

## Chapter 86

"What is the meaning of this? We have really been moving around here for the

past ten minutes but haven't found anything yet. Are you sure these bloodhounds or whatever you call these wolves work fine?" Simon asked, feeling frustrated now. If it had been anyone else insulting his ideas or ways, the vampire lord hadn't

wasted a single second before leaving or at least taught that person a good lesson, but he could see where Simon was coming from.

Anyone in his shoes would lose his mind.

"Simon, why don't you ask Scarlett about it? She said she met the rogue head

before. She must've seen what their base looks like. There has to be a reason why these hounds aren't going anywhere far from here," Andrew said, and Simon was about to call Scarlett when his gaze fell on a particular tree.

Because it was nighttime, it was hard to differentiate the trees. but in keen

observation, anyone could see that the pattern of this tree branch was slightly

weird.

Why were most branches on the right side but only a small one on the left? All

the other trees had branches on both sides.

"Their base is somewhere here only. We just need to find it," Simon started

walking towards the tree.

Scarlett and the others who also heard the hounds here found something rushed to the site, and the other two hounds, like the previous ones, started encircling the area, making everyone look at their pattern closely.

"Could it be that the base is under this forest area? I have heard about the rogue

head's underground bases in different regions to stay out of the way of the pack

wolves and work in secret. It won't be a surprise if this is one of them,"Scarlett

said, and Andrew nodded.

"They are performing such a dangerous and illegal spell. Of course, they would

need a place like this," Andrew commented, and the vampire lord looked at his

men to look for a way, but before they could move a few steps, Simon touched

the short branch on the left side of the tree, and they felt the ground under them vibrating.

"What did you do?"Andrew raised his brows at Simon, who kept looking around carefully for some kind of passage or hint to open up for them.

"It could've been a trap too. You know that, right?"Samuel thinned his lips.

"Even if it was a trap, it would mean they are here somewhere," Simon walked.

around. Meanwhile, in the underground base, Cyrus and Colton also felt the movement of their base shaking.

"This is not good. Someone touched the handle of the north side. All the handles on the different sides have different reactions. This is definitely coming from the North. Colton commented, and Cyrus nodded at him.

"I will look into it and inform you -"Colton couldn't even complete his sentence when one of their men rushed to them, panting heavily.

"Sir, it's them. They have found out about the base with those vampire wolves or whatever they are. What should we do? Shall we get ready to attack?"The man asked, and Cyrus chuckled.

"Simon found the base quicker than I had expected. Colton, you know what to do. Alert all the men in the other corners of the base to keep their intercom on and give us live updates of what is happening." Cyrus looked at Athena, who sat with her eyes closed as if none of this mattered to her.

"Lilith, since I drank some of Athena's blood earlier and felt that maddening surge of energy, would it be wrong to say I have gained some of her powers?" Cyrus

asked Lilith, who had been coughing blood and rubbing her chest because of the hit.

She was afraid some of her ribs had broken.

"You are right. You have gained some of her powers," Lilith struggled.

"Then, if I bite again, will I gain more of her powers?"Cyrus asked, getting a bit greedy again, and Lilith opened her eyes with a rebellious gaze.

"You will die," Lilith murmured with a smile, and Cyrus's gaze immediately

darkened.

"What was that, Lilith? Are you threatening me?" Cyrus sat on his heels and

grabbed Lilith's jaws in a painful grip.

"Why would I do that, sir? I am not threatening you. I am warning you. You just dirtied the ritual circle by punching and making me cough blood on it. You even burnt my hand in the same hearth I used to seal your bond and create the vessel. If you drink Athena's blood now, the reverse can happen, and there's no guarantee

how much energy she would take," Lilith explained, and Cyrus cursed out loud. "This b\*tch! I swear collaborating with her was one of the worst decisions I made in my life. Why do you always drop the important things later?"Cyrus gritted his teeth, and Colton glared at Lilith.

"First, you told me the ritual would take so much time after I kidnapped her, then you told me about the blood-drinking session, and now you are speaking of this dirty ritual circle and all this sh\*t. Are you sure you want to help me and are not planning something against me?"Cyrus grabbed a fistful of her hair and brought her face closer to the hearth. Aaaaal Sir, please. I am sorry," Lilith pleaded, fear flashing across her eyes.

"I don't care if this ritual gets completed today, but I will ensure you die by my

hands if my plans get ruined. I will see to it that you die a very painful death. If

you stop enchanting those spells or whatever is needed to get me to the second

session of drinking blood, I will throw you to those leeches and dogs,"Cyrus

looked at her with a dark smile, the fear in her eyes making him smile.

"I am sure they'll know exactly what to do with b\*tches like you. So you better

help me, and we get out of this together. This is your only way to live now. You

understand me?"Cyrus asked, and Lilith nodded meekly. The heat of the fire hurt her eyes, and she clenched them, trying to pull her head away from the hearth.

"So what are you waiting for? Get into it," Cyrus threw Lilith away, slamming her body on the wall, and she slid down, feeling helpless with her body aching all

over the place.

As Cyrus stood from his place, his gaze fell on Jake's smug face, and he smirked. "What are you smiling for? Don't be so smug, bad\*ard. If you think those wolves out there will actually save you, you have no idea how wrong you are. I was

prépared for this long ago,' Cyrus smiled, and Jake chuckled, despite the, pain in

his ribs.

"Cyrus, neglecting the issue and being smug about it is a good way to deal with

negative situations. Do you think Simon and the council are alone out there? And do you think they will let you live? Even if they are not able to kill all of you, they will never let you live after touching Athena," Jake smirked, and Cyrus looked at him, amused, before he burst out laughing.

"Haha.. Do you think they will kill the fourth rare wolf they have been looking

for all these years? The wolf that they need to protect at all costs? The one who

has the rare psychological manipulation powers?"Cyrus asked Jake, whose smug look turned into that of a shock.

"That's what I thought," Cyrus smiled before he stood and walked out to deal with the northern place where those wolves were, trying to enter the base.

Is that the reason Athena has been trying so hard to get out of here at any cost

without fighting anyone? Does she already know about it? That the council will

not kill Cyrus? Was there a rule like this? Athena was a rare wolf, from what he

heard on his honeymoon.

Does that mean this fight won't end easily, and more people will die in this

gruesome game? Jake looked at Athena, who sat there with her eyes closed as if on some kind of meditation.

He wanted to wake her up and ask what this was all about since he didn't know

about any of it, and it confused him.

"So? Will you help us? Do you still want to be with Cyrus after everything he is.

doing to you?"Athena suddenly asked Lilith, who looked at the girl with a conflicted look.

"Look, I don't even need you to do anything. I don't know what kind of spell you have put over me. It's hindering my plans. I just want you to lift those spells so

that I can call my friends here, Athena looked at Lilith with hope.

"No one will know that you lifted these spells. If we get saved, you will be safe too, and even if we don't get saved, you will be safe from Cyrus's wrath because

practically you didn't do anything visible to the naked eye," Athena proposed.

Athena's plans were good. There was no doubt about it. Was what she was saying possible? But why do her spells hinder Athena's plans? Lilith raised her brows and looked at Athena quizzically.

"What do you need me to do? I will help, but will it be okay just to lift the spells? I mean, how can you call your friends here?" Lilith asked, and Athena looked into Lilith's eyes.

It was obvious this skinwalker didn't trust her a single bit. Telling her about the

crystal will be like throwing their boat in mud and expecting it to float. What if

she is pretending to help to know her secret? Athena suspected, and she sighed.

"I had a way to run from here. The council and other wolves are already here to save us. Sooner or later, we will be saved. No matter how strong these rogues are, they can't fight against those rare and strong wolves out there, and you know it

very well too. All I want to do is end this without bloodshed," Athena started

pointing out the facts.

"Look, I don't want to threaten you. We have already gouted your name, and even if you kill both of us since my mate is here, I will convey your name to him. Even if you run away or somehow vanish, you won't be able to run away forever. The last time someone messed with me and tried to hurt me, Yaretzi and Arzoo

almost burnt them alive. What will they do with you since you have actually given me a lot of pain?" Athena looked at Lilith.

The latter was shocked to hear the names of the two most powerful witches of the sacred secret clan.

Did this rare wolf really know them? Lilith thought before her gaze fell on the

chain in Athena's neck.

This is it. She has been thinking about what kind of magic or energy was

protecting Athena, and she finally got her answer.

Lilith stood from her place and walked to Athena.

"When you said I should lift my spell to help you, you were thinking of using this crystal to call your witch friends, right?" Lilith asked as she pulled the chain from under her dress, and Athena struggled because of the chains.

"Lilith, if you did anything to this crystal, they will know for sure you are here. A witch can always sense the presence of the person touching what is theirs. I am sure you are aware of that," Athena spouted whatever nonsense she could think of. This crystal was her only way to get out of there unscathed and help others. Her wolf was too weak to kill the rogues as she did the last time.

Meanwhile, Simon and others who had been looking for the hint to enter the

base smirked with satisfaction when they saw a few rogues peeping from under

the ground using some kind of device.

"I think we finally have a way to enter the base,"Simon grinned, his eyes

completely dark before he rushed to where those rogues were with the speed of light, not even giving them the chance to retreat or react. He pulled out their

heads from their bodies, and Garima looked at the scene in horror.

When Samuel said Simon was stocking his anger, is this what he meant? Garima thought as she saw Simon kicking away the heads and pulling their bodies out

from the area they were watching before he jumped inside, followed by Andrew, Samuel, Cooper, and others who didn't even look or flinch at the sight of the

bodies. It was as if they were a usual occurrence to them.