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"It's the first day of college, dad. You always wanted to see me get into one of the best ones, no? Are you happy in heaven? You are watching over me, right?" Athena smiled at her dad's photo frame, her eyes brimming with tears.

Placing the photo back into her bag, she turned around, smiling faintly at Jake, who pressed his lips into a thin line.

"Are you planning to go there crying like this? That college isn't for the weak, Athena. Don't tell me you plan on getting your ass beaten on the first day," Jake pulled her cheeks, and she scoffed before wiping the little moisture in her eyes.

"The last time I checked, I beat your ass in training all the time. I can take down a beta, and an Alpha wouldn't want to bother with a rogue. Problem solved," Athena shrugged.

"Are you ready to go?" Jake asked, and Athena nodded.

After half an hour, Jake parked the car in front of the university, and Athena stepped out, gaining everyone's attention for two reasons. First, she was a rogue, and second, a beautiful one at that.

Athena didn't have white porcelain skin, but she had a fair complexion nonetheless. She wasn't skinny but wasn't fat either.

Her curves were perfect, with a little belly fat, nothing that made her any less beautiful. Her remarkable feature was her

long brown hair that reached below her thighs, and she never stopped flaunting them.

"I guess the rogues have separate parking too. I wonder how they would differentiate us in class," Jake sighed, and Athena looked at the board that said 'rogue parking' with a complicated expression.

The professor did mention they are going to face some discrimination. I hope it only stays to use different things and not anything else. Athena thought before she nodded at Jake.

"Do you want me to walk you to your class? There is still some time," Jake said.

"I can handle that much," Athena said.

How will she spend four years in this place if she is going to chicken out like this?

"Let's meet during lunch," Jake said, and she nodded before walking towards the inside of the building.

"Hi, can I know where the biotechnology section is?" Athena stopped to ask a guy, who looked her up and down.

"First year?" He asked, chewing something like a bad boy.

"Second floor, West wing. In front of the conference room," He said, and Athena nodded.

"I am Andrew. Third-year biotechnology, your senior," the guy

extended his hand. Sensing no negative energy from him, Athena shook his head firmly.

"Athena," she nodded before walking in the direction that he stated.

Turning around the corner, she was about to bump into a girl holding three coffees when someone pulled her aside, making her look into the eyes of the person who saved her.

"What the -" Athena paused, remembering she needed to behave.

"Easy there," the boy said, smiling at her, and she squinted her brows.

"I am sorry," the girl gushed before leaving, and Athena sighed before looking back at her savior.

"Thanks, and sorry. I wasn't looking," Athena took a step back.

"It's okay. I haven't seen you around," The boy said, walking along with her.

"How forgetful of me. Let me introduce myself. I am Fabian, the future beta of the Black Scar pack," The boy said, and Athena paused.

This reminds her, Jake and she has to go and report to them soon. They were staying on the boundaries after getting a temporary permit from the alpha. Now that they have gotten admitted into a college and will stay for four years, they will need a new permit for a longer term.

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"Nice to meet you, Beta Fabian. I am Athena Matthews, the rogue living on the outskirts of the pack. You must've heard," Athena looked at him, gauging his reaction carefully.

"Athena Matthews, the rejected Gama," Fabian said, and Athena clenched her fists, scoffing in her mind.

So this was her new identity in front of everyone.

"That would be me," Athena smiled, and Fabian sighed.

"I- I didn't mean to sound disrespectful -"

"It's cool. I am used to it. Now if you'll excuse me," Athena scoffed before turning around and bumping into someone.

"Geez, what is with people -" Athena paused when she sensed the powerful aura around her.

Wait. Don't say she bumped into an alpha again. This would be the second time. Just how many Alphas are there in this school again?

"Do you have nothing better to do than bump into people? This is your second time. Is this how you gain attention, rogue?" Athena scrunched her brows at the familiar voice before looking up, her gaze meeting the owner of the voice.

Well, at least it wasn't an alpha.

"First, my name is Athena, and I can say the same for you. Is this how you gain attention since I can see your clothes can't seem to get the work done? Were you trying to bump into

some boy? Did I ruin your plans?" Athena asked, faking her shock as she measured the girl up and down.

"What did you say?" Savannah fumed, and Athena smiled even wider.

"Did I guess it right? Oh my god, I am so sorry," Athena mimicked a high-pitched voice.

"How dare you! Have you forgotten your place, filthy rogue? Do you know who I am?" Savannah growled, and Athena looked straight into her eyes before smiling.

"Definitely not the moon goddess," Athena scoffed, crossing her hands over her chest.

"You know what? I will not ruin my mood by fighting a disgusting existence like you. I won't stoop as low as you," Savannah said, and as she was about to walk past Athena when the latter extended her leg, making Savannah fall to her knees.

"Ah, my leg is cramping. Why would you do that? Stoop so low to hurt me?" Athena faked it, and for the first time in her life, Savannah felt infuriated.

"Simon! Are you going to let this rogue humiliate me like this?" Savannah shrieked in frustration, and Fabian pressed his lips into a thin line, barely controlling his smile.

"Enough, Savannah. Don't make fun of yourself," Alpha Simon walked past Athena, and she felt her heart skipping a beat when her eyes met with his briefly.

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Stopping right beside Athena, Alpha Simon looked into her eyes, his eyes almost turning black.

"For starters, you didn't bump into her, but me. And I assure you, I wasn't trying to gain the attention of a rogue like you. How are you going to apologize?" Alpha Simon asked, and Athena, who was meeting him for the first time because Jake was the one who had gone to ask for the permit, looked at him confused.

"Athena, that's Alpha -"

"Did I ask you to intervene?" Simon's words cut off Fabian mid-sentence.

"I am sorry?" Athena tested her words. She can't undo what she has said and done, so this was the only plausible way she could find.

"If sorry could handle everything, why would there be cops and authorities in this world," Simon tilted his head before grabbing Athena's jaw in a steel grip.

Seeing him acting like this over a mere incident, even Fabian thought Simon was reacting a bit too angrily, but what confused him was why Simon was so pissed off?

He was fine a few moments ago. He can't be bothered by what Athena did to Savannah, right?

If Simon thought that just gripping her jaw and glaring at her would make her bow down to him, he was wrong.

The Athena that used to get scared and cry over every little thing died on the same day she mourned for her loss of her mate, pack bond, and most importantly trust.

Athena now knows how to fight her own battles and show the world that she is more than just a rejected Gama or a rogue.

And more than that, unlike earlier, she had nothing to lose or fear.

Hearing the first bell for students to go to their classrooms, Simon jerked his hand away, making Athena stumble back before Fabian held her back to stabilize her.

"Thanks," Athena smiled before glaring at Simon with the same intensity.

"For a rogue, you are surely daring. I wonder how long you will stay like that," Simon smiled sinisterly, confusing Athena as he left with Savannah hot on his tail, who scoffed at her.

"Woah, what's his deal? Out of all the people, does the moon goddess really have to stumble me across this jerk Alpha?" Athena pressed her lips into a thin line, and Fabian coughed.

"Don't be late for your first day," Fabian reminded her, and she raised her brows before picking up her bag and rushing towards the class.

Watching the back of the departing girl, Fabian sighed with mixed emotions.

Fabian had intended to meet Athena since he saw her photo

from the other rogue, Jake, when he came to ask for the permit for their stay. He has been thinking of finding the right time to go and meet her.

Her looks captured his interest and he wanted to explore a bit more of her.

After his mate died in the last rogue attack on the pack, he had been feeling alone since then. This was the first time a girl captured his gaze not just for sex.

He knows almost everything about her. She got rejected by her alpha mate who took away her pack bond too, a daughter of the Gama warrior of their pack, and had been roaming the woods with the beta-friend Jake.

He didn't know he would meet her here like this.

There is just something about her that makes you want to protect that unadulterated smile and genuine character of hers.

Taking a deep breath, he walked in the direction where Athena left before taking a left to go to his own class.

He can only hope that she doesn't get on Simon's bad side or he won't be able to do much to help her.

This reminds him, the pair will come soon to ask for a permit, right? Looks like this is going to be a way to spend more time with her.