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"So? We have some good news here," Jake walked inside the house while Athena was munching on some cookies, and she quirked her brows.

"Good news?"

"Yes, sweetheart," Jake clapped his hands before changing the series she was watching, playing the music, and Athena raised her brows when he pulled her up.

"Woah, you surely are happy," Athena commented when he twirled her, making her chuckle as he lifted her in the air before pushing and pulling her.

"Come on, tell me the good news too," Athena said, and he grinned.

"Guess who got selected for the team who would be participating in the Olympiad on behalf of the College," Jake asked, and Athena looked at him, shocked.

"Seriously? Is that why you were busy? Oh my god, congratulations!" Athena threw herself on him, hugging him tightly, and Jake grinned before a blush crept up his neck when he realized their proximity.

"We got the permit to stay here too," Jake said to distract himself from her pressing body, and Athena's smile faltered

at the mention of the permit as her mind went to a jerk alpha who made her first day a hell.

"Well, aren't you happy about that?" Jake looked at her expectantly, and Athena shook her head before smiling wide.

"I am so happy that I am ready to devour some well-cooked lasagna by you," Athena grinned, and Jake chuckled at her antics for getting him to cook.

"Sometimes I think I didn't become your supporter but your personal chef," Jake turned around, and Athena jumped on his back, making him stumble forward before he held her legs to keep her in place.

"Don't say that. Don't you love keeping me well-fed? Don't you love me?" Athena pouted, and Jake pressed his lips into a thin line helplessly.

"Of course, I love you. You will always be my number one friend. And yes, I love keeping that cute belly full. Now can you get off my back? You are not exactly light," Jake said, and Athena grumbled before tightening her hold. Though Jake pretended to be angry and annoyed with her jumping on his back like this, in his heart, he felt content with her being like that with him.

Unknown to the duo, a man was standing in the forest at some distance, watching their interaction with a dark look on his face. His hands were clenched to his side, and his eyes were turning completely amber now.

As if feeling someone's stare on her back, Athena jumped down before walking to the window, squinting her brows when she didn't find anyone.

She turned around and looked at Jake's back with a distant smile. He has suffered a lot because of her, and now that he is finally getting a gist of what he deserves, she isn't going to become a hindrance for him.

Jake left the pack for her in the name of friendship. The least she can do is bear Alpha Simon's pranks until they graduate. What's more, he might be acting like this because he was peachy or in a sour mood. Alpha can't be so free to keep tormenting her, right?

'I have let people suffer on my watch for a long time. I won't let my friend's smile fade because of me anymore,'

Athena promised herself before she hugged Jake from behind, making him sigh.

The next day~~~~

"Hey," Athena heard a voice from behind, and she turned around, her gaze meeting the boy she had asked directions.

"Hello, Senior," Athena smiled, and Andrew chuckled at her, making her squint her brows.

"What?" She asked.

"Well, aren't you a cute little rogue? Who greets like that these days?"

"I don't see anything wrong with my greeting. You are technically my senior,"

"Well, that's true," Andrew said, and Athena shrugged.

"This would be me," She smiled and was about to enter the classroom when Andrew suddenly held her hand, pulling her back, making her hit his chest.

Jerking her hand away, Athena was about to ask him what he meant by that when she saw a bucket of ice falling on the ground from above the door.

"Got to keep your senses keen, yeah?" Andrew looked into her eyes, and she nodded before taking a step back.

"Thank you. That was unexpected. Who would do such a thing?" Athena looked around, her gaze stopping at a girl, looking directly at her.

"Anyway, the class is about to begin soon. Will see you later sometime," Andrew said, and Athena looked at his drifting back before entering the classroom.

This wasn't good. As a warrior, her senses have always been sharp. She was so engrossed in the talk that she didn't even read the vibes and let her guard down.

Luckily it was only a bucket of ice, and someone saved her, but what if it had been something severe?

With her ass always on the target because of her rogue identity, letting her guard down is the biggest mistake she

can make.

As she neared the window seat, she stood to open the blinds and raised her brows when she saw a girl standing and taking out a dagger from their pocket in the glass, and she quickly dodged.

"What the hell?" Athena looked at the girl.

"Oops, I didn't mean to hit you. I was hitting that tree," That girl was obviously lying, and Athena clenched her fists, ready to fight, before she remembered Jake's happy face.

"It's okay," She sat on her seat.

"What the -!!" Athena shrieked, quickly getting up when she saw a scorpion climbing on her leg.

"Looks like my pet likes you," a boy said, and Athena looked at everyone who snickered at her miseries.

They had planned it all. But why were they targeting her? She didn't even know the people who were behaving like that.

"Hey, you okay? These people can act like jerks sometimes," Athena turned to the girl, who smiled genuinely at her, and she sighed.

A human.

She guesses that's the reason these people are not lashing at her with their powers. There were humans around.

"I am fine. Thank you. I just didn't expect such a heartfelt

welcome," Athena smiled, and the human girl nodded before extending her hand.

"Melony," She whispered.

"Athena," Athena shook her hands, and when the people saw the rogue was interacting with the human, they gritted their teeth even more since they couldn't do anything anymore.

The rest of the lectures went with everyone throwing dirty glances at her, and at some point, she finally figured out the common thing between all the people that were bullying her.

All of them were werewolves and belonged to one particular pack. Black Scar pack.

She didn't want to think like that, but she had a feeling it had something to do with Alpha Simon or that Savannah girl.

"Want to join for lunch?" Athena asked Melony, hoping a human's presence around her will save her some werewolf torture.

"I am sorry, but I eat with my boyfriend. He is in the Medicine building," Melony said, and Athena smiled bitterly in her heart.

Of course, how could she expect her luck to be so good?

Rushing to the canteen, hoping to get her lunch and vanish from everyone's sight for the lunch period, Athena grabbed her burger and fries before walking to the ground, sighing in relief when she saw none of her tormentors there.

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If Athena thought just because she was away from the canteen and building, she would be spared, she was in for a surprise.

The next thing she knew, she saw Alpha Simon and his lackeys entering the ground, and as if he had some kind of radar on her, his gaze immediately found hers, making her widen her eyes and look away.

'For the moon god's sake, please don't let him come here and make my lunch hell,' she prayed, but luck wasn't on her side.

"Well, isn't this the new fatty ugly rogue?" Savannah's voice sounded near her, and Athena clenched her fists.

Fatty, ugly, b*tch, cursed, pathetic, crybaby, pumpkin, big b*obs. These were some of the words that she has always been called in her pack when Cole wasn't around, and when she was out as a rogue too.

Hearing the word again, the sad memories of her pack resurfaced.

Not reacting to Savannah, Athena sighed in relief when Simon continued walking, not giving her any face.

That's what she wanted. Don't give her any face and treat her like a plaque. Stay away from her. Athena nodded at herself, but her happiness was cut short when she noticed Savannah and her little group didn't follow Simon.

Now that she noticed it, the girl who threw the knife at her was in the group.

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So it was Savannah's doing.

"What do you want?" Athena looked at Savannah.

"What do I want? I want you to apologize for mocking me," Savannah said, and Athena scoffed.

"That wasn't a request, b*tch," Savannah's true form came out as she grabbed Athena's hair in a tight grip, making her widen her eyes.

Athena growled in pain, wanting to jerk Savannah's hand away, but before she could move, the other girls held her back, letting Savannah yank her hair even more.

Clenching her fists, she was ready to kick the girls away and punch Savannah hard across the face when she paused.

'I am really happy that I got selected, Athena,' Jake's words echoed in Athena's mind, and she bit her lips, feeling helpless.

"This is what b*tches like you deserve. Some people don't understand verbal language, and for those people, we have to go physical," Savannah said before taking out her knife, and Athena's lips trembled a bit as she looked away.

She knew if she looked at Savannah, the warrior inside her would want to fight back, but she couldn't. Savannah was a part of Simon's pack, and they were letting them stay on their borders.

"What? Are you finally scared?" Savannah slapped Athena

hard across the face, and everyone stopped to look at the scene, no one daring to help the rogue.

"Not going to apologize yet?" Savannah scoffed when she didn't get any reaction before she kicked Athena's abdomen, who struggled under the hold of six girls.

Groaning loudly in pain, Athena's eyes welled with tears when she coughed blood.

"Let me go," Athena's voice came out in a shaky breath, and Savannah smirked sinisterly.

"Let you go? Well, the fun has only started," Savannah brought the knife before slicing Athena's hand slowly, making her wolf whimper as she wanted to fight back, but Athena was suppressing her.

Athena knew that it was a human-affiliated school, and she would be kicked out if she did something wrong.

"What? Why are you looking at me like that? Do you think anyone here is going to help you? Oh, sweetie, I am the future luna of the pack you are staying on. I was calm because of Simon, but I need to tell b*tches like you their rightful place," Savannah's eyes turned dark, but Athena kept looking down at all the blood drops dripping on the ground.

'It's good news. Isn't it? After graduating, we will move away and lead a good life,' Jake's hopeful-beaming eyes flashed in front of Athena's eyes, and she closed her eyes.

"I am sor -" She couldn't complete her sentence when

Savannah made another cut, making her dizzy, and as soon as she did that, she heard a distant growl.

"What do you think you are doing!" Athena heard a familiar voice, but she was too dizzy to smile at the person thankfully for saving her.

What was that? Don't say there was wolfsbane on the knife.

As the girls left Athena's hands, she fell on the floor, her gaze meeting Simon's, who had a hard gaze before she smiled and closed her eyes.

'I am sorry, Jake. I might cause you trouble again,' She whispered.

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