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Raygan POV

She sat having dinner with her father Grant, and their Luna Gina, along with his unit and their Mate's, in the packhouse dining hall. She could at least eat right this minute and the smell of food didn't seem to be bothering her at all. Saw Yule look at her and smile, though only briefly, on the bright side there would be nothing suspicious about that. He was the one to be with her off pack territory most of the time, they had a good bond.

"Father?" She stated as he leaned back to drink his beer after dinner, draped his arm along the back of Gina's chair as he always did when he was done eating.

"Yes Raygan, have you considered the offer yet?"

She frowned right at him "This is not about that." She muttered, saw him just smile at her and nod. Knew he would much rather talk about that right this minute; why he'd brought it up.

"Karsyn is once again asking for us to send Danny back as a sign of good faith."

"That is your department," he commented and sipped his beer.

"I am aware, just keeping you up to date on the goings on."

"So, the two of you are still talking. That is a very good thing, sweetheart."

"It is. I thought he was a lovely young man." Gina smiled right at her.

Raygan sighed out loud and shook her head "Yes, we are still conversing. His father is now aware and unwilling to support the alliance mating, so you can let it go." She stared right at him.

"Hmm...I'll wait a little longer on that. I think it's a good idea. A good match for you as well."

Raygan took a moment to contain her frustration and not glare at the man. "You may think what you like, father." She stated "Karsyn put forward a signed agreement from his father not to start a new war. I declined it, don't believe he will uphold it."

"Likely not." Her father agreed with her.

"An Alpha's Oath was put forward." She put out there.

That got her father's undivided attention and he put his beer down, retracted his arm from Gina's chair to rest both of them on the dining table. Much the same way he would on his desk in his office when listening or holding a meeting. "What would it be? I think a show of good faith might help with the mating alliance as well."

"Let that go, father."

"Not going to happen sweetheart." He smiled right at her. "What is the deal on the table?"

"I rejected an Oath from Steffen to Karsyn, and I don't believe Steffen would swear an Oath to myself. I also don't think it should be between yourself and Steffen. It's likely that man will try to kill you the moment your

hands touch, before the oath is done."

"You don't trust him."

"Not as far as I could throw him." she nodded.

"Then who are you suggesting? Another Oath between you and Karsyn, you already bare his oath. His Mark won't be long now either."

She rolled her eyes and took a breath, ignored the irritation of his comment "From you to his Luna. She is only Omega blooded from my understanding. I don't think Steffen will risk her life."

"Hmm, that is a devil of a deal, Raygan. She'll die if he breaks it. No omega will survive that, not even one with an Alpha's venom running in their veins."

"Yes, I understand that. That's why I suggested it." she nodded simply.

"How'd that go down with your future Mate?"

"Father." She snapped and heard the whole table laugh, glared at them all. Looked back at her father's amused face.

"Sorry, it's easy to rile you up, I see." He chuckled "Where would this deal go down? I'm not having Steffen in my pack."

"I don't know, the logistics are not yet worked out. I don't even know if Steffen will agree to it at this point. Karsyn was going to speak with him. Likely over dinner just like I am you."

"Hmm, well sweetheart. You and Karsyn nut out all the details, and let me know, take your time on it. Don't rush it, might need a few meetings to sort that one out."

Glared at the man even more, "It's not a date father"

"Could be if you want it to be. You should dress nicely for the boy, like you did this morning. I saw the way he eyed you off."

"Liked her ass to." His Beta snorted fully amused.

She took a breath in and gritted her teeth "You're all insane."

"Wear something nice, you have a lovely figure. Gina could take you shopping for a beautiful dress, something formal and elegant, so he can see the real beauty you hold. Not just the War General, but you as a Lady. I'll organise a nice private dinner, secluded and well...You two might just hit it off *real*, good."

"f**k me!" She muttered, wanting to bang her head on something.

"Now, now Raygan." He chuckled.

"That be Karsyn's job." Yule piped up from his place at the table and everyone burst out laughing, even Gina put a hand to her mouth and chuckled.

"I will organise it via text message." She snapped at the lot of them and stood up to leave.

"Honey." It was Gina, "Do you want to go shopping?"

"No, I have plenty of formal dresses. I don't need a new one." She murmured "Thank you for the offer."

"If you change your mind, just let me know."

Raygan nodded and walked away from the table, they were all insane, seems mating her off to the enemy's son and Heir was of no concern to them whatsoever. She understood the reason behind it. That Karsyn had also come here for the first time and presented himself as charming and logically minded, was unlike his father. But for all any of them knew, it was an act.

She also understood that her father knew she could take care of herself, and was a fully trained assassin. Along with being a full War General, and she had many years of experience under her belt. Way more than Karsyn or his father. Was older than everyone inside that pack, in fact.

But he didn't seem to be concerned at all, turned on her heel and walked back to that table. "Father, what was the offer I was not there for it?"

She saw him smile real big now, and lean back in the chair, drain his beer "Well now that's more like it."

"Don't get your hopes up. I'm simply curious, you do realise I'm not about to leave this pack and go there right."

Saw him frown now, "Raygan."

"No, if you're going to insist on mating me off to an Alpha, you might want to have more talks about it. I am your eldest and a thought occurred to me just now. If I do agree and I'm not saying that I am at all interested, but..." she left it hanging.

Watched not just him lean forward but his entire unit. "But?" her father prompted.

"He's a pure-blood, as am I. Would that not be better for the strength of this pack? If I was here and the Alpha in charge."

Saw Yule smirk from his position at the table 'Well played.' He shot down the mind-link.

She ignored it as she watched her father look right at her now, she knew the pack law, but still she and Karsyn, even as chosen mates, would be stronger than Zac and Demi. Zac was not pure blood and Demi was omega ranked. Their offspring could not match in strength any she could produce at all, regardless of what rank her chosen was. She could see that he was thinking about it. "Karsyn is the Heir to a pack." He finally stated.

"He also has a little brother and sister. That could take that position."

"A sister that is currently missing, but what are you stating exactly?" He asked, "Speak plainly to me, Raygan."

"I'll consider it if you instate me as the next Alpha, and there will be no waiting on it either. The moment I sign my life over to that man and his beast, I will be in charge here. The Alpha to Wintering Moon." She put forward her plan to keep her title, saw him frown deeply as he thought about it. He'd already told Zac he was next in line. She knew that was going to make Zac arc up the moment he found out.

"Actually, father...I'll agree to it, if my ascension will take place within the hour of my signature." She folded her arms across her chest, put what she wanted right on the table. Agreed to that allied mating that he

wanted her to agree to.

"That is unreasonable. You'd need to Mark and Mate first."

"I'll Mark him and let him Mark me the moment we've both signed the papers, the Mating will come after my ascension. That is the deal I will accept. Nothing less than that."

She saw her father frown now, "I don't know if he'll go for that, to be honest Raygan."

She smiled right at him "That father, is your problem to deal with, not mine. If he won't move here, and I'm not going to be the Alpha of Wintering Moon, the deal is off the table as far as I'm concerned."

"A little bit harsh, Raygan."

"Would you really expect anything less of me, father? Then to make the best alliance agreement for myself now." She smirked right at him. "Have a nice evening, I'm going to take a stroll, it's a nice night. And I'm suddenly feeling really good." She turned and walked away with a smile on her face.

'You really are the devil, aren't you.' Yule mind-linked to her a few minutes later.

'Hmm, I just decided to get what I want on all accounts, Yule. If I didn't try, he'd be suspicious, would he not?'

'Likely so.' Yule chuckled.

'What's he doing right now?'

'Prowling around his office, thinking on his feet. Weighing up your words, I'm guessing. You gave him a lot to think about, it seems.'

'I know he'll have to deal with Zac and Dee pitching a fit as well. When they come out of that room, if he agrees to it.'

'That will be interesting. What do you think they will do?'

'I don't know, but Zac will fume over it. Play the, they're not Goddess Gifted I'm guessing.' She knew that was exactly what he was going to do.

'Hmm, but as the Alpha he can change that law anytime he sees fit.'

'I'm aware of that, I don't think Zac thinks father will do that. How'd Gina take it?' She was a little curious as to how the Luna would take her son no longer being the Heir to the pack, though only mildly so, she was a good woman and loyal to her Mate and the Pack.

'Seems fine, no resistance. Thought you were very funny to challenge your father like that. She is not going to interfere, never thought Zac would get the pack. Don't think it concerns her greatly. You are the oldest and the true Heir. She came from a pack that values strength over ascension rights.'

'Alright. I guess I will just have to wait and see.'

'What do you think Karsyn will make of it?' Yule asked, all casual like.

'I don't know, guess I'll find out when father makes his mind up, if he agrees to it and contacts Mika with the details. Will be interesting, him realising I'm not going to go over there.' It was the only concern she had.

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But he had to know deep down with all that had happened, her mother being killed within that pack.

That she would have an aversion to going there to live. If not, he'd not thought about much past Marking and Mating her, and he wasn't going to be able to do that until he understood she was not going over there. This would let him know that she supposed.

Would have to wait and see, she'd get a call or a text about it if her father was in agreement, wondered what Luna Mika would make of it as well. Though they had known each other for a lifetime, it should not surprise that woman all that much. This had been her idea, so she had to be prepared to make changes to suit all parties. That was how Alliance Mating's were done. They could take days or even weeks. To get everyone to come to an agreement they were happy with.

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