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Chapter 16

Alpha Graham

At 558 Justin entered the packhouse, just as I knew he would. He has no one to blame but himself, no one put a gun to his head to get him to agree with this plan. I greeted him with a smile and went to clap him on the shoulder in greeting and he sidestepped to avoid me. That made my smile even bigger. I enjoy it more when my prey gives me a fight. There is no way in the world that he can get free of this, he is on the hook, and no matter how hard he fights, he is already caught. He and Reagan will be the next Alpha couple of the Silver Blade pack. I watched him as we sit down for dinner and Reagan pours him a glass of wine. All of our glasses were poured from a separate bottle that was next to me. The one next to Reagan had been treated. He only need one glass to dose him, but I told her to try to get two in him.

We need his wolf to go along with this, and one glass might not be enough to get him to agree to finish this. We need his wolf to participate, as there is no other way for Reagan to receive his mate mark. She put a double dose in the bottle too. I think she is planning on taking it with them upstairs. I had spoken to her again and told her that it would be best for her to get pregnant as quickly as possible. That will be the final nail in his coffin. There will be no coming back from it.

We all engage in small talk as we eat and sip our wine, everyone is relaxed, and Reagan even dressed up for dinner tonight and was dressed more conservatively than she normally is. While Justin eats, Reagan is smoothly topping off his drink, over and over again. He doesn't even notice that he is about to finish his third glass. We can all tell the difference in him soon. He started to sweat like he was getting really hot, and then he started looking over at Reagan a lot. His interest in her is back again and Reagan asked him in a soft voice, "Would you like to come up to my room to watch a movie with me?"

Justin nodded to her and got up quickly from the table to follow her up to our floor. I was glad that Reagan was smart enough to take their glasses and the treated bottle of wine. She should be able to keep this going for at least an hour. Hopefully, this night will result in a pup being created. Cassandra is

looking at me thoughtfully, I have no idea what she is thinking about until she said, "Graham, have you ever thought about the reason that we could get pregnant was that the Goddess was punishing us? What if she punishes Reagan for what she has done? She might not be able to bear a pup either. She rejected her true mate the warrior she met after she phased, she tricked Justin, and she almost killed Raven. She has done a lot of wrongs, I can't see her getting blessed for her actions."

I have put some thought into that very thing, but about us. I never thought about the consequences for Reagan. We may get Justin as Reagan's chosen mate. But Cassandra is right, the Goddess will never bless this union. There was too much pain caused by their actions, she will reject them as mates, and they will not be able to bear the pups that they need to, take over this pack. This is bringing up so many bad memories for me, the years, and years of frustration as we kept trying to get pregnant again. All the tests that were run on us to see if there was a problem. I can't dwell on it. This is done, and this step had to be done. They will complete their bond tonight and mark each other. It needed to be done and I am glad that it will be over with. They will be mates, and he will be staying with Reagan. The Council will not be able to do anything against them, or us, once they get here.

We stayed downstairs as our room is next to hers and at 8 pm I get a mindlink from the gate. It appears that Alpha Cole has arrived and wants to speak with me. Why do I have to keep dealing with issues popping up? Cassandra and my Beta come with me as we head to the gate. I have no idea what is going on this time, but I need to remind him that the council will be dealing with this, he needs to stay on his land, and not come here. I smirk at that, I can't wait to tell him that too.

I see he isn't alone when we park and get out of the car and walk to the gate. I motion the guards off because I don't need for them to hear something that is none of their business. When we are alone, I can't resist it and told Cole, "Look stop coming here, Cole, let the council investigate, and you stay in your pack. Do not return to Silver Blade whenever you get mad at me. We have nothing to say to each other."

"What did you do Graham? My daughter is in the hospital, if something happens to her, I will hunt you down and tear pieces of you off your body until you bleed to death. They won't find enough of you to take me to trial" Cole tells me in a very calm voice. "What do you mean? How did she pass out? Why did she pass out?" I stuttered out in real fear. Raven was strong, the only

time she passed out here was the bridge incident and then when she fell out of the tree this morning. Reagan told me that she had told Justin to reject Raven when Raven woke up. Didn't he do it? Are Justin and Raven still bound? I believe what Cole was saying and I also believe that if he doesn't make good on it, then one of the other four with him would. Why wouldn't Reagan tell me that they didn't reject each other? That was why she was so nervous. Justin was still bound to Raven and wanted her, he really didn't want to give her up. Raven was weak from their sleeping together and malnourishment. There was a real chance that Justin marking Reagan might kill Raven.

They all saw it when my face went white. It is done. They have been upstairs for almost an hour. I know that he has already marked her as his. s**t, this is the worst case possible. Cassandra was walking slowly back toward the vehicle, but Randolph grabbed my wrist and asked, "What did you do to Justin?"

"I, I thought that after Raven woke from her fall that Justin was going to reject her. That is what Reagan told me. Reagan never told me that they hadn't rejected each other. I thought that he just needed a little push. This is all your fault for calling the Council on us, Cole. I had to move forward with their pairing. It is too late. Justin will be marking Reagan any second if he hasn't already. There is nothing that we can do to stop it" I told them, and Randolph took off towards the packhouse.

Cole is shaking in anger, and the men with him are just as angry. I motioned for the gate guards to come back to us and then mindlinked in more warriors, as Cole looks like he is ready to kill all of us standing here at the gate. I can see his Beta mindlinking and then looking over at Cole. Whatever he said got the four men heading back to the SUV to load up. Cole stops and comes back to the gate. Anger is coming out of every pore, but he spoke in a low tone and said, "We will be here at 1030 tomorrow morning if my daughter ever wakes back up. Have Justin at this gate, so they can formally reject each other, or I swear to you that tomorrow morning I will s*****r the whole Sullivan family. I will see you in the morning, Graham, oh, and don't try to run away, I already have warriors stationed in place to stop anyone from leaving your pack until we arrive in the morning. Like I said before Graham if your actions hurt or kill my daughter, I will make good on what I told you. But I wanted to tell you this, if my daughter dies, yours will too. In just a painful way as mine did. See you in the morning, Graham, you should have thought this out better because your bad choices may end up costing you your life."

I stepped back away from the gate and walked stiffly back to my vehicle. I got in and left the area immediately. I have never been so scared in all of my life, not even when I found out that I had stolen Cole's true mate out from under him. We don't speak as we park in front of our packhouse. We see Justin coming down the stairwell with his dad assisting him, as soon as we enter the foyer. I see a fresh mark on his shoulder and see Reagan at the top of the stairs in her robe watching Justin leave. She moves the neckline of the robe slightly to show me the mark and her bright smile is clear for everyone to see. She is blissfully happy now, but she seems confused as to why I am not smiling and happy with her. I motion to my office with a jerk of my head and head in there first. I am shaking in fury, and Cassandra is furious as well.

"Why didn't she tell us that they were still bound, Cassandra? Is she trying to start a war? I thought she wanted to take over this pack this pack. There will be no pack left if they come for us. Cole is pissed, they will kill everyone, and burn the place to the ground. We got a pass before, but Cole is out for blood now." I tell Cassandra as we wait for our daughter to come into the office.

"I don't know Graham, she told us both in the link last night that as soon as Raven awoke, that Justin was going to reject her. She never mentioned to me that he didn't. She is smarter than that. She may have been trying to kill Raven by having Justin mark her while they are still bound" Cassandra said, and I turn slowly towards her as I realized that I got played, by my own daughter.

Fury rises up in me and when Reagan finally opens the door to step in, I sat down against the front of my desk with my arms crossed across my chest, to ask her some questions. I make sure to control my breathing and my tone. If I tip my hand she won't answer truthfully.

"So you are marked now? Everything went fine?" I asked her as if that was the most important thing now. I saw both of their marks. I already knew the answer. If Reagan was smarter, she would have realized that I already knew the answers to these easy questions. "Yes very smooth, his wolf didn't balk at all, in fact, he seemed to think that I was Raven at the time. I had one of her dirty t-shirts from her room on my pillow, so her scent was there, just to push him to mark me. Justin wolf was glad to mark me" Reagan smiled again and stood up to admire her new mark in the mirror on the far wall.

"You thought of everything didn't you Reagan? You even had me force Justin's hand when you knew he wasn't going to come back" I told her, and she turned around pouting at me.

"If I didn't daddy, he wouldn't have come back. This was your plan, wasn't it? Why wouldn't you help me?" Reagan asks me like she was just an innocent young girl, that hadn't done anything wrong. She is indeed my daughter, that is pretty manipulative, and I was impressed. Calling me daddy to invoke protective feelings for her, was advanced, but my life was on the line now, and I was pissed off.

"Reagan, you told us last night that you had told Justin to reject Raven when she woke up. She was awake when we got there. Why didn't you tell us that he didn't do it?" I asked her and now she is closing up. She knows that I suspect something, and she doesn't want to talk anymore.

"Daddy, I did tell him, but he just wouldn't do it. Then she ran off. I didn't think that it was that important. So, I forgot to mention it, I have a lot on my mind. It isn't easy trying to keep Justin under control. Don't forget you started this, dad. I just went along with it. Don't get mad at me if we hit a little bump in the road" Reagan tells me coldly, and I finally see just how vicious she is. She is trying to put all of this on me, but she planned this part of it out. Yes, I did the contract for her and helped with the plan, but she wanted him and chose him specifically. She wanted to take him from Raven and rub it in Raven's face for the rest of her life. I see where she has been going with this the whole time.

"I thought you wanted to take over this pack. I thought that was your dream. Have you changed your mind about that?" I asked her, and she looked at her mark again stroking it lovingly.

"No I still want it, and I want Justin. My life is perfect now that Raven is gone" Reagan said, and I freeze knowing that she believed that Raven was now dead. She could be, and if she is. We all will be dead. I cannot stop myself from reaching out and slapping Reagan, hard. She fell into her chair and looked at me stunned. I have never hit her, never once in her whole life, and I see where my mistakes were.

"Mom he hit me," Reagan said while she holds her cheek with her hand. I see a flash and see that Cassandra had slapped her other cheek. Reagan is crying real tears now, and for the first time, she looks scared.

"What is going on?" Reagan asks while still crying.

"We had a little visit while you were upstairs forcing your dream man to mark you. Alpha Cole stopped by as apparently Raven passed out at dinner, from the pain of what you were doing to her" I see the flash of a smile before Reagan hid it.

"Oh, I am glad that you think it is so funny. We are surrounded right now. If anyone attempts to leave the pack they will be killed" I continued to speak, and she is shocked. She is trying to keep the fear off her face, but I have her complete attention now. "He will be back at 1030 in the morning. He wants Justin at the gate to formally reject Raven at that time. You went too far Reagan. I will never help you again. Cole told me that if Raven dies, you will die, in the morning too. He will also be killing me as well. I can assure you that our deaths will both be bad. You want to play games and think that it is OK to keep at Raven. I already warned you. Justin was her mate, and you took him away. You are the bad guy here. You tried to kill her again, but this time it will come with consequences. Alpha Cole will be here tomorrow, we won't know until that time if he will make good on his promise to end the Sullivan family or not, so your big plan to kill Raven, might result in your new mate taking over the pack, and us being killed in the morning" I told her, and her face is now shocked.

"Dad we can't just stay here and wait for it. We need to get out of here, what if she dies? He being his mate and him marking me before rejecting her, could really kill her" Reagan said, and I looked at her like she is crazy.

"Of course it could, I am fully aware of it. Remember, Reagan, we did it, to Alpha Cole, who was your mother's true mate" I told her, and she is finally seeing the big picture. She is scared and wants to try to get out of the pack.

"I will let you go if you want to Reagan. But I guarantee you that if they catch you, they will probably kill you. He knows about everything Reagan. He knows you tried to kill Raven. He will welcome the chance to pay that back. If you want to live, you need to stay in the pack and pray to the Goddess that she lives. Otherwise, we will all receive our death sentence at 1030 tomorrow morning.

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Raven's POV

I woke up and I see that I am in the pack hospital again. I am hurting, and it is so much worse than if they were just having s*x. I feel like a truck hit me, and Emerald is in a great deal of pain too. I have no idea what happened, one minute we were having a good time at dinner, even with Carter and Joshua there. The next minute I can tell that Justin and Reagan were having s*x. I was bearing an incredible amount of pain, trying not to show how awful I was feeling at the moment. I was praying for them to just be done soon so no one would know that my true mate never wanted me. The fact that I wasn't enough for him still humiliates me. No one wanted me, and it makes me sad. I don't want Carter and Joshua to know about it. I do not completely trust them, and this is embarrassing to me. That was when I felt a burning sensation on my neck, which took the pain I had been feeling too over double what it was. I couldn't hold on anymore and ended up blacking out. It is ridiculous this is the second time I have been here in a day's time, and haven't even been here for 24 hours yet. This has got to be some sort of a record, and one that I didn't want to have.

"Emerald, what happened?" I asked her through our mindlink.

"Justin has marked Reagan as his mate," Emerald told me quietly, and she is clearly in even more pain than I am about it. I felt my tears start, and I can't keep the sob in. Even if I were going to reject him, just knowing that he was so excited about getting Reagan marked as his mate broke my heart again. He knows that could kill me as we are still bound together. Is my life not valuable to him at all? The fact that he just couldn't wait for us to formally reject each other before he marked her, was really painful. He never cared for me at all, and that hurt me on a completely different level.

"I am so sorry Emerald. That is all my fault, I am clearly not worthy of love, and that is why he did it. I am holding you back, he didn't want me. We could both tell how much his wolf wanted you" I told her in mind link. Emerald is a strong and beautiful wolf, she is so much better than me. I feel like she was not given the right vessel to carry her now her. She deserved someone who is a confident, and strong woman for her to be able to truly thrive.

"No Raven, the Goddess put us together for a reason. You have been held down and prevented from having anything but the basics. You were kept hidden and prevented from being able to train. Trust me, you are exactly who I am destined to be with. We will train, and you will find out quickly, just how strong you are. I am proud of you, even in your pain from their betrayal, you still stayed strong in your conviction to not accept him after what he did. That IS strong. To not listen to the mate bond and go against the feelings that were telling us to forgive and forget, and take him back. No, Raven, WE are strong. We will get through this together. I guarantee you that in a month's time, everything will be different for us. I need to rest now, tomorrow will be a big day for us, and I want to help carry the brunt of this. I tried to keep it off of you, but I couldn't carry all of it, I had no idea that he would mark her before we could reject him. I am sorry that you were so hurt, but tomorrow we will be done with Justin and Reagan" Emerald told me gently. I am so lucky to have her, she really is the best thing that ever happened to me.

"Raven, are you OK?" I heard Stella speak gently to me, and I see that she is sitting at the end of my bed. She is obviously upset for me and looks like she wants to kill whoever did this to me.

"I am OK. I am sorry, I didn't know that I was going to pass out again. I managed to suffer through them having s*x before and thought I could again. I didn't want to worry anyone, and Alpha Cole was already so mad at what they had done to me when I lived there that I didn't have the heart to tell him the whole story of what was going on. I was scared that he would go over there and start a war with Silver Blade, plus it is a very embarrassing tale for me to tell." I told her. I see both Luna Olivia, and Beta female Amanda sitting next to my bed, with concern written all over their faces.

"It is too late, I already went there. Tomorrow, after we leave here at 10 am. We will be making a short stop there at 1030. You will get to formally reject Justin, and I will promise to try not to kill him. He WILL be accepting your rejection, I can assure you of that. Then we will go out and have a wonderful day, I promise you that. I only have two problems with what you just said, Raven. First, you need to start calling me dad, from now on. Second, you need to always tell me if a problem arises. You did not have to sit there in that kind of pain. I have felt it, it is not for the weak. I never want you to think that you have to do that again. Do not suffer in silence, he marked that girl tonight, and I have also experienced that level of pain for myself. It can and has killed people before. That is what your sister wanted, she wanted the pain of him marking her to kill you. She is a spiteful individual and I swear to the Goddess

that if it had, I would have killed her over it. Alpha Graham and Luna Cassandra had both been told that you had rejected him during the incident. Reagan is a vicious, spoiled she-wolf, and doesn't care about anyone else. Do not worry, I got the point across tonight. They will not be a part of your life anymore" my father told me, and I was stunned.

He went there and threatened their pack, for me? No one has ever taken up for me before and my tears started up again. I can see the concern all over his face and on the faces of the men behind him. Clearly, they had all gone there with him, in my defense. I could see why Beta Timothy went, he is the Beta and has defended me since the moment I arrived. But Carter and Joshua going, that was an absolute surprise. Seeing Austin behind them with a big smile on his face to tell me that all was fine, made me smile back at him with the tears blurring my sight. I wanted to stop crying, it was getting out of hand, I have never cried this much. The shame and pain that I felt at Justin not being able to wait to let me know how little he cared, was immense, but the fact that they were to defend me, moved my heart. I could barely get two meals a day at Silver Blade, but they risked being hurt or even killed, to go and let Silver Blade know that I was not alone anymore and that I was going to be defended.

My crying is upsetting my father, who doesn't know what to do, or why I am crying. I see Olivia looking at him like she was trying to tell him something, and then tilting her head to point at me. He still didn't get it and I can see her mindlink him before he strode across the room and dropped the bar on the side of my bed to give me a hug. I cannot hold my sobbing back now and before he let me go a few minutes later, I had thoroughly soaked his shirt with my tears. "I swear to you Raven, you do not have to give them a second thought. They cannot hurt you anymore, we won't allow it. Your brothers and I will always keep you safe from harm. Beta Timothy will also protect you, the whole pack will. We will be having a town hall tomorrow night, and you will be formally introduced to them all. I know your last 20 hours have been very overwhelming, but your life has honestly changed for the better. We are all glad that you are here" my dad told me, and everyone in the room nodded in agreement with what he said, even Joshua. That was a surprise, because of all the people in the room, he was the one who had given me the most problems. He seemed just as angry about what happened to me, as my family and his family were. Maybe things really are looking up for me. I am not going to completely drop my caution around him, it will take some time before I actually trust him, and Carter fully. But he went with them, and they all looked like they had wanted to go voluntarily. No matter whether it was to defend

dad, to take up for me, or both, it meant a lot to me. Carter stepped up and squeezed my hand, and I can see his eyes shining. It seems my tears had moved him to tears. I don't know why, but that is a good thing. I squeezed his hand back and that was enough. We spoke without saying a word, and I appreciated his supporting me. Austin stepped up next and he bent over and hugged me tightly. He kissed the top of my head before straightening up, and that made the tears come back to my eyes. They were burning now, and I was really glad that I had two brothers that were going to be there for me. That more importantly wanted to be there for me. That was the very best part.

I watched as dad massaged Luna Olivia's shoulders for her, as he stood behind her chair. She smiled at me and said, "We have always wanted a daughter, but we were never able to have one. I know now why the Goddess had already blessed us with you, we just didn't know it yet. I would be glad for you to call me mom but on your own time. I don't want to pressure you at all, so if you want to start by calling me Olivia, that is great too. I am really excited about our trip to the mall tomorrow and being able to dress you up and pamper you. It seems like I am more excited than you are about it, but we will try to keep it to 3 hours. Amanda and I started making a list earlier today, so we will work together to get this done as quickly as possible. I am also sending someone out to get you your personal items too. The doctor said that if you felt up to it, that you could come back to the packhouse tonight. There is nothing that they can do for you except for the pain management that they have already done. We need to be ready in the dining hall at 930 to eat before leaving at 10, so if you want we can start to get you released from here now."

"I would like to leave, and I would like even more to not have to come back here for a long time," I told them with several heads nodding in agreement. I know that this has been stressful for them, and I appreciated their caring so much about me. They didn't even know me, and yet they have done more for me in less than 20 hours than my family at Silver Blade did for me in 18 years. That shows a distinct difference between them, and Olivia slipped out of the room to go get the paperwork started for me to be released. I was so glad that Emerald and I had felt that pull toward the Blood Walker pack. I could have run in any direction, as there were no walls on the other borders to our pack, and yet I ran to the one that did. I remembered something and wanted to ask to see why he had built it like that.

"Dad, I have a question, why was there just a smaller wall built between our two packs? There is a 10-foot wall all the way around your pack, but for the whole border with Silver Blade, there was just that smaller fence. Did you

build the smaller fence so I would be able to get across your border?" I asked him.

He beamed at me the moment I called him dad and reached out to take my hand in his, as he had taken Olivia's seat when she left the room. "No honey, I didn't build that smaller fence, Alpha Graham did. I left that whole expanse open in the hope that you would be able to find your way to my pack. My wolf, Flint, insisted that we had gotten Cassandra pregnant the night we met. That is why I told them to return you to me if she was pregnant. I suspect I know why they didn't, and that was also why you were not allowed to leave the pack. You are clearly my pup, anyone outside of their pack would have picked up on it. Graham had a lot of reasons for doing what he did, none of them right, but they were his reasons. He put that fence up as he was trying to show the pack that we were a danger to them. That roll of barbed wire on top of the fence is designed to cut the belly of any wolf that tried to make that jump over the fence. You sailed over it with room to spare, is what I was told. That shows me that even without training, you and your wolf are very strong" my dad told me, and that made sense, it did look dangerous, and I was scared to do it, but Emerald knew we needed to come here, she may have had a vision about that too.

"Emerald knew that I needed to come here. She told me that we needed to make some big decisions, but that I had to be the one who made them. That she couldn't tell me what we needed to do. Once I made the decision to leave, I guess she knew exactly where we needed to go. She gets visions, and she knows things, but she doesn't always tell me about them. She said that right now, I need to make the decisions without her input. She has kept me safer since I got her on my birthday. People used to catch me or try to trap me to hurt me, and she would know about it, and keep me from going near them. It frustrated them, but it was funny to us. Once I saw my sister and Justin together, I was not going to stay there and let them force me to suffer with them rubbing it in my face that I was so unwanted that he was good with rejecting his true mate" I told them, and the room was silent for a minute.

"I can tell you that when something like this happens, although painful at the moment, the Goddess has a better plan for you. I experienced this myself, honey. The Goddess gave me Olivia, and I love her even more than the original true mate that I was given. I think that the Goddess saved me from getting a weak and power-driven person for a Luna. I know that right now you are hurting very badly, but I know how much the Goddess loves you. She is going to give you someone who will love and cherish you, just like you have

always dreamed of. Mark my words. I already know that she has plans in place for you, and a strong man in mind to protect you. I look forward to getting to meet them, that is one of the many reasons for this party. I want the whole world to know that you are my daughter and that you have a family that is proud of you. I also want to give you the opportunity of you being able to find your second chance mate. I found Olivia at the next ball that I attended. The Goddess blessed us both and made it so we found each other quickly. I think that she is going to do the same thing for you" my dad told me, and I pray that he is right.

"We are going to have such a great time trying on evening gowns Raven. I have a few ideas of what I would like to see you in" Olivia said as she crossed the room. I can see the smile she is giving dad, and that tells me she heard what he had said to me. The difference in love between my dad and Olivia, versus Alpha Graham and Luna Cassandra, is staggering. Dad doesn't have to play true mates because they are true mates. After seeing the interaction between them, I don't know how Silver Blade really thinks that their Alpha couple could be. They are not easy and loving, it is clearly staged, and not as natural between them. You know what, it doesn't matter anymore. I am actually looking forward to getting my freedom, training, and learning things that I am interested in, not just from books, but in real life. There are so many opportunities for me now, and I am looking forward to grasping it all. I have clearly leveled up and my future is brighter than it has ever been before.