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Karsyn POV

Karsyn stood with Danny and Renee, as they said goodbye to each other, he had a full warrior escort to take him back to Alpha College. Not that Karsyn thought anything would happen to the boy. It was just standard protocol for this pack is all. When he'd gone, his unit had taken him and dropped him off.

Danny had been hanging out with a group of his friends when Karsyn had told him to get ready to leave and head back to College. He'd just looked up at him, nodded and then he'd burst out laughing, "Got yourself a handful to deal with, don't need me around tormenting you about it huh," had jabbed a few punches at him and dodged and weaved Karsyn's playful punches back.

He'd hugged that boy to him, "I'm glad you are okay. I don't ever want to hear you doing anything so foolish again. You hear me."

"Yes Kar, I'll be more sensible."

"Good, behave yourself and study hard."

"Huh, I already got better grades than you." he shot at him and Karsyn put him in a headlock.

"Oh really, you know as the acting Alpha I can call and request your transcript."

"Really?"

"Yes, you dummy." he let go, "now, about father..."

"I understand, just let me know what's wrong with him?"

"I'll have Rickford call with the results."

"Why Rickford?"

"Because I have dinner plans outside the pack."

"Oh." The boy understood, Renee also now knew that he and Raygan were Mated to each other.

She had seen his Mark and frowned up at him, then just huffed and muttered, "No wonder you get all angry over her."

He'd told her with full assurance that Raygan never took Demi. She'd simply nodded, stated, "Figured as much. But you know where she is and will get her back right?"

"I will put her in front of you, yes. You and father," he'd stated simply, and she'd narrowed her eyes on him for a long moment. It had not been lost on her that he'd not said he'd bring her home. That he would only put her in front of the woman, that was how he had phrased it the last time as well.

He could see her brain was ticking, she, he thought, understood something else was going on herself. Likely didn't understand the truth of it, and unfortunately wasn't going to want to hear what her own daughter had done, was doing to this pack and the one she was now attached to.

It was treason to both parties, and Karsyn had no idea what Renee would do as the girl's own mother, or as

the pack Luna for that matter. He also had no idea just what his father would do when he found out the truth. Would he even believe it at all? Or find some delusional thought to rationalise out the girl's behaviour.

In his current state, Karsyn was willing to bet, his father would find something to explain the girl's actions. Turn it all around so that she seemed all innocent and had been coerced into it, in all likelihood. Probably state, Zac had told her to do it, that he had Marked and Mated her and then ordered her to do it. Being that he was an Alpha and Demi just an Omega and wouldn't be able to fight back against the order.

Who the hell knew what was going on in his own father's mind nowadays? Not him, that was for sure. He'd heard his father state that he would believe it wasn't Wintering Moon when Demi stood before him and stated as much. That was likely going to be the only way for him to believe it. Karsyn didn't think Demi would actually do that. Push came to shove, and she was outed, was going to play the victim card and he just knew it. Play right into his father's delusional state of mind.

He stood and watched the car drive off with Danny, heard Renee sigh heavily. Knew why, she'd only gotten him back last night. "It's safer for him at the college right now, Renee."

"I understand Kar." she murmured, and had walked off, back towards the pack hospital.

He stood and watched her go. She didn't like that her Mate had been sedated by him or was currently cuffed by Silver, they might have been fighting the other day and she'd moved into the Luna's suite. But right that minute she was cut off from her own Mate, no one liked that at all.

He didn't know if she had returned to the Alpha suite last night or not. Everyone was in bed when he came home. Looked at Rick as he walked inside, "Are Renee and father back together in their suite?"

"Yes," he nodded.

"Dinner at six in the Wintering Moon. All of us and grandmother."

Rick smiled, "Now that will make Harvey very happy. The man is upstairs very unhappy about your Luna being in another pack and is of the opinion not likely to come here for him to look after, any time soon."

Karsyn sighed, "He's likely right on that. Father doesn't want her here, you all heard that. I don't even know what is going to happen. But I got the impression at our brunch, she also doesn't want to be here, inside this pack. Offered her brother to come here if we wanted an Alpha-blooded wolf in our pack to make that Alliance deal."

"Can you blame her, Kar? Her mother died here, was murdered right here in this packhouse. Without due cause or warning. She also knows how much your father dislikes her."

"Dislike is the polite word."

"That it is," Rick nodded, "maybe we should consider the other option?"

"Which would be?" he muttered. He hadn't wanted to think about it at all. Knew what the man was going to say.

"You and us all going to her pack. Danny could take over here."

Karsyn sighed, yes that was the other option, but he'd been raised here, this was his home, he didn't really want to go elsewhere. "Do you think this is how she-wolves feel when they have to move away?"

"Likely so, especially if they don't want to," Rick nodded, "look at it this way, it's only an hour away, for you in wolf form. And only an hour by car even. So it's not like you're having to move halfway across the country, just across the border to another state."

"Mm, just never really considered it, is all." and he'd not. Had expected to come home and take over, be the Alpha to the Cold Moon Pack. Which he was currently and he had a Mate, a Warrior Luna at that, who he was certain was going to argue about coming here. Or just tell him outright no.

He scrubbed a hand over his face, didn't know how that conversation was going to go down. Likely get into one hell of a screaming match with her. Not that he wanted to, didn't like the idea of yelling at her, or her, him for that matter. Certainly, didn't want to stress her out while she was with pup. But they couldn't live apart forever either.

"There is another option here open to you, though your father will have real issue with it."

"That would be normal at this point. What were you thinking?"

"Bring the two packs together, as your grandfather tried to do once before. You and Raygan could rename the pack and reign equally over it."

"One from each pack in full leadership. Unlike what my grandfather wanted," he nodded, "I guess we could consider that. Though only if father's condition is irreversible. If something is wrong with him and he can be treated, recover fully. He'll go back to being in charge. I don't see him doing that."

"You could do it while you're in charge."

"I could, I suppose, but I won't. That is a full pack wide vote as well. Let's just wait and see the outcome of Demi and Zac. Raygan and I can wait to sort out our transition to one pack or the other." Though he did know her pack laws around the gaining of the Alpha seat. She had the right to take over now, and it was likely that her father wanted this.

She was the eldest and a pure-blood at that, was a War General and the strongest of leaders for that pack. Much stronger than Zac, her children would be much stronger than any Zac would have as well. Keeping the line of ascension good and strong for the future.

He couldn't actually see her wanting to give all that up. She'd finally found her Goddess Gifted Mate, which gained her the right under their packs laws to take over from her father and be the next Alpha to that pack. He sighed internally, wondered if all Alphas who were mated off to Alphas had this moment of who goes where.

He understood that usually it was the female to go to the male's pack, but in this situation, she was older and the actual Heir to that pack, as was he to his. Most, he thought, wouldn't have this exact situation, likely to find an Alpha female that was a second or third Heir not the direct Heir.

Pushed it aside, they could sort it out later on, his father had to be sorted out and Demi and Zac had to be brought into the light as well. Find out what it was they were trying to achieve, what their actual goal was in all of this. Though pitting him and his father against each other. Denoted that one of them was to kill the other, maybe kill each other or have his father banish him. But what would they gain from that? That would still leave an Alpha in charge here.

It didn't really make sense, that was the problem. Nothing made sense about what they were up to. Or how it had even come about. The only thing he was certain of was those two had met at the university, gotten together and hatched some nefarious plan to hurt both their packs.

He was called to the pack hospital just on 4pm. His father was awake after 8 hours of sedation, and furious, it seemed, at being cuffed not only by silver but to an actual bed like he was a prisoner. Was fully agitated and quite violent in his behavior, Renee had been removed from the room. Karsyn stood outside the Alpha's medical suite and listened to his father's rantings in that room. He seemed to be freaking out completely, then had moments of calm followed by yelling and screaming about being in there. Why he was in there? Though Karsyn knew that had been explained to him. The man seemed confused, as though he couldn't hold onto it.

Karsyn turned and looked at Renee, "Has he been like this before?"

She shook her head, "No, is angry and irritated in the mornings sometimes, but never like that." she sounded worried.

"What has the doctor said?"

"Nothing yet, they are still running blood tests." Rickford told him, "but the longer he's in there, the more agitated and violent he's getting. Something is definitely wrong with him."

"I agree," Karsyn nodded, "perhaps we should sedate him once more." His eyes moved to Renee, and he saw her bite her lip. She wasn't certain what to do either.

"Sedate him once more." Karsyn sighed, "He's going to hurt himself."

"He tried to strike Renee, it's why she's out here." Rickford sighed heavily.

Karsyn's eyes moved right to her, she just nodded, and he turned and walked away down the hall to find the doctor and have words with him. It had been 8 hours, how was it they had nothing to give him, not a single answer to what was going on with the Alpha.

He found that man in his office, with three others in there. They were all doing research, he realised, which meant the man likely knew what was wrong and was looking for a way to fix it or reverse it. Might not be able to, he realised, and that was why there was no news.

"Anything?" he asked and saw all eyes turn to him.

"It's not good, Kar. He's been poisoned, from what we can tell. Trying now to track down exactly what it is so we can find an antidote."

"So, you don't know what with?"

"No, but there is a lot of it in his system. Likely been ingesting it for a while. Accumulated in his system."

"Go and sedate him, he's violent and tried to hit Renee."

Heard that man sigh, "Likely in withdrawals of some sort. I'll have him sedated right away."

"Let me know as soon as you know."