

## Chapter 88

"Should we go this way or this way?" The vampire lord asked Simon as they stood at the junction hallways.

The strong scent of werewolves all over the place wafted through his nose, and because of that, the vampire lord wasn't able to sense anything.

"This place is so big. It's like a maze that was created just to anger their enemies. This place is the biggest benefit they have right now, Simon gritted his teeth

before he chose the right direction.

"What do you think that growl was all about? Do you think that the rogue head was successful in completing the ceremony? I have met many rogues and wolves, but none had a growl like this" The vampire lord said.

"That's because you haven't heard Athena's growl! Simon smiled proudly, keeping his gaze fixated on anything and everything in the way before he sniffed the air. It smelt like Athena's blood, and his gaze darkened immediately.

"Follow me" Simon didn't wait for the vampire lord and rushed through the

corridors to get close to Athena.

Practically, the whole east area smelt like Athena and her blood, and Simon's

blood boiled thinking about what they might've done to her.

Where should he go? Simon paused when he smelt Athena's blood from two

distinct directions.

Simon was about to take the right turn when he heard the unfamiliar yet strong voice.

"Where do you think you are going, Simon Scar?"The man said, and it didn't take Simon long to realize who this was.

None of the rogues dared to take his name with this confidence.

"So you are the rogue head. The so-called fourth rare wolf who gets his powers

stealing from a powerful woman because he is a wuss," Simon said, and the smirk on the rogue head's face faltered a bit.

"Stealing? Are you sure about that? If you had heard how Athena agreed to be with me because a particular someone betrayed her, you wouldn't be saying these

things. The rogue head hit where it hurt the most, and Simon gritted his teeth.

"So that's it? You got happy just with that? That's all you have? Do you really think our bond is so loose that any random rogue would come and break it?"Simon

scoffed.

"I understand why Simon is here. It's because his mate is here. What are you

doing here, vampire lord? "Cyrus raised his brows.

小 "Not everything is for love. Other relationships are stronger than love sometimes. I came here to save a friend I recently made. Someone who is good at heart and

doesn't deserve all this." The vampire lord said.

"Really? Such nice words came from the lord of a species who never showed

empathy or sympathy to anyone. Are you sure some relationships are stronger

than love, and it isn't love?"Cyrus chuckled.

"Does it hurt Simon? Does it hurt to see your woman or family staked like this?"

What do you think happens to thhe family of the rogues you kill? Do you think we don't have a life or love someone?"Cyrus scoffed.

"Well, those people should think about that before infiltrating other packs in

greed for power and money. Those who deserve my sympathy are in the

rehabilitation centers. You, however, deserve nothing but death,"

Simon didn't want to waste his time here. He wanted to see how Athena was doing and if she was alright and wasn't hurt. However, Cyrus wasn't making it easy for

him, and it angered him.

"Do you want to fight? If yes, then let's get going. I have a mate to protect and

love,"Simon clenched his fists, and Cyrus chuckled darkly.

"A mate to love and protect? Do you know what Athena was doing when I found her in the forest? She was screaming and wailing in pain. Her eyes had lost all the shine and will to live. She was clenching her heart as if she wanted to pull it out of her to ease the pain. Is that the love you are talking about?"Cyrus asked, and

Simon's heart skipped a beat at Cyrus's detailed description.

He vaguely knows from Andrew that Athena was really hurt when she saw him

like that with Garima, and she was afraid she might do something. That's why she had run out of there.

"Do you know why it was so easy to capture her? It was all because of you, Simon. If you hadn't hurt like that, a strong wolf like her would've never let her guard

down. So don't tell me you are doing all this for love because you failed terribly" Cyrus paused.

"I, however, am a winner in love. Because you failed, I got to touch the love of my life. Touch her, kiss her, in fact, masturbate in front of her. I would've made love to her if the ritual didn't need her purity for 3-4 hours. And guess what? She was so broken that she would've allowed it."

"Cyrus!"Simon released a thunderous growl before he launched himself at Cyrus. That's exactly what Cyrus wanted to do.

He didn't even let Simon touch him and kicked Simon so hard that he slammed into the steel wall before landing on the ground.

The vampire lord was shocked to see Cysus's new found energy. There was no.

doubt he was stronger than Simon right now. You said you love her? Do you think tormenting someone is love? Let me ask you a question. Athena might have said she would be with you and would go against me or whatever. Did she say shhe wants to be your wife? Did she say she would

marry you and bear your child herself?" Simon scoffed before he stood from the ground.Www.N0@E1W0r.com

The smile on Cyrus's face faltered a bit when he realized what Simon was

insinuating here. However, that wasn't the truth, right? Athena was ready to be

with him, right? Cyrus raked his thoughts, going back into the memories to affirm himself.

Simon looked at the vampire lord in signal, who nodded back at him.

This was the plan now. Provoking Cyrus and keeping him busy with him while

the vampire lord goes and finds Athena was the only option left for them.There was no way Cyrus would let them go like this because even he knew if Athena gets out of there, they would already lose more than half the battle.

Simon was already too late finding this place. Thus, he wanted someone. to ensure she was safe until he fought this battle.

If she is hurt, he wants her to get the necessary treatment as soon as possible

because judging from Cyrus's powers, he was successful in his plans of stealing

Athena's powers.

The vampire lord rushed to where he felt the strongest sense of blood. Since he was a vampire, smelling blood was far easier among these werewolves than

smelling another werewolf.

As the vampire lord reached the so-called hall of the ritual, his eyes darkened

when he noticed a rogue holding an unconscious Athena in his hand with two

witches standing there.WwW.n0@E1W0r.com

From what he heard, the rogue head was probably using some kind of witch to

complete the ritual since it was out of the werewolf's capability to do something like this. And thus, when he saw the rogue and witch, he immediately thought

they were hurting her.

"Leave the girl alone!" The vampire lord hissed through his teeth, his eyes turning into a light shade of brown and red, and Jake immediately turned around before widening his eyes when he saw the lord's elongated fangs.

."What are you doing here, vampire lord?"Arzoo asked.

"I am here to save the girl. And it would be better if you hand the girl to me. I

don't know what you guys are doing with her, but if you as much as touched a

single strand of her hair, I will tear you apart with my bare hands," the Vampire

lord threatened, and Jake looked at the lord's angry eyes, bringing Athena even

closer to himself.

Arzoo and Yaretzi looked at each other, unsure if they should just agree or

not.WWw.N@E1W0r.com

The vampire lord said he was here to save Athena, so it would be okay to give her to him, no?

However, Athena's blood scent was strong in the area. What if the vampire lord

gives in to his temptation? The lords are known for their direct drinking of blood from humans and other species. That's why they are feared terribly.

Though these two witches were one of the most powerful witches in their clans,

the power and wrath of the Vampire lord weren't something to mess with. And

they knew it very well.

However, Jake, who wasn't aware of that, clenched his arms around Athena.

"You will take her away over my dead body. I don't know what or who you are,

but I know one thing for sure, I am not letting her anywhere near a man who

definitely can't control his emotions," Jake's words shocked the witches.

"She is bleeding, and her healing is slowed. There is no way a vampire, especially an angry lord, is coming anywhere near her. I will not entrust anyone with her

but myself. She has been my responsibility for as long as I remember, and it's

going to stay that way,"Jake's gaze was resolute, and the vampire lord gritted his

teeth.

As much as he wanted to say he won't lose control over his urges, the vampire

lord knew it would be a tough game. Athena was smelling so divine right now that if he had met under any other conditions, he would've asked for her permission before taking a sip of her sweet-smelling blood.

It would've been uncanny, but her breakup with Simon would've turned

something between them, and though it had been immoral, he wouldn't have

minded it.

"I won't harm her. I have a promise to keep to myself. Simon is fighting the rogue head outside. We do not have all the time. That man is really strong. Because I am of a different species, I can't touch the rare wolf, and only Simon can do

something." The vampire lord said, and the witches understood where he was

coming from.

That was the same dilemma they were going through too. The other species can't touch the rare wolves, let alone kill them until the wolf commits a direct crime

against them.

"We will take her to a safe place," The witches stepped ahead and were about to

touch Athena's hand, but the vampire lord rushed to them with the speed of light, stopping their hand mid-air.

"No one is taking her away until Simon says anything. I have taken the

responsibility of getting her safe and sound to him, and I won't let anyone come between that," The vampire lord's eyes turned a little more crimson, and Arzoo

and Yaretzi glared back at him with equal intensity.

"Drop your act, vampire lord. Are you sure you want to help Simon and are not

looking for a personal benefit? You will save the beauty. When Athena wakes up, she will see you and will be forever grateful to you. You and I both know that's

what you had in your mind when you thought about helping Simon,"Yaretzi:WwW.n0@E1W0r.com

scoffed before jerking her hand away from his hold.

The vampire lord nodded at them. That was indeed his intention until he didn't know what exactly had happened.

"Don't act like you don't want her, The vampire lord smirked rather than refuting her accusations.

"And? Is there a problem with that? Athena called us to save her,"

"Simon called me to help him find her and get her to a safe place away from all

this,"

"We don't care what Simon thinks or does anymore. He has put Athena's life at

stake again and again. We don't know if we should trust him anymore. That's why we'll wait till Athena wakes up and decides something for herself. Till then, we will take care of her."

"Yeah? Why don't you just say you want to take her with you?"The Vampire lord hissed.

"And you don't? We want her because she called us her mother, and we were filled with love and a sense of protection. The way we want her is far different from the way you want her. You want her as a -

"Can you guys stop? I know all three of you are far stronger people, but can you stop acting like you are damn kids fighting for candy?! We are talking about a

damn human being here on the verge of her death" Jake shouted, tired of all the bickering, and the vampire lord sighed before he bent and pulled Athena in his hand.

"I will take her out of here. I don't care what you do or think about this. As you've said, we should wait and see what she decides after waking up. All I want is her

happiness, The vampire lord said, and Arzoo and Yaretzi sighed before nodding. "We will handle the rogues without using our powers to help these wolves. We

can't touch the rare wolf, but it doesn't mean we can't touch other wolves either," Arzoo and Yaretzi left.

"Give her back to me. I will take her wherever it is needed. I can't trust a vampire with my bleeding friend. And why the hell are you even helping us? What are you trying to show here?" Jake asked, and the vampire lord looked at him closely

before he sighed.

"What do you think? You said you are her best friend, and she is your

responsibility, right? Well, I didn't see you among the people who joined her in

the carnival, even when almost everyone around her came. And how is it possible she didn't mention me? It only shows you are not her best friend like you are

claiming to be. Where were you at that time? And regarding why I am helping.

her, I will let you know when I get the answer myself," The vampire lord gritted his teeth.

She was a f\*cking seduction. If her Beauty wasn't enough, her blood smell was

even mouthwatering.

The vampire lord looked at her neck with a contemplating gaze before he sighed. 'I am sorry, Athena,' The vampire lord murmured at her condition.

Clenching his teeth, he sniffed her hair before bending towards her neck, and Jake widened his eyes.