

Chapter 0028

Thursday starts out the same, watching Cara in training, grabbing breakfast to go and heading to school.

I'm excited for today. Every day my cards have become more bold, and every day, she and Artemis have accepted my words and gifts.

Everyone is buzzing about who the mystery man is. The odds are spinning around and now another bet is going as to when he, me, will announce himself. I'm tempted to get in on that one, but I decide to stay out of it. Throwing the odds off with me betting on Chase is the most I want to do.

I'm in place at lunch early, again. My delivery person is standing at the door. I don't know this person, so I don't give any sign of acknowledgement and he doesn't make any eye contact.

I sit and wait for her to enter. When she does, the delivery guy asks if she's Cara. I watch as she asks for my card and then she heads to her table.

The entire cafeteria seems to push in on her, even the adults that work here. Kai and I start to move in her

direction to get everyone out of her space when Jason speaks up and tells everyone to step back.

I watch as she reads my card. Again, I see Artemis push forward, wanting to be part of this, even though today is more specifically for Cara. I'm not a poet, but I am speaking from my heart every day and so far, it seems to be working.

I watch as she pulls out the items in her gift basket, smelling them, smiling over them, passing them to Lacey so she can smell them too. Kai and I relax, knowing that our plan is working. She is accepting our gifts every day. She is accepting us.

Everyone begins to head back to their tables, and I begin to eat my lunch. I'm smirking at Chase when the smell hits my nose, and I see Nash, Chase's wolf, push forward at the same time that I feel Kai pushing forward. It's the smell of a bloody battle.

I look to the front door as I stand, Chase right beside me. The sight before me has my hackles raising and Kai snarling viciously in my head. A low growl leaves my lips and Chase puts a restraining hand on my arm.

Liam walks in with a huge bear slung over his shoulders. There can be no mistaking his intentions. He knew I was staking my claim and he is now publicly staking his own.

He walks right up to Cara. She seems shocked at his appearance. I think the entire cafeteria is, especially his pack members. It's not common to see your alpha looking like he just got out of a battle for his life.


"I bring an offering for Artemis." Cyran states, dropping the bear at her feet. I can see Artemis has pushed Cara completely out as her eyes are the bright shining gold of the sun. As angry as I am, I can not help but admire the beauty of her eyes.

My fury ratchets up when I hear her purring Cyran's name. Kai begins fighting me for control. 'I will kill him! She is ours! He can not have her.'

It takes everything in me to maintain control of him. He's never been like this. He and I have always been in agreement about everything. But he's seeing red and all he wants is to kill Cyran and show Artemis that we are the stronger Alpha.


I'm still fighting Kai, when I hear Artemis say that she accepts his gift. I look up and see her hand on his chest and that's when Kai blows past my defenses and a snarling challenge erupts out of my mouth.

The cheers of the room die down immediately and Chase is in front of me, trying to talk Kai down. A couple of my other warriors come to his aid, but Kai is

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having none of it. His canines extend and his claws come out. My whole body is shaking with my effort to maintain at least a small amount of control. I know that if Kai forces the shift, Cyran will too and it can only be a battle to the death at that point.

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