering that all the people I knew in Greece lived in this house. Both Stacy and Sasha looked at me questioningly.

“It’s Mr Kastellanos Senior, The senior Madam is not feeling well so he requested to see you instead.”

Gaia had been a little off since Sofija’s funeral, I checked on her every morning and evening and instructed the head housekeeper to make sure she ate her meals. I had arranged for the doctor to come in to check on her and he had said all she needed was some rest and TLC, she was going through the stages of loss. Sometimes I would take the kids with to see her and they always seemed to cheer her up, especially Kai. He had a way of just making people feel better.

“Ask the nannies to come and get the children and please wait until they get here okay?” I ordered the housekeeper.

“Yes Madam.” She smiled politely.

“Ladies please come with me to the house, I do not want to face that man by myself.” I said more to Stacy than Sasha.”

Michail’s smile broadened when he saw us, “Aaah, the Adamos wives. You look like angels ladies.” He beamed.

“Mr Kastellanos.” I acknowledged him. I didn’t want to shake his hand again and have him do what he did the day we met but he came close and planted a kiss on both my cheeks lingering as he did that.

“Please, call me Michail. And you must be Stacy... Hector’s wife. Sasha I have met before.” He continued to smile.

John appeared out of nowhere and waited for me to give him an order, he always anticipated our needs and made sure he was there to fulfil each and everyone of them. “Would you like something to drink? What’s your drink of choice?”

“I will have a bourbon, John knows which one I like.” He signalled to John.

“John please ask Helga to make the ladies her delicious iced tea and perhaps a platter for Mr Kastellanos.” He bowed his head in respect then walked away.

“You know what Soraya, I wish my son had brought me a daughter in law like you. There’s something about you dear, I don’t know if you see it in yourself. All my daughter in law is good for is spending money and throwing lavish parties. You need fire to be a Dona and I see it in you just like I saw it in Hera.” He looked at me thoughtfully.

“Being put on a pedestal worries me, I would hate to disappoint people and their expectations.” I smiled politely.

He chuckled, his chuckle was a low rumble, he was definitely trying to charm me. “You have a way with words my dear. I actually hoped that you and I could talk privately, I have a little business I’d like to discuss with you.” He said.

“I think it would be best if Xander and Hector were to be present, I don’t know much about the business.” I explained politely. John came and placed the drinks on the table then went to stand by the door.

“Do I frighten you Soraya? Xander has declined my offer to pay for your wedding, I assume it’s because you have a problem with it.” He looked me dead in the eyes.

“Whatever gave you that impression? I’m not one for fancy things Mr Kastellanos, I’m okay with the small ceremony I had in Phoenix. There is more to life than overly expensive weddings. I have everything I need.” What I actually wanted to say was that he needed to stop trying to creep me out.

“It’s just that you remind me so much of my daughter, I have always wanted Xander to move on and find someone to spend the rest of his life with. The fact that he found another Hera...” he smiled but I noticed that the smile didn’t quite reach his eyes.

“With all due respect, I’m not another Hera, I am me. Hera and I are two different people. I wish people would stop trying to act like I’m living under her shadow.” I don’t know if he was trying to get me angry or to lose control but I wouldn’t let him. Stacy and Sasha had been observing quietly

“Take a walk with me; in the garden will you. Indulge me?” He said.

I stood up and so did Stacy and Sasha. I signalled for them to sit. “It’s okay ladies, we will be back soon.

Xander’s POV

Moretti’s body was battered and bloody. He could barely see out of his one eye as I showed him the video of his mother and daughter. He tried to act tough and stay calm but I could see the panic in his eyes.

I had broken one of his arms during my session with him and it was hanging limply.

“You are wasting your time Adamos, I don’t know who this immoral little teenage brat is.”

“Well then I guess you won’t mind when I slice her up daily just to annoy you? You won’t mind what I do to her? It shouldn’t bother you since you don’t know her.” I played the video again and

her voice sounded out so audibly. “Quite a pretty little thing, she must get it from her mother, does she know that you killed her mother?”

“You have double standards Adamos, you won’t work with me because I take advantage of women and children but here you are willing to hurt a young pregnant girl to get to me.”

“I think that it’s part of the irony that makes up your life Moretti, you have a daughter and she’s young and pregnant yet you use girls like her to make you money. You got yourself in quite a predicament there, well you and your not so well hidden family. Karma is a bitch.”

“What do you want? For me to tell you that you won?”

“No I want to make you suffer just like you planned to make me suffer. An eye for an eye, a limb for a limb. Literally.” I laughed out loud. “I know, it’s not funny”

“It will haunt you, it’s not in your code to hurt women.”

“But it’s in my code to destroy my enemies and I’m not adverse to using any means possible...oh and by the way I suppose I should thank you for something... My wife has been enjoying this new found power that was brought about by your actions and I’ve got to tell you Moretti, she has no remorse whatsoever. You should see her torturing Nikolaj, the man is a mess.”

I looked at Yannis and Leon. “Put him back in his cell, I have had enough fun for today. When I do return later I will be bringing his daughter here with me.”

I turned to walk away and Moretti yelled. “Adamos! Come back here.” He was so out of breath from screaming when I tortured him but because he had so much pride, he acted like all that had happened didn’t faze him. It didn’t stop his breathing from being laboured

“Stop wasting my time, I have businesses to run.”

“I will tell you who paid the Cirillo brothers to help me but only if you spare my daughter. You and I both know those boys don’t have enough sway at the ports, their shipping business gets a lot of help. They have a benefactor.”

“That doesn’t interest me.” I said casually.

“It should, considering that this person is someone you know very well. Someone who was okay with betraying you.”

“My sister doesn’t have the power to move large amounts of money to make huge payments.”

“No no no” he was enjoying this, he even smiled. “Your sister is not even a small fish in this sea, she’s a speck of sand at the bottom of the ocean. This person is a motherfucking shark.” He smiled deviously

“Okay I’ll bite... if the name is worth it’s weight in gold then I might be inclined to let your family go.”

“I want your word, you don’t break your word. That’s another one of your codes.” He breathed out heavily.

“Fine Moretti I will let her go.”

“Your father in law, Kastellanos. Ask the Cirillo brothers they will confirm it.”

Anger coursed through me but I kept my composure.

“You don’t look upset about it” he looked disappointed that he hadn’t gotten to me.

“Loyalty is a fickle commodity it seems. I will let your daughter go after I confirm, she might have a scratch or two or three on her. But I’ll let her go.” I smirked at him. “I mean to be fair, you did take something precious from my wife.”

“You wouldn’t...” he looked mortified at the thought.

“I did say an eye for an eye.” I turned and walked out. Leaving him raging and yelling. I could still hear his screams as I reached the fourth level of the stairs going up.

Soraya’s POV

We strolled slowly as he admired the garden, he took a couple of long deep breaths and smiled. “I used to walk these gardens with Hera when I came to visit you know, she was eight years old when I first brought her here with me. She used to enjoy getting lost in the maze and finding her way back out. She took it as a challenge, eventually it would take her just fifteen minutes to get to the middle of the maze and back out again.”

“The kids have begged me to try it with them, I haven’t found the time to do it just yet.” As we walked I heard the sound of little feet running up to us, I turned to find Kai running up to me with Ajana right behind him.

“Mommy, are you going to the stables? Can we go horse riding today?”

“Kai Alexander what did Daddy say about running away from the nannies?” I looked at him sternly.

“But they want us to sit still and that’s boring.” He sulked and looked at his feet. Ajana copied him and plonked her thumb in her mouth and her other hand reached out for Kai’s. I made a mental note to talk to Xander about getting her to see a child trauma specialist.

“Can we walk with you?” He asked.

“Let them come, we can take a walk to the stables like they want to. Hello there Kai, Ajana.”

“Hello.” They chorused and smiled at him. “Your hair is grey just like my grandpa’s.” Kai observed.

“That’s because I’m a grandpa too, I’m your grandpa too you know.” Michail said.

“Really? How come I don’t know you?” Kai eyed him suspiciously. This made Michail laugh.

“That’s because I lived here and you lived in Phoenix.”

Kai looked up at me, he was waiting for me to confirm the piece of information. I didn’t say anything, I just looked ahead and shoved my hands in the back pockets of my jeans.

We got to the stables but it was quiet, the stable hands were nowhere to be found. All of a sudden there was a man that appeared out of nowhere, he looked like he was a bodyguard or henchman. His smile was conniving. He had a gun in his hand.

Michail’s look turned from charming to cold and evil.

“Your son should have been Hera’s son!” He said furiously. “Xander went and looked for a woman that looked like my daughter to replace her.” His voice never losing its vehemence. He suddenly took out a gun and pointed it at me.

My heart started to race but I tried to keep calm “I am tired of hearing that I look like your daughter! I don’t even know what she looks like!” I hissed, taking the kids hands and pulling them to me. “Kai honey I need you guys to run back to the house as fast as you can okay.”

“No mommy, I want to stay with you.” He looked scared but he stood in front of me like he was ready to protect me, Ajana’s hand still in his.

“The kids are not going anywhere, I’m leaving with Kai, I am going to raise him as Hera’s son. Michail declared.

“You must be crazy.” I laughed incredulously. “I always suspected that you had a few screws loose.”

He laughed, “you have no idea.” He cocked his gun with it still pointed at me. “Now, you can choose to be difficult and die while fighting or you can save these kids the trauma and just let Leander lead you away to one of the stalls and shoot you quietly.

“My Daddy is going to hurt you if you hurt my mommy mister.” Kai yelled at him. Ajana began to cry.

“Your daddy is not here little one.” He laughed out loud.

The man behind Michail walked towards us. Kai ran towards him and kicked him hard on his shin so hard that he yelled out. He tried to reach out for Kai but he ducked.

Michail was distracted for a few seconds so I took the chance to run towards him and disarm the gun off him with a technique that Xander had taught me. I pointed the gun back at him and moved backward. “Kai honey come here, take Ajana and run please listen to me.” Ajana was behind me now but Kai stubbornly stood in front of me.

“Mommy no...” Kai began to cry as well. “I don’t want to leave you.”

“Put the gun down lady.” The henchman snarled at me.

“Why don’t you put your gun down” I yelled back at him. My mind was racing as I tried to think of my next step. If only the kids were not here. I could feel the panic threatening to rise inside me.

The henchman moved rapidly towards me and I fired a shot that hit him on his foot. He began to yell as he fell to his knees, the horses began to freak out from the gun sound. I was trying so hard not to shake, I had missed the intended target. I had aimed to hit him higher. The kids covered their ears as they continued to cry.

Michail rushed forward and I quickly pointed at him making him stop.

“We’ve established that I’m not afraid to use this.” As I said this the henchman raised his gun again but I pulled Kai aside and fired first and it landed on his chest this time. He fell backward as blood began to soak the ground. I wanted to cry out, I had just shot a man dead... was he dead?, this was not target paper practice at the warehouse, it was real life, I had just shot a man down. What was worse was that Kai and Ajana were there watching. I pointed the gun back at Michail

“Kai, baby run please. Take Ajana and go and look for uncle Simon now.” I begged him trying not to breakdown but my voice was croaky.

He shook his head stubbornly. I took my phone out and gave it to him. “Call Daddy now and tell him what’s happening. Stand behind me.” He listened.

“Okay fine I will leave.” Michail said. He looked worried now. I knew what he was thinking, this had not gone the way he expected it to. He hadn’t expected me to fight back at all, that’s why he only brought one man. His driver was in the car waiting probably.

“No you won’t, you are going to take that rope there and tie yourself up to that horse stall. Do it now before I put a bullet in you Michail!” He walked slowly towards the rope. “Don’t make me shoot you because I will shoot you.” I reminded him.

Hector POV

“Dorian just got back to me, he questioned all three of the Cirillo brothers. They were sent by Kastellanos to help Moretti to get to you. It turns out Kastellanos has been keeping tabs on you for quite sometime. The moment you married Soraya he knew.” I was on the phone with Xander.

“I have to talk to him but on neutral ground. We have to tighten security again, they shouldn’t have access to the house.” Xander ordered.

“Xander I don’t see how we come out of this without a war. Kastellanos seems to want to hurt you.”

“I want to hurt him too, if it’s war he wants them I will give him a motherfucking war.”

“He’s Kastellanos, it’s not like we are dealing with the Cirillo brothers.

“When have you ever known me to back away from a fight Hector? He doesn’t scare me, I gave him respect because he was my father in law but now he’s my enemy. Hold on Soraya is calling me on my other line.”

I could hear him talking on the phone and it seemed like something was wrong. When I heard him say ‘don’t hang up okay buddy, I’m on my way’ it confirmed my worries.

“Hector, there’s trouble at home. Meet me there as fast as you can.” He yelled over the phone.

“What’s going on Xander?”

“Kai is on the line and I can hear Soraya asking someone to tie themselves up. I’m hanging up, I need to call Simon. Get Dorian!” The line went dead.

There always seems to be trouble for the Adamos family. Do you think Soraya will manage to hold Michail off or will he try something? Are the kids safe? Will Xander get there on time? Yikes!

Don’t forget to follow and share. I wanted to give you a longer chapter this time, I hope you enjoy it. Wink!

Chapter 53

Chapter 54 - The Greek Billionaire’s Indecent Proposal

Soraya’s POV

“Why are you hesitating, a Dona doesn’t hesitate to pull the trigger or she dies.” Michail was trying to antagonise me. The horses had calmed down and the stables were quiet once again except for his taunting.

“Because you were once Xander’s father in law, you’re his family.” I said, I couldn’t even hide the disappointment in my voice but at least my voice sounded more calmer than I actually felt.

I looked at the kids by my side, Kai had managed to calm Ajana down even though she still looked like a deer caught in headlights. She kept peeping at the man on the ground even though I had repeatedly told her not to look. In the middle of holding the line while talking to Xander, my phone battery had died. I wondered what was taking the guards so long to reach the stables, Xander should have gotten ahold of Simon by now.

“Well this automatically makes me an enemy, he will be coming after me.” Michail smirked disgustingly.

“Why is it that people who supposedly care about Xander want to hurt him?” I asked him.

“Xander should have taken over my empire as well, that was the whole point of bringing him and Hera together. When she died I thought since I don’t have another daughter and Basil was already married to that stupid waif he calls a wife and convinced himself he was very much in love instead of agreeing to marry Sofija then maybe I could convince Gaia to marry me so we could still be one family.” He looked bitter.

“But you are already married.” I said knowing very well that he looked like the kind of man that wouldn’t let that fact deter him.

“Wives come and go, whether it’s by divorce or death.” I stared at him in horror and he laughed. “Yes yes I do what I must to get what I want.”

“Knowing Gaia, she turned you down didn’t she?”

“She laughed in my face and said I was ludicrous, she said she had pledged to herself that her husband would be the only man she ever loved and married. She was always prissy and full of herself, who did she think she was laughing at me? I’m Michail Kastellanos, my family name was bigger than the Adamos family name at some point. Xander was smarter than his father you know, when he took over from his father he grew this business to three times what it is today.”

“You are selfish Michail, I don’t know who was after Hera but it wasn’t an enemy of Xander’s but yours! Xander loved her, you are the one that messed up! Take responsibility for your own failures. You made an enemy of someone like you are doing now.”

There was a rustling behind me and I thought it was one of the guards, I turned to look but there was no one but the rustling came again. It was from one of the stalls. Something didn’t feel right. I turned my head to look at Michail and he was smirking like he knew something I didn’t. I

didn't know how many rounds were in the clip of the gun or how many men Michail had on the grounds.

Suddenly I heard gunshots, this was not just a kidnapping mission. There was no way Michail would attempt this and leave witnesses, he planned to massacre the entire family. I had to get the kids to safety. I quickly put the safety of the gun on and shoved it my jeans by the back of my waist then I grabbed the kids hands and yelled for them to run. At that point I remembered the stable office had an office, it had to have a lock. I heard footsteps running after us but I kept dragging the kids with me.

Oh God I had to get the kids to safety, I didn't care what happened to me. We got in there and relief flooded through me as I saw the keys behind the door as I shut it. I turned the lock.

"Ajana sweetie you have to be brave for me okay? Everything is going to be okay, your uncles are coming." She nodded but flinched when whoever had been chasing us banged on the door really hard. The windows were opened so I scrambled to close them first as the banging continued.

"Leave us alone!" Kai yelled.

"Shhhh honey don't say a word." I extended my hand to him gesturing that he should come closer to Ajana and me.

I kept checking if there was another way in to the office as I saw a figure of a man walking past the frosted glass window. There was a door leading to the toilet. My adrenaline was just pumping through me, I ran to the toilet and closed that window too but something stressed me. If whoever was out there with Michail broke the window in the bathroom they would be able to come into the office.

I grabbed the office phone but I realised I hadn't memorised any of Xander or Hector or Stacy's phone numbers. "Oh God please don't let them break the windows." I prayed out loud.

"Soraya! Open the door, do you really want to scare the kids by having us break in to the office." Michail yelled.

"Mommy, daddy will come." Kai said putting his hand in mine. "He came the last time." He looked at me with so much seriousness on his face.

"Kai honey, I'm going to do something but you can't be scared and you have to remain quiet okay? I'm going to lock you and Ajana in that big locker over there but you have to be quite please. Okay Ajana?"

She nodded, her thumb was back in her mouth and she looked distressed.

"I don't want to leave you mommy. Daddy would never leave you." Kai's little hands were balled into fists.

“Honey I can’t fight back if I’m worried about the bad man harming you and Ajana. You are not leaving me, you are helping me okay.” I assured him.

He didn’t look convinced at all but he nodded. There was a fingerprint padlock and I was willing to bet that only the stable manager could unlock it. I would deal with that later on.

“Go in, both of you.” I got them in there. “Don’t say a word.” I closed the door, it had ruff openings on it so I knew they would be able to breathe in there. I locked the padlock, even if they would break into the office they would struggle with the padlock.

Suddenly there was shooting just outside the office, then there was silence.

“Soraya! Are you in there?” Someone yelled from outside. It was Simon, I let out a sigh of relief.

“Simon? Is that you?”

“Yes Madam, Michail took off but don’t come out. Stay in there, I need to find Kai and Ajana.” He said.

“They’re in here with me.” I told him.

I opened the door, he was shot on the arm but he didn’t look like he was bothered by it.

“Get in, we have to stop the bleeding.” I said to him.

“No, close that door Soraya, I will stand guard.”

“They will shoot you down right in front of that door, you can’t protect us if you are dead. Get in here!” As I was about to close the door, it was pushed open with so much force that we were pushed out of the way and fell to the ground. Two men stood over us.

Xander’s POV

I had a feeling that Michail would cause some sort of road block, if he had helped Moretti with the first one then he would definitely orchestrate the same plan to keep me from the house.

The chopper I used with some of my man landed on the grounds just next to the orchard, only eight people had managed to fit into the standard size chopper and that was pushing the limit. When I got off I took off running. I didn’t know what Michail’s plan was but I knew that he would kill anyone that stood in his way.

Hector and Dorian would still be stuck in the roadblock but I had warned them about it, to be careful incase they were ambushed. I had called John and asked him to get the ladies and Soraya’s parents to the safe room. The employees would go into another one.

Kai had said they were by the stables, I had heard the horses in the background. One of my men was with me as we navigated our way there, this estate was too damn big. I heard gun shots ringing from different areas and that made me nervous but I couldn't worry about that, I had one goal and that was to get to Soraya and Kai.

We reached the stables and I ordered the man with me to go the one way and I would go the opposite direction. More gun shots sounded, then I heard fighting coming from the office. I saw Simon and Soraya just fighting outside the office with two men. Simon looked hurt but he held his own.

Looking at Soraya use her practice to evade the man who towered over her made me proud, she used his big stature to her advantage, she was faster and she ducked and swerved as he tried to grab her. She landed a punch on the man's jaw but she got distracted when Simon got thrown across the room. The man grabbed her by the neck and began to squeeze tight. For a few seconds she panicked but she cupped his face and jammed her thumbs into his eyes, he began to yell and he let go of her.

I took out my gun and aimed, the man that was lifting Simon up to his feet dropped dead. I aimed again and the man in front of Soraya staggered and fell to his knees before he fell to the ground. I could see her panic as she looked around until she saw me then she ran towards me. My arms went around her and I held her tight just inhaling her scent. I kissed her deeply.

"I'm so sorry Angel." I whispered. "I keep putting you in danger."

"It's not your fault." I looked into her eyes and I knew she meant it but it didn't take away the guilt. Matthew would have all the argument he needed to tell me I was a danger to my wife and son.

"Where is Kai?" I asked her. She was still breathing heavily.

"In the locker with Ajana, Michail is still here somewhere." She said as she walked towards Simon. She made him take off his shirt and gave it to me to rip it then went to tie it around his gunshot wound.

"Everyone else in the house was sent to the safe rooms except for the ambushed male housekeepers, we lost four. Simon groaned. He was bleeding through the shirt.

"I think they hit a vein." I said to him, we need to get you out of here before you bleed out.

"Daddy?" Kai called out.

"Yes son, I'm here." I walked towards the locker.

Kai began to cry. "Daddy, I knew you would come." He wailed then Ajana started to cry too.

“It’s a fingerprint lock.” She said to me but looked confused when I took out a pocket knife and started to peel of the front part of the lock and flicked a small little button that unlocked the padlock.

“I can unlock it.” I smiled at her then opened the locker. Kai jumped into my arms and sobbed into my chest.

It’s okay buddy, we are going to get you out of here. I signalled for Ajana to come out too and she fell into my arms too.

“Okay I need to get you to safety and I need to fly Simon out of here.”

I called the pilot of the chopper and arranged for him to return to the chopper to fly Simon out. The man that I’d come to the stables with found us.

“Take Simon to the chopper, I need to get my wife and kids to the safe room.” I ordered him.

Hector sent me a text to tell me that the threats by the house were eliminated but there were more within the estate.

“How do I get you there without putting you in danger?” As I asked that, Michail and two men walked into the stable office with guns pointed at us.

“Give me the boy.” He said.

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Xander’s POV

I looked at him dead in the eye, he had a smug look on his face, his voice dripping of authority.

I pushed both kids behind me as Soraya stood by my side, my gun was in my holster and Soraya’s was tucked inside her denims by the back of her waist. This was not good, I had to make the first move and make it count.

“What do you mean give you the boy?” I asked him.

“I want the boy, he is Hera’s son.” Michail yelled petulantly.

I frowned at him, was this some kind of joke. “Michail Hera’s son died with her. We buried her with the baby still inside her. “ I reminded him.

“I know that son! Don’t patronise me Xander! Kai should have been Hera’s!” He is Hera’s!”

Clearly we were going to go back and forth with this argument. The man was losing his mind. The last thing I wanted was to decimate the memory of my late wife by killing her father but he wasn’t giving me a choice.

“Take the boy!” He commanded the two men and they walked towards us. I lunged forward at the one man, throwing my weight heavily on him as I quickly grabbed the pocket knife out of my pocket and made two quick stabs on the side of his neck, I landed on him as he fell. He made a gurgling sound as his body started to writhe, he tried to cover the holes with one of his hands. His gun had been between us but went limp in his hand before he could fire. The other man pointed one of his guns at me and fired, I was hit hard on the side of my abdomen , the impact made me groan as I stayed on the ground trying to breathe. Soraya and the kids screamed, Kai ran towards me but Michail grabbed him. Soraya used the chance to attack the guy with the gun, I couldn’t see her as I tried hard to focus my eyes. The bullet had hit my bullet proof vest but they didn’t know that, Soraya was screaming at the man as she fought him. I tried to compose myself, forcing myself to breathe.

I could hear Michail walk out with Kai screaming. I opened my eyes to see Soraya in a struggle with the other man. Ajana who was now crying ran towards the exit. I grabbed my gun from the holster, trying to get a good aim so that I could shoot the guy fighting Soraya. She somehow managed to pin him to the ground and used his own gun to fire into his abdomen, she had grabbed his sub machine gun, pressing the trigger. The man’s body vibrated as she fired into him then he lay still on the ground.

Soraya got up and ran towards me. “I’m fine, The kids, we need to get the kids!” I revealed the vest underneath my shirt and she helped me to get up. As we ran out of the office we saw Michail struggling to carry Kai, he was kicking and screaming and scratching at Michail’s face. Ajana had her arms wrapped around the side of his one leg and she bit into his thigh causing him to yell and curse.

“Let my brother go!” She screamed and bit him again. He yelled in pain once more and tried to kick her off but she held on tight. Soraya and I looked at each other in amazement. If the situation wasn’t quite a serious one it would be a really funny scene.

Kai kept scratching at him and kicking his little feet. Michail eventually let go and Kai fell to the ground. Michail tried to get Ajana to let go but Kai got up and rammed into him making him stagger backwards. Ajana let go as he fell to the ground. Kai grabbed Ajana’s hand and they ran towards us.

Both Soraya and I ran forward and pointed the submachine guns we had taken from his men at him. Kai took Ajana’s hand and came and stood behind us.

I took his gun from him. “Get up Michail!” I growled at him.

Soraya’s POV

Watching Michail laying pathetically on the on the ground, I just wanted to kick him and beat him to a pulp. I knew Xander wouldn’t shoot him in front of the kids.

“Basil will come for you.” He laughed like he had lost his mind.

“I’m going to end your entire bloodline” Xander said coldly. I knew he wasn’t lying when I looked at him.

Just as he got up, Hector showed up with more men.

“Hector take Soraya and the kids to the safe room while I clean up” he didn’t sound like my Xander. His emotions were void as he continued to stare at Michail, his eyes were flat, his irises appeared dark because his pupils were so dilated.

“Take the kids, I’ll stay.” I said.

“Soraya, go! Now!” He snarled.

“Xander...” I was about speak when he turned to look at me and I shivered completely shutting up.

Hector shook his head and signalled for me to follow him. I took the kids hands and reluctantly walked away. As we walked towards the house with men surrounding the kids and I, I saw men laying on the ground. I was glad that the kids were surrounded so they couldn’t see much. It was getting dark, I wondered how my parents were fairing in the safe room. My father would not be impressed by this at all.

“He’s going to be okay you know.” Hector interrupted my thoughts.

“He didn’t sound like himself.” I said quietly.

“He’s about to do something I don’t think I would have the guts to do Soraya. This is what makes Xander dangerous. Don’t question him about it because he won’t be able to tell you about it.”

I sighed heavily, I don’t know why but I could feel the burden that he carried right now.

When we got to the safe room, I saw my dad’s face change from worry to relief. My mom got up and ran towards me, I had forgotten that during the fighting I got beaten up and the bruising was probably starting to show. I probably also had bruises on my neck from when the guy choked me. My mom inspected me as tears ran down her cheeks.

“I’m fine mom, you should see the other guy.” I joked.

She knelt down to inspect the kids. Gaia walked towards us and hugged me tightly. Hector was with Stacy, holding her tightly as she cried. His mom walked up to them and hugged them both.

“I think everyone is fine, I saw Dorian on our way here.” I said to Sasha. “Simon has been rushed to the hospital.” I added quietly.

Hector made sure we were all fine before he left, closing the safe room behind him.

Xander’s POV

“Why don’t you just kill me and get it over and done with since you plan to kill my entire family? Can’t do it can you?”

I watched him try to taunt me, I could see fear in his eyes even though he tried to hide it very well. “Your children always have to pay for your sins Michail. Hera paid for your sins and now Basil will too.” I said quietly.

“You will be doing me a favour, the boy doesn’t know how to run anything. He is useless just like his mother, I would have taught your son everything, he would have taken over from me.”

“If you had wanted a merger with the two families, all you had to do was ask me.”

“Don’t kill my son, teach him how to become like you.” His look went from arrogant to a pleading look.

“If I take him under my wing and teach him he will plot against me just like you did, I’m going to kill him. You have yourself to blame for that.”

I went closer to him but didn’t notice that he had soil in his hand which he flicked into my face. Particles of it went into my eyes as I groaned. He launched at me trying to grab the gun from me. We both fought to get control of the gun as he pushed my finger away from the trigger.

I blinked my eyes a couple of times trying to clear them, my vision was blurry as my eyes teared up but I managed to see a little. I head butted him very hard and he staggered backwards, he threw himself at me but I ducked. His big burly body fell to the ground.

I was still trying to blink some of the soil particles out of my eyes as I approached him. He was trying to get up but I kicked him hard on the side of his abdomen. He groaned but I proceeded to kick him again and again.

He growled in pain as he yelled for me to just kill him. I threw the gun on the ground and grabbed him by his collar, my fists pummelled into his head over and over again. I couldn’t stop myself as the rage poured out of me, I just kept punching until his body went limp and fell to the

ground. When he hit the floor I carried on kicking him, a big sob escaped my mouth as I thought of Hera.

“Xander! Xander stop! I think he’s dead.” Hector tried to pull me away from his body.

I just kept kicking over and over again. “Xander he’s gone.” Hector shoved me backwards.

Hector’s POV

“If I don’t kill Basil then I’ll be putting our family in more danger.” Xander calmed himself.

“Let me do it for you.” I said quietly. “I know this is hard for you.”

“That’s the thing Hector, it’s not. I’ll do anything to make sure that this never happens again and if that means killing Hera’s brother and Michail’s entire blood line then I will.” His icy look was back on his face. “Even if it makes me a bad person.”

“You don’t have to do it yourself, Dorian and I will take care of it.” I insisted.

“If I could watch Joud take Sofija’s life and feel nothing, do you think this is going to bother me? Let’s go!”

We helped the guards load bodies into a big van, Dorian had already called a forensics team to start with cleaning up the grounds.

The security team scoured the entire estate making sure all threats were eliminated. Xander put up more security at the house then ordered Dorian and I to get two teams ready to go to Michail’s estate.

“No one lives!” He reiterated this again. “You let someone live, it will come back to haunt you years later.” And just like that we left.

Soraya’s POV

John came to get us out of the safe room just as teams or forensic people were leaving the grounds. I ran out to go and look for Xander but he was gone. It was the middle of the night and everyone was being led to their bedrooms. I would not be able to sleep until Xander was back home safe. I watched the nannies carry the sleeping kids up to the bedrooms, Stacy came to stand beside me as she cradled her stomach.

“I understand why you wanted to learn how to fight, it’s quite scary sitting in there waiting. Not knowing what’s going on outside.” She said.

“I killed two men today...” I could feel my eyes watering as I sank down to sit by the stairs. “I don’t know how I’m supposed to feel about it. I mean I was protecting my life and the kids lives so I had no choice, it was either them or us.” I sighed.

“It was a necessary evil Raya, don’t beat yourself up about it, like you said it was either you or them.” She sat next to me and put her arm around my shoulders, pulling me closer to her.

“Stacy I don’t feel guilty about it, I really don’t. Does that make me a bad person? I’d do it again, given the chance.” I looked at my hands like they had blood on them.

Stacy just sat there silently then she pulled me into a hug and rubbed my back. “Let’s go to bed, I’m going to give you a Xanax, you need to sleep.”

“No, I want to wait for Xander, he didn’t look okay, I have to wait for him.” I argued.

“Okay but you should take a shower.” She said. “We will sit and wait together.”

Hello my lovelies, I hope you are all well.

It’s been a crazy day for the Adamos family. Xander had had to make a very difficult decision. Wait to go to Kai and Ajana for fighting back! Lol. Thank you all for the support, I love all your comments. Hello to my new readers, please don’t forget to share follow and share. A week from now I will editing and updating my second story; The Alpha’s original Lycan (Kitanna Unleashed). I hope you all like it as much as you love Soraya and Xander’s story. I also have another new story in the works, I am so excited to share it with you soon. Happy reading!

Chapter 55

Chapter 56 - The Greek Billionaire’s Indecent Proposal

Soraya’s POV

After my shower, Stacy and I walked to the kids rooms to check on them. All three of them were huddled up in Kai’s bed with Ajana in the middle facing the ceiling and the boys had their arms around her like they were protecting her.

“She’s a very lucky girl.” Stacy smiled.

“Two brothers to protect her and keep her safe.”

“You should have seen how she went after Michail when he grabbed Kai, she bit into him twice.” I laughed quietly while I looked at her beautiful little face. “These kids are brave little fighters.”

“I guess it runs in the family then.” Stacy cradled her stomach.

“They are going to need a lot a therapy, this should not be a norm for children at all.” I pointed out.

I walked towards the bed and tucked the sheets around them and kissed them each on the forehead then we walked out.

We walked down to the kitchen to make something hot to drink and found Gaia and my dad sitting there having some coffee. I was surprised to see them sitting there, I knew my parents were sleeping in the house today for security reasons.

“Couldn’t sleep as well?” Gaia smiled at us.

“I’m worried about Xander, I want to wait for him.” I smiled at her.

My dad got up and poured Stacy and I some hot cocoa and cream, I could smell that it was his own home made recipe. It made me smile.

“Don’t worry about Xander my sweet girl, he might have a difficult decision to make but as head of the family he is prepared for it.” Gaia cupped my face and kissed my forehead.

We sat down by the kitchen island and sipped on the hot drinks. It was quiet for a few minutes, I guess everyone was trapped in their own mind. My father cleared his throat and looked at me. “Your mother took something to help her sleep. I was just talking to Gaia about all this, trying to understand everything.” He said with a serious face. My stomach churned, I really didn’t want to argue with him at all.

“All that has happened, all that happening has been hard for me to process Soraya honey. One of the reasons is that I would have preferred all these explanations to come from both you and Xander.” He spoke slowly, his tone was gentle.

“I know Daddy and I am so sorry, please don’t blame Xander. I should have been honest from the beginning, he wanted to to tell you.” I put my hand on his arm. He covered it with his other hand.

“I won’t press you about any of it because I see that you love Xander and you have accepted all this as apart of your life. I worry about Kai because he is Xander’s son meaning he has to follow in his father’s footsteps but then again you are his parent’s, we have no say as his grandparents.”

I didn't know what to say, I definitely didn't want this for my son. Especially after seeing the look on Xander's face today. It scared me, how did I say this to Xander without making him feel like I was against him.

"Dad, Kai will have a choice. I will make sure if it." I said but part of me wasn't sure if I could assure that.

There was silence again for a while then I looked at my dad. "Do you want to go back to Phoenix?" Tears started to fill my eyes.

He regarded my question for a while then he got up and walked towards me, pulling me into his arms. "There's nothing for us in Phoenix sweetheart, you are here and Kai is here. Your mother will never agree to that." He chuckled. "So I guess I'm accepting this too."

"I'm sorry for taking away your choice Daddy." I couldn't help but cry.

"I am your father, I will do anything for you." He smiled at me, there was so much love in his eyes.

Gaia and Stacy both looked at us and smiled.

We talked about the events of the day and I told them about the Ajana and Kai fighting back today. I suggested that the kids would need some therapy and Gaia agreed. After one more round of cocoa, my dad and Gaia went to bed.

I could tell Stacy wanted to go to bed, she looked so exhausted but didn't want to leave me sitting alone waiting. I walked her upstairs and lay with her in bed until she fell asleep then I walked back downstairs. I Sat on the couch in one of the living rooms, John brought me a throw and another mug of cocoa.

At around 3am, Xander and Hector and Dorian walked in. I got up and ran towards the hallway. They were all startled when they saw me, I just ran up to Xander and threw my hands around him. His arms went around me and he picked me up and nuzzled my neck.

"I couldn't sleep without you." I whispered.

He began to walk towards the stairs, guiding my legs to go around him. He got to our bedroom and closed the door then walked to the bathroom, I had already showered but I didn't mind showering again with him.

We didn't speak at all as I undressed him, his eyes were on me the entire time as I assessed his body, looking at the bruises he had gotten from today. I kissed each and everyone of them then I took of my clothes too. I led him to the shower and soaped his body slowly then let the water cascade on the both of us as I wrapped my arms around his abdomen and lay my head on his chest.

His heartbeat was steady, the frown that had been on his face was now gone. He took deep breaths and put his arms around me.

“I don’t deserve you Soraya.” He said quietly. “A blessing that I never thought I would get.”

I put my finger on his lips. “There’s no place I want to be at, I belong here with you.”

We dried off then we went straight to bed. He pulled me up to him and I tangled my legs to his. Before I knew it, sleep took me.

Xander’s POV

What I had done today was bound to haunt me for a long time, I didn’t want this kind of life for my son at all but this was the only way to keep them all safe. Even if I were to stop my illegal businesses, someone would come for me because I was a big mark.

Coming home to Soraya, she didn’t know how much I needed that. She had waited for me and said the right words. She needed me, when she told me she couldn’t sleep without me, it brought me out of the dark place I had been in, the dark place I had needed to go to in order to do what I need to do. She didn’t hate me for it or judge me for it, she ran up to me and embraced me.

I watched her sleeping for a while, making sure to tuck the bed covers around her tightly then I woke up and got dressed. I walked to the kids rooms to check on them. I smiled when I saw them all sleeping on one bed, I was proud of what they did today, fierce little warriors that protected one another. After a few moments I walked downstairs, Hector was sitting with Dorian in the kitchen.

“Soraya is one special woman.” Hector smiled. “She anticipated that you would need her when you came in.”

Dorian smiled a goofy smile. “Someone up there is definitely looking out for you.” He joked. He poured me a whiskey and slid the glass to me.

“I won’t be staying long, I just wanted to check that you were both fine.” I said to them.

Hector smiled. “We are good, you know we have your back always.” He walked up to me and hugged me, patting my back.

“Would the two of you like some privacy.” Dorian joked and we laughed. “On a serious note though, we got you bro.”

“Don’t drink too much, it’s almost morning. You know our mothers will expect you both to come down for breakfast.

I hugged Dorian too then walked back up to the bedroom. Soraya was still sleeping peacefully.

Soraya's POV

Waking up in Xander's arms made me feel like nothing else in the world mattered. I watched him sleep peacefully, his breathing steady. His breathing changed and he smiled with his eyes still closed.

"Why are you stalking me woman? My wife won't like it at all, she's a very possessive Lady you know." He joked, his voice was deep and sexy and he still sounded sleepy.

"I don't think she would mind me being the other woman just for a little while." I giggled.

"Like what you see?" His smile became naughty as he opened his eyes.

"I love what I see." I laughed and leaned in to kiss him.

"My mother will kill us if we are late for breakfast, she will expect us to all be downstairs." He groaned as I moved my hands down his abdomen.

"Do you want the breakfast downstairs or this breakfast right here?" I took his hand and moved it in between my thighs.

"Hmmm, i will never say no to breakfast in bed.." Our mouths collided and his hands started to caress my naked skin but then the door burst open and the kids ran into our room. It's a good thing we were under the bed covers.

"Good morning." They all chorused at the same time.

"What happened to knocking before you come in." I said a little disappointed. "You didn't lock the door last night." I whispered to Xander.

"My bad." He laughed as the kids got up on the bed. Kai got on top of Xander and plonked himself on his abdomen.

"Giagiá asked us to come and wake you up." Jovan smiled. Both him and Ajana jumped up on the bed too.

"Giagiá needs to give us an extra ten minutes." Xander said.

"That doesn't leave enough time for us to shower." I said and Xander roared out in laughter.

"Temptress!"

"What's a temmatres?" Ajana asked innocently.

"Geeez I don't know honey, I think uncle Xander should explain this one." He laughed out loud again.

“Giagiá said we have to make sure you wake up now.” Kai assumed a responsible tone, taking his task seriously.

“Okay, we will be down in five minutes, tell Giagiá that we are coming.”

As the kids walked out of the room leaving the door open, Xander and I both looked at each other and cracked up.

Hello my lovelies, here’s a second chapter for today. Xander and Soraya’s relationship has evolved from not trusting each other and fighting like crazy to utterly and totally in love. I am loving their intimacy.

What do you think? Happy reading, wink!

Chapter 56

Chapter 57 - The Greek Billionaire’s Indecent Proposal

Soraya’s POV

We all sat in the family dining area as we ate breakfast, I could understand why Gaia had insisted that we all come down after what had happened the day before.

Hector was making the kids laugh as he narrated a wrong version of Jack and the beanstalk, the kids kept correcting him and he pretended not to get it making them scream out in laughter. My mom, Gaia and Hector’s mom were talking about the olden days, what they used to get up to as young women in their time.

Xander looked at me and winked as he spoke to my father and Dorian about some legislation for banks in Greece. I smiled and blushed as Stacy and Sasha kept trying to get my attention, reminding me about the social calendar and how we would have to prepare.

We looked like a normal family, just full of love for one another. We did have so much genuine love for one another.

“It’s very important that we get to sit as a family and have meals together, it’s been a while since we were all able to sit like this together. And still today one person is missing, Joud. I hope that he can come home to us soon.” Gaia looked at us all.

It has been a while, but also it’s important to remind each other of the love we have for one another, our strong bond as a family, our support for one another and loyalty.” Dimitra, Hector’s mother explained as she smiled. Gaia nodded her head.

“So Soraya sweetheart, since we never got to attend your wedding, I think that as your mother in law I feel very cheated.” Gaia turned her attention to me. “Who here agrees that we need to have a wedding?”

All the women cheered and clapped, i couldn’t help but look amused as I regarded them all. The men chuckled and also chipped in that they definitely agreed.

“Well I will not say no to declaring my undying love for you in front of however many people you want to invite.” Xander pointed out strategically hoping that his mother would catch the hint.

“Well if it’s a small wedding then yes I would love to say yes to you again.” I beamed at him then smiled at Gaia.

Dorian, Stacy and Sasha cracked up and Gaia looked at me like I had just said I would be eloping.

“I don’t know if you have noticed but you are a Adamos, we don’t do small in the Adamos family.” Dorian laughed again.

“Go big or go home.” Sasha hollered out and Stacy cheered.

“There will be no small wedding in this family for as long as I live.” Gaia exclaimed.

I turned to look at Xander hoping that he would come to my rescue but he shrugged his shoulders and gave me a ‘You will not win this one’ look.

“And besides she still has to meet the rest of the family.” Hector piped in. They were all enjoying my slight discomfort at the thought of a huge wedding.

“How many people are we talking?” I cringed waiting for someone to answer.

Gaia chuckled, “Stacy and Sasha had six hundred people at their weddings.”

“Where do we even get a venue to fit that many people, I don’t even think I know more than fifty people that I could invite.” I couldn’t help but be shocked.

“Don’t worry about the guest list, I will sort that out. You worry about your dress, I will get a list of a couple of venues and deco ideas and you can pick out the ones you like.” Gaia said.

“Actually we need a wedding planner and I know just the person.”

“Sasha and I will help.” Stacy winked at me.

“Plus we already have the cutest ring bearers and flower girl.” Sasha clapped her hands in excitement.

And just like that it was decided, we were having a wedding. Gaia said with the right people involved, we could have everything organised in a three weeks. I didn’t think it was possible at all to find a wedding venue that would fit 600 guests that we could book in just three weeks but I remembered how Xander was able to bend the rules on pretty much everything. Money could get you anything and everything.

Xander and I walked back to our bedroom after spending two hours with the kids in the garden playing soccer. Another thing I didn’t know Xander was good at. These next few weeks before the wedding I planned to get to know him better, I was going to request that he take some time off so we could just hang out like a normal couple.

This time when we got into the bedroom, he closed and locked the door. I giggled as he pulled me towards him and smiled wickedly. “I will kill anyone who interrupts us again.” He growled.

Xander was very fluent in the intimate language that our bodies spoke, his hands immediately started to undress me, my minidress fell to the floor, revealing that I hadn’t put on a bra, all I had on was a white thong.

“Mrs Adamos...” he drank in the sight of me appreciatively. He looked like he was about to lose his mind. “I want us to do something slightly different today.”

His hands traced the frame of my body as we looked at each other, he leaned in and kissed my pulse point on my throat. He turned me around so that I had my back to him and kissed the nape of my neck, undoing my messy bun. My hair had grown a little since I moved to Greece, it tumbled down my shoulders but he pulled it to the side as he slowly breathed down my neck tracing his thumb, his one hand holding me in place by my waist.

He rubbed his erection up and down my ass, making me moan as this delicious sensation began to build up in between my legs. He placed both hands on my waist and gently pushed me towards the walk in closet, there was a small exit that led to a mirror room where there were three meters by three meters mirrors on all four walls. In the middle of the room there was a big square lunar grey burlesque ottoman. First he made me stand in front of the mirror, I looked at him through it and he did the same. I bit my lower lip as I blushed and looked down at the carpet.

“Don’t look down angel, look straight ahead. I want you to see what I see when I look at you, when I make love to you, I want you to see how you hold your breath when I touch you here.” His hand caressed my lower abdomen then moved to the front of my lace thong and he gently

massaged and the other hand took one of my breasts and he gently played with my nipple. He was still standing behind me. I couldn't help but moan and lean on to him.

“How you scrunch up your nose as you bite your lip and curl your toes when my fingers find their way inside you, when you mount and begin to move on top of me your breasts bounce up and down making me go over the edge. How bold your hands are when they go down and touch me here.” He turned me over to face him and his hand guided mine into his underwear and I covered his warm erect member. He groaned out loud.

“Your body talks to me, it whispers to me from under the covers as you move your naked body against mine but I want you to watch yourself today. Don't be shy to listen and watch, I love how daring you are, how bold you are but I want you to see it as you drive me crazy.”

He led me to the ottoman and made me sit on it, it was a high ottoman, my legs were almost dangling as my feet barely touched the ground. He opened my legs wide and then got down on his knees, peeling my underwear off. He guided my legs over his shoulders, looked at me and smiled. “Look at the mirror, how you respond when I do this.” He bent down to suck on my flower, his tongue slipping past my folds and explored, moving up and down my clit. I lost my mind, my mouth opening slightly as I moaned. My fingers grasped at the ottoman. I blushed crimson at my own response as he continued to please me. His name was all I could manage to say as his tongue dipped into me and pulled.

I shook my head with so much pleasure as my toes curled. This man's tongue was voodoo magic, I leaned backwards as he held me in place and continued the delicious assault to my flower. I realised the ceiling was a mirror as well, how come I had never noticed this. I cried out as I came, breathing heavily. He was right, there was something about watching myself that just build me up even more.

“Doesn't it feel good when I suck on you? I could do this all night and day. You taste so sweet and delicious.” I blushed again and he laughed as he licked his bottom lip.

Xander and I spent the rest of the day in bed with no disturbance as he made love to me in every way possible. When we got tired of the bedroom, we moved to the bathroom.

I got to learn a lot about him, I finally learnt that he was thirty six years old and he was an Aquarius. He let me ask questions and he answered them honestly. I couldn't stop smiling when he answered each one without holding back which made him chuckle. He joked about my obsession with star signs and rolled his eyes when I tried to explain that they revealed a lot about a person's personality, he indulged me though as I explained some more.

I wanted to stop the world from spinning so that I could capture this moment and make it last forever. To think this was all I had ever wanted.

“Tomorrow we are going to one of our offices. I think you are ready to learn more about the Adamos enterprise.” He said as he kissed my forehead.

Chapter 58 - The Greek Billionaire's Indecent Proposal

Soraya's POV

“Ready babe?” Xander called out to me from the bedroom, I was in the dressing room fixing up my hair just before we left for work. To say I was excited was probably an understatement, I hadn't been working at all since I had resigned at the law firm and to think that I was going to be learning new skills while watching my husband at work made me giddy.

“I'm ready.” I said as I gave myself a once over by the full length mirror.

I wanted to look like a boss lady so I decided to dress with intention. I didn't want anyone thinking I was just Xander's little wife. I had on a Versace black double-breasted tailored blazer with a pantsuit wide leg trousers and black safety pin high heel sandals. Thanks to Stacy's DIY hair rescue methods the night before, my honey blonde curls were glowing as they cascaded down my back. The last time I'd given professional attention to my hair was the night of the gala.

It was a good thing that every two weeks Stacy always insisted we get a nail treatment from home so my matte black nails with a beautiful gold design were sorted.

I walked out of the bedroom to find Xander fixing his tie, he had on a black Tom Ford suit. He looked up and smiled when he saw me, his dimples more pronounced as they dented his cheeks.

“Hmmm, Mrs Adamos I think you are gunning for my position.” He joked. “You look like the head of an organisation Angel.”

“Maybe I am...” I winked at him making him chuckle as he walked up to me. His hands went on my waist and he pulled me closer to him.

“I wouldn't mind taking orders from you at all my Dona.” He nuzzled my forehead then kissed me gently.

“Well then first order of the day is, total world domination, let's take over the world.” My hands snaked around his neck and I deepened the kiss.

“Let’s go get em babe.” He said when he pulled away for some breath, his eyes were still closed. “If we don’t leave now, that gorgeous power suit is going to be on the floor in the next minute or so.”

I giggled as he took my hand and led me out of the room.

The driver opened the door to the Rolls-Royce Phantom and Xander helped me in before he went around to the other side. As soon as the car started moving, he instructed the driver to roll up the partition.

“Okay so I just thought I should brief you, AE is a Private limited company and at first when it was started my forefathers used the business to front their illegal arms dealing business. They started out with real estate in Greece and a few European countries before venturing out to parts of North and South America as well as Asia.”

That’s really huge....” I listened attentively.

“They made a lot of money and they needed to find more ways to to launder the money hence the clubs and the banks. We also have shares in mining companies and drug companies.” He looked like he was trying to maintain the balance between being my husband but also explain all this to me as my boss.

“So you don’t traffic humans or sell illegal drugs?” I asked with a serious look on my face. He chuckled slowly and took my hand into his, kissing the back of it and caressing it.

“No my love, we don’t. My Grandfather was the one who managed to legitimise our manufactured weapons and ammunition business, selling to governments and states for military use but we also do get certain clientele that can not acquire some of our products legally and prefer to use back channels. We don’t refuse them because they are our allies, that’s how we build relationships with very dangerous important people who have sway with governments, certain legislations that can help us in the long run.

Clearly there’s a lot that I need to learn. I hoped I didn’t look overwhelmed already.

“I’m going to start you of slowly because I don’t want to scare you off. Remember you have a choice, I don’t mind you sitting at home like Stacy and Sasha and just handling our philanthropy portfolios, we do corporate social responsibilities and my mother usually handles that with the other Adamos wives and our organisational development and wellness teams here at the office.”

“No I want to do this, you know I’m not the executive wife type, not that there’s anything wrong with being an executive wife. That in itself is a full time job.” I pouted my lips and he laughed.

“You have never struck me as the executive wife type at all. I just want you to know that you have options, if you choose to run our real estate or clubs or hotels, that’s also on the table.” He leaned over and kissed me.

“Geeez what don’t you guys own.” I joked.

The car came to a halt and the driver and one of the valet guy’s came to open our doors.

“I don’t know how I am going to be able to keep my hands off you today.” He whispered to me as he held out his arm for me to link my hand to. “Mrs Adamos you are going to be a distraction.”

I giggled and looked lovingly into his eyes. “We all need that distraction once in a while don’t we?”

The AE buildings were quite impressive skyscrapers, I was in awe as we walked in. I had worked in New York, the big bad concrete jungle with impressive buildings but this skyscraper would be the envy of architects back in the US. The complex towers included three towers interconnected with sky bridges.

“Wow! The towers are magnificent.” I really couldn’t help but be awe struck no matter how much I tried to look like I was used to all this.

“One day all this will be Kai’s to run.” He smiled proudly.

We stepped into the lobby of the building as so many pairs of eyes stared at us. My demeanour changed to professional as all these people regarded me curiously. Xander kept walking like he was oblivious to all of them, instead of walking towards the security barrier gates that would lead us to the elevator we walked up to a private elevator entrance. A security guy acknowledged us as he punched in some keys and the door opened, when we were inside, Xander punched in his own code then used a fingerprint and the elevator started to move up. We went all the way into they opened floor.

“Safety is very important as always. Your finger print has been added onto the system, I will show you later on how the codes are generated because they change every 15 minutes.” He smiled as his arm went around my waist and he pulled me to him, he really looked happy that I was with him at the office.

“You’re enjoying this a little too much” I giggled. He had on the same grin Kai would get when he was too excited.

“Oh no I’m enjoying this a lot too much.” He laughed. To have my other half to share this experience with is amazing, I know you are going to excell at anything you choose to undertake.

“No pressure…” I joked.

“No pressure at all.” His lips came down on mine and I gave him access as our tongues explored. As the kiss deepened my hands went around the nape of his neck and I curled my fingers around the small curls of hair on the back of his head which made him groan.

He pulled away and we both laughed at our predicament, how were we going to succeed at keeping our hands of each other all day.

We reached the top floor and the doors to the elevator opened. A young brunette woman was waiting just outside.

“Good morning Mr and Mrs Adamos.” She regarded me and smiled.

“Iris, is Mrs Adamos’ office ready to occupy?” He asked.

“Yes sir, as instructed. Everything is ready.”

“Good. Iris is your personal assistant, anything that you need she will arrange for it.” Xander said as we walked towards an office. I was quite impressed, when had Xander organised all this?

It wasn’t a corner office but it was huge and it had large glass windows to get a better view of the city, it was stunning!

“We kept the designs and colour schemes simple because I thought you might want to make the space your own.” Iris smiled.

“It’s perfect, a few art pieces and family photos and it will be complete. Thank you Iris.”

Xander led us to his office where his personal assistant Gretchen, was waiting with schedule for the day. How many secretaries and assistants did he have? She was not the same lady I had spoken to when we had arranged to move from Phoenix. She smiled genuinely and handed the both of us a brief.

“Good morning Mr Adamos, Mrs Adamos. Your first meeting of the day will be in thirty minutes time, the client called and we had to change the schedule a bit.

“Thank you Gretchen, could you get both Mrs Adamos and I some coffee, make mine a double espresso please.” He instructed her.

“Make mine a cold brew with ice please.” She nodded.

After she left, I looked around Xander’s office, it was actually next to mine, his was a corner office. It was exactly how I had expected it to be because his office in Phoenix and office at the house were similar, they had the same colour scheme and similar furniture, the office here was just way bigger but everything looked very expensive.

“I know...it’s missing a few things.” He looked at me as I scanned it.

“Huh? What is missing?” I frowned at him.

“Photos of you and Kai on my table.” He smiled.

“You don’t like to keep photos of family in your office.” I pointed out.

“I used to.” He said quietly.

“Hera? I understand why you don’t have pictures of her. I wish I knew what she looked like though, I am curious.” I said cautiously.

He walked towards a wall where there was a painting and he felt underneath it, the painting opened like a door and behind it it revealed a safe. He pressed some buttons then planted his finger print, it opened up. He took out a photo frame then closed it. I walked towards him and he handed me the frame.

There was a picture of a blonde woman in a beautiful yellow summer dress sitting on a picnic blanket. She was cradling her stomach, she looked like she was around six months pregnant. The photograph looked like it was taken on the estate grounds, she was smiling at the camera.

She looked breathtakingly beautiful, her smile made me want to smile and her blue grey eyes just sparkled with so much laughter in them. I could see why people thought we looked alike, we kept our hair the same way and the shape of her face was similar to mine. She had plump lips like mine.

“She was beautiful.” I smiled at him still holding on to the frame.

“Are you thinking what everyone else has been thinking and saying.” He asked.

“Do I remind you of her?” I couldn’t help but ask.

“Angel, when I saw you at the club, Hera was the last thing on my mind. Your face was the subject of my dreams for 6 years.” He took the frame from my hands. “I loved her, it really hurt to lose her but when I tell you that you and I were fated I wish you would believe me Soraya. You are my other half.”

He pulled me towards him and hugged me tightly. “I love you Angel.”

“I love you too.” I smiled. “I’m not saying this out of jealousy Xander, I am just curious...”

Before I could finish my sentence his one hand lifted my chin and his lips were on mine begging for entry, he kissed me deeply as I allowed him in.

We were interrupted by heels walking into his office. Gretchen had a tray with our drinks, she placed them on the coffee table, pretending like she had not seen us kissing. Xander walked to the safe and placed the frame back in safe and closed it.

“Your 9 o’clock is here.”she informed us.

“We will be right there in ten.” He told her. Then he walked to his desk and he took out three frames, one was a picture of him and I at the gala, one of Kai at Disney world and the third one was of him, Kai and myself also at Disney. We had taken these at the photo booth. I had forgotten, Kai had forced us to take pictures.

I couldn't help but smile and give him a peck on the cheek. “I love them!” They had been enlarged so beautifully to fit the frames. He placed them strategically on his desk before we took the briefs and our coffees and then walked towards what looked like a boardroom.

As we got there, there were three gentlemen sitting there, one of them was sitting at the head of the table looking down going through a leather binder. We could not see his face.

He looked up and smiled and I couldn't hide the shock on my face. He looked like Xander. They could have passed for twins except he looked slightly younger.

Xander's facial expression changed to pure disgust. “Paskal.”

“Hello brother.” This man smiled smugly.

Hello my lovelies. I wanted to bring the story to an end but I thought to myself I have one more twist lol. I hope this is as good and unexpected as the others.

A brother!! From where? Where has he been all this time?!! And most importantly, what does he want? Let's find out. Wink!

Ps. I can not put into words how amazing you all have been. Your comments are the best and thank you all for the support. I can't wait to share my new work with you.

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Chapter 59

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Chapter 60 - The Greek Billionaire’s Indecent Proposal

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“Of course not! These clients are the kind that buy merch from the black market but they have lots of money.” He yelled like he was losing patience with me.

“We don’t do that anymore.” I lied to him. “We have legitimised the business and it shall remain that way.” I explained quietly.

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“Paskal I’m actually indulging you right now but my patience is running thin. Take your associates and leave! Come back when you have calmed down and then we can talk. Remember this though, I don’t owe you anything. The prodigal son squandered his share and in my books he shouldn’t have returned... now go!”

Soraya’s POV

I watched the staring contest between the two brothers, still baffled that Xander had a brother! At first glance, Paskal and Xander looked very alike but the more I looked at him I could see the differences. Xander had features from Gaia that differentiated him from his brother, he didn’t have Xander’s dimples. Paskal was just as handsome as all the Adamos brothers though.

He had a detestable attitude, I had to agree that Xander was just as arrogant as his brother though but he definitely had some redeeming qualities or did I think this because I was head over heels in love with him? I didn’t know what Paskal’s story was but it did make me wonder if he also was misunderstood. Xander had looked at him with pure disgust and anger, I wondered what the full history was.

Paskal got up from his chair and looked at me, he smiled. A sly smile that seemed to say he knew something I didn't know.

"You are quite a vision sweetheart, my brother always had good taste in women." He said as his stare travelled from my eyes to the rest of my body. "If you stay here though you will die like the other one." He lifted his hand and pointed like he was holding a gun. "Bang!"

"Paskal!" Xander growled at him.

"I'm going." He said as he chuckled and lifted his hands in mock defeat. His associates got up and followed him.

After they had left Xander yelled for Gretchen to come into the boardroom, the poor girl looked like a mouse caught in a mouse trap. "Why was Paskal sitting in here Gretchen."

"You never banned him from coming into the building when you fired him sir." She looked like she was trying so hard not to stutter, he wasn't on the list, when he showed up with the other two men it was last minute, I didn't have time to warn you."

He looked at her darkly and I felt sorry for her. "Thank you Gretchen, next time please make sure you double check." I smiled slightly at her and she looked gratefully at me. I gestured for her to leave and she almost ran out of the boardroom.

"I should fire her for that!" He said.

"No, you should calm down."

I put my hand on his and massaged it. "You have a brother?"

"Half brother, like I said."

"Your father cheated on your mother?" I wondered how Gaia must have felt about that. If Xander were to ever cheat on me and have proof of it in the form of a baby, I would be distraught.

"She told my father the only way she would ever forgive him was if she never had to lay her eyes on Paskal or his mother. My father swore he never loved his mistress, that it was a stupid decision that he made and regretted but unfortunately it had resulted in a pregnancy. She almost left him but he obliged her.

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“Who’s side are you on?” He asked with a little irritation in his voice.

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"My proposal is that you give me a position in the company, I have clients that I can bring to the table."

"Legal sales?" I asked calmly.

"Of course not! These clients are the kind that buy merch from the black market but they have lots of money." He yelled like he was losing patience with me.

“We don’t do that anymore.” I lied to him. “We have legitimised the business and it shall remain that way.” I explained quietly.

He banged his fists on the table again. “You are lying to me.”

“Paskal I’m actually indulging you right now but my patience is running thin. Take your associates and leave! Come back when you have calmed down and then we can talk. Remember this though, I don’t owe you anything. The prodigal son squandered his share and in my books he shouldn’t have returned... now go!”

Soraya’s POV

I watched the staring contest between the two brothers, still baffled that Xander had a brother! At first glance, Paskal and Xander looked very alike but the more I looked at him I could see the differences. Xander had features from Gaia that differentiated him from his brother, he didn’t have Xander’s dimples. Paskal was just as handsome as all the Adamos brothers though.

He had a detestable attitude, I had to agree that Xander was just as arrogant as his brother though but he definitely had some redeeming qualities or did I think this because I was head over heels in love with him? I didn’t know what Paskal’s story was but it did make me wonder if he also was misunderstood. Xander had looked at him with pure disgust and anger, I wondered what the full history was.

Paskal got up from his chair and looked at me, he smiled. A sly smile that seemed to say he knew something I didn’t know.

“You are quite a vision sweetheart, my brother always had good taste in women.” He said as his stare travelled from my eyes to the rest of my body. “If you stay here though you will die like the other one.” He lifted his hand and pointed like he was holding a gun. “Bang!”

“Paskal!” Xander growled at him.

“I’m going.” He said as he chuckled and lifted his hands in mock defeat. His associates got up and followed him.

After they had left Xander yelled for Gretchen to come into the boardroom, the poor girl looked like a mouse caught in a mouse trap. “Why was Paskal sitting in here Gretchen.”

“You never banned him from coming into the building when you fired him sir.” She looked like she was trying so hard not to stutter, he wasn’t on the list, when he showed up with the other two men it was last minute, I didn’t have time to warn you.”

He looked at her darkly and I felt sorry for her. “Thank you Gretchen, next time please make sure you double check.” I smiled slightly at her and she looked gratefully at me. I gestured for her to leave and she almost ran out of the boardroom.

“I should fire her for that!” He said.

“No, you should calm down.”

I put my hand on his and massaged it. “You have a brother?”

“Half brother, like I said.”

“Your father cheated on your mother?” I wondered how Gaia must have felt about that. If Xander were to ever cheat on me and have proof of it in the form of a baby, I would be distraught.

“She told my father the only way she would ever forgive him was if she never had to lay her eyes on Paskal or his mother. My father swore he never loved his mistress, that it was a stupid decision that he made and regretted but unfortunately it had resulted in a pregnancy. She almost left him but he obliged her.

“I feel sorry for Paskal, it wasn’t his fault.” I said quietly.

“I don’t know what you want me to say Soraya, he didn’t grow up lacking anything. My father bought his mother a villa in Italy, she was heavily guarded just like we were. Paskal had everything money could buy, he seems to think that our father gave us affection but that was reserved for Sofija. Whereas Hector, Dorian and I were concerned... my father and uncle raised us with an iron fist and Paskal was too.”

“But you had Hector and Dorian as well as your cousins. He had no one.” I pointed out.

“Who’s side are you on?” He asked with a little irritation in his voice.

“Yours but I have to be objective and try to understand his side as well. He seemed hurt and angry Xander, to me that sounded like a cry for attention from his big brother.”

“You think I didn’t try and integrate him into the family? He is disrespectful and seems to think we were just handed everything we have. We had to prove ourselves. My father left him and his mother properties and money, he has shares at AE but all he does is collect his checks. He messed up some of our business deals and didn’t have the patience to be taught anything. He wanted to live at the estate but my mother couldn’t stand him, what was I supposed to do? Kick my own mother out of her home just so he could move in?” He looked annoyed.

“So what do we do?” I asked him.

“For now we do nothing. We carry on with our day.” He smiled at me.

As the day went by I was taken from meeting to meeting and I observed quietly, I was introduced to the staff members that would work directly with me. After the meetings I would sit with Xander, Hector Dorian and their departmental managers as they discussed the operation

outcomes. It was impressive to see them out of the warehouses in business mode. I was dragged from department to department by Hector as he filled me in on how AE was divided in order to run the different sectors of the enterprise as well as who headed which section. I was given Joud's responsibilities, I sat down in my office trying to make sense of everything that he did business wise. He handled business legislations which was perfect for me because I had a law background.

Around 6 o'clock in the evening I was so engrossed in my work, I did not here Xander walk into my office. He stood right in front of my desk watching me, as I turned the page to a brief that I was reading that's when I noticed his feet. I looked up and caught him smiling.

"Mr Adamos you have stalker tendencies." I joked.

"You know you get this little wrinkle over your nose when you are trying to make sense of your work." He walked around the table and turned my chair around so that I was facing him.

"Is it sexy?" I asked shyly and he chuckled.

"It makes me want to take you on this office table right now." His voice had gone really deep. "But I want to get you home so that we don't miss the kids bedtime." He rolled his eyes making me laugh.

"Xander...?" I stood up from my seat.

"Yes babe?" His hands cupped my faces

"Thank you." I kissed him.

"For what?" His eyes were still closed as he pulled away from the kiss.

"For really seeing me and trusting me and loving me." I kissed him again. "And know that I will always have your back."

He smiled and pulled me into his arms. "Let's go home my love."