

Chapter 67

Simon, who was too shocked by the revelation of Scarlett's and Fabian's mate bond, failed to notice Athena leaving with Andrew.

He thought she went back home because she was too tired.

"Do it," Scarlett's trembling voice resounded, and Simon thinned his lips.

He knew exactly what she was talking about. and seeing his sister getting this close to happiness and then going back to misery. made him sigh loudly. However, this wasn't something that could be forced either or

was in his hands. The moon Goddess played an evil game with them, and if that was what she wanted, this is what she was getting.

"Do what?" Fabian asked, unsure, looking between Simon and Scarlett.

"Do you want me to say it too?"Scarlett bit her lips as a tear rolled down her eyes.

"The rejection, of course. I know you would never be able to love a person who was the reason behind the

death of your mate and unborn child. Heck, if I were in your place, I would kill that person at the first chance. Don't worry. I won't blame you for doing it. You can reject me freely without a hint of guilt," Scarlett looked at her feet with uncertainty.

"Why would I reject you when the moon goddess paired you with me herself? You are my second chance

mate. What if this is the moon goddess's wish for you to atone for your sins? Maybe you can make my life

better and provide me with all the happiness you snatched. Why are you only thinking about the negative

things?"Fabian asked before he stepped towards her.

"I know you have had a bad experience with having a mate too, and I assure you that though loving you

wouldn't come easily. I will never disrespect you as your previous mate did. I still want to keep my position as the beta of the pack," Fabian cupped Scarlett's cheeks before he bent and inhaled her scent.

"I am going to mark you soon. I know you are not ready for such a big change today. So, I won't hurry things. Let's get you cleaned and treated, yeah?"Fabian placed his forehead on Scarlett's, and the latter broke down. "I am so sorry. Fabian. Simon, I don't deserve your love anymore. Please just throw me in the dungeons and punish me for all the sins I committed. I chose to believe in a scoundrel over your selfless love,"Scarlett

sniffed.

Time after time, you told me he was a liar, but I was so blind that I never believed you. Don't let me go like

this. Treat me like you would treat any rogue caught after a war," Scarlett whimpered, and Fabian looked at Simon for permission to take her away, and the latter nodded in agreement.

"We will deal with this later. Rest well,"Simon sighed.

Honestly. he needed Athena right now. He didn't want to talk to anyone but just be with his woman who was the most wounded and hurt in this war.

"I will go and see my woman too. I am sure she is angry after what happened today. After you calm her down. I want you to gather those ladies who confessed their wrongdoings to Athena. Timothy, ensure no more

rogues are Murking in the pack and discard those bodies with the help of Drake and Cooper." Simon ordered. "Drake and Cooper left with Alpha Andrew a few minutes before, sir," Timothy said, and Simon hummed.

"They must be tired after this war. If they hadn't been here, I don't think we could make it out of this misery

with so few casualties. Prepare a list of all the casualties and send the injured to the hospital,"Simon turned around to leave when Samuel's words stopped him.

"Honestly, you came out of this war because of Athena. She single-handedly killed more than 500 rogues. If she hadn't called that witch to show Scarlett the past, you would've never made it out of it alive. Judging

from your attacks. you wouldn't have attacked Scarlett, but she would've surely killed you," Samuel said, and Simon thinned his lips. I am aware of that. Samuel. That's why I want to make up with my woman as soon as possible and want to be with her even when I know the pack issues need me,"Simon's words made Samuel scoff, and he turned around.

"Where are you going?"Simon asked, confused.

Where would he want to go at this time of night?

"Somewhere I will get peace," Samuel commented before he went straight to the house where his car was parked.

"Alpha, I know you want to go to Athena, but I think you should see this first," Timothy said, and Simon sighed

before following him.

Meanwhile, at Andrew's apartment, Athena entered the flat before turning to Andrew.

"Can I stay for some time?" Athena asked Andrew, and the latter walked towards her before he grabbed her jaws.

"Has this war messed with your brain too? What has gotten into you? Have I ever told you to ask for any kind of permission? This is your apartment as much as it is mine. You can stay as long as you want. If you feel my presence is uncomfortable, I will leave anytime. Just feel at ease," Andrew said, and Athena looked up before nodding.

"I am just tired, Andrew. I feel like my body has been run down by a truck multiple times. I don't even remember or know half of what Celine did." Athena said before sighing.

"I will wash up. Athena said.

After taking a shower and getting rid of all the blood on her body, Athena wore a fresh set of clothes before exiting her room.

Andrew was cooking in the kitchen, and she walked to the door before exiting the apartment to stroll around to clear her mind.

Scarlett was Simon's sister, and his reaction was genuine and totally justifiable, but what was she supposed to tell her heart and mind. who feels wounded by what his pack members did and how he reacted afterward as if she was some kind of monster?

If she hadn't figured it out at the right time and hadn't run away from that mini-bomb, she wouldn't have been

alive by now. If Samuel hadn't saved her, then her body would've been burnt to some serious degree.

Walking towards the park, Athena sat on one of the swings, closing her eyes.

"Athena, are you angry at me too?" Celine asked, and Athena looked up at the sky.

"Do I have the right to be angry at anyone? Is anyone or anything of my own? Where did I lose in expressing my love to his pack. Celine? I just wanted to comfort Scarlett because she was scared and anxious, and

Simon thought I wanted to hurt her. He only knows this much about me?" Athena sighed, her mind a mess as half of her memories of the war weren't intact, and Celine bit her

lips.
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"It's not his fault this time. I know his pack screwed up big time, but this wasn't his fault. It was because of what I did and how I was being that he thought you had no control over me," Celine said.

Though Celine wanted Athena to be strong and stay away from people who would hurt her and jeopardize her happiness, she didn't want to create a misunderstanding between Athena and Simon.

As weird as it sounds, and technically Celine should be the one going mad about the mate bond, this was probably the curse of being the alpha of the warrior wolves.

These wolves know that they would've to sacrifice their love time after time, and probably that's why their attachment doesn't become as strong as their human counterparts.

"Simon isn't at fault? I am glad. I don't think I would've been able to bear it if Simon had done that deliberately. He is the only person I can trust after everyone betrayed me,' 'And for some reason. you are here with Andrew rather than being with Simon?' Celine lay down and looked

towards the sky through Athena's eyes.

"It's an irony, no? Maybe I just need some time to cool off. Besides, who knows if you go haywire with the smell of blood and hurt Scarlett after sensing hher negative energy? Athena

paused.
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"I really love Simon. Celine, and I know Simon loves me more than I love him," Athena smiled and was about

to return to the apartment when she saw someone entering the park and sitting at some distance from her.

She observed the person carefully when she didn't smell anything.

Who was this man? One of the rogues? She needs to steer clear of these people who don't have any smell.

They are the most unpredictable and-

Athena's thoughts stopped when the man removed his cap and looked toward the sky.

This man. Where has she seen this man? Athena closed her eyes before she opened and widened them. Isn't he the same person who saved her?

"Oh. you, aren't you - the man asked with a smile, and Athena looked up again.

The man looked enthusiastic to see her, but she was anything but happy right now. Despite her thoughts being sorted out, her emotions still felt heavy.

"Woah, you don't look happy. A fight with your boyfriend?"That guy asked, and as he neared her, she noticed

that rather than being scentless, he was wearing perfume, and it smelt great.

Was it a mistake? Why didn't she catch his scent earlier? Were her senses not working properly?

"Is it that obvious?" Athena chuckled dryly, and the man thinned his lips.

"You, girl, don't look good at all. There is a cafe nearby. Want to join me for a coffee? You said you would treat me to thank me,"The man said, and Athena smiled.'

'Are you blackmailing me into coming with you?" Athena asked, and the man shrugged.

"And you are going to tell me your name only after I ask you?" Athena mused, finding his calming blue eyes

strangely comfortable.

She didn't know who this person was, but he was strangely calm, and his calmness was contagious.

"Call me Stone,

"Athena.' Athena introduced herself, and the man smiled at her.

"So now that we know each other's name, shall we go?" The man asked, and Athena nodded.

'This man is strange. I can agree that he doesn't have a smell because he might've used some kind of drug.

but his energy too. Why does he not have negative or positive energy? Celine voiced out, and Athena sighed.

"So? I presume you live in this area too?" Stone asked her, and she nodded before sipping her chocolate shake.

"Are you feeling better? If you want to sue your boyfriend or just scare him with legal proceedings, I am a lawyer," Stone placed a card in front of her on the table, and Athena didn't know why, but she found it

strangely amusing, and she broke into laughter.

"I love your smile. Smile more. It makes you look damn gorgeous," Stone supported his head on his hand as

he looked at Athena, mesmerized, and Athena's laughter eased out into a smile.

"Are you flirting with me? Since I treated you with coffee, I would be able to sleep at night carefree. I was guilty that I couldn't thank you properly." Athena said.

I saved you because I thought the world is already ugly, and it needs beautiful people like you to stay

bearable," Stone smiled, his blue eyes crinkling, bringing a smile to Athena's face.

"You are a pro at flirting. aren't you?"Athena sighed. "Athena? What are you doing here, sunshine?" Athena turned to Samuel and waved back at him.
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"Nothing. I just felt a bit low, so I came for a stroll. I met the person who saved me from the mall attack. He is -"Athena turned back only to see Stone nowhere in sight.

"He was right here," Athena narrowed her eyes before shrugging.

"Simon thinks you went home. It won't be long before he would come looking for you. Samuel looked at the girl, who smiled mischievously.

"Serves him right for pushing me away when I wasn't at fault,' Athena grinned, and Samuel wiped her lips

with his thumb.
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"Still a child, aren't you?"Samuel sighed.

"Athena? What the heck? Are you -"Andrew lowered his voice when he saw people looking at him.

"Why did you come out without telling me? Are you stupid?" Andrew flicked Athena's forehead, and she

sighed.

Meanwhile. the man who had been observing her hid behind the tree before sighing.

He was this close to abducting her. Everything was ready. He had even spiked her chocolate shake so that no one suspects anything. Once she had exited the restaurant and gone her way. he would've gotten what he

wanted, but this alpha had to come here at the wrong time.

Maybe he will have to wait another day to execute his plan, but before that, he will have to ensure he gets

near her and gets familiar with her.