





oooooooooooo

WE'RE
READY,
CUTTER!
TROUBLE,
LAD?

TROUBLE,
TREESTUMP?
I'LL SAY!

LOOK AT
STONECHEST'S
GUT!



SINCE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING THE FORGE IN THE TROLL TUNNELS HE'S GOTTEN FAT AND LAZY.

TRUE...

WITH SO MUCH FOOD STORED IN WRAPSTUFF--

FILCHER! CUT IT OUT!

--:CHUCKLE: WE'VE LET SOME HUNTS GO BY.

:GRUMBLE: :GROWL:

AND THE HUNTS WE DO JOIN ARE DONE TOO SOON!

I'M FOR A BIG ONE THAT TAKES US FAR AWAY!

RIGHT, LITTLE SISTER! IT'S BETTER FOR THE WOLVES-- AND US--TO KEEP IN PRACTICE!

I'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON THE TREEHORN HERD. THEY HEADED TOWARD SUN-GOES-DOWN TWO DAYS AGO.

THEN TONIGHT WE RANGE FAR AND RIDE HARD TO TRACK THEM!



AND THE ONLY MEAT WE CARRY HOME WILL BE IN OUR BELLIES!



FOLLOWING "THE WAY" AS WE'VE ALWAYS DONE! IT'S GOOD!

SUPREME ARCHER STRONGBOW'S OPEN SENDING REACHES ALL AND SPEAKS FOR ALL...



THAT IS... NEARLY ALL.

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING I'M NOT INVITED THIS TIME?



WE'LL BRING BACK COUNTLESS LOVELY CUTS AND BRUISES FOR YOU TO CURE, BELOVED.

AND YOU'LL HAVE GREAT FUN GETTING THEM, WON'T YOU?



MOONSHADE... MY EYRN... I WISH THINGS WERE AS BEFORE...

...WISH YOU WERE BY MY SIDE NOW.



BUT I AM NOT AS BEFORE, MY WYL. DANGER AND RISK NO LONGER FEED MY SPIRIT.

I WISH THEY NO LONGER FED YOURS.



MOONSHADE! THOSE PRESERVER SILKS SUIT YOU!



KIND OF YOU TO NOTICE. BUT I'VE BEEN SO LOST IN THOUGHT I HAVEN'T YET WELCOMED SUNSTREAM BACK.

IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE.

WITH KORAFAY WELL GROWN, I'LL BE COMPLETING MY TRAINING WITH THE HIGH ONE AND SAYAH.

HEY! I HEAR ONE BIG, THUNDERING HUNT'S ON!



NOT JOINING IN?

NO, SKYWISE. FOR NOW, I CHOOSE TO STAY IN THE PALACE.

NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT. BUT IT MUST BE HARD ON STRONGBOW.



"CHANGE IS GOOD. BUT HE'S SO STUBBORN ABOUT IT!"

AND BECAUSE HE IS, STARGAZER, WOULDN'T IT BE THE WORST BETRAYAL OF ALL TO DO WHAT I'M THINKING...

...TO DO AS YOU PIR... GIVE UP MY WOLF BLOOD...

...AND BECOME IMMORTAL?