

## Chapter 25

"You are holding it pretty well. Do you think you would be able to bear it for some time? I need to check the security and see some Alphas quickly,"

Simon asked Athena, who opened her dazed eyes before nodding.

"The three days are almost over. I don't feel too hot right now. I think I can do without you for some time," Athena smiled, and Simon kissed her

forehead before tucking her hair behind her ears and leaving. [Ww@.n.VeLw@Rm.com](#)

It's been almost three days since Simon has been accompanying her in this

cottage. He even cooked her food from time to time to keep her fed. To say he was way beyond caring and helpful in this condition would be an

understatement.

Athena had never thought there would be such a wonderful man behind his

strong and rude facade.

However, she wasn't a fool. She knows a female's hormones are like a

sedative during her heat. So as much as she would believe that he was

being a gentleman by not crossing his boundaries with her, she would

never accept that he had a change of heart overnight.

How can a person go from completely hating her to falling for her? It was too good to be true.

Athena sighed before smiling sadly.

As much as her heart aches to feel the love of a mate, if she wants to

survive in this world, she must keep control over her emotions and desires. She was happy that even though it was because of the heat, she was able to see his caring side.

Hearing her phone ringing, she got up from the bed before picking it up. "How are you doing?" Andrew's voice made her smile.

Honestly, Andrew was a bit embarrassed about calling her during this time, but he wasn't left with any choice since he was running out of patience. "I am doing great. Simon has been very patient with me during this time. He

has walked out to see the security for some time," Athena answered.

"Did he..uh...did he mark -"Andrew deliberately stuttered to let her

understand what he wanted to ask, and Athena shook her head before remembering she was on the call.

"No, he didn't. He promised me he would not force himself on me, and

honestly, I don't think I am ready to be marked or mated yet. I don't want to get tied to this bond just because of this heat. That would be the worst

thing,"Athena's words made Andrew sigh in relief for some reason.

"How long will it stay for? It's nearly three days," Athena asked.

"I am not sure, princess. Most of the time, it stays for three days, but it can be four days in rare cases. Simon shouldn't have left you at this stage.

Though you might be feeling okay right now, the last waves of the heat are the worst," Andrew sighed.

"I am trying my best to reel it in, Andrew. It's just so hard. I know it's taking a toll on Simon too, but is it bad that I blame him for this?"Athena asked

before turning with a jerk when she felt like someone was watching her.

Walking to the window, she scrunched her brows before closing it when

she didn't see anyone.

It must be Simon ensuring she was alright. Athena nodded at herself

before walking to the bed.

Meanwhile, Cole stood behind the tree with a cold glint. From what he

heard, Athena hasn't done the deed yet. Maybe if he can get to her and

claim her, he can still have her as his luna. [Ww.n@vE\(i\)w@Rm.Com](#)

He was able to pass through the first three lines of security and come here, but how will he pass through the fourth and fifth, which are so close to the house? Cole thought before looking around to see if he could find

something to use for his benefit.

Walking close to the fourth line of security, he hid behind the tree.

"Hey, did you smell that? I think someone is here," one of the females said, and Cole threw a stone to the other side to catch their attention.

To get this far, he rubbed the clothes of one of the security women on

himself to make his scent less suspicious.

However, it wouldn't be long before his alpha scent would take over, and he needed to act and reach Athena before that, or everything he did so far [Ww@.n@vE\(i\)w@Rm.com](#)

would become useless.

Meanwhile, Athena closed her eyes as her head started to become dizzy again. From her experience, it was the arrival of another wave of heat after some time.

"Athena, are you okay?"Andrew asked, and Athena hummed faintly.

Since Athena was alone, Andrew volunteered to be there with her through [ww@.N@vELW@Rm.com](#)

the call because he couldn't be with her physically, and Athena was more

than grateful for that.

"I feel a little dizzy," Athena mumbled.

"Dizzy? You know what it means, right? You should call Simon and ask him for assistance as soon as possible, or it will be very painful for you. Your

core will feel like -"Andrew paused when he realized how embarrassing it was to talk about it.

"I know. Don't worry about that. Unfortunately, I don't have Simon's number. I guess I'll just have to wait for him. I am not even allowed to go downstairs, let alone outside of the house since my smell will travel faster. It's windy

out there. Not at all helpful to me,"Athena grumbled, and Andrew clenched his fists.

How much he wished he was her mate. If he were, he wouldn't have let her out of his sight for a second. Though he agrees Simon was doing a good

job right now, what was so important that he had to leave her like this?

Andrew sighed.

As Athena was talking to Andrew, she heard some noise from downstairs. "I think Simon is already here,"Athena said, and Andrew was about to end the call, not wanting to intrude on their privacy when he heard Athena's

exclamation.

"Cole? What the hell are you doing here?"Athena growled, and Andrew's

eyes widened in shock.

"Athena? Athena? What is going -"Andrew looked at the dead phone and

growled in anger before rushing out of his apartment.