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"Alpha, what do you suggest we do now? I couldn't find any settlement in the next three miles" Xavier reported back, his face grim.

I gritted my teeth, we were in the middle of nowhere and the snow was not making things any easier.

Despite being warm blooded by nature, being in the snow for close to a week has started wearing my men out.

"Find somewhere to rest for now, we will continue tomorrow" I ordered.

He nodded and left to pass the orders. I rubbed my hands together, the journey was well within my expectations, but I had hoped we would have seen another species by now.

Meeting with the dwarves had dampened the morale of my men greatly, now they only moved with blind trust — trust in me.

The dwarf king had made his intention not to join the battle clear before shutting us out of their little cave,

"Water?" Xavier asked coming to stand next to me,

"I'm good" I shook my head, looking into the distance.

"Do you think I made a mistake?" I asked quietly,

"Where's that coming from?" He wondered.

"Just wondering" I sighed, "my men moved around, trying to set camp in the snow, "bringing you all out here to the depths of the cold without a clear plan"

"I don't know whether you're making a mistake or not, I can't say," he began, "but what I do know is that my Alpha has never led me astray, and will never. We trust you Alpha, you wouldn't let us down" he shrugged

"I think I've found something" one the men shouted,

"Let's go check it out" we headed over.

The men were clearing a particular area, "What's that?" I asked.

"A tree" Drew replied,

I scrunched my brows, "Wood in thick snow?" I wondered, moving closer to inspect it.

"Odd," Xavier said from behind.

I bent to examine it properly, "it looks well cared for" I observed,

"We can use it for fire," Drew suggested.

"No," I shook head, standing to my feet,

"No?" Xavier gave me a puzzled look,

"What creatures would care so deeply about trees to keep it this healthy even in thick snow"

He fell into deep thoughts, then understanding flashed in his eyes, "Dryads"

"Exactly, they're definitely close by" I responded.

"But I didn't spot anything for miles?" He reasoned.

"You can't see one if they don't want you to, and they can't live far away from their trees, if I were to guess I'd say they're somewhere around."

"You're a Smart Man Alpha" a tiny voice echoed, "hands off my tree" it snapped,

"Ouch" Drew quickly backed away with pain written on his face "show yourself" he snarled.

A female figure appeared on the tree, its body covered by leaves, she looked at me warily,

"I was wondering when you'd find me Alpha, I was getting bored" it yawned.

"You know me?"

"The suicidal Alpha who left the comfort of his little pack to the northern lands only to end up rejected by the dwarven king. I know about you Alpha" she recited with a bored tone, leaning backwards.

"How dare you talk to the Alpha in such a disrespectful tone" Chase, one of the men growled.

"Leave us!" I commanded

"But.."

"Now!" I said, with finality

They bowed and stiffly walked away, Xavier following them but now without throwing me a worried glance.

I walked closer to her, examining the tree, "never thought I'd run into a dryad here" I muttered.

"Well, we never leave our villa...shit," it

quickly shut up, "I wasn't supposed to say that"

"Say what?" I feigned ignorance.

She looked at me suspiciously, "nothing" she muttered.

"So what's your name?" I began

"Tryga isn't allowed to tell strangers her name" she replied, shaking her head childishly

"Okay," I chuckled, "from how young your tree looks I'm guessing you're barely seventeen years old"

She frowned, "Don't insult Tryga"

"My bad, you must be younger then." I nodded with understanding, "Maybe ten"

She looked at me like I was dumb, "How are you an alpha if you lack basic knowledge," she snorted.

"Tryga only looks young, but she has lived for over a hundred years. We Dryads age differently from you lot, but despite gaining my essence ten years ago and attaining my human form Tryga seems smarter than you" she said with pride.

"Of course" I gave her a thumbs up, "very smart, the smartest Dryad I've ever met"

"You've met the others" she looked at me warily, "odd, Dryads inside the village never meet with others outside the village"

"I meant you must be the smartest in your village," I continued.

"No, Mother is the smartest, they always claim that Tryga is stupid, but Tryga has finally seen someone she's smarter than" she clapped excitedly, her eyes giving off a child like innocence.

Well she was basically born ten years ago, so that would explain it.

"And she called you stupid, she's practically dumb" Eros rolled his eyes.

I chuckled, "she's just a child" I muttered watching her figure as she swung her legs excitedly.

"You must love your mother a lot?"

"Tryga is never supposed to speak about the Queen mother to strangers" she shook her head, reciting the words like a prayer. "Oh, brother is here," she suddenly giggled, standing up and disappearing.

"Shit...Tryga wait" I called out, but she was gone before I could blink.

Relying on my senses I quickly followed, I couldn't lose my only lead now,

Soon I found her, she was kneeling, tears pooled at her eyes, her hands on her ears, looking pleadingly at a figure standing before her a stern look on his face,

"How can you be so stupid Tryga, exposing yourself to a wolf" he said disappointedly

"Tryga never told him anything" she insisted, lips trembling,

"How the hell do I have such a dumb sister" he groaned, "you'll get yourself killed if you keep running off and spilling things to strangers" frustration was now evident in his voice,

Obviously, this was not her first time,

"She's just a child, no need to be so harsh on her" I couldn't help pleading on her behalf.

"Stay away from this, Wolf. Go back to your precious palace" he snapped,

"You know why I'm here." It wasn't a question, I could see it from his eyes,

His lips curled, "We Dryads follow only the king, if you wish to get what you seek then seek

the king. Your companions have already been taken. Wait for your turn" he sneered and they both disappeared.

"What!!" Alarms rang off in my head.

I quickly rushed back, "Xavier" I called through the mindlink, but all that met me was silence.

Getting to where they were meant to wait, all that met were fading footprints.

That was the last thing I saw before everything went dark.

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