

Chapter 69

"So? What happened to Jake? It's been two days, and he hasn't come to meet me once. Don't tell me he has accepted the pack bond. He was

talking about something like that a few days ago," Athena stuffed her

mouth with pasta, and Andrew handed her a tissue.

"I thought you knew," Andrew looked at her, confused.

"Knew about what?"

"Jake isn't in the pack. He has gone on vacation with his mate," Andrew's words made Athena choke on her food.

"Mate?" She asked, shocked.

"Yeah, on the day you went into heat." Andrew told Athena about

everything that happened and how Jake found his mate, and Athena

nodded, amazed.

"It's amazing how that dickhead didn't even bother to call once and ask about my health. Does getting a mate really change you that much? Have I changed too?" Athena looked at Andrew hopefully, and the latter flicked his forehead.

"I don't think so you changed at all. Apart from your protectiveness over Simon, nothing is different. Now eat fast because we have to go to

college. The exams will be starting soon, and the lectures these days are important," Andrew's words made Athena hum.

"Andrew, there is this one guy. The one who saved me at the mall,"

Athena started.

"Are you falling for someone else now?" Andrew mused, hiding the

jealousy in his tone, and Cooper, who was in the kitchen, looked at

Athena with anticipation to hear what she wanted to say.

"Does it say stupid on my head? At least let me finish," Athena stomped her foot, and Cooper chuckled before placing the plate of freshly baked cookies on the table.

"Don't overdo it, Cooper. She will become fat at this rate," Andrew

scoffed.

"And won't you like it if she becomes fat?"

"I would love that," Andrew said before he could control his mouth, and he glared at Cooper, who grinned mischievously.

"Anyway, as I was saying, he is this mysterious guy that I can't help but ponder over. He doesn't have a smell, which makes it hard to know

whether he is a human, a pack wolf, a rogue, a council, or what. And if that wasn't enough, he doesn't have any energy either. It's like he is

completely neutral. Like balanced out? And it doesn't sit well with me," Athena confessed, and Andrew immediately became serious.

"Did he try to make a move on you or something? Something that you might've found odd about this guy?" Andrew asked, and Athena shook her head.

"No, that's the main part. He is so good. Like if he is a human, he is a

good one, and if he is a pack wolf, I haven't." Athena paused when she noticed the look on Andrew's face, who was looking behind her with an amused expression.

"Simon?" Athena mouthed, and Andrew nodded with a smile, and she

sighed.

"Well, he is a good guy and mysterious. I am just now sure that's why I am intrigued," Athena bit the inside of her cheeks while wrapping her

sentence, and Andrew shook his head before chuckling and standing

from his place.

"Athena, can I talk to you?" Simon held her hand before pulling her

inside the room, and Athena looked at Simon.

"What is -

"I am going to kiss you," Simon said seriously.

This was the first time he was initiating a kiss after the war, and that's

why he wasn't sure if she was okay with it after everything happened.

Before Simon could kiss her, Athena turned away from his lips, and a

hurt expression crossed Simon's face.

"Athena, do you not?"

"This is no way to do things," Athena said and unlocked the door, and before Simon could ask what she meant, she threw him on the bed before

pouncing on him.

Sliding one hand under his neck and the other on his chest as she undid his buttons, she pressed her lips on his, closing her eyes to feel the same sensations she had been missing for two days.

Only Athena knows how hard it was for her to stay away from Simon

when every part of her body was just desiring to be touched by him

despite everything that happened in his pack. Besides, none of that was Simon's fault, and Athena didn't see why she should punish him for

something he didn't even do.

"I hope you guys are not doing what I think you are doing. We are getting late for college," Andrew's words came out of the door, and Athena

smiled into the kiss before raising her head and looking into Simon's

eyes that were shining so beautifully.

"I thought you were angry at me," Simon said, and Athena shook her

head.

"Not at you, but make sure I don't see those ladies anytime soon, or I am not sure what Celine would do to them for planning my murder. It won't look good if those kids become orphans at such a young age or see their mothers/parents dismembered," Athena confessed without any filter, and Simon grabbed her hand before kissing the back of it.

"They will be punished accordingly for trying to hurt their luna. I have told you. I might love my pack, but I am strict when it comes to rules and my woman," Simon said, and Athena smiled.

"I hope so. Did Samuel tell you I was leaving today for the council?"

Athena asked as they stood, and Simon evened her clothes before

sneaking a kiss on her neck while caressing her hair.

"I didn't know," Simon scowled, and Athena chuckled as they walked out of the room.

Andrew paused what he was doing and looked between Simon and

Athena before sighing.

"Let's go," Andrew said before looking at Cooper, and the latter nodded. "Andrew, you take Athena to the college. I will be a bit late," Simon kissed Athena's forehead and left, confusing the three.

"What has gotten into him?" Andrew asked before they left the apartment together to leave for college.

Once they reached the college, everyone turned around to see Athena as they heard about her work in the pack war, and Athena couldn't help but become conscious of it. It was becoming unnerving how the pack wolves were looking and

whispering into each other's ears as if she committed some sin.

"Luna, one of the pack members bowed to her with a vibrant smile, and the expression on Athena's face froze.

"Don't call me that; Athena remembered saying these words to all the

ladies when she learned the truth about the blast at their house.

Athena smiled forcefully, and Andrew placed his hand on her shoulder comfortingly.

"Don't smile if you don't want to," Andrew said, and Athena hummed.

The first three lectures went uneventful, and apart from the hushed

whisperings around her, she didn't hear anything negative about her

going inside the College.

She was still shocked that Jake didn't call to ask about her whereabouts. From what she heard, Olivia was one of the female fighters appointed for her safety during the heating phase. Olivia must have heard of the war even when they were not here in the pack and told Jake about it.

The more Athena thought about it, the more strange it appeared.

Celine has been awfully quiet since they had a good talk. It was as if she was repenting for what she did, and though Athena didn't blame her for that, she knew that things were exactly like this because of Celine's work. Athena doesn't know what exactly happened when she was in her wolf form, but she has heard about stories, and none of them were great.

Some described her as hellfire while some described her as Satan who

came on earth just to feed on negative energies.

Of course, these were just rumors that she heard here and there, but

maybe people believed that, and that's why they were saying things like these.

"Where are you lost? Let's go for lunch," Andrew held Athena's hand

before leading her to the canteen.

After ordering her favorite food, Athena sat on the table with her plate and was about to stuff her mouth when she felt a swoosh of wind, and

her hair blew a little. The calm Celine inside her immediately opened her eyes, which turned golden.

Something wasn't right. Someone who shouldn't be here around Athena has arrived near her. Athena felt her fingers trembling a bit as she tried to stay calm.

"Athena, what's wrong? Why are you not eating?" Andrew saw her pausing mid-bite, and Athena looked around before shaking her head.

"Nothing," Athena took a bite, with difficulty, but before she could gulp the food, the Celine inside her snarled when she felt the presence getting

near.

"I am sorry, I can't," Athena stood from her place, and Andrew stood with her.

"Something is bothering you. What is it?" Andrew asked, and Athena

shook her head.

She needs to be alone, or she is afraid she might do something that will

make her regret things for her entire life. This was a co-ed school with

humans, and one mistake would taint Simon's reputation along with

hers.

"Athena, wait for me. At least tell me what's going -

Athena started walking out of the canteen and realized she was walking

near the source of negativity. It means whoever this person was, he/she

was coming towards the canteen too.

"Athena," Athena heard Simon's voice, and Athena ran towards him.

"Simon, I am not feeling well. I feel like someone with a negative-"

Athena paused mid-sentence when she realized that the person who was here with negative energy was none other than Simon's sister, and Simon was the one who brought her here.

"Simon?" Athena looked at him, shocked and confused.

Simon knew exactly what kind of problem Athena had. How can he

bring Scarlett here out of all the places knowing all too well if she lost her control, things would turn worse? How will they explain to humans why a living and smiling human turned into a white wolf thrice their size?

"I am sorry, Athena. However, this was the only way I could help Scarlett meet you and say sorry, if it had been any other place, you would've run away easily, but I know you won't run away from here," Simon said, and Athena looked at Scarlett, who was looking at her feet.

Athena could sense the fear in Scarlett's trembling form, and she tilted her head at Simon, who was looking at her with hope. A hope that she would accept his sister and consider her family, and Athena couldn't help but take a deep breath.

"Judging from how you are still smiling, I see Fabian hasn't rejected you. Good for you, Athena started the small talk, and Scarlett looked up.

"I was surprised about it too. Honestly, I don't deserve this kind of

acceptance and love from -"

"You are right on that one. You don't deserve it," Athena said, making

Scarlett pause in her sentence as she looked at Simon, and Simon looked at Athena with a sigh.

"Athena," Simon said, and everyone who knew their pack affairs thought he would warn Athena to behave, but to their shock, Simon just kissed Athena's forehead.

"Thank you. You did great. It's because you are so forgiving like this, I

love you," Simon said, and Athena grabbed Simon's collar, making him look straight into his eyes.

"The things I do for love," Athena gritted her teeth before she turned to Scarlett.

"I don't hold a grudge against you, Athena said before she walked out of the corridor, making Simon heave a sigh of relief.

"I noticed what you did. You are a fox, Simon," Andrew commented, and Simon ran his hand through his hair before smiling, confusing Scarlett, who didn't understand what had happened just now.

"Simon, I don't."

"Sometimes, love is the only way to handle things. If you or I had shown even the slightest hint of any negative emotion to Athena, she wouldn't have thought twice before running away and abandoning the pack."

"But didn't she run away now too?" Scarlett asked.

"She ran away because she got shy of things she does for me. I know she forgave you in her heart, but it would be hard for her wolf to come to

terms with your presence. It's the beginning nonetheless," Simon smiled. Meanwhile, Athena, who ran out of the college as it was becoming harder to control Celine, turned around the corner before bumping into

someone. She would've fallen if not for the person who held her hand and saved

her from falling.

"Easy there, sunshine," The man said, and Athena looked up at the

familiar voice.

"Stone?" Athena asked, shocked.

She was about to ask him what he was doing here when she noticed how glum he looked.

"You don't look fine to me. Did something happen? You are always so

calm and collected that this face doesn't suit you at all," Athena

commented as she stood straight, and Stone looked at her before smiling. "Nothing. I just got into an argument with one of my colleagues. I am

heading to the nearby club to get a drink. Will catch you later," Stone

turned around, and Athena, who thought she could use some distraction too, started walking with him.

"Coincidentally, I can use some drinks too," Athena said, and Stone

smiled at the girl.

"Why? Aren't you afraid of me anymore?" Stone asked, and Athena

grinned.

"Well, I think I will be able to handle things just fine," Athena shrugged as they entered the club.

Athena looked at the environment inside the club and signed. Maybe a

little letting loose was what she needed to control Celine. This club with humans will really help her with that.