## CH 84

Karsyn POV

Karsyn had debated if calling his father would be the better option for informing him of what was going on, though he did doubt that if he just called him and sent a few photos over that it would work, he was going to have to go there and he knew it. He was going to leave Raygan and her father in charge of getting information out of those two in the cells.

Alpha Grant wanted to let them sweat it out a few hours, and he was inclined to agree. Demi had not ever once, from his recollection, gotten in trouble for anything, and she certainly had never been cuffed with silver and cut off from her wolf before either.

The girl would be down there in the cells in a panic, he thought, seeing that his father was not here to dote on her and listen to her lies. Wasn't here to save her ass, and he wasn't going to be either. Karsyn would deny him the right, would allow Rickford or Renee if his father wanted someone to see and hear it.

He also knew that the seer was going to get the information as an impartial person, would relay the truth of what they saw. It was actually what they did when the kingdom could be under threat and Grant had been right. This was considered a possible threat.

He took the USB drive that Raygan had downloaded all the stills and video footage of Demi swanning about this pack. Alpha Grant did, however, ask him to wait a bit, he wanted to see if he could gather more evidence. Then he opened a pack wide mind-link to ask if anyone had happy photos of Demi here in the pack with Zac or without him, with any friends she had made. He would love a copy of them.

To his surprise, there were many, she had made herself at home inside this pack, even Luna Gina had a couple of her and Demi, her Demi and Zac. As did Alpha Grant, the four of them together all smiling. It was before Raygan had come home as well, before his own father, Steffen, had started that war.

By the time he was ready to go back to Cold Moon and speak to his father and Renee about what was going on, he had nearly 50 photos of Demi all over this pack, even had one of her and the girls she'd made friends with, drinking cocktails in the entertainment zone.

Several of her and Zac on the full moon when they had Marked and Mated, the day she had been initiated into this very pack, and would have been severed from her own, there were many pictures during their celebration of a Mate Bond.

Those two were in a world of trouble, why Zac thought it was a good idea when he had a sister that was part of the King's Eyes and was good at sourcing out and investigating traitors to get to the truth he didn't know. Was monumentally stupid, "Stay with your unit while I'm not here, Gorgeous." He'd told her before he'd left, had seen that raised eyebrow of hers and simply smiled at her before getting in his car and leaving.

He had a feeling her unit would be staying with her, even if she didn't want them to, especially after finding out that Zac and Demi were not Goddess Gifted to each other, and had been plotting against her, not only his sister but the heir and war general.

It was a long 1-hour drive back to Cold Moon, though they only took his car. Mika was in the back with Harvey and Mario, and Rick was up front with him. It was just them basically showing his own father that they would all be returning to the Wintering Moon.

Though his own father would clearly know that he had moved by now, that he'd taken the future Alpha Unit with him and his own mother. He'd lost practically everyone to the Wintering Moon. Demi, it seemed, had chosen it over Cold Moon of her own accord even.

The gate was opened for his truck, and he drove through without any issues, and headed for the packhouse only to have Rick state, "Go to the hospital." with a sigh.

"Great." Karsyn muttered, "Did he have to be sedated once more?"

"I don't know." Came the reply.

Karsyn parked out the front of the pack's small hospital, and they all got out. Renee greeted them. "Did he lose it?" Karsyn asked her directly.

"No, just not actually out of the hospital is all. Ira wants to keep him in for a few more days. He's read his own medicals and agreed to do so."

"What's his attitude?" Karsyn inquired.

"Unhappy," he stated, "You saw Demi then?"

"Yes, all of us have. Demi is happily marked and mated, has just come out of being in heat in fact."

"In heat?" she frowned.

"Mm hmm," he nodded, "Renee, you're not going to like what you hear and see today."

"I already understand that, in heat? That started when?" she asked, stopping him from going into the hospital. "Please, before you talk to Steffen I want some knowledge. You know how he's been."

"The day you got that video, of her being mated. That was her and her Mate during her heat from my understanding of it."

Karsyn watched Renee just stare up at him and then close her eyes and shake her head.

"Renee," it was Mika, "Demi is trying to play the 'I was kidn*pped card,' though not even I think that. Forgot one vital bit of information in her lies, as Karsyn aptly pointed it out to all in the room."

"She wasn't kidn*pped then?"

"No, she was not." Karsyn stated simply.

"I see." Was all she said.

He walked behind Renee all the way to the Alpha Medical Suite and found his father sitting in the bed still hooked up to an IV line, he looked right at Karsyn and frowned, moved his eyes along the lot of them, "You didn't sever yourselves, yet I see?" he commented.

"I can do it now if you want." Karsyn stated flatly, realizing as he looked at him that he was actually still mad at his father for that comment about Raygan, "Or would you like the pleasure of banishing me

yourself for simply accepting my Goddess Gifted Mate?"

"Karl" it was his grandmother.

"What?" he said and turned to look at her. "That would be the actual reason, would it not?"

"Enough Karsyn, I was not well." his father stated.

"And now? How do you feel about Raygan, be honest father." he stated, staring right at him, was practically daring him to lie.

"I wouldn't say I was happy about the turn of events," his father sighed, "But a Goddess Gifted is just that, I suppose."

Karsyn didn't say anything, just stared at him for a moment. He knew his father wasn't going to come around, it was all in the man's tone of voice, "Don't bother yourself with it, Steffen." He shrugged and saw his father frown at him deeply now, hadn't liked him using his first name, not when he'd always called him father.

"Karsyn?"

"No, I'm the Heir to Wintering Moon now, have moved there to where my Mate is. I have given Danny the title of Heir to Cold Moon. I'm just here as an ambassador, I guess you could say. To bring you the evidence that is required of where Demi is, how she came to be there and how she was treated. To show you that everything that got sent to you was from Demi herself, and that it was all a lie."

"Those photos, son, I don't think were staged."

"They weren't from my understanding, but she allowed that to happen, did it to incite a war between the two packs herself."

"Why would Demi do that?" he saw him frowning deeply now.

"That is the question now, isn't it? Raygan has contacted the Kingdom's seers and one of them are coming to Wintering Moon to investigate the matter. As you are aware, an internal threat to either of our packs could be seen as a threat to the portal to the kingdom."

"I don't want a seer in Demi's head."

"Well, she's getting it, an impartial investigation. So that *you* can't say Raygan or Grant are lying."

"So, what only our pack gets looked into, we're the deceitful and traitorous ones, not them, of course." his father dripped with sarcasm.

"No, Alpha Zac is also going to be under the seer's investigation."

"Alpha Zac, the second Heir?"

"Not likely to be that anymore, he has committed treason against not only his sister, but how to get the position as Heir, and against the pack's own War General. He is Mated to Demi."

"I saw the photo, Rickford showed it to me this morning. After Demi's call came in."

"No one in that pack forced her to be there. She was dating Zac while at university, met him there and they,

both of them, it seems, decided to do this together."

"You have proof of that, of course, son."

"Not yet," he turned and took the USB from Rick and tossed it at his father, "There is the proof that Demi was happy, is happy inside that pack, photos of her, with pack members, with Zac. See it for yourself."

"They still lied to us about her being there, she was there the entire time as I said she was. I was right the entire time."

"No, they didn't," it was Mika, "She changed her name to Dee, and you son never told them it was your stepdaughter, they thought that your missing daughter would be Alpha-blooded. Were not looking for an omega-ranked stepchild amongst their pack."

"All things, Steffen, you could have explained to them with a single phone call. Before starting a war with them. Told them her name, what she looked like, when she actually went missing, if you had done that, made one single phone call, likely there would have been no need for you to even consider going to war."

"I wasn't well, Karsyn, you now know that yourself." He heard him mutter.

"Hmm, did you rage this morning and want to go to war right away I wonder."

"I did rage, but how could I not when hearing Demi all distressed and desperate like that. You would have too, she told me where she was even."

"Who stopped you from killing your own Luna then?" he asked right back.

Saw his father glare right at him, "Everyone, but only because I didn't recall her making that Luna's Oath, to Alpha Grant I believe. I'm still not happy about that either." His father grated out.

"And now?" Karsyn asked directly of him, "How do you feel, knowing you would take war to a pack that is three times our size almost. You'd have lost, gotten everyone here killed."

"I did not call war."

"Because of the oath only I bet. Look at the evidence." He stated and walked out of the room.

"Karsyn!" his father called after him, but he wasn't going to stand in there and wait. Stepped outside and sank down to wait on what was going on. Not once had that man even congratulated him. Didn't care to in all likelihood, was never going to Karsyn realized. He was going to have himself initiated into Wintering Moon Pack when he returned to it.

He didn't feel that there was any point in putting it off anymore. His father was it seemed going to be fine, and he'd not arced up over Karsyn stating he'd given the title of Cold Moon's Heir to Danny already.

Hadn't even bat an eyelid over it. Would rather it be Danny now that Karsyn had found his Goddess Gifted and his own father didn't approve of it. He wondered how Danny was going to deal with Steffen if he found a Mate within the Wintering Moon, though he was 18 and had been in the Wintering Moon for the last full moon and, as far as Karsyn was aware, he'd not scented out anyone there.