



# The Alpha's Cold Bond

4L6 Rekha



DAMON, IT'S LATE. WHEN ARE YOU COMING HOME?

I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT COMING HOME TONIGHT. DON'T WAIT UP.

LONE WOLF  
NO PACK  
NO PROBLEM

NO  
REGRETS





Sloane V.  
Just now



**I'M SINGLE.  
DON'T ASK.  
DON'T CARE.**



I'm done. |

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JULIAN ASHFORD

now



Hey, Sloane.  
Just so you know...  
I'm excellent in the kitchen,  
and I come with zero drama. 😊

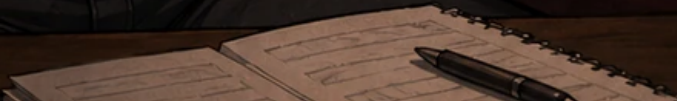


**NO**  
ATTACHMENTS

FOCUS.  
CONTROL.  
WIN.



TRUST  
NO  
ONE.





Damon  
- Eat clean  
- Hydrate  
- 11 PM Curfew

Your health matters.  
- I love you.

**JULIAN ASHFORD!**  
**WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO DAMON?**

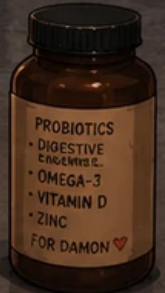
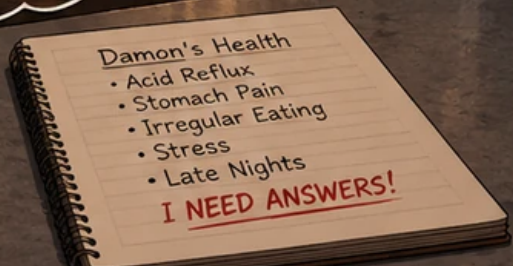
**YOU'RE LEADING HIM ASTRAY! BARS EVERY NIGHT? THAT'S WHY HE'S ALWAYS HOME AFTER MIDNIGHT— AND HIS STOMACH IS A MESS AGAIN!**



Sloane.  
Calm down.  
Let's talk about this.



Sloane,  
I didn't make him do anything.  
Damon's an adult.



Damon's Health  
• Acid Reflux  
• Stomach Pain  
• Irregular Eating  
• Stress  
• Late Nights  
**I NEED ANSWERS!**

PROBIOTICS  
• DIGESTIVE ENZYME C.  
• OMEGA-3  
• VITAMIN D  
• ZINC  
FOR DAMON



Where are you?  
It's midnight. 12:02 AM ✓✓

Library. 12:03 AM



Haven't even seen Damon  
all night. 12:03 AM

He must be training or  
playing bodyguard. 12:03 AM

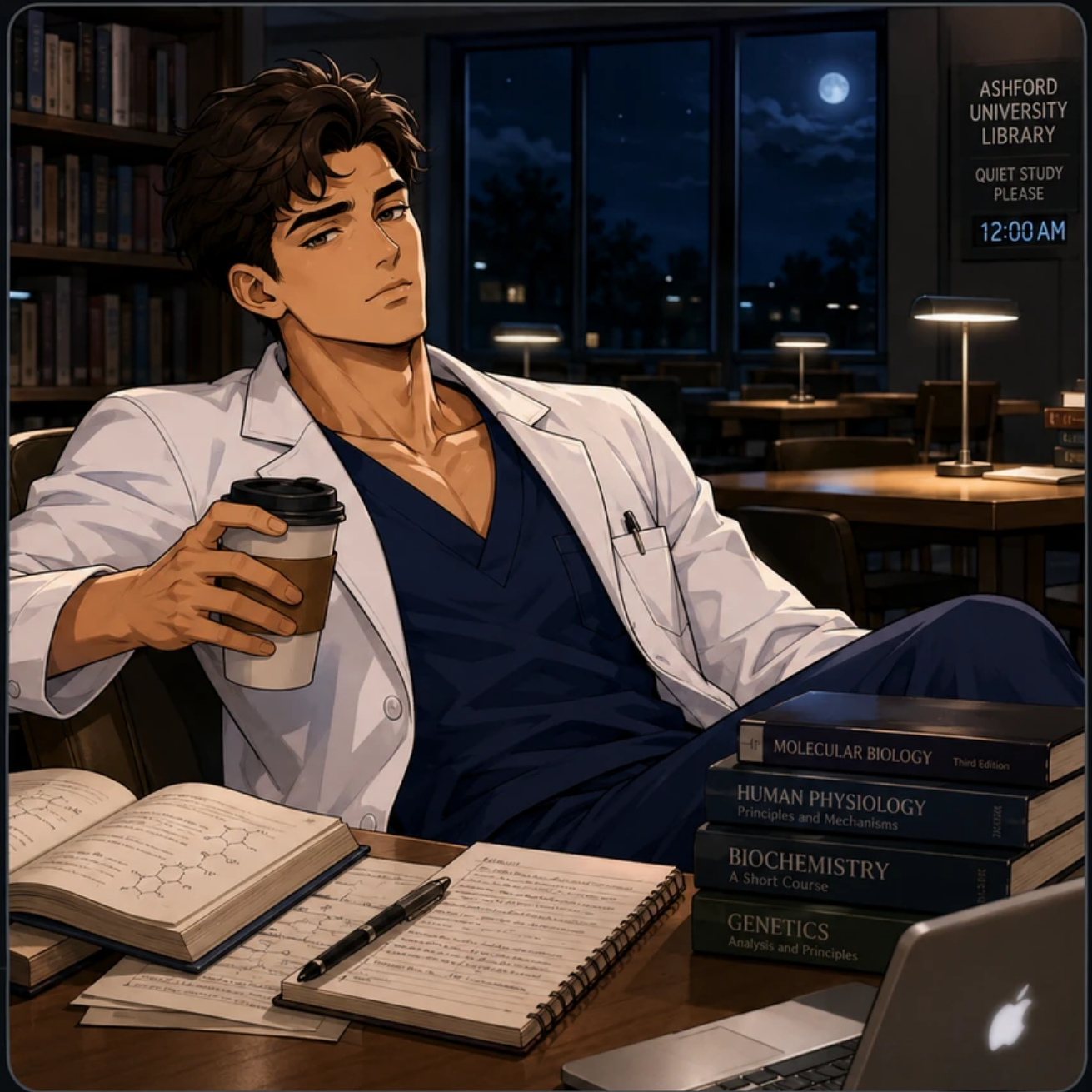
I've been here. Alone.  
With caffeine and  
bad decisions. 12:04 AM

You look like death. 12:04 AM ✓✓

And you look worried. 12:04 AM



Message...



SCENE 7 OF 10

SLOANE TENTATIVELY OFFERS  
A CUP OF COFFEE TO DAMON.  
HE WALKS RIGHT PAST HER  
WITHOUT A WORD...

COFFEE?

...LEAVING THE ROOM HEAVY  
WITH AN UNBEARABLE SILENCE  
THAT PIERCES HER HEART.



SCENE 8 OF 10

AT A CROWDED, VIBRANT HOUSEWARMING PARTY, SLOANE AND DAMON SIT AT OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE TABLE. THE SPACE BETWEEN THEM FEELS LIKE A VAST, ICY CANYON—THEIR EYES NEVER MEET AS THEY ACT LIKE COMPLETE STRANGERS.



SCENE 9 OF 10

SPICY BASIL  
NOODLES? ARE YOU  
SURE THAT'S WISE?  
I KNOW HOW MUCH  
YOU HATE THE  
AFTERBURN.

OF COURSE SHE STILL  
KNOWS HIM BETTER THAN  
ANYONE. SHE ALWAYS DID.  
SHE *NEVER* REALLY LEFT  
HIS SIDE.



**HE'S...  
DENYING US?**

**WE HAVEN'T  
HAD A CEREMONY  
YET.  
SO DON'T PRETEND  
THIS BOND MEANS  
ANYTHING.**