

Werewolf 791

Chapter 791 The Second Leader

Kai was one of the main group members of the Howlers. He was pretty much second in command to everyone after Gary. In some cases, many saw him more as the leader. On top of that, he was one of the first to have been turned into a werewolf.

In the past, he and Olivia used to train on the side, as Kai knew how important strength was in his position. He didn't want what happened to him when he had been beaten by Midwak to happen again.

However, as time went on, Olivia started to focus more on her relationship and her strength with Marie, leaving little time for them to train. Instead, he had occasionally been secretly meeting someone else.

As Kai's body transformed, it didn't turn into his werewolf form. Instead, he transformed into a light grey-furred wolf that sprinted across the tracks. Then, he leapt up, and Gil, in his altered form as Anbus, could barely react. He swung at the wolf coming towards him, but the wolf form was agile, moving him to the side.

He leapt up again, and as he did, Kai's body transformed into his werewolf form, and he dug his nails into Gil's right arm. He sunk his claws in and punched forward, creating a deep cut on his back as he landed right on the floor.

Immediately after, he transformed into his wolf form again, being straight on the move.

Xin, who had been thrown into the wall before, was managing to recover. She soon ran out onto the ground to see what was happening, and she could see an amazing sight.

"Is that the same type of Altered as Gary?" Xin thought. "No, it's slightly different. He can transform into a full wolf as well. His hybrid form almost looks more like Gary's full form."

She could see Kai changing back and forth, from his wolf form to his werewolf form, and each time he was making a large attack. Even when Gil used the power of Anbus to increase his speed, like he had done against Xin, Kai's wolf form wouldn't lose out in terms of speed.

"I learned how to use both of my transformation skills more frequently in a fight. They both have their advantages. On top of that, I've honed my skills and senses to be aware of anything I see."

"Any small intention of movement, the twitch of the muscles. All of the training I've been doing with Midwak is paying off."

The one person who Kai knew would allow him to better himself as a fighter, perhaps a person that was second in strength to Gary, was Midwak. It was a hard task to do, even Kai, being as strong-minded as he was, could feel his body react when in front of Midwak.

He always put on a brave face, but allowing the two of them to spar against each other, his fear was starting to lessen, and he knew it was for the best so these types of situations couldn't happen again.

"Just because we don't have Gary, just because we don't have our leader, we are not useless!" Kai thought in his head as he went ahead to make another scratch, this time aiming for a vital point in his neck.

Something strange had occurred, though. A thick, eerie aura started to gather and went over the entirety of Gil's body. Xin had seen this before, and the purple-like skin had almost darkened. It was still purple in color but closer to black.

When Kai swiped his hand with all of his strength, his claws were unable to pierce the surface of Gil's skin, and instead, it felt like they were going against a type of rock.

"He might not be able to do this alone. I still haven't quite figured out the mythical beast's power," Xin thought to herself. She then rushed off, creating sparks in her feet as she moved.

The purple aura had moved to Gil's feet as he took a step back. A large gust of wind was felt as he rushed past Xin, ignoring her, and it looked like he had moved away themselves," thinking this, Kai's eyes widened as he knew there was someone else he from Kai as well.

Since it was a strange move, even Kai didn't decide to give chase. He stayed in his wolf form for a bit, huffing and panting. He was quite tired after the constant attacks.

"With the two of you and the rest of the gang, I'm sure more of you annoying flies will start to show up," Gil said, speaking in a loud voice that carried over to their side.

"I didn't quite get to finish the job, but I'm sure that this is enough," Gil claimed as he took one big deep breath and then roared into the air. "Everything that belongs to the Howlers' group, and everything that Gary Dem cares about, will be taken from him, including the Howlers' gang itself."

"Everything is pointless for you all!"

The purple aura had moved to his feet, and as quickly as he had come, he disappeared. He bent his knees, taking a large jump, clearing the area, leaving everyone alone and perplexed, with his words.

Kai soon rushed to where he had thrown his mask and picked it up with his teeth. He started to change back and placed the mask on his face. He didn't want the others to see him, too much information was being leaked out somehow and he needed to be more careful than before.

Placing the mask firmly on his face he started to think about the words spoken.

"Everything that Gary cares about... why have they been targeting Gary so much? A lot of this feels like a personal grudge against him rather than the Howlers themselves," thinking this, Kai's eyes widened as he knew there was someone else he needed to worry about. "Amy!!"

Chapter 793 Self Defence Lesson 1: Run!

The man who had attacked was holding onto a baseball bat, and the others who were gathering around had different types of weapons in their hands. What was frightening was the fact that every single one of them looked like regular university students.

There was something off a bit about them, the way they wore their clothing, or the fact that on closer inspection, they were perhaps a little too old to be university students, but from a glance or walking by, they looked like they belonged.

White grabbed hard onto Amy's wrist as she dragged her back through the halls. The night sky was already out, but they were at a university; surely they would run into someone who would be able to help them.

"Why are they attacking us?" Amy asked.

White didn't reply since she was too focused on running and trying to find the next emergency exit. However, based on her actions, she doubted that they were after both of them, and the real target was Amy.

There was an inkling that maybe this whole deal that what was going on with Gary was going to affect her as well.

The sign for the emergency exit could be seen, and White wasn't really paying attention to where she was; she was just following the signs until she could see the exit, and eventually, she could see a pair of double doors with glass, leading to the outside.

"Through here!" White shouted as she pushed the bar, opening the door, and immediately when she turned her head, she had crashed into what felt like a solid wall. She had stumbled backward and let go of Amy's hand, not wanting to drag her down with her.

When looking up, they could see a man standing above with headphones over his head, listening to music, and a messenger bag hanging from his side.

"Please, you have to help us!" Amy quickly shouted. "There are people chasing after us; can you call the police or something?"

It was only then that Amy realized herself; she was too busy running with panic that she hadn't thought to call anyone, and immediately she went to pull out her phone. Rather than contact the police, though, her first port of call was her brother, yet she remembered on the news what had happened to her brother; it would be useless to try and contact him.

'Brother always did say that if I had a problem, he would help me out!' Amy went to click on Kai's name, and as she did, she felt her phone forcefully snatched from her hands.

The man wearing headphones in front of her had a smile on his face as he then chucked the phone right on the ground, breaking it into several pieces.

"Amy, he's one of them!" White shouted.

Her mind was at a loss about what to do. It was already filled with thoughts of worry about her brother, and now this was happening.

'Is it going to be the same again, just like the situation at the karaoke club?' Amy thought to herself.

The man was readying his hand to grab her, but before he did, Amy readied herself, her eyebrows furrowed.

'No... I can't let that happen; if I can't rely on Gary or his friends, then I just have to rely on myself. Gary is too busy to be worrying about his little sister!'

Throwing her leg out, she kicked the man right on the shin just below the knee. Great pain was felt as he flinched, and with that, she saw an opportunity, as she punched straight ahead, hitting him right in his private parts.

This was no time to be worried about fighting fair or dirty, and she remembered the lessons that she had received from Crowley. She as well as White and the other Howlers members had been taking self-defense classes and had been doing so for a while now.

Right after the man bent over, White saw the opportunity as well, as she pushed Amy's upper body down.

"Duck!" White shouted, throwing out a kick and hitting the man right in the side of the face.

"Come on, we still have to get out of here!" White shouted, and the two of them knew that was true.

Both of their body frames were small. They weren't Altered like the others, nor had they grown up fighting. The man's muscle density with bone structure was just too much for them to overcome, even with a year's of training.

As they ran forward, the girls were starting to be aware of their surroundings. They were in a center part of the campus. It was an area that branched off to different buildings and had a staircase to the upper floors. Here kids would usually hang out on the staircase eating their lunch meals, relaxing, and talking.

It wasn't that late, and yet there wasn't a single student that was out. However, what was even more worrying was that they would need to reach the top of the staircase and then run ahead to get to the closest entrance to be out on the street.

"We have no choice." Amy turned her head, and could see a group of around 6 ruffians with weapons, spotting them and running after them.

Immediately, Amy started to run forward and took off her shoes, hurling them behind her, trying to slow the guys down from behind. White did the same as they continued to climb the steps as quickly as possible.

However, it felt like a lost cause, for every two steps they would take, the others would take three, and eventually, it was clear that they would catch up.

"If we just make it up these stairs, then head across the street, we can get some help!" White shouted.

The two of them were exhausted, but they needed to keep pushing themselves, and that they did. They could almost feel the breath of the enemy on their backs as they reached the last staircase.

When both Amy and White had climbed the last step, their exhaustion had gotten to them, as they collapsed on the floor. They wanted to move and tried to get up, but it was difficult.

And that's when White could see a shadow cast from above.

"I guess I should have added more stamina drills to the routine. It is a good thing to note that as there is quite a difference between Altered and humans."

Both Amy and White looked up at the cast shadow. They had assumed it was another enemy, another person getting in their way, but instead, it was a different voice, one they had heard many times and had thought of recently.

"Teacher Crowley!"

"I will handle this; don't you worry," Crowley stated, as he looked ahead, his eyes narrowing, and part of his arm starting to transform. "This is my city now as well, and I will protect its citizens!"

Chapter 794 Meeting of the old and new

The ex-teacher of the AFA had arrived, and he transformed his hand, which was now completely covered in black feathers. Swinging his arm out, several feathers left his hand, and each one of them hit the pursuers accurately, flinging them back down the staircase and onto the ground.

It was a hard, heavy hit, and as they tumbled to the floor, they couldn't help but roll in pain.

"You two did well; my lessons were meant for cases like this, but I never thought you would be in such a dire situation where there would be gangs of young men after you with weapons," Crowley commented. "I didn't realize the youth of today were so obsessed with, what's the word, chasing ass?"

The two girls thought the comments from their self-defense teacher were a little strange, but they were still busy catching their breath. They wanted to correct him, as it was clear that these men weren't romantic pursuers, but either way, he had saved them.

Out of all those who stumbled, one of them started to lift themselves off the ground, and as they did, their face started to change. Fur was growing on their back, red in color, and heat was being produced off the top of his head, emitting partially visible steam.

"An Altered, this is more than I thought. In a city like this, I thought I knew all of the Altered that were in this city. I guess that would mean that you are outsiders, and it's time to make you minders," Crowley jumped up and almost looked like he was floating in the air with how much time it took him to land on the ground.

"The first one to attack has the advantage." Crowley swung out his hand again, and black feathers shot out. They pierced the Altered's body like bullets but didn't go right through him.

With a yell from the Altered, his skin heated up, burning off the feathers from his body. The back of his clothes looked to be on fire as they ran forward, lighting up the air.

"Ah, a hot-headed one, looks like this will be some fun." Crowley waited as the opponent swung his fists through the air, but he easily avoided the punches.

He moved back further and further, and then he noticed that oddly the Altered turned around. As he did, his back, which was covered in flames, expanded out aiming to light up Crowley completely.

However, black feathers formed in front of him and were withstanding the fire. Soon feathers started to flock together, but it seemed as if it was in front of the Altered instead, and now Crowley had appeared in front of him, throwing out a fist of his own.

It landed square in the Altered's face, and the strength of the attack was beyond normal, as the whole Altered's face, along with its body, moved straight into the ground, slamming onto the floor and almost bouncing.

The Altered's body immediately started to revert back to that of a human.

"Your plans, your hits, everything about your attacks were obvious. You might have a strong Altered form, but that is wasted on you. Perhaps you would have been better if you had gone to an Altered Academy and learned a few basics."

Crowley hadn't killed the attackers; it wasn't something that he was willing to do unless necessary. But he didn't want to just leave them on the ground like so, afraid that these men might go ahead and do something even more dubious to others.

Before that though, he needed to check to see if the girls were okay. Jumping back up to the platform, he could see that the girls had somewhat had color return to their faces as they were no longer as frightened as they were before.

"Come on, let's get you two out of here and back home," Crowley said.

The two girls agreed, and with him, they continued to walk forward through the university entrances. They had entered through one side and were unable to see the receptionist anywhere.

They continued through the reception area, exiting out of the other side, and now were on Main Street. Just as Crowley was going to take the two girls back, they saw several cars turning around the corner.

They came screeching right in front of the university, all stopping one after the other, black in color. Immediately, the doors opened, and those dressed in black and gold came out of the vehicles.

And one of them had a mask covering most of his face, who immediately went and called out to the two girls.

"Amy, are you okay?" Kai asked as he rushed over.

Crowley had immediately recognized the voice, since it was of the person who had initially hired him. He had originally thought was the leader but found out later wasn't, but it was clear he was still in a high position in the gang itself.

Kai had also recognized the teacher, and seeing that he was with him, he was a little relieved.

"That's strange; there were some attackers. I left them just in the university center; you can do what you wish with them. Be careful though, one of them is an Altered," Crowley explained.

Kai snapped his fingers, and several of the men ran through the university's doors to head down, while Kai continued to look at Amy and White to see if the both of them were okay.

"You're not hurt anywhere are you?" Kai asked.

"No, we're safe thanks to Crowley," Amy replied.

"How did you know they were in trouble, what were you doing at the university?" Kai asked.

"I just happened to be in the area," Crowley answered. "I have sensitive hearing, so I could tell something was going on."

Hearing this, Kai was disappointed in himself once again. This time the girls were saved due to a coincidence, but in truth, he was a step too late. If they were injured after what happened to Gary, how would he have been able to face his own boss?

A little while later, another grey-haired female was seen approaching from behind.

"Amy, I'm happy to hear that you're alright," Xin commented.

Amy's eyes lit up when she saw Xin. The two hadn't really met each other, but each of them knew of each other due to some words that were spoken by another from time to time.

"I can't remember if we met, but Gary spoke a lot about you from time to time," Xin commented.

Amy was a little shy as she heard these words, drawn in by her beauty. Amy had also seen her a few times since she was quite popular and a rising star in the AFC.

"What I am surprised to see is you, Crowley. I didn't know you lived here or worked in Slough. When did that happen?" Xin asked.

Chapter 792 Amy's Struggle

"Although the town of Slough wasn't known for its grand universities and education scene, it still had the standard facilities that would allow one to progress into a career like a job if possible.

For many young people, the situation was tough, as even having a degree wasn't a guarantee of a job, and many were aware of this fact. Due to fierce competition, even the choice of university became a deciding factor in job opportunities.

The students knew this, which was why many who attended the University in the old town of Slough, now a city, knew there was next to no hope for them. Often, heading to the university was either a last-

ditch effort or simply a way to buy time until they were forced to find a job in the harsh outside environment.

That's why many students had joined color gangs to pass the time or, perhaps, pursue a future in a different direction, leading them into a life of crime. However, things weren't the same in Slough now.

They were attempting to clean up that reputation, and that included the university itself. Two of those attending Slough University were Amy and White.

They were in the last class of the day, in a room that could hold around two hundred students or so, but the room was only about a quarter full, and some of those inside were even asleep.

Not many chose economics given the current state of the world, especially since they saw more value in other things such as Altered ranks, power, and other things that were somewhat harder to gauge.

Yet, Amy had chosen it, with the hope of a better future in her sights and her love for math. Sitting by her side in the lecture hall was White, someone who had strangely chosen every single course that she had.

Amy didn't mind this; in fact, she liked it due to her friendship with White. But it just felt like White was living a life that wasn't her own, and at times she was like a bodyguard. It made her wonder if the two of them would still be friends if this wasn't the case.

"Hey," White called out, reaching over and shaking Amy's arm. She had been dozing off, nearly looking at the ceiling rather than the professor who was teaching in the room. "I told you that we shouldn't have come in today; I knew your mind would be preoccupied with the news report."

"And I knew that if I didn't come in, you would have stayed in the dorm anyway," Amy replied.

"Well, how would I have been able to concentrate when I see you here like this?"

"I'm not a child," Amy replied back, almost snappy. "I can make my own decisions and do as I wish. I know you mean well, but too many things have been happening too fast."

Amy had learned the details of her previous best friend's parents' death. A short while later, a report came out that her brother had been taken in by the White Rose. Due to how high profile her brother had become, or at least how famous he was a year ago, it was quite the article.

The only saving grace was that next to no one knew that Amy Dem was related to Gary Dem; they just shared the same last name. In the end, Amy just couldn't get into the lesson, and as it came to an end, she picked herself up and started to head out of the university hall.

Before heading back, she stopped by the vending machine, looking at the snacks and drinks. She had the money to buy stuff, but she didn't feel hungry or thirsty at all.

"It's strange, right?" Amy laughed as she could see her face's reflection on the glass. "Before, I would have never dreamed of using a vending machine to get food. They jack up the prices compared to the supermarkets, and even then, we would go at a certain time of day to wait until the items were discounted on the shelves."

"I used to get jealous of those who could waste money on buying expensive items from these machines, not caring about the extra cost. I thought I couldn't wait to live a life like that. Now, because of Gary's help, I could buy every item in the machine, and I would be fine."

"Yet now... I would give everything, I would give every little thing, to live the life I had before when I was with Gary and my mom, when we were all together."

Amy turned to look at White, her eyes welling up with tears. "Is this happening because I wished for a better life? Is all of this happening because now I can buy what I want from this freaking vending machine!" Amy turned around and threw out the side of her hand, hitting the glass.

The machine shook slightly, but it didn't break, nor did anything drop from it. Instead, in that moment, White just held Amy tightly, letting her sob it all out.

"This is not your fault, Amy, trust me," White replied. "You know, sometimes we think we have the power to influence things because we see the world from our own view. But the reality is that everyone is a little piece in the grand scheme of things. There are only a few who can really make an impact."

"You wishing for a better life didn't cause this. It was just the decisions of several selfish people that went on to cause this, and your brother, he was just trying to change it. But I wouldn't worry. Your brother, he has a way of sorting things out. Look at how nice he has been to those in the city, and he even helped me out as well. It will all work out in the end."

White wasn't the best at comforting people, but she had been in an even more desperate situation in the past. During this time, she had kind of felt like Amy was part of her family as well due to how much time they had spent together.

As she continued to hold her tightly, she opened her eyes and looked ahead. Right at that moment she could see something in the reflection of the vending machine.

Immediately, she grabbed Amy, and the two of them swung around, rolling to the side and falling to the floor. Moments later, a loud crash was heard, with pieces of glass falling to the ground.

"What was that?" Amy asked as she looked up, and she could see a person holding onto a baseball bat, and he wasn't alone either.

"Who cares, run!" White shouted.

Chapter 795 Pay For Your Crimes

Between the cities of Inferno and Slough, Gary had been taken in by the White Rose members. More specifically, the ones who had brought them in were part of Kanu's squad, and by his side were Frank and Sadie. There was the driver up front but he was just a normal officer.

Since this raid on Gary was between the regular police force and the White Rose.

They were all in a large van, with the three of them up front and Gary on his own in the back, wearing special cuffs designed for Altered individuals. Although they weren't entirely sure if these cuffs would work effectively on Gary, as some Altered individuals were simply too powerful to be contained.

Regardless, even if he tried to escape, there were several cars escorting them out of the area, filled with other White Rose members.

To them, they had managed to capture a relatively strong Altered, and in such cases, it was common for the Altered individual to attempt an escape.

“To think after so long, that we would be back in this situation,” Frank commented. He knew Gary could hear him, as there was a small envelope-sized gap between them, allowing them to talk to each other. However, it wasn't big enough for someone to reach out and attack. If anyone tried, a strong electrical current would pass through, zapping the other person.

“Did you fool us back then as well?” Frank asked. “When we tested to see if you were an Altered, did you somehow trick us? Are you the one behind the other deaths as well?”

Gary didn't say anything, understanding what Frank was talking about. Back then, it wasn't him who had committed the killings, but another werewolf named Billy. However, it was because of Gary's bite mark, inflicted during a fight they had, that Billy had turned into a werewolf, leading to the deaths of both of his parents and a few others. In a way, it was Gary's fault, which was why he was finding it hard to muster the courage to speak.

“Hey!” Kanu interrupted Frank's barrage of questions. “I know we don't operate exactly like the police force, but they still need all the information, and you shouting abuse at him might not help with the ongoing investigation.”

Upon hearing the word "investigation," Gary wondered what he was being brought in for. There were so many possibilities, and he was about to say something when Sadie spoke up.

“Gary... I believed you back then,” Sadie commented. “I believed a lot of what you said, and from what we could see and from your reports, you seemed to be a good person.

“According to your file, you're affiliated with the Howlers gang. That's quite normal for Altered these days, and I saw your report where you helped those people.

"I don't know if it was out of guilt for some of your crimes or not that you have committed. I'm sure you're confused right now, but I will mention one thing.

"We, the White Rose, don't get involved in most cases, even if it's an Altered against another Altered. If it's gang against gang, we see it as just scum getting rid of other scum, so that doesn't bother us.

"However, we do get involved when an Altered case involves the killings of humans, and it seems that you are involved in something that has spiraled into something bigger."

Sadie was thinking about the family she had recently visited. The daughter they had lost and then the parents' lives taken shortly after. Could all of this be because of Gary? If that were the case, she needed to erase the image of him being a good person from her mind, and the same went for the others.

The group waited for a response, wanting to hear what Gary had to say.

"I don't involve the innocent," Gary answered, saying nothing more. In this type of situation, Kai would have told him not to say a word until his attorney arrived and had a handle on the situation.

Kanu sat with his arms folded, looking out as they approached the central White Rose base in the country. Its large base could be seen from a distance as they got closer. The gleaming white building with gold accents matched their uniforms.

'This whole thing is a little strange. After meeting that Altered the other day, we sent in the report, including what was said, and soon after, they decided to go after Gary based on this little information?

'I've examined the files as well, and it seems like someone is conducting an investigation on the case and has built a file against him. But the evidence that has been brought in is all strange.

'This situation may involve those higher up than me, so even if I report it, I doubt anything will happen. My question isn't the same as the others.

'I don't care if you committed those crimes or not. What I want to know, Gary, is who did you upset for them to mobilize the White Rose against you.'

The large steel doors began to open, and the cars entered. They continued to drive into the site, and soon they all parked. Waiting on the other side was another squad captain, along with other White Rose strike force members.

The doors to the back of the vehicle were opened, and Gary was taken out. The bright light hit his eyes, and the massive tower-like building, white with gold accents, loomed over him.

"What is happening to me right now?" Gary asked.

"Follow us, Gary," Kanu said, as the White Rose members formed a protective formation around him, somewhat like an arrow with members on all sides, just in case he tried to escape.

"Right now, they are putting you on trial for your crimes," Kanu answered, still uncertain about the situation. Everything was moving too quickly.

Chapter 796 Standing Before The Judge

Hearing that he was going to go to trial, Gary realized it was a serious matter. It meant right here and then, they would decide his future fate, taking in whether or not he was a criminal or not.

"Wait a second!" Gary called out. "Don't I get to have a lawyer or something? Someone who will help me fight my case. I don't even fully know what is happening; you just brought me in, I didn't resist, and now you're just going to take me to trial."

It was quite clear with the way things were going that if Gary did reach that trial stand, the verdict had already been set.

"Have you watched too many TV shows?" A large man with what looked like a giant hammer on his back started to walk forward. He was built like a giant brick house with his huge muscles on display.

It was hard to visually see his face because he had a black beard, which was graying in areas, covering nearly all of it. Seeing this man in person, Gary immediately felt intimidated; it was the first time in a while that he felt such raw power in front of him. The last time it was Midwak.

"The matter concerning Altered is extremely different due to how much threat they can have for the general public," the large man explained. On his clothing, Gary could see a badge, and he could see that it stated Chief Jones.

It was a position that was higher than that of the squad leader Kanu. Which was closer to the top of the whole White Rose operation.

'Chiefs, a couple of captains, and it looks like they have at least 10 regular Altered field agents that are surrounding me. Even if I wanted to fight my way out of this situation, it would be impossible,' Gary thought to himself.

"I wouldn't attempt to escape if I were you," John said as he looked at Gary's shifting eyes. He could see that the captive was trying to figure out a way to break out, seeing who to attack first, who would be the biggest threat. When a lot of criminals are brought in, John could see that they lost hope, they lost the will to fight, or they were filled with anger.

Although Gary's eyes seemed to be filled with anger, it was more so focus; he wasn't afraid of the situation itself; he still was trying to find a way back.

"All of us will be present for the trial," John stated. "Based on the result, we will see what happens to you next."

The group started to walk together, with several Altered gridlocked around Gary. They were heading to the large oval building. Which was bigger than three Olympic stadiums; it was so large.

Gary had read about the White Rose base. It was built in Centerfield, a city where the top politicians and central government worked from. It was a way to try and deter gangs and other such things from attacking the important international figures.

Not only that, but the base itself also acted like a prison. There weren't many that could contain strong Altered that had been captured.

The White Rose was the only group that contained that power that was still under the influence of the central government.

"Why do you look so down, Kanu?" John asked. "This is your case. Once it's dealt with and he is charged, it means that you will have earned a great achievement, you can finally get that promotion to the Chief position."

Despite the words from the chief, Kanu still didn't seem too pleased with everything. The conversation, though, was being overheard by two that were close by.

Frank then gave Sadie a little nudge as he leaned in to whisper. "See, things are looking up after all. If Kanu gets promoted to Chief, then that means that the Squad Captain position is open for you."

Sadie didn't look too pleased either because she was in deep thought, thinking along the same lines as her Captain.

Something was strange; although what the Chief said was true, in a lot of cases Altered were brought straight into trial. Those were extremely high case profiles.

Where Altered were going on mass murders, or they were already Crazy Altered so a real trial couldn't really be conducted. It was pretty much already a done deal when an Altered became crazy.

Yet Gary's crimes weren't confirmed; they were based on hearsay so far, along with some circumstantial evidence. Some courts, if it wasn't in the White Rose base, would have thrown the trial out before it even reached to this point.

So why had they been able to push so much for Gary.

They had finally reached the area; off the side of the large oval building, there was a standard Victorian styled building on the side. It had large glass plain windows that would let in a large amount of light.

This room was where all cases with the Altered to do with the White Rose went through.

They entered through the double doors, and it seemed like there were already others present in the room. Sitting in a seat at the stand was a man in a black robe and had a small mallet by his side.

Then, off to the side, there were some non-field Agent White Rose members. They had computers in front of them, as they continued to type away.

The group continued to walk until they had reached a barriered door. John and Kanu stood side by side next to Gary. While half of the Altered that came with them stood behind Gary and the other half went to stand in front between the judge and himself.

"The trial for the person Gary Dem, an Altered in our society, will now commence," the judge stated.

Chapter 797 The Verdict Is In

The matter was becoming more serious by the second. When Gary first appeared at Centerfield, the White Rose base, he was still somewhat hoping that a call would be made. As time went on, though, he was starting to realize that this was a situation that maybe even Kai couldn't get him out of.

Which was why he was thinking about fighting his way out, but even that seemed like an impossibility. Now the reality was getting closer and closer, that Gary could very well end up in prison.

"This court is a special court that deals with Altered cases that need the involvement of the White Rose. Due to the severity of the situation, this case has been expedited to the highest manner," the judge stated.

"You are not just any Altered, but one that has their finances intertwined with a high-profile gang that has its hands in many cities and profiles of important businesses. On top of that, you were once considered a rookie favorite of the AFC."

"Because of all of these things, a case involving you had to have the involvement with so much severity," the judge explained.

Explaining all of this, Gary was waiting for the next part; when would he get to refute the crimes they were charging him with? Was it a good idea in the first place; wouldn't that mean he was admitting to what he had done as well? Was the best thing to just stay silent.

"We have brought you here today to charge you with the death of a particular student, more precisely, the death of a minor," the judge continued. "A student named Hawk Bagins. On top of that, we have been able to link this crime along with several others."

"Including that of a man named Daimon Hawk in the town of Slough. If we look into this matter, there are chances that your involvement and crimes go as far back as Notsburg as well."

The judge then went and slammed a pile of papers on the table. "Here details a number of pieces of evidence that have been brought in. Video evidence, witness statements, recordings, and more. The evidence is so overwhelming that it would take quite some time to get through it all."

"We have deemed you too dangerous of a person to be let out on the streets, but we have to admit that nearly all the information that has been brought isn't concrete enough. However, due to your status, we have no choice but to sentence you to prison until the investigation can be completed. You are too much of a risk to the public if what these things state here are true."

Gary was left with his mouth slightly open. This was it; this is what he had feared. It wasn't a trial, but much more a sentencing, and an odd one at that. If it was in human terms, he would be under house arrest while the investigation continued.

However, house arrest for an Altered was too dangerous, which was why he would have to go to prison instead. A place where Altered criminals were sent to.

The judge slammed the hammer down, confirming the sentence, and out through the back doors, several more Altered in white clothing had come out. Both Kanu and Josh allowed for their prisoner to be taken away, as he would be escorted into the prison.

"Did you submit that evidence in?" Frank asked.

"No, we looked into things a little, and I submitted information about the missing students from the Karaoke bar. However, even then we couldn't find any links to Gary. We tried to find the bodies of those three that had entered but were unable to find anyone."

"If anything, there's nothing that points at him for it," Sadie replied.

"Well, maybe one of the other investigation teams found out the information," Frank replied.

The two of them wanted an answer because when they were told to go fetch Gary Dem, they had assumed someone else had managed to gather certain evidence on another crime, or something else that allowed them to bring him in.

Yet what was suspicious more than anything was the amount of evidence that had been brought in. It had only been a few days; could someone really gather all of that information? It was almost as if they had it ready beforehand.

"I'm not too sure we should get involved in this," Kanu replied as he turned around to his two squad members. "If things are moving like this, it could involve one of the Chiefs or even higher than that. Which is above our grade."

Just then, a small ping and a vibration were felt in his pocket. Reaching in, he had pulled out his phone, and there was a text with a name written on the top.

[Brother In law]

[Do whatever you can to make sure Gary Dem is safe.]

Seeing the text, Kanu couldn't help but let out a big sigh.

"It looks like I might have to get more involved in this than I originally wanted."

Just as Gary was about to be taken away through the double doors, he started to burst out in a crazy mechanical laughter.

"Hahaha! Hahaha!" Gary laughed. "So this has to be the work of the Phoenix Gang, right? They're doing this to keep me away. Well, fine then, take me to prison, but I promise all of you in this room now."

"If my people, if the Howlers, are hurt, if any of them die, then I will go after every single one of you in this room!" Gary exclaimed.

At that moment as he was moved through the double doors, to head down the long hallway that would send him to the prison, a system message had activated.

[You have been sentenced to the White Rose Prison. Escape has never been done before, and your Pack is in danger, do what you need to do.]

[New Quest: Break Out of White Rose Prison]

[Reward: Promotion From Rook — to Queen]

Chapter 798 A Country Wide Bounty

In the city of Slough, in Ciper, the area was filled with fancy hotels for the guests who would come and go from Slough. Since it was a newly developed city and was getting its name out there, more and more visitors were coming to the town of Slough.

With the recent news of what was going on, though, it came as no surprise that many businesses and events that were to happen at the hotel had been canceled.

At one of these hotels, in particular, standing outside, on guard, were several men in black and gold clothing. Just outside, parked in front, where cars weren't meant to be parked, were several large black vehicles.

The hotel had special meeting rooms, as they would for business events, and in one meeting room, Kai had brought all of the others along with him. The door was shut to those on the outside as he took his mask off and slammed it on the table, revealing his face to everyone else in the room.

"This situation is getting out of hand," Kai said as he ran his fingers through his blonde hair.

Mai and Olivia were in the room as well. They still kept their masks on, unlike Kai, who had broken this rule. It was a rule set by Kai, so they wondered why he broke this rule himself. Because there were those in the room who didn't know about them.

Xin, Crowley, Amy, and White had been brought from where they were to here.

His actions probably went to show the desperate situation they were in, because what did it matter if he hid his identity if they were all going to end up dead.

"I'm sorry that the two of you got attacked," Kai finally said as he lifted his head. "I didn't know that they would go after you, and all of our focus has been on Gary since he left.

"Because of your involvement, I want to be honest with all of you in this room," Kai stated. "And for us to help our people and this town, I'm going to need some of your help.

"The truth is, the loss of Gary is a big deal for our organization and group, not just because he is strong, but he was our leader as well."

Some around the room tried to act surprised, but Xin had already known this since she had been told directly. Amy always had an inkling, but the most surprised by far was Crowley.

"He's what?" Crowley said. "That AFA student is the leader of the entire gang? You're talking about the whole Howlers group that owns AJ Entertainment, as well as Notsburg!"

Kai nodded as he said this.

For a long time, Crowley felt like he was in debt to the leader of the group because it allowed him to have a nice job that paid well, and he even had a place to live. When he thought he might have lost his purpose, he had gained it back.

To think that it was someone he knew directly, now he wouldn't know how to act when he saw him.

"This is why I think the two of you have been targeted as well because you're close to Gary," Kai explained. "The way I see it, there are two things, either the Phoenix Gang knows that Gray is our real leader, or someone has a grudge against him. Either way, they are hurting us a lot more than they probably realize, which is making it hard for us to act. Which is why, Xin and Crowley, I know both of you aren't official members of the Howlers gang, but at this time while Gary is away, I want to ask, can we rely on your strength to help us?"

It didn't take long for the two to answer. Xin had already made an agreement with Gary, and as for Crowley, he was even more sure after learning this fact. lights

"Of course, I will do whatever I can to aid you and the people in this city. But why are the Phoenix Gang after you?" Crowley asked.

"That, I'm not too sure," Kai replied. "Maybe they saw us rising and they think we're an easy target, or it could involve something else to do with the past gang that was once here. I had learned that the Underdogs were working with them."

"Either way, with them taking out Gary like this, I can feel it; I know that they will act soon and bigger than just going after Amy and Xin. For them right now, it's the perfect opportunity to strike."

"Yet, every time they have struck Slough, they have almost always done it indirectly," Marie commented. "I think they're almost trying to wear us down bit by bit. To elongate the fight and then deal with us when they think we're weak enough."

Kai had to agree, as he was thinking along the same lines as Marie, and it seemed to be working. His main issue was, what was the next move from them, though.

Olivia had immediately gone to look at her phone as several messages started to ping toward her. Kai turned his head, looking at her. He could feel his heart wanting to jump out of his throat.

"It's not good news," Olivia commented.

"I didn't think it would be; just give it to us straight," Kai answered.

"The war between the Howlers and the Phoenix Gang seems to have been made somewhat public," Olivia explained. "On the underground hit market, they have offered up a bounty. 10 grand for every Howler member that gets brought in.

"And 1 million for every leader with a mask. With this, it won't just be the Phoenix Gang we have to worry about, but every gang close to Slough."

Chapter 799 Broken Slough (Part 1)

Across the country, across all different types of electrical devices that one would hold, they were receiving a number of messages. A bounty had been placed out, and it had been done so by none other than the Phoenix Gang.

It was a special type of bounty as well since this wasn't against a single individual, but instead, it was against an entire gang. For each member taken out, there would be a reward.

In the small towns that were close, as soon as they received the message, a smile appeared on their faces.

"That crazy bastard Sin! I can't believe he's giving the whole world his wealth! This is it, everyone, let's round up!" One of the men shouted as he pulled out a baseball bat full of nails.

The room was filled with other gang members, running to get on their motorcycles as they started to rev them up, ready to go.

"Boss, are you sure about this? This is a tier 2 gang! We're just a tier 4 gang. This group took out Notsburg," one of the members called out.

"Hey, do you think we're going to be the only ones that have gone after this bounty? It's a free contract, meaning anyone can pick it up, and besides, we don't have to take out the entire gang, we can just take out a few of the members, and then we'll be over and done with it."

Everyone was ready on their motorcycles as the boss hopped onto one of his own and lifted his bat in the air.

"TO SLOUGH!" He shouted.

They weren't the only group as many more were all making their way as they headed out to Slough.

On the outskirts of Slough, a border had been set up. This was placed in a way to inform them when other gangs might be attacking or when the Phoenix Gang would make its move.

Behind the natural barriers by the toll road, there were several of the Howlers cars parked up, and members casually chatting among themselves in their black and gold clothing.

Just then, nearly all of them had received a ping on their phones as well.

[This is an urgent message from the leaders of the Howlers Gang. Gangs from all over will be out to attack us. Stay close together, stay in a big group, or head to Burnham Food Street, or Cipen!]

The message had been sent out by Kai, and for the reason for selecting those two places, it was where the concentrated members of the Howlers were. Cipen was where Amy and most of the members who had received houses currently lived.

Where Burnham food street had been growing with more and more members since Olivia and Izzy had joined the place. Right now, there was an issue in a way, Slough had become too big.

Too big for the impactful members to go to each place and try to protect its members, so it was best to bring them in close.

"What is with the message from the bosses? Things are feeling strange around here lately," the member said as he placed his phone away. "I mean we were all ready to take out the Phoenix Gang to bring the fight to them, and then Gary gets taken away, and even before that, I heard from the other guys that one of the Core members got taken out as well."

"Hey!" The other member called out. "Did you forget how much better our lives and the whole of Slough is because of the Howlers, because of us and them? If another gang comes in here and takes over again, then it will be just like it was in the past." lights

The sound of an engine revving was heard by all of them. Turning their heads, they could see a car speeding along. It didn't slow down as it crashed through the barrier, breaking it off to the side.

The car continued forward, heading right for them, and the group of people had no choice but to dive out of the way. As they had done, the car rammed right into their car.

"Crap, did some crazy guy really just try to run us over?" The member said, rubbing the back of his head. When looking at the car though, the airbags had been deployed but from what he could see, there didn't seem to be any driver on the inside.

Just then, the sound of more vehicles was heard, and several bikes had entered the area. They drove past the Howlers members and with a bat whacked the back of the member's head.

Immediately he fell to the floor, blood was soaking the ground at that moment.

"F*ck, F*ck, we got to get out of here, listen to the group's orders, we need to head to Copen or Burnham!" The man shouted.

It was a rush among the crazy motorcyclists to get to a working car. More had been hit on the way, unable to do anything. While some had made it into the vehicles.

They were heading toward the main area of the city, while doing so they got on the phone, making a call, it was to their squad leader, one of the core members.

"Boss, boss, we're being attacked! It doesn't look like the Phoenix Gang, but there are so many of them, there's a group of at least fifteen chasing us on motorcycles, and we don't know about the others; there were cars as well!"

There was clear panic in the voice, but the order remained the same, get back to Cipeen and Burnham as soon as possible.

This chaos that was happening was starting in every section of the city, and more and more gangs were starting to enter the streets of Slough, all looking for the Howler members.

Chapter 800 Broken Slough (Part 2)

It didn't take long for the town of Slough to be thrown into chaos. Small-time gangs with as few as fifteen or so members had joined in the hunt. However, in these towns, there were often multiple gangs.

In total, there were at least thirty different gangs that had entered, and they were causing a mess everywhere they went. Entering buildings, entering factories, members would attack the machinery, they would attack the equipment, even hurting civilians in places.

It had become quite apparent that attacking the local people seemed to do the trick, as that's when the members would come and fight back.

A swing of a baseball bat, and one of the members had ducked underneath it, and slammed a fist right into the other's face.

"We are the Howlers Gang, and we aren't just some pieces of crap that don't know how to fight!"

The Howlers were putting up a good resistance to these no-name gangs. They had been trained by Crowley for over a year and had been using everything in their arsenal to fight back.

It was clear that those who were attacking didn't expect this either, and not only that, but some of the men, the general public that had been hit, were picking up anything they could to fight back as well.

Picking up machinery work and hurling it at their attackers. "The Howlers have protected us! They've helped us out and are protecting us now; we need to do the same!"

The message that Kai had sent out was slowly going around, and it had turned from the Howlers members to anyone who wished to stay safe; they needed to head to Copen and Burnham Food street.

At the moment, Kai was practically traveling in one of the cars on his own while having a different driver than usual.

"I have dispatched the other members to go and help deal with the problems wherever they can. Since it isn't the Phoenix Gang that is attacking us. They should all be okay to deal with situations on their own," Kai said to himself.

In the past, he would have had to worry about Marie, but now with her being a werewolf, she could inflict quite a bit of damage. On top of that, the Howlers also now had many Altered among their ranks that they had purchased solutions for.

These attackers were surely going to be in for a surprise. 'What I'm worried about is after this. It's clear that they're wearing us down, doing whatever they can... it's the next attack. I've failed to look ahead at what they're planning to do, and all I've been able to do so far is react.'

At the moment, it was the best thing they could do. Kai had contacted all of the hotels in Copen, telling them to allow the local people of Slough in from other areas. They were also to set up extra spaces and beds for those who were worried about what was going to happen.

If they didn't want to leave their home, then they were encouraged to lock the doors and stay inside, to halt going out for work or groceries of the sorts while all of this chaos was going on. 'I need to think, think of a way to get back at them!'

Just then while driving along, through the window, Kai could see fighting that was going on taking place. It was outside of a park; the members of the Howlers were bloody, having been cut up by knives and other equipment. lights

At the same time, they had put up a good fight, having taken out a few of the attackers, but they were surrounded by a group of thirty or so.

"Give me that sweet, sweet money!" A large man said as he swung a chain around rapidly and swung it right toward a Howlers member's face. It was heavy and made of metal. It was sure to break a few teeth if not kill the person.

As the chain swung out, a hand was lifted up and grabbed onto it. "What is this!" Kai shouted, and pulled on the chain, as he did, the man flung toward him and with a fist, Kai smashed his face until all of his teeth were dislodged from his mouth, and he fell to the floor.

Not wasting any time, Kai then transformed both of his hands into claws, and he ran between all of them; he didn't hesitate as he went and slashed his hand right at their neck. His sharp claws and nails cutting through, causing them to bleed and fall to the ground as if a sword had cut them through.

"Is it really worth it?" Kai stated. "Are you guys really willing to risk your life over meaningless money, just for a small payday?"

Just as he said those words, a transformed Altered that had the appearance of a Rat had jumped from behind. Immediately though, Kai moved to the side, and the strike had completely missed him.

He then grabbed onto the Rat Altered behind, and with his muscular strength pushed at the side so the back of his neck was wide open. His mouth started to transform, and Kai ripped through flesh, pulling it out and spitting it to the side.

He then lifted the Rat Altered's body and slammed it onto the ground before stomping it with his foot.

Right now, he was fighting like a wild beast. His anger, it had been growing since the start of all of this mess that was going on, and the more hopeless he felt, the more it was all turning into anger for him.

"I think I've found a way, a way to get back at you. If you're going to use others to aid you in this fight, then we will just have to do the same, it's the only way we can win this!" Kai said as he pulled out his phone, making contact with someone he hadn't done so in a long while.