

An Pantar

by Aoife Ní Giolla Phádraig

Rang 6, Aged 11

Corp mór, cosaí beag
ag feachaint ort ón taobh eile.
Bíonn siad dubh
uaireanta le spotaí
fiacra géara
an dáinsearach.

Tá Pantar bán ann,
má chreideann tú,
ag troid leis na caít mór eile,
ag luí síos in aice lena phluas.

Cé go bhfuil siad scanrúil
Is ainmhí galánta í
An Pantar.

Away with the Wolves

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Chapter One: Captured

"The wolves of the blue star pack are the keepers of the peace in the universe and the temporary Alpha of the blue star pack has the power to bring life to the souls that have forgotten the way back to their original life. They put the lost souls into a newborn pup, but every good has a bad, and that bad is....the pack of the grey star. They are the chaos makers of the universe and are the complete opposite of the wolves of the Blue star pack. The current alpha of the Grey star pack has the power to cause death and make the souls lost so that the alpha of the Blue star pack has more work finding them,"said Shadow.

"WOW! that was great Dad, can you tell us another one about the Blue star pack?,"asked Blue-Heart as she looked at him with her large hope-filled eyes.

"No its getting too late, so you all need to go to bed,"Akira said softly.

"But MOM!,"Dakota moaned.

"No buts about it. Now get in a circle like I taught you last night,"demanded Akira.

"OK mom,"Ash said whilst she got in the circle formed by her mom and dad.

"Good girl Ashley,"Akira said to her.

"MOM! What did I say about calling me that!,"Ash said with a serious tone to her voice.

"Oh sorry, Ash,"she said.

All of them formed a large dog pile to keep warm whilst they slept....

Shadow woke up to his daughters blood-curdling scream for help. As he focused his sleepy eyes on the scene before him he realised his daughter was being taken by a demon wolf! Then he knocked him to the ground and he was on the ground under Shadow, both of them were going at each-others necks. All of a sudden the demon wolf kicked Shadow off of him and he had a bright green glow around him. He lashed at Shadow! The demon wolf threw Shadow at a tree and knocked him out. Then he turned to the pups who were being protected

by they're mother Akira.

"Now to take you to the Alpha,"he said staring at Ash, and then he lashed at her but Akira stood in his way, blocking him and she snarled at him and he bared his fangs at her. Shadow woke up and took him down from the side. The demon wolf hit his shoulder off of a sharp branch on a tree and it tore the surface of his thick skin. He bled a lot, but then green lightning zapped, striked and raced up his paws to his wound on his shoulder, the skin started to cover the wound and it healed. He grew bigger and stronger. He held Shadow in a "death hold". If he moved the demon wolf's fang would hit a nerve in Shadows neck that would instantly kill him. He could choose to kill him or let him go. The demon wolf has made up his mind; He looked into Shadow's eyes and..... LET'S GO! He backed away and sat down, looking at the ground and then looking at Shadow.

"I cant kill, I won't kill,"he muttered.

"Who sent you to kill us?"asked Shadow. Akira looked at Shadow and he looked back at her.

"I was sent here to capture her,"the demon wolf said as he looked at Ash and then he looked down,"and if I don't, they'll kill my family,"he said.

"Who would do that?"Ash asked.

"Kill-grave,"he sighed with disappointment, his sleek-black tail wrapped around his body, his fangs barely showing, he looked up at her.

"They have a tracker in my brain and if I disobey him he will send wolves out to finish the job and kill my family and I," he said kicking the dirty in fury.

SNOOORRE, snarl, SNNNOREE, whimper.They all looked at Dakota who was fast asleep.

"How is he sleeping through all of this?"Blue-Heart said puzzled.

"It's Dakota we're talking about here,"Ash replied with a grin.

"Quick, run they're coming I'll pretend to chase you,"the demon wolf said to Shadow.

"But they know you were disobeying them,"Akira said. Then she grabbed Dakota by the scruff of the neck.

"It has been malfunctioning all day but the tracker still works, so I doubt they'll know,"he replied.

"What's your name?"Ash asked.

"Venom, my name is Venom," he replied and he scrambled to his feet and got ready to chase them. However, Kill-Grave's wolves lashed past him and hit and kicked Akira and she stumbled and Dakota had to run on his own, Ash stopped in her tracks to help her mother but one of the

three wolves grabbed her and ran off. The two other wolves followed.

"Ash!" Akira screamed after her.

But they had already disappeared into the Forest of Minds. The Forest of Minds would get you lost if you didn't know your way through off by heart, because there are so many trees that looked the same to your mind so you got confused and forget where you are and where you are going. Ash and her siblings were never allowed to enter it. They didn't know where they were, nor did there mother and father.

"W-w-where are you taking m-,"

"SHUT IT! Runt,"one of the wolves interrupted.

"I'm not a runt!"she said angrily.

"Yes, Alpha would like y-" he stopped and looked around like he heard something. There was a rustle in the bush beside them on the right and then a branch of an old worn out tree on their left. A wolf jumped down from the tree welding a sword that had a blue glow around the titanium blade and another wolf jumped out of the bush blocking their path. The second wolf had something like nun-chucks in his grasp but they had a blade at each end that had a red glow around it like the sword.

"Where do you think your going with that pup,"the wolf with the sword asked. His voice was masculine and ruff.

"Does it matter to you?"replied the wolf carrying Ash.

"Yes it does because you are at the border of our territory,"he said.

"Grrrrr, you're getting on my last nerve here,"said the wolf to the right.

"They kidnapped me!"Ash said as quickly as possible. The wolf that was carrying her threw her up in the air hoping that she would drop on the ground but she didn't come back down. When he threw her up she gripped a branch with her teeth and swung herself up onto the branch just like her dad had taught her.

"What! Get back here!"said the wolf that was carrying her furiously.

"No I'm never coming back down for you",she shouted. The wolves down below stared up into the golden leafed tree and then stared at each-other. They got into fighting positions and started attacking one another and then the wolf with the sword, and the wolf that was carrying Ash, had a stare down. The first wolf that makes a strike can lose if they don't use the move correctly.

"Cobalt I would step down now if I were you,"the wolf with the sword said to the wolf that was carrying Ash.

"Step down? STEP DOWN?! HAH! Don't you know who I am? I'm Cobalt the great beta of Kill-Grave! I would never step down to you, a border-patrol,"Cobalt splattered followed by a snort.

"Suit yourself," he replied. The wolf with the sword swung the sword and cut the end of Cobalt's tail off. Cobalt ran off.

"AHHH, Cobalt out! I did not sign up for this!!!!" he screamed as he ran with what was left of his tail between his legs. The two other wolves followed.

"Don't come back if you don't want to lose the rest of your tail," The wolf with the sword said. "It's alright, you came down now, I won't hurt you," he said softly. She jumped down from her branch onto the floor. They looked at her neck and it had teeth marks from Cobalt's teeth dug into the rough skin.

"Are you OK?," The wolf with the sword said.

"Yeah, it's just a little wound," she replied.

"Let's get you to our den to rest," The other wolf said. Ash followed them across a wide frozen river that they had to climb trees to get across to the other side. They finally stopped at a cave covered in black and green vines and thorns draping down from the top. When they entered there was a wolf on a big grey rock that sat at the back of the cave.

"Nice to see you've returned in one piece, Raven," The wolf said.

"Yes, it was Cobalt and two other Grey Star pack wolves. He ran off with what was left of his tail between his legs like always," Raven replied.

"Oh and who is this? May I ask your name pup?," he asked Ash. He looked over her into the vines that hung over the den entrance to find another wolf approaching him.

"Alpha, we have more intruders at the borders, Kyra and Denvin are taking care of it but they might need another wolf," she said.

"Oh OK, ummm, Sasha may you go take care of this?," he asked the wolf with the nun-chucks.

"Certainly Alpha," she replied. She turned around and legged it through the entrance and over the hill. The other wolf started to walk out.

"StarLight may you take our new guest and show her around?" he asked her. She looked at Ash and Raven, who looked desperately at her.

"Sure, what is your name little one?" She asked Ash.

"I-I-I'm Ash," Ash replied.

"Come with me Ash, I will show you around and maybe you will make new friends," Starlight said looking at Ash.

"Sure!," Ash said as she scrambled to her feet and scampered out the cave with StarLight.....

Chapter Two: New Friends!

There were a lot of pups playing in the snow and their parents watching

over them. Ash saw four wolf pups on their own by a frozen pond trying to “ice-skate” with their bare paws. She wanted to go over but StarLight was on the move so she had to follow.

“Ash what pack were you living in before you were taken by Cobalt and his “crew” or did you even have a pack?”She asked her, Ash stared up at her and spoke.

“I wasn’t born in a pack, I used to live with two other siblings, Blue-Heart and Dakota and my mom and dad but the food was scarce around where I used to live. I haven’t had food since two days ago and I would love a squirrel, but a bird would be nice too,”Ash replied licking her lips.

“Why not a rabbit?,”StarLight asked.

“I’ve never had rabbit before,”She said staring at StarLight.

“Well we’re going to have to change that, come with me,”She said and she started to run over to a big bush that had blue berries on it. She led Ash into it. There was a small space in between the circle of black berry bushes and there was a mountain, as tall as the cave where the alpha stayed. Ash looked up to see the sky but it was blocked by trees overlapping each other. There were low trees, high trees and medium trees but they all had a part to play by covering the sky, creating something like a dome protecting the food.

“Eat child.Feel free to take whatever you wish but if you want to take something from the prey pile you must ask me first, do you hear?,”She asked looking down on Ash.

“Yes,”she replied. She bent down and took a hare from the pile and started to eat it.

“No, no, no. You eat the food out where you will sleep tonight,”She said nudging her head toward the opening.

“Oh I’m so sorry, I didn’t know,”Ash jumped to her feet and staggered out the opening.“ Where will I sleep?,”she asked StarLight.

“Oh yes, you can sleep....ooh how about you sleep with Raven and I?,”she said.

“OK, ummm, where do you sleep?,”Ash said scouting out the landscape.

“Just follow me. I’ll show you,”she said and she ran into a cave that was a few paws away from the Alpha’s den. They went inside the cave and there were two pelts, a pelt of a sheep and a pelt of a deer and both looked very comfy. Over in the corner there was a stack of fish, half eaten.

“Oh my Fenris, I told Raven to get rid of those fish, I’m so sorry about that, I’ll be right back,”StarLight said and ran around the corner. After a while later she came back with the black wolf that carried Ash, Raven.

"Raven, I thought I told you to get rid of the fish you eat," She said irritably.

"Oh, ummm, Sorry?" he said looking at the ground. StarLight walked past him and tilted his head up with her tail.

"Why don't you do it now so you don't have to do it later?" she said as if he were a child.

"But I need to go on another border pa-" He stopped mid sentence and looked at Ash, Ash looked at the pile of fish and then looked at him. "ok I will do it now," he said as he walked over to the pile of fish and started to carry some out on his back out to the river and threw them in because they were rotten and could cause infection to other animals.

"The crows will have a nice feast tonight," he said with a slight grin as he looked at Ash. She smiled back and then StarLight smiled softly at the two of them getting along.

"Raven, honey, Ash will be sleeping with us tonight, so make her feel at home," she said. "Ash why don't you eat that on the spare boar pelt, since that's what you are going to sleep on," she said and nudged her head toward the boar pelt over in the corner opposite of the "fish corner".

"Ok but can I sleep with you and Raven because I can't sleep if I'm alone," she asked. She shivered with the strong wind blowing outside of their den.

"Oh sure. Raven can you move the boar pelt over in between my bedding and your bedding please?" she asked Raven who was obviously her mate.

"Sure sweety," he replied and licked StarLight's head as he made his way across the den.

"Thank you dad- I mean Raven," Ash said shyly.

"No problem pup," he said with a warm smile....

As night fell the clouds grew big and dark. Ash still saw the three pups playing by the frozen pond and there were no parents around to watch over them. She wanted to go outside and meet them but she fell asleep. *GASP* Ash woke up in the middle of the night because of a lighting strike and she was frightened of thunder and lighting. She looked out the entrance of the den and the pups that were playing by the pond were now under a "den" formed by trees and still they had no parents with them. She really wanted to go over to play with them, Ash looked behind her. Raven and StarLight were asleep. Maybe she could sneak out because the other pups were awake and they had shelter from the storm.... She started to run, the cold air was so cold it was

burning her lungs as she ran across the snow covered hill but she just kept running and running. Finally she was there but the burning didn't go away and her tongue was so cold it hurt her every time she panted. She looked around a corner and the pups were staring at her with their jaws hanging and they were frozen with astonishment.

"Umm, hi?" she said puzzled to why they were amazed.

"How did you do that?!" the female pup asked.

"What?" Ash replied. "oh, You mean the thing I just did there?" Ash asked.

"Yeah, it was really cool," she said. The other pups were looking at Ash then looking at the storm, to Ash, to the storm, then Ash, then the storm, and then back to Ash.

"I just ran and didn't stop until I got here. To be honest its not actually that hard," she said and she sat down. One of the male pups stood up and sat beside her.

"What's your name? My name is Convel, this is my brother Ghost, my friend Rayna and our other friend Seph, but Seph isn't here at the moment," he said.

"I'm Ash, nice to meet you Convel, Ghost and Timber," Ash said.

"Hi," Timber said with a smile. Ghost's white fur covered one of his white eyes and he looked at Ash with a smirk.

"Do you have parents?" Ash asked staring Convel in his dark blue eyes, his black fur waving in the cold wind.

"No. They call us outcasts because our mothers died when they were giving birth and our fathers ditched us at the borders of the territory. This pack took us in but we all have each other and that's the most important thing," Convel replied.

"Where is your other friend Seph," Ash asked.

"He just went out because he thought he saw a DemonClaw but I think it's just a crow but we can't convince him that it was just a stupid crow, because he is to stubborn. He'll be back soon enough," Convel said. He looked into the snow storm and there was a wolf pup with an unhappy look on his face coming towards them with a crow in his mouth, it's head flopping as he ran.....

The Holiday

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Hi. My name is Adiline. I have an older sister and two other brothers. The whole family is going on holidays except for my sister. She's going with her friend to France which means I'm stuck with my brothers Josh and Noah for two weeks, with no girls but my mum!

It's the night before and I'm still packing. "oh no, what am I going to do?!"

"It's time to go to bed" mum said quite faintly.

"Ok. Night" I said.

"Only one more thing. Yey, I'm finished" I said, a bit too loud.

"Shhhhhh" everyone moaned. "Go to bed" Gia, my sister said.

"Ok sorry, I didn't mean to be so loud" I said

"Night" I yawned.

Next morning...

"ADILINE WAKE UP" Josh shouted "come on" Josh shook her.

"Ok ok. I'm awake, what's the matter?" I grumbled. I wasn't fully awake yet.

"We have to leave NOW or we will be late, come on" said Josh anxiously. But in real life he woke me up an hour early by mistake. So while I was up I started to get ready. An hour later and everyone is awake. We didn't have breakfast at home. We decided to have it in the airport.

"Off we go, Yippee" everyone said. Everyone is so excited. When we arrived we jumped out of the car and ran to the check in point. The line was long so it took for ever but we got there and made it through security. "Now it's time for food" I said and I ran to Starbucks and got a caramel frappacchino and then headed back to Subway and got a roll. We sat down in Subway because we had an extra five minutes. After five minutes, they called our gate number and we got on the plane and took off. About two hours later - touch down. We arrived in Spain.

It's one o'clock and we're getting off the plane and I tripped "it

hurts so much, I think I broke it" I cried

"It's ok we'll get you to the hospital as fast as we can" her mam said worryingly.

And they did - as fast as they could. The doctor said it was just a sprained ankle so I have to wear a boot. It's for a week, half of my holidays and no swimming! We got in a taxi and arrived at the holiday resort. It's absolutely gorgeous. It has everything. We got a little hungry so we went to lunch in the restaurant and found an arcade! It's so fun! My family went swimming and I just sunbathed. Two days later we traveled to Barcelona by train and we bought some clothes and really nice ice cream. My mam and I snuck off and since my arms were sore, we sat down in a shoe shop. My mam said I was so brave and she bought me a pair of runners. I am so happy. We had to carry the other shoe because I can only wear one because of my boot. A week went by and it was off to the hospital to get my boot off. We got my boot off and I feel free. When we got back to the resort we all got our swimming gear on and were off swimming. I love swimming in hot weather and tonight we're going to a show in the resort. After swimming we went back to the villa and got changed for dinner.

It was really nice food. While we had our food the show was on right in front of us. In the show there were really good singers, actors and dancers. It was late when we got back to the villa and went fast asleep.

Two days later and we are on our way up to the super market to try some Spanish sweets and drinks. We found 7up berry, these popcorn things, Cheetos and some sort of chocolate with crisps inside it! We didn't do much today. We got a take away pizza beside the pool and we watched TV.

Next day....

Morning, today we are going to Disney Land. We're in the car on our way. Later on that day I went on the scariest roller coaster ever! Also we went to the Disney shop and I got a jumper because it got a bit colder. I got a pink one with a stitching of Minnie Mouse. It's so fuzzy! Now we are heading home to the villa and go to bed. It is the last day already.

Ahhhhh, but we aren't going till two o'clock so we are having breakfast and lunch in Spain. Since it's the last day we're having breakfast at home in the villa. We're making pancakes and we're going out for lunch. After breakfast we are going swimming till half twelve then back to the villa to get dressed, pack up, and have lunch. Right now we're swimming and it is starting to rain, so we run back and have a shower. I started to dry my hair and put it up in a bun. I got dressed

into my Disney land jumper, black leggings , a short sleeved top and uggs , so I'm in a super cosy outfit for the plane ride.

We ate our lunch, got into a taxi to take us to the airport and, checked in, went through security and went into the shops and bought some key chains for my friends. We also went into a sweet shop and bought mints, lolly pops, toffees and chocolate .We boarded the plane and it got delayed by half an hour so I was bored but when we took off I was listening to some music with my headphones on.The time flew and this time I didn't trip and my Nana surprised us and brought us to our house so we slept over. The next day we went to the carnival after we unpacked our bags and suitcases.We had so much fun. We got candyfloss and went on some cool rides and met up with my friends.I had a great time,

Bye!

Love Adiline.