

Chapter 29

"Simon," Athena whispered, walking towards him slowly, and Simon clenched his fists, which didn't go unnoticed by Athena.

Pausing in her steps as her heart skipped a beat painfully at the idea of him not wanting her presence, she took a deep breath.

Right now wasn't the time to think about what he wanted. It was all about what he needed, and Athena was sure he needed her support and comfort. "I know you are hurt. Let me just hug you."

Athena walked closer to him, the slow snarls leaving his throat, making her gulp as she wasn't in her wolf form and was very much vulnerable at the edge of the cliff.

"Just leave, Athena. I will come back to you when I am okay. You don't need to be here. I... I want to be alone right now." Simon's words appeared more like a silent cry for comfort, making Athena scowl.

Do hell with being cautious. What does he think he was doing?

"I am not going anywhere," Athena said with a firm voice, and Simon's back stiffened.

"Are you challenging your alpha, Athena?" Simon's voice turned cold.

"No. I am challenging a coward who has been lonely for so long that he has forgotten what he feels like to have a family or someone to rely on. You say you love me but can't open up to me. Who are you trying to make guilty with this? Yourself or me? How can you act so selfishly to think about yourself only? I am hurting too, seeing you like this, and there is no way I am leaving you alone when you clearly need someone," Athena said in a single breath, and before Simon could say anything else, she pounced on his back.

"Athena!" Simon threw her away in anger before looking at her in guilt.

However, contrary to the hurt look he expected to see in her eyes, he saw her looking back at him with a challenging angry look.

Athena looked like a wolf in human form defending someone. But who was she defending?

"You are not getting rid of me so soon, Alpha. Not until I make sure you learn to lean on others," Athena smirked before she pounced on Simon

again, and this time he wasn't able to shrug her off as she wrapped her legs around him in a tight grip, and no matter how much he tried to push her off, she was like a parasite that won't come off.

Meanwhile, Fabian and others, who reached the hill to see why their alpha was in so much pain, looked at the scene and couldn't help but look away. This wasn't the scene they expected to see.

"Get off of me, or I will hurt you!" Simon's words made Fabian's back go stiff, and he looked at the others before nodding.

"You guys should leave. I am here," Fabian sighed before turning around when everyone left.

Seeing Simon struggling with Athena's grip as they both got into a fighting stance, Fabian didn't know what to expect.

From Simon's agitation and pain, it was clear he had opened his past

wounds to Athena, and right now, he was trying to be alone to close himself and his heart to everyone like he always does. And judging from Athena's

posture, it was clear she was ready to do whatever it takes to not leave him alone.

There was a reason why the moon goddess paired these two people. Both were broken in their ways and needed each other's support. Maybe that's

what they call a god's wish. They were here to fill the void in each other's

"Who do you think will win if a fight really breaks out here?" Fabian asked his wolf, who shrugged, enjoying his alpha shrugging off his future Luna,

Though Fabian's wolf was acting like this, even Fabian knew that he would jump in to help his future Luna in a second if things turned bad.

For loyal pack wolves, their Luna is like their mother and sister, and the

instinct to protect them is stronger than anyone can understand. Maybe

that's the reason Fabian always felt protective of Athena, even when he

didn't know the truth.

"Why are you doing this, Athena? You can get hurt," Simon said, and Athena shrugged.

"Does it look like I care? Hurt me all you want, but take out your anger and sadness. I won't allow you to stay sad and mourn alone anymore. Time

heals pain and scars, but it happens only when you allow it to. How will you get healed if you keep things inside your heart like this? I am your mate.

Simon. I am here to share your pain," Athena shouted before she ran towards him with a punch, which Simon barely dodged.

Raising his legs, he was about to kick her away when Athena

counterattacked him with the kick, the impact making them fall back before they stood again, facing each other.

"Who do you think will win?" Fabian heard a voice, and thinking it was his

wolf, Fabian shrugged.

"Isn't it obvious? Athena will win."

"Is it because our alpha won't hurt her?"

"Nope, it's because I have seen her fighting. And yes, our alpha won't go

hard on her. She might break his bones before that. She is an Alpha, an

Alpha of the warriors who learned her skills in the forest among rogues.

She is agile and flexible and knows how to - Wait, why are you -" Fabian

squinted his brows before turning around, widening his eyes when he saw Timothy and others.

"I think I told you to leave," Fabian rolled his eyes.

"Well, duh. How could we let you enjoy this alone?" Timothy sat with Drake while everyone leaned on the tree.

"Athena, please. I am warning you. You might get seriously hurt," Simon

warned again, and Celine scoffed.

"What do you say, Celine?" Athena asked her wolf.

"Let me become the first female wolf to kick his ass. I think we need to kick some sense into his dumb head. Can't he see that we are doing all this just so he doesn't stay alone and think of

useless, depressing things?" Celine

said, and Athena nodded. "Fair enough."

Athena didn't waste a second before launching herself on him again,

punching and kicking him recklessly while Simon barely dodged them to

not hurt her. However, when he noticed there was no end to them, he

started attacking her with the same speed.

After what felt like an eternity but was one and a half hours, Athena and

Simon fell to the ground a few meters away from each other.

"How are you not tired?" Simon asked Athena, who smirked before sitting again.

How was she not tired? She has trained herself to fight for more than 4 hours straight just in the case of a rogue emergency like the one she had with Jake.

"I am tired. Do you still feel angry, sad, lonely, or something along the lines of pathetic?" Athena asked, and Simon looked at her meaningfully before sighing and shaking his head.

"You know you could've hurt yourself. Look at those bruises," Simon

pressed his lips into a thin line when he noticed her condition.

"Say for yourself, darling. You don't look any better, either," Athena grinned, and Simon hummed before looking behind as he heard some shuffling.

"That was impeccable," Fabian clapped his hands, and Timothy and Drake nodded.

"I am impressed. In fact, we all are," Fabian said, and Simon was about to say that Athena was good too when he realized they were talking about

Athena and not him.

Simon..."

Seeing his pack members going to Athena and ignoring him like he was

some kind of enemy beaten up by their Luna, Simon didn't know how to

react anymore.

"She is quite hurt. Athena, let's go. We need to get you treated," Fabian said before he bent for Athena to jump on his back.

Athena looked at the scowl on Simon's face and couldn't help but chuckle. It was clear how unpleasant he was right now.

"Well, at least, he wasn't sad anymore. She smiled to herself.

"Someone pick him too. Look at him pouting like a child," Athena said.

"He brought this on himself. Besides, don't tell us he is indeed not in the

position to walk himself," Fabian scoffed, and Simon glared at his beta, who changed parties and was now siding with his Luna.

"They were siding with their Luna:

Simon widened his eyes when realization dawned upon him. Looking at his pack members, smiling and laughing with Athena, he didn't know what to say. His pack members have not only accepted her, but they respect her. It was evident in their eyes.

"Just what kind of girl are you, Athena? Not only did you manage to bring me out of my sad and angry phase and save me from going on the guilt trip again, but you won everyone's heart in the process, Simon looked at some ladies standing at some distance with big smiles and shook his head.

"Leave my Luna alone. Are you trying to insult her mate in front of her?"

Didn't you see how protective she gets of me?" Simon asked as he stood

and walked towards them with difficulty.

"Just say you are jealous of all the attention she is getting," Fabian grinned, and Simon huffed before holding Athena's hand, who raised her brows at him.

"Damn, you kick really hard," Simon winced while walking, and Athena

paused abruptly before pulling his hand, making him stumble towards her. Standing on her tiptoes, she placed her lips on his before kissing him

softly.

"Is it better now?" Athena blinked innocently.

"Perfect," Simon grinned before bending and picking her bridal style,

making Athena hide her face in his chest when everyone started to laugh at them.

"So cheesy,"

"How romantic,"

"I didn't know our alpha was so childish,"

"Aye, you are making us jealous,"

They complained, and Athena smiled, feeling at home after a long time.

"Let's go?" Simon rubbed his nose on hers, and she nodded.

"Drop me at Andrew's," Athena's words made him scowl.

"Andrew's? Can't you come and live with me?" Simon asked.

"How can you say that, Simon? Living together without marking and

marrying. What a shameful thing to say," Fabian mimicked an old lady's

voice, and Athena chuckled.

"I will come to the pack soon, but not today. Step by step?" Athena

reminded Simon, and he sighed as he helped her into the car.

"How much I wish we could skip a few steps," Simon said before bending

and kissing her lips once everyone left. Pulling her body closer to his, he explored her mouth, licking and sucking

her like a hungry man eating food, and Athena took off her seat belt before climbing to his side and straddling his lap, making him groan.

"Damn it. Can we go inside the house? I will drop you off in the evening, I

promise," Simon said, and as soon as she nodded, he didn't waste a second in taking her inside the house and kissing her again.

Taking off her clothes slowly, leaving her in her undergarments, he lowered her on the bed gently before climbing on top of her as she wrapped her legs around his torso.

"You make me mad for you. I don't think I will ever get enough of kissing

you," Simon said before he peppered soft kisses on her neck and

collarbone.

Sucking her neck and shoulders, making her arch her back, Simon gazed at her rising and falling breasts with lust before he raised his gaze to look into her eyes.

Taking off his shirt and pants, he laid back on top of her, his gaze getting

fixated on her breasts again and again. It was a part of her that he was yet to explore and love.

The last time she was in the heat, he had kissed them above her bra. He

was itching to see the beauty this piece of cloth was hiding behind them. "Simon, taking it step by step," Athena reminded him, and Simon groaned before he plopped on her, making his crutch rub against her wet pussy, and it took every ounce of patience in her to not slide her panties and take him inside herself.

"You are aroused, Athena. I can smell it," Simon murmured against her neck before he cupped her breasts, making her even wetter, and Simon took a

deep breath.

"How much I want to mark and mate you right now. I want to make this

special for both of us too, but I hope I don't die from blue balls," Simon

groaned before stuffing his face between her chest, making her take a

deep breath.

When he felt crying and hugging her, it was a different thing, and now that they were half naked like this, it felt completely different.

"I love you, Athena," Simon suddenly looked into her eyes, and the sincerity in them scared Athena.

"I... I..." Athena stuttered, but Simon silenced her with another kiss. "Sssh, my love. Just because I am confessing, you don't have to force

yourself for it," Simon said before placing her head on his chest and smiling.

"Stupid girl," he said, and Athena smiled before hugging him tighter.