

## Chapter 68

The next day~~~~

"Just let me see her once. please. Andrew." Simon's words reached Athena's ears. and she moaned in her

sleep.

"What is with all this noise?" Athena rubbed her eyes as she walked out of her room, and Samuel peeked

from the kitchen. *wWw.N0vE@lW0rm.co@*

"Would you love a plain cheese sandwich, or should I add some veggies too?" Samuel asked, dressed up as a chef.

"Veggies too, and what's with this -

'Athena! Ask Andrew to open up the door, please. Just let me talk to you once." Simon shouted when he

heard Athena's voice, and Athena looked at Andrew.

"What are you doing? Open the door." Athena turned around and went inside the kitchen. She extended her

hand to grab a outlet, but before she could even touch it, Samuel swatted her hand away.

"Oww, what was that for? I just wanted a little bite. Don't you need someone to taste if everything is alright?" Athena scowled.

'Manners, missy. Go wash up, and then you can eat, Samuel voiced like an old woman, and Athena rolled her eyes.

"Athena. Athena, please forgive me. I apologize on behalf of my entire pack. Please don't go like this. I know what happened was too much. Please, just hear me out once." Simon rushed to her as soon as Andrew

opened the door.

"Where am I going?" Athena asked, confused before she held her head.

"My head feels heavy. Why don't I- Athena paused.

"Right. How did I come back home?" Athena asked Andrew, who rolled his eyes.

'I have seen people getting drugged by the simplest things, but a chocolate shake, seriously? You passed out as soon as I reached the restaurant. Just imagine what would've happened if Samuel and I weren't there,"

Andrew sighed.

'She passed out? What the hell happened? Why wasn't I informed of anything?" Simon looked between them. uncertain.

"Hmm, maybe my brain was tired and short-circuited," Athena gave a vague explanation since she wasn't sure what happened.

'Simon. I am not angry at you or something. I just wanted to be away from the pack because it reeked of *wWw.N0vE@lW0rm.Co.M*

blood. It was already taking a toll on me controlling Celine," Athena paused before looking away.

'Besides, it might not sound good, but your sister isn't exactly a saint. At that time, I wanted to comfort her because she was anxious when you pushed me away, but she is a negative soul nonetheless. What if Celine had taken over using my weakness and hurt her? I just wanted to prevent all of that from happening."Athena stretched her limbs like a cat before sprawling on the couch.

Simon, who had been racking his brains about how to pacify from the moment he heard Athena wasn't in the pack and left with Andrew, looked at Andrew and Samuel to see if what he heard was right, and the latter *wWw.N0vE@lW0rm.@0m*

only shrugged.

"Sorry for scaring you like this. Athena closed her eyes, and before anyone could ask her anything. she fell asleep again.

"I don't blame her, Simon. This was her first full transition into Celine. where she didn't have any idea what

was going on. She told me that her memories of what happened were distorted, and she doesn't remember things,"Samuel caressed Athena's feet before covering her.

"Her wolf is cunning. She would do anything to protect her human. I would rather you get your game straight and get your pack into line, or other people would gladly take Athena." Andrew murmured while looking at

Athena, and Simon hummed.

"I am taking her back to the pack." Simon bent to hold Athena, but Andrew stopped his hand before he could touch Athena.

"I am sorry, but Athena asked permission to stay here for a couple of days. Why don't you use that time to

clean your pack. get them to accept her, and leave this decision to Athena? She clearly explained why she

couldn't be in the pack for some days. Rather than forcing your decision on her just because you are worried about her, why don't you try to understand her dilemma too?" Andrew asked, and Simon looked at Samuel,

who nodded.

"Andrew is right. In fact. I wanted to tell you that I will be taking Athena with me to the council and formally

introduce her as the fourth rare wolf in the council's next monthly meeting. It should've been done years ago. but we will not delay it anymore to provide her better protection. Samuel said, and Simon gritted his teeth.

Why was everyone deciding for them and trying to keep them away? As much as Simon knew Athena was

hurt, he also knew this wasn't what she wanted.

'I am not leaving without her either. Arrange for my accommodation too," Simon said, and Andrew looked at Simon for a few seconds before sighing.

Honestly. he didn't want Simon here, but it was also true, that Simon was Athena's mate, and they consummated the mate bond too. He can't legally ask him to leave until Athena asks him to leave herself.

Meanwhile, in the deep forests around 20 kilometers from the Black Scar pack, the guy sat on his boss's

chair with a cold smirk.

"So we have confirmed that b\*tch Scarlett won't be with us anymore, and she just wasted all our resources so far, right?"The guy asked his team, who nodded with an unpleasant look.

"Well, it's not like we will let her enjoy her life freely after she caused us such a big loss. Colton, why don't you start with preparing a plan to get that b\*tch below our feet so we can make her realize what it really means

to mess with the wrong people? We are not some roadside rogues she can use at her whims and leave as

she wants. She will have to pay the price for coming to us for help in the first place." The guy asked, and

Colton nodded.

"I wanted to propose the same, sir. Maybe that sIt thought we were working for her when we made it clear

we had different objectives from the beginning. How dare she back down after getting so many of our people killed? I will never forgive her." Colton, who lost his friend in this war, gritted his teeth, and the guy shrugged. "There was a reason I stopped you guys from participating in this war. Not only was it because Athena was

against us here, but I had a doubt something like this would happen. As tough as Scarlett looked, I could see how her heart was easily manipulated. Isn't that how her mate played her?"The guy said before he smiled at Colton.

"You are lucky you didn't go and get killed," the guy scoffed.

"Are you saying I didn't stand a chance against Simon?"Colton didn't like the tone his boss was using at him. "to, Colton. I am sure you wouldn't have stood a chance against that white wolf." The guy stood from his

place.

'Cyrus!Colton warned

"What did you say?" The guy turned around with a dark look when Colton spoke his real name, and Colton

immediately looked down at his feet.

'I am sorry. sir.' Colton said.

That's what I thought. No matter how much I joke with you guys, never confuse me with someone of the

same status as Sean or Scarlett," Cyrus lit a cigarette before he looked at himself in the mirror. "What do you say? Would Athena fall in love with me?" He asked no one in particular.

"If it had been any other time, it would've been possible, but now she is mated with Simon. I don't think she is the type of girl to betray her love and go with someone else." Colton said.

"As much as I hate your answer right now. You are right. Maybe that's exactly what makes me so obsessed with her. And that's also the reason we can't persuade her into coming with us and kidnapping her is the only solution," Cyrus turned to Colton.

"I tested the drug you used at the market, and it was indeed effective. However, it's too strong. *Sheww.N0ve@lW0rm.com*

became unconscious almost immediately. That will become a hindrance. We at least need around 15-20

minutes so that we can lure her out of a crowded place and kidnap her. This might be because of her tired state, but let's not take any chance, Cyrus said, and Colton nodded.

Cyrus was waiting for her to be alone after she drank that drink, but Andrew ruined all his plans.

Once Colton left, Cyrus turned and sat in his chair, pulling a picture from the drawer. It was a photo of a girl with long brown hair. smiling goofily at the camera.

This was the last time he went this close to Athena and got a photo of her. The person behind the camera clicking her photo was him. His adoptive father(a friend of his father) bought this camera for him on his

birthday.

At that time. Athena had come to the beach with her father and Cole. Cyrus wanted his first picture to be the most beautiful thing on the beach because this would be his first memory, and when he saw Athena, he knew exactly who he wanted to click.

At that time, he didn't know Athena's mother was the one who killed his father. When he learned the truth,he wanted to tear up the picture because this wasn't a beautiful memory but his worst reality. He even tried to attack Athena and Cole in their sleep, but her father almost got to him, and if it hadn't been for his uncle. he would've been killed that day.

For years, Cyrus only thought about ways to go close to Athena so that he could execute his revenge, but her father stopped taking her out of the pack. Attacking a pack with a warrior wolf needed too much planning. Neither was he of age to execute such a massive plan, nor his uncle allowed him that authority.

It was until he came to know the whole truth that his obsession with killing her paused.

His father wasn't the best man out there. He was the previous rogue head, and naturally, he wanted the world at his feet. Athena's mother was the strongest warrior alpha, and his father wanted to tame her by claiming her.

Cyrus always feels ashamed knowing his father wanted to violate Athena's mother, and that's how he got

killed. When he came to know the whole reality, he tried to look for Athena.

Cyrus wanted Athena initially for what she was, the last warrior standing in the nation, but when his adoptive father was dying, he told him everything.

Since then, he has wanted Athena for two reasons. 1. To atone for his father's sins. 2. To get her warrior

blood and become the strongest in the world, fulfill his father's dream along with giving the world to Athena. No matter how his father was, Cyrus was still his son, and it was his duty to complete his dying wish to see the world at their feet, but for that, he wasn't going to sacrifice Athena. He has started to make

arrangements to keep her safe while executing his plan, and he was going to make sure they worked.

"Damn it! This is so confusing! I don't know what you are doing to me. Athena. I know I am not the best

personality, but you force the good in me, and I think about things that I shouldn't. Is it why my wolf and

human self need you with us? To save this world from the havoc I might cause?"Cyrus caressed the photo with a loving look before sighing and kissing it.

TDon't worry. You are away from me for a couple of days only. Once I get you here with me and trade your

blood, I will become the strongest, and we will rule this world together," Cyrus smiled before leaning in his chair with a satisfactory smile.