

## Chapter 17 - Betrayed from Birth - Alpha's Unvalued Daughter Read Online Free

Carter's POV

I have been nervous all morning, and couldn't shake off the feeling that something bad was going to happen today. I had promised Raven yesterday, but even if I hadn't, after Raven's true mate's actions, I was going today to make totally sure that everything went smoothly at Silver Blade today. We were even riding as a family in the SUV. A warrior was driving, dad was up front, Mom and I were in the middle, and Austin and Raven we in the back row. It made me a little jealous of how tight they already were. Austin is really sensitive to others, and their feelings, almost like an empath. He is a great judge of character, and he has never been wrong about any of his "feelings" toward another person. If I had been thinking clearly, I would have asked him when we met Raven and kept from embarrassing myself in front of her, and my parents. I ended up looking like a jerk, but I will make sure that I make up for it for the rest of my life. Raven never judged me, she didn't get angry at me, but she is cautious around me, and that was all on me and Joshua.

If I weren't almost out of my mind in fear and anger at someone trying to take my spot away from me, I would have noticed that yesterday Austin was immediately loving and accepting of our new sister. I allowed my own feeling to block what I now remember as an almost instant bond between them. He was on board the minute he met her. I am kicking myself for not seeing it now. It would have saved her and me, some suffering. We deserved the dressing down that we got yesterday from our dads. We had both messed up big time, and now we have to fix it. I feel terrible about how we treated her, she needed kindness and security, and we gave her stress and anxiety. That was another lesson, I SHOULD have seen it, and I didn't. Dad and Beta Timothy both told me how I missed what was in my face. That as the next Alpha, I have to put my emotions aside and focus on the issue at hand. It was a teachable moment and another that Joshua and I needed.

My wolf, Titan, is still angry about what happened to Raven last night. Mates are really important to our family, and what had happened to dad, and mom, was the reason for it. That is not the first time that I had heard the story, but it was the first time where I realized that a child had resulted from what had happened. It wasn't Raven's fault at all, it was her money-grubbing mother's fault. Yet they had taken it out on her because they could, for her whole life, even as a child. It made me sick, and I was 100% with dad to go straighten them out. I have not had any interaction with them, because of what Graham and Cassandra did. If Silver Blade was coming to training or an event, it was just dad and Beta Timothy that went. I had no interest in interacting with them, nothing that I have heard about that pack has ever interested me.

Joshua came too, he feels terrible because he got that ball rolling, and made a bad situation, worse. He acted like she had come here announcing that she was the heir to the pack, but she didn't, she was just running away from Silver Blade. It was just him freaking out that she looked so much like dad, and me. He knew from the first time he saw her that she belonged to our family. He also knew that she was technically the oldest, and so he wanted to get rid of her before anyone else figured it out too. He never realized that his dad already knew exactly who she was, as he has been in from the beginning on what had happened, and that a pup might have occurred from their mating.

We are almost there, and I swear if this guy doesn't accept her rejection, we will declare war on Silver Blade, with or without the Council's blessing. It was hard to hear the emotions in dad's voice last night. Then to fully realize what had happened and if Raven had died, then the only interaction that she would have had with me before she died, would have been a bad experience. That scared me to my core. I took pride in being the "big" brother. I protected Austin when we were little because I loved him so much, and didn't want him to get hurt. The fact that I didn't immediately love her, was purely out of fear.

It hit me that as mad as I was at Luna Cassandra, I had done the same thing she did, made a judgment just to get gain from it. No wonder dad had been clearly disappointed in me. I have already decided that I will be the best "big" brother that she could ever have. Even though I am technically two months younger than her, I am the next Alpha, and at 6'4" tall, I am a pretty big guy. I will show her that I am here to protect her, for the rest of her life if she needs me to. I am going to erase the bad start that we had, and I had already spoken to Austin. We will both be escorting her to the ball that night. She was trying to hide her fear, she doesn't like to have a lot of attention on herself. Having me and Austin there with her will help calm her anxiety that night. By the time the ball rolls around, I will have shown her clearly that I do love and care for her. She will have no more doubts about me ever again. If she wants to live here the rest of her life to feel safe, I will gladly do that too. Whatever it takes, is what I am willing to do. At 1025, we pulled up to Silver Blade, and no one is at the gate yet, but it is still early. We exited our vehicle, but Austin and Raven stayed seated in the last row. I could feel that she was stressed out, I sat in front of her, and Austin sat next to her so she could know that we were there to support her.

I turned to see the second SUV pull up and they all got out. A warrior was driving, and Beta Timothy was in the front seat next to him. Amanda, Joshua, and Stella had been in the middle row. Mom and Amanda had decided to take the back row out of the SUV, as it looked like some major shopping was going to be done today. I am going to hold my parents to the 3-hour time frame, shopping is exhausting. It will be another first for Raven. I could hear Austin speaking to her calmly and softly when we left the pack, and I looked back to see her eyes closed and him holding her hand. I linked him, "What are you doing?"

"This is her first time riding in a vehicle, she is already anxious about the rejection, but this isn't helping," Austin told me. I have never heard of that, but I guess it made sense, if you rode in a car from childhood on, it wouldn't bother you at all. I am sure the speed of it, was messing with her head. I was glad to see that she calmed down pretty quickly, and finally opened her eyes and was now watching the scenery pass. She was back to anxious when we got here, but we are

going to get this over with quickly, and then be done with them forever. From what I have learned about them I am glad we don't have a treaty or anything to connect us with them. They are a weak pack, and now I know why. They are all about appearances but don't put the hard work in to be a strong pack. We will never have a treaty with them, as long as I live either. I can't allow us to be connected in any way after what they did to my sister.

We all heard an engine coming, so we turned to look back at the gate, and see an SUV coming down the hill toward us. I see all three gate guards getting a mind link and they left heading to the packhouse. We watch the SUV park, and they slowly started to get out. I could see that they were all anxious. They don't see Raven yet as she was still in the SUV, and there had been a 50/50 chance that she did die, like her piece of shit sister wanted her to. From this day forward her sister is nothing to her, her "mom" as well. We are her family now, and she doesn't need them, any of them, anymore.

A total of 5 exited the vehicle, Alpha Graham, Luna Cassandra, his Beta that had been here with him last night. I see a guy around my age and a girl around my age all step up to the gate. I remember that it was the Beta's son who was the one that had been mated to my sister, and he was a big guy, but I can take him. Austin could take him, and Austin hates to fight, but I can feel his anger right now, and he would engage today if we needed him to, and I was proud of him. Even though Raven hasn't officially been made a member of the pack, she will be tonight. I can feel her emotions though, she is my sister. The second I accepted that and stopped trying to resist, our bond had gotten so strong, in just one day's time. She is terrified and as I stepped to go get her from the SUV to escort her to the gate, my dad ended up beating me to it.

I can hear him murmuring to her, to calm her. He knows exactly how this felt. He had to come here and done this very same thing over 18 years ago with Beta Timothy, and the anger in me rose. These people have done enough to our family. I motioned to mom for her, Amanda, and Stella to stay back as Joshua and I approached the gate with Timothy to show them that we are a united front. I caught a scent and glanced over to see Reagan staring at me. She is stunned and embarrassed and quickly looked away. I will let Raven go first, and then I will finish this with them. I heard slow steps approaching behind up and dad and Austin each have one of Raven's hands in their own. I heard a growl on the other side of the gate and see her true mate looking furious at Austin holding her hand. I smirked, I got dad's coloring, the same as Raven, but although Austin had dad's hair color, he has mom's eye color. People don't know that we are brothers at first until we are side by side, and almost look like twins. He is a little over 17 and a half years old. He is about 6 months younger than me. My birthday was at the beginning of June, and his is at the end of November. Austin is a big guy too, he is just an inch shorter than me, and almost as imposing.

Since Austin was looking down at Raven as they approached, they thought that she had found someone else. I almost laughed at how stupid that was on his part. She was still bound to that idiot, and couldn't find her second chance mate yet, but she can after we get this done. I will make sure that she gets a good mate, I think that Goddess will be blessing her for all she had to go through her at Silver Blade.

“Calm down pup. We are here because of the bad decisions that you made. That is her brother, you can put the jealousy up now. You betrayed her in the worst way, don’t pretend to want her now” my dad told him in a cold tone.

“I did make the deal, and I did make a huge mistake. But I changed my mind, I didn’t want to be Reagan’s chosen mate. I had decided before Raven took off, that I was going to take her and leave the pack. She could not stay here, Reagan would have killed her in jealousy” the guy fired back, and if that were true, I felt bad for him. He had lost her because he made a bad choice, and now he is bound to her for the rest of their miserable lives.

“It is too late now, you marked her. She is your chosen mate. The Goddess doesn’t bless those that chose to disregard her wishes. We are only here for the rejection to be done, she is still bound and will continue to be punished until you release her, or she dies. Although Reagan tried a second time, Raven is clearly still here. I am glad that you brought Reagan down here this morning to hear it from my own lips. You need to stay away from my daughter. If you try to hurt her again, I will kill your family, and then you. I see who you are, you really only care for yourself, and being a Luna. You two are going to destroy this already weak pack. Just keep that in mind, Blood Walker could take this pack over in one day. So you need to think very hard before you make any more bad decisions. I can see the jealousy in your eyes, Reagan, he was her mate and you were too scared to send him down here to do the rejection on his own. You needed to pay more attention in school pup. You are about as bright as your mother is” dad said, and gasps at the insult to Luna Cassandra rang out on the other side of the fence. I don’t understand why they would be mad at hearing the truth.

I see their Beta having to cover his lips to cover the smile on his face at what dad just said. I could tell last night that there had been a problem between him and the Alpha. We could see that he was furious with Alpha Graham, but we didn’t know why. I can see that Reagan dressed to show off her mark as best she could to piss Raven off, and that made me mad. She is a real piece of work, and I felt even worse for him, but his decisions had saved me, so I owe him one.

“I am sorry Raven. I left yesterday and ran away. I had changed my mind and wasn’t going to go through with the contract anymore, but Alpha Graham threatened to banish my family and make sure that they were rogues for the rest of their lives. I had to come back. I made a bad choice, and I was going to live with it, but I wasn’t going to sleep with Reagan again. Her actions sickened me with what she was willing to do to you, it finally showed her true character. When I came back by the deadline he gave, I had dinner with your parents and Reagan, she drugged me to get me to mark her. We didn’t want to do it, but we were out of our mind, and she smelled like you to get my wolf to go along with it. I will never forgive her for tricking me, and I pray that the Goddess gives us both what we deserve” her mate called out to her, and I felt bad for him. He got played, and now his life is ruined, all because Reagan wanted to hurt her own sister. That kind of sucked for him.

“You made your decision, Justin. She didn’t force you. You wanted to sleep with her, so you did. I am over it. You forget I was there and heard your "pillow talk" after the first round. You saw what I was dealing with in the pack, and you were too weak to go against them. You made the decision to allow me to continue to suffer even more with the continued abuse, and you not

wanting me as your mate. There was nothing wrong with me, only the lies that they told to make the pack hate me. Why? Because they care more about appearances and power than their own mate. You did the SAME thing, so don't play the victim now. Your actions have hurt me enough, we are done, please don't bother me again, because this is it. You two belong to each other now, I am done with you both. I, Raven Dominique Sullivan, of the Silver Blade pack, reject you Justin Michael Evans, future Alpha of the Silver Blade pack. May the Goddess give you both what you truly deserve."

We all watch as he hits his knees, he is in obvious pain from her rejection. He is clutching at his chest and panting. Reagan stepped forward and tried to help him up, and he shoved her away. "Don't touch me, this is what you wanted after all isn't it? I told you I wanted out of the contract. I told you that I loved Raven, and didn't want to be with you anymore. Things are not going to be like you thought they would. You can hang that up now Reagan, you ruined my life, so I am going to ruin yours" he told her, and she gasped in surprise at his words, like she can't believe what he is saying to her. He clearly hates her, and I hope that he spends the rest of his life reminding her every day that she brought all this on herself, in her attempt to try to hurt Raven. His father assists him up to stand, and he is leaning on his dad, and had a hand on the gate to hold himself steady. Losing Raven hurt him, badly, and again I felt a little bad for him before I remember that he literally signed up for this.

"I Justin Michael Evans, future Alpha of the Silver Blade pack, accept your rejection, Raven Dominique Sullivan" Justin manages to get out, and he looks at Raven with tears in his eyes. His heart was clearly broken by this, but he is in a lot more pain than my sister is. She is just looking at Justin with disgust all over her face, I am glad that she is not in pain. Dad had told Raven that since she isn't a member of our pack officially yet, to use her former pack in her rejection, as that was her current pack. He also told her that she needed to use her current name in it, even though he is about to have it legally changed to our last name. I am proud of my sister and gave her a smile. Our group turns to leave, and I called out, "Wait a minute. There is something that I need to say too,"

"I, Carter Matthew Walker, future Alpha of the Blood Walker pack reject you, Reagan Sullivan, future Luna of the Silver Blade pack, as my mate and Luna. I will not accept someone who hurt my sister as a mate. You are clearly an evil she-wolf, and I am very glad that your actions kept me from getting such a mate as you. I wish you the life that you have earned for yourself. Justin, I am actually very sorry that one rush decision ended up ruining your life. But I am very glad that I won't have the unfortunate chore of Reagan being permanently by my side." I was looking right at Reagan as I spoke. I see her parents, and Justin turn and stare at her in shock, as she has not mentioned anything since she arrived at the gate. I saw her glance over in surprise at me when she first caught my scent. Her scent was faint since she had been marked, but I did pay attention in school, and I knew what I needed to do. I'd seen how nervous she was about it, with her eyes shifting all around, and I knew that she was trying to figure out a way to get away from the gate and leave. She didn't want me to tell everyone that we had been mates, but I was not going to leave here today without getting my rejection. I refuse to be bound to her in even the slightest way. I wasn't going to let her take two steps before I rejected her.

My dad steps forward and puts his hand on my shoulder in support, and a few seconds later I feel a small hand slide into mine as my sister stands there with me too. Austin puts his hand on my other shoulder and I am glad that they are here with me. I feel undeserving of Raven's love and support, as I was not a good brother to her right off the bat, yet here she stands trying to help me through the pain of rejection. I didn't feel the betrayal pains, as I had not scented her yet, but this still hurt me. I was in pain, but I needed to get her rejection over and done with, so I can get my second chance mate. She will not take that from me.

“Accept it now, Reagan. I promise you we will not leave Silver Blade without it. Graham, you better make her accept it. She caused all of this, including forcing that young man to mark her. She chose her path, there is no need for her to not accept my son's rejection” I heard my dad call out to them. His tone was so cold, that there should be snow on the ground around us. He is furious, and he is serious. We won't be leaving, in fact, we will be inviting a hundred warriors to join us at the gate if they don't accept it soon.

Graham walked over to Reagan, and after a short discussion, and a small argument by Reagan, we watched Reagan take a step forward and called out, “I Reagan Sullivan, future Luna of the Silver Blade pack accept your rejection, Carter Matthew Walker, future Alpha of the Blood Walker pack.” Reagan hits the ground, holding her chest right over her heart. I am glad that she felt the pain of it. All her plans to hurt my sister, and now my strong sister is already standing here calm and happy, after her rejection. I am so proud of her.

All I feel is relief as if a weight has been lifted off of me. I am even more glad that I came now, as I would probably not have met my second chance mate until I got this cleared up. My mother is in tears as we walked up to the SUV, she is upset for both of us, but I only feel satisfied as I am not bound to someone so clearly vicious as Reagan is. Reagan is still on the ground, and she is glaring at Raven. I guess she is so used to it, that she is going to blame this on her as well. Reagan is clearly delusional, she wanted to take Justin away from Raven, and she got him. What is there to be pissed off about now?

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