

Chapter 15 - Betrayed from Birth - Alpha's Unvalued Daughter Read Online Free

Alpha Cole's POV

Raven was discharged from the hospital at 6 pm. I was glad to hear it as we had just gotten done with our meeting. Olivia, Amanda, and Stella had stayed at the hospital with Raven. Timothy and I needed to deal with the problem children, Carter, and Joshua, head-on in my office. It was the best place for it as I needed them to give us both the respect we deserve, no matter how much they think that they are ready to run this pack. Today showed me that, they went immediately on defense, to protect something that was never in question, or threatened.

I had spoken with Raven in the hospital. She doesn't want anything to do with the Alpha or Luna position here at Blood Walker. She didn't want it at Silver Blade either. She just wanted her mate. It upset her that I asked. It upset me too. The fact that she never cared about getting the pack was the worst part of it. Reagan almost killed her over something that Raven didn't even want. Reagan has done enough damage to Raven, and I wasn't going to let her hurt my daughter again.

Timothy started off the meeting and pointed out all of Joshua's mistakes that he made. Including the fact that he asked Joshua who told him that Raven stated that she was my daughter. From the color on his face, it was him, making up lies, to try to get people against Raven. That made me pretty mad. It made Carter mad too because they were best friends and he believed what Joshua had said completely. It was the whole reason that he didn't treat her well when we met in the Beta's suite. He was cold and unwelcoming to her, and I didn't know why. Then I remember what Joshua had said in the SUV on the way back now. Joshua said that so they could gang up on her and drive her out of the pack as quickly as they could. Timothy was furious at what had happened and straightened them both out. I was glad that he did it. I was so angry I could have hurt one, or both, of them.

After determining that she is indeed my daughter and his half-sister, plus the fact that she didn't want to take the pack from him. Carter wanted to see her and apologize to her for all that happened. He didn't have a problem with her, he was just scared to death that her whole purpose here was just to come and take the pack out from under him. That was all Joshua's instigation. Once I had calmed down, we had a lengthy talk about lying to your ranked members. Which then went into his agenda against Raven. He apologized, and he really seemed like he was sorry about it, but only time will tell. I cannot trust him around Raven. I will have to have Stella, Amanda, Olivia, Austin, Timothy, or me with her until I can see that Carter and Joshua are serious about leaving her alone.

I will not warn either of them again. If they do anything else to undermine or hurt Raven, it will cost them dearly. They will not get a heads-up, this was it. If I needed to stay in my position for several more years for me to try to talk Austin into taking over the pack, I will. They might get another chance, five years from now, but they will have to work really hard for it if they mess this up one more time. Even though they both had heard the story, it seemed like this time, it sank into both of my sons that Raven was my child that was kept hidden from me. That I loved her as much as I love them. I prayed to the Goddess that this will work out the way it should. Austin has never wanted to be the Alpha, and it is all that Carter has ever wanted. Not for glory, or money, but because he cares for our pack members. He cares for their safety and well-being, and until today I had never had any doubts about Carter, or Joshua. He trained and helped others train, to be the best that they can be. He learned his Beta duties and would be an excellent Beta, we will just have to see now.

We dismissed them and spoke together for a short time. I know that Timothy wanted to tell me a few things, and I was waiting until he got through warring with himself to decide if he wanted to tell me.

“Cole, we have been friends for a really long time. I am struggling because Raven was not aware of how long we were there this morning. To be honest we had two warriors out on their run when Raven first crossed onto our land. They heard the whole thing. You can speak with Davis and Perkins about it, as they were the first ones there. They both linked me and basically said the same thing. It took us 5 minutes to get to them from the first link. I heard a lot of what was said, Cole. I think Raven was worried to tell you the whole story. She told you about 80% percent of it, but she omitted that she caught them, her mate and sister having sex. That is how she found out. The pain of them having sex the second time was what ended up causing her to pass out and fall from the tree.” Timothy tells me and looks down at the floor for a second before continuing.

“She also was yelling about the fact that Justin, her mate, said that he always thought Reagan was pretty and wanted her and that he ended up with the better sister” I am seeing red, but I can tell that he wasn’t finished yet and I am trying to keep Flint from running over to Silver Blade to kill Graham right now. Timothy speaks again, “The most important part is that we have to keep her safe until we deal with Silver Blade. The Alpha, Luna, and her sister Reagan all threatened to kill Raven when she refused to return to Silver Blade with them. I will tell you now, Cole, if she had gone back over there with them this morning, she would not have made it far. I could feel the hate and anger coming off of them, they wanted her dead. It would have been better for them, safer for them, to have made sure she never left their land. That was when I came out and asked Alpha Graham to come on over to Blood Walker land. I told him that I would deal with him personally. I also told them that Raven would be protected here at Blood Walker. I was angry at what they had done and said to her. I wanted them to know that I knew who she was and that payback was coming for what they have done. I just wanted you to know, because Graham is going to be grasping at straws here soon, and he will try to twist it to his agenda when the Council arrives. He will look for anything to try to get him out of trouble, or to try to distract them”

“Timothy, I am fine with what you told them. I am glad you could tell she was my daughter. I think that the added stress might make him make a mistake, and then we will have him. I am

really struggling right now as I would love to kill Graham and Cassandra. But I also know that the Council needs to investigate it first. I will do it the right way unless Graham manages to try to weasel his way out of this too. He is very good at being underhanded, and deceitful. Let's head down to the dining room Olivia is here with Raven and we can all have dinner together tonight" I told him, and we headed down to the lobby. We step out of the elevator to see the kids all in a group together, and the lines were clearly drawn. Carter and Joshua on one side, and Raven, Stella, and Austin on the other. Amanda and Olivia stood there watching it play out. They will have to find a way to cooperate and get along with each other.

We see Stella eyeballing Joshua, his ears were red, and he looked embarrassed. "Look if you meant it fine, but if you are just trying to get on my good side by doing the right thing now and apologizing, give it up. I won't stop the fight. It is going to happen. You won't be getting out of it, you need this for your own good. You have gotten way too cocky, and I guess if no one else will stop you, I will" Stella tells him, and she is mad. I think she is the best friend that Raven could have, because it is like they are two pieces of a puzzle, they fit together well.

I arched my eyebrow, and Joshua tells us, "I apologized to Raven. I was wrong and assumed things that I had no proof of. I am truly sorry for doing it. I was just worried that you had come to take Blood Walker away from Carter, and I should have stayed out of it. I will remember this in the future, not to judge based on my emotions, to judge based on evidence and proof. It won't happen again. Please forgive me, Raven, I was wrong, and I am sorry for giving you attitude."

Carter adds, "I am sorry too. I deliberately held back because I let fear of losing what I thought was my birthright blind me. I have spent my whole life wanting to be the next Alpha. I have worked and trained for it, and I thought that you had come here to swoop in and take it from me. I let others' opinions cloud my judgment, and that was wrong too. I hope we can start over again, as brother and sister, and leave this behind us. I won't make the mistake of forgetting that you are my blood again. To prove to you how serious I am about it, we will do the ultimate sacrifice and go to the mall with you tomorrow to make sure you and Stella are safe."

"That is actually a big sacrifice for him Raven, they hate to shop. We still do it for them, unless they need a new tuxedo, or suit, and need to be measured. They both hate going to the mall" Amanda said, and I can see Stella's mouth shift as she tries not to laugh.

"I don't have a problem with you or Joshua. I know why you did it. Reagan did the same thing thinking I was after her spot as Luna too. I will tell you like I told her. All I want is someone to love me, for me. I wanted a mate, not a position. I lost my mate because he wanted my sister to get a higher position. I just want to be able to go where I want to in the pack, safely, without judgment. You don't have to go to the mall tomorrow though. I will never force someone to prove something to me by forcing them to do something that they don't want to do. We are fine. I am happy to have two brothers now. I am glad to not have Reagan as a relative anymore. That is the best thing to come out of this whole incident" Raven told them, and they both sighed in relief that she was not upset with them.

"I still want to go with you, Raven. I don't want anything to happen to you when we just found you. We are fine with going, what time are we leaving mom?" Carter looked over at Olivia.

“We leave at 10 in the morning,” Olivia said as we head into the dining room to eat. I was glad to see all the kids on one end of the table and some good-natured sarcasm flying around between them as they ate. It made dinner go smoothly and Stella was so excited to have her for another sleepover again. I can see that Amanda and Olivia are mindlinking each other and after a little while Olivia reaches over to take my hand. She is upset and I squeeze her hand to let her know that I am here with her.

“Are you OK?” I ask her.

“I am fine, we can talk when we go up to our room tonight. I need to talk to you so you can add it to all the other mistreatment that Raven had received. I swear Cole, I am ready to go over and pull that witch’s hair out for how she did her own daughter. She is her own flesh and blood. Just because she was from her true mate that she rejected, is no reason for her to mistreat her so much” Olivia tells me and that gives me pause.

My mate is the calmest, sweetest woman that I know. For her to want to go and tune someone up, she is pissed, I close my eyes as I realize that I am going to have to brace myself for more news that I don’t want. I will have to hear it as when the Council comes, they will need to know all the charges that I am levying against Silver Blade. I really only want two things. For Graham and Cassandra get in trouble for keeping my pup from me and abusing her. For Raven’s last name to be formally changed to Walker, she is my daughter, and I want everyone to know that.

Olivia then smiles at me and speaks louder for the whole table to hear her, “Amanda and I were talking. We were thinking that in three weeks’ time, we should have a celebration here at the Blood Walker pack. It has been a long time since we have had a party, and the banquet hall is almost complete. I think that it would be nice to introduce Raven to our friends, families, and allied packs as your daughter. Plus, that will give her time to see if she has a second chance mate. It worked for your father and me, Raven. If nothing else, you might make some new friends. I wanted to get the girl's dresses tomorrow. Since the boys are coming with us tomorrow, we can get new tuxedos ordered for them as well.”

“I think that you are not only beautiful, but you two ladies are the smartest women in the pack. I am also going, as this is Raven’s first outing, and I want to make sure she feels as safe as possible” I tell them, and I see Raven flinch for the second time. I stop talking to see what is happening and she is leaning forward barely breathing, with her breath starts coming in pants. She is in a great deal of pain, and before I can even get out of my chair to pick her up, she passes out.

I grabbed her and run back to the hospital again. This is like déjà vu, we just did this earlier today. She did not receive a shock, at least the offer of a party didn’t seem like a shock. I linked them ahead of time again, and she is immediately taken back to the Alpha section of the hospital. She is out cold, and they started asking us questions to try to figure out what had happened.

Thankfully, Stella spoke up, “Raven started sweating, and she was holding her stomach. Then she was panting like she couldn’t catch her breath. She was in a great deal of pain. But she didn’t complain, she just dug her nails into her hands as she held her stomach.”

“Upper or lower stomach?” The doctor asked.

“Lower, it really seemed like she was hurting bad” Stella replied to the doctor.

The doctor frowned and then said, “Does she have a mate? Do any of you know? Is it possible that he could be cheating on her? that would explain the pain and a good reason why she would be clenching her lower stomach.”

“That is it, I am going to Silver Blade, and we are going to have a little talk” I growled out and left the room with Timothy, Carter, Austin, and Joshua right behind me. I am done with getting along. They have hurt her at every turn, and they will just not stop unless I stop them. Well, so be it. If this is what they really want, who am I to keep them from getting exactly what they want?

Raven is Leveling Up