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Katan, Nightfall Isle

Alys of Devries lives with her uncle, Lord Broger, and she despises him. He has made her miserable since he became her guardian. Broger was responsible for killing Daron, the uncle of Saber, Wolfer, Dominor, Evanor, Trevan, Rydan, Koranen and Morganen, eight brothers -- four pairs of fraternal twins -- who were exiled to the island of Nightfall because of a curse/prophecy that they seem to fit. Alys knows that Broger has also been sending his dark creatures, among them evil wyverns and creepy, crawly mekhadaduks, to Nightfall in attempts to destroy the brothers. Alys has had to feed all of his creatures.

Now Broger has sold her to an old lecher. But Alys has received a message from Morganen that it is time for her to leave her uncle and his dark magic and come to Nightfall and Wolfer, the man she loves. Alys agrees to Broger's decision and departs his home with a caravan that will take her to her intended husband. On the fourth day of the journey, she sees her chance. Using her own magic, she summons Pookrahs, large canines from the forest. Alys then creates the illusion that she was attacked and dragged off, then changes herself into one and escapes.

She and Morganen have been working a very long time to undo all the spells Broger has put on her. She implements the painful solution and effectively disappears off her uncle's horizon, letting all believe that she is dead. All she has to do is get to Wolfer. There are several complications, dangers, and a bit of adventure along the way as she travels to Nightfall. When he sees her, Wolfer is delighted -- to say the least.

Kelly, Saber's wife, is the official Queen of Nightfall and she is very glad to have another woman come to the castle. All the brothers are happy to see Alys. She and Wolfer come together in passion and find that they are meant to be a pair. The only sad note of the reunion is that Dominor, who was kidnapped in *THE SWORD*, is still missing.

Of course, things are not going to be easy as more danger stalks the inhabitants of Nightfall, and Alys's uncle is still a threat.

I love this world and the heroes and heroines who reside there. *THE WOLF* is a lively, wonderful, and oh-so-satisfying book. It is long, beautifully written, and entertaining. Light and dark magic are everywhere. *THE WOLF* is fantasy romance at its best. Jean Johnson has another winner.