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"I just hate their dirty politics." Erik said. "They are so messy even worse than they were once before now." 1

Xaden gave a shrug.

"So is your sister and Jasmine coming along with us then?" Erik asked.

"Gods no." Xaden said as he adjusted himself in comfort of his make shift bed. "She would remain with Jasmine and the rest and they would go up together."

"You think that's a good idea?" Erik rose a brow. "I don't think they like each other."

Xaden rubbed his arms and said. "Doesn't matter. As far as they won't kill each other then I am good with that."

Erik said nothing for a while and then cleared his throat. "I got word from my men that the royal family has asked for an enquiry into the attack of the moonlight pack. When we get back to the pack they will be waiting for us."

Xaden looked up at the camp tent thinking for a few seconds.

"They were right behind us when we attacked so what's the goddamn enquiry about?" Xaden asked extremely irritated.

Erik shrugged. "Who knows. But the rumors are that the Queen has taken back her seat."

"She has not been in power for over years now. Her getting back on the seat is something I never expected." He said. "Neither did I. But you want to know the truth? I suspect that they are scared of you. On one hand there is relief that Bale is gone. You rid him of their problems. And now they are worried that your lust for blood and revenge isn't over. And that you will come for them too."

"If I wanted to come for them I would have bloody well done it a long time ago." Xaden said.

"Maybe bring up the idea of you marrying Belle." Erik said with a wink.

"God no." Xaden said frustrated. "I have zero interest in ever marrying her.

"I know that but most frankly they don't care about it. She is going to be Queen one day and you seem like the best prospect as King consort over the hungry leeches that try to snoop and bed the Queen." Erik said.

"I will never get married and I already have a mate." Xaden swore. "Fuck." 2

He had completely forgotten that his mate and his uncle were in the pack by now.

Xaden rubbed his face in frustration.

"You forgot about them didn't you?" Erik asked him .

"I want to forget that even I exist." Xaden said as he got up and stretched his body.

"So what's next for us Xaden?" Erik asked him "Bale is gone. You have your sister. You have everything you ever wanted. Do you think you are going to go after more blood?"

Xaden shrugged uncertain for himself.

"I didn't think about this." Xaden said. "I never thought this far. I never actually thought that I was going to kill Bale one day. It was one the thing I was so obsessed to be doing that now that I've accomplished it, I'm not sure of what's next."

Erik walked up to him with a smile and patted his shoulder. "Whatever decision you make, I will be here with you. I told you to the end."

Xaden said nothing and started to walk out of the tent.

"Where the hell do you think you're going to this bloody time of the night?" Erik asked curiously.

"I need to take a walk. I can't sleep."

Xaden said and he headed out of the tent.

He strolled by the camping grounds.

Few of the men were still up chattering, while some were already sleeping.

Some of the fires were off while some were still on.

He went to the carriage where Anna had stayed in and hung around wondering whether she had left or was still there.

Then he turned and saw one of his men.

"Where is she?" He asked. "Did she come out? Did she have anything to eat."

"Yes she ate. Jasmine gave her some food and left. Although it was a bit of a tussle between both women". The guard said.

"I see." He said. "So I reckon she is still inside?"

The guard nodded. "Yes she is."

Xaden decided to let her be and then he walked away.

He strolled down he used the sense of his wolf to trail anywhere for any water bodies.

And his wolf was quick to find one.

He followed the trail and then went on along going past trees and walking on ahead until he came across a beautiful lake.

He had already taken off his tunic while he was in the tent and so all he had to do was take off his pants .

He walked down to the lake and it was glistening like diamonds as the goddess's moon simply sparkled on the lake.

And then he saw Jasmine in the water.

She was swimming naked and laughing with Kire.

Kire was by the banks while she was discussing with him from afar.

She looked so beautiful that he was in complete awe of her.

She was like rare Jem that he had no access to.

A complete beauty and seemed like a natural habitat at sea.

He wondered what the sirens would say when they saw her.

How they would be fascinated in her and perhaps call her their own.

He slowly walked down the small rough bend that led to the bank of the lake.

Then Kire took note of him.

"Shhh." He said softly as he put his hands on his lips.

Kire said nothing bad Jasmine who was backing them continued to play with her hair. 1

She set the water against her lovely hair and gently patted it and massaged the back of her shoulders.

She sighed softly and then as she gently turned around seemingly to speak to Kire and then she yelped when saw him.

She quickly threw her arms around her chest to cover her breast. 5

"Lord Xaden." She said.

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