## Chapter 89

"Haha, do you think you can beat me up here? This is my region. I an the ruler here. Let's see how long you will survive under my hidden atlacks," Cyrus  $\mathcal{W}ww.nov$   $\hat{\mathcal{W}}\mathcal{O}$   $\mathbb{C}m.cOm$ 

chuckled as he rushed inside a passage, and as Simon followed him inside, Cyrus appeared behind Simon and kicked him from behind, making Simon land

face-first on the ground.

Simon abruptly got up.

This chasing won't help. He now knew Cyrus had the upper hand in powers and location. If he wants to survive and do something, he needs to conserve the most energy he can.

Rather than attacking and dodging. he needs to focus on dodging and attacking strategy. Simon nodded at himself before he raised his rod higher and bent it

from the middle. Holding it tightly in hhis hand, he watched Cyrus's movements carefully.

It's been more than 10 minutes since they started sparring with each other.

It wouldn't be wrong to say that Cyrus's strength wasn't as good as it wasin the beginning.

It might be because Cyrus is conserving his energy, but what are the chances his strength is declining?

The odds were less, but Simon needed to keep hope and faith in himself and his love to fight this battle. Strengthh was a major factor, but it wasn't everything.

Simon told himself before he wiped the blood from the corner of his eyes.

Cyrus suffered so many cuts and wounds but was still standling unscathed. It was as if nothing hurt him, but there was a limit to everything. right? Cyrus will get tired and hurt sooner or later, and Simon just needs to hold on till then.

Cyrus paused to observe the changes in Simon's expression and noticed how the latter's eyes were focused on his hands.

Cyrus also realized that his energy was declining, and he needed to finish off

Simon before the latter did something to counter him. He still doesn't know if that vampire lord got to Athena. He can't allow anyone to take her away after he got her just now.

There were so many unspoken things between them. Acquiring power was his main motive, but it didn't mean Cyrus didn't love Athena. He was maniacal about this power because this was a way to protect her and his people. It was natural for him to be like this, right?

And it was only a matter of time till Athena fell in love with him. She fell in love with Simon even when he treated her like sh't, so it won't be hard for her to fall for him when he would treat her right. Cyrus nodded at his plans before his resolution to end Simon strengthened even more. How can Cyrus forget the kiss Athena gave him when she said she would be with him? She might've not said she wanted to marry him or bear his child, but her

eyes were more than enoughh. Cyrus smiled at the thoughts before he launched

himself on Simon.

Cyrus immediately aimed for Simon's chest to end the matter for once and all.

Simon saw this coming and placed his hand in front of his chest before jumping backward to lessen the impact. The small crack sounds from his finger made him look at Cyrus with anguish as Cyrus didn't stop and bent to kick Simon straight in the face.

Not only were his moves fast and powerful, but they were also precise. Simon

could see why the rogue head was feared by some alphas. Now that he has gotten some of

Athena's powers, he is even stronger.

Simon was having a hard time dodging Cyrus's fast-paced attacks, and finding a way to attack him back was becoming next to impossible. It was as if he was

moving with the speed of light.

'What are you doing, Simon? This is not the first time you are fighting with

someone who is this fast. Have you forgotten how we used to spare time with

Athena? Why are you getting beaten because of your messed up thoughts?'Onyx's words made Simon's thoughts come to a complete halt.

'I know you are worried about her, but the vampire lord has gone there to save

her. As much as we don't want to believe others, sometimes we need to learn it.

Focus on this fight, or you will lose Athena eventually. Do you really want to die without explaining yourself? Will you be able to die with her hatred?'Onyx asked, and it was everything Simon needed to hear right now.

Simon focused his mind on Cyrus's attacks and started seeing a pattern of how he acted and reacted when an attack came or he wanted to attack. Now that his mind was clear, he could see how he was using speed as his leverage against Simon.

Simon nodded at Onyx before he wiped the blood from his forehead that was

inching closer to his eyes.

Meanwhile, in the hall, Jake rushed and pushed the vampire lord, making the

latter stumble back as Athena fell from his hands, and he looked at Jake in

anguish.

"What the hell do you think you are doing?I" Jake growled before the vampire

lord could say anything.

"You said you are here to save her. Were you really just going to sniff and bite into her neck? Is this your idea of saving her?" Jake asked before he grabbed Athena

and pulled her unconscious body to himself.

It was as if she was some kind of doll and these people were playing tug of war.www.nOvëlworm.©om

with her. "Are you out of your mind? Who you even are? I said I am there to save her. Did you really think I would bite her neck to have a little taste and increase her

chances of death? Are you a moron?" The vampire lord hissed through his teeth, not liking how this rogue has taken away his responsibility from his hand and

how he pushed him.

"Yeah? If you weren't doing that, can you explain what was with that sniffing? Your fangs are already elongated. Do you have any explanation?" Jake asked, and the

vampire lord looked at him for a few seconds as if he was looking at some antique before he sighed.

"My fangs are elongated because of Athena's smell. It's getting harder to control

my urges

I will agree to that. However -"The vampire lord inmediately started, and Jake's eyes became more suspicious.wWw.n@Vê/@oRm.čom

"I was sniffing the degree of that burn on her neck. I can't help but find it weird

how the rest of the wounds on her body are starting to heal, but that burn wound especially is not even getting any better, let alone healing. It's like it has ruined her skin permanently, The vampire lord said, and Jake looked at Athena's neck before sighing.

"That bas\*ard used a burning stick and placed it on her neck because she pushed him away and rejected giving more blood. He was going mad with a power surge and wasn't stopping. She was afraid he would suck her dry. The process needed

three sessions, and so far only two sessions of blood drinking have been  $Www.now \mathcal{E} W or M.(c) om$ 

completed,"Jake said.

The vampire lord looked at the rogue looking at the girl with so much empathy, and couldn't help but sigh. It looked like this boy really cared about Athena a lot, and he was getting worked up uselessly.

"Wait. You said that Cyrus is fighting with Simon, right? You can't participate in

the fight because he is a rare wolf, but you can pass the information that can lead to his death, right? I can't go there because I am weak, and if Cyrus saw me,he

would kill me in a second, and I am in no condition to protect myself, Jake

paused, looking at the lord hopefully.

"What is it? What information do you have against him that we can use to win

against that man? I can't even imagine how Simon must be holding on till now,"

The vampire lord sighed.

"Cyrus hasn't really become stronger. It's just a momentary power influx in his

body because he has drunk her blood recently. However, even after all these

powers, there is a method that you can use to hurt him, and he won't heal it easily. The method is using fire, Jake said.

"Fire? What do you mean? Can you elaborate?"

"I am not sure what happened. But after he drank Athena's blood and wasn't

stopping as I told you earlier, Athena pushed him away, and he stumbled on this hearth. His backside got burnt because of that, and as he should've, he didn't heal. That time he said something about it being his weakness. I am not sure because I was too weak, and my senses weren't working well. Can you pass this information on to Simon?" Jake closed his eyes and leaned back on the wall, and the Vampire lord sighed.

Simon had entrusted him to keep Athena safe, and it was his duty to do that since that's what they decided. If he leaves here and some rogue from the opposite team

comes to harm her, what will he do? This boy is nowhere near in any position to save her. However, telling Simon about this, was also important. The vampire lord looked at Athena with a sigh.

What should he do now? Should he-

"Why are you still standing here, lord? Will you go only after Simon dies at his hand? I will handle it here. Don't worry. Even if I have to lay down my life, I will do that for her. That's how much I owe her. I won't let anything happen to her, Jake said, and the vampire lord nodded before he ran outside.

In the West corridors, Simon winced and fell to the ground, barely moving as

Cyrus punched his chest again and again, and he couldn't dodge.

It was hard. Though the strategy in his mind was perfect, Cyrus's energy didn't look like it was decreasing anytime soon. This was way harder than he had

thought. Simon coughed blood as his vision blurred slightly because of the blood loss. He blinked twice as he saw Cyrus walking towards him with a smug look.

"So? This is it? These are the powers of the so-called Simon Scar, feared by most of the rogues and Alphas. No wonder Athena decided it was better to leave you as.

soon as she met me. Why would any woman want to stay with a man weaker than her?"Cyrus said before he wiped the blood from the corner of his lips.

Though Cyrus was acting smug, in his heart, he knew Simon was way stronger than he had thought.

If he hadn't drunk Athena's blood again, he doesn't know if he had been able to win and beat him to a pulp like this.

Was it because he was Athena's mate, or was he always this strong? Anyway, the point was, Simon was lying on the ground in front of him, defeated, and that's all that mattered right now.

"You know, I want to kill you right now. There is this strong urge to see the last drop of blood inside you flow on the ground of my base, but something is

stopping me. Do you know what that is? Athena. I want her to see you die like this. I am sure she would be happy to see that the man who betrayed her got killed by me. That I avenged her humiliation," Cyrus stood and turned around, smug and sure Simon won't get up.

Cyrus has beaten Simon so hard that almost all his bones must have a crack now. The wolfsbane blade he was sliced with earlier was doing a perfect job hindering his healing powers, and Cyrus wanted to praise the rogue who did that. "I want to know something. When you asked me if Athena said she wanted to bear my child, you asked that because she talked to you about this, right? What does

she want to name the child? I want to know what kind of names she likes. I mean, after you die, I will be the one taking care of her, no?"Cyrus gloated at his victory, and Simon closed his eyes in helplessness.

His body was barely moving anymore. Even lifting a finger was appearing like a

task now. His body shook with anger at how Cyrus spoke of Athena's name again and again, but it looked like there was nothing in his power anymore.

'Stand up, Simon. You'll have to get up to protect Athena. She needs you. You have already failed her as her love, don't fail her as the person who had sworn to

protect her; Onyx shouted from inside Simon, and the latter clenched his eyes,

tears of helplessness flowing down from the corner of his eyes.

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