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"Athena," Simon whispered as soon as he reached home, and Athena

turned to him with raised brows.

"Come here," Athena ordered.

Simon walked to her, and he had expected her to say she wanted to go to

Andrew because this wasn't safe for her, but contrary to that, she hugged him tight.

"I am alright, okay?" Athena kissed his cheeks before placing her lips on top of his.

"I know you got worried when you couldn't find me beside you, and I am

sorry for that. It was wrong of me to leave without telling you, but you were sleeping so peacefully that I couldn't find it in myself to disturb you. I had

no idea something like this would happen," Athena looked into Simon's eyes before cupping his cheeks.

"Simon, I know you are scared because of your past trauma, but I assure

you that I am not so easy to kill, hurt, or even capture. You know I am a

warrior's daughter, and you have seen me fighting yourself, haven't you? I

have a strong wolf, and I am training myself to become even stronger, but

you need to trust me a little too," Athena said, wanting to assure him, but

Simon just smiled before shaking his head.

"I know, sweetheart. I know you are strong. There's no doubt about that. It's just I feel a little helpless at times like these. I want to create a space where you don't have to worry about fighting any rogues. I want to give you a

happy life," Simon placed his forehead on Athena's, and the latter felt her

heart melting at his words.

"You love me a lot, don't you? Who told you to take all the burden of creating this space yourself? Do I not have any say in this relationship? We will

create that happy world together, Simon. I know you are peculiar and

uneasy because my body rejected the pack bond, but I hope you know I am serious about us too. You love me a lot, but my attraction to you is no less. I didn't allow you to mark me for

nothing," Athena said, and Simon removed

his hands from her cheeks.

"Now that you have mentioned it, I think there is something we need to talk about," Simon looked at her with thin lips.

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"What do you mean?" Athena asked, already knowing this was about

something she might've done.

Was it about how she killed the rogue? Or talking to Savannah? Or was it about going out to have a pack patrol at night? [Ww\(ω\).noⓄLwοRm.\(c\)Oм](#)

"What do I mean? Why do you keep your mind barrier up all the time? It's like I have mated you, but I can't ever find what's going inside your head. You are so far even when you are so near. Why are you being so

mysterious? Do you not trust me?" Simon looked at her with a hurt [W\(ω\).NovEIⓄoRm.C-m](#)

expression.

'Oh, it's that, Athena sighed.

"There's nothing like that, Simon,"

"If there's nothing like that, what's the reason?" Simon asked.

"I just-" Athena looked away as she walked to the balcony before closing her eyes.

"What is it?" Simon hugged her from behind to comfort her when he felt her

uneasiness through their bond, and Athena gulped.

"I will let you inside," Athena said, and Simon closed his eyes, placing his head on her shoulders to enjoy this feeling of entering her mind and being able to read her thoughts, but he hadn't expected what was about to come.

As soon as Athena let her mind barrier down, Simon felt a shocking wave passing through his mind when he suddenly got an influx of pain through his nerves, straining his head.

Opening his eyes abruptly, he stumbled back slightly when a rogue tear rolled down his eyes, and he looked at Athena.

It was so painful.

Simon had never thought there was so much pain behind this smiling face of hers. Her mind was like a dead pool of never-ending suffering.

The pain of losing her parents, the loneliness of betrayal from her pack members, the humiliation she received on the day of the rejection, and all the time the rogues mocked her, along with what Savannah did to her,

everything was there. No moment was missed.

Simon had no words to describe what he was feeling right now. For the amount of pain she has suffered, he wasn't sure if he would be able to Chapter 36

replace the place with love and happiness in this lifetime.

Regret. That's what he was feeling for his past actions and for making

things hard for Athena.

"Don't," Athena suddenly said, making Simon look at her as he came out of his thoughts.

"What do you mean?" He asked.

"Don't you dare blame yourself for anything now! We are already dealing

with enough shit. I don't want you to go into the phase of self-blaming.

What happened can't be changed. What we can do is be with each other

and help live a good life. You love me, I like you, and that's the end of the

discussion. I will let you in, Simon. I promise. Just give me some time."

Athena said, and Simon looked into her eyes, showing how much she

meant those words before nodding.

"I will give you the best life. I will try my best to make you so happy that you had never imagined," Simon picked Athena in his arms before sitting on the bed and hugging her as he patted her head adoringly.

"I love you, Athena. Just give me some time, and I assure you I will make [Ww\(ω\).NovEIⓄoRm.C-m](#)

your life a living in paradise," Simon promised himself as she fell asleep

again.

Meanwhile, outside the Black Scar pack, near the rogue camp, a few

rogues sat while smoking.

"They still haven't returned. What do you think happened to them? It's been more than three hours already," One rogue said.

"Is there anything to discuss or think about? It naturally means they

couldn't make it out of there alive. If they are alive. I am sure the pack

caught them like the rest of the rogues. We are reaching our wit's end. If we don't give any update to the lady boss by the end of this week, she will kick us out, and we can't afford that right now," The other rogue said.

"I told you guys don't send a woman with them, not to mention she was

pregnant. I am sure she got them caught," the third rogue said as he put out his cigarette before standing.

"This is not the time to fight about this, guys. We need to think of a new

plan. There has to be something that we can use, no?" The first rogue said, and they all looked at the rogue, who had been sitting silently since they Chapter 36

started talking.

"Arman, only you can help us. You have the best idea for us. Can't you think of something else?" The second rogue said.

"I am not sure. Honestly, I was thinking of partnering with the two rogues who live at their borders, but I found out from someone that the alpha is

quite fond of the girl rogue and vice versa, so I don't think the boy with her will help us either. Sending rogues there mindlessly will be utterly useless. We can't even use those humans for our benefit," Arman said.

"Does that mean we don't have anything against them?"

"As I said, nothing is certain. We still have six days, don't we? I am going to go and meet with Daniel. Let's see if he can lend us some of his spy rogues who are experts in finding information,"

"It's useless," the rogue said.

"What do you mean?" Arman asked.

"I received a call from Caroline a few minutes ago before we sat together. The lady boss wanted to partner up with Daniel's group herself. Caroline wasn't sure about the issue, but Daniel probably was against spying on the Black Scar pack. He knows the two rogues living there, and from what

Caroline said, Daniel is afraid of them," The rogue said. [Ww\(ω\).NovEIⓄoRm.C-m](#)

"Afraid of them? This is the first I am hearing. What is the rank of the

rogues?"

"Well, one is a beta, and the other is Gamma. She is the mate that Alpha

Cole rejected," The second rogue said.

"Damn! She isn't just a rejected mate of Alpha Cole. She is the mate that Alpha Cole is still mad about. I heard a drifting rumor that he almost went against Alpha Simon for her. What is so special about her that two alphas are fighting for her?" Arman asked before his eyes twinkled when an idea popped inside his head.

"I think I know what we can do to get the upper hand on the situation. Now, the only person who can help us is Alpha Cole," he said, and the other three looked at him, confused.

"How do we do that? Why would an Alpha talk to us rogues? When he was here, things were different. At that time also, he only partnered with Lady Boss's special rogue team and no one else. I don't think it's as easy as you ChapT

are making it sound," one of the rogues said, and Arman hummed.

"I never said it was easy. However, this is our last resort. Either we get Cole to agree to help us, or we are screwed. This lady boss, whoever she is, has some good money under her sleeves, or no sane woman would pay

hundreds of dollars just like that," Arman sighed.

"If we want to make it big, we need to keep working for her until we have

enough power to overthrow her or just get the hell out of this hell hole," the second rogue immediately nodded.

"Then what are we wasting our time for? Let's get started with work. Alpha Cole is one strong alpha. However, as strong as he is, his obsession with

this rogue female is no joke. So we need to make sure we collect enough

details about her before acting, everyone decided before they started

plotting.

Meanwhile, Athena, who was sleeping peacefully, opened her eyes again. It was getting hard for her to sleep today. She was getting restless again

and again, and for her to feel like this wasn't a good signal. Every time she feels like this, something bad happens sooner or later.

It doesn't help that the rogues in this area are increasing. It wasn't a

problem till she wasn't marked, but now she wasn't just a rogue. She was a rogue with an Alpha's mark, making her even more susceptible to them.

Athena sighed before looking at Simon, whose brows were knitted even

when he was sleeping.

Taking a deep breath, she eased his brows before tucking her head under

his chin, making him immediately wrap his arms around her tightly.