

Chapter 16

Smirking at his idea, Simon walked behind Athena as she walked towards the first lecture of the day.

"See you at the canteen, mate," Simon whispered in Athena's ears, who

paused in shock, looking at the back of the man with a contemplated gaze. What the hell? She thought before shuddering, turning around the corridor. She has to do something about Simon. She couldn't sleep the whole night thinking about what he said about the mate bond.

It's obvious she can't make him fall in love with her and force him to accept the mate bond. So the only option she was left with was to make him hate her and reject her. At least that way, she would live more carefree.

People would call her twice rejected, but it won't be something she hasn't heard before. At least she won't have to be constantly on guard. Athena

nodded at her plans before smiling.

"Hey, there, Princess," Andrew slung his hand over Athena's shoulder before smiling, and she smiled back.

"You guys are moving in today?" Andrew asked.

"This weekend probably. Though we don't have much stuff, I don't want to pressurize Jake into it. And knowing him, he won't let me do it, either,"

Athena nodded, and Simon, standing at some distance, clenched his fists. He was successful in stopping her from moving out of the University, but it looks like there is nothing he can do to stop her from moving out of that

area.

Besides, it's good for them. The place has become prone to rogues. He

can't allow them inside the pack either, and last time the rogues threatened Athena already because she saved him.

Maybe living with Alpha Andrew is the best option for them. He knows it's for the best, but what is he supposed to tell his wolf that is wondering why they can't protect their mate? Simon sighed.

"Just tell me in case you need any help. I can ask my pack members who patrol once around the forest to bring your stuff. It will save you and Jake some time," Andrew suggested, and Athena smiled gratefully.

"You, what are you distributing?" Simon stopped a random human before taking a template from his hand.

"It's for the fresher's party of the first year," the boy said, and Simon looked at the template.

"She will need a partner for this, no? It's a couple dance," Simon wondered. "Yes, she would. Unfortunately, she already has a partner," Fabian nudged towards Andrew.

"And even if she doesn't go with him, she will definitely choose Jake,"

Fabian scrunched his brows.

He wanted her to choose Simon so they could come closer and the sparks could fly between them, but how to make it possible? Judging from Simon's stance, it didn't look like he was planning to make a move anytime soon. "Anyway, I came here to tell you we have news about the rogue attack. Let's discuss it at home," Fabian asked, and Simon hummed.

"I think you should go with Simon," Savannah said from behind Athena

when she looked at the template in her hand.

"Do you intend to turn my first party of college into a disaster?" Athena

mused at Savannah, who chuckled awkwardly, and the crowd turned to them, confused about the sudden good relationship between them.

"I don't think they are allowed to choose from the other years," Andrew

looked at the bottom sentence on the template, and Athena hummed before entering the class.

"Well, given how the girls and boys are uneven in departments, they might allow it," Savannah added, and Athena walked inside the classroom.

As she sat on her usual seat, she scrunched her brows when she saw a paper under her desk.

"If I were you, I wouldn't let my guard down near these pathetic pack members. No one deserves trust, The note said, and Athena raised her

brows, looking around to see who could've written this note.

"Hey, did you see who kept this here?" She asked Melony, who shook her head.

Crumbling the note, she placed it in her pocket, not liking the vibes she got from the piece of paper.

Once the bell rang, Athena picked up her bag and dashed out of the classroom to avoid the weird feeling lingering in her heart.

"Who do you think had placed that note under my desk, dear wolf?" Athena asked her wolf, who shrugged like it was none of her business, and Athena sighed before humming as her wolf went back to strolling in her mind

restlessly.

"What has gotten into you?" Athena asked, and her wolf shrugged.

"Everything feels too good to be true. I have a feeling something bad is about to happen, Her wolf said, and Athena rolled her eyes.

"Everything is too good? I was beaten black and blue just a day before yesterday, bitch. Just because you found your second chance mate who doesn't want to reject you and Savannah has said she won't bully us, things have become good? You are so easy to please. No wonder these boys think we are easy," Athena scoffed at her wolf, who growled back at her.

"Don't look down on me, Athena. You don't know who I am," Her wolf snarled, and Athena grinned.

"Yeah? And who are you? A rejected Gama bitch?" Athena mused, knowing all too well her wolf was becoming pissed by her choice of words. [@wW.No.eF.Wo.R.M.CoM](#)

As people passed by her, they looked at the girl who was giggling standing alone near the railings of the corridors and couldn't help but find her weird. 'Don't test me, Athena. You and I both know I am larger than a beta,

Athena's wolf said, and Athena chuckled darkly this time.

'And? Did it stop our rejection? Did it prevent Cole from betraying us or

throwing us away from the pack? Or is it in any way helping us gain Simon's love? What use is that again?' Athena asked, and this made her wolf shut up. [w\(w\)W.No.eF.Wo.R.M.CoM](#)

Since both parents of Athena were warriors, the moon goddess graced her with a larger wolf than a beta. Though it wasn't a rare occurrence, thinking she was blessed, the alpha had asked her dad to train her hard so that she could protect the future alpha and herself in the future.

Who would've thought that this training would help her in her survival in

forests as a roque? "Athena, the first years are asked to go to the auditorium. Something about the fresher's party," Melony shook her gently while passing by her, bringing her out of her thoughts, and Athena followed the crowd, her gaze

immediately finding Simon's, looking directly at her.

"I know you all must be confused as to why you are called. But I assure you it's nothing to worry about. Our University Black Hills is the best university in this area and naturally, the fresher's party vlog would be watched by

almost everyone since we would post it on our social media," the boy on the stage said.

"We are here to dance a little and practice group salsa, which is the theme of this fresher's party. It's nothing professional. Just learn to switch

partners without causing a ruckus. We will play music now. The activity

would last for 20 minutes. Find yourself whatever partner you can and

switch the partners once the song changes. Start," The boy said, and soon the song started. [ww@.nO@el@.rM.C@](#)

Seriously? Is that even necessary? This is a waste of time. Athena thought. As Athena danced with the boys, changing the partners with every song.

her gaze kept flickering to Simon, who was standing in the corner.

Feeling lost in his gaze, she stomped on her partner's foot.

"I am so sorry. Are you okay?" She asked, horrified.

"Hey, it's okay. Things like these happen. You are doing great," Athena [@W.h@\(-\)\(e\)LwozM.\(c\)oM](#)

looked up to see a blonde boy with blue eyes, and she smiled when she felt he was a human.

"You have nice eyes. It makes you feel like drowning in them," The boy said, and Athena smiled before turning around to change partners again.

Raising her eyes, she looked into the familiar pair of brown eyes when she felt small shocks. Now that she knows she is his mate, every touch would feel intensified, no? She sighed.

"What are you doing here? You guys can't even participate," Athena asked, and he shrugged.

"I am practicing for the alpha's meet that will be held in our pack this time," Simon said, tightening his hold on Athena's waist, and making her heart

leap in her chest.

"Who taught you this dance?" Simon asked when he noticed she had gone quiet.

"My dad. He was like a king to me who treated me like a princess. My first love, who taught me everything," Athena's face vibrated with content, and Simon's heart skipped a beat at her beautiful smile.

"He used to dance with me whenever I used to feel too sad. He used to say it's kind of a therapy that cures your bad mood instantly. And I always

trusted him because-" Athena paused when she noticed she was sharing too much and speaking about things he probably didn't even care about.

"I am sorry. I didn't mean to bore you," Athena removed her hand from his shoulders, before turning to leave.

However, before she could take a few steps, Simon held her hand and

pulled her with a jerk, making her bump into his chest.

"Did I complain?" Simon grabbed her chin, forcing her to look at him as he rubbed her bottom lip.

"Don't bite them, or I would do something you won't like," Simon warned

before smirking, and Athena raised her brows, not expecting this kind of

reaction from someone who doesn't want to accept her.

"What were you thinking, leaving like that? Did I tell you to leave? Hmm? You know you don't show your backs to a predatory animal, don't you?" Simon pulled her infinitely closer, stepping aside with her when it was their turn to change partners so she doesn't dance with any other man.

"What is with you capturing all the hearts in this place even when you are arrogant?"

"Maybe it has more to do with character than identity, but I won't expect you to understand it, Alpha Simon," Athena said, and Simon chuckled before

nodding at her answer.

He expected nothing less from her.

"You are going to attend this alpha party as my partner. So as well brace

yourself for it," Simon said, and she squinted her brows.

"Why would I? Besides, the party will take place inside the pack, and I am

not going to enter one to risk my life," Athena said, and Simon said.

"Fair enough. I will ask Fabian to arrange the party here at the university's auditorium then," Simon said like it was nothing, and Athena sighed. "Or better, give up on the idea of bringing me as your partner," Athena

suggested, and Simon bent to her eye level.

"You wish. This is another way of tormenting you," he flicked her nose,

leaning toward her neck, biting her earlobe softly, making her gasp before he winked and left, making Athena even more confused than before.

Just what the hell does he want from her? One moment he acts like a jerk, and then he acts like someone who wants her. Why is he giving her mixed signals? She sighed before she widened her eyes.

Wait. He said it was an alpha meet. Does that mean Cole would be here too? She thought, clenching her fists remembering what happened at the pack.