

Ragnar's P.O.V.

I have been running for a few hours now and it is almost lunchtime, so I make my way back to the Pack-house.

Kaiden is on the back porch and he tosses me a pair of sweats, I catch them mid-air as I shift back. After putting them on, I sit down on a chair next to Kaiden.

He has his tablet on his lap and I ask him if he found some answers. "No, I didn't. I have been sitting here, trying to wrap my head around the fact that all his chosen Mates were related to him.

Why would you take a relative as your Mate? Didn't anyone tell him that it would be nearly impossible to have offspring?" He asks and I let his questions run through my mind.

"Maybe he didn't want children. Maybe they got pregnant by mistake. There are quite a few answers to your questions, we might get them once we have answers on all his chosen Mates." I respond.

I sense that Aziza is in hearing range and I decide to take a drastic measure to create a distance between us by asking Kaiden "Why would anyone take a mate?"

He looks at me to see if it is a serious question and when he realizes that I actually expect an answer he says "There are a lot of reasons. The major one being that it is your fated Mate. Then there is the matter of offspring, especially for High-ranking Wolfs or Lycans.

But for the most part I think it is to have someone to come home to, whether it is a chosen or fated Mate." I know that these are the most logical reasons for taking a Mate, but not for me.

"Why take a Mate if all you do is worry about them? I mean, why is it that a female can't stay home? Why do they need to go out there and pursue a career? Why can't females settle for making a home for their Mate and Pups?"

I look at Kaiden, actually hoping that he can make me understand this. I have had these questions most of my life and I am still hoping that someone has an answer for me.

"I know that I want a Mate that will give up her career, if she has one. I want her to stay home and take care of our Pups."

Kaiden's P.O.V.

I listen to his questions and remark and I have to think on them for a while, not really sure on how to answer them.

I takes me a few minutes before I am actually able to answer at least one of them. "Well, the first is easy to answer. You will worry about your Mate at all times, especially if she is your fated Mate.

My Grandfather told me once that he worried about both his Mates, if he was not near them. He said that it was worse with my Grandmother who was his fated Mate then his chosen Mate." I say and I think I am starting to

understand how to answer his other questions.

"Captain, I am going to ask you something and I want you to think about the answer very carefully. And for that reason I will ask it and then I will leave you with that question. However I expect an answer from you very soon."

I look at him and he nods his head, so I say "Males are not the only ones that worry about their Mates, females go through the same thing every time a male leaves them behind.

Do you think it is fair to expect a female to give up her career for her Mate and children, but not for a male to give up his career for his Mate and children? Do you think males are the only ones that worry about their Mate?" I get up and walk away from the Pack-house, leaving Ragnar with my question behind.

Aziza's P.O.V.

I can hear Kaiden and Ragnar on the back porch as I walk out of the Pack's Archive to see if lunch is ready. My stomach has finally settled a little and I hope that I can keep my lunch down.

My jaw drops when I hear Ragnar say that he expects his Mate to give up everything for him and I quickly walk to the kitchen before I give him a piece of my mind.

I am still fuming as I walk in to Gunnar and my lack of sleep combined with Ragnar's words, cause me to snap. "Watch where you are going. Why is it so fucking difficult

for men to pay attention to their surroundings?" I don't wait for a response, I just march up the stairs to my room.

I need some time to calm down and one way is taking a shower, just standing under the clattering water. I strip down and step in to the shower as I turn on the faucet, cold water running down my body.

I just stand there with my eyes closed, concentrating on my breathing with a block on the mind-link. It takes a long time for me to calm down, but I eventually succeed and I finish my shower.

I change in to a pair of dark-blue skinny jeans, a short sleeved tight fitting shirt and I put on my high-heeled boots. Looking at the time I realize that I probably missed lunch and I hope that there is something left.

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One of the Omega's tells me that lunch is ready and will be served in the dining-room. I slowly get up, my mind still going over Kaiden's question and I don't know how to answer it.

The first thing I notice as I walk in to the dining-room is that Aziza is not present, but before I can ask anything I see a strange look on Gunnar's face. There is not much that can throw him off, but apparently someone or something did today.

"Gunnar, what is going on?" I ask as the others walk in to the dining-room and he mutters the word "Women" We all



sit down and just stare at him.

He tells us that he literally bumped in to Aziza and that she gave him an ear full. He repeats what she said and none of us know how to respond to it, it is so unlike the woman we got to know.

We eat our lunch in silence, but Aziza doesn't show herself and for a moment I contemplate on going up to her room. Just to make sure that she is fine, but I choose to stay in my seat and think about Kaiden's question some more.

A notification on my tablet pulls me from my thoughts and I open it to see what it is about. It is an email from Perryn's old Pack and I am surprised that I got an answer this quickly.

After I woke up, I sat on my bed and had sent an email asking for any information they still had on Perryn. I had figured it would take a few days before I would get a response.

I read through the email and add it to the file on my tablet, I know I won't be able to find out anything else on Perryn. So as far as this investigation goes I am done, but maybe Aziza has something I can look in to.

I link her, only to come to the conclusion that she has put a block on the mind-link. Not many Lycans or Werewolves are capable of doing that and it shows once again that she is an extraordinary woman.