

## Broken Warrior 54

### Chapter 54

“Do I know who Cara Nelson is? Yes, I absolutely do. Did I know that YOU were Cara Nelson? Not until one week ago. Not until I

saw you at school and something inside of me drew me to you.”

I stared at him speechless. “All this time.” I whisper, shaking my head softly. “All this time, I thought you had no idea who I was or

what my family had done. When you came up to me all arrogant and cocky at school” I smiled a little as I said it, well, it just

confirmed for me that you had no idea who or what I was, and have no respect for my family’s sacrifice for yours.” ”

His arm tightened around me more, leaving nothing but our clothes between us. His warmth seeping into my skin, his words

warming me deep into my heart and soul. He leaned his forehead down to touch mine. “That couldn’t be any further from the

truth. And I meant what I said. I want you to know who I am. I want us to get to know each other. I want you to feel pride at being

my Guardian, not feel that it’s a burden to you and Artemis.”

We danced like that for a few steps, when I finally heard the song that was playing. “Perfect, really? How did you get stuck

dancing this song with me, Alpha?” 1

He lifts his head and cocks an eyebrow at me. “I chose it.”

I jerk my head back in response. “You chose it?” He nods at me smiling “Yep. There were several others that were in the running,

but I chose this one.

“What other songs were in contention?” I asked, interested in how he made his choice.

“All of Me which was a close second, Lover, but it seemed too soon for that one.” I scoffed.

A devilish grin spread on his face. “There was that song from the ‘50 Shades of Grey’ movie and if you’re into that kind of kink,

I’m sure I can help you out with that.” He wiggled his eyebrows at me.

I couldn’t help the laugh that escaped me as I blushed to the tips of my ears and decided to divert the conversation to safer

topics. "So, why this one?"

"Well, none of them fit exactly, but this one was the best, especially since you wore the dress and jewelry I got for you."

I nearly stopped dancing. He covered for my missed steps until I could recover and continue dancing.

"You?" I whisper. "You are my mystery man?"

"I am."

Artemis pushed forward again, wanting to clearly see the man and wolf that had honored her. I watched as Kai came forward

and Rik's glacial blue eyes darkened to sapphires. "I...Thank you." Artemis's voice layered over mine when I thanked him,

making it deeper.

He smiled at me. It was a tender smile, gentle and sweet and full of promise. "You are most welcome." His voice was also deeper

with Kai's voice added to his own.

"Is it true about the jewelry? That you had it made for me because it is what my eyes look like when Artemis is shining in them?"

"Yes." He replied and looked a bit uncomfortable. "Would it sound creepy if I told you I've dreamt of those eyes several times this

week?"

I smirk at him. "Well, I guess that depends on what it is that I was doing in your dreams while you were looking at my...eyes." I

licked my lips as I said it, if his dreams had been anything like mine, they are about as far as you could get from platonic.

His eyes tracked to my lips and he looked sheepish. "Hmmm, you're just starting to sound willing to spend some time getting to

know me. Perhaps we can save the dream discussions until our second date?"

"Our second date? Are you counting this as a date, Alpha?" I ask coyly.

"Rik. Please, call me Rik. And no. When I take you on a date, you'll know it."

The song slowly comes to an end, and he sings the final line to me, "You look. perfect tonight."

We stand there, staring at each other, lost in each other, forgetting that we were in a room filled with other wolves.

He opened his mouth to say something, when all hell breaks loose.

And now Cara knows! Not only does Rik know who she is, but he's her mystery man