

## Chapter 41

"Is the team ready?" Simon asked as soon as he reached the borders.

"Yes. As you've instructed, this team consists of members with experience in finding the rogues near the kingdom in prior missions. They have been training since then and are versatile enough for this mission," Fabian said, and Simon looked at the front member before patting his shoulder.

"I am putting a lot of trust in you guys. Don't let me down. I know you are one of the best fighters in our training groups. Also, I don't want any of you to risk your life for it. If you guys sense danger and things get out of hand, return. As much as this mission is important, so is your life for me. Don't become sacrificial, okay?" Simon said, and the guards raised their eyes in shock.

What has gotten into their dangerous alpha, who never cared about anything other than the completion of the mission? That's how they

became the strongest and scariest pack in the world. Though he was

always strict, everyone agreed with his methods of ruling the pack.

They always risked their lives for their missions. That's why, whenever

anything happens in the neighboring pack, they always come to the Black Scar pack.

"Simon, what are you -" Fabian started, but Simon interrupted him.

"I want you to go on this mission like my family, not guards. Remember that each of you is equally important to this pack and me," Simon smiled, and the guards felt emotional.

"We will do our best, alpha. We will ensure that we bring back the

information with zero casualties. Thank you for trusting us with this

important task," the leader of the task force said before saluting, and

Simon nodded.

"You guys can depart now. All the best," Simon shook hands with everyone, and Fabian couldn't help but feel how drastically Simon's method of sending people on missions has changed.

Once everyone left, Simon turned to Fabian before his gaze turned serious. "I want you to draft a formal fax or letter to send to the council today. It

should state how Howl Pack attacked the to-be luna of the Black Scar pack in the regions without any problems from her side. Explain everything about

how Alpha Cole tried to abduct her even after rejecting her, and now his girlfriend is trying to kill my girl. I want you to form a separate letter for all the neighboring packs and council about the possible rogue danger, which needs everyone to be on high alert now," Simon ordered, and Fabian

nodded.

"Is everything alright?" Fabian asked after some time as they reached the training grounds, and Simon looked at him, confused.

"What are you referring to? Does everything look alright, or does it look

messed up?" Simon asked before he corrected the posture of one of the teenagers.

"Is this how you are going to attack? Look at me," Simon demonstrated

before holding the other person's hand behind his back, kicking the back of his knees, and forcing him onto the ground.

"Thank you, alpha," they started practicing the trick, and Simon looked back

at Fabian.

"You feel different today. More serious about everything, working everything

in a fast-paced, and a little compassionate towards everyone. Is there a specific reason behind that?" Fabian asked.

"It's because of Athena, Fabian. She is teaching me to be compassionate and kind to our people. She says it's important to boost their morale, and from what I saw today, I think she was right. I need to learn to be strict and loving," Simon sighed before turning to Fabian momentarily.

"Last night Athena threatened me that if I don't buy her ice cream, she won't

let me impregnate her," Simon smiled like a fool, and Fabian looked at him as if he had grown two heads.

Was this really something to be happy about or boast about?

"And you are happy with her threats?" Fabian asked.

"No, stupid. I am happy because Athena has started to see our future

together. I feel on the ninth cloud just hearing her say this. And regarding why things are fast-paced, I feel like Athena has suffered enough. It's my duty as her mate to make her happy now. I want to deal with everything as soon as I can so that I can give her a happy and ideal life," Simon smiled, and Fabian thinned his lips. "Simon, will you be able to fight Scarlett one on one if she appears in front of you with a sword or baring her teeth? I know how much you loved her. Will you be able to do it?" Fabian's question made Simon pause, and the smile on his face faltered.

"As the alpha of the pack, it's my duty to protect my people with my life. It doesn't matter if the person standing on the opposite side is a normal

rogue or my sister. If she wants to hurt my people, she will face my wrath," Simon closed his eyes.

"Will I be able to lift my hand on her? I don't think so. That's why I want to become stronger and find more evidence against her to strengthen my resolve to fight her. If war is what she wants, this is what she would get," Simon stared at Fabian, and the latter understood how serious he was this time.

Simon has always acted like the strongest and scary Alpha, but Fabian has

always feared the emotions that Simon hides inside him. Simon has

always protected everyone by sacrificing his happiness and humanity, and

though people don't talk about it, everyone who cares about him can feel it.

However, today he felt that Simon was truthful to himself, and it made him happy. It felt like he became mature overnight.

Meanwhile, Athena standing at some distance, heard what Simon said and

bit her lips.

Athena was an Alpha herself, and though she had a fight with Simon earlier

and fought with him equally, she knows she still lacks in many things.

Though she is fast and quick-witted, thanks to her rogue ways, the strength

in her attacks was still average.

If Simon is worried about fighting with his sister, how will she be able to fight her? Athena thinned her lips before she walked to the training

grounds.

"Simon, I want you to train me," Athena said, and Simon and Fabian looked at each other.

"What do you need training for? Just practice what you know," Fabian

commented.

"I didn't know your name was Simon," Athena stared at Fabian, and Simon chuckled at her early morning arumpiness. She was seriously like a cat sometimes.

"I will train you," Simon rubbed her nose adoringly before he nodded at his Gama, who threw two wooden swords toward them.

"Let's practice with this. Sounds good?" Simon asked, and Athena nodded at once, grabbing the sword like she was ready to kill.

"Matt, spar with her," Simon looked at one of his best swordsmen, and

Athena looked at Matt with relief.

She was contemplating how to attack Simon when her heart was yearning for him, but now it was all good.

Simon could see the doubt in her eyes, and that's why he wanted to see

what she had got.

He has seen how skillfully she uses her daggers, but she needs to learn to use any weapon she can get her hands on. [WU.NOVelw.com](#)

"You ready?" Athena nodded at Matt, who bowed to her in respect before taking his position.

"Wait," Simon interrupted them before he walked to Athena and placed his leg between hers to create a perfect distance.

"Bend like this. And here, hold this sword like this. This will prevent you

from getting hurt," Simon corrected her position before he paused when his gaze met her glossy ones. [WU.NOVelw.com](#)

Was she trying to seduce him, or was his lust taking over? He thought.

"Alpha," Fabian reminded him, and Simon came out of his thoughts before kissing her forehead.

"Don't overdo it on the first day, okay?" Simon smiled before walking back. "Start," Simon ordered, and Athena bent on her right leg, stepping back like a cat ready to attack.

"Since you are new, I will let you attack me," Mat said, and Athena smirked when Celine scoffed at the guy in front of them.

"Please don't mind me. You can attack. I will try my best to dodge. I want to practice defense and attack equally," Athena's words made Matt nod, and he swung his sword, making Athena dodge it swiftly. [WU.NOVelw.com](#)

She looked at Simon momentarily before cracking the bones in her neck. "Come harder, Athena said, and Matt nodded.

Fabian saw that Simon was busy supervising the level 3 trainers, and thus, he moved to the teenagers to teach them the correct position.

Once Athena noticed Simon was getting busy, she looked back at Matt.

"I will attack now. Please consider me as your enemy for the time being,

Athena said before she swung her sword at Matt, and Matt, who thought he would just counter it with his sword rather than dodge it, fell to his knee because of the impact of her sword.

"I said, consider me your enemy. Now attack!" Athena snarled slowly, and Matt quit going easy on her.

He moved swiftly around Athena, confusing her with his swings as he was swinging the wrong side and hitting the other side.

Athena got a few hits on her back before she finally understood Matt's

tempo of moving.

Simon looked at Athena from his periphery. He wanted to stop this fight,

but he also knew Athena wouldn't like his interruptions at all, and he could only concentrate on training his guards, which he must say was becoming a hell lot harder than he had thought with Athena getting hurt.

This was like training for him too. How will he be able to concentrate on the war if this situation occurs?

"You are pretty good," Athena looked at her hands which were turning rough with cuts.

"Have you become rusty? Where is the girl who could fight with the sword with closed eyes?" Celine became angry at how carelessly Athena was

fighting back.

A major part of why she trusts her human counterpart was that Celine

knows Athena is a capable girl who never shies away from any kind of

hardship. How can she bear with Athena acting like she doesn't know [WU.NOVelw.com](#)

anything about sword fighting?

"I am watching and learning. It's a good tactic. You should learn it

sometimes," Athena said before she looked at Matt.

"Are you the best swordsman here?" Athena's words made Matt straighten up. "Of course not. The best swordsman is still our alpha. I am one of the best on the team," Matt smiled humbly, and Athena nodded.

"Simon, if I beat this guy, will you buy me ice cream again?" Athena asked Simon, who was correcting the trainer's fighting stance and showing him

new tricks.

"You had a cold last night. No," Simon said, and Athena pouted.

"But it would be a reward," she looked at him innocently, and Simon sighed. "Only a little. I would," Simon said before sighing and turning back to the

guard he was teaching, who looked at his alpha, amused, making Simon

grit his teeth.

He is seriously starting to get whipped for his mate. Simon shook his head at himself.

Athena smiled happily and looked at Matt before nodding.

"I am ready now. This time I am serious. Try to dodge my attacks as much as possible. Don't use your sword too much if you think my attack is

powerful, okay?" Athena asked.

Wasn't she being a bit too arrogant? He had seen her past performance,

and she has been moving just so-so like a novice. And thus, Matt nodded meekly. The girl in front of him was their to-be luna. He can't be too

disrespectful to her. Even the alpha was whipped for her now.

As he was busy talking to himself, he didn't even notice when Athena

moved so swiftly before raising his sword at him that he barely dodged.

The sword that hit his biceps made his hand feel like it fell off the joints,

and Matt took a deep breath to control his scream of pain.

What the hell? He looked at the girl, who looked like she wasn't even fazed by the attack..

Evening his posture, he grabbed his sword tightly, getting serious now.

"I was distracted earlier," Matt said.

"I am sorry. I didn't notice. Let's begin again. Let's not stop until one of us is on the ground, okay?" Athena's words made Fabian look at her, but Simon continued training the guards seriously. "Start!" Matt said, and both started attacking and dodging each other.

Kicking his abdomen, Athena swung her sword in the air before she bent

and hit him from behind.

Matt felt like he was being hit by some ghost because he wasn't able to see any of Athena's movements. The more he tried to concentrate on her

moves, the more he felt like it was some haze moving around him swiftly. "Wait. Time please," Matt said as he fell to the ground, all beaten up, and

everyone who had paused to look at the fight of their to-be luna looked at the time, mouth agape.

It took her 4 minutes and 23 seconds to beat one of the best swordsmen at his own game.

"I am sorry. Does it hurt too much? Simon," Athena looked at Simon like an innocent girl who doesn't know who hurt this pack member, and Simon

pinched the bridge of his nose with a sigh.

"Fabian," Simon thinned his lips, and the latter smiled awkwardly before

nodding.

"Who told you to be so arrogant? Let's get you to the pack doctor," Fabian

sighed.

Now he knows why Simon keeps saying that Athena was powerful and

capable of taking care of herself. During the fight on the hill, Simon wasn't being easy on her. She was indeed strong enough to fight him back. Fabian sighed before looking at the girl, who looked at Simon earnestly, waiting for his appreciation.