Chapter 83

"Simon-"Andrew started when he saw Simon leaning on one of the trees with a

haggard and lost look as he looked up at the sky.

He waited for Simon to react, but when Andrew didn't get any reaction, he sighed and mirrored his position on the tree beside it.

"Do you want to drink some water before we start our search again?" Andrew tried again, but rather than answering Andrew, Simon stood straight and walked to the small pond before sitting at the edge of it.

Simon looked at his reflection in the water.

The only thing he could see in his reflection was how he failed. His eyes were

empty with sadness, just like his heart.

"Should I try?" Garima walked to Samuel, and the latter glared at the girl.w $Ww.\tilde{n}$ $\mathcal{V}elw\mathcal{O}rm.(c)oM$

"Only if you want to dic. Alpha Simon might be handling this situation calmly

and not losing his temper, but don't you dare underestimate the anger he is

stocking inside himself. The only reason he is not reacting and tearing people up is that he wants to save his anger for that rogue head, Samuel sighed.

"You have no idea how much Simon and Athena loved each other. So you better keep your distance from him if you don't want to dic. And once we save her, don't appear in front of Athena at all," Samuel scoffed as they waited for Justin's output on the east side.

"There is nothing in that direction for the 50 kilometers," Justin reached out to

them, and Samuel thinned his lips.

"Are you sure you used all the senses and considered all the ways? They can be

anywhere under the water or ground, I don't know," Simon immediately walked to him, and Justin nodded before he took the water from Andrew and drank it in a single go.

Though he practiced his powers, from time to time, using his energy to this

extent was taking a toll on Justin, and it was visible on his face.

"So that coast is clear. Since we had locked the states, banned all the rogues from exiting, and alerted all the packs after fifty minutes of her kidnapping, we are sure they are still in this state. L.et's go and search in this direction. You can do it Justin, right?"Samuel looked at Justin hopefully, and the latter nodded.

As they were about to walk again, Simon paused when he got a call from an

unknown number.

Thinking this was the rogue head calling him for any kind of demand or might

be someone who saw him, Simon immediately picked up the call.

"Where is she?"Simon didn't even wait to hear what the other party had to say. That's exactly why I called you Alpha Simon. I would like to talk to Miss Athena and invite you and her to our annual ball as guests. The vampire lord said. and

Simon's hand clenched over his phone.

"I am sorry. Vampire IonI. but Athena is unavailable. We will call you when

What happened to her?' The vampire lord asked. and Simon's words stuck in his throat. his emotions itching to show.

The vampire lord was an intelligent and observant man.

The way Simon immediately said. Where is she' rather than saying anything else. and now is saying she is unavailable. something is definitely wrong with Athena. 'Nothing that should concern you. We will handle ourselves.: Simon said. not

wanting to waste his time, and he was about to end the call when the vampire

lord's words made him rethink.

"I know you can handle everything by yourself just fine. Alpha Simon. but if you need more manpower, don't you thnk it would be better if our people join hands to look for her? From your voice. it is clear something terrible has happened. The more people look for her, the quicker we will find her: The vampire lord paused. "I called your pack's oflice, and from there, I got your personal number. I am

around thirty minutes from where you are right now. We had some business in this area, and since we were here and you too. I was hoping to come to the council and formally invite Athena, so don't misunderstand. The vampire lord suggested. Simon nodded after thinking for a few seconds.

"It would be great if you could help. The rogue head of the werewolves has

kidnapped her to perform some kind of ritual to become strong that might harm her life too since it involves drawing her blood: Simon leaned on the tree, and

everyone around him widened their eyes. wWw.NoveLworm.com

A werewolf, an Alpha, was asking for help from the vampires. It was unheard of and something that hasn't happened ever.

Though, unlike other nations, vampires and werewolves here don't hate each

other, they weren't friends either.

It's not easy for an Alpha to ask for someone's help, especially from different

species. just like that.

"We are reaching there in 20 minutes," The vampire lord ended the call and

nodded at the driver, who accelerated the car as high as he could.

"Sir, why are we helping those werewolves? 'They are not related to us, and our

men can die in this war with their rogues. Are we really sacrificing our people for nothing? The elders won't be happy after hearing this," The beta of the vampire lord said, and the latter hummed.

"I know, right? Why am I taking such a risk for a girl I only met once?"The vampire lord smiled, and the subordinate didn't like the cunning smile that

appeared on his lord's face.

After twenty minutes, around fifteen cars screeched inside the forest one by one before the vampires walked out of their cars. Soon the protagonist of the team walked out from his car and looked around before his gaze finally landed on

Simon.

Garima, whose wolf immediately felt scared of the vampire's presence, stepped back and hid behind Cooper, who scoffed and moved away, making her bite her lips as she hid behind some guards.

"Are you sure she is somewhere in this and the next forest? This is a 30km

territory because it's at the base of the mountainside. Have you checked the other places"The Vampire lord asked, and Simon nodded.

"Is there a way we can fasten the process? We have checked these directions using the powers of one of the rare wolves. And now we are left with these two $\mathbf{W} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{W}} \cdot \hat{$

directions. Checking them will take another hour or two, and with the rogue

head's evil intentions, I want to save as much time as I can," Simon said, and the vampire lord looked at his subordinate.

"I might have something that can help us. These are my security dogs. We use them to sense other species, who might be hiding their scent using some kind of drug. Since they are hybrid wolves with vampire genes inside them due to our bite, their senses are better than any of us here," The vampire lord explained.

The beta of the vampire lord nodded at his man, who brought out four vampire hounds, also known as bloodhounds.

"Two of you go in the direction, and two of you go in that direction, The vampire

lord said, and Simon looked at the dangerous-looking vampire wolves the lord was talking about.

"Let's divide and follow these hounds to save some time?"Simon suggested, and everyone nodded at his words.

So the team with the vampire lord, Simon, Andrew, half of the vampire team, and

the council guards followed the two wolves who went North from there, and the rest of the people went in the northeast direction.

"Can you tell me what led to all this?"The vampire lord asked as they were

running behind those wolves, and Simon looked away, not knowing how to speak

about what wrongdoing he did.

"I cheated on her," Simon's words made the vampire lord stop with a screech, and he looked at Simon with wide eyes.

"What did you say?" He asked, shocked.

There was no way the man he saw in the supernatural Carnival, who was ready to fight anyone and everyone, including him, cheated on the girl he loved so much. The lord couldn't believe his ears and waited for Simon to explain further.

"That's the truth, Simon shrugged, and Andrew immediately rushed to him.

"Why are you spouting nonsense, Simon? None of that was your fault! Stop

blaming yourself for something you didn't even do. It was all because of that

b*tch-"Andrew paused, and the vampire lord looked at Andrew for a better

explanation.

As they started running in that direction again, Andrew explained everything that happened a couple of hours ago, and the Vampire lord looked at Simon from the corner of his eyes before sighing.

"Do you guys really believe that everything that happened is just a coincidence?

You might think I am trying to sow discord between you guys, but I feel like

someone from the council was involved. Is that rogue head really that powerful?" The vampire lord asked, and Andrew shook his head.

"Even if someone from the council is involved, we have no idea if we can blame that person. We recently found out that the rogue head possesses psychological

powers to manipulate anyone and is the fourth rare wolf in the world," Andrew

sighed.www.m@velw \mathcal{R} m. $\mathbb{C}(\circ)$ m

"So, will it be okay to kill the fourth rare wolf? From what I remember, the rare wolves are considered sacred and to be left untouched, The vampire lord asked, and Andrew sighed.

Meanwhile, Simon, who was ahead of them, closed his eyes for a second before

calling out to his mate.

'Athena; Simon called out her name with the most love and desire he could,

hoping she would hear him and know he would be there to save her soon.

'Hang in there; He prayed to the moon goddess that if he loved Athena truly, she should be able to hear his voice.

"Aaaaaaaa! Aaaaaa!" Athena screamed and coughed blood in the center of the

circle she was sitting inside as Lilith chanted more spells for the ritual.

Cyrus's hand was still gripping Athena's tightly as needed by the ritual, and he

looked at the girl who was writhing in pain on the ground, messed in her own

blood.

"And I, Athena Matthews, am ready to give and share my powers with the fourth rare wolf of the Moon Nation," Lilith said before she raised her whip and brought it down with a jerk, hitting Athena's back, who screamed in pain again.

The thorns on the whip punched her back again, and more blood poured out of her wounds, making her bring her legs together in a cocoon shape.

"I do," Athena muttered after what felt like an eternity as she started to drift out of her consciousness again. Athena, hang in there. You can't black out so soon. If you keep blacking out like

this, you will die. Please hang in there. We have to avenge all this pain too. We

can't die like this and give this rogue the satisfaction of winning: Celine cried for her human counterpart, who was suffering under the spells and whips for the past twenty minutes.

'1... I am trying, Celine. I swear I am giving my best, but it's just so hard,Athena

gulped as the sound of Lilith's enchanting rang in her head, making her want to

close her ears. However, Cyrus was holding her hand, making it impossible for

her.

'I am sorry, Athena. You have to bear all this pain alone. I feel so helpless. I want

to share this pain with you. I.et me try to do it, please. We can switch-'

'No! Don't you dare think about that. I can't afford anything like this right now. It's okay. I will try to bear this pain. We can't waste our energy shifting like this. You know we are not that powerful or strong any more, right? How can you even

think about that? I have to run out of here once this is over, and I will need your help at that time, Athena said before she closed her eyes.

As dark spots started to appear in front of her eyes again, she was about to fall

into the dark pit of emptiness again to cooperate with the pain when she heard a. voice Athena didn't think she would hear at a time like this.

"Athena,"

Athena's eyes widened as a new surge of energy ran down her spine, and she

looked around, confused. It was Simon's voice. There was no doubt about it. But how did she hear him? Is he here somewhere? Has he come to protect her?

Athena's eyes welled with tears, and she was about to smile with hope when the

events of what happened in the council flashed in front of her eyes again, and she bit her lips.

It's just an illusion. Why would he come here to save her? And how will he find

her in the first place, even if he comes here? As Colton has said, this place was

hard to find, and he even said that their team passed over the base long ago, and

they couldn't suspect anything.

She is just imagining him because, in her heart, she wants him to come and save

her. Athena sighed before shaking her head.