

# Caged Between The Beta & Alpha Chapter 104

## Equal

### DAMON

It was a few days since everything had gone down . Me and Liam were in Nina's room , that had been cleared out . We hadn't found anything more from her room , which was so damn clean you could smell it . The room had been emptied , giving her stuff to her grandmother if she wanted them . She refused and said to get rid of them , although I knew that was more her respect towards the pack because she was devastated at her granddaughter's truth and death .

To think she was living here with so much hatred in her life ... I walked over to the window . It looked out towards the training grounds , and I wondered how much time she spent here watching us , or Liam . Even in such a place , behind such an innocent mask , there was a killer , burning from within with hatred and vengeance ...

There are all types of masks that those around us wear ; masked by our fake smiles and passive expressions , the lies hidden inside , the pain we hide to pretend we are normal ... the jealousy , the bitterness , the sadness ... We all wear them ... I did too . Lately though , I've talked about how I felt . Maybe it took Liam marking Raven to make me snap , but it worked . It had been a turning point that perhaps I needed , I just wished it hadn't been something so horrible as that to finally make me step up.

Liam crouched down by the skirting board and I glanced over at him . " What is it ? " He stood up again , holding a small photograph . " Who would have thought that piece of scum had a child ... " " I know ... " I said , glancing at the picture for a moment . " If only she actually asked someone the truth , rather than just wrap herself up in lies and her assumptions . " I've assumed stuff , so I can see it happening . " He said , sighing as he opened his hand , his aura surging around it .

I watched in shock as the photograph began to shrivel up as if it was burned by the blue flame – like aura . " Whoa ... " He gave me a small smile . " I guess I have some similarities to Kiara . " How did you hone it on just your hand .. He shrugged , dropping the burned paper to the ground . " I've always been more in control than Kia , besides , she carries the Asheton power whilst I think I'm definitely more Deimos . " " You are the Deimos prince .

" I said , crossing my arms . O " I don't like that title ; I think I've used titles enough to last me a fucking lifetime . " He said , sighing as he crushed the remnants of the picture beneath his boot . " You are an incredible Beta Damon ... One who has stepped up to the job the moment your father passed away , but I know if I just say I don't think of you as anything less than me , it's worth nothing .

So ... I want to show you something . " He jerked his head towards the door and I raised an eyebrow as we both left the room and packhouse , heading towards the north side of the pack into the trees . It was nice to see the children playing around the pack again . " Is this like a surprise set up in the middle of a forest , where you are going to confess your undying love ? " I joked . " Not exactly . " He smirked , as he headed towards the river . I frowned as he crossed the bridge and kept walking .

" Ok , are you planning on killing me in the middle of nowhere ? " I asked . " Definitely not . " He replied as we walked through the trees , not stopping for a good ten minutes until he suddenly slowed down . I raised an eyebrow , looking around , we were on pack grounds that were only really used for running , " What are we looking at ?

" I said , glancing around . " We are looking at the future home of the Blue Moon Pack . " He said . I frowned ; this was Blood Moon territory www . " Are you changing the pack name ? " I asked , looking around . This location was big , but I'm sure our current location was larger . Why would h e move this way ? He chuckled . " No , The Blue Moon is going to be the Blood Moon's sub pack , led by its own Alpha ... Alpha Damon Nicholson , my brother .

" Liam said quietly , my eyes snapped up to his . His words resonated in my head and I was shocked to see the glitter of emotions in his eyes . My heart raced as I stared at him . There was no guilt in his eyes , simply sadness and sincerity . " I wish I could keep being selfish and keep you by my side forever , to have you a s my Beta , but you are worth far more ... and the pack's growing too large . To start with , it was two packs combined .

With what happened , it's clear a pack of this size is far too great to be run by one Alpha and so I thought who more fitting than you ... You have always been loyal to me , come whatever , but I don't want you bound by my side when you are worth so much more ... So ... this is going to be our sub pack . We will break the far wall and you will take two – fifths of the territory , I've discussed with Dad about buying the land around to the west , so we can spread both packs over more ground .

You can start planning what you want and how you want the pack arranged . Once we decide how we split the pack , with the members approval of course , we will get two – fifths

of the pack moved here under your command . " It was too much to take in , me as an Alpha ? I never ... considered that ... I ran my hand through my hair , staring at the land .

The vision of a packhouse and how I'd set it out already filled my mind . I looked at Liam , who was watching me with a small smile on his face . I knew he probably knew it was hard for me to see them together , but I also knew he was doing this for me and not to get rid of me . He made mistakes , but it was like everyone kept telling me that I was more than I felt , Liam included ...

I had always been second to him , and here he was giving me the rank of Alpha , telling me we were equal ... brothers ... We made mistakes , we hurt each other .. But was one woman enough to destroy it all ? I knew the answer to that ... No , and I knew with time ; things would get better . " I don't know what to say ...

" You don't need to say anything , maybe this way the packhouse rooms can have their own bathrooms . Do you know there's one pack member who has anonymously left a long essay explaining why the packhouse needed renovating ... Damn it was long ... " " Robyn , guaranteed , only she would take the time to write an essay to argue her point ...

" He chuckled . " When I saw how neat and professional the letter was , I had a feeling it might be her . " " That's Robyn for you . I guess I have a lot of work to do then . " And something to keep my mind busy , perfect . " Yeah , you do . " Liam said , " So tell me , Alpha Damon , what's the first step ? " " Getting an assessment and some building plans in place , man , you know I hate paperwork . Wait , as Alpha , that means a shit – tonne of paperwork .

" Yeah , it does , but I'm here to help you each step of the way . If you don't like the legal work , I can help with that . " He said shrugging . " Thanks ... But who will you have as Beta then ? " I asked , frowning . Damn that was my title ... Liam shrugged , " I was thinking Zack , and then maybe make Robyn as Delta ? The girl's smart , unless you want her ... " He said , now sounding awkward as if he just realised what he had said . " Shit , I didn't mean to take ... Forget me .

" I smiled at that . " Didn't mean to take all my women ? " I joked . " Well , me and Robyn are over , Raven was never really mine , I think I realise that now . But she's still my friend so ... you ain't taking anyone from me . Robyn is a good option , I guess that means I'll have to choose a Beta and Delta too ...

" Yeah , we could do an assessment and see what everyone's stats are . " Liam said as we both began walking along , taking in the terrain as we discussed this . I nodded . " That's an

idea . " I said , giving him a genuine smile . " Thanks , Liam . " " No need to thank me . " He replied smiling . The Liam I knew . " Race you to the bridge ? " I suggested . " Game on ! " He said , readying himself . " Oh , and one more thing , don't let me win . " I said , making his dazzling blue eyes widen in shock .

" You ... " " Yeah , I knew ... You let me win , Liam , all those times ... " I said quietly . He looked up at the shining sun and smiled . " Actually Damon ... I don't need to let you win , because , with everything we've been through , it shows as a person , you are the true winner . " His words were sincere , and this time I didn't deny them or shake them off .

' You are so much more ... ' Those words echoed in my mind as I looked at Liam . O " We both are . " I said , " Go ! " We broke into a run and although I said to him not to let me win ... It was ok to play dirty , right ? I elbowed him hard , barrelling past him as he stumbled , both of us laughing as we ran towards the bridge . I was right , things were definitely going to get better.