Chapter 57

Athena, everything is burning. Wake up!' Athena heard a voice in her ears. She opened her eyes in shock. Why was it so hard to breathe?

Athena looked out of her balcony, and saw large flames engulfing trees, reaching out to her balcony. It was becoming difficult to see anywhere

through the smoke, and she felt choked.

Simon. What about him? She thought before she stood from her place and walked to the door.

'Aaaa!' she stepped back when the door fell off because of fire, almost

crashing on her.

The entire house was on fire. Athena's eyes widened in terror and pain. She won't be able to make it if she goes through the door.

She rushed to the balcony, trying her best to put out the fire with the towel so that she could walk.

As she looked down from the balcony, her hands catching fire, she noticed that their house was the only house in the entire pack that was on fire. $\hat{W}ww.\mathcal{N}ovelworM.Com$

Everything else looked just fine. Too fine to be true.

What was happening? Why was no one coming to save them? Was Simon not in the house? Was he okay? Where was he? Did they leave her here just like that? Why would they do something like that? Does Simon know aboutit?

Even the security members weren't visible because of the smoke.Has

something happened to everyone? Multiple questions started revolving

around her head. ww.ñ $o \otimes e w \circ \mathbf{R}$ m. $c \mathcal{O}$ m

As Athena stood on the balcony, she looked at Simon and everyone walking in front of her at some distance. They were talking about something.

"Simon! There is fire all around here! The house is on fire!"

"Simon! Simon! What are you -

"Jake! Help me, please!"

"Andrew!"Athena paused when she realized Simon and others couldn't

hear her. It was as if she wasn't even there for them. Why can't they hear her? Even if they can't hear her shouting, can they not see the house on fire either? Or is it that everything is just her illusion?

Athena winced when the fire started to engulf her.

It felt hot. Her skin was burning. This wasn't an illusion. This pain was real. She was going to die today. Athena widened her eyes.

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"What's wrong with her?" Olivia asked Savannah when she looked at Athena squirming in her bed with sweat beads all over her face.

"Can't you see? She is going in the heat, Savannah thinned her lips.

"Just how stupid this girl is to send her own mate out because she doesn't want to take up his time?"Savannah slammed her hand on the table beside the chair.

"No, Savannah. This isn't normal. I have handled females in heat before.

When I was in the Middle East branch of the rogues, I had to handle the

worst females who went into heat and couldn't meet their mates because of the protocols, but this is not normal. I think she is having a nightmare," Olivia murmured before she placed her hand on Athena's forehead.

"Geez, she is burning hot. She is running a fever too. Don't tell me we can't call Alpha here now. I know you respect her orders because she is our luna, but her safety is my priority. That's what we fighter females are for. Her

brain cells are at great risk because of the heat forming in her body,"Olivia glared at Savannah.

Savannah sighed before looking at Athena, who whimpered in pain as a

few tears rolled down her eyes.

"Don't you dare think I am deliberately keeping them away because I am

still head over heels for him! My love for him subsided the day I found out Athena is his mate. Everyone in this pack knows I respect mate bond,"

Savannah stared at Olivia before walking to the balcony.

"It would be better if you called him. He won't believe anything I would say either,"Savannah sighed before she looked around, her gaze falling on a

blue cloth stuck on an iron nail.

It looked like it got stuck when someone was standing there.

She took out the cloth from the iron nail before sniffing it. The scent of surroundings? Why does this cloth not have a person's scent? Is it because it's been out here for too long, and the scent got washed

away? Savannah shrugged.

Meanwhile, on the borders of the pack, Simon paced around restlessly.

Andrew and Fabian sat there, looking at the man who was losing it now.

They don't know if Athena was having it hard or if it was more unbearable for Simon.

Neither was he sleeping himself nor was he letting them sleep. Andrew

sighed before pinching the bridge of his nose.

"If you are so anxious, just go. You are making things hard for us too,

Simon,"Andrew commented, and Fabian thinned his lips. He had the same thoughts as Andrew, but he shouldn't possibly say that to his alpha, right? "You don't understand, Andrew. It's -

"Yes, I don't understand, Simon. And I don't want to understand either,"

Andrew was losing his patience, and everyone in the security team on the west base could see it.

As much as Andrew hears Simon out, everyone knows it's all because he cares about Athena and doesn't want her to get hurt. Andrew was an Alpha himself. He was supposed to lose his temper too, which he has great

control over.

"Why are you getting mad, bro? Can't you just give me your shoulder to" Simon blinked at Andrew, and the latter looked at him in disgust. $w \mathbb{W}w$.**n** $o \otimes e lw \text{ orm}$. \mathcal{C} om

"I swear, I will kill you before Scarlett if you make that face at me again,"

Andrew said, and Simon rolled his eyes before sighing and sitting.

"First, I am not your bro. My shoulder for support is only for Athena, and

you better not think -"Andrew paused when he saw Simon becoming

dazed, which means he was using the mind link.

"A fever? Are you sure it's not just the heat?"Simon confirmed before

nodding and ending the mind link.

"Athena is probably having a nightmare because of the heat messing with her brain. It is taking a toll on her body. She has gotten a fever now,"Simon massaged his forehead.

"And? What are you waiting for? Go and cool her down," Andrew said. "You know what you are talking about, right?"Simon said before punching a

tree.

"I know what I am talking about. I know Athena would get a little angry

because you went there even after she denied it, but do you have any other way? Are you going to let her suffer like this? She is already in heat and has a fever too," Andrew said.

Simon was about to say he would go and accompany Athena for the time being and that Andrew should take care of things when Timothy rushed to them. $\mathcal{W}Ww$. $\mathcal{N}o\mathcal{V}\hat{e}l(w)\mathbf{0}\mathbb{T}m.\mathbb{C}o\mathcal{M}$

"Alpha, this is not good. Jake, he-"

"Take a breath and tell me what happened. Did something happen to Jake?"

Simon asked, and even Andrew stood with impatience.

Athena was down with heat, and if she came to know something happened

to Jake, she won't think about anything and come out of the security region without caring about her health, risking her life.

"He is running towards your house,"Timothy said.

"Are you out of your mind, Timothy? I thought something severe happened. What's wrong if Jake is running towards -"Andrew widened his eyes when Simon changed into his wolf immediately, rushing in that direction.

"Are you sure he is going to Simon's house, where Athena is under

supervision?"Andrew confirmed.

Jake wasn't the kind of guy who let his emotions take over like this. Andrew

had realized that just like him, Jake also liked Athena long ago. However,he

was ready to sacrifice his feelings for Athena's happiness. Besides, it was the right thing to do whether they liked it or not. Simon was her mate, after all.

"I am sure, Alpha Andrew. We were on patrol with him, and he suddenly lifted his nose, sniffed the air, and started running in that direction. I tried calling Alpha Simon, but he was already busy. And thus, I had to rush here," Timothy said, and Andrew glared at him.

"Remind me why you are making a rogue work on patrols with you,"Andrew

shook his head before he changed into his dark brown wolf and ran in that direction.

"Jake! Jake!" "Jake! I said stop, or the consequences will be really severe,"Simon

growled, changing back into his human form as Jake entered the house,

rushing straight to the first floor in Athena's room.

"Jake Hunter! I swear I will kill you with my bare hands if you even laid a

finger on my woman!"Simon growled, and Savannah widened her eyes

when she heard Simon's shattering growl echo, shaking the walls of the

house.

"Simon?"Savannah peeked out of the room, almost falling when Jake ran past her, walking inside the room.

"Jake!"Savannah stood in front of Athena protectively.

However, the scene in front of her made her widen her eyes.

"Mate!" Jake growled, and Olivia's pupils dilated in recognition.

"Mate," she whispered at the same time Simon entered.

"Can I mark you, love? Jake asked, feeling his wolf going mad, and Olivia

nodded with a smile, making his wolf howl and plunge his teeth straight

into her neck.

Olivia did the same, and Simon facepalmed himself before he looked at

Savannah.

She was still standing in front of Athena protectively, her gaze fixated on

Jake. She looked like a mother protecting her child, and Simon realized why Athena had started to trust her so much.

"Savannah, take them out of here,"Simon ordered Savannah before he sat and placed his hand on Athena's cheeks.

"Don't leave me. Save me, please. I beg you," Athena whimpered in between, and it broke Simon's heart to see his woman like this.

"I won't,"

"Excuse me?"Simon looked towards Savannah.

"Athena entrusted me that no man should come close to her. Including you. The only reason I am allowing you is that you are here to treat her, but I

can't trust you to keep this calm after I leave," Savannah looked at him

sternly, and Simon rolled his eyes.

"Do your business outside. Will you?"Simon raised his voice, and Olivia

blushed hard when she realized she had an intimate session in front of her alpha.

"Is Athena alright?" Jake asked, but seeing Simon's glare, he sighed and

took Olivia out of the room.

"I love your green eyes," Jake kissed Olivia's hand, and Andrew, who saw

this scene from downstairs, really had a strong urge to smack this man.

"Are you for real, dude? You had all of us almost lose it. Couldn't you control it? Athena is here,"Andrew said before he walked quickly when Athena's

smell wafted through his nostrils.

Though Athena was marked, she was still unmated, and her smell was like a pure aphrodisiac for everyone who would be near her.

"Athena,"Simon placed his forehead on Athena's. Her heat pained his wolf. "I am here, my love. You are just having a nightmare. Come out of it. This is just an illusion. You are safe with me," Simon lifted Athena slightly, hugging her close to his chest, and Savannah's heart melted at the scene.

Simon really changed a lot after Athena came into his life, no? She had

never seen this soft side even when Scarlett was here.

"Simon,"Athena whimpered even more, and Simon sighed.

"Can you look away? "Simon asked Savannah, and she nodded.

Simon unbuttoned his shirt before lifting her top over her head.

He hugged her again to let her body and brain feel his presence.

"Don't do anything indecent," Savannah commented without looking back, and Simon rolled his eyes.

It wasn't long before Athena's heat started to calm, and her whimpering

started to subside.

"Simon,"Athena said again, this time calmer than before, and Simon sighed in relief.

"I am here, my love," Simon took some water in his hand, and sprinkled it on her slightly.

If he had done this sooner, her body's heat would've hurt her brain terribly because of the shock,

and he didn't want that to happen.

Athena finally broke out of her nightmare and opened her eyes slowly, and the first thing she noticed was Simon's mouthwatering chest. Heat immediately seeped through Athena's vagina, and she arched her

back further into his chest before moaning.

"Mmmmm," Athena sniffed him.

"Simon, I warned you -"Savannah turned around, afraid he tried something on Athena. However, when she noticed he was hugging her with his shirt open, she blushed before looking away.

"Simon, what are you doing here? "Athena asked, not before licking Simon's chest slightly, and though Simon felt her lick, he didn't comment when he looked into her innocent eyes.

She was being mischievous, wasn't she?

"Did you have a nightmare?"Simon cupped her cheeks, his heart

overflowing with love for her.

"Mmmmm,"Athena hugged him tightly, and Simon sighed, hugging her

back with closed eyes.

"You scared me, stupid girl,"he commented, and Athena bit his chest again, feeling playful.

"If you are going to be playful, should I send Savannah out?"Simon gently reminded her that they had company, and Athena widened her eyes before sitting straight, making Simon look at her, amused.

"Well, you shouldn't have come," Athena pouted when she realized she

nullified her own words.

"I will disobey you every time you need me. I don't care if you get angry with me. A little punishment is nothing in front of your comfort,"Simon smiled, and Athena pouted even more.

"You are not allowed to say such romantic things when I am trying to be angry,"Athena said, and Savannah sighed.

"I will give you both some privacy" Savannah walked out herself before

closing the door, and as soon as she did that, Simon's eyes immediately darkened, and he pushed Athena down.

He interlaced their fingers before lying over her, his eyes clearly explaining what he wanted from her right now.

"Do you know how hard it was to behave?"Simon bent and kissed Athena's neck, making her arch her back. "We don't have a choice, do we? It's too unbearable," Athena asked, and

Simon clenched his jaw.

"I will never force you," Simon said.

"And what if I want you to force yourself on me? Disobey me, pin me down, claim me, bite me, suck my mark, hold me closer, tear my throbbing p*ssy with your length, and -"Athena couldn't complete her sentence as Simon released a growl that shook the entire house.

"Everyone out! Don't come in the vicinity of one kilometer of the house!"

Simon ordered through the mind link for everyone to hear who couldn't hear his growl before he looked at Athena.

"Simon, go away," Athena smiled sheepishly, and Simon chuckled.

"Nope, today this wolf will eat you out,"Simon nuzzled his face in her neck, making her giggle.