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"Hey, whatcha cookin?" Jake hugged her from behind, and Athena bit her lips to contain her hiss of pain.

"White sauce pasta," Athena smiled, and Jake grinned.

"Well, is this the reward for working so hard for the Olympiad? If that's the case, I might take part in a few more to eat something cooked by you," Jake pulled her cheeks, and Athena smiled before urging him to freshen up so they could eat together.

"Jake, this area is not so safe. Some rogues from the Damian group came earlier and attacked Alpha Simon. You remember my friend, Alpha Andrew, I used to tell you about when I was five? The one I used to visit when visiting my distant aunt who died later?" Athena asked, and Jake hummed while eating.

"I was thinking, why don't we shift to Alpha Andrew's place? It's ten minutes away from the University. You won't have to waste time traveling so much. You can come and rest at that place when you are tired anytime and don't have a lecture, and go back to University too," Athena paused when Jake didn't say anything.

"We will pay the rent. So it's not like we would be imposing. Also, it wouldn't make us feel like we are living at someone's mercy by asking for a permit again and again," Athena added.

"If you have thought things through, let's do it. But before that, I would like to meet Alpha Andrew and see that he

doesn't make us uncomfortable. Is that okay with you?" Jake finally asked, and Athena clapped her hands.

"Awesome, I knew you were the best," Athena hugged him, and he rolled his eyes.

"Stop buttering me. I will do the dishes. Go and arrange things for the movie night. Let's watch something horror today," Jake's words made Athena grin, and she nodded before rushing to the couch, oblivious to the man watching everything from some distance with a distant look before he turned around and left.

The next day

"What do you mean I am supposed to help in the kitchen? I have never done things like that. Are you out of your mind? You just wait and see. I will tell Simon to teach you guys -"

"These are Alpha's orders. This is just the start of your day. After coming back from the University, you will be in the dungeon's security team for two hours daily and help in border patrol at night for four hours," Timothy cut Savannah mid-sentence, and her horrified look made him wonder why he was given this ugly job of telling her.

He knew what was coming next, and as he expected, Savannah shrieked loudly.

"What did you say? How could he be so cruel to me? What did I do to him?" She growled.

"Let's start with how it was more important for you to abandon your alpha and get treatment when you could've told the border security the first thing about the rogue attack,"

His words shocked Savannah.

Right. She was so scared for her life thinking something poisonous was shot in her arm that she didn't inform anyone in security and rushed straight to the hospital. Simon has still not confronted her about it. Does that mean he is ignoring her deliberately?

"Your negligence almost caused havoc, and this is a punishment to help you learn the severity of these matters in dungeons and borders. This is a bare minimum just because you are Simon's friend. And let's not forget how you defied alpha on many occasions recently," Timothy said before he nodded at the maids and left, making Savannah grit her teeth.

"Hey, it's her. Yeah, the one from the video," People started gossiping as soon as she got down from the car, and Jake found it slightly weird.

He was used to people looking at Athena since she has always been popular for her appealing body and hair, but something about the way people were looking at her was unnerving him.

"Hey, why don't I drop you off at your department today?" Jake asked, and Athena immediately paused.

Remembering what has been going on in the department, Athena shook her head before smiling.

"You have an Olympiad to prepare for. Don't waste your energy uselessly. You have decreased your training time too. I will be okay," Athena said, and he hummed.

Walking towards her department, remembering she needs to lay low for Jake's sake, she didn't look at anyone or respond to

any kind of pity or insult.

Turning to the corner, she was about to enter the class when someone pulled her out, making her look at the door instinctively.

"There's nothing there," She said to the person before turning around.

"I know. I just wanted to talk to you before you go inside," Andrew pulled her away from the class before he caged her between his hands, leaning closer to her.

"What are you doing?" She asked with wide eyes, and he smirked, liking the reaction.

"What does it look like?"

"It looks like you are grabbing useless attention to me," Athena said, and Andrew hummed.

"Well, I won't lie. That's what I am trying to do. However, it's not anyone else's but your attention that I want. Did you talk to Jake about us living together?" Andrew's words weren't exactly a whisper, and the passerby who heard him and knew him as one of the respected alphas immediately looked between Athena and Andrew with wide eyes.

However, one look from Andrew's beta, and they left.

"We will talk about this later. It's time for class," Athena said, and Andrew grinned.

"It's still fifteen minutes, little Thea," he cupped her neck, and her heart skipped a beat.

Was it the lack of affection and love that she was feeling like this?

"Are you playing with me?" Athena mused, and he grinned.

"Anything I can do to bring a smile to this beautiful face. So what if I can't have you as my mate and love, I can have you as my best friend and still treat you like a queen, can't I?" Andrew asked, and Athena nodded.

"You can, but this treatment is getting me some good views that I am not fond of. So keep moving? I will meet you during lunch," Athena smiled, and Andrew flicked her nose softly before nodding and stepping back.

"Will see you later, my love," Andrew winked at her, and Athena blushed biting the inside of her cheeks to stop herself from smiling goofily, all of this being witnessed by Alpha Simon and Fabian, who stood at the other end of the corridor.

"Look at him, deliberately treating her well to show off in front of me. Just because she got bullied by our pack -"

"You have got it wrong, Simon. Athena is his childhood friend, and from what I can see, I won't be surprised if Andrew has a crush on her. I heard it from them yesterday when he brought her to the hospital," Fabian cut off Simon, and Simon's blood immediately ran cold.

Childhood sweetheart? So it wasn't enough for the moon goddess to make his mate a rogue and gamma that he would have to face competition too?

He agrees he was acting like a jerk, but what was he supposed to do when all his life he has been betrayed by rogues who

took away everything from him? Simon thought, walking closer to her.

As Athena turned around, Simon deliberately extended his foot, and as Athena was about to fall, he placed his hand on her waist and saved her, pulling her closer to his chest, looking deep into her wide shocked eyes.

"Easy there?" Simon asked, searching her eyes for any malice, but he could only see kindness, and it made him even more frustrated with himself because now that he held her, he didn't want to let go.

Meanwhile, Athena, who was shell-shocked, looked at him, confused.

He saved her just now, but why did it feel like someone deliberately made her - Maybe she is thinking too much about things after being bullied again and again.

"Thank you," Athena said, and Simon bent towards her, inhaling her intoxicating scent, making his wolf howl in pleasure.

"If I were you, I would watch my every move. I am not always this helpful. Let's not make fun of ourselves by falling, yeah?" Simon whispered in her ears, gritting his teeth as his gaze fell on her soft appealing neck that looked like it was just asking to be bitten.

"Yea-yeah, I am sorry," Athena tried to step back, but Simon didn't let go of her, looking back into her deep brown eyes.

"I- I...uh... " Athena didn't know what to say, feeling at a loss as she looked at Fabian for help.

"Simon, what are you doing? You are making her uncomfortable," Fabian said, and Simon snapped out of the daze before letting go of her waist, his gaze traveling down to her chest, making her even more conscious of it as she turned around and rushed inside the classroom.

"Kitten," Simon murmured, confusing Fabian.

"Are you okay?"

"Hmm, why?"

"Well, you saved her from falling. It's not like you treat her well," Fabian felt a little jealous since he was hoping to be the one saving her.

"Didn't you scold me yesterday and say I was being a jerk? Let's say, I don't want to make my friend angry," Simon walked ahead, his gaze falling on Athena who was trying to walk past students to go to her seat, smiling faintly.

'You are still mean to her,' Onix said to Simon, and the latter smiled.

'After how Savannah bullied her, do you think she is going to run to us if we say we want her? Besides, at least you got to smell her scent like this,' Simon reasoned, and Onix didn't have anything to refute so he sat back calmly with a content sigh.

During Lunch~~~~

"Simon! Finally, I got a hold of you. What do you mean by doing all this?" Savannah shrieked as soon as Simon entered the canteen, and Simon's gaze turned dark.

"Lower your voice. You are talking to your alpha. Let's discuss

pack matters at the pack. This is not a place for you to go around talking werewolf stuff when you very well know there are humans too. I hope I won't have to remind you about the rules again because next time, I won't be so calm," Simon turned around to go to the counter to order when Savannah held his hand.

"Are you dismissing me just because I bullied that rogue? I did it all for you," Savannah said, and people started forming a crowd again.

"For me? Did I tell you to bully her? Did I ever say those words to you myself? Get your facts straight, Savannah. You bullied her to keep your reign. You got jealous because she had my attention more than you. Don't throw your filth on me. We still haven't discussed how you abandoned your alpha in a time of need," Simon whispered to Savannah, and she looked around as people started to look at them with weird gazes.

"You don't mean these words, right?" Savannah asked.

"Oh, I mean every word. Don't make me speak then loud and ruin your reputation, Savannah. You are one of my best friends and not exactly a girlfriend. I don't want to hurt you in any way. So I hope you'll restrain yourself. Don't forget how you left me in the forest, you are the prime suspect in the eyes of the elders," Simon's words shocked Savannah, and Athena who was standing right behind him heard it all.

Simon never asked Savannah to bully her. Athena thought, her heartbeat picking its pace, and Simon immediately felt her presence.

Walking around him, Athena ordered food for herself, acting like she didn't hear anything, and Savannah followed her

every movement with gritted teeth.

It was all because of this girl. Everything was going smoothly, but from the moment Athena arrived, things have turned bad.

She will have to retreat for now since the rogue incident has turned things against her. Savannah thought before turning to walk away, but before she could, Simon held her hand.

"Since Athena is already here. Why don't you apologize to her for what you did?" Simon said, and it shocked everyone in the canteen, including Fabian.

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