

Chapter 22

"Athena Mathews!" Cole's raised voice caught Athena's attention as she was about to enter the university, and the latter widened her eyes.

She knew Cole was the unreasonable type, but she had never guessed he would act like this.

"What the hell do you think you are doing, Cole? This is a public university with humans too," Jake said to shush him, and Cole scoffed.

"You don't want me to cause a scene? Why don't you come over here and answer me," Cole asked, and Athena turned around.

"Let's go, Jake. It's not our responsibility to tame an alpha who is acting

irrationally. It's Simon's and the school's management's job," Athena said, and her nonchalant behavior irritated Cole even more.

"I am going for now, but I will return to talk to you. You wronged me,

Athena," Cole left, and Athena paused, not turning around to look.

"What has gotten into him? Is he drunk or something? You wronged her. He dares to say this after making you go through that?" Jake commented @w@ur.iii(o)Ve1WOrn.cOm

casually, but her intuition told her it was related to her identity.

She had provoked Cole and said he should look into why his father asked her to be with him and protect him right from childhood. Maybe he found something about her alpha blood, and that's why he is making a scene? There doesn't seem to be any plausible reason.

Athena clenched her fists before walking to her building in long angry

strides.

She still hasn't come to terms with her past, and to say leeches like him have already started to hover around her.

"Woah, what the -" Athena almost slipped when she bumped into someone, but Fabian was quick to hold her, making her look at Simon, who didn't have a reaction even when he was at fault.

"Thanks to you, I didn't fall and made a fool out of myself, which I am sure someone would have enjoyed," Athena's words made Simon roll his eyes before he scoffed and left.

"Don't think badly of him, Athena. He is like that because he hates-" "-Rogues with a passion. I get it. You don't need to elaborate on it every

time we meet," Athena completed his sentence before sighing. wW(w).noVelworm.Com

"Yeah, and there is a strong reason for that," Fabian said.

"What kind of reason?" Athena asked, and Fabian sighed.

"It's not exactly my place to tell you this story, but it's because of what

happened to his family. His parents died in a rogue attack, just like yours, and he only had his sister as a family," Fabian sighed as he walked with her to her class.

"Her mate was a Gama who turned out to be a traitor, and Simon had to kill him when he attacked Simon. His sister couldn't take her mate's death, and she went rogue, cursing him with loneliness.

She didn't return after she left. That's why he hates Gama and rogues, and unfortunately -

"I am both of them," Athena understood what Fabian was trying to say.

"I didn't know there was such a sad story behind his hatred. I thought it was a general hatred for weak and rejected people," Athena sighed.

"Will see you at lunch. Bye," Athena walked inside the class.

All day she couldn't stop thinking about what Fabian told her. She can't even imagine what Simon must've gone through. She never had a sibling, but

she could relate to the loss of family.

Athena was a rogue. That's why she always hated herself after being

rejected. Though it wasn't her choice, it's no use explaining it to anyone.

How can she expect someone else to accept her when she can't do it

herself?

Walking towards the canteen, Athena sighed, not knowing what to do with the information loaded on her. She was stupid to hear Simon's story. Were her secrets not enough?

"Athena, are you okay? I heard Alpha Cole showed up at the gates and tried to harass you," Simon stopped in front of Athena, snapping her out of her thoughts, and she turned her head, looking into his eyes with a smile.

"I am fine, thank you," Athena said, and Simon looked at Fabian.

"Look at her creepy smile. She is definitely not fine," Simon said.

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"He left after I ignored him. However, he said he would return to talk to me," Athena explained with a sigh.

"What does this guy want from you? He got what he wanted when he chose that girl, right? Why is he still after you?" Fabian's question made Athena sigh.

"That's not enough for him. He wants both of them, his fated mate and

chosen mate," Simon stated while looking at Athena, who looked like she was hiding some kind of secret today.

"What would you like to eat? The treat is on me," Simon asked before he

could control Onyx, and though Athena felt that it was unlikely of him, she smiled and sat on the table with him nonetheless.

'I can't get over her beauty. If only you were not that stuck up about her,

rather than sitting here in front of her, we would have been sitting with her in our arms, Onyx scoffed, and as if smitten by her charms from the

previous night, Simon supported his head on his hand before gazing at

Athena, watching her every move, making her slightly conscious.

'Have you met her wolf yet? How is she taking these things?' Simon's words made Onyx scoff.

"What would you do after knowing? Do you humans even listen to us?"

Simon could feel Onyx's frustration through his words, and he sighed.

"Athena, how are you taking everything?" Simon's weird question made

Athena raise her brows.

"You are seriously asking me that after telling me you would reject me?"

How do you expect me to take everything? My ex-mate has shown up here, creating a scene at any chance in front of my current mate, who doesn't even want me. Funny thing? He won't let go of me either," Athena scoffed. "I think I am handling it pretty well," Athena nodded before drinking her

drink.

"That's a pretty much-attacking answer. Arnd what if I say that I don't think I would be able to reject you anymore?" Simon asked while playing with his straw before he realized what he said.

"Huh? What did you say?" Athena asked, shocked, not sure if she heard him right.

"I... I didn't say anything. Fabian, pay for her food. I am leaving to check up on the security and see what other alphas are doing," Simon left the table flabbergasted, and Athena looked at Fabian.

"I am not the only one who heard that, right?" She asked, and Fabian smiled awkwardly before nodding.

"I heard that too. I told you before, didn't I? He is acting like this because of past trauma. In reality, you have no idea how much he looked forward to finding his mate, which means you. Till now, he didn't let any girl touch him inappropriately because he didn't want to hurt his mate, who might think of him as a womanizer," Fabian's words surprised Athena slightly.

She didn't know there was such a romanticist behind the tough facade.

Every woman loves mean guys, who have a soft spot only for her, but

Athena wasn't stupid to think she would be that girl.

Whether he is acting like that or not, the fact that he hates what she is

would always stay there, and she would rather stay without a bond than get half-assed love. Besides, she has already decided to let him go and get over this idea of a mate bond. Athena sighed.

Meanwhile, Simon, who had pretended to walk out earlier, stood behind a pillar, watching Athena as she spoke to Fabian with a vibrant smile.

Feeling his heart skipping a beat, he placed his hand over his chest before closing his eyes and scrunching his brows as he didn't like the weakness he was feeling for her since last night.

It was already bad he couldn't sleep the whole night thinking about how

perfect Athena looked or how she was so respected and what others said about her. If he thinks about things like that, she is nowhere at fault for her current circumstances.

So should he look past it?

Or should he continue to act like this? But what if she gets annoyed and

leaves this place out of frustration? The only reason Athena hasn't left was because of Jake, but Simon was sure once Jake would find out about them being mates and Simon's plan to reject her, he won't waste a second in

taking her away.

The thought of being alone was making him feel emotions he didn't want to. What would he do when it happens?

"Thinking about your rogue mate, Alpha?" Simon heard Savannah's voice and immediately opened his eyes. "How do you -

"Let's leave that talk behind. I heard you and Fabian, so I know what's

happening. Simon, I am your friend before someone with feelings for you. I only want the best for you. Honestly, I was happy when I saw you like this

for how you treated me. However, this isn't fair to either of you. You are

acting like a fool," Savannah's words shocked him.

Never in his wildest dreams, Simon had thought that the girl who used to

kick butts of everyone getting close to her was actually telling him to

accept the mate bond with someone else.

"I don't think I need to explain anything to you, Savannah. If you know what's happening, I would rather you stay away from her and me," Simon said

before turning, looking at where Athena was sitting a few minutes ago.

Where did she go? She was here-

"Well, she left for the grounds," Savannah commented before leaving, and

Simon rolled his eyes, walking towards the grounds nonetheless when he

saw Athena walking towards the exit of the University. W@w.nOvelworm.Com

Doesn't she have any lectures for the day? Why is she walking alone?

Where is Jake or Andrew? Simon thought before following to see where

she was going.

After some time, he noticed how she was about to enter the apartment WWw.fi(o)veFWor@.Com

building when suddenly Cole walked in front of her, hugging her, making

him freeze in his place.

What the hell?