

## Chapter 12 - Betrayed from Birth - Alpha's Unvalued Daughter Read Online Free

Raven's POV

When I heard that powerful voice yell out “Where is she, Timothy, I need to see her” I was scared to death. I started having a panic attack and I cannot catch my breath. This is it, this is where I will be dealt with by the Alpha. I felt both Stella and Amanda touching my hand that was nearest them, as they were sitting on either side of me. Beta Timothy was across the table from me. He can see my face and the clear panic that I was in. I know that they were trying to calm me down, but I am way past that now. I see Beta Timothy look at me right in the eye with his calm demeanor and tell me, “It is fine Raven, you are not in trouble. I will go get him and we will all speak calmly together. I will be right back. Alpha Cole is just anxious to get to meet you. He came quickly as soon as he heard that you were here”

I watched as Beta Timothy headed to the door of the room, just out of view so I couldn't see it from here. We are kind of in a darker corner, hidden from view. I didn't want to see the judgey looks I usually get when I go down to the dining room to eat, so I asked if we could sit in this corner, most were sitting in the open area. The Beta family was fine with it, and we were almost through with eating lunch. I had already seen Joshua this morning when I came down from the Beta floor with the family. He was still giving me the stink eye this morning. Even though no words came out of his mouth, he managed to convey exactly what he was thinking about me with his face. He doesn't like me and wanted me gone, as soon as possible. I was glad when Timothy sent him away on an errand. I hope that he stays gone all day, to be honest. I think Stella is right, he is a complete jerk, and I am not interested in being around him at all. His immediate decision to deem me unworthy, for whatever reason, is offensive to me. I just left a pack that did that, and I just wanted to be left alone, in peace.

Amanda gets up from the table and motions for us to get up too. We cleared our table and then follow her towards the elevator, and head back up to the Beta level. I don't see Beta Timothy in the entryway area, or in the lobby, and there were no signs of Alpha Cole either. As we get off on the Beta level, I see that the door next to Stella's room is standing open, and I can hear voices inside the room. I looked at Amanda with a clear question in mind, but the words would not come out of my mouth. I am really worried that the Alpha personally wanted to see me. I mean, I hadn't asked to join the pack. I was just a nobody, I mean I shouldn't even be on his radar. I was thinking about staying if I can get a position here, one that I liked and was interested in, but just seeing Joshua's expression when I walked into the Beta's living room was making me have second thoughts about it. I think it would be best to maybe earn some money working in the kitchen, for a few months, and then move on. I would have the money I needed to move on.

“We are going to talk in our room OK Raven, we all won’t fit into the Alpha’s Office for this. Timothy thought that you would be more comfortable staying with us with you, inside our home to meet Alpha Cole, and his family” Amanda told me. I nodded at her, I would, but I know that they can hear how hard my heart is pounding. I tried to calm myself down. I remind myself that whatever the outcome, the Beta family, well 75% of the Beta family have been very kind to me. Even if they end up kicking me out, my stay here had been better than I could have ever hoped for. I slowed down as I neared the door, with Amanda and Stella stepping in front of me. They were blocking me from the view of everyone in the room, and I could not see them either. It gave me a moment to calm myself down. They stepped into the room and the talking immediately stopped.

I managed to get my feet working again, and took a step into the room, with an intake of breath coming from a large man sitting next to Beta Timothy. I can see him move to stand up, but Timothy just held his hand out and gave him a look. I am pretty sure that they are mindlinking each other. The large man, clearly Alpha Cole, settles back onto the couch that he was sitting on. Even sitting down, I can tell that he is an imposing man. He has black hair, and I can only see a little of his face, as there is a light right behind him, but I can tell that he is a very handsome man. I see an arm come out to touch his leg between his knee and thigh and I glanced over and see a beautiful redhead sitting next to him. She has an easy smile, and I couldn’t help smiling back at her in return. I bowed slightly in respect to them before glancing over to look at the last two on the couch. There are two teenagers sitting next to the Luna. They both looked to be around my age. They are both pretty big, like their father. Their frame was much larger than mine, and they both exuded power from them.

I could tell that they were the Alpha couple's children and I nodded in respect to them too. The older of the two was on the end of the couch and he also had black hair and green eyes. He had a slight frown on his forehead, but I didn’t feel any anger from him, just some confusion. I could tell that he was the reason the Beta’s son had an issue with me as Joshua is standing right behind him, with a smirk on his face like he is going to enjoy what is about to happen. He is clearly showing me whose side he is on, but I am not here to disrupt anything, so he can throttle down with his bad attitude. I looked away from Joshua and look at the teenager sitting next to his mom.

He has a smile on his face as if he is truly happy to see me. I cannot help but smile back at him. He is just slightly smaller than his brother, but he had a very calming aura coming from him. I felt like he was excited that I was here, which was weird, as he doesn't even know me. He had black hair too, but he had his mother’s brown eyes. They were a beautiful soft brown, and he seemed to be very relaxed, compared to his brother next to him. He and the Luna are clearly both kind people and want me to feel supported in this situation. I try to force myself to relax, with Emerald piping up in a mindlink and reminding me that “If you were going to be hurt, they would have taken you to the cells already. Not up here to the Beta's home where injuring you would result in a large amount of money to fix the problem. It is a lot cheaper to just hose a cell down than to replace a sofa and carpet with blood on them.” She had a good point, but she is not relieving my stress with her comment.

I heard a throat being cleared and I glanced back over at the Alpha who was still staring at me intently. Like he was trying to look into my soul to see who I was at my core. Amanda and Stella

headed to the couch, and Amanda motioned for me to sit between her and Beta Timothy. I admit that I was glad to be there, as I felt comfort from being with them. Stella sat next to her mother on the end of the couch, and there was silence as no one knew what to say at first. I heard a throat clear again and the husky voice of the Alpha asked, "What is your name, young lady? And how did you happen to come to be on our land?"

"My name is Raven. I was in the Silver Blade pack. I had to leave that pack and was only looking for a way to get away from them. I was not trying to cause a problem in your pack, or trespass. I was actually trying to go to a human city to find a place to live. I told Beta Timothy that last night. I was just trying to get away, if I hadn't, I would have probably been killed" I told them, trying to keep the embarrassing parts away from Joshua. He clearly would be happy at my suffering, and they didn't all need to know my personal business. There was silence for a few more minutes, but I wasn't scared.

"It may be for the best if she just passes through. I think she is right. The human city might be the best place for her" Joshua said, and I felt Beta Timothy tense up next to me. He is entitled to his own opinion, he didn't offend me, but I could tell from just how tense Beta Timothy became, that Joshua should have kept his mouth closed at this time. The low growl of warning caused Joshua to give a quick look at Alpha Cole. He was furious and barely able to contain his anger. I can see the Luna linking him and trying to calm him, which caused me to wonder what in the hell was going on.

"It is OK, he did not offend me. Believe me, I have heard much, much worse said to me at Silver Blade. I don't think he was actually trying to antagonize. He was just stating his truth. I would much rather people be direct and truthful to me than be a fake friend, and just wait to stab me in the back" I told them.

I see the Alpha, and the older son on the far end of the couch both look at me in surprise at my words. The Luna and younger son are grinning at me and nodding in agreement with what I said. Amanda pats my hand and said, "You are too kind, Raven. I am still going to have a talk with my son later about his manners. As I know that I raised him with some, and he must have forgotten or lost them along the way". "You don't have to do it on my account. I think most people think as I do. I like to be honest and truthful with people, and I would like the same in kind. I don't have time for people who wish me harm, or to be deceitful" I told her. I don't want him punished, especially since I might be willing to stay and work here if I can. It would be hard to avoid him if I were to stay here. It is best to think and make good choices now. He may not be aware that he pissed the Alpha off, but I was. I could tell the Alphas son was about to defend his friend and soon-to-be Beta, but since the offense was given to me, I decided to try to defuse the situation. Plus, the Beta couple had been nothing but wonderful to me, and I didn't want for Joshua to be reprimanded or in trouble for his thoughtless words. I wanted a good relationship with them and Stella. I can just avoid Joshua.

"Raven, can you tell me who your parents were, and why you felt you had to leave?" Alpha Cole asked me.

I closed my eyes and sighed. I knew this was coming, but I am trying to figure out the best way to tell what happened without going into all the details. I finally opened my eyes to look at him and say, "I was the firstborn child of Alpha and Luna Sullivan. I had a twin sister named Reagan. We had a falling out early this morning and I could no longer stay there anymore" I told him and tried to keep my voice as even as possible. I did until I said Reagan's name. I did not expect the feeling that I got when I said her name and could not stop my pain from flooding back to me.

"Raven, I need to tell you something that you may not be aware of. Just please listen to what I am going to say to you before you respond. Your mother, Cassandra, was my true mate. We mated immediately after I found her. We were both very attracted to each other. I was about to mark her when Timothy linked me with an emergency happening in the pack. I told her that I would be right back, before going outside to speak to him. As an Alpha I knew that it could have been another Alpha that was present there at the ball, causing the problem in my pack. You do not want to show any weakness as an Alpha. So, I excused myself as I knew it would be quick. I had every intention of accepting her as my mate. As soon as I was heading back towards the building, I was brought to my knees by incredible pain" Alpha Cole told me, stopping because he was obviously overcome with those painful memories of that night.

I could tell that the memory of what happened, and the pain of that night were not easy to talk about. I have no idea why he would be telling me this, it seemed like a very private matter between him and his Luna. My heart breaks for him though because I understand the pain of your true mate betraying you like that. I feel a tear escape from my eye for what he went through. Timothy must have told him something about my embarrassing incident last night. I was not in a hurry to share my painful experience just yet, especially with Joshua in the room. I will not be giving him any ammo for him to hurt me with in the future. I think Alpha Cole wants to show me that it could happen to anyone, even an Alpha, and I appreciate him doing that for me.

Alpha Cole continues after calming down, "When I made it to the door of the event, I saw your parents leaving, together, and they bore each other's mark. She allowed him to mark her because I had overextended on the expansion to the pack house, and I was not able to get her the car, clothes, and jewelry that she wanted at the time we met. She thought I was broke permanently, and she wanted more. She wanted someone to take care of her, and let her live the life that she had envisioned for herself."

Alpha Cole paused again, and I can tell that this was difficult for him to get out. I wanted to tell him that he didn't have to speak anymore, that I understood his pain better than he could imagine. Maybe more than anyone else in the room. But he had told me not to interrupt him until he was through speaking to me. I cannot disrespect the Alpha like that, so I stayed silent. Clearly, his sons are familiar with this story, but Joshua and Stella are completely stunned by his revelation. Neither of them knew anything about this, and they were just as stunned, and sad for him, as I was.

"It is a big deal to do what they did, in the werewolf community. The pain of his marking her while we were still bound together could have killed me with her agreeing to take him as her chosen mate. But neither of them cared. It would have probably made it easier on them both if

they had killed me. But I was strong, and the Goddess helped me too. I went to Silver Blade the next morning, and we rejected each other. I had told them both that if a child resulted from our union that night, I wanted the pup. They were both warned about what the consequences would be if they kept my pup from me. I know their character, he would not have taken his anger out on Cassandra, and they are still pretending to be true mates for Silver Blade. But they dared to cross me. They are about to pay for all the bad choices they have made for the last 18-plus years. I know that since they cannot attack me and live, that they took it out on you” Alpha Cole pauses to look at me, trying to gauge my reaction, but I am too stunned to even move. Is he saying what I think he is saying?

Now I know why I was the bane of my dad's existence. He had his child, but mom had gotten pregnant by both of them. We are fraternal twins, and everything is now crystal clear to me. I can see it all now, ignoring my birth and celebrating hers, not giving me anything but my essentials. Making absolutely sure that I couldn't and wouldn't be able to take over the pack. They knew this whole time, and instead of giving me to my father to be raised, they decided that I would be the one to pay for THEIR sins by allowing me to be abused all these years.

They have made me suffer so much at their hands and never felt bad for it, all because they refused to give me up. All because they were angry and wanted to punish somebody. They were too scared to do anything to Alpha Cole because they couldn't beat him, but they could beat me, I was the easy choice. I cannot breathe right now. And I am having a panic attack. I can feel the tears pouring down my face and I don't have any air. I see dots, and then my father looking concerned as he catches me when I fell to the floor. I see him looking down at me, holding me in his arms. I have his eyes, I think to myself, and I can see his mouth moving, but I can't hear anything but ringing in my ears. Thankfully, I am released from all my pain, as I feel nothing else as I passed out in my father's arms.

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