

Werewolf 781

Chapter 781 The Mythical type Altered

Frank was being held by two of the Hydra's heads, while Sadie was slowly getting up from the ground. She soon saw multiple of the heads stretching out and heading right towards her.

She quickly rolled on the ground, as the heads opened their mouths biting right into the ground. Large chunks of it had been taken out with the bites leaving big holes in the road.

As soon as Sadie got up, she threw her feathers again, aiming for those that were tied to Frank. They actually had hit their target, piercing the skin but not going right through the strong muscles of the Hydra.

"Crap, if I don't do something fast, then Frank's going to die!" Sadie thought.

The wings were being pulled and from his back they were being detached from his body, slowly blood was seeping from his wounds. If he reverted his transformation, the wings going back into his body would just push them back in more, and it was possible they would rip off, and he wasn't so sure if he could heal from the injury, because he had never had his wings torn off before.

"AHHH!" Frank continued to scream.

At that moment, whizzing past all of them, running at a great speed, a scruffy orange coloured hair man with a light orange beard, jumped through and with a fist, punched Raven right in the stomach.

The force flung Raven's body away, and off the ground, but the razor sharp teeth were still dug into Frank's body pulling him along.

While he was in the air, the older man quickly swung his arms up, and in doing so the necks were sliced in half. In doing this the body continued to fly away while two more heads were starting to grow from the wounds that had just been made.

Frank tumbled to the ground, falling for a few moments, and slowly got up, having two detached heads still stuck on his wings.

"Well, this is freaky as well, but thankfully I still have my wings." He mumbled to himself, as he looked at who had just saved him. "Kanu! What are you doing here?"

Kanu was the leader of the squad of which both Sadie and Frank belonged to. He was one of the strongest squad leaders, the White Rose head, and some believed he was more deserving of a higher position, it was just due to his difficult personality that he never really took it, or got promoted ahead of others.

"You two are always a magnet for trouble. We are doing this case as a unit, yet what took you two so long to get back? You weren't answering my texts so I decided to come over, I just never expected to see this." Kanu said.

He could see the Hydra standing up again, with more heads than before, and all of the menacing eyes were looking right at the three of them.

"I'll deal with this one!" Kanu charged in again, jumping off his feet, his body hadn't transformed as he looked to be in his normal Altered form.

A couple of the heads came at him but he was able to avoid them, but when he came in close. Two of the Hydra heads had bit down, biting on him hard and attaching to his body drawing blood.

Ignoring it completely, Kanu gave another large devastating blow, punching him, causing a large sonic boom to go off. Due to Raven holding onto him, the two of them went flying together into one of the buildings off to the side.

It was several stories tall and looked like an abandoned car park of sorts. Both Sadia and Frank got up, but they were unable to see anything. Still the two of them could hear the consonant sounds.

There were struggles, the sound of explosions and destruction going off, as several floors started to break. The whole floor was rumbling around them, several small pieces of dust were falling from the building.

"Do you think the boss will be okay?" Frank asked.

“What, do you think he’ll lose?” Sadie replied back.

“You weren't the one that nearly got your wings ripped apart by him.”

In the middle of their conversation a row of explosion sounds went off, one after the other. The floors were being ripped apart. Whatever was happening, it seemed like the fight was far more intense than the one that they were having.

Eventually, the whole building was starting to shake and soon the floors were collapsing in on one another. Sadie and Frank had to move and jump back as they saw the building falling to pieces in front of them.

The rumbling had stopped and in front of them all they could see was the abandoned car park completely destroyed, with concrete over concrete and nothing else. That was until part of the rubble moved, and two large concrete slabs moved over the place.

Kanu had blood dripping from the side of his head, and bite marks all over him as he walked back to the others.

“Did you get rid of him, boss?” Frank asked.

“No, he managed to get away just in time. One thing is for sure, whoever that was, they were an extremely strong person, just what did you guys do to get on his bad side?” Kanu asked.

Right then, Sadie pointed behind them, as they could see a man standing on top of the rubble. They had several heads that were all moving down to one, and now just a single man stood there, unchanged in a normal human form.

“Gary Dem!” Raven shouted. “He was the one that caused the death of my brother, and he is the one that caused so many problems in the past. You guys should have stopped him when you had the chance, now I’m going to have to do it for you, and I don’t care how many people die in the process.”

With those words said, Raven had left them with those words to think about.

Chapter 782 The Power To Change

A large mechanical vehicle, slightly larger than that of a bus, was driving down the highway. It stood out because it was reinforced on the outside, somewhat similar to an armored military vehicle, and it had this special coat of red paint.

The inside of the vehicle was a lot more luxurious than the outside, as it was covered in red velvet and a strange fluffy material, while it had TV screens, seating areas, and consoles for entertainment.

This vehicle was the primary mode of transport for the Phoenix gang, and it would only move when there was a certain individual inside, Sin. Unlike the other kings who liked to hide their identity as to who exactly was the leader.

It was different for Sin, who was a well-known, wild figure who wished to do as he liked. He was also one who constantly showed displays of his power to the others, making sure that they didn't attempt to attack him.

"So who are we meeting exactly?" Raven asked.

Inside the vehicle, there were several members who belonged to the group. They weren't just any members, though; these were the ones who had been with Sin from the beginning, from the creation of the gang.

There was Glutton, a large giant man who was close to seven feet tall. Although large in size, it wasn't from muscle. Instead, it appeared to be more of a blubber. He had rolls and rolls of fat on him and wore a thin red tank top.

To his side, there were two more members, one named Garbo, who was the complete opposite of Glutton. Small and skinny to the point where people would compare him to a twig, but he had something strange about him. While sitting down, his leg was moving up and down constantly, and once in a while, he would have an odd twitch.

Then there was Greed, a man who was also wearing a red sleeveless top, but his arms were covered in scars to the point it looked like tattoos on his skin. Whenever one of these men had gotten involved with troubles related to the Phoenix gang in the past, the fighting would stop. Even if it was against the other kings, they realized it had gone too far, and they chose to pull back. They had a reputation that was almost just as big as Sin himself. Quite easily, every single one of them could have become leaders of tier 2 gangs in their own right, but instead, they were working under Sin.

On the bus, there weren't just them, as two more guests had joined them, Raven and Gil. It was the first time they were in the vehicle.

"You two have done well so far; you managed to do a better job than Stunker. I can't believe he got taken out and was the only one to fail, while you two succeeded," Sin explained. "That is why I invited the two of you."

Sin smiled as he swung his red fluffy scarf over his neck. He wasn't even wearing a top and only had the fluffy scarf on his body. When turning around, a large tattoo that covered his whole back, that of a phoenix, could be seen.

"What's this meeting about, is it getting rid of the Howlers?" Raven asked.

"Hahaha," Sin started to laugh. "I suspect it is, but if you want to live, then I should tell you now, it's best if you keep your mouth shut around these guys because they have just as much power as me."

Raven caught on fairly quickly. The only people that would have as much power as him were one of the Kings. But then why were they meeting with each other? All of the Kings should be against each other, or at least, staying on neutral terms. There was no news of two of the Kings being close to one another.

The bus had gone off the motorway and started to head down some country lanes. It was a bumpy ride, but they had eventually come across what looked like an abandoned castle in the middle of a field. Part of its walls, as well as other areas, had been destroyed, with bricks having fallen off it.

What was strange was the fact that there were no vehicles present. But when looking out the window, they could see a group of people. There were around ten of them, all wearing hooded clothing that covered their heads, making it hard to see their faces clearly.

For a moment, Raven's eyes had caught with one of them, and a shiver was sent through his whole body. His hand couldn't stop shaking, and he needed to hold it steady.

'Even after taking the Mythical serum, I still feel like this,' Raven thought. As he stood up, he went to touch the side of his head, and Gil was ready to leave as well until he noticed what was happening.

"I've been getting headaches too," Gil said. "The more I turn into our Altered forms, the more headaches I get, but I can bear through the pain."

Raven nodded as he was in agreement. This pain was nothing for him to achieve his goal, but he did wonder, was it normal for other Altered to feel the same type of pain.

Sin descended down, along with his three men, while Gil and Raven stayed at the back. The other group was sitting among the rubble, and at the very back, a wide-shouldered man was sitting on top of a pile of rocks, holding one in his hand and staring at the rest.

"I'm not in a good mood, Sin," the hooded man in the back said, his voice low, almost like a growl. All of them could feel the bass of his voice even though they were standing several meters away.

"Sorry to hear that, Lupis; let's see if we can make your day better," Sin smiled.

Chapter 783 The Start of It All

At first, Raven thought that this might be a friendly visit between two of the kings. To the general public who knew about the gang world, none of them were on good terms, but then why meet?

Perhaps the two gangs were working secretly together, giving them a chance to overthrow the others. At the same time, it would allow them to do a large-scale operation such as taking out one of the other kings.

If one of the kings had their back while doing so, then they would have an advantage over all of the others, and it would change the scope of everything! But now that they were here, Raven could see it clear as day: the two weren't on friendly terms whatsoever, and the tensions were high.

It was no wonder that Sin had brought his top men with him.

"Does that mean he considers us his top men by his side as well?" Raven thought. "When he gave us those strange Altered serums, I thought he was using us as an experiment, but to think that both of them were mythical types.

"It still makes no sense for him to bring us to something like this, right?" He started to think.

The man referred to as Lupis just gave a small growl in response to Sin's shenanigans.

"Do you think I don't have information on what you've been doing?" Lupis asked. "This is the second time that a job I have given you hasn't been completed."

Raven made sure to note the word "second" time. Judging from their meeting now, he didn't assume this was the first time.

"Hey, you know, I was the one that offered to deal with the Howlers," Sin explained. "I already have a grudge against that whole city for what they had done."

Sin spit on the ground, and his spit started to evaporate into the air.

"I had the Underdogs and that city under my control, and then they went and messed it up! Right now, both of our wants line up, but if you really want to, then go ahead and deal with them yourselves."

Lupis didn't seem to like that comment. From underneath his hood, Raven caught a glimpse of his upper lip raising, and his sharp teeth being revealed underneath it.

"You owe us one," Lupis snarled. "The whole reason why the Howlers have been able to rise to the position they are in now is because you allowed someone to get that package!"

His voice shook the ground, and even the rubble beneath started to move. Instinctively, Sin and all of the others took a step back. The only ones that didn't move were the ones with Lupis.

"I see," Sin said, his voice a little shaky. It was the first time he felt like this in a long time; his entire body was shaking. He couldn't even remember the last time he had felt such a thing, and Lupis seemed to be in a worse mood than he was previously.

"As I said, that is part of the reason why we are dealing with this mess."

Raven, who was listening in on everything, was trying to put the pieces together based on what he had known about the Phoenix gang. Because it was strange to him, what did another King need from Sin that he couldn't do himself?

That's when he remembered how the Phoenix group had gotten their solutions themselves. Compared to other kings, the Phoenix gang were well-connected in areas outside their city. They had several ins at NIRV. Using this, they had managed to steal the Altered solutions they had obtained.

'Did they ask Sin to steal something from NIRV that they couldn't get their hands on, and that it had to have been shipped using the Underdog group? Was it more Altered solutions? Is that what changed Gary and the others that came from the Howlers?'

Raven was slowly piecing all of it together. Now it made sense what the failed mission was and why Sin was getting involved in this. So far, though, it was just a small problem that they had to deal with.

"The situation for us is a bit tense ourselves," Lupis explained. "It seems that the Altered Hunters have chosen to target our cities more than any others, and we are dealing with unique problems. We don't have the capacity to deal with something like this, and since you owe us one, this will be down to you.

"Use everything you have at your disposal to get rid of them, and if you fail, then I will have to take the time myself to get rid of you first, not them."

Lupis had raised his hand, where a long, dangling sharp fingernail pointed out.

Sin had gained some of his confidence back as he rolled his shoulders a few times.

"Hey, there's a reason why I have remained a king myself. Remember what I said before; I'm doing this because I owe you one for that failure from before. I will use everything I can to get rid of them, don't worry about that."

Sin then turned around and started to walk away.

"You guys just worry about the Altered Hunters; I hear they are quite strong and growing these days. Who knows, if you get too weak, the next thing you know, it might be your city and you guys who are gone."

The others turned around, and all headed back to the bus, leaving their conversation there. While leaving, Raven did wonder something, though: why were the Altered Hunters concentrating on the Lupis gang compared to the other gangs?

Was there something about them that no one else knew about? Surely they wouldn't be the easiest group to go after?

'There are too many things surrounding the kings that we don't know about. I should just focus on getting Gary,' Raven thought.

Chapter 784 Gather The Howlers

The setup on the Howlers' end was underway. Gary had stated that their group would go on the attack. Rather than waiting for what was going to happen, he would take a large group of them and head over to the Phoenix Gang to take them out and stop this all.

The Howlers' situation was tense as word had been passed around the squad as to what was taking place. The members of the Howlers themselves had been told whether they would join the attack or not.

If they didn't, then they could no longer call themselves members of the Howlers. This was Kai's orders.

The members were experiencing the benefit of being in the gang. Having a good life, a good wage while being in a city where they were protected and didn't have to fear the troubles from other gangs for a while now.

Now, when the gang was in trouble, going to war against the others, with a gang as large as the Phoenix, they needed everybody, and it wasn't fair for the members to back out now or choose not to fight.

They needed to play their part and not just have their cake and eat it. Still, it didn't stop the members from talking among themselves.

"Hey, are we really going to go up against one of the Kings? I mean, that's crazy; this is practically suicide for us, right?"

"Do we really have a choice? The Phoenix gang were the ones that attacked us! I heard they didn't just attack other gang members but they attacked the public as well, and Sin is one crazy king. If he is to fight in Slough, do you think he would take us in as members? No, he would burn us all alive."

"Like you said, it doesn't look like we have a choice, but is fighting really the right thing to do right now? Going to them, why don't we just stay back and, you know, try to negotiate?"

"Hey, how long have you been in the Howlers for? Don't you think they would have already tried something like that? The fact that they attacked the general public, it was the last straw; we Howlers have to do something."

Most of the members agreed to fight, with only a few deciding to quit at the risk of their own lives. At the same time, not everyone was involved in the plan to go.

Crowley, the teacher of the Altered, and someone who had somewhat become an official member, would be staying.

Kai was careful to choose those that were staying behind. Based on Crowley's nature, he would help out the public no matter what occurred.

Besides them, there were also other surprising Altered that would act if trouble came. The mayor, Ben Clove, and even Xin Clove were currently present as well.

If the city became a warzone while they were attacking the other area, it wouldn't be as easy to take out Slough as the Phoenix gang thought.

One of the large hotels had been booked out as no guests were allowed in it for the day. The Howlers members had gathered around two hundred of them in total.

Some carried Anti-Altered weapons, some carried normal weapons, while others were Altered themselves. All of them were wearing the black and gold uniform of the gang.

Soon arriving into the ring of people, there were four people wearing masks. They knew these as the leaders of the Howlers, but they noticed something strange.

Although they would only see the leaders in these strange masks, they wondered why did some of them look different, and why wasn't everyone present.

Of course, some knew the reason; for one, one of the leaders hadn't been seen for over a year now. This was Innu, who was still with the Altered Hunters.

Then there was Austin; many knew about him, the real him, and how he was one of the leaders. Many had already guessed it because there weren't many that matched his size and posture.

However, now on the stage, there was one person they didn't notice. Under the masks, Kai, Maria, and Olivia were there, but there was another woman, and oddly a scrawny young boy wearing glasses behind her.

'While Austin is out of it, I will take his place for now,' Vere thought to herself. She was determined to get revenge. She hadn't been invited as a core member.

However, due to her importance linking to the city, Kai wanted to keep a close eye on her. He didn't want her to fight, but there were too many strong emotions behind it all.

Finally, as they waited, three more were walking through the crowd; these three wore no masks, but everyone noticed them instantly.

"Why is everyone looking at me like I'm some type of dead person?" Midwak said with a smile. "I'm very much alive, and I will get my payback."

Gary had been waiting for Midwak to get better and to travel from Notsburg. He hadn't come alone either, bringing two of his turned Werewolves, Bardo and Bardolph.

'Now those are his two right-hand men. They're in the system since whatever Beta wolves Midwak creates come under my umbrella as Alpha. Either way, we are going to need everything we can get.'

Not saying much, Gary started to move forward. "Let's move out!" Gary declared with his hand in the air.

The rest cheered and followed, heading outside.

Waiting for them were several buses, a few large five-seater SUVs, and the limo that they would often take. All of them fortified to take Altered attacks to some degree.

The members quickly rushed on board, and Midwak, along with his two Werewolves, came with Gary and the others, heading into the limo, heading straight for the City belonging to one of the Kings.

"Let's go to Inferno City," Kai stated.

At the same time, Sin and the others had just returned to his home in Inferno City, when a particular person had a question for him.

"So, what are we going to do?" Glutton asked. "Are we going to listen to Lupis and attack the Howlers? I feel like they have already figured us out by now from the last attack."

Sin started to laugh loudly as he heard this. "So what if they have figured out who we are?" Sin replied back. "Don't worry; I wasn't lying when I said we would use everything we have at our disposal, and don't worry about a thing. They won't even make it to our city. I'm sure soon they will lose the will to do anything before they even reach here."

Chapter 785 Highway trouble

The situation was tense in the main limo as the members of the Howlers were all ready for what was about to happen. They were on the attack, and it was the most straightforward plan they had ever come up with because it was Gary's order.

The Phoenix had hit them from all angles; they had secretly even attacked from the inside. Rather than playing their games and trying to pay them back in unique ways, Gary was going to head straight in and deal with the situation.

"Hey!" Midwak called out to Gary; his legs were jumping up and down. "You, you're a failure of an Alpha, you know that, right?"

The comment seemed to come out of nowhere, but then again, Midwak and Gary were never on good terms with each other.

"What are you trying to say?" Gary replied.

"I told you before," Midwak replied. "That a werewolf's strength is in its pack. In the last year or so, how many people did you end up turning... I know the answer already because it's you; it was 0, right?"

"Meanwhile, I had turned five," Midwak stated.

Although only Bardo and Bardolph were coming along, Midwak had turned quite a few people. He hadn't gone crazy in the turning process because there was something that had occurred.

One of the people he had tried to turn had ended up dead. Midwak needed to be careful with who he turned because he needed them to be loyal and stay close to him.

After all, they could easily spread the news or maybe even betray them by going to the other Werewolves. Although there were pack rules, there were always secret ways to bypass them. Nothing was absolute.

"You should know, right, the larger your pack is, the stronger you are as an Alpha. Although you're stronger than me, you aren't strong enough to do this.

"The Phoenix are full of strong people. They already took me and one of your right-hand men out, and we haven't even met their leader yet. Yet here you are making this move? Your naivety to save everyone is going to get everyone else killed.

"If you had turned more people, you would have grown in strength, and then you would have had enough power to protect this gang of yours."

"Hey, will you shut up," Marie eventually gathered the nerve to say. "If you don't trust Gary so much, then why the heck are you even on this ride in the first place."

Midwak clicked his tongue as he turned away to look on the outside. There was a reason why Midwak was saying this because he didn't want to lose no matter what.

He needed Gary to see the way to get stronger, and Gary knew what Midwak was saying as well.

For each person turned, Gary gained a pawn point; the pawn points could be used to unlock skills and even give himself stat points. On top of that, he could use it to help the others' strength grow as well.

He seemed to remember as well that Kai was a special shapeshifter-type werewolf that got stronger the more Werewolves were around them, so it would be a big benefit.

Yet he was worried; the fact that a bite had the chance of killing someone, and he would be doing so to someone who was willing to help him, to someone he bore no grudge against and while he was conscious, it was a hard ask, even after everything he had gone through.

Suddenly, in the middle of his thoughts, the car slammed on the brakes. Loud screeching was coming off, and the car started to spin on its side. It wasn't just one vehicle; it was several of the others ahead and the same behind.

One of the large buses had spun on its side and managed to just stop before hitting anything.

The members started to get out of the cars, wondering what was going on, and it was the same for those ahead.

"What's going on?" Kai asked.

"Up ahead, there's a blockade," Tyler answered. "It looks like it's the police."

The Howlers started to get out of their cars one by one, along with all the others, to see the commotion, and the two hundred people with weapons and fierce looks on their faces had come out.

The police had around six cars set up. They had only a few anti-altered weapons on them and were stood behind their cars. As they saw the mass amount of people, they couldn't help but gulp.

"Hey... hey... what are we going to do if they attack?" One of the officers said. "We can't hold them all down?"

"Hello!" One of the men said through the microphone; his voice was clearly shaky and hardly able to reach the others.

That was when a man snatched the microphone out of his hand.

"Give me that," the man said and cleared his throat.

"This is an operation being conducted by the police and the special division, The White Rose!" The voice shouted.

Standing there was one of the White Rose Squad leaders, Kanu, and he wasn't alone; there was Sadie, Frank, as well as two more of the strike force members.

It was only one squad from the White Rose unit, but it was a rarity to see so many in one area.

However, they had no clue how many Altered they might be going up against if this was to turn into a full battle.

"We know you are the group known as the Howlers organization," Kanu shouted. "We have no wish to fight with any of you. We are here for one reason only, and one person only."

An uneasy feeling was growing in Kai's stomach. How did the police even know they were there? How did they manage to set up this blockade ahead of time?

"The man known as Gary Dem is to be taken in for investigation; this is an order of the White Rose!"

Chapter 786 Turn Yourself In

The message from the police force and the White Rose group was loud and clear, they wanted one person, and that was Gary Dem, but that begged the question to all of them, why?

Why would they want Gary Dem in all of this, he still wasn't publicly known as the Howlers' leader, and even if he was they would have to jump through all sorts of hoops to get him.

"We say this again!" Kanu shouted through the megaphone again. "We only want Gary Dem. We know that he has been working closely with the Howlers, if he is not with you now, then you are to get him to come here, without retreating. If you refuse to comply you will become an enemy of the White Rose."

The police officers were still nervous as they saw all of the gang members that were standing outside with their weapons, all of them giving them menacing looks. Even if they were Altered they wondered how Kanu could have such confidence saying these words.

The core members decided to huddle up by the car as they debated what they should do.

"Why have they come and stopped us here?" Marie said. "It can't be a coincidence, it must be related to the Phoenix gang. This is the shortest route to get to the tier one city. They were waiting for us."

Kai was inclined to agree, more than anything he was surprised that Sin would have this much foresight to know their next move. Either that, or he had people even within the Howlers gang that were reporting to him in terms of what to do.

“The issue is, right now we aren’t dealing with Sin, we’re dealing with the White Rose, a large organization that has the backing of the local government. Although Sin might have had a hand in this, they would actually need to try and charge Gary with something to try and take him in, so I’m wondering what they’re even accusing him of.”

Looking far off into the distance, Gary could see a great distance due to his werewolf self, and he noticed the White Rose members. He reagonised Kanu from the Altered fighting tournament but more so Sadie and Frank, because they had nearly caught him back then.

Multiple thoughts started to run through his head as to why they could be here.

“I think the best thing, might be to go back to Slough, if we head back to the city, we can hide you a lot easier. Even if the White Rose runs an investigation.” Kai suggested.

Just then, several loud propeller sounds and sirens were heard coming at them. Flying right past were two helicopters in the air, white with gold in colour. After that, from behind, several police vehicles had appeared trapping them in.

They had quickly set up a border, and while above from the helicopters, jumping down were those in the white and gold clothing. There were more members of the White Rose unit, and their route of turning back and escaping had lessened.

They could still give it a go, but in the process they would lose a large number of members, and this was before their planned scuffle with Sin.

“Can they do this?” Marie asked. “I mean, they’re just trying to bring in one person, and they don’t even know he’s the leader. Don’t you think this is a bit much for one person?”

Maybe it was, but Gary Dem was a well known Altered fighter, a promising rookie, so they had to treat him as potentially more dangerous compared to other Alterededs. On top of that, they knew he had

connections to the Howlers, and the White Rose along with the police force were preparing for the worst, preparing to go against the whole gang if they needed to.

“The White Rose can operate differently than the regular police force.” Olivia explained. “As long as they believe there is an Altered involved in one of their cases. There is no need for a warrant, and they can act first before asking questions.

“It’s because the threat of an Altered is incredibly dangerous, compared to that of a regular person. So they treat you as if you’re guilty first.”

Kai looked nervous, a bead of sweat was running down the side of his head. He was trying to think of what was best in this situation. IF they were to fight against White Rose, they would lose too many for them to go against Sin as well.

If they were to give up Gary, then who knew what would happen to him? What they were to do to him. They would be without their leader, one of the strongest forces they had.

Without a leader, even if all the Police and White Rose members went away, how were they to do this without him? How could they face the gang that already took down Midwak and Austin.

“They want me.” Gary answered. “The answer is clear. There is no point fighting and making another enemy. Kai, don’t blame yourself for this. This is the first time that we’ve ever gone up against one of the kings, we never knew that they would have this kind of power.”

“We never knew they would also be able to influence the doings of the White Rose, but don’t worry too much. I’ll be back. I won’t give up on the Howlers or Slough, and remember, we have our own contacts in the White Rose.”

After saying those words, Gary went back into the limo, and took off his mask. In doing so he scooted back out making it appear as if he had come out of the vehicle, and started to walk forward.

The others watched his back, unsure if this was the right thing, but what else could they do.

Gary, then walked past the gang members with his hand held up, heading to the front.

"I'm here, I was the one that you were looking for right?" Gary said. "As you said you only want me."

Kanu nodded toward Sadie and Frank who moved forward. Gary stayed still not reacting, and grabbed him by the wrist, placing a pair of heavy iron bound cuffs on the back of his hands.

It also had a special activation mode that would send out a strong shock to the user. Special cuffs designed to be used against Altered.

"We will be taking you to the White Rose main base." Kanu explained. "And as promised, the rest of us will leave."

The White Rose members from before, propelled back up the helicopter, the police officers headed back in their cars along with Gary, and soon they all drove off, leaving the Howlers members in the middle of the highway just standing there.

"AHHHHHHH!!!" Kai screamed up into the sky as loud as he could at the top of his lungs, getting all of his frustration out. He felt like he had failed Gary, and failed the whole of the Howlers, what were they to do now.

Chapter 787 No Help

Most of the Howler members had no clue what was going on, even though they had seen Gary Dem turn himself in. To them, he was somewhat of an outsider of the gang who was treated really well.

He was close with the core members and supported them with his money and investments. Gary Dem, the business tycoon, also happened to be a strong Altered.

If he was coming along for this fight, they had assumed it was because the real leader had taken him. They had witnessed him giving himself up, but then what?

So they lost an ally, but they were still ready to attack the Phoenix Gang; they needed to, after all. Otherwise, the Phoenix Gang would continue to attack the Howlers as well as the citizens of Slough. If they didn't act now, they were doomed.

At least, this was all of which they had been told. Which was why, although they had quite the shock that the White Rose and the Police force had appeared out of the blue, with them gone, they could continue on with the attack.

So then why did Kai order a retreat and for all of them to head back to Slough? The Howler gang was left confused, conflicted, and somewhat felt like they were disorganized.

All they had been told was to stay on high alert for anything to happen back in the now city of Slough at any time. After everyone had returned, the core members, including Midwak, had returned to the Wolf's pool club.

Kai was frantic in his office as he was sorting through a number of papers while making a large amount of calls. He had contacted the regular Howlers' lawyer that was used to dealing with the gang's troublesome situations.

After that, he went on to contact all the other contacts they had within the different cities, and he even contacted Ben Clove, the mayor, to see if he could do anything, but all of them said the same thing.

That there was nothing they could do, none of them had power within the White Rose to influence the situation.

"Kai," Marie said, as she could see him gripping the phone tightly in his hand; any harder, and the thing would just snap apart. "You did the right thing; we couldn't attack the tier 1 gang without Gary.

"I know the members don't understand what's going on, but the best thing we can do is wait and solve the situation. Didn't you say you had someone in the White Rose on the inside that could help as well?"

That they did, which was Kai's next call to action. The phone rang for a while, and on the other end, Elijah had picked up. A connection they had made with White Rose around a year ago.

They didn't talk much since there weren't any problems between White Rose and other organizations. From time to time, they would just inform each other what they knew about the Dark Altered substance, and if anything, it was Tom and Elijah who would talk more often together.

"I know why you're calling," Elijah said immediately. "I'll tell you what I do know. This is a real investigation looking into Gary Dem at the moment. He's wanted for Altered cases that started in Slough a while ago. Apparently, they have some strong evidence against him.

"Why it was brought out now after all this time I can't be so sure. The other strange thing is how many of the White Rose are involved in this case. Even if Gary Dem is a rookie Altered, there are far too many high-level White Rose members that are being brought in on this case... it seems like someone is pulling a few strings behind the scenes in that department.

"However, because it's an official case, there isn't much I can do, other than to keep you updated."

"Alright, thanks; thanks for nothing!" Kai shouted down the phone and hung up, his breathing heavy.

The room was silent. They had never seen Kai act like that. He didn't even try to converse with Elijah or get more information. Instead, his rage had taken over, and he was the one who hung up.

After pacing back and forth, Kai sat back down in his office chair, with his fingertips crossing through his blonde hair.

"If we can't do anything, then are we just going to sit here?" Kai said. "Are we meant to just let Gary get taken away? It's clear that this is the Phoenix Gang's doing, but what I'm worried about more than anything is what they're going to do next."

At that moment, several messages and alerts started to ping on Kai's phone. He took one glance at it, and they were coming from squad leaders as well as Tom, telling him to turn on the TV and switch to the channel 1 news channel.

Kai did as they said, taking the remote out from his drawer, and went straight to the news channel. There were large letters underneath stating the words "Gary Dem, Taken in by White Rose."

There was a woman dressed up in a suit, with images of Gary Dem on screen in handcuffs while two White Rose members stood by his side.

"Gary Dem from the town of Slough has been taken in for questioning by White Rose. The group that deals with cases involving Altered. As you may remember, over a year ago, Gary Dem had his debut match in the AFC, where he showed great strength, yet he also decided to retire on the same day.

"No news yet has come out as to what exactly the White Rose wants with him, however, many have gone to take their guesses since the involvement of the White Rose."

"It's being covered on the news!" Marie shouted. "Gary's face is being shown everywhere, and they're already treating him like a criminal."

"It's the power... the power of one of the kings," Olivia commented.

At the same time, the news channel was being viewed far and wide, as several people were all learning at the same time what was happening to Gary. Numba, Izzy, Apollo, all of those at the Altered Academy.

There were those that had spent time with Gary at AJ entertainment, and there were also those that lived in Slough.

Soon they could see opinion being split on Gary Dem as the comments rolled in.

"I can't believe it. I'm starting to lose faith in the Altered community; I thought Gary was one of the good ones."

"He is one of the good ones; we can't slander him yet until he's been charged. I'm sure there's some type of mistake."

"Yet for him to be involved in a mistake in the first place isn't that strange; the whole him quitting the AFC was weird in the first place."

"Screw Altered!"

"If he's being taken in, then he had to have done something bad. He was just one of those guys that were hiding it, faking a good side to the public."

At the same time, Xin had seen the news report as well. She was staying at a hotel, and when she rushed and looked right in front of the TV, she wasn't the only Clove family member who had seen this.

In a dimly lit room, on his mobile phone, Jayden clicked his tongue.

"Sh*t, did they manage to get to you, Gary."

Chapter 788 School Reunion

Xin had decided to stay in the city of Slough for a while. She was on a break from her regular training before she would take on a big match. She wanted to spend time with her family and in this short period try to find any news on her brother as possible.

It was why she would constantly browse through the news channels, and would be on several at the same time. Her phone was going through articles, her tablet was set up to news live streams, and the TV was on the more focused traditional media when she saw it, the news of Gary having been taken in.

'What is going on!' She jumped out of her seat and got within inches of the screen, trying to confirm that the Gary on the TV was the same as the one she thought of, and without a shadow of a doubt it was him.

'How did this happen, how did it even... is it because of the request I made?' Xin started to think. 'No, it can't be that, it must be something else.'

She started to think back about the recent information she had found out about Gary, how he was secretly a gang leader. She didn't know the ins and outs of the whole underworld business, but perhaps this whole thing was a set-up.

Looking at her phone, she was wondering who to contact, but she had no one. She wasn't heavily involved in Gary's life, having left it shortly after. She had even broken her phone a few times, on accident, during training sessions.

So all the numbers she had from the time they were in school were gone. It was Gary who had contacted her and kept in touch with her once in a while, which was why she was able to keep his number.

'Isn't there Tom, or that blonde-haired guy that's always around him, what was his name again? Gosh, it's been so long.' Xin said to herself. She was now pacing back and forth in her hotel room.

It wasn't just the passage of time that had passed, but she couldn't exactly think straight with everything that was going on either.

'I should try and help with what I can, maybe I can do something. I wasn't able to help Jayden, but I should at least be able to help Gary.' Xin thought as she went ahead, grabbing her phone, and heading out of her room.

It had been a while since she had roamed the streets of Slough. She was still amazed by how much it had changed, from a town, now evolving into a city, filled with people walking the streets.

There was a sense of uneasiness going on though, and every once in a while she could see people looking at their phones, in shock as they were all discussing the news of Gary.

'You did a lot for Slough, Gary, and more than people realized. It seems that others are feeling the effects of what is going on already.'

Since she had no clue on the way to reach the blonde-haired man or get in touch with the gang members of the Howlers, instead she had decided to take a more typical approach.

Down the high street of Cipeen, which was full of designer-styled shops, Xin noticed men walking up and down the street in black and gold clothing. It was the Howler Gang's colors.

Just like the people, they seemed a little agitated as well, but regardless she had to show no fear as she went up to a group of three of them standing outside one of the shops.

"Sorry to bother you guys, but I have some business with the Howlers," Xin explained. "Is it possible that you could get in contact, or if there was someone I could speak to?"

"Huh?" One of them turned around, his eyebrows furrowed at her. "Who is asking to meet one of our bosses randomly on the street? Do you really think that we would just say yes."

As the other two turned around to look at the woman, one of the men started to tap his friend on the shoulder.

"Hey, hey, it's her!! It's her, she's the AFC fighter, the one that's about to enter the top 50 rankings. Xin Clove, they said she came from Slough, I can't believe she's actually here."

Upon closer inspection, all three of them soon recognized Xin. It was normal for gang members who enjoyed fighting to watch the AFC, so meeting Xin was somewhat like meeting a minor celebrity.

"It really is her, and they want to meet the bosses, get in contact with them straight away, and hurry!" The guy said as the others pulled out their phones.

Xin couldn't help but be flattered; she wasn't quite used to this treatment and smiled a bit.

As she waited for them to make contact, one of the men's eyes started to bulge.

"Look out!" He shouted as he pushed her out of the way to the side.

Immediately something crashed where the group were, the brick tiles breaking on the floor. Dust started to appear, and several screams were heard as they were shocked by the sound of what just happened.

The man quickly let go of Xin, and could see his friends were okay, as well as she. They stared into the spot where they just stood, and when the dust started to settle, they could see a large muscular figure with a hood on.

"Hey, doesn't that guy match the reports!" One of the men said.

"Ah yeah, a large hooded muscular figure, they told us to report if we saw anything, that must have been the guy who attacked Notsburg!"

On their phones, the report was quickly going in.

Meanwhile, the hooded man started straight in Xin's direction.

"Ah, seeing you here is bringing back memories of school, what a reunion we are having, right?" The hooded man stated.

Chapter 789 A Tough Face off (Part 1)

Xin heard a voice that wasn't familiar, but there was a big clue in his words. When he talked about school, she could only think about the high school she had gone to.

Who would have had a grudge against her, though? There were many of the girls that disliked her, but she couldn't imagine the boys getting in her way, and a grudge from so long ago.

"Hey, I don't think you chose the right person," Xin replied as she got up off the floor and brushed off her clothes. She had changed from her elegant dress she was wearing and was now dressed in sporty clothes, with jogging bottoms and a stretchy sports jumper.

If she couldn't find any clues to Gary or those in the Howlers, she had planned to go for a run.

"The right person? I'm pretty sure you're the one I've been looking for, Xin," the hooded man said again.

One of the men by the side swung a baton, hitting the hooded figure and sending sparks all over his body. There was no reaction from him, not even a small whimper.

Grabbing the baton, the hooded man quickly hit the man, and he went flying through the air, landing on the ground. Following his fall, the street was filled with screams as people started to run away at the

sight of what was going on. At the same time, the other Howlers members that were on the street started to head in the direction of where people were running from, trying to deal with the issue.

"That's right, sir, I believe it's the same person that attacked us at Notsburg!" One of the Howlers gang members shouted on the phone.

The hooded man lunged from his position, heading straight for the one on the phone. The other gang members had surrounded the street, making a sort of circle, but they were too far to get involved, and now anti-altered weapons wouldn't work. They weren't quite sure what was going on.

The man on the phone panicked upon seeing the hooded figure, but that's when Xin dived right in. She avoided the punch to the side, twisted her foot from below, and threw a devastating uppercut, hitting the man right in the chin. His whole head and body flew back, lifting off the ground. When he landed on the floor, his hood fell back, revealing his face. He had streaks of gelled-back bright blonde hair. His face looked like that of a young adult, a little rough around the edges, and under his eyes, there were bags.

"When I said you got the wrong person, I didn't mean I'm not who you think you are, but I'm not an easy target like you might have first thought. I am not just the rookie Champion but the next person to get into the top fifty of the AFC," Xin declared.

Now that her opponent had her hood off, she took a closer look at who he was. He certainly had a familiar feeling to him, but at the same time, it wasn't someone she instantly recognized. If they did bear a grudge, wouldn't she have noticed him straight away?

Before Xin could act, the rest of the Howlers members brought out their long-ranged Anti-Alter weapons and fired bolts into Gil on the ground, a large shock hitting him, nearly three times bigger than before. Sparks were even hitting the floor next to him.

"Hahaha!" The hooded man laughed and got up off the floor as if nothing had happened. "Of course, I never expected you to know me; we hardly met after all, only caught a glimpse of each other now and again. But you are quite important to me because I can tell that you are important to someone else."

"Do you know a Gary Dem?"

During this time while speaking, the hooded man was still getting shocked, and it had no effect on him. He didn't even stutter as he spoke.

"I know you know him; I have been following Gary Dem's movements for a while, gathering information on him. Unfortunately, someone else bears a bigger grudge against him than I do, so I will leave that to him!"

Xin clicked her fingers as it came to her.

"Your Bil! I saw you on the rugby team!"

"Gil!" Gil corrected her instantly with a sharp tone in his voice.

"So Gil, you're attacking me because you think it will upset Gary. What the heck did he do to you? Did he score against you, get you kicked off the team or what?" Xin replied.

Gil thought back to what happened to him. When he met Gary, the look in his eyes, the fear he could feel that something was going to happen to him, as if he was going to be eaten. He had even attempted to stab that monster, to get rid of him on the spot, yet it did nothing. He was a true monster disguised in human skin, and Gil, in the end, had to join a gang for protection over it. His life had taken a deep turn. He would have just continued to enjoy playing sports if he had never met up with Gary.

As time went by, he had built up in his head, that everything had occurred because of his involvement with one person.

"That doesn't matter because I'm going to get rid of you, just like I did those other mutts before!" Gil shouted, and his body started to transform. His large size was growing even bigger, casting a shadow over Xin. All of the protruded objects in his body from the anti-altered weapons fell to the ground. Gil was one of the others who had received the Mythical type infected solution, and it wasn't going to be an easy fight for Xin.

Chapter 790 An Ancient Power.

Gil's body was starting to transform; it was getting larger by the second and growing in size. The corners of the hoodie he was wearing were being stretched incredibly thin, meanwhile, his face was changing.

A snout was starting to extend out, with a large black nose; his eyes were becoming fiercer, while the color of his skin was turning dark, almost a dark purple. He now was around two times bigger than he previously was, as the face of a Jackal looked over him.

"This is... I've seen this before," Xin thought to herself. "This looks like one of the ancient Egyptian gods. It's Anubis! That means he has to be a mythical-type Altered."

Xin knew quite a bit about Altered due to her being an Altered herself and studying them. The mythical type beasts, beasts that were passed down in legend and name, that they even had tales and stories about them.

It was assumed that stories were told of these creatures due to the great power they held during their time of reign on Earth. What Xin didn't expect was for Gil to be so big in size.

Looking down, Gil smirked as he placed both hands together, his fingers interlocking, and swung them down. Xin managed to dive out of the way, as she did, the fists crashed into the ground.

A large dent in the ground was made, and the vibrations shook the entire area. The glass in all of the shops that were nearby shattered. Thankfully, most of the public had already run away, and it appeared none were harmed, but some of the Howlers members that were standing close fell to their feet.

"All of you, get out of here!" Xin shouted. "Your weapons are doing nothing, and it appears that he's here for me!"

Some of the Howlers members had already left, realizing the situation. While others were hesitant, they were meant to protect this place; they knew an attack was going to happen, and now they were trusting someone who wasn't even part of the Howlers currently.

"Keep him busy!" one of the men that originally had met Xin shouted. "If you can't kick his arse, then someone from the Howlers will be here soon, I promise!"

The man shouted and retreated back into one of the shops, looking out from behind a few of the clothes racks. He and the others weren't further away; most of them decided to break away, while others continued to watch.

They didn't get too close, as they knew now that any involvement from them would be useless. If anything, they would just get in her way.

Xin looked at the destruction that was caused by the hit on the ground. 'If I get hit by that, it's going to hurt quite a bit. I wonder if his Altered form with his sheer size is his strength, or is he hiding something else!'

Immediately, Gil turned around and swung his arm, to which Xin had timed it perfectly as she jumped up, avoiding the hit. When she landed, she grabbed onto the hand that had just been swung at her.

Both of her hands started to light up, and holding on tight, yellow sparks of electricity came shocking from her body and hitting Gil's arm. It went straight through his body, and he could feel a deep burning sensation go through his entire body.

Soon after, Xin then kicked off, electric zapping off her foot; she appeared right in front of Gil's face, and now she had a fist that was sparking yellow.

"This shock is a bit more effective than those anti-altered weapons, right?" Xin exclaimed as she smashed her hand right into his face. Large circles of yellow sparks filled the air in that moment, breaking out everywhere and hitting parts of the floor.

However, unlike the last hit, Gil's head didn't swing back; it hadn't even moved an inch. Instead, his entire body was coated in a strange purple glow.

"Your powers are quite strong. I almost forgot that the AFC doesn't allow you to do these things, so you are even stronger than you are on TV. But you have no idea what I can do, do you?"

Gil swung both of his hands together, trying to clap them, but Xin zapped her way out of there. As quickly as she got in, she quickly got out and was on the back on the ground.

When Gil's hands crashed into each other, a loud bang vibrated through the area, shaking the ground slightly once again.

When Xin looked up, she could see something strange; the purple energy that once surrounded his body was now moving to his legs, or in particular, his feet. It coated the area, and that's when Gil's large body almost looked like it disappeared.

"Got ya!" Gil said, appearing right in front of Xin. He threw his fist that covered nearly the upper half of her body and head. It pounded right into her. At the same time, a large force of yellow electric power went flying in the air like a force field, but it didn't matter, as Xin went flying and crashed right into one of the pillars of the shop.

Rubble had fallen on her, and she could tell that a few of her bones had broken. 'How... did he move so fast?' Xin wiped some of the blood from her mouth.

She was able to deflect away a large chunk of the powerful attack, but it still had damaged her quite a bit.

'That strange purple power, I thought it reinforced his skin. Which was why my punch didn't get through, but then when he moved it to his legs. This is going to be hard when I don't know much about my opponent, but he doesn't know much about me either.'

Xin got out from the rubble and was ready to fight again, but a commotion was occurring from the side, as a man started to walk through, with a fox-like mask on his face, and behind the mask was blonde swept-back hair.

"You people just don't give up; you keep attacking our city. We managed to capture this place from the Underdogs and are making it into a kingdom for all to live. So you guys just get the heck out of here, because I'm not in the mood!" Kai shouted as he grabbed onto his mask and pulled it off his face, beginning his transformation.