

## Chapter 27

"Hey," Simon winked at Athena as he walked past her, and the latter paused in her steps, shaking her head. @wW.m.OvEltwOr.m.Cóm

It has been three days since her heat was over. Simon's winking, touching her arm while passing her, or just giving her a chocolate shake was

becoming a thing between them, and as much as Athena wanted to believe that this all wasn't real, she couldn't help herself as Celine felt joyous that her mate was taking care of her.

"Athena? How was your experiment? I heard they introduced you to w.w.noveL.Wórm.cóm

enzymology and made you test some weird stuff." Andrew asked as soon as he sat beside her, and Athena extended her hand before rubbing it on Andrew's nose.

"Woah, what the-?" Andrew scrunched his face.

"Can you smell the ethanol? I washed my hands in the microbiology lab to incubate a broth plate so many times that this smell has gotten into my nose," Athena sighed when her gaze stopped at Simon, who was eating with his friends.

Seeing him drinking water as a drop trailed down his Adam's apple that bobbed up and down, Athena gulped as her throat felt dry.

"I... Uh... I think we should order something, yeah?" Athena asked to distract her, and Andrew smiled at her before nodding.

"By the way, Athena. How was time spent with Simon?" Jake asked as soon

as he joined them, and Athena blushed scarlet, making them laugh. Every time things wrap up quickly in his department, Jake comes here to enjoy his time with everyone.

"Well, well, is that blush we are seeing?" Andrew chuckled, happy for his friend. However, he was still unsure why Simon and Athena still acted like strangers.

It was clear that no mating or marking happened, and Simon must've been respectful to her, but why can't he confess and claim her already? What the hell is he waiting for? Don't tell him Simon was still confused and only

supported her like that because of her heat.

Andrew looked at Simon, and they were ordering their food when, out of nowhere, a boy walked to Athena, making all the boys look at him.

"Hey, miss. Can I get your number?" The boy was a werewolf and actually looked cute with blue eyes, and Athena raised her brows.

"I am Sam from the Greenfield pack. I am a beta by rank," The boy said to impress Athena, and the latter smiled.

"Ranks don't matter to me. Here it is," Athena punched her number in his

phone, and everyone who knew her raised their brows while Simon crushed the can in his hand.

Seeing Athena's smug gaze while she drank her juice, Andrew chuckled

when he realized what she did.

"Seriously? I didn't know you would do something like that," Andrew said.

"Well, what did I do? I am just trying to make more friends, Athena winked before she stood.

"I am going to go and roam around the library. I feel this sudden urge to

read something," Athena said, and Andrew, who knew she always gets

these weird urges, shook his head before nodding.

Walking out of the canteen, Athena was walking towards the library when someone suddenly held her hand and pulled her inside an empty

classroom.

"What the hell?" Athena whispered when she realized who it was.

"Exactly, Athena! What the hell were you doing down there?" Simon asked with a low snarl.

"What was I doing? Did I offend you in any way, Alpha Simon?" Athena

smiled, and Simon grabbed her neck in a tight grip.

"Don't play with fire, Athena. You will burn. Don't mess with me when you

have no idea of my power," Simon said, and Celine raised her head.

Was he challenging her power? Mate or no mate, no one has the right to

challenge her alpha powers. Celine thought, and this time Athena didn't

stop her as Celine stood from her place before raising her head and closing her eyes to show her alpha powers, without fully gaining control.

When Onyx said that Athena's wolf was feeling provoked, Simon had taken it as a joke, but now that he felt the vibes oozing from her body, he widened his eyes when even Onyx took a step back.

"Don't tell me you are letting her win because she is our mate, Simon closed his eyes, and Onyx sighed.

"She is the alpha of the warriors, Simon. Even though she is not a leader,

you must not underestimate the power of our mate. Onyx smiled, and

Simon looked at Athena's eyes which were turning beyond amber.

"Hello, mate. I think we've never met before," Simon said before placing his lips on Athena's lips, and Celine widened her eyes, immediately calming

down, and Athena couldn't help but chuckle at her wolf.

So much for letting her presence known to Simon. Just one kiss and she is tamed like this. Athena shook her head before taking the support of the

wall when Celine gave the control back to Athena, making her lose her

balance. However, Simon was quick to hold her.

"Are you calm now?" Simon asked.

"Is this some kind of trick that tames wolves?" Athena scoffed, ready to

walk out, when Simon held her hand and hugged her from behind.

"I haven't been able to forget how you taste, Athena. I am trying, I swear.

However, no matter how much I try to distract myself, it's like my mind can't think of anything else, and it's affecting my working capacity now," Simon

nuzzled his face in the crook of her neck, and Athena's breathing started to become ragged as he rubbed the spot on her abdomen, right below her

chest.

"Well, what can I do then? You need to learn to concentrate. It's not my

fault," Athena said.

"Of course, it's not your fault. However, there is something you can do that might help me a little," Simon said, and before Athena could ask what it

was, he spoke again.

"Let me taste you again," Simon said.

"Are you for real? We are at the university. What kind of thoughts are you

bearing?" Athena widened her eyes before quickly correcting herself when she realized what she said.

"I am serious, my love," Simon said as his hand started to travel lower,

making her gulp.

Though she opposed verbally, she didn't do anything to stop his hand, and it was like a green signal to Simon when she arched her back and let him touch her even more.

Stopping right above her wet pussy, Simon looked into her eyes before

tilting her head. w.w.noveL.Wórm.Cóm

"Let me mark you, Athena. I was a fool to have not seen the good in you and badmouth you for being a rogue," Simon removed his hand before getting

on his knees.

Bringing a ring from his pocket, he extended it towards Athena.

"Athena Matthews, will you allow me, Alpha Simon Scar of the Black Scar

pack, to show you what love feels like? I am not asking you to forgive me

immediately, but can we at least start a friendship?" Simon asked, and he had thought she would at least agree to this, but he was shocked when

Athena turned around and left the classroom without an explanation.

Sitting there, shocked, Simon shook his head when Onyx reminded him to go behind her.

"Athena! Athena! What's wrong? Do you hate me so much for not agreeing to our friendship?" Simon asked in the middle of the ground, and Athena

didn't like the unwanted attention he was gaining.

"Let's not talk here," Athena said, and Simon shook his head.

"I have always humiliated you in front of everyone, so this should be here

too. I want everyone to know I have fallen in love with you and want to make you mine, and with this ring, I am starting it. Can you please give me this

chance and let me become your friend?" Simon asked, and everyone

gathered to see what Athena's reaction would be.

Even Andrew and Jake were happy for her, and they were sure she would

agree, but once again, she just shook her head and walked away, making

Simon follow her again.

"Can you at least give me a reason?" Simon held her hand, and Athena

sighed.

"The reason is simple, Simon," she said, and Simon anticipated her answer with impatience.

"I don't make love to my friends. So sorry, I can't be your friend," Athena

said, and Simon widened his eyes at her words.

"Will you allow me to court you instead?" Simon asked, and Athena nodded. "I guess we can agree to that?" Athena said, and Simon jumped before

hugging her tightly.

Though no one knew what Simon and Athena talked about, everyone

clapped for them as he picked her bridal style before taking her out of the area, and Andrew sighed.

As much as he was happy for his friend, he didn't like how she was being taken away from him again and again. It was after so many years that they finally met and things were turning like this.

"You have no idea how happy I am after such a long time," Simon kissed her

forehead before he took her to a fancy restaurant.

"Is this a date?" Athena smiled, and Simon nodded.

As they enjoyed their time together, first in a restaurant, then in a Carnival before Simon brought her to a lake, where he had asked some of his men to prepare a few things, Simon couldn't help but smile as he looked at her face. This was what happiness felt like. His wolf was right.

He would be damned if he let go of such a beautiful woman. Now that he was getting to know more about her, he could see why everyone was so protective of her. She was a precious gem, who should be protected at all costs.

"Alpha, we have some information on the rogues who tried to attack you when Athena saved you. I think you should hear this yourself. It's about the safety of the pack too, Fabian's voice echoed through the mind link, and Simon really hated him for that.

However, since he said it was about the safety of the pack, Simon was left with no choice.

Turning his head as he looked at the sleeping girl in his arms, Simon sighed dejectedly before picking her up gently.

Luckily he switched to a car rather than a bike, or he would've had to wake her up.

"What is it? What information do we have about the person who hired @w.w.noveL.Wórm.Cóm

them?" Simon immediately asked.

"Where is Athena?" Fabian asked suspiciously. Simon never hurries them when it's about anything related to rogues, so it was a little tacky that he was acting like this. "Well,"

"Well?"

"She is at my house," Simon said, and Fabian sighed.

"Seriously, dude? Do you want Alpha Andrew and that beta Jake to come

shouting at our pack in the middle of the night? You drop her off once the

date is over. That was the deal, and that's what a real gentleman should do. Do you know how much of a fu\*ck boy you are looking like by bringing her

home on the first date?" Fabian asked, and Simon rolled his eyes.

"Well, for your information, Mr. Fabian, that girl you are talking about is my mate. And I think we have shared more than enough to even go on a date, but we did, didn't we? So I think it's justifiable that I bring my-mate back

home. Our home," Simon said.

"Now, if we can get to the main point of why I was called here urgently, that would be better," Simon said, and Fabian bit the inside of his cheeks, not

knowing how to break the news to his friend.

"Well," Fabian stuttered.

"Well?" Simon asked.

"I think it has something to do with Scarlett," Fabian gulped, clenching his

fists when he saw the shocked expression on Simon's face.

"You are kidding me, right?" Simon asked.

"Did I stutter, Simon? Do you think I would joke around about something so important? Do I not know how much Scarlett means to you? One of the

rogues from Damian's group we caught today confirmed it. He even said

that she is planning something big against the pack," Fabian added, and

Simon took a deep breath.

"Fabian, do me a favor. Don't let this information reach Athena. She should not know anything about Scarlett," Simon said, and Fabian didn't like the

sound of it.

"You are saying you are going to hide something so important from her?

She has the right to know, Simon. If anything, she is the one in the most

danger. She is your mate, and almost everyone has started to know that

now. It won't be long before Scarlett hears of it too," Fabian raised his voice, and Simon gritted his teeth. "I know that, okay? I will handle it. Her protection is my responsibility, and I would do it with utmost sincerity, but she should not know about Scarlett at all. As a matter of fact, don't even let Andrew hear of it. No one apart from us should hear this name, got it?" Simon asked, and Fabian was about to nod when they heard some shuffling from behind.

"Shouldn't hear whose name?" Athena's words resounded, and Simon and Fabian froze in their places.