

## Chapter 42

"Damn, I am tired," Athena walked back into the house, followed by Simon, who was talking to the guards who had gone to find the location of the

rogue camp.

"Is that all?" Simon raised his brows as he stopped in the hall.

"We are not sure, Alpha. This looks like the place, but there are many

differences along with the similarities, the leader of the task force said.

"We can't work based on assumptions, Drake. You know the severity of the situation. If that's not the place, then try searching for different entries.

Fabian's intuition can be wrong too. Ask other teams to give you insight if

they have seen this place before," Simon said.

"Okay, sir. We will report our progress in the morning now, The leader said. "Very well. Just remember to rest well so that you guys are more efficient

tomorrow. It's almost night. Set up a camp soon. It would be better if we

stayed prepared or attacked them before they could. So you should know

how important your accuracy is for this mission, Simon ended the call

before taking a deep breath.

Walking straight to his room, he was about to call for Athena to know if she needed something else to eat when he paused, his gaze landing on her

naked back as she took off her bra, distracted.

"My whole body is aching. It's been so long since I trained for 10 hours

straight. I have to prepare for the assignment too. No. I will manage it.

Simon is downstairs talking to his guards. Probably tomorrow. No. You

don't need to worry about that. I will manage it," Athena talked to Andrew on the phone, and Simon raised his brows.

She was so lost in her conversation that she hadn't even felt his presence. With a mischievous smile, Simon walked to her as quietly as he could

before he placed his hands on her abdomen, hugging her from behind. And Athena, who had been busy talking on the phone, immediately became

conscious of her nakedness.

She stood there, dressed in shorts and no top or bra. Heat immediately

rushed to her cheeks as she cleared her throat.

"Okay. Keep me updated on what you guys are doing. I will meet you tomorrow," Andrew said, and Athena hummed before ending the call.

"Simon, Athena tried her best to keep her shyness at bay.

"Yes, my love," Simon whispered into her ears, biting her earlobe

mischievously.

"We both are tired, no? Let's wash up and call it a night," Athena suggested, and Simon pressed his lips to the side of her neck before humming.

"Do you want to shower first?" Simon asked, and Athena nodded, wanting to save herself some face.

After washing up, she quickly got dressed in a top and a pair of cotton

shorts as she looked at the door of the bathroom with a dazed expression. Though she was the one who suggested that they should call it a night, for some reason, she didn't like how Simon agreed to it so quickly.

Maybe he was too tired. Athena nodded at herself and turned off the lights on her side before closing her eyes.

"Athena?" Simon whispered before laying beside her, and she turned to

him.

"What is it?" Athena asked, and Simon looked into her eyes before laying on top of her, supporting his body on his elbows so that he wouldn't crush her with his weight.

"How can you sleep peacefully after igniting the fire in my heart?" Simon

asked, his gaze raking all over her face before he bent and pressed his lips to hers.

Athena didn't waste a second responding to his kiss and deepened the

kiss, her hands flying straight to his hair.

"You have no idea how appealing and beautiful you looked when you were training like a professional. The way your body moved was so admiring and alluring. For a moment, I wanted to take you to the middle of the forest and fuck you senseless," Simon confessed his feelings as he groaned at his

pent-up desires for her, and Athena raised her brows at him.

"Yeah? Why didn't you proceed?" Athena asked, and it was Simon's turn to widen his eyes.

"Do you mean it?" Simon asked.

"Do I mean it?" Athena raised her head before capturing his lips in a heated kiss, and it was all the answer that Simon needed.

"Thank you so much, my love. Thank you for entrusting me with your love and everything," Simon nuzzled his face in her neck before biting her mark sensually. (w)w(w).n(v)@LW0rm.c0m

"I want to eat you right now. If I could, i would really intertwine our souls

and mold us into one," Simon placed his forehead on top of hers before

taking a deep breath.

"Do you like me?" Simon looked into her eyes, and Athena's twinkling eyes were enough to answer him. However, he still wanted her to say it.

"More than you think," Athena pushed him away before climbing on top of him, placing her hands on his chest as she looked at him with a smirk.

"I like you and want you more than you would know," She bent before licking his chest, and Simon widened his eyes as his heartbeat picked its pace at how alluring she was in the night.

"Don't start anything you won't finish," Simon groaned.

"Don't worry. I have every intention of finishing what I started," Athena bit

his chest before grabbing a fistful of his hair and yanking his head back to get easy access to his neck.

"I might play a bit roughly," Athena untied her hair before she bent and took off his shorts, her gaze lingering on his d\*ck, hidden behind his boxers.

"Athena, you are tired and -

"Do you not want me to do it?" Athena raised her brows, and Simon bit his lips.

"I do. I have been craving your touch for as long as I can remember. My

body misses you every moment we are away from you. My love language is 'touch', Athena. How can I not want it? I just don't want you to get tired,"

Simon whispered, and Athena smiled.

"You don't need to worry about that. I am very energetic right now," Athena took off his boxers, dazed, and was about to bend when Simon flipped

them.

"Is that so? If you are not tired, we can have some fun. But let me check it myself," Simon whispered before he yanked away her shorts and top in two pulls. With a gaze full of desire, he bent towards her abdomen, inhaling her scent which was a mixture of lavender, citrus, and her arousal that was making

him mad now.

He looked into her eyes one last time before he traveled down, peppering

soft kisses all over her body.

If Athena had known this would be the outcome, she wouldn't have started this game of desire. One part of her felt guilty because she knew Simon

was tired after a long day, but the selfish part of her wanted Simon to do

these things and pleasure her.

The selfish woman wanted to accept Simon completely and surrender her body to him.

"What are you thinking about?" Simon asked when he saw her getting

distracted and her expression turning to what he hadn't expected.

Why does she look worried? She was playful and happy just a second ago. Did he hurt her in some way?

"Nothing," Athena shook her head, and Simon sighed before climbing back to face her.

"What is it?" Simon cupped her cheeks.

"Is it selfish of me that I want you to pleasure me even when I know you are tired after a long day?" Athena asked innocently. This was her first

relationship, and as much as she was strong, deep down, she was afraid of losing him too.

Simon stared at her for a few seconds before laying on his back, covering his eyes with his hands, and Athena felt she offended him or something.

"Hey, I didn't mean to question your strength or capability. I just wanted

"How?" Simon asked, and Athena paused, confused.

"How did I get so lucky to have gotten a caring mate like you? Whenever I

think of the past and what I was thinking of doing to you, I feel like the

biggest jerk," Simon said, and Athena saw a tear rolling down the corner of his eyes, making her tear up too.

"Please don't think like that. You never harmed me yourself. I understand

where you were coming from. In your case, you were betrayed by a Gama and rogues, and I was both," Athena tried to justify, and Simon shook his head.

"That doesn't justify anything, Athena. The people who betrayed me weren't you. You were innocent and pure. So what if I never harmed you myself? It all happened because of me. I am a fucking moron! Damn it!" Simon turned around, and Athena bit her lips.

This was the first time Athena saw tears in Simon's eyes. He didn't even cry when he came to know Scarlett was the one betraying him.

Does Simon really love her so much? She felt her heart clenching at the ~~Wewr.noVE@W(o)r.m.c0m~~ thought. Athena always cursed the moon goddess for writing such a

cursed fate in our destiny. First, she took her parents, and then her mate ~~Ww.N(o)veIw0rm.c0m~~

rejected her and turned her into a rogue. She became a humiliated and

pathetic wolf in her own eyes.

Now that Athena looks back to what had happened and where she was,

maybe the moon goddess took the average away from her to give her the best. She took away a mate like Cole from her so that she could gift her

with Simon.

"How dare you!" Athena turned him forcefully before sitting on top of him. "Are you cursing my mate right now? Are you cursing the person I am

falling for? Do you want to die?" Athena asked to lighten the mood, and Simon immediately pulled her in his arms, burying his face below her neck as he laid her on the bed.

"I love you so much," he hugged her tightly, and Athena hugged him back

with a smile.

This hug today felt way more intimate than any time they were together,

and Athena and Simon could feel it in their bones and soul.

Nuzzling their faces into each other's necks as both lay there, naked,

embracing each other's emotions, Simon and Athena realized one thing.

Life without each other was an impossible case now.

"Stupid guy. Was there a reason to waste your tears? Were you trying to

ruin the mood? Is this your way to tell me you can't do it tonight?" Athena

asked, and Simon chuckled at her words before rubbing his nose on hers. "You are so cute and loving that I can die a happy man right now and

wouldn't have any regrets. However, I don't want to die so soon. I want to

spend an eternity with you," Simon placed her head on his chest before patting her shoulders.

"I will make love to you, my love. I am not an orthodox, but on your

eighteenth birthday, I will make love to you," Simon said.

"That's in 9 months. Are you sure you want to stay like this that long?"

Athena asked, and Simon gulped.

"Well, maybe we should do that on my birthday? It's next month," Simon

suggested before both of them burst out laughing. ~~Ww.N(o)veIw0(r)@.com~~

"Let's sleep now," Athena sighed.

"What about the fire that you ignited?" Simon asked, and Athena opened her eyes before grinning.

"Bear with it, Mr. Alpha. You should've thought about that before tiring me up," Athena said, and Simon thinned his lips.

"We are coming straight home tomorrow after college,"

"To fuck?" Athena mused.

"To love each other and help ease our tensions. I think we both can use

some massage," Simon pressed the side of her stomach, and Athena took a deep breath before arching her back at the pleasurable shock that ran

down her spine, making her bite his lips.

"Stop it if you don't want me to avenge what you are doing to me. I am really good at that," Athena threatened before both of them closed their eyes,

letting their wolves rest in each other's embrace.