

## Chapter 170

While sitting on the bar, Max was informing Ryan about the pack. Meanwhile, Ryan's eyes were fixed on the way Allison took Ethan. He could see Elora making her way in that direction.

"In my opinion, we shouldn't put any stock in what Mr. Charles says. Even though he is reliable in his work, I have a sneaking suspicion about him." Max said.

"Yeah, bro. I also feel the same. In fact, Colin sometimes warned me about him." This was said by Vernon as he took sips from his drink.

"Ryan, are you paying attention to what I'm saying?" Max asked when he gave Ryan a shoulder pat.

"I am all ears." He replied without moving his gaze.

Max shook his head and uttered, "We will talk about it later. You are not in a mood right now."

Ryan did not respond to it. At that moment, his father approached him.

"Would you mind giving me some time to talk to him?" His father said to Beta Max and Theta Vernon.

After exchanging a glance with one another, Max and Vernon shook their heads in response to Alpha Neil.

"Of course not." Max replied. Then he left the bar with Vernon, leaving the father and son to have a quiet talk on their own.

Alpha Neil sat on a stool next to Ryan and ordered a drink.

Ryan ignored him totally while looking at the way, which led to the harder area.

When he saw Allison coming out of the way, it caused a frown to form on his face. He removed his gaze from that location and shifted his attention to Alpha Neil.

Alpha Neil lifted his glass, and Ryan toasted with him. "Cheers, Alpha Neil." Ryan said and sipped on his drink.

"Ryan, when will you stop calling me this? I am your dad. Call me dad."

Ryan raised an eyebrow. "Sorry? Did I hear wrong?"

Alpha Neil quickly averted his eyes before speaking, saying,

"I came here to talk to you."

"About what?"

"First, I want to congratulate you on your success. You have achieved a lot at this age. I am an unfortunate man who was not able to witness it in person."

His voice was lower. Ryan sneered at him and shifted his eyes to the people around the hall.

"Unfortunate not to witness? What I remember is that you said you were an unfortunate father by having a son like me, Alpha Neil." Ryan's voice was full of mockery.

Alpha Neil looked at the young man sitting beside him. Even though he was his son, he was never able to comprehend him. He never demonstrated his might to his father in any way. As a result, he was unable to recognize his potential. Who could have predicted that he would become such a powerful Alpha?

"I heard what you said to Alpha Easton. So when you were leaving the hospital that day, you actually went to get his beta?"

When Ryan was drinking, there was a pause in his lips. He gave an amused grin as he twisted his head to look at Alpha Neil.

"Not bad. You are not as foolish as I had thought."

The sarcasm that his son had used made Alpha Neil laugh out loud.

Ryan kept his gaze fixed on him. It was the first time that he had ever seen his father laughing with him. It was awkward for him. He had never thought to have this type of conversation with him.

He averted his gaze and said,

"What did you want to talk about?"

"I have never treated you with respect when I have spoken to you. But your mother has always been a strong advocate for you. It was usually me who reprimanded her for siding with you in any argument. Don't punish her like this. She is innocent here."

Ryan's attention was drawn to his mother, who was having a conversation with Allison's mother at that moment. She looked upset.

"Maybe she is an ideal wife, but she is not a good mother. Because I heard mothers love their children equally."

"She loves you, Ryan. Two years ago, when you left the pack, she came dangerously close to losing her mental health. She required some time to mend her broken heart. She will die if you leave this time."

"Oh, are you serious? So tell me, what it is that you want from me. Are you suggesting that I abandon my realm and remain here with her? Or, if I may inquire, would you like for me to hand over the packs to your son?"

Alpha Neil shook his head as he heard him.

"No, son, I didn't intend for you to think that."

He looked at him with a frown. "Son? Which son are you talking about, Alpha Neil? The son, who you always disgraced? Have you forgotten what it was that you told me earlier? I don't deserve to be your son." Ryan said while flashing a grin at him.

His remarks cut right through to the core of his father's being.

Alpha Neil was taken aback. He placed his glass on the counter and muttered,

"I don't know what to say. If you think I am greedy, then let me tell you. I don't want anything from you. I thought I should talk to you since you are leaving. If my words ever hurt you, then I am feeling bad about it. I have realized that I should not have done that. I don't know why you got so angry that night. I only wanted to celebrate your birthday. I know I should not have attached your brother's wedding announcement that night. It would have been better if I had done it on a different day. I feel regret for that."

A dark laugh came out of Ryan's throat. Some of the guests at the party thought the father and son were engaging in affectionate conversation. However, they were unable to hear what they were saying to one another.

Ryan glanced at Allison, who was busy talking with Tessa. He asked,

"Do you know what is more regretful than this?"

"What?"

"Seeing the girl you love standing with her head down in the arms of another man."

His words astounded Alpha Neil. He followed his eyes and looked at Allison. He realized that Ryan was staring at Allison for a while. Neil could not be more shocked.

"What are you saying? She is your brother's fiancée."

"Because of you, I had to see that, Alpha Neil." Ryan replied and turned to him.

Neil's eyes widened in disbelief.

"Ryan, enough is enough. What is wrong with you? How can you think like that? She was Ethan's choice from the beginning."

"Is that so? Then what about your other son's choice? Have you ever asked him about his choice, Alpha Neil?"