

# Manipulation and Horrific Realization

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*This is my Naruto timeskip fanfiction that you have all been waiting for. I can't give away the story but Nia and Itachi are threatened and have to go incognito. Hope you like it!*

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## 1 - The One that got away Eskerna Sensei

The forest was so dark and, though I knew it like the back of my hand, I had no idea where I was. I thought I was alone but the noises coming from the trees were not animal noises. I had no idea whether it was friend or foe but I was not making my presence known. Then a woman, no older than I was, jumped out from the nearest tree inches from my face.

The woman looked like a demon but I knew that was impossible. Nia had killed off the entire demon clan about two years before. It was impossible but she didn't look like she could belong to any other clan. She looked familiar even though I had never seen her before.

"hello, Eskerna," she spoke as if I were an old friend.

"Who are you?" I asked frantically.

"I thought you would forget about me in the madness of the killing of the last of the demon clan. I belong to that clan."

"No...that's impossible!"

"I was the one that committed suicide. I had such a convincing cover-up story that I was sent to the village of Naught. I'm pretty lucky, don't you think?"

"What do you want?"

"You're Nia Uchiha's sensei, right? Don't you think your father has better use for a girl like that than you do?"

Something gripped me then. It was a feeling that I had never felt before. Honestly, I felt full of myself. I felt like I could do anything without consequence. I felt dictatorial. After the shock of that feeling I answered probably the most wrong answer I could have answered.

"Yes, I do think that."

"Good, why don't you go tell him that?"

The demon disappeared into the darkness and I was left with my strange new feeling. I had gone back to see my father a few times before and I'd made him promise never to ask me to give him my wanderers. This was a different story. I felt like I should take advantage of my power and let him into my village. I wanted to bring him Nia.

Eventually, I did get out of the forest. I tried to hide my plan in the back of my mind. Only one person noticed. I knew that Nia had great respect for Itachi but I could make her think that he was crazy. Itachi suspected that I was differing back to my father. I was successful and no one believed him at first. My plan was going to work, but, for some reason I didn't want it to work.

## 2 - In Mortal Danger-Nia Uchiha

### Part 2 In Mortal Danger- Nia Uchiha

Things were getting way out of hand! Itachi was taking things way too far! It was kind of funny at first but it was getting ridiculous! I was worried about the effect that his topic of conversation would have on his children. There were three of them by the way. Resha had twins names Kosuke and Ernon and she was four months pregnant. I couldn't wait and they said that this one was going to be a girl!

Anyway, I didn't believe the nonsense about Eskerna Sensei being a traitor. Not until the face of innocence proved me wrong. Sho was six years old then and they had asked me to be his Sensei. He was an extremely gifted child who could read the thoughts of everyone. Not even I could block out his spying eyes.

It happened one day after Eskerna Sensei called me on my cell phone. She wanted me to come back to the village of haunts for a while.

"C'mon Nia, you should read her mind when she calls you back to see what she's up to!" Itachi said persistently.

"I don't want her to think that I don't trust her," I tried to reason with him."

"You aren't even taking me seriously, are you?"

"I don't think you are implying the right things. If it makes you feel better, I'm going to say no."

Just then Sho and his little wolf, Brother, walked over to us and my cell phone rang. Itachi and Sho stared in silence as I listened to Eskerna Sensei beg me to come back. I was about to say no but then she dropped the bomb like this phone call was rehearsed.

"Nia, you know I don't want you to come back just because I miss you. This is important," she said turning serious.

"Why is it so important?" I asked critically.

"I wanted to wait until you got here but it looks like I have no choice. Your father has been killed."

Panic suddenly filled my thoughts and I could barely get my words out. "He was killed?"

"That's right," her tone didn't change.

"Who killed him? How did this happen? What was their motive?"

"We don't know who killed him. His wounds are strange and they must be healed before the corpses can bring him back."

"Alright, don't expect me to come. I'll think about it though. There, are you happy now, Itachi?"

Sho interrupted, "Nia Sensei, who is Orochimaru?"

My face went pale and a look of horror crossed my face. Itachi was right. Eskerna Sensei wouldn't even think her father's name if she wasn't joining him. Even the most powerful ninja in the world couldn't stand up to those two. If I couldn't come up with a good plan, I was sunk. At that point I was just happy that the plan I came up with would work.

"I'm sorry Itachi," I said hanging my head in defeat.

"You can apologize later. Right now we have to come up with a good plan," Itachi said enunciating every word like he had rehearsed it.

"I already have a plan," I said coolly.

"Let's hear it."

"You've heard about the recent destruction of the cat village, right?"

"Yeah, they say only the prince and the princess survived and they turned the village in to a crater."

"Actually, that's not entirely true. The village did get turned into a crater, but the prince, the princess,

and their daughter were some of the first to go.”

“So, how does this fit into your plan?”

“Everyone thinks that those three are still alive. We are the only ones who know the truth. My disguising skills are much better than they used to be. No one would recognize us.”

“I wonder how Sho would feel about being a little girl for a while.”

Sho gave a little wimper but didn’t say anything.

“I don’t think he’ll mind since it’s the difference between life and death. Okay, here’s the plan. In a few minutes a message saying that the prince, the princess, and their daughter are coming to live in the leaf village will be given to lady Hokage. We’ll tell our family and friends that we will be disguised as villagers. They won’t recognize us, they can’t try to recognize us, and to everyone else we killed ourselves. Go tell everyone you can find and meet me and Sho outside the village gate.”

“Alright, Nia, it’s a good plan. I just hope it’s good enough.”

With that said we went our separate ways. I didn’t go to the village gate, though. I wanted to see how Sasuke would react. I’ll admit that he’s a better liar than we give him credit for. He was among friends, which made it more difficult to see. Itachi whispered the truth in his ear and he reacted exactly how I wanted him to.

“NO!” he shouted defiantly.

“Yes,” Itachi said confused by Sasuke’s denial.

“Why did she do it?”

“She’s been trying to do it for a very long time. I’ve always been there to stop her. This time I didn’t make it in time. She didn’t want Orochimaru to get to her.”

“No! Nia is not dead!”

“Alright, if you want to sit there lying to yourself to make you feel better. Just check and see if she’s at home tonight. I’m leaving.”

“Will she come back?”

“If she wants to. If she doesn’t want to come back, she will make everyone think she was a terrible monster.”

I couldn’t listen to it anymore. Sasuke was faking it. I couldn’t imagine how hard it would be if I was really dead. I took Sho to the village gate and waited impatiently for Itachi.

### 3 - Recklessness-Resha Uchiha

I don't know what I had expected when Itachi walked through the door with that look on his face. He seemed to say 'sorry Resha' without even opening his mouth. I almost thought that he was changing his mind about Lady Eskerna. I didn't think he was going to say anything. I was hoping that it was about Lady Eskerna because I didn't want to lose my job. I had been working as her personal assistant since Itachi saved me.

"Resha, I don't know what to say," he said quietly.

"What happened?" I asked with a concerned tone.

"I was right about everything, Resha. Eskerna was planning on taking Nia soon so we have to get the heck out of the leaf village."

"Where will you go?"

"Nowhere, we'll be disguised as villagers. You won't recognize us but don't guess. Eskerna will hear you."

"Is there anything I can do to help?"

I didn't want him to answer my question. I could barely lift my head but I realized that I had been making space between us the whole time and I had positioned myself so that I couldn't see his face. While I was distracted Itachi seized the chance to hold me in his arms. He spoke so quietly that, for me to hear, his lips were almost touching my ear.

"If anyone asks, the three of us committed suicide," he whispers.

I was thoroughly confused, "The three of you?"

"It would be too dangerous to leave Sho behind. He can see things that the rest of us can't. you know that. He was with us when we found out that Eskerna is guilty. In fact, he was the one that discovered it."

"Alright, you should probably go, it's getting late...Itachi...you won't be gone forever, will you?"

"I sure hope not."

"Me too."

Time went in slow motion as I watched Itachi walk out the door. When I was sure that he wasn't coming back I fell to my knees and onto my side. My eyes were filled with tears. He was gone and I couldn't get back up. Fortunately, Sasuke walked in and helped me up.

"Are you alright?" he asked in a half hearted attempt to cheer me up.

"I'm not going to lie and say that I am," I sighed.

"Did he tell you the truth?"

"Itachi?"

"Who else?"

No, I don't think he did."

"What do you think they're doing?"

"You already know what Nia would want to do and I know that Itachi would follow her anywhere."

"That's what I was afraid of. I don't think that Nia would but Itachi or Sho in harm's way like that. Maybe it's only half a lie."

"You're right, going after Lady Eskerna seems reckless for Nia. If any part is a lie then it's the part about being disguised as villagers. With that in mind they could be anyone."

"I guess we'll just have to try not to find them."

"That may be easier said than done."

## 4 - Busted-Nia Uchiha

We didn't spend much time in our disguises. That was probably a good thing. I didn't like pretending to be married, pretending that I was married to my brother, or pretending that my nephew was my daughter. I don't think he enjoyed that very much either.

I spent most of my time either painting or secretly contacting the ghosts. We were planning to arrest Eskerna Sensei as soon as she showed proof. Until then I was content to sit and paint. I was a pretty good painter. I was painting when the inevitable happened and I encountered the genin of team 7. Sho was with me and saved my latest masterpiece from being ruined by(guess who)...NARUTO!

"Watch where you're going!" I was out of patience.

"Naruto, apologize! I'm sorry, we can't take him anywhere," Sakura said apologizing for him.

"Who's the kid?" dammit Sasuke, why do you have to be so observant?

"I can speak for myself!" Sho fumed in a little girl's voice. Sasuke would probably recognize his stubbornness.

"Good for you. Do you have a name?"

"Lilly." Why can't I come up with better names? This could be bad!

"Nia?"

"Are you deaf? I said my name is Lilly!" Sasuke of all people would remember that I used that name when I was training to become a master of disguise. I hope Eskerna Sensei didn't hear that. She would probably jump to the wrong conclusion and kidnap Sho.

The other two were more interested in me and the place I was painting a picture of.

"What are you doing?" Naruto asked me oblivious to Lilly screaming at Sasuke.

"Naruto, you baka, what does it look like she's doing?!" Sakura scolded.

"You have quite a temper, don't you?" I asked with a smile. I tried to do everything as out of character as possible.

"Oh, where is that?" she asked suddenly intrigued.

This is the part that should have thrown off anyone who suspected me, "It's the place where I used to live. It was very beautiful and my painting could never do it justice. I wish I could see it again."

"Well, why did you leave? You could always visit."

"No, I can't visit."

"Why not?"

"It's not there."

"Well, where is it?"

"No, you don't understand. We were at war with the dog village. There was much hatred on both sides. I still remember the girl who helped both villages. She was one of the legendary wanderers, Nia Uchiha. She made both sides promise that the winning village would not completely destroy the losing village. We were weak and the war was short. The dog village disobeyed her orders and turned our beautiful village into a crater. If you saw it, you wouldn't even know that it used to be the cat village. It was, in my opinion, the most beautiful place in the world."

"Oh, I'm sorry."

"Don't feel sorry, you didn't know any better. I guess this painting is the closest to home I'll ever get."

"You're right, it is pretty."

That was so good. I really have no idea how Princess Kitten feels about her village. All I had to do was make her story believable. I did not, however, make up the part about me and I am furious at the dog

village. I told them that I wouldn't take sides as long as they promised not to destroy the loosing village. I don't like being ignored.

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Eskerna Sensei was, unfortunately, in the leaf village. Resha and Sasuke were with her and she was on her way to see Tsunade. A couple of ghosts were nearby. Resha and Sasuke had informed them of the real threat that Eskerna Sensei posed. They were ready to arrest her. Eskerna Sensei had asked Resha to come with her. The reason for that had something to do with what she was going to tell Tsunade.

"Oh, Eskerna, what a pleasant surprise," Tsunade said in a slightly irritated voice due to all of the work that surrounded her.

"I don't think there's anything pleasant about what I have to say," Eskerna Sensei said. Hidden behind her words was a vicious smirk.

"What is it, Eskerna?"

"Nia and Itachi Uchiha have turned against us."

Sasuke turned to Eskerna Sensei with an, obviously fake, surprised look on his face, "That's impossible, Nia committed suicide!"

Resha sounded much more convincing than Sasuke, "It's true, Itachi told everybody. After that he killed himself."

Eskerna Sensei laughed a little, "It may be useful to know that you two are in on the secret."

I didn't know Resha was such a good liar, "What secret?"

"Don't play dumb with me! It was so obvious that Sasuke was lying that it proved your statement false!"

"No, I saw the bodies!"

"Alright, after you saw them, they must have magically got up, sneaked out of the village, transformed into different people, and came back on their own."

"I don't need your sarcasm! Just what did they do to make them traitors?"

Eskerna Sensei couldn't think of a lie that Resha wouldn't see through. That was pretty much the end of the line for her. But then Lilly burst in the room and was about to yell something when she saw Eskerna Sensei. At that moment my jutsu started wearing off. The prince and I were running after her. All at once, Lilly became Sho.

"They transformed my son into a little girl?!" Resha screamed with almost as much embarrassment as Sho had when we told him.

Eskerna Sensei knew that we were coming and she tried to sprint out of the room. The ghosts suddenly appeared and placed her under arrest. Itachi and I burst into the room and I came face to face with Eskerna Sensei. There were tears in my eyes and my hands were balled into fists.

"Eskerna Sensei, why did you kill my father?" I asked frankly.

"I didn't kill your father. Why does it matter? You don't care about him. The only reason why you want him back is because you never had a chance to get your revenge!"

"I don't know what you're talking about."

"You can't deny it!"

"Yes, I can because I don't know what 'it' is."

With that the ghosts took her back to the village of haunts.

"Can someone please tell me what's going on?" Tsunade asked a little more annoyed.

Resha moved in front of Tsunade's desk, "Lady Eskerna has been arrested for conspiring to kidnap Nia and send her to Orochimaru. Because Lady Eskerna was arrested, we need to find a new Kagekage as soon as possible. The higher ups have made a list of possible choices for the new Kagekage."

"Do you have it?"

"No, but I have it memorized and they want your opinion on who should be chosen."

"They already knew she was arrested?"

“We’ve known for several weeks that Lady Eskerna was committing traitorous acts when no one was looking. We’ve been planning to arrest her for a long time.”

“Alright, who’s on the list?”

“I’ll try and name everyone. It will be obvious who the best, the brightest, and the most fit for the position is, but that person is most likely to decline. The people on the list are: Gonan Fairchild, Resha Uchiha, Rene Meta, Nia Uchiha, Alexandra Fairchild, Lord Cino (a vampire by the looks of him), Ashika of the barren fields, Kaila the beast, Benjamin Meta, Itachi Uchiha, and Leana Fairchild.”

“That list has lots of the same names on it.”

“Well, technically you could call me a Fairchild.”

“It doesn’t make a difference. That list is a bunch of Uchihis, Fairchilds, and Metas.”

“So, who do you think deserves the position?”

“Out of all the people on the list I think that the person who is most qualified for the position is Nia Uchiha.”

“That’s what everybody says. She could be Kagekage whenever she wants to be. The only problem is...she doesn’t want to be.”