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"Scarlett, can you explain everything properly rather than going around in circles?"

Simon asked, getting more impatient with her silence and remorse on her face.

"Andrew, what else did Athena tell you about that guy?" Scarlett asked.

"Why did Athena not tell me any of this? When did all this happen?" Simon asked.

"It was after that war when she came to live in my apartment because of Scarlett's

presence in the pack. She started seeing him. And I mean a hell lot, kind of whenever she would go out, but everything looked coincidental. According to her, he was a good man

with positiveness in his words, but his -"Andrew paused.

"But what?" Simon snarled.

"He was strangely neutral. Athena told me she didn't sense anything from him, like he

was some kind of robot. Remember she was talking about someone when you came to

meet her yesterday? Athena was telling me about him. She said the guy doesn't have

a scent," Andrew said.

"So he was a rogue who was hiding his scent? Why was she even interacting with him?"

Simon asked.

"That's not all, Simon. At least let me finish. From what she told me, she couldn't sense

anything from him. It was hard to tell if he was a human, rogue, or other species, and the most

shocking thing was; his balanced-out vibes. She couldn't figure out if he was a good or bad person

from his energy," Andrew explained.

"It was all his plan. Everything makes sense. You said it started to happen more after the

war. I am sure he made his move when he saw I couldn't fulfill my part of the bargain,

Scarlett said, and Simon's mind went numb the moment he heard the word

"bargain." "The fuck you are talking about, Scarlett! I am already losing my mind because I can't find my mate,

who ran away because some retarded she-wolf wanted to test our love and

bond. Stop testing my patience! What kind of bargain?" Simon said, and Scarlett flinched under his

power.

Since Athena and Simon mated, their wolves complement each other, and it won't be

wrong to say Simon turned even stronger and more dangerous than before.

Garima reached there to see what was taking everyone so long to find Athena and paused when

she heard Simon's words, feeling a little guilty when she saw how he was losing his mind.

She knew she had gone too far with her joke this time, so it was useless fighting over it

anymore.

"I will ask you one last time, Scarlett. What kind of bargain?" Simon seethed through his teeth when

Scarlett went silent.

"I... To... To," Scarlett stuttered.

"To what?" Simon bent and grabbed Scarlett's jaw painfully.

He loved his sister a lot and respected everyone, but he was beyond angry, and nothing

nattered to him more than Athena right now. To give Athena's blood as an offering for help in the

war, Scarlett whispered, and

everyone went silent for a few seconds.

I am sorry. I couldn't hear you. Come again?" Simon closed his eyes, and everyone felt his energy

immediately taking a dark turn.

"What did you say, Scarlett?" Simon asked, and Andrew widened his eyes when he saw his

claws showing, digging into Scarlett's neck, drawing blood.

"Simon! Snap out of it!" Andrew held Simon's hand and pulled him, kicking Scarlett away

to protect her.

"Don't do anything you will regret for the rest of your life," Andrew held Simon, and

Samuel immediately joined Justin to keep Simon away from Scarlett, who crawled back in fear and

regret.

"Did you even hear what she said, Andrew? She wanted to fucking bargain my mate's blood for the

victory! I thought she still had some human side to her. I am such a fool. No

wonder Athena reacted so loudly when she saw her. Everything makes sense," Simon growled,

struggling against the hold of these strong alphas.

"I am sorry, Simon. There is nothing I can say to make a difference anymore. I know I am

in the wrong. Please forgive me," Scarlett said, and Simon gritted his teeth.

"Sir, we found some foot marks near the other side of the lake. It looks like struggling marks. This is

the last thing we found of Miss Athena. Her smell is nowhere after the

other side of the lake. It's like she vanished. Even Justin's wind is not giving us any intel anymore,"

The guard said.

Simon looked at the small ring that he had given to Athena, and tears of regret welled in his eyes

before he looked away, jerking his hand away from everyone.

He walked to another tree, leaning on it with sorrow. His back was hunched, and

everyone could see how lost he was without Athena. He looked like a man who lost

everything to the world.

"Tell me everything. Don't you dare fucking leave anything," Simon turned around with resolute eyes

to get his mate back unscathed, and Scarlett nodded.

"Guards! Keep searching for Athena!" The council head announced before they walked back to the

council.

Scarlett stood in the corner of the hall, not trusting Simon's wrath, as she looked at his bloodshot

eyes.

"It started seven months ago. At that time, I had no idea about the rogue head. For a

couple of years, I lived as the rogue, preparing to fight and sending rogues your way to make things

hard for you, but I wasn't well-versed with everything in the rogue world. I heard that the rogue head

was in the area. One of my rogue subordinates told me to talk to him if I wanted to win. I met the

rogue head and presented my proposal, but he

denied me," Scarlett said.

"When I sent those rogues to kidnap you, and Athena saved you, I heard about her for

the first time. I wanted her out of the way because I thought she was a hindrance. I wanted to turn her

into my team for easy intel on your pack. But then I came to know she was your mate. Chapter

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I tried everything. Sending her letters, rogues, threats, everything I could to stop her

from accepting you. After some time, when searching more about her, we stumbled

across Alpha Cole, who was head over heels for her. We tried to help him to keep you

guys away, but when Cole told us how he regretted rejecting a warrior, I was shocked.

Scarlett looked at her feet.

"This was the first time I heard about a live warrior, that to be an alpha. I knew I needed more force

to attack and ruin you, and now you had a warrior by your side too. That's

why, a month ago. I went to the rogue head again. I told him why I wanted revenge and extra force.

Honestly. I thought more buttering would be needed, and he would ask for pack benefits and

everything, but as soon as he heard about Athena, he immediately got ready to help. He said I could

use as many rogues as I wanted from his team. He just wants Athena

alive," Scarlett looked at Simon.

"I don't know if the council knows, but the rogue head is the fourth rare wolf with the

psychological powers. I saw him performing his manipulation accidentally. That's how he is the head

and can control thousands of rogue wolves easily at a young age. Maybe that's why Athena could

never guess his scent or the vibes. That's his way to maintain his

mysterious nature," Scarlett said.

"His full name is Cyrus Marino Stone. It means the man stalking Athena and she was

-meeting, thinking it was coincidental, was the rogue head who wanted to abduct her.

Seeing how things turned out, he succeeded, Scarlett said.

Simon's anger had no limit right now. He felt like destroying anything and everything in front of him.

"Is that true, council head? Cyrus Stone is the remaining rare wolf?" Justin was the first

one to speak after a dragging silence.

"Yes. He is also the reason Athena's father stopped taking her out. The last time they met him, he

tried to kill Athena. Athena's mother killed his father because he tried to force

himself on her," The rogue head said, and the more Simon heard, the more worried he became for

Athena.

"However, he doesn't hate her anymore. He loves her. Obsession would be a better word to define

his feelings. He doesn't only want Athena's blood for some ritual to make him strong. He also wants

to go through God knows what kind of pain and suffering right now. "Simon, believe in the moon

goddess. Athena's life was never like walking in the garden. She went through everything and

returned stronger. Don't worry. She isn't someone who will go down easily. Everything will be fine,"

Andrew patted Simon's shoulder, who

nodded before walking further outside, wanting to look for any-clues they could use to know about

the rogue head. "Water. Water. I need water,"