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Raygan POV

She was very frustrated and only getting more so. There was nothing at all on either of Zac or Demi's phones, there was also nothing on the girl's laptop that indicated their plans. Or even the reason as to why they were doing this. There were no copies of those photos that had been sent to Alpha Steffen anywhere either.

The girls' message bank had been cleared and all evidence of what they had done was gone, it seemed. She was likely not a stupid girl, and had been studying for a master's degree in computer science from what she'd seen. Likely had already used that particular skill set, she had to erase all evidence of their crimes.

It was likely why she seemed to not care down in that cell of hers. Raygan sat and watched her via the video cameras, and she was not at all upset about being in there. Demi knew they were not going to find any hard evidence on any of her devices. Just sat on that bed and waited as much as Zac did.

Those two thought they were going to get away with it. Well, she wondered if Zac actually thought they would? He knew what seers were and what they did. They could see anything they wanted to while sifting through one's memories. He was more on the restless side of things, she noted.

Raygan felt Karsyn coming back to the pack and smiled to herself, felt him cross the pack border 15 minutes later and realised she could actually feel him a good distance away. That was nice, likely because they were both pure-blooded, could just feel each other and connect to each other when they were further apart, unlike some who had to be here in the pack's territory for her to feel and connect to.

She got up from the desk, William was still sitting in there listening for anything the two of them would talk about, but still nothing. It appeared to be all silence down there, not something you would expect of a mated pair, they had likely thought about what to do if caught. She not only got up but walked outside to greet him as well, smiled at him when he pulled up and got out of the car. Really did like having a Mate.

"Anything useful?" he asked as he walked round his car to her.

"No, Demi is attaining her master's degree in computer sciences, she likely knows how to hide everything. Get rid of their digital footprint, there is nothing on either of their phones or their laptops. Not even pictures of their happy life together, deleted it all."

"Computer sciences. I didn't even know that was what she was studying, can't be very dumb to get a masters in that."

"No, likely quite intelligent, and she doesn't seem at all concerned down there in those cells. Thinks she's gotten rid of all the evidence." she sighed, "Appears she has as well, we're unable to find anything at this time."

"Zac?" he inquired as they walked inside together, though she saw his eyes move to the three on the shaming posts out there.

"More nervous than Demi is. I'm curious about that. Has she ever come across a seer before? Understand

what they do?"

"I honestly don't know." Karsyn shook his head a little. Though he turned and looked at Mika, " Grandmother?"

"I don't think so. Never had a need of a seer in the pack since she was there." Was the answer.

"Maybe that girl doesn't understand that just because she got rid of all the physical evidence of their plan, it can't be figured out, and therefore she'll be deemed innocent due to no proof."

"Are they talking in there?" Karsyn asked.

"No, William is sitting on a chair watching them. Stops them from discussing anything, they're both still cuffed with silver as well, so no private conversations between each other."

"Good."

"How'd it go with Steffen?"

"Hmm, he's not going to start a war, though he had to be stopped, apparently. Didn't recall Renee having made that oath to your father. But at least with that in place, he isn't going to do anything. Seems unhappy but sitting back. Will wait on the outcome of the seer. I've offered Rickford his Beta, to come and watch the investigation. Told them to send him with a formal letter tomorrow or something before then with what he expects and, if it was reasonable, I'd see it be granted."

"That's it?" she questioned, "Is he better?"

"Yes, from what I can tell." Karsyn nodded and sank himself onto the couch in the Alpha's office, pulled her right down into his lap. Then he just sighed, "Still doesn't want us to be Mates, I believe."

There was not much she could say about that. She'd never expected Steffen to be happy about it, and didn't expect that man to come around to it either. "You two argued then?"

"Not really an argument. I just laid it all out. I want to see his true feelings on the subject of you and I. Though he knows we're Goddess Gifted and have a pup on the way, there was no congratulations, and he didn't bring up our pup at all."

"Karsyn, he did tell you he still wants you to be the Heir to Cold Moon." It was Mika. She and Karsyn's unit had all followed them into the office and sat themselves all down.

"He did, that title belongs to Danny now. He knows that I told him."

"So, what exactly is going on then?" Raygan asked, frowning at him.

"Nothing at this point. I belong here with you, and if he thinks of you as the enemy, then I am now his enemy as well."

Raygan stared right at him, she might not like his father, but that was mostly to do with the war he'd started. "Kar, I don't expect you to just abandon your family. I know you love them; I can look at this as both packs were incited into a new war with each other. Be objective about it. I don't want you or your unit just suddenly becoming the enemy to your own families, that will make you all unhappy. I don't want that."

He leaned back and looked right at her. "Very reasonable of you. But father, I think, is of the opinion that I'm

only here with you because of the pup, because we're marked and mated. His words were, 'I understand your bonded to her now.' Still didn't sound happy when he stated it," he shook his head, "thought under different circumstances I would have rejected you."

"You might well have."

He looked right at her now. "No, I wouldn't have, was raised better than that. I've never held animosity towards you or your pack. I also don't think you would have, not after 200 years of waiting and finally getting your mate. So, we would have dated, gotten along I imagine. Marking and Mating might just have taken a few weeks was all, while a Mating alliance was sorted out."

She thought about that for a moment and nodded, "You're right, I wouldn't have rejected you on the spot. Was always of the opinion that if I did find my Mate, I would just shove him over and mark and mate the hell out of him on the spot. You kind of took me for six. Probably would still have shocked the hell out of me, and I'd still have stalked away like I did, but you're right, I'd have likely agreed to dating and getting to know you. Father certainly would have pushed for a mating alliance and encouraged us."

"As would I," Mika commented.

"Father would not have." Karsyn sighed, "Would have told me to just reject you, I'd say."

"Not a fun day for you then."

"No," he answered, "I'm hungry though, no breakfast."

"Well, I can fix that." She smiled at him and got up, looked at everyone. "None of you likely got breakfast. Come on, let's go and eat." She found Karsyn's hand in hers and smiled down at it. It was an odd feeling, but she was going to get used to it quickly, she thought to herself, liked that he wanted to hold her hand.

"I think we should all be initiated into the pack, Raygan, become actual pack members here." He stated after they all finished eating, and was leaned back in his chair drinking his flat white.

"Are you certain? That will cut you off from Cold Moon."

"It's going to happen anyway." Though she saw his eyes move to Mika, "grandmother?" he questioned her.

"I don't know, I've not thought about it, that part of being here. But I'm not missing out on being a part of your little one's life. That pup is going to be the cutest little pup ever. I intend to spoil it rotten, help raise it right." she smiled, "I'll think about what I actually want. Likely will have to talk to Alpha Grant and Raygan formally about that at some point."

"Talk to father, Mika. I have no issue with you wanting to be here."

"Thank you, Raygan. That is very kind of you."

She didn't think that was kind of her, she wanted Karsyn to have family here, not just his unit, and she and Mika had always gotten along until that one day. Still did get along, there was mutual respect between them. She also knew that it was not Mika who had harmed her mother or intended to. Understood they had been friends and quite close, it had been her Mate that started the war, not Mika.

She looked to his unit, "Are you all willing to be accepted into the Wintering Moon?"

"Yes." They all nodded.

"Two Alphas, both War Generals and both Pure-Blooded, with two full Alpha Units." Karsyn smiled at her, " No one will come here and take us on. We will be considered one of the very strongest packs out there, for the size of us."

"That we will be. I'll let father know, and he can do that. I do know that our ascension to the seat of Alpha will wait until everything is sorted out."

"I understand that. There is no real rush, we have things to discuss on that front."

"Like what?" she inquired.

"Who is going to be the Luna to our two Alpha pack?"

"You are." she snorted, "I'll pick you out a nice frilly dress and all." she smiled sweetly up at him.

The whole table burst out laughing and Karsyn shook his head, "We do need someone to pull Luna Duties Raygan. You know this, to stay in the packhouse and keep the pack's women and children calm."

She huffed but said nothing, "I guess we will have to discuss it later. I'll be out on the front line, so it won't be me."

"Children, don't bicker. Ask a former Luna to just step up or have Gina stay in the role if she wants to." Luna Mika chuckled softly "Though I do like that you will keep my grandson on his toes, Raygan. That will be fun for me to watch."

"I'll do my best to annoy him, Mika." she smiled at her. It was good to have her once long-time friend back, she realised. Looked right at her and wondered if she would take up her old position.

Raygan did know that her father wanted to fully retire from the seat as Alpha and go away with his Mate for a few months, maybe a year-long holiday. That would mean Gina would be going with her father, but if Gina was to stay in the position as Luna, they'd not get to go away for that well-earned rest.

Would have to bring that up with Karsyn, see what he thought about it. They were going to need a Luna who knew how to do Luna duties. She was a good Luna, always had been and knew how to put a pack before herself. Protect them and strike a deal when needed to.

Would have to put that to her father though, might have to do that before Karsyn even. See what he thought about it. Mika had been born into Cold Moon, and was an Alpha-blooded female. She didn't know how he would feel about what her thoughts were right that minute. Though he also had known her since she was a child.

Had been there for her Luna Ceremony to the Cold Moon, as had her mother, knew they'd been close friends, and he liked her and didn't truly hold a grudge towards Mika herself. So, it might be something he would consider.

If not, she would really have to think about it. Who was suitable to sit in that chair? She would likely ask his opinion on the matter, and maybe he could reinstate someone.