

Chapter 59

"Alpha Ryker, Claude. And if you want it elsewhere, then pay for it yourself." I don't even look up from my computer. I have been trying to get through these planning emails for days and I am almost done. It's like Claude purposely hid from me at his home so he could bug me and slow me down here. I need to get to Rayna's Luna Ceremony. She would kill me if I missed it and I am already behind schedule.

"Excuse me, Alpha, I don't think I heard you correctly."

I shut down my computer, finally sending off the last email. I don't look up at him just stare at the blank screen. "If you don't like my plans and really do have a desire to defy me then plan and pay for it yourself, Claude. The area of my pack lands that you are suggesting we use does not benefit enough people for the size and cost of the structures you have suggested. You do not have warriors and if you have to plan to protect a vital structure, before it is built, then it is in the wrong place. The lands that I took from you have not brought in a profit for several years, so you have no money to speak of and the only reason the people are being cared for right now is because of the efforts of other areas in my pack." I look up from my computer to stare him down. "Now, I have meetings and plans that do not include you. You have attempted to distract me for two days now without scheduling time with me. You deserve no special privilege. If you need to speak with me further, contact Robin and she will get you on my schedule, like everyone else. Pack your things and go home."

The omegas here have given him a place to stay and taken care of all his needs, but reports have gotten back to me of mistreatment, with claims that I gave him permission to do what he wants with who he wants. He needs to leave. Even the staff have figured out to look to me when he starts giving orders. Normally lower ranking wolves just do what they are



told, but Claude is getting arrogant in his requests and I have heard that twice now he has tried to force himself on women here. He has been told in explicit terms to keep his hands off of any of my pack members and I have given them all permission to deny him or refer him to me for outlandish requests. Which is why he is here. Although, he's feigning a meeting about his idea.

"How dare you!" He growls. "I will not let some infant Alpha with a superiority complex talk to me like that. Get off your ass and do what is needed to help pack members you stole and don't seem to care for. They will revolt, if you abuse them any further."

I stand from my desk and walk around it. I took everything in me to contain my wolf and not jump over the thing to attack him again. I stand in front of him, almost nose to nose. "At least now I know where the rumors are coming from." I growl back. "Do not make threats you cannot back up, Claude. My pack members will not revolt against me. They have never known better than the last decade with me, we both know that." I let my wolf come forward and change my eyes to red. "Go home before we take your words as a threat against our pack and kill you on the spot. One more thing. If you lay another finger on a female, any female, against her will, I will remove them one by one." I shove him out the door and slam it shut.

I turn around and sit back behind my desk, vibrating with anger. I wish I could just kill him, but I need him, for now. He knows how to publically toe the line and not outright threaten me. If he could get past being greedy he would actually be an asset in negotiations, but that will never happen. His lust for power and control make him too difficult to use, let alone trust him. And I can't alpha command him since he is a born alpha. That would make my life infinitely easier if I could though.

By the time I calm down enough to leave orders for Linda to execute, I

am beyond late. At least I have been able to work with Linda. She is everything that was presented to me and more. Her and Robin are going to be a force together. She is a beast with negotiations and planning. I actually put her on the hospital and school project in Claude's area and she poked so many holes in his plans, we actually started the whole thing over. I left her with plenty to do and put Beta Sam in charge while I am gone. Josh and I head out too late to make it to Rayna's rehearsal, but if we drive straight through we should get there before she goes to bed tonight. Greta, Danny and Bennet are going to meet us there. My dad and Josh's dad can watch the pack for a day while we celebrate my sister becoming the Luna of Silver Crescent Pack. My mother would love to be there, but we have almost a dozen she wolves ready to give birth and she wants to be on hand to help. When one goes, it will trigger the rest.

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