## Chapter 52

"The Black Mamba market. I am sure you must have heard of it. There is an underground basement in shop 16-F. The shop is a regular werewolf drug shop. The basement covers the area of 10 shops. It's hard to find out the hidden basement, and only a couple of selected people know how to enter," Cole answered, and Simon hummed.

"You heard that, Fabian? I want the spy team to go there and search the

whole place. I don't care if there are rogues. I want that whole basement destroyed,"Simon ordered on the phone before ending the call.

"Why did you want to collaborate with my sister, Cole? Apart from Athena, was there something else she promised you? I am trying to get my head around what she is planning," Simon walked inside with Cole.

"No. The deal was of Athena and lifelong ally with the Black Scar pack,

including assistance in military and other internal and external affairs

related to rogues once she takes over," Cole said, his gaze flickering to

Athena for a moment before he looked at Bianca.

"The doctor has recommended some vitamins. Take them according to the prescription," Cole handed the envelope to Bianca.

"The food is ready?"Cole asked the head maid, who had been staring at

Athena from the kitchen.

She couldn't believe that the strong girl on the couch was the same girl who used to be the laughingstock of the pack and was named a fatty pushover. "Yes, sir. I will start serving," the head maid said, and Athena pulled out a little bottle from the back pocket before taking a sip.

"If you want any drink, I can ask the chef to prepare it. Your drinking water from a small bottle like this is kind of insulting," Cole chuckled awkwardly, and Athena, who thought they were busy talking and weren't noticing her, paused in her actions.

"Athena," Simon glared at her, and Cole looked between the two.

Was there something wrong? Something secretive?

"It's not my fault. It's like a drug too. I started craving it because I used too much of my coldness," Athena pouted before closing the cap and hurriedly putting it back in her pocket when she saw Simon reaching out for it. It was something she realized too late. Wolfsbane was a drug, and since she started consuming it, she became habitual.

"I will deal with you later," Simon sighed, and Athena bit her lips shyly.

She knows exactly what he meant by this sentence.  $www.m_{e}(v)e(1)@Or(m).c(o)m$ 

After having dinner, Simon and Athena walked to the forest when Simon

received a call from Fabian.

"What is it? Did you guys find something?"Simon asked, and Fabian denied it.

"It's not that, Alpha Simon. I have sent the team as you asked. We are

awaiting their response, but there is something else that you would like to know," Fabian paused.

"It's about the rogue couple that you have sent to the rogue rehabilitation center,"

"What about them?"Simon asked.

"You know that the rogues are given the benefits of one call per week to

their family members under the keen observance if their behavior is alright, right?"

"Yes, I am aware of that. Can you come straight to the point already? Did they leak our information -

"They called their relatives, and they said Scarlett has been changing her strategies these days," Fabian said, and Simon thinned his lips.

"What did they say exactly? "Simon pinched the bridge of his nose.

"Let me play the recording of their words over the call," Fabian said before playing the recording.

'Miss Athena, I am grateful to you for sparing my husband's and my life.We are living happily here. There is something I would like you to know.

I know it's hard to trust a rogue's words these days. However, I still want to let you know that I called my cousin, and he said he heard a few rogues

talking about some lady boss going to attack the Black Scar pack.

They are planning something big in two weeks. My brother didn't know

much about it, and that's the most he could hear before they left. Please

take care. I wish people like you would live long to help people like us.' The recording ended, and Simon sighed.

"Did our spies find something from the activities in the forest? Are they nearing? I heard from Athena that 43 prototypes have been made. Use them immediately,"Simon ordered before looking at Athena, his heart

melting and aching when he looked at the uneasiness on her face.

"Keep me updated. We are leaving here in a few minutes,"Simon ended the

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This was the place where Athena was humiliated deeply by Cole and

Bianca. This was the exact place where she got the shock of her life, and she was thrown out of the pack.  $\hat{W} \otimes W \otimes \tilde{W} \otimes \tilde{$ 

Remembering the bitter memories, Athena bit her lips.

"Athena,"Simon cupped Athena's cheeks and forced her to look at him. "It's over. You are with me now,"Simon said, knowing what Athena probably

could be thinking about.

"No one will hurt you now," Simon kissed her forehead.

"You wanted to say something?" Athena asked, and Simon nodded.

"Yes, we have some information on Scarlett's movements. We should leave

now. Are you ready to go? Do you want to visit your mom again?"Simon asked.

"No, that won't be necessary. No matter how many times I meet my mother,

it will be less, and I will crave more. I just want to talk to Cole and Bianca before we leave," Athena said, and they walked ahead where Cole and

Bianca were walking, giving privacy to Simon and Athena.

Cole had noticed the look in Athena's eyes when she was gazing at the spot, and he felt guilty for what he did to her a couple of months ago.

"Cole,"Athena stopped behind them, and Cole and Bianca turned to her. "We are leaving in a few minutes. Before we leave, I want you to assure me

that we don't need to be worried from your side. You won't come and attack

us again, and Bianca, you won't send your father our way again,"Athena said, and Cole was about to speak when she raised her hand.

"Before you say something, I must mention that we don't have a problem with your tactics. We just don't want innocent lives to be out on stake for your selfish motives. We have already sent a letter of threat to the Howl pack.

If your father is intelligent, he won't do anything. If you or he wants to do

something, you should be prepared for everything. I controlled Simon, and he controlled my wolf this time, but you won't be lucky the second time,"

Athena looked straight into Cole's and Bianca's eyes.

Cole looked at Athena before his gaze moved to Simon, who was standing there, smirking and looking proudly at Athena.

From his loving gaze, it was obvious, he was ready to kill a whole pack for Athena's happiness.

Bianca took a deep breath before she held Cole's hand and placed it on her abdomen.

"We need peace," Bianca said.

Cole smiled at Bianca before nodding.

"We want peace. Don't worry. We will not be a hindrance. You guys can stay rest assured from our side. Neither will I come for Athena nor will I support your sister in her plans of destroying the Black Scar pack. We will stay

away from you and your pack. I hope the Ally connection between us stays," Cole looked at Simon, who hummed.

"We will think about it when this is over," Simon nodded.

After ten minutes, they left the White Moon pack with their subordinates,

and Athena looked at Simon.

"What is it?" Simon asked when he found her looking at him again.

"Something is wrong," Athena stated.

"Nothing can get past your piercing eyes, can it?"Simon smiled before he put up the partition and pulled her closer.

Placing her head on his chest, he hugged her from the side before

humming.

"I want to thank you. You taught me a lesson today,"Simon said.

"By putting everyone's life in danger? "Athena sighed.

"I am talking about the rogues that you saved that day. You taught me if we help someone, chances are they would help us too," Simon smiled.  $\mathcal{W}w \otimes .\mathbb{N}\mathcal{O}v$   $\mathbb{R}W$   $\mathbb{N}\mathcal{O}v$   $\mathbb{R}W$   $\mathbb{N}V$   $\mathbb{N}\mathcal{O}v$   $\mathbb{R}W$   $\mathbb{N}V$   $\mathbb{N}V$ 

Athena looked at him amused, smiling at his way of saying things before she sat straight with narrowed eyes.

"What did they say? Did they give us some kind of information?"Simon

smiled at Athena's excited face before nodding and telling her everything Fabian told him.

"That's great. If we know when Scarlett is about to attack, we can stay

prepared beforehand. Let's fasten the process," Athena said, and Simon

hummed.

"We should indeed fasten the process,"Simon bit her lower lip, making her hide her face in his chest.

After 8 hours of travel, Simon and Athena reached their pack.

"Go and freshen up. You must be exhausted," Simon told Athena.

"Where are you going? "Athena asked when she saw him not coming inside the house with her.

"I want to check the preparations of the lodging for the fighters who are to arrive in a couple of days,"Simon said, and Athena nodded before walking inside.

'I am sorry, Celine said after a long time when Athena sat on the bed after taking a bath, thinking about everything that happened today.

'Is that of any use? Huh...It's not your fault, Celine. It's my fault. I wasn't

able to control you. Honestly, I feel like I will become a burden in this fight if it takes place. I have been training for more than ten hours/per day, and I

still couldn't control you, Athena said.

'Don't beat yourself over.it, Athena. Most warriors don't understand

controlling their wolves until the age of 19-20 under the jurisdiction of other warriors. You haven't even turned eighteen. Not to mention, you are alone in this. You are doing the best you can do right now, Celine tried to motivate Athena.

'Also, there is something I wanted you to know, Celine started with a

sheepish look.

"What is it?" Athena asked, and Celine looked at her awkwardly.

"Well, you see. I almost lost control two times continuously. So, because of the energy that collected in my body during that time and a disbalance of - "Just get to the point, Celine," Athena massaged her forehead, already tired.

Athena took a headache pill and sipped some water to ease the tension in her head. The heat inside her body was continuously building up since

Celine lost control in the dungeons, and it was irking her now.

"I am going in the heat,"Celine said, and Athena spat the water in her

mouth.

"What did you say? Isn't there a few days to that? It should be after 4-5

days," Athena asked to confirm.

"I know that, but it's not like I can help it. The regular loss of control created too much heat and preponed the arrival. I am starting to go into heat. It has started. You will start feeling it in an hour or two, and because we didn't

mate last time, this will be a harsh one," Celine said and Athena gritted her teeth at the wolf, who smiled awkwardly at her.