

Chapter 72

Everyone sat around the long dining table, and the council head looked at Athena before nodding. It was a sign that he was going to announce

her as the rare wolf to the council, at least, to which Athena had agreed. As much as she wanted to keep her identity a secret, she knew they

couldn't hide this thing from the council.

The council members are trustworthy people who help packs and wolves to stay together in a healthy manner while ensuring protection for

anyone who deserves it.

It is the council's responsibility to ensure the alphas maintain the basic

dignity of the packs to avoid any territorial fights. That's also why a letter from the council is almost a threat to the position of the ruling alpha.

"Everyone, I would like to have your attention, please. In our previous

conference meeting three days ago, I had mentioned the third rare wolf (a rogue currently)found near the Black Scar Pack, right?"The council

head gazed at Athena briefly.

"I had known about this thing since this particular wolf was born.

However, due to the restrictions from her parents to let her live in peace, I never disclosed it. I would like to introduce you guys to Athena

Matthews, the third rare wolf," The council head announced and looked at Athena, who wasn't even looking at him anymore.

Athena's gaze was traveling to Simon, who sat across her and was still

looking at Garima. She turned her gaze to Garima, who had a slight

blush on her cheeks, and Athena's fingers clenched under the table.

Why did it look like they were having some kind of secret conversation among themselves that no one knows about?

"Athena," Samuel shook her shoulder, and she came out of her thoughts before looking at the council head, who was looking at her expectantly. "This is where you stand. Dad has given your introduction,"Samuel

explained, and Athena immediately stood.

"I am sorry. I was momentarily shocked ."Athena paused to look at

Simon, who looked back at her with a smile before looking at the council head as if nothing happened or he wasn't gazing at Garima like an

obsessed fool. by this introduction," Athena sighed before smiling.

"Athena, I don't like this. It's irritating me. How can he look at the other

girl in front of us? This is bizzarrel And what the hell is Onyx doing? Why isn't he stopping Simon?"Celine clenched her teeth, and Athena

hummed, not refuting her words this time.

How can she calm Celine when everything is right in front of her, and

this is how she feels too?

"If you are angry, then establish your presence; Athena said before she

could think. Celine released a growl inside her, footing her presence in

the council room and making everyone immediately look down in a

form of submission.*www.NoVe(0)w0rM.c0M*

"I am glad to meet everyone today. I will be under your care as the

council head wants," Athena smiled.

"So you must've already realized who she is. Athena Matthews, the alpha of the warrior alphas and the only warrior wolf standing in the nation,"

The council head announced, and Garima and Justin looked at Athena

with raised brows.

No wonder their wolves bowed to her wolf.

"She is an alpha of the rare wolf too?"Justin asked, and Samuel

immediately stood.

"No comments on that. This is just an evening snack conference. The

party will start in 2 hours. Let's enjoy the night away. Since Athena didn't want the introduction in front of everyone during the party,we

introduced her like this," Samuel turned the topic because this was*www.NoVe(0)w0rM.c0M*

something that they were yet to find out. As much as they believed this was the truth, they didn't want to put Athena in more danger than she

already was, and everyone nodded before returning to eating.

Athena's mood was already ruined because of Simon's behavior. As much as she wanted to control her wolf and mind to stop thinking about

anything otherwise and not cause havoc, Simon's actions weren't exactly helping today.

Athena trusts Simon. However, she also knows that a beautiful woman

can gain a man's heart easily. This is what happened with Cole, no?Not to mention, Garima was beautiful. Her skin was glowing because of her capabilities to control fire, and her crystal blue eyes were attractive. Athena didn't have an inferiority complex, but after suffering from such a thing once, she didn't know if she should trust anyone anymore.

"Are you open to a little stroll in the garden? You can bring your friends with you. I just want to get to know you better. As a rare wolf, we should know each other, right?"Justin asked, and Athena instinctively looked

towards Simon, who was busy eating his food as if he didn't hear what Justin said.

If it had been earlier, before coming here, he would've intervened even without anyone asking him to do it. Athena's expression turned grave, and Andrew clenched his fingers around the fork.

He was sitting right beside her and could feel her pressure increasing.

"Let's do that," Andrew smiled at Justin, who nodded in acknowledgment. "I am done. Thank you for the food," Athena stood from her place before leaving the room.

"Is she okay?" The council head asked. Athena had barely eaten anything, and the girl the council head remembered and heard of was quite a food lover.

"She doesn't like being in a crowded place for too long. She is alright.

Don't worry," Andrew said before he looked at Simon, who looked least bothered by Athena's departure. He was acting like Athena wasn't his

mate anymore. As much as Andrew wanted to confront Simon, it was

important to handle Athena.

"Thank you for the food," Andrew and Cooper stood together, followed by Justin, who walked out of the council to look for Athena.

"How have you been, Blue?"Athena stopped by a stable, looking at a

particular horse. She needed anything to get her mind off Simon and his weird actions.

"You have grown into a beautiful young female, haven't you?"Athena

placed her forehead on the horse's, and the horse lifted her legs in

happiness before running around her compartment, wanting to let out. "It looks like this horse likes you. It's not common for it to be this happy after seeing someone,"Justin, who spent the majority of his time in the garden because of his powers, commented.*WWw.NoVe(0)W0rM.c0M*

"Why wouldn't she? She is mine. The council head gifted her to me as my fifth birthday present. Her name is Blue," Athena said, and Andrew smiled at how her eyes sparked.

"Have they taken Scarlett for the interrogation? Shouldn't one of us be

there with her? As much as I hate her energy and presence, she will be one of us soon. Besides, she was fooled by her love, just like many of us," Athena commented.

"You were fooled in love? I am sorry if that sounds rude, but I can't

imagine someone rejecting such a strong wolf like you," Justin asked,

intrigued.

"Loyalty never depends on one's power. It lies in the determination of the person who is in love. Even the strongest females/males get betrayed,

and the weakest are loved purely," Athena commented, and Andrew, who got rejected by his mate, related to her words perfectly fine.

"Do you think it's a good idea if I go there and stay during her

interrogation?"Athena looked at Andrew.

"Technically, Simon should go. She is his sister, and she would be most comfortable with him. Even if you go there with goodwill, Scarlett will be scared because of you. The pressure from the council, because she is

technically a rogue and the reason behind many deaths, and the pressure of Celine will probably send her into an anxious state. Where is Simon anyway?"Andrew looked at Cooper, who shrugged.

"When I was following you out, I saw him going to that fire-type girl.

They were going towards the west side of the council, probably to see

some of her works."Cooper said, and Andrew's gaze shifted to Athena

instinctively.

She must be shocked and pissed because of this. Rather than being with her, Simon was going to some chick to see her powers. What was so good about that fire chick? And why couldn't they do it in front of everyone? Andrew gritted his teeth when he saw Athena looking at her feet and

smiling.

"Blue!"Athena raised her voice, and the horse neighed, raising her foot happily as Athena undid the chains on her door.

"What are you doing?"

Athena walked to the horse and removed the strings in her mouth

without answering.

"Athena, you haven't ridden her for so long. Removing the ropes would be dangerous, Justin warned, remembering the last time one of the *www.NoVe(0)w0rM.c0M*

council member's kids tried to ride her and how she threw him down the hill.

"It's okay. I trust Blue. Besides, she can't be more dangerous than my

anger and people's betrayal, right? Celine knows how to control and win the hearts of other animals easily," Athena paused before looking into

Justin's gray eyes, making him step back.

"Isn't that why you are smitten by me?" Athena said.

"You!"Justin gritted his teeth when he realized she was calling him a

mere animal in an insulting manner, and Andrew placed his hand over Justin's shoulder.

"Don't mind her. She is funny like this most of the time," Andrew said.

"Are you up for horse riding?"Justin asked, and Andrew and Cooper

nodded.

Justin let out three more horses and turned around to tell Athena that the path in the south was the safest, but to his shock, Athena was nowhere in sight.

"Is this girl really so impatient?"Justin commented as they sat on their

horses to follow Athena, using their smelling capability.

Blue was happy to be let out and be under her owner after such a long

time, and she increased her speed in happiness. Athena, who was too

agitated, leaned down and held Blue tightly, trusting the horse and doing nothing to slow her down.

Meanwhile, in the interrogation room, Scarlett sat in front of the council head and other founding members with a remorseful look.

The council head looked nothing like how he was downstairs with

Athena. Right now, he was all business, and Scarlett was shocked to see how dangerous he looked. And why not? He was ruling the council.

"Let's begin. Start with your purpose for the attack on the Black Scar

pack. Why did this problem start? How many rogues and their groups did you coHlde with? We want their locations and information about other major things they might be planning. Your answer will decide the kind and amount of punishment you will receive, so be mindful of your

words," The council head asked, and Scarlett looked at Samuel, sitting

there with his green eyes that looked darker than a forest at night. "Can I not have anyone with me?" Scarlett asked.

"Athena can't be here. Your brother is busy with Garima. Andrew and

Cooper are ensuring Athena doesn't let her anger loose on anyone. Who else do you want?"Samuel asked, and Scarlett nodded.

"I will start from the night of the rogue attack those years ago, what I

found, why I did what I did, and then lead to the war and all the

collaboration. Since my focus was on my revenge plan, I never indulged in their plans and what they wanted. However, I will try to sum up as

much as I remember or heard. Is that okay with you guys?"Scarlett asked, and after getting the signal from the council head, Scarlett started telling them everything.

After forty minutes of telling her story, Scarlett paused when the council head raised his hand.

"What did you say? Who did you collaborate with for the war in the last months?"The council head asked, and Scarlett looked down at her feet. "The rogue head," Scarlett whispered, and the council looked at each

other with wide eyes.

"Do you have any idea what that means.?"The council head asked, and

Scarlett nodded.

"The f'ck, you know!" Samuel stood angrily, and if the council head

hadn't been there, he would've thrown Scarlett across the room.

"You! You have no idea what you did," Samuel raked his hand through his hair when the council head glared at him to calm down.

"Should we tell everyone?" Samuel asked everyone, and they shook their heads.

"Let's wait till the end of this party and not ruin the mood. Everyone is here, so no harm will be done. Don't worry. We will find a way soon," The council head glared at Scarlett, who shrunk in her seat, knowing

what kind of mistake she made.

She still hasn't informed Simon and Athena about it, afraid they would hate her more than they already do.

Meanwhile, Athena, riding mindlessly, opened her eyes when she heard a loud growl reverberate in the forest.

This growl. Why does it sound so familiar? Was it Andrew? But why would he growl like that? Was he in some kind of danger? Athena

immediately patted Blue's left side to tell her the direction as they turned towards the howl.