

Chapter 71

"Finally," Athena looked up at the sky, and Andrew rolled his eyes at the dramatic girl.

They stepped down from the car and walked towards the large gates of the council.

"Woah, this is huge. Don't tell me we have to walk all the way inside,"

Athena looked at Samuel warily.

"Of course not. I have arranged horses to take you to the inside place,

"Really?" Athena widened her eyes in shock.

"There is this thing called sarcasm," Samuel rolled his eyes, and Athena

gritted her teeth, making Simon chuckle, who stepped ahead.

Scarlett also walked with them, a few steps away from Athena, of course. Though Athena was still wary of Scarlett's presence, everyone could see she was opening up slowly.

As the gates opened, letting them inside, Athena widened her eyes at the marvelous mansion-like thing.

"It's so different from the last time," Athena whispered, and Simon looked at her.

"Have you been here before?" He asked.

"What can you expect from the daughter of the warrior alphas? She used to visit here often until her father decided not to take her outside

anymore because of -"Samuel paused before coughing, and everyone

looked at him, but rather than explaining, he just walked forward.

"He is weird. Has he always been like this?" Cooper whispered to Athena, who shrugged.

"Old age can do that to people,"

"I can hear you guys pretty well, you know,"

"We never meant to hide," Athena grinned as they entered the main

palace-like thing.

"Woah, watch out!" A female's voice reverted from inside, and everyone

barely ducked to save them from the fireball shot at them. "Well, that's some kind of welcome for sure," Andrew commented, and

Athena looked at Samuel.

A fireball? Seriously? Even after knowing this is her weakness, this is how he is thinking about protecting her.

"I am so sorry about that. I am sure Garima had. no idea about it," Samuel looked at Athena.

Athena was in a good mood earlier, but now she was angry because this fireball provoked Celine. She took this as a threat to her human, and she can neglect anything but this.

"What is a witch doing here?" Cooper asked no one in particular.

"It's not a witch. Garima is one of the rare werewolves who can produce and control fire," Samuel explained.

"Garima, get a grip. What if you have hurt someone?" Samuel walked

inside, and the council members started coming out of their office rooms as they heard the council's head's son's angry voice.

"Chill out. No one got hurt. That's what matters, right?" The so-called

Garima girl said, and Celine scoffed inside Athena.

"Shall we teach her a lesson and see if no one gets hurt?" Celine snarled, and Simon could immediately feel the disturbance in Athena's mind. He looked at Scarlett with a warning, who looked at Athena in understanding and stepped back.

"What are you guys waiting for? Come inside," Samuel said, and everyone walked inside except Athena. @uv(=).N0vEtur0Rnl.c0m

She turned around and looked towards the forest on the east side with

narrowed eyes.

Why does it feel like someone is watching them?

It might be security. Athena shook her head at her paranoia. Who will

dare to hurt her in the council?

As Athena placed her foot inside the council palace, everyone stopped to look at her.

She walked inside casually, but those working with the council with

knowledge of wolves' vibes and energy for years immediately looked at each other. It didn't help that Celine was standing now, still provoked, and Athena was doing nothing to calm her down.

"Who has arrived?" Council head looked down from the third floor, and seeing Athena, his eyes widened.

"Is it Athena?" The council head asked, and Athena looked up towards the stairs.

"Look at the smile on his face. He doesn't even care that his son

practically returned from war. He only cares about the rare wolves. I

swear," Samuel scoffed.

Athena looked around, trying her best to connect things from the past. It was as if this place went under a massive renovation in these years.

Nothing was the same as before. And why wouldn't it? They were talking about a span of 12 years.

"Athena, my favorite wolf," The council head suddenly hugged Athena

out of nowhere, and Athena, who was busy looking around, felt her eyes darkening at the sudden intimacy.

She was ready to push away the man instinctively until the warmth

registered in Celine's mind, and she calmed down slightly.

It was the warmth of a fatherly figure.

"Uncle," Athena murmured, wrapping her arms around the council head. "Only you. Only you would call him 'Uncle'" Samuel walked towards the girl called Garima, who had been gazing at the new people with

narrowed eyes.

Simon followed his path and saw the girl, his brows quirked slightly.

The girl reeked of confidence and power, not to mention how beautiful she was with her blonde hair and blue eyes. Can she really control fire? How intriguing that is. Simon thought before shaking his head to focus on Athena.

What the hell was he doing looking at another girl like this?

"Garima, we will have a good talk over what you did earlier. Let me

introduce you and Justin to one of the other two rare wolves, Samuel

said, and Garima looked at Athena, who had a subtle smile.

As a rare wolf, her wolf could feel the pressure Athena's wolf presence

alone had. That was the reason she instinctively reacted and let a fireball out of her hand when she was just playing. And to say Athena didn't even

look angry.

"What is her specialty?" Garima asked, amazed, and Samuel looked at Athena, who was standing unbothered, unknown of the fact how many people she had intrigued with her presence alone.

"Call Justin," Samuel didn't answer her question, and she scowled before raising her hand and creating another fireball, immediately catching

Athena's gaze.

"Go there yourself and stop playing with fire till the guests are here. It's annoying and unethical," Samuel scolded Garima.

"Why are you being so mean? It's not my first time. I will call Justin like this only," Garima let the fireball lose, and she thought it would go

straight to the backyard where Justin was strolling in the gardens, but to their shock, the fireball went straight towards Athena, shocking everyone.

"Athena!" Simon shouted, immediately standing in front of her. Ww.n0vEtur0Rnl.c0m

protectively. Andrew and Cooper did the same.

"What the I swear, I didn't mean -" Garima was shocked by the fireball herself, and Athena peeked from behind Simon's shoulder before

holding his hand.

Her eyes turned golden, shocking everyone as Celine scoffed and stood in her

place. Ww(=).n0vEtur0Rnl.c0m

"Don't be afraid, Athena. Her wolf is greeting us," Celine said.

I am not afraid. It's called being precautionous. Aren't you too happy about

it? Athena asked, and Celine smiled.

"Of course, I am. She is bowing down to me," Celine huffed proudly, and Athena smiled.

"Stop acting like a bad b*tch when you are not that. I know you are the softest person around me," Athena said, smiling even more when Celine turned around as if offended by her compliment.

Who would believe that the alpha of the warriors was this childish in reality?

"It's okay. Please calm down everyone. She didn't mean to hurt me. Stop fussing about it," Athena said calmly, and Garima looked at the girl, who looked too good to be true. "If you are angry, just say it. Why are you pretending to be someone with a good heart? I hate pretentious people like you the most," Garima scoffed before she walked out of the council to call Justin, and Samuel sighed.

"I am sorry on her behalf. Please, don't think too much

"It's okay. I meant it. Celine says her wolf was greeting her politely. I

guess this is how rare wolves greet each other because I know my eyes

turned golden, indicating Celine's presence," Athena said.

"How do you know that? Do you see things in golden color?" Cooper

asked before he could control his mouth, and everyone looked at him as if he was dumb, but honestly, everyone was intrigued about Athena's

answer.

"It's nothing like that. I just saw Scarlett whimpering and hiding behind the council head," Athena grinned before she looked at Simon, whose

gaze was fixated on the door through which Garima walked out..

She narrowed her eyes at his weird behavior and walked to the living

room with everyone. Why was he looking at that girl like some obsessed fool?

"So, how do we perform this introduction thing? Do I just give my

introduction in some conference meeting? Is it even necessary? I bet

most elders already know about me since I was a regular during

childhood," Athena said.

"They do, but we want the others to know," the council head explained. "Why are you making it like I am some endangered species that should be protected, and you want the world to know? I am not an animal or -I mean, we are animals, but you get my point, right?" Athena knitted her brows, not liking the idea of this whatever announcement the council

was thinking of.

"This is how things work, Athena. That's the reason you were called

today. I am sure you know it's the council meeting today. Many alphas, other prominent members of the werewolf species, and the majority of the council will be present today. We are planning to introduce you at

that time," the council head said, and Athena was about to answer when she felt a swoosh of wind, making her immediately look up to the

entrance like everyone else.

She waited patiently to see who it was, and a guy with grey eyes and

black hair walked inside. He raked his eyes around before his eyes settled on Athena, and he smiled, walking directly to her.

"Indeed, a beauty," Justin bowed to Athena before taking her hand and

kissing the back of it.

"Hello, beautiful lady. I am Justin Markov, the first rare wolf. As your wolf must've already felt, my capabilities revolve around controlling nature, or you can say environment, Justin introduced, a subtle smile on his face

even when his eyes were doing anything but smiling.

"It's a pleasure," Athena nodded, not explaining anything, and Garima

scoffed.

"See, I told you. She has attitude issues," Garima said, and rather than

answering Garima, Athena turned back to the council.

"I am against the idea. Let's not treat me like I am some kind of animal,

who is on display," Athena stood from her place before she walked, and

Justin followed her immediately.

"Hey, stop. Where are you going?" Justin asked as they walked back to the hall, and Athena shrugged.

"Why are you even talking to me? Don't you have the same opinion as

that girl? That I have attitude problems?" Athena asked, and Justin

scoffed.

"If expressing yourself and being wary of people while making sure you are polite and are not a people pleaser at the same time is called attitude problems, then shouldn't we all have them?" Justin asked.

"You know, I like girls like you," Justin said, and Athena turned to him,

seeing his gaze already fixated on her.

"Too bad, I am taken," Athena pointed to the mark on her neck, and Justin chuckled.

"By the same alpha who has been eyeing Garima since he came here?!

have been observing it from the moment I saw each one of you," Justin

grinned, and Athena turned to the room where she could clearly see

Simon looking at Garima constantly.

"That girl is a strong wolf. Any alpha would want to look at her,"

"And so are you, Justin smiled before he walked out, and Athena looked at Simon's starstruck eyes one more time before sighing. "What is wrong with Simon? He is looking at Garima like he has fallen in love with her. I don't like it, Celine murmured, and Athena sighed. Ww(=).n0vEtur0Rnl.c0m

"Stop overreacting, Celine. Don't you always tell me not to think too

much about things? What are you doing now?" Athena shook her head before she walked towards the garden to calm her mind and enjoy the beauty of the place.