

Chapter 35

"Alpha Simon, it's urgent. We have an invasion from the rogues. There are five rogues that we have seen so far. There can be more, Fabian's voice

echoed through the mind link, and Simon opened his eyes, immediately

getting alert.

Standing from his place, he quickly wore his shirt before jumping out off

the balcony to see what was the situation on the borders and alert the pack members to not come out of their houses till the matter gets resolved.

Running towards the pack borders, Simon halted in shock when he

remembered something.

Athena! She was supposed to be on the bed with him. He was sure she

wasn't there when he left. Where did she go?

"Fabian, is Athena with you?" Simon asked hurriedly.

"No. Did you bring Athena here? I thought she was living with Andrew,"

Fabian asked, and Simon closed his eyes.

There was a rogue invasion in the pack, and his mate was nowhere to be seen. Remembering how he lost his family members and his happiness in the rogue attack, Simon released an angry and pained howl to let Athena know wherever she was that he needed her.

"Ask a few men to find her," Simon changed into his wolf form before he

started roaming inside the pack to search for her.

As he reached the borders of the west wing where Fabian and others were present, her scent started to get strong.

Stopping abruptly in front of the girl with long brown hair, looking back at him, Simon growled at her in anguish.

She seriously has no idea how worried she made him, does she?

Seeing such a large black wolf for the first time in her life, Athena gaped at the wolf with amazement.

"Onyx?" Athena whispered before she neared him.

"Athena, if I were you, I would be cautious," Savannah warned, and Fabian nodded his head in agreement.

"That's okay. Onyx doesn't mean any harm," Athena said as if she had known this wolf her entire life.

Placing her hand on his fur, she took a deep breath, her heart aching at the sadness and worry that was channeled into her mind because of the mate bond and mark.

"I am sorry, Onyx. I didn't mean to worry you," Athena tiptoed before she

placed her head under Wolf's head, making herself vulnerable, and Onyx

whimpered before pulling her closer with his paw.

Everyone was shocked to see the seething wolf, immediately becoming

tamed under her touch.

As soon as Athena placed her lips on his fur, the wolf immediately changed back into his human form, and Simon hugged her close to his heart.

"There was a rogue attack," Simon said.

"I am aware of that. I know you got worried. Forgive me," Athena wrapped her arms around him.

Athena was a strong-headed girl who acted on impulse, but she knew when to show her attitude and when to act soft.

"Don't make me worried like this again," Simon said, and Athena nodded.

"You know, your to-be wife is just like you. Savannah told me how she

protected a little girl's life by killing the rogue in his wolf form. And it wasn't a normal kill. She practically jumped on his head and plunged the dagger straight through his head," Fabian glorified the act of her killing a rogue.

"Really? That's amazing. You have some good fighting skills. I have seen

them before too. How lucky did I get to get a mate like you?" Simon cupped Athena's cheeks like a proud husband, and Fabian and Savannah rolled

their eyes at the affection in his eyes.

Seriously? He was supposed to tell her to stay out of trouble. Why was he acting like that? Fabian sighed before looking at their other guards, who

were gaping at their alpha, who never showed emotions like this.

"Are the rest of the rogues dealt with?" Simon asked Fabian, and Athena

leaned on the tree with her eyes closed, completely relaxed as if she had nothing to worry about.

nothing better to do and they weren't in any kind of problem.

"We have found three. One is still missing," Fabian grumbled.

"Let's split and find that one rogue. It would be fun. It has been a long time since I had some good chase," Athena immediately opened her eyes with a glimmer, and Simon looked at the shine in her eyes with a smile.

"Everyone heard that? Your Luna wants to have a good chase. Let's help her get it," Simon pressed his lips on Athena's before everyone nodded and

changed into the wolf forms, immediately spreading like wildfire at their

alphas orders.

Meanwhile, Fabian, who watched Simon spoiling Athena like this, slapped his forehead.

This wasn't supposed to happen like this. Is this couple really normal? The alpha is supposed to protect his mate and tell her to go home to keep her out of danger. What did he mean by helping her chase the rogue? Fabian massaged his forehead.

He doesn't know why, but he has an inkling that things are not going to be that easy from now on. His alpha has found his match, and Fabian knows how wild Simon can become. It doesn't help that Athena is no better.

They might be safe from danger if they are together, but they might also attract more danger by being so reckless. Fabian sighed before looking at Savannah and Timothy.

"What are you guys waiting for? Let's help our Luna catch the rogue,"

Fabian shifted to his brown wolf, and the other two did the same.

As Athena raised her head in the air to smell the rogue's accent or smell fear or any negative emotions from the surroundings, Simon stood behind her like a real alpha protecting his mate. He was ready for all kinds of

troubles.

Though Simon wanted Athena to have fun and feel a sense of protection towards his pack as she did with that little girl, he was not a fool to let her go alone and put her in danger just like that.

Simon trusts Athena and knows she can take a couple dozen rogues alone, but it doesn't hurt to be careful.

"I think the rogue is in the north direction. What is there?" Athena asked, and Simon, who had gotten the intel from the pack members a few

seconds ago and had ordered them to go to the north side, looked at

Athena, impressed.

Living in the forests has made her senses good. Her alpha senses with her rogue instincts were top notch, and he was sure if she trained the girls of the pack, they would become even stronger than before.

"The dungeons. If I am not wrong, the rogue must be here to free some

rogues we had captured two days ago. Let's see if this rogue has a mate here. The other rogues were distracting decoys so that the rogue could go there," Simon used the mind link to communicate, and Athena nodded as they started running in the north direction.

"For the rogue to know where the dungeons are, he has been informed of the pack's blueprint beforehand. Someone is helping them from outside. Someone from the inside could be helping too, but let's not throw useless accusations on people," Athena nodded at Simon as they reached the

dungeons before she jumped into the air and changed into her wolf.

making Simon halt abruptly.

Beautiful and enchanting.

That's all he could think of when he looked at her white wolf that looked

otherworldly with her enchanting eyes that screamed royalty and

demanding submission.

"Let's go," Athena said through the mind link before she stood at the

entrance of the dungeons, closing her eyes.

She was a little too excited about changing into her wolf form.

Taking a deep breath, she changed back into her human form, and Simon looked at her, confused.

"What happened? Is something wrong?" Simon asked, changing back into his human form.

"I was too impulsive when changing into my wolf form. I still haven't gotten all the control over my wolf. If I go inside the dungeons, chances are, she might get provoked and kill your prisoners," Athena pressed her lips into a thin line.

"That's it? I thought something big happened. You stay here. I will look into it," Simon said, and as soon as he entered the dungeons, the rogue pushed him aside and jumped out in pure terror, and recognizing the fear from the rogue, Athena's brows knitted.

"Guards!" Simon shouted, but Athena raised her hand in the air before she jumped towards the rogue, catching her mid-run, making her fall on the

ground over the rogue as Athena held the rogue's hands behind her back. "We are not going to harm you. Stay calm. Your panic will only make it

worse," Athena cooed in her ears, and as if her words had some kind of

magic, the rogue stopped struggling.

"Sssh, I got you," Athena said before she bared her teeth at all the guards trying to near the rogue against her words.

"Back off," Simon ordered, looking at Athena as she held the rogue.

"I will interrogate her," Athena looked at Simon, and the latter nodded.

"We can go to my office," Simon said, and Athena nodded.

"We will be cuffing your hands to make sure you don't run, but rest assured, till you don't try something, and I am here, no one will harm you," Athena

said, and the rogue nodded before extending her hand in front of her.

In the office--

"Tell me everything from the beginning," Athena said, and the rogue looked at Simon with a little contempt.

"I don't know anything. My husband, the rogue in the dungeons, works for a group. Three days ago, he told me he was going to work and would ask for extra money from the group so that we could start a life together," The

rogue girl said.

"You are pregnant?" Athena asked when she heard two heartbeats from the rogue, and the rogue nodded meekly.

"That's why we were trying to settle in human territory. However, even after waiting for the whole day when my husband didn't return, I went to the

group, and they told me Alpha Simon captured all the rogues working for

the group," the rogue whimpered.

"The four rogues were planning to come to the pack to find the security of the pack, and I thought this was my chance to meet my husband. That's

why I came with them," The rogue said, and Athena looked at Simon before taking a deep breath.

"Simon, head out for a minute," Athena said, and Simon followed her out.

"What is it?" He asked.

"I think we should release the girl and his mate," Athena suggested, and

Fabian was about to object when Simon looked at him, making him immediately shut up.

"I know you might think that I am doing this because I am a rogue too and all that, but I have seen the look of helplessness, panic, and care in her

eyes. When she fell, her hands reached out to her stomach instantly. She didn't mean to come here and harm anyone. She just wanted to meet her husband. Probably, she would've tried to free him up and go too, but she had no other intentions," Athena said.

"Those people are working for some lady boss who is a threat to the whole pack, Athena. Will it be okay to risk the whole pack for a couple?" Simon asked, and Athena bit her lips.

"Will it be okay to risk the whole world for me?" Athena asked.

"Those two things are completely different, Athena. I can kill and destroy anyone for you, but the pack is my duty," Simon said, and Athena smiled. "That's what she must've felt before coming here. The father of her child was captured here, and despite being caught last, she didn't hurt anyone. Not even the guards. There are many rogues who can give this information to us. The three of them got captured, and many will be in future. No one knows who this Lady boss is. I have already fitted the camera on the

rogue, and we might find a piece of reliable information soon. But let's not do this to them, Athena said, and Simon looked at Fabian, conflicted.

"She is pregnant," Athena added, and Fabian gritted his teeth before

leaving, his mind going back to how his pregnant mate was killed in the

rogue attack.

"Okay. We will do as you say but on my conditions. Do they want to change and lead a better life? Great. We will offer them residence in our rogue

camp around 400 km from here. If they agree to go there and repent and live a normal life like all the rogues who wanted to change are doing, I will let them go," Simon said.

"Sounds reasonable," Athena said, and Simon was about to enter the cabin when Athena held his hand.

"Thanks for considering me," Athena kissed his cheeks.

"You are my luna, woman. How can I not consider you? You are my world," Simon kissed Athena's forehead before entering, and Athena sighed,

closing her eyes as she went back to Simon's house with Timothy under his guidance.

"You know, this is the first time I have seen Alpha Simon listening to

someone or doing something of someone's accord," Timothy said, and

Athena smiled.

"That's because I am not just someone. I am Simon's luna," Athena grinned, and Timothy chuckled.

"You will keep him in control. I can vouch for that," Timothy bid her goodbye before leaving.