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SIMONE (V.O.)

I stumbled back into the train and slammed into the wall, my back hitting the button to make the train doors slide closed. Olivia punched me in the mouth and my head jerked back, the coppery taste of blood flowing over my tongue. I hissed in fury, punching Olivia in the throat. As soon as she started choking, I rammed my knee into Olivia's stomach, and then snatched her by the hair, yanking my cousin's head back.

SIMONE

Did you shoot him!? Did you?!

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SIMONE (cont'd)

(tearful laugh)

My hero. My big damn hero.

SIMONE (V.O.)

Knowing didn't make it easier. Having lived through it once, as Liliana and Kyle, didn't make it any easier, either. I blinked back my tears and pulled him into my lap and kissed him.

SIMONE

And the one after that, and the one after that. There's not a goddamn thing that can keep me from you.

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SIMONE (V.O.)

I shuddered. Closing my eyes and drawing a sharp breath, I arched into him and tugged his undershirt over his head, so that I could kiss the warm slope of his shoulder and tease the tightly coiled muscles with the scrape of my teeth.