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Karsyn POV

He was once again standing before his father; it had been well over an hour since he'd left that medical suite. Rickford had been the one to come out and get him, had looked right at him and had just shaken his head. "Come on Kar, he wants to speak with you."

"About?" had been Karsyn's only reply.

Rickford had hauled him up off the ground, "Jeez Kar, could you be any heavier?"

"Mm, I probably could be," he'd nodded, "work out some more I guess."

"I don't think that is necessary." He'd smiled at him just a little.

Karsyn had not smiled back but had walked next to the man and stepped into the room when waved into it. He stood there and looked at his father but had said nothing at all. Renee was still in the room, as were both units and Mika, though they had all taken up seats now.

There was a laptop on the bedside table. They'd all seen the evidence now and were seated on the lounge or chairs brought in he'd seen; Karsyn did note there was one for him to sit in. Right there next to the man's bed even, right where the Heir would sit, he thought as he looked around the room. Didn't go and sit in it, stayed standing just inside the doorway.

"Karsyn, please come and sit down." His father had waved a hand at the available chair for him.

"Why?" he'd answered right back. "That would be where Danny sits now. I'm where I should be as Raygan's Mate." He stated, everyone in this room was sitting in front of him.

He watched his own father frown right at him. "We'll get to that son, but for now Demi."

"There will be no getting to it, Steffen. You have made yourself plainly clear in your stance where my Mate is concerned. I have made mine."

"Karsyn, stop that, I am your father, address me as such."

"No," he stated simply, "I will not. As the future Alpha to Wintering Moon to reign alongside Alpha Raygan, who is your enemy. I will no longer call you anything but Steffen or Alpha. You choose which."

"Son..."

"Don't call me that, I am considered your enemy if Raygan is. This will be the last time I come here without proper formalities being attended to. Due to you hating my Mate and pack."

"For the love of the Goddess Karsyn, stop it. I was not myself; you know this. I just may need some time to adjust to it is all, will you not give me the benefit of the doubt?"

"I'm doing that right now; I believe, am here inside your pack without a military escort am I not?"

His father's jaw ticked for several minutes, he didn't like that he was there inside this pack actually acting as an Alpha and the War General he was ranked as. Was not acting like the man's son. Also was acting as

the War General and Heir to Wintering Moon. His father had not misunderstood him.

Was taking him all in, his stance, his words, his tone and demeanor, then he just sighed and stated, "Alright, explain to me what happened, I've seen the pictures and the footage now, I don't understand what is going on though, how this came about?"

"No one does at this point. That is why a seer is coming to investigate the matter at hand. They will be completely impartial and will dig right down to the truth of the matter. Though I will not be allowing you anywhere near my Mate, or new family at this point in time, Steffen. I simply do not trust you to not try and harm them."

His father was quiet for a long time as he sat staring up at him. "I cannot harm them without the death of my own Luna. So, you should be able to trust me, Kar."

Karsyn raised an eyebrow at him, he was trying to sway him into being his son, using his shortened name and familiarity, wasn't likely going to work. "If that oath wasn't there Steffen, I believe you would try. Told me yourself you don't like her. Your tone implied that you hated her, in fact. So why would I trust you inside my pack?"

"This is your pack Kar, you are my eldest boy, my Heir." His father huffed.

"Not anymore, that would be Danny. I am simply to you the Heir to Wintering Moon. Will be the Alpha to your enemy's pack in a matter of days, maybe a week. This will be the last time we are in a room together for a very long time, I imagine."

"Karsyn be reasonable."

"Yes, reasonable," he nodded, "I am more than reasonable, I think. Have not ranted and raved about you telling me just the other day, no longer under the influence of that drug, you didn't want Raygan here inside this pack. Which meant you didn't want me here inside this pack either. I was more than reasonable about that, didn't try to kill you and take over. Didn't rant and rave or pitch a fit, simply packed my things and left as you wished."

"I never wished that." His father snapped at him, and then took in a breath and calmed himself, "You worked long and hard for the title to this pack, and you just gave it up like it meant nothing."

"I did not." And he hadn't. It had hurt a lot, but with his father not wanting Raygan inside this pack and Raygan not willing to ever come here, he'd done what was needed was all. Left his pack to be with Raygan, which should have made both of them happy. He knew Raygan was, his father should have been.

"I still want you to take over Kar, it's your rightful place."

"You will never accept Raygan, and she does not want to come here ever. I can understand her side of it. Heard the pain and anger about the packhouse itself. Not so much the pack, seems to only have issues with the packhouse, the place where her mother was murdered. You and your issues with Raygan are unfounded. Your father killed her mother and took war to them, made us the enemy, and you hate her for simply defending her pack and winning. Where is the reasoning in that? You ask me to be reasonable, but are not yourself reasonable, where that pack is concerned."

"Is this meeting about Demi or us?" his father suddenly asked.

"Everything. I did tell you that after this, that proper formalities would be observed did I not. I want all the loose ends tied up before I leave here today. I don't want to have to bounce between the two packs, and see you get annoyed or the dislike on your expression every time I mention my mate. So, this Steffen, is likely going to be it for us."

He watched his father get out of that bed and remove the IV line from his arm, walk over to him, "That is not what I want Kar, you are my son. Have been gone away at war for 12 long years and have finally come home. This is where you belong."

"I will not be giving up Raygan," he stated flatly.

"I understand that you're already bonded to her now?"

Karsyn shook his head and looked at the ceiling for a moment as he took in a long slow breath, "You don't get it, do you? I love her, it's not because I'm *bonded to her now.* As you put it,"

"Karsyn, do you really think it's more than s*x? If you'd not f****d her for days on end in Germany prior to this, you would have rejected her son. She is the enemy."

"I had no real issue with Wintering Moon, grandmother raised me to understand that war, that it was our fault, not theirs. We became their enemy. That they are not in fact ours, that is solely your belief. I also understand the peace treaty between our two packs, I would have still accepted her as my Goddess Gifted Mate father. Why on earth would I reject a Mate granted by Selena herself, when she is not only beautiful but strong? A renown War General and a pure-blooded Alpha female at that. A full Warrior Luna, who the hell in their right mind would reject such a gift granted to them. Only a fool would do that and only a fool would want his son to do that."

"You wouldn't have Karsyn, not many accept mates from enemy packs. So you really think she would have accepted you if not for that weekend you spent with each other?"

"Yes, I belong to her, and she had to wait a very long time for me to be born and come along. There was no way she was going to reject me on the basis of where I came from. Likely, it would have taken a bit longer, but we would have gotten to know each other. Date each other and worked it out. That's what I would have pushed for. Also, it would have been a good way to resolve the war as well, grandmother would have pushed her agenda still, I imagine." He looked at Mika, and she nodded up at him to indicate she would have.

"We'd also have gotten along when on those dates. That is what I learned from my time in Germany with her. We did get along, laughed, talked and enjoyed each other's company outside of the s*x. It was not only the s*x. So, it's not because I am bonded to her now, as you state."

"Son."

"Stop calling me that, Karsyn or Alpha is fine for me, Steffen." he stated, "If you want someone from here to be there to witness the kingdoms seer investigate, that is fine. It will, however, not be yourself. You may send Rickford if you like. I know you trust him and that he will report back to you any and all that is found out."

"Karsyn, I trust you to tell me the truth." he sighed, "It's clear that a lot has happened that I simply do not

recall and understand to bring about this in you, where I am concerned. But yes, I would also like a member of Cold Moon there as a representative during the investigations. We'll do this your way," he stated. Turned and walked back to his bed. "Then Karsyn, you and I will sort out this indifference between us."

"That can only happen if you're willing to accept my Mate. If not, don't expect me to be on good terms with you ever." Karsyn stated flatly, "Men." He stated he was ready to leave.

He watched his whole unit plus his grandmother stand up. "The seer will arrive in a day and a half. Send your ambassador with a formal letter tomorrow afternoon. Or the terms you wish in a formal letter before then. I'll see that they are met if they are reasonable." he looked right at him, "Alpha Steffen." He stated and turned to leave.

"A bit harsh, Kar." His grandmother sighed once in the car.

"Yes, I was." And he knew he had been, likely a little over the top. "I want to see what he does. What his true thoughts are on myself and Raygan." he stated simply, "Not once did he mention his grandchild, either. He didn't ask after the pup at all." and the man hadn't, but he knew about the child, hadn't acknowledged it at all so far. Still hadn't congratulated him on finding his Goddess Gifted Mate either.

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