

Caged Between The Beta & Alpha

Chapter 101

Two Birds With One Stone

ZACK

Having a day off was pretty good , getting some alone time with Tay was even better and the best fucking way to spend the entire day . Right now , we were in Taylor's backyard , and although he was supposed to be showing me the treehouse at the bottom of the garden , I had something else in mind . Pinning him up against the tree , I grabbed his crotch , making him smile .

" Seems like this morning wasn't enough , and I can still feel it . " He said , that playful smile on his lips . Wrapping his arms around my neck , our lips crashed against each other in a passionate , rough kiss . I throbbed against this fucking perfect human who really fucking drove me nuts . He groaned into my mouth , only making me crazier . I pulled away , trailing kisses down his jaw when he suddenly tensed , " Babe ... "

I kissed his neck , but he pushed me back ,, a frown on his handsome face . ' Zack , look , isn't that Nina the Omega ?

What is she doing here ? " He asked through the link . I turned , watching her walk towards the back door of the Jacobs home . ' I hadn't even sensed her ... ' Our eyes snapped back to each other's , my heart thundering as we both thought the same thing . She was one of the ones who were not in the clear ..

I moved away and headed towards the wall between the two houses . Silently , we jumped over the wall and into the Jacob's garden . Where was she ? I saw movement through the window and frowned . So , she had access ? Fuck ... An Omega who cleaned the entire pack ... One who could have access to a lot ... '

Dammit , Raven even said she saw her at the graveyard à few times ! She doesn't have family there , that should have been a big red warning sign . ' Taylor muttered . ' It's done . She's so fragile looking , who would have thought . ' I replied . I didn't get it , Nina was a few years older than us , maybe around Taylor's age in her mid – twenties . I opened the door handle slowly , ▼ frowning . It was still unlocked . What was she doing here ? Was she the one who had helped Haru ?

Probably , why though ? Why the fuck would she do this ? She always seemed so ... normal ... I stared into the dark kitchen . I needed to tell Lia I hissed when suddenly something was stabbed into my neck , burning pain flowered through my body and I felt myself losing control . My head snapped up as I stared at Nina , who was clinging to the wall above the door . Her eyes were unblinking as she

stared at me emotionlessly . Fucking psycho . I heard Taylor grunt , falling to the ground . Fuck it !

' Liam ! Liam ... ' I couldn't link ... shit ... I fell to the ground next to Taylor and my body began to involuntarily shake . " You're next . " She said softly , getting down . She pushed us away from the door and locked it before turning to us , " One moment ... " My heart was thumping . Taylor's hand slowly touched mine , calming me a little , but then I fucking panicked , I couldn't let anything happen to him . Shit , I shouldn't have brought him here ... My mind raced as I thought about what I should do ...

Wait ! He always kept his phone in his back pocket . I had to do something ... Using all my willpower and forcing my body to work . Inch by fucking inch , it felt like forever as I reached behind me , willing and forcing myself to move and slid my hand into his pocket , but removing the phone was going to be a completely different story .

Shit I could hear her doing something , the sound of plastic rustling , realising she was putting something on the floor ... Fuck , what did she give us ? I managed to get the phone out , my heart thundering , the pain that was burning up my body getting stronger . " You first . " She said softly , looking down at Taylor . She was wearing gloves now , her face as emotionless as ever , but I couldn't even talk when she began to drag my fucking man away from me .

My eyes . flickered , but my damn wolf was suppressed . She gave me a small smile . " Sorry but I made the dose stronger ... it'll work faster ... Two birdies with one stone . " She said , dragging Taylor onto the plastic sheet she had put on the floor . Fuck ! Fuck ! I rolled slightly , my body screaming against me as I inched the phone closer trying to see what I was doing ... She didn't seem to notice and I grunted , finally getting it into my view . I kept it in my hand , unmoving .

She was too busy and I really didn't want to think about what she might do to Taylor , I needed to get us help . " My spoon ... " She murmured . How the fuck was she so calm ?! I wish I could talk , but whatever she had given me was making everything harder . Unlocking his phone , I called the top number , it was Raven's , I prayed she was with Liam ...

Lowering the volume , I pressed call , grunting in pain , hoping my pounding heart and my grunts would drown out any sound from the phone . But the moment Raven called out Taylor's name , I heard Nina's heart skip a beat . Take that , bitch . She was next to me in a flash , her eyes blazing with rage . " You ruined everything ! " She shrieked , her hands trembling as she looked at the spoon in her hand . A slow smile crossed her face as she knelt down next to me . " Be still Delta Zack .

" Fuck , she was a fucking psychotic bitch ... but as long as Tay was ok . A low growl escaped him , but it was futile , the drugs in our system were far too strong . Her gaze shot to him and she glared at him . Dammit Tay ! Stay quiet ! I struggled move , but I couldn't , only managing to roll a little , however , it got her attention enough . I wanted to ask her why , why she was fucking doing this . The spoon inched closer , and I forced my eyes shut knowing what she wanted to do .

Fuck this was sick ! Stab me or something ... not my eyes . You weird – as – fuck woman ! Her fingers forced my eyelid open with one hand as the spoon came closer , suddenly she dipped the spoon into the corner of my socket , the burning pain adding to my already agonising body , but I remained calm , hoping Tay couldn't see this as excruciating pain ripped through my eye and head when she forced the spoon in as if she was fucking picking out a fucking pickle from a jar .

Just then , the door was ripped off its hinges to reveal none other than Liam himself , his blue aura swirled around him . Nina gasped , dropping the spoon , and I prayed that somehow my eye would fucking heal ... I could feel the blood trickling onto the floor as he looked at Nina .

" A – alpha ... " She whimpered . " So ... it's been you . " Liam said coldly , as he advanced towards her . Her heart was thundering as Liam's anger swirled around the room , weighing down on me . " I ... I did it for you . " She whispered . " How so ? " Liam growled , grabbing her by the neck and slamming her up against the wall . " ANSWER ME ! "

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Chapter 102

Answers

LIAM

She was smiling , her hand that grasped mine as I held her in a chokehold , caressed my fingers . " You're holding me . " She whispered , making me instantly drop her . What the fuck was her problem ? ' Damon , Raven , Robyn – it's Nina . Get the antidotes . My guess is it's a mix of silver , wolfsbane and ricin again . Both Taylor and Zack can't move .

Bring a doctor immediately . ' I mind linked . ' Where are you ?! ' Raven asked , worry clear in her voice . ' Your parents house . ' I replied , thinking this place was just bad fucking luck . ' I'm coming ! ' ' I'll get the antidote . ' Damon added . ' I'll get help and call the Alpha ! ' Robyn said . " Why did you do this ? " I asked , looking back at the fragile blonde on the floor .

From the first man she killed to now , what was her fucking purpose ? I demanded an answer . " I said ... Answer me ! " I growled , letting my Alpha command pour out of me . She instantly lowered her head , sobbing erratically . " I love you ! But you never cared for me ! I always wanted your attention ,

I wouldn't mind just being your omega , but you never even looked at me . " She said , tears trickling down her cheek . " I made your lunches , your breakfast , all your favourite food , you never cared . " Don't tell me she was some deranged creep with an infatuation with me ... I've never flirted or led anyone on ... " Why did you kill each of them though ?

What did they do to you ? " " Because I wanted to ! And then I wanted t o hurt her ! So I hurt her family ! " She said , glaring up at me , twisting her head to the side , her eyes red from unshed tears and anger . " Raven . " I said , just as her scent hit me .

" Zack ... " She whispered , rushing to Zack's side . " Fuck ! " " How did you find me here ? There was no scent ! " Nina cried in irritation . " You ruined it all ! " Let's just say my sniffing abilities have hiked , " I growled . " Is that your only reason for killing all those people ? Because you wanted to ? " " I didn't want anything linked ! I had to make it look different ! " She said , still clutching the spoon in one hand . " All over what , a ridiculous infatuation ? I should end you right here .

" I said icily . She froze , then looked up at me sharply . " Ridiculous ? You're just like them " She said , her eyes full of hurt . I didn't turn even when Dad and Damon entered , Damon ran to the boy's , administering the antidote . " Like who ? " I asked , my alpha command rolling off of me . She could try , but she could never resist it , as anger and rage – filled her eyes . She knew that and she hated it . " Your parents ! They are the reason my dad was killed ! " She screeched .

" Who was your father ? " I asked coldly . Dad stepped forward , a frown on his face as he assessed the situation . " Who do you think ? " She spat with hatred in her eyes . She looked at Dad with a cold smile on her face . " Do you know who my dad was Alpha ? " She asked in a creepy , soft voice . *** " You can hide your heartbeat and presence .

" Dad said , I knew he was putting the pieces together , his heart thundering . " A tracker in stealth ... By any chance could you be the daughter of Hank Williamson ? " He asked , his face pale . Hank Williamson ... I knew that name , or more like the story of the old Delta family ... Who would have thought their shadow still lingered in this very pack ...

A slow smile spread on her face as she nodded slowly . My mind was reeling , but it fucking made sense . Her being so quiet and able to sneak up on people ... her strength and abilities , it had to be a high – ranking wolf that she was linked to ... Fuck , the thing was , Omega births were never really questioned , if there was a parent missing o In the birth certificate , that was actually pretty normal . " Yes ... Yes , I am . I found out , I learned it all by myself .

I know that you and Luna Scarlett killed him and his sister . Fiona ... What a pretty name . " She said , her eyes widened and she looked fucking deranged . " They deserved it . " Dad said , swallowing hard . " Your so – called father tried to rape Scarlett ! Not once , but twice . Do not fucking act like he was innocent ! " I could feel Dad's anger and rage so I placed a hand on his arm . I felt relieved when Taylor was helped to sit up , despite looking pale , he could at least move with the antidote in his system . " You killed several innocent people , tried t o kill a few more , and you framed Owen . Quite the plan .

" I asked quietly . " He saw me at the grave one day , but he didn't like her anyway , so he didn't care , but I couldn't risk it . " She hissed , glaring a t Raven with pure hatred on her face . " The graveyard , is that where you bury the teeth and eyes ? " Raven asked sharply . My eyes didn't leave the omega , not trusting

her . If she was the daughter of a delta , and had managed to kill several people , she may have something up her sleeve . ” Yes . I bury them all there ...

Do you want t o know exactly where ? ” She shuffled closer , her eyes fixed on Raven . ” In that precious little coffin that you love to visit ! ” She laughed maniacally . I felt the flash of pain through the bond as my gaze snapped to Raven , seeing the hurt in her eyes . ” What ? ” Nina cackled . ” Your so – called brother ? I threw his remains in the river . His coffin is just full o f teeth and eyeballs . ” She burst into another fit of deranged giggles . Raven sprang up , her eyes flashed as she rushed forward , punching Nina across the face , a vicious growl leaving her lips . ” How dare you !

” She shouted , the hurt in her voice tugging at my own heart . , I pulled her back into my arms . She struggled , but I didn’t let her go , kissing her neck . I could feel her pain , her sadness , and the hurt ... Once again , she had lost something , losing the last she had of her brother . ” It’s going to be ok . ”

I whispered to Raven , holding her tight . The flash of anger and jealousy in Nina’s eyes was strong , so I instantly moved Raven behind me protectively . ” The pictures ... That was your doing , wasn’t it ? ” She frowned and nodded , wiping the blood from her cut lip . ” I went to the mating ball , hoping you’d b e my mate . But you weren’t ... you weren’t ” She said , her eyes looked haunted . ” S o , I needed to break you apart , and with her father already not wanting you two together , it helped .

So , the attack last night , I’m assuming you bargained with him to target Damon because of your infatuation with Liam . ” Dad said in realisation . ” He has to be mine ! Only mine , I’ve done s o much for you , Liam ” ” You’re deranged ... ” ” If I die , you die too ! ” She spat , lurching t o her feet . She growled , lunging at me , something flashing in her hand . My eyes blazed with anger but I didn’t even move , a wave of my aura throwing her against the wall hard .

” Hatred ... Bitterness ... Resentment ... It just gives birth to more ... The circle never ends ... ” I don’t know if I was talking to her or in general , but there was never an end to the pain and darkness ... ” You committed more than one crime , and for it , you will be tried ... Your father was scum , but it didn’t mean you had to b e the same .

You were treated well in this pack , yet that didn’t matter to you , did it ? ” ” If they knew who my father was , they would have killed me ! ” She screamed ” No , I wouldn’t have . ” Dad said quietly . ” Exactly . ” I said icily . ” Don’t act noble you are not perfect either ! ” She screeched hysterically , her eyes full of burning hatred .

” No , I’m not , and I’m not the Alpha of this pack right now , but it’s still my pack , my family , and my people . I’ll always stand for what’s right , and when I’m wrong , I know those around me will show me the right way . ” I stepped closer to her and struck her neck , knocking her unconscious . I’d had enough of her .

” I’ll throw her into the cells . I think we are done here . ” I turned away from her , looking at Zack and Taylor . Zack’s eye was bloody , but it would heal . ” Dad ... could you take Raven home ? Damon , could you get Zack and Taylor to the

hospital ? ” They nodded and I looked at Raven , who approached me , her eyes still simmering with rage and pain .

I was about to cup her face when Nina jumped up , but before she could even do anything or I could react , Raven had plunged her hand into her chest , ripping her heart out . It was a reflex and her eyes widened as she stared at the heart in her hand , before dropping it and looking up at me , realising what she had done .

” I ... I didn't mean- ‘ ” It's fine . ” I said sighing . It was over ... but to think someone so seemingly innocent had sowed discord into our pack ... I wrapped my arms around her tightly , kissing the top of her head . ” That was fucking weird . ” Zack said . ” You tried to distract her ! I'd rather she carved my face up , I need your handsome face intact . ” Taylor scolded him , despite still sounding weak himself . ” Likewise . ” Zack said , tangling his fingers in his mate's hair and yanking him close . He kissed him hard .

I looked down at my own just as Robyn returned with a few of the warriors . ” Get this place cleaned up . ” I said before pulling away from Raven . ” Go with Dad . I'll be home soon . ” She hesitated but nodded as Dad placed his arm around her . I walked past Robyn , not missing the relief on her face as she glanced at Damon .

I smiled slightly . Who knows ... I walked through the dark pack grounds , heading to the children's graveyard . Renji's remains may no longer be in that coffin but I was not going to let the grave stay like that . I had felt her pain and it had fucking torn me apart . Entering the graveyard , taking a moment to find his grave .

I smiled slightly , seeing the plushie I recognised at the foot of the tombstone . Crouching down , I began to dig it up completely , my heart squeezing once more . I won't let this area become a bad memory for her ... This was the last thing she had of him ... I'll clean it out for her ... An hour later , I sat back , brushing some dirt off my hands . I had removed the coffin , Nina had left a lot of disturbing messages on it written in what was clearly blood and scratched into the wood of the coffin .

But now it was just soil , yet it had been the place he had once lay . Once I was done , I went to the Jacobs home once again , a place that was still being cleaned out . Heading to the attic I began searching for anything of Renji's , I wanted to return to Raven but I couldn't go empty - handed , not after seeing that broken look in her eyes .

I finally found it , a small old metal carry case with a blue R painted on it , in the farthest corner of the attic . I brushed the dust off it , opening it up and hoped my gut instincts were correct . I smiled in relief , looking at the box which contained some children's clothing , photos , a toy , a pacifier , a bottle and a blanket .

She'd be happy with these ... I stood up , glancing around the attic . I'm sure when she's ready she can come and see if there's anything she wants , and then I was going to burn this place to the ground . I just hoped with it ... all of its bad memories would fade away too ... Moonlight Muse Author Thank you for reading

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chapter 103

A New Day

RAVEN

Two hours had passed and Liam still wasn't back ... After showering , we filled Aunty Red in on everything over some hot drinks . Although she was keeping me company , the mention of Hank Williamson had made her go into deep thought , so I gave the couple some privacy , calling it a night . I had pondered on everything , mind linking Damon and Taylor , asking how he and Zack were doing now .

I had texted Kiara for a bit as well , but I knew it was late and having three little chibis to look after wasn't easy . I sighed , staring up at the night sky through the open curtains , smiling sadly . We had caught the killer , but Renji's grave ... what she had done made me sick . I wrapped my arms around my legs , burying my head in my knees . She had thrown his remains away ... the last I had of him ... No sound escaped me , yet tears trickled down my cheeks .

A short while later , the door opened , then Liam's scent mixed with earth and dust hit me . I quickly wiped my tears away , looked up and our eyes met . He came over , placed the case he was carrying on the bed , and was about to pull me into his arms when he hesitated , glancing at himself , before quickly pulling his dirty top off and scooping me up into his arms . " Why did you take so long ? " I asked , unable to stop myself . " I needed to make things better .

" He said quietly , his fingers weaving into my hair as he stared down at me , kissing me softly . I looked at him , resting my head on his chest , closing my eyes as I clung to him , enjoying the warmth of his embrace and those pleasant sparks of the bond . " I brought you something . " " He said softly . " Hmm ? " " I cleared Renji's grave out .

That place is no longer tainted ... I know that she got rid of ... his remains ... but always remember that he's always been a part of you . " He said softly caressing my cheek as he stared into my eyes . " He lives on as a part of you bitesize , and no one could take that away from you ; not your parents , not Nina , no one . 11 My heart thudded at his words , and I realised how true that was . Renji's eye was

still a part of me , I still had him by m y side . ” But I still thought you might want something more of him , so I did a little digging and found this . ” He unwrapped one arm from around me and reached for the case , opening it up with one hand .

My stomach did a flip as I stared at the blue baby shawl . I knew what this was : Renji’s things ... a case of his memories ! I moved forward , taking the blanket out . The smell of old mothballs lingered but m y heart soared , Renji’s belongings ... Liam kissed my forehead softly , running his fingers through my hair as I stared at the box of treasure before me .

” I’ll go shower . ” He said softly . I glanced up at him , nodding , knowing he was giving me a moment alone . His lips pressed against mine , softly sending sparks coursing through me before he moved away , leaving me a little lightheaded . I turned back to the case , slowly taking each item out . Photographs ... I looked through them , my heart thudding loudly .

He looked like me ... There were so many similarities ... Although I knew he had been a couple years old , it was clear he was a lot smaller than he should have been for his age and he was extremely thin . There were a few pictures where he had a head full of black hair , but there were where he was bald . I smiled sadly at many the picture . Was it selfish to wish he was alive ?

I just hope he’s in a good place . Did heaven exist ? 2 I hugged the picture to my chest , tears spilling down my cheeks as I rocked myself gently . Renji ... I had almost finished looking at the pictures when I stared at the last one .

Mom and Dad were sitting on either side o f Renji , who was holding a baby in his arms , with Mom supporting him , all smiling at the camera ... Me . That was me . Before our family fell apart ... One by one , I took the things out of the case , some items of clothing , a small teddy bear ... It felt bittersweet ... This moment ... I would always cherish these items .

I slowly replaced them , keeping one photo aside to keep close to me and looked down at the case . Liam must have gone to the attic at my parents house , my heart warmed at his thoughtful gesture . He came out of the bathroom , in a pair of grey sweatpants , which made him look far too sexy . My core clenched , my

eyes dipping to those abs and the bulge in his pants . Remembering how he made me feel The ache between my legs was only now fading ... ***

His hair was dried , clearly he had delayed to give me time alone . I placed the case on the floor near the bed , my eyes raking over him , wanting him to come over so I could snuggle into his arms or pounce him . " Want to say something ? " He asked , running his fingers through his hair . Damn a guy with messy hair is so sexy ... not to mention the volume in it ...

" Nothing at all ... " I said , trying not to stare at how hot he looked ... He smirked , coming over , making my heart flutter when he climbed onto the bed , my chest rising and falling heavily as his scent made me giddy . " You don't need to say anything ... " He whispered , leaning over me , his magnetic deep blue eyes boring into mine .

" For me to know what you want , Love . " His lips crashed against mine in a hot , passionate kiss . I pulled him down , rolling us over until I was on top and kissing him harder . His hands roamed my body , as he dominated the kiss , his hand threading into my hair .

" Thank you for doing this for me ... " I whispered through the link . ' Always ... ' His reply came as his tongue slipped into my mouth , wanting to taste every inch of my mouth , making me moan softly ... Mine . Three days had passed , and everyone had been made aware of Nina's truth . Her mother had passed away when she was a child , it had actually been after that when Nina had wanted to learn if she had any other family in the pack . Her grandmother , who was still alive , told them that she knew who her father was , but in fear of Nina being treated horribly , she had kept it a secret .

She had no idea what Nina had been up to or how she found out . Apparently , Hank himself had made it clear he wanted nothing to do with the child . Nina's grandmother had been asked a few questions under Alpha Command as Uncle El did not want to risk anything . However , she was indeed innocent and knew nothing . It was nice to put the entire thing behind us .

With spring now blessing us with the blooming of flowers and the leaves beginning to return to the trees , everything seemed so much better ... I stared down at Renji's grave , the soil was completely fresh , and a line of pebbled stones lined it . Liam's doing ... I smiled gently , placing my hand on the soft

earth . I looked at Sparks , smiling at the plastic covering Liam had covered him with . Trust him to worry about him getting dirty ... Liam was one of the rare men who was so thoughtful and clean .

He's adorable . I am lucky that I have people who love me ; Uncle El , Aunty Red , both of whom were really in a way like parents to me . It was Aunty Red who helped me when I first got my periods and I had been acting like I was dying . I knew what they were , but hey , I like being dramatic . She was the one who got me a few bras for my thirteenth birthday and joked that I needed them now .

She was the one who was there if I ever had a question ... Aunty Angela was great too , even when she moved , she kept in touch , but Aunty Red was the true mother figure for me – our Luna , our Queen . Uncle El shouldered every burden and never let his life spiral out of control . He was strong and caring towards us all , leading the pack fairly .

Then there was Liam ; my life , my mate , my love . I didn't have any doubts , I knew we were meant to be together . It was just so right , I only wished that Damon hadn't gotten hurt in the process of our love story .

Damon ... He was the true hero who sacrificed everything for everyone ; for his loved ones and for the man he considered his brother , despite his ill – treatment ... The most loving and selfless person I knew . Damon would always be special to me . Our friendship , that bond , was intact . Although I knew things between him and Liam may never be the same again ... I hope that they'll be ok when time heals those wounds .

I looked down at Renji's tombstone and smiled gently , a soft breeze whispering through my hair . I just hope that the moon goddess can heal his heart and give him the happiness he deserves . He was a pawn in this game , used by the gods . Sadly , in all of this , he suffered as much as Liam , and ultimately more than Liam .

Liam's curse is broken , he has me , his family , and soon I knew he would have his title . But Damon , in the end , was alone . I stood up and stared up at the dazzling sun , shielding my eyes . We broke your curse Helios , with kindness , compassion and love . Those are the things that will conquer all ... We are a pack , a family , and we will always be one . We will always be here for each other no matter what comes our way , because united we are at our strongest .

