

## Chapter 5B

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At this point I'm really thinking about taking everyone's advice and just ripping Claude's head off. We never caught him on our last visit. Somehow he managed to find out we were coming for him, meaning he has someone in my pack feeding him information. So we had to play it off like we were visiting to reprimand him for his lack of leadership ability and start our investigation over. This time inside our home pack. We were at least able to take care of the pack members that he had been neglecting. Josh and I found a few trusted members who seem to be handling things better than Claude or the people he put into place. At least I can bestow delta class ranks to those who deserve it. They now have authority to help and protect on my behalf and have a direct link to Danny and the rest of my team if needed. I told them to reach out directly to Robin for anything else they needed that Claude wasn't providing. I'm done trying to be politically correct. I'm going to ice him out and he will have no one and nothing before I finally wipe him off this earth.

Now I need to find out his contact in my pack and that won't be easy. He's been doing this shady sh\*t for so long, he's a master. With the way he avoided us when we visited his home, I am surprised to find that the asshole made the trip to Oak Lake Pack to see me. I don't understand his game at all. He's been trying to get to me for two days and now he's not taking no for an answer.

"Linda, just tell him he's going to have to wait." She's almost as good as Robin at deflecting unwanted people. Robin would have had him out of this territory on day one though.

"Of course, sir. What do I do when he throws a tantrum and refuses to leave?" She raises an eyebrow at me. She has him pegged.

"That's his only option. He had his chance to talk to me and he couldn't be bothered to be available. I am busy now. Take a warrior with you just in case, please." I keep working on my computer. We are almost done with all the transfers and I can get this pack thriving again without my constant presence.

When Linda told him he was going to have to wait his turn, he was pissed. I could hear his growl from here. He raged past her and the warrior, storming into my office. He's bold and thinks I can't touch him or that I won't. I jump over the desk and wrap my hand around his throat stopping him in his tracks. His eyes are challenging, but there is a flicker of fear there too and I will exploit that weakness. What he doesn't understand is the only reason he is still breathing is because I need to know how deep his cancer goes.

"I'm disappointed, Ryker. Your little messenger didn't put up much of a fight. How will they protect you under a full attack?"

"Alpha Ryker. They had their orders and so do you. You will be seen when I have time for you."

He taps my hand, arrogant ass. "It appears that you have time now."

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"Your assumptions are wrong. I was in your home over the course of three days, I know you were aware of my presence, but you thought to ignore me. I do not have time for petulant child tantrums. When I have time for you, I will summon you. For now we are done." I release him and turn around. I want to see if he will attack me or leave like I asked.

I was not lucky enough to have him just leave. I mindlink Linda to come back in. We will just work around him. He needs to learn his self importance is a myth. He keeps trying every tactic he can think of to keep

himself in my sights while I am very clearly working with Edward's people. I'm not sure why though. If he's working behind my back, I would have thought he'd want to stay off my radar, not up my nose.

"I think that you should reconsider the location of the school and pack hospital, Ryker." Claude talks over us, understanding we are having conversations over mindlink while he's in here. Josh has joined me and stands like the guard he is in the corner. "It really would be more beneficial where I originally planned for it." Claude is now pacing my Oak Lake office, while Linda and a few Omegas flit in and out and I am doing my best to ignore him. "The location I chose will benefit more people and will give my warriors a better chance at protecting it."