

Chapter 48

"How many rogues are there in your team so far? Who else is helping you?" Simon asked the rogue, and Athena, who opened her eyes for a moment, looked at the finger on the ground, bile rising in her throat as the smell of blood messed with her brain.

"Athena, I can't take this negative energy and not react anymore. Either you get out of here or—" Celine didn't even complete her words when Athena's hands turned into paws with elongated nails.

This wasn't good. And it didn't take Celine and Athena to realize the hell broke loose.

"I will kill all of them!" Athena's voice turned deeper, and Simon immediately

stood from his place when he saw her running out of the cell.

"Athena!" Simon growled, Onyx's powers immediately taking over.

"Come here!" Athena flailed her long hair, looking like a possessed human, as she jumped on the cell, trying to break it open.

The rogues inside the other cells looked at the mad woman trying to break free and kill them and widened their eyes as they hoped for the alpha to come and save them for the first time.

From the way she was clawing the bars, it looked like she would eat them slowly rather than killing them in a single go.

"I said come here!" Athena almost opened the silver-faced bars of the cell without caring about her wounds as her body started to transform.

"Athena, come here. Ssshhh, it's okay. You are doing a good job controlling it. Just a little more. I know it's hard, but it's not impossible. Your parents must've controlled this gift too, no? Simon hugged her from behind,

stopping her transformation in the middle before cooing sweet nothings in

her ears.

"Alpha do you need—" Timothy rushed to them, but Simon shook his head. He wanted Athena to gain control of herself. If things went extreme, he would pull her out himself.

"I love you, my love. You can do this" Simon's words started to affect

Athena as her body started to turn back to normal. "Don't let go, Onyx; Simon said, knowing if Onyx hadn't lent him the power, he wouldn't have been able to hold her.

"Don't worry. I am here till she is in control," Onyx

"I am sorry," Athena said when she turned back to normal.

Simon didn't want to hug Athena in his bloodied state, but seeing how she was feeling guilty, he placed her head on his chest before sighing.

"It's okay, Athena. No harm was done. You did a good job," Simon placed his lips on her forehead, and the rogues, who almost peed themselves, looked at the alpha, mouth agape.

No harm was done? She did a good job? Why did he even bring a demon like her here in the first place? Isn't their life already horrible that he had to give them a heart attack like this?

"Timothy, take her back to the house and guard the area. I will be there

once I am done here," Simon said, and Timothy nodded as Athena followed him back.

After three hours of constant torture, Simon was finally able to get some information worth using.

"Simon—" Fabian stopped in his tracks when his eyes met with Simon's

bloodshot ones.

"What is it?" Simon asked as he washed his hands, ready to take a shower in the office as he didn't want to scare Athena more than she already was. "The reply from the council about Cole's

indecency and Howl pack has arrived. Do you want to look at it?"

"Let me take a shower and bring Athena here. We will see the reply

together. We are 80% sure that the Howl pack had a hand in the rogue

activity with four bodies, right?" Simon asked, and Fabian nodded.

"Good. Ask Timothy, Jake, and others to join as well," Simon went inside to shower.

After thirty minutes, Athena walked inside Simon's office with everyone, her stare hard and unpredictable.

"Sit down," Simon said, and they sat on the chairs and couches as Simon sat behind the boss's chair.

"So the reply from the council came, and they asked for proof that Athena was hurt by none other than the Howl Pack. Regarding Cole's matter, they have said that an Alpha's behavior is uncertain," Simon paused.

"Since Athena was his ex-mate, things like these can easily happen, not to mention she was still an unmarked rogue at that time, which gave Cole a benefit. We should be the bigger person and look past it. They will send a letter of warning to Cole for—" Simon stopped reading, closing the flap of the laptop with a bang.

He looked at Athena sitting on the couch with a calm expression, and he didn't know what to say or how to react to this useless reply.

Simon didn't suffer directly and was getting this angry, he couldn't even

imagine what turmoil must be brewing inside her mind.

"What tyranny is this? How can they dismiss the matter even after we

clearly mentioned Athena as our Luna?" Timothy was the first one to react. "This is atrocious indeed," Fabian nodded.

"Athena, what do you think about this?" Simon asked after some time.

He has many things and ideas up his sleeves, which he can use to make those packs pay and cry tears of blood, but he wanted to hear what Athena had to say.

"We already tried the legal method, and these are the results. If you allow me, let's try the illegal method," Athena said, and Simon raised his

eyebrows, urging her to complete what she meant by that.

"My wolf doesn't go crazy just around evil rogues. It stays for all kinds of people. I want you to take me to the borders of the Howl pack, and I will

attack," Athena tested the waters, but seeing their cold glares, she

scratched the back of her head.

"I know this is stupid. Screw this. Why don't we send a threatening letter

directly to the packs from our side? I heard the threatening letters from the Black Scar pack are seen as a Black omen as they bring death. Also, I

would like to go to the White Moon Pack myself," Athena said.

"Is something wrong with your head today? Why are you speaking

nonsense things that you very well know we won't allow? You want us to let you go to the pack whose alpha is lusting over you? Why don't you say

something, Simon?" Andrew stood angrily.

Jake looked at Athena closely before his pupils expanded when he remembered what day it was tomorrow.

Simon didn't know why Athena proposed this idea, and he was about to

speak against it when his gaze landed on Jake, who had a pitiful look.

"Athena," Simon said, and she looked into his eyes for a moment, making him lean back in his seat as he observed the turmoil in her eyes.

He could see there was something that she wanted to speak about but was thinking against it at the same time.

"Fabian, send the threatening letter to the Howl pack. Tell them we know

this rogue activity was their doing, and if we found one more movement

from their side, we won't think twice before attacking them. We don't need to tell anyone who we were. Regarding the white moon pack, let's go

tomorrow," Simon said, and Athena widened her eyes.

"I will go with her. We can use this opportunity to face Cole again and see what kind of intentions he is harboring. I think Athena wants to talk to

Bianca alone," Simon smiled at Athena.

"Let's talk about the Mysterious scent base. Have we found out who is

making them? For all the rogues in Scarlett's team to use it, they are

mass-producing it. We already know that they are probably hiding in some kind of Lake. Let's scrounge every lake in a vicinity of 200 km first," Simon looked at Andrew.

"We have the support of 7 packs, who are ready to send 50 well-trained

fighters to us. They will depart from their packs this weekend and stay with us until this fight is over," Simon's words made Andrew nod.

"Good. I will send 200 people from my pack to help build living facilities for these fighters," Andrew nodded.

Athena looked at the two alphas, who were talking so professionally about what they would do for the fight, feeling useless.

If there was a way she could stop it, she would do it in a second. Was she really this useless?

"We are not useless, Athena. Have you forgotten what your mom and dad said? I will be the strongest wolf in the fight. You have no idea how strong I can get when I want to see blood, Celine assured Athena, and for some

reason, this made Athena even more worried.

That's what she didn't want. "Jake, there is one more strategy that came to my mind, but I will need your help for that," Simon's words caught everyone's attention.

"What is it?" Jake asked.

"We have been finding rogues surrounding the huge forest for a few days, and no matter how careful we are, many rogues escape our hold. The ones we get hold of are almost useless. The leaders with the most knowledge run away most of the time," Simon walked towards the whiteboard before picking up his marker.

"Fabian, what are the habitats in this forest that travel a lot and have

minimum water exposure?" Simon asked.

"There are a few antelopes and Zebras with a few leopards," Fabian

answered.

"If we place that mini camera that Jake made on these animals and allow them to love freely, can we get easier intel on the rogues? Is this feasible?" Simon looked at everyone, and they looked at each other.

This idea was unexpected and unique, but now that Simon had mentioned this, it didn't sound and appeared bad.

They can save manpower. No one will ever suspect an animal nearing

them, and once they confirm any rogue activity, they can grab them.

"How many mini-cameras are you expecting?" Jake asked.

"100," Simon said, and Jake stared at him blankly before he walked out to think about it.

"What do you think?" Simon asked Athena.

"He will do it," Athena said before she followed Jake, who stood near the balcony.

"It was a prototype model. I am not sure if I can make 100 of them. I don't want to let anyone down," Jake thinned his lips.

"We can," Athena pulled him into the office.

"The University is under your Pack's jurisdiction too, right? If we include all four batches, there are around 250 students in the EC branch. The CS

branch can make the model and guide the EC branch. The soldering and other chip work can be done by the EC branch while the CS branch can

make compatible software. Make a pair of students from both branches," Athena looked at Simon, and the latter nodded.

"That's a good way to handle things. Students will do this for extra credits. However, the deans won't only hear me out. Andrew, you need to put

pressure, and I will ask Dexter too. If three alphas pressurize them, they will agree," Simon said.

"Athena, pack your bags. We will leave early in the morning," Simon said,

and Athena shook her head.

"We are leaving in two hours," she ordered.

"But it's not safe to travel at night. I can't risk your life and—"

"I wasn't asking, Simon. We can't waste any more time. Let's focus on

reducing our problems one by one and subtract this Howl pack and Cole

from the equation," Athena said, and Simon looked at her briefly before turning around.

"Leave us alone," Simon said, and everyone thought Simon was angry

because of how Athena talked.

"Simon—" Fabian started.

"I don't repeat myself," Simon's words made everyone sigh and leave.

Athena stood there, confused. Was he really angry about how she talked to him? But this wasn't the first time so—

Simon didn't even waste a second and walked to her before grabbing her

face and crashing his lips on hers.

"I really like it when you talk like this," Simon whispered in between the kiss, and Athena didn't know how to react.

Does he have a thing for masochism?

"Let's subtract Cole," Simon said, and Athena understood what he was

talking about before smiling.

He was jealous.

"Mm, let's do that," Athena caressed his chest, the sound of his beating

heart making her smile.

"On a second note, you are right. We should visit them as soon as possible. We won't be able to go anywhere after a couple of days, Simon said.

"Because of the rogues and other pack warriors?" Athena raised her brows. "No. Because you will be going in the heat. I can't believe I am calling the

strongest warriors from around the states when my Luna would be going in the heat. It would be hard to protect you in that situation," Simon placed his forehead on hers.

"You won't have to. I promise it would go nicely," Athena pecked his lips

before walking out of the office to pack her clothes, and Simon stood there, not getting the meaning behind her words.

What did she mean by that? Is she hoping everything will be fine before the heat?