

Chapter 55

"Will you not be back tonight either?" Athena asked Simon, and he turned around with a sigh.

"I will try, my love." Simon cupped Athena's cheeks before kissing her temple.

"Just don't get sick. I know you are preparing for the war, but you won't be able to fight with half energy either," Athena said before walking to her room.

"Something's wrong, Athena said to her wolf, and Celine scrunched her brows.

"What do you mean?" Celine asked.

"Don't you know? You said my heat would relapse in the morning, but it hasn't till now. It's been more than 24 hours already. Is that even possible?" Athena asked.

"I am not sure about this. Even I feel weirded out about this. This is the first time in my entire journey of being a wolf that someone's heat has been

delayed like this when I was sure it was about to come, Celine said, and Athena hummed.

"Well, I should be happy as long as it does not arrive, right?" Athena went back to bed, her whole body aching terribly.

Since everyone was busy with work and no one had time to sit with her, she also went for training. She hadn't expected Jake and Andrew to join her.

They wanted to take their mind off things, and to say it took a toll on her would be an understatement.

It felt like they were taking out some kind of frustration while sparring with her.

After turning off her light, she closed her eyes before taking a deep breath as sleep consumed her immediately.

The next day--

Athena walked inside the University, her gaze flickering to all the pack wolves who were gazing at her, whispering something.

Did something happen? What was their deal? Why was everyone looking at her as if she committed some kind of sin? Athena felt like a deja vu kicking in. This has happened before too, but at that time, the reason was

completely different.

Athena wasn't the only one who noticed their weird behavior. Even Jake, Andrew, and Simon felt their behavior was questionable.

"I just wish Savannah haven't done anything this time," Simon commented. "Why would you say something like that?" Athena scrunched her brows.

Though they started badly, Savannah has been the most supportive of her of the whole pack among other members.

She would come to check up on her and ask if she was craving anything or wanted to have a girl's night out. Savannah even introduced her to other

girls in the pack. So it really felt weird that Simon mentioned something like this so casually when he knows how hard Savannah has been working and trying to make everything right.

"You are just too soft-hearted, my love," Simon said before he turned to Fabian.

"Fabian, check what's going on," Simon said, and Fabian nodded before talking to a few pack members.

He then walked to the east side of the University, where the pack members pointed, and Simon and everyone followed him.

"What the-" Fabian murmured when he looked at the large graffiti on the wall.

"If I were you, I would never mate with a cruel alpha, Athena. one of the graffiti said.

"There is one more," Fabian commented with a stressed look, and they walked a few steps ahead before looking at the second one.

[You are mine, and I will ensure it happens, Athena. Wait for me.] The second graffiti said.

Athena's lips pressed into a thin line, and she couldn't help but smile before she burst out laughing. However, Simon didn't find it funny.

"Who the hell dared to do this?" Simon growled while looking around. Andrew pulled Athena back towards him, afraid Simon's wolf might hurt her accidentally.

"Why would you do that?" Andrew scolded Athena at her laugh, and she zipped her lips to stop her smiles.

"How dare you take my mate?" Simon snarled at Andrew before holding Athena close to him and hugging her like she was his favorite toy, and

anyone who would take her would be killed.

"Geez, calm down, man," Jake said, and Andrew shook his head at him.

Right now wasn't the time to tell Simon to calm down. As an alpha, he could feel what was going through his head. His anger and strength of emotions weren't the same as other people. Only one person could calm him right

now. And that was Athena.

"Hey, it's fine. Why are you reacting like this?" Athena cupped Simon's cheeks, forcing him to look at her.

"If this person really had the guts to do anything, he would be standing face to face with us rather than drawing some childish graffiti. I am yours, and there is nothing anyone can do about it," she looked at him lovingly,

massaging his cheeks softly to calm down Onyx.

Simon leaned into her touch, letting Onyx feel the bond to calm his anger. "I love you," Athena said, and Simon's eyes widened.

"I... I-" Simon stuttered while Onyx howled in happiness.

"Look away," Athena ordered everyone, and they rolled their eyes, doing as she told them.

"This heart belongs to you, just like you belong to me," Athena smiled before placing her lips on Simon's, who deepened the kiss, tilting her head, taking out his anger and frustration in the kiss as the kiss became even more

passionate and rough.

After what felt like an eternity but was only a few minutes, Simon pulled away, placing his forehead on hers.

"Why did you laugh at the graffiti? Did you like it?" He asked, and Athena

wanted to say that this was the first time someone did something like this for her, even as a joke, and it was quite funny, but knowing all too well how sensitive an Alpha is for his woman, she thought against it and shook her head in denial.

"It was just funny. This person thought doing something like this would

really make a difference. I can't help but laugh at the childishness," Athena said, and Simon hummed.

"Get this cleaned," Simon said to Fabian, following Athena to her class.

"Do you guys suspect anyone? Someone who was head over heels for

Athena?" Simon asked Jake, and the latter shook his head.

"I don't think so. Athena used to be obsessed with Cole and follow him

everywhere because of the orders of her father and the alpha. No one ever dared to come close to her. The rogues we passed were all afraid of

Athena and never interacted with her because of the vibes she oozed," Jake paused.

"The only person I can think of is Cole. However, you guys already dealt with him. Cole doesn't have the guts to pull something like this after being

warned," Jake said, looking at the back of the girl with a complicated look. There was one thing that Jake knew about her but has been hiding from

everyone. This is something that only he accidentally came to know

because he heard Athena's father talking to someone once.

He doesn't even know how much of it is true and how much of it is a myth and just a suspicion that her father mentioned.

Athena has no idea about it, and neither does anyone. Athena's father

wanted her to stay away from these kinds of problems and only focus on having a good life. That was the main reason he stopped taking out Athena after a certain age. However, who knew her life would be turned like this by the person he put the most faith in?

Athena's scent was more than enough to attract people toward her, and that was one of the reasons girls bullied her.

Jake can only hope that it's not what he thinks it is, or things would turn so worse that he doesn't think they would be able to handle it. This was bigger than Simon's sister's revenge. And everyone's life would be in danger once again in a more brutal way.

"Jake? Where did you get lost? I asked if you would like to accompany me shopping. I want to buy a few things. I don't know who to take. Don't boys hate this kind of stuff?" Athena asked. "What do you mean by that? Are you implying I am not a boy?" Jake

narrowed his eyes at her.

"Of course you are. However, unlike those men, you don't whine, and I like you for that," Athena winked at Jake, and he sighed.

"I swear you treat me like your girlfriend," Jake rolled his eyes before nodding at her and going to his building.

As soon as Athena sat in her seat, the first thing she noticed was a letter placed neatly in the middle under her desk, and she looked around to see if anyone was looking at her. However, when she didn't find a suspect, she opened the letter, unhurried.

"Don't miss me too much. I will remove Simon from between us soon, and then you'll be mine.

-The person who loves you the most in this world."

The letter said, and Athena scrunched her brows. If this was someone's joke, this was going a bit too far now.

She crushed the letter before stuffing it in her jeans.

Who could this person be? She was sure she had no lover in this area or the

white moon pack, daring enough to go against Simon.

Even though Simon has been acting too softly with her, everyone knows he is called the scariest alpha for a reason. And the demo when he was

investigating the rogues was more than enough.

After the College hours were over, Athena walked to Jake's building, and

guys immediately bowed to her, making her smile awkwardly.

"Let's go?" Athena asked as soon as Jake was excited.

"Please tell me you took permission from Simon. He won't lash out at me if he doesn't find you, right? Jake's words made Athena sigh.

"I did all of that. Now stop whining," Athena said, and they drove to the nearby mall.

"I will be in the ladies' section. You can buy whatever you want. It's been a long time since I bought something for you, no?" Athena said, and Jake

grinned before walking to the men's section; making her smile.

As Athena looked at the tops, she felt like someone was watching her

again, and she walked a few steps before turning abruptly. "Do you need some help, miss?" The boy asked her, and she heaved a sigh of relief before smiling.

It was just a human.

"No, I am just looking around," Athena said before she took a few tops and went to the changing room.

After finalizing three tops, she came out to see if Jake chose anything

before they moved to the undergarments department. However, she had walked only a few steps when she felt someone staring at her again.

She had been feeling like this from the moment she entered the mall. This can't just be her paranoia.

Athena turned around abruptly, her eyes narrowing when she saw a man

near the window. As soon as Athena looked at him, he widened his eyes

and ran away, making Athena drop the clothes before she ran behind him

to catch him.

She was right! Someone was stalking her!

"You! Wait right there!" Athena could smell the rogue scent on the guy.

"Thief! Thief!" Athena shouted deliberately so that more people would help her.

And all the humans looked at her before trying to catch the guy.

As she was busy running behind the guy, she was about to rush down the escalator when her hand was caught by someone, making her pull

backward and come to a halt, her body jerking because of the sudden

impact.

"What the-Aaaa!" Athena closed her eyes before sitting on her ankles

when she heard the sound of the glass breaking beside her.

Did someone just shoot her in broad daylight? Athena widened her eyes in pure shock.

"Are you okay? Everything is fine. Don't worry. You are safe with me," The

guy bent to her eye level, and she opened her eyes before looking at the

light blue eyes of the man.

He looked almost unreal.

Yeah, I am fine. Thank you for saving me," Athena shook out of her thoughts before nodding. "Y-yeah, I am fine. Thank you for saving me," Athena looked at the shattered glass before she looked right in front of the window on the other side,

where a few men were standing, looking back at her with a smirk.

What surprised her most was that they weren't rogues. They were humans. She will just deal with them later.

"That's my pleasure. Be careful. This worry doesn't suit your face," He said before smiling dazzlingly and standing.

"Athena! Athena!" Athena heard Jake's shouting, and she turned around. "My friend is -" Athena turned to look at the guy who saved her, only to find no one there.

"Athena, are you okay?" Jake cupped her cheeks, looking for any wounds before he looked at the ground where a few drops of blood were there.

"Did you get hurt?" Jake asked, and Athena shook her head.

"No, I didn't. The man -" Athena paused when she looked at the blood. That man got hurt to save her. She thinned her lips.

If she meets that man again, she will remember to thank him properly. She sighed.

"Enough shopping. We are going back," Jake said, and Athena didn't deny it.