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Karsyn POV

He was leaning up against a tree waiting for Raygan to arrive, in the very same spot that he had scented her out last night. He'd debated on driving out here and waiting in his car, then had prowled around in his suite trying to decide on what to wear for her.

In the end, he'd been so annoyed with Crush laughing at him and telling him he was preening for their Mate. Something Crush found fully amusing, it seemed, 'seen you naked before.' He'd chortled at Karsyn, so he'd come out here in wolf form but had Crush carry a pair of shorts, which he put on when they shifted back to wait for her.

Crush wanted to be in wolf form when she arrived, so she could get a good look at him, 'Oh, and you think I'm the one trying to preen for our Mate.'

'I no need clothes.' Crush chortled.

It was quite a wait, and she came down the road in human form, like she was just out on a run, wearing gym gear, though she looked all hot and sweaty to him. Likely come right from training, he thought. As his eyes moved over her body, her tights sat neatly across her hips, and she was only wearing a crop top that just covered her lovely breasts.

Smiled right at her as he pushed off the tree he was leaning on, to really watched her and enjoy the view, liked the lean muscle on the girl, the v-line she had that drew his eye to her abdomen. Felt Crush growl a little as she came to halt a few feet away and she raised an eyebrow at him.

He smiled and shrugged "My beast likes looking at you."

"Good for him," she muttered and held her hand out to him, "Come on, let's just get this over and done with."

"Do you want to discuss..."

"No, just do the oath. I don't have time to mess about or stop and talk. I have a meeting in an hour and I'm pressed for time right now."

"Just shift and race back." He smiled at her.

Her eyes narrowed on him. "Give me your bloody hand." She stated.

He held it out to her, as he felt Crush feel a little annoyed by her response, he wanted to see his Wolfen Mate.

She took his hand and he felt electric sparks race across the palm and all down his fingers as he clasped her hand in his. Felt her hesitation for a moment and tried to pull her hand from him. He gripped it tight to his and refused to let go. "I'll go first," he stated.

"I, Alpha Karsyn of the Cold Moon Pack, swear an Alpha Oath to you, Alpha Raygan, that I, as your Mate, will not touch another she-wolf, or do anything that would cause you to suffer the pains of betrayal." His eyes never left hers the whole time he spoke, he did not need this oath. Would never do that to her, but she needed it, he thought.

"I, Alpha Raygan of the Wintering Moon Pack, swear an Alpha Oath to you, Alpha Karsyn, that I, as your Mate, will not touch another male. Or do anything that would cause you to suffer the pains of betrayal."

Both of them looked to their wrists as their on their skin formed the mark of their Alpha Oaths, a single black band, and then their pack's symbol would appear on the inside of each of their wrists. They couldn't let go until it was fully formed, or the oath wouldn't be complete.

He felt it the moment it was complete, as he knew so would she, but still he didn't let go of her hand. She tried to tug it from his hand and he smiled, "We need to talk about explaining who holds the other end of the oath and why we did it, Gorgeous."

Watched as she stared up at him with a frown on her lovely face, "I have a name." she stated point blankly.

"Mm, but I do believe we agreed to no names while hooking up." He smirked right at her and yanked her hard up against his body, dropped his mouth onto hers for a soft, chaste kiss, before releasing her and taking a hasty step back before she could retaliate in any way shape or form.

She stood staring at him more than a little shocked by his actions, but he wanted to test the waters. He knew he wasn't going to reject her, but he had no idea exactly what she was thinking on the subject of them being Goddess Gifted Mates.

"What the hell is wrong with you?" she shot at him.

"What? We're Mates. We could f**k if we want, technically." Took a step back as he watched her ball her fists and looked to be really angry with him. Perhaps now was not the time to talk about s*x with Gorgeous. Though he was already thinking about it. Feeling all of those wonderful sparks running across his skin and seeing her practically naked was more than making him think about it.

"Get over yourself, Karsyn." She grated out "As for who holds the other end of the oath, just tell the truth, say it's because we've made a deal about not trying to kill each other until your stupid father can get passed and accept, I did not take his bastard daughter." She turned and stalked away from him.

He stood and watched her run back the way she came, felt Crush huff inside him 'She no want to see me.'

'Don't take it to heart. Has been Mate-less for 200 years, might not know how to deal with it. Or with us being the enemy.'

'I, no enemy.'

He wondered why she didn't just shift and race back to her pack like he was about to do, 'hiding her wolf from me.' Crush practically moped inside of him.

'Come on Crush, she's just shy.'

'No, she ain't.' he whined and then shifted them to his big black wolf form once she was out of sight around the bend and headed them back on home to their pack.

It was going to be a long few days or weeks of trying to find out where Demi was, there was no point in continually asking Raygan about it. He didn't actually believe that his stepsister was a prisoner inside her pack. Raygan would find out about it and deal with it. Nothing would get passed that woman.

It didn't take long for his unit to see that Alpha Oath on his wrist and pull him aside to ask him about it.

Harvey was literally gripping his arm. "Tell me, that's an oath with Gorgeous?"

"It is." He nodded "to not touch another." He stated.

Saw that man smile and visually sag with relief at hearing his words. Looked like he thought things were moving in the right direction. Found his father later that afternoon and embellished just a little bit on the Oath. He held it out for him to see and got frowned at "What is that?"

"I have sworn and Alpha's Oath with Alpha Raygan that neither of us will start a war with the other. Over your error in judgement in accusing her or her pack of taking and harming Demi."

He saw his father really frown now. "Did she swear she didn't do it?"

"No, but I am certain she didn't. I don't think Alpha Raygan is one to hide and hurt a she-wolf she'd captured, would loudly and proudly state she had your child. Like she did with Danny. Danny also spoke to us, he didn't say anything about Demi being there and he would have yelled it, regardless of punishment, don't you think?"

He watched his father huff but say nothing, he likely knew that was the truth. He just wasn't ready to let it go at that point.

"Have you written your apology yet?"

"No."

"You know, the longer you wait on that, the longer it will take me to get Danny back. I'm certain that now we have an oath between us, she will give him back. If you can bring yourself to admit you were wrong and apologise."

"Those photos had their pack pin on the cuff of that man's shirt."

"I saw, but it is blurry, father. It might not have been their pin."

"It was I just know it," his father muttered. "Mark my words Karsyn, if she is in there, I am going to start a war regardless of your oath to that bitch."

Karsyn's fists balled and he had to bite down really hard on the snarl that was trying to escape Crush, breathe through his anger at the constant insults to Raygan, "Why do you hate her so much?" he grated out.

"She killed my father. I need no other reason."

"Oh, so your father killing her mother first doesn't come into play. That it was your father that started this Goddess' forsaken war, and you're holding a grudge against a woman and her father for just retaliating against your father, for the killing of their Luna and then sending in this pack to s*****r theirs."

"War is war, I might have been young Karsyn, but I saw her that day, heard her threaten to s*****r everyone. Mother was bowed down low to her."

"As one should be when trying to save the lives of their pack from a force that their own Alpha drew to the pack, because they started a war with a stronger pack and it all backfired. You should thank that woman for not slaughtering grandmother. Killing everyone in her need to extract revenge against this pack."

"Shut up Karsyn, you almost sound like you're on her side."

"I have no reason to hate them. I wasn't born into the war. All I know is they have never harmed us in 50 years, and you started the war all over again, just like your father did. Do you want Renee to have to bow down to that pack just like your mother did? Mate-less because Raygan will once again come in here and tear this pack apart, kill you if it comes down to it. We will lose father. We are barely 400 now thanks to you and your lack of evidence."

He could see his father was getting more than angry with him about his defence of the Wintering Moon Pack. "You need to take a step back. Look at it from another perspective, or you will get this pack destroyed all on your own." He snapped and stalked towards the office door, pulled it open and turned to look at his father.

"You, as the Alpha, must think of the packs' safety above your own needs." Then he just stalked out of the office and left his father to think about his words.

The man was consumed by his need to get revenge on the Wintering Moon Pack, and it was going to get everyone in this pack killed if he couldn't put an end to it. He saw Renee out there. She was looking right at him, had heard his words to his father, as had many out here. Which is what he wanted.

He wanted this pack to think about what a war would do to them, how it would affect their loved ones, perhaps even refuse to be led to war if his father couldn't be the Alpha he was supposed to be.

"Kar?"

"I'm sorry Renee, but he is still talking war even though he led this pack to war and lost." He sighed heavily. "His attitude is going to get this pack killed if he's not careful. Alpha Raygan and her father will only stand for so much."

"I'll talk to him." she nodded.

"Please do." He put his hand on her arm gently. "Do it as the Luna, not as his Mate. I've made a deal with Raygan. Danny will come to no harm. I'm certain I'll be able to get him back."

She nodded "Thank you, Kar."



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