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Karsyn POV

He'd not been able to speak to his father. The man was still fuming over them getting into it earlier, over him going to the Wintering Moon and agreeing to a Mating Alliance. Hadn't liked the threat that had been laid out about him duelling for title of the pack's Alpha.

His father had actually locked the door to the Alpha's office to keep him out of it and told him point blankly he didn't want to see or speak with him. That he was disappointed in him for going behind his back. For siding with his grandmother.

Karsyn had called him childish down the mind-link and taken a step back from the door, knew no Alpha liked to be insulted. He had waited for his father to burst out of that office to try and have a piece of him, he had not though. Had simply severed the link after telling him to "f**k off" he had royally ticked the old man off, but he'd not come out to confront him.

He'd stood there for a good minute and then just pulled on that tether that was Renee. If his father wanted to play it this way, he would use the cards that were open to him. He found Renee sitting in her Luna's office with his grandmother, and smiled at both of them as he stepped into the room.

"Ladies, I have some news. I may have found a way to get Alpha Raygan to let Danny come home."

He saw his grandmother smile at him, but Renee was up on her feet a moment later, was right before him. " Will she really give him back to me?"

"Yes, if father would only listen." He nodded.

Watched Renee huff herself now, "That is never going to happen." she muttered, "he hates that pack."

"His hatred is unfounded, stems from childhood grief and a single memory where he was scared of Alpha Raygan." Mika sighed, "I don't know how to pull him from it."

"I don't think we can, at this point. He has heard everything the size of their pack, that Raygan is working with me, that she has not harmed Danny. That I am happy to ally the packs with a Mating alliance, but still he wants war."

"It's his bloodline. Thankfully, Kar, you are much more like your mother, and have common sense."

"I know father didn't go off to war in the kingdom either. Perhaps you should have sent him."

"He was all I had, Kar. The next in line, if I sent him to war and he didn't come back, I would have had to take a chosen Mate and have another child. Produce another Heir." He watched her shake her head. "I didn't want that then, I don't want it now."

"Don't you get lonely grandmother?" he sank down and looked at her.

"Yes, but then I remember what happened, the war. How it started, how I was never told it was going to happen. How I had to watch my friend die because of my Mate. To be alone, that is the punishment I feel I must suffer, for the crimes of my kin."

He frowned right at her. "Raygan and Alpha Grant don't blame you from what I can tell. I apologised to Raygan today myself and she simply stated it wasn't my fault, I wasn't born then."

"She has a good head on her shoulders. I don't think our pack and theirs would be enemies if it wasn't for Steffen still holding that grudge." She sighed "Though we have no right to hold the grudge, seeing as it was us that started a war we couldn't win." She sighed heavily.

Karsyn slipped his hand into hers and squeezed it reassuringly, "We, grandmother, will find a way to bring the two packs together."

She smiled at him and patted his hand. "You grandson, are going to do that on your own. Now about Danny coming home, don't keep Renee in suspense much longer. She has much to worry about as the Luna, with two of her children detained somewhere, and her own Mate so foolishly stubborn and egotistical that he can't see straight."

His eyes moved to Renee; she'd taken a seat and was waiting for him to tell her about Danny. "My apologies Renee, I got side tracked."

"It's okay, Kar." she nodded "I also don't want war, so I need to listen to these things and get a better understanding. I will do my best to sway my Mate from starting war."

"That is good to hear." He nodded "Raygan and I have discussed it, the idea of an Alpha's Oath to not start war was put on the table. But not with father. There is no trust there at all from what I can see." He sighed, actually hated the idea that his Mate and his father were enemies, and that it didn't look like it was going to end anytime soon.

"Who?" it was Mika.

"Renee, as the Luna must swear an oath to Alpha Grant that her Mate will not start a war with the Wintering Moon. If this is agreed upon by all parties, Danny can come home."

There was silence in the room, both his grandmother and stepmother knew the ramifications of breaking and Alpha's Oath. Knew it could kill one, "Renee, your bloodline."

"I understand, if Steffen breaks it, I'll die. Am Omega born." She sighed "I will do it but getting Steffen to agree to it." she shook her head.

"It should be a simple yes, unless he is actually planning to start another war even though he now knows he can't win. If that is the case, I may have to overthrow him, to stop it, because it will be a s*******r for us. They are at least a thousand strong and we barely have 400 now 120 warriors only. Did not win the last attempt at battle, will not win this time."

And he knew they would not, also knew it would be Raygan leading that battle, that it would likely be his own Mate that would kill his father and half his pack. It did not sit well with him. "They will likely absorb what is left of us as well."

"Or worse, banish us to the rogue territory and then abandon the land that is the Cold Moon. Punish the rest of us for Steffen's mind set." Mika huffed, "You know if Alpha Grant didn't have a Mate I would just walk over there and offer myself up, solve the issue."

Karsyn looked right at her now, smiled at her "No need for that now. Raygan is only upset she was ambushed, we're still in talks. I think she will come around to the mating alliance."

"I think you like her." Renee chuckled.

Karsyn looked right at her. "She's more than pretty, a hell of a War General and pure-blooded, what is not to like?"

"A full Warrior Luna." Mika smiled and patted his hand again "you're a lucky boy, grandson. I hear over 50 Alpha's out there have approached Alpha Grant regarding his daughter. Declined them all on her behalf."

"So, why agree this time?" Renee asked.

"To stop war." Karsyn answered her. "It's likely the only reason her father would actually agree to it."

"Not the only reason, grandson." He heard his grandmother state, even heard the smile in her voice.

"It's not?"

"No, men are silly sometimes...He wants his daughter to be happy, he also wants a grandchild or two or three."

Karsyn chuckled now himself, hmm that would likely happen very quickly with the way they were with each other in the bedroom. "I guess that would be the end goal for her father, to see his daughter happy."

"It's every parent's goal."

"It is!" Renee stated "I'll speak with Steffen. It is clear to me, to you and your grandmother even, that Alpha Raygan is not bad, like Steffen thinks. She has let me speak to Danny, I have pictures of him, and she let the two of you actually see him, with the Alpha's permission even. Steffen is the problem, it is clear." She stood and headed off out of the room.

She could just mind-link to the man, but was going to do it in person, watched her leave and sighed.

"It's so he can see her expression. You've never actually seen her mad, have you?"

Karsyn snorted "Renee doesn't get mad; she is the gentlest soul I know."

"Hmm, you've been away for a while. All Luna's get mad at some point, yours well now, ticking her off might get yourself a beating." She chuckled softly "be wise on your words, once you Claim Raygan for yourself. Avalon is as fierce as her human, if not more so."

"You've seen Avalon?"

"Of course I have." She smiled at him.

"What does she look like?" he asked, more than curious now, and Crush was up inside his mind more than interested now.

She just continued to smile right at him "I guess you and your beast will have to wait on that one until Raygan and Avalon agree to the alliance now wont you." she chuckled and got up. "It is good that the two of you are still talking, like I said she'll come around." Then she just walked out of the room and left him there.

There was no need to wait on Renee, she would hunt him down or mind-link to him what his father's thoughts on the situation were, if it was a no? He was going to have to really consider taking over the forceful way. He'd much rather not fight his father to the death over the pack's leadership.

He headed off to the training ground and called his unit to him. He needed to get his frustrations out, and discuss a real plan with them about taking over if necessary. Find out if they were actually on board with that. It could come down to them fighting their own fathers. A full Alpha unit to Alpha unit, if his father didn't want a standalone fight.

Pulled all the warriors in for an impromptu training session as well. They were all going to need it if his father got his way, and he wanted as many of them as possible to survive. Though as he stood there and looked over them all, he knew they were all going to die.

Sighed heavily and asked them all to sit, stood there and did what he thought was best for the pack. Told them he'd been inside the Wintering Moon, that Luna Mika was trying to sort out a Mating Alliance between himself and Alpha Raygan. That it would stop the war.

Though he knew they would know what a mating alliance would do. Told them he'd agreed to it, but that his father was against it. His father, their Alpha, still wanted war with the Wintering Moon. Then laid it out for them; that the Wintering Moon was a thousand strong, and war with them would destroy their pack completely. They could not win a war with the Wintering Moon.

That Raygan was willing to give Danny back under an Alpha Oath that his father, their Alpha, would not start a war the moment, the boy was home. That Raygan and he were in fact working together, without any issues. She was helping him to not only find Demi, but to have her brought back to this pack.

That the Wintering Moon was not holding her against her will and brutalising the girl. That he and Raygan were certain of where she was and would hopefully have the proof of it in just a week. That his father knew all of this, but still wanted war. He needed them to know the facts. Facts he knew his father was denying them.

Then he started their training after that, though he could see they were all now concerned about their own fate, the fate of the pack. It was what he wanted, his father was not going to like it. That he had informed the warriors of the goings on, but he didn't want them dying for his father's error, just like what had happened 50 years ago. These were the children and grandchildren of those dead from the war of 50 years ago, what remained from his own father's war.

They, too, had seen and felt the devastation of that day, lost their fathers and mothers, perhaps older brothers and sisters. He was hoping they would not want that for their loved ones. Knew that they had survived the last battle only because Raygan had put a stop to it.

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