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"I'm good" he answers, then keeps quiet.

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I decide to do my make up today. I go for the nude look. After that I do my hair, preferring to curl it instead of wearing it straight. Satisfied with how I looked, I take my ballet shoes and put them on. I was just about to leave when my phone rings. I don't recognize the number, but I pick it up none the less. 1 "Hello?" "Hello, Ava. It's Ethan" his gruff voice says through the phone. Even without him introducing himself, I would still have known it's him. I memorized his voice during that time I was deliriously happy with him. It was during the time he spoke to me with so much emotion and care that I had felt wanted. If only it had been real and not a game he was playing. Shaking those thoughts, I push away the painful memories. "Hello Ethan, how are you?" I ask, my voice controlled. I've never visited him again. We've only spoken through letters. Mainly with me updating him on what's going on with my pregnancy.

It's awkward for a while. This was the man I had no trouble telling my thoughts. Now everything felt tense and awkward.

"Have you spoken to mom and dad?" I ask after a while, just to break the tension.

It feels so weird calling them that while talking to Ethan. They raised him and they were his parents too. Which just makes everything weird because we were now expecting a child together.

"No" comes his one word answer.

"Why? They are dying to talk to you, Ethan. Why won't you just see the?"

Mom and dad try to hide it, but I know they're hurting. Don't get me wrong, they're still pissed at what Ethan did, but they still love him, You can't unlove a child you've raised for more than twenty years.

"You know why, Ava" he answers in a sigh.

Yes, and you reason is so fucking stupid! Can't you see you're hurting them? Haven't you hurt them enough? Don't you love them? Why then would you do this to them?" I fire the questions one by one, feeling frustrated by his stubbornness.

I continue speaking when he doesn't say anything.

"Just talk to them, please, I've never asked you for anything except this. I don't like seeing them mask their pain when they tell me that you refused to see them yet again" I plead with him.

He lets out a sigh. "You have to know that I can never deny you, Ava." He pauses. "I'll talk to them"

"Thank you" I don't let it show in my voice, but I smile. Happy that he is going to communicate with them. Hoping they can reconcile.

"This isn't why I called you"
"Okay" I drag out.
"I heard what happened to you and I wanted to make sure you and the baby are fine" his voice is soft and it brings back memories I'm trying to forget.
Gosh. If only he hadn't turned out to be a fucking liar. Maybe we would have had a future together.
I wanted to ask him how he find out, but this is Ethan we are talking about. He has eyes and ears everywhere.
"Yes, the baby is doing well. I actually have an appointment today. I was just getting ready to leave for it."
"Is it weird that I am dying to hold her?" he ask and I hear a hint of happiness for the first time since everything went to shit.
"Her? You think it's a girl?"
"Yes. I'm convinced it's a girl" he answers sheepishly. I can imagine him rubbing his hand on the back of his head.
I chuckle at that. "I guess Noah isn't the only one rooting for a baby girl"
"I guess not. Are you okay with that or do you wish for another boy?"
I think about it for a while before answering. "It doesn't matter to me whether it's a boy or girl, I already love him or her

And it was true. I was not in the right frame of mind when I found out I was pregnant. I didn't know how to

react or behave given what Ethan did, but I fell in love with my baby. It didn't matter who the dad was.

After all, Rowan hurt me more than Ethan and I still loved Noah.

have to go. I don't want to be late for my appointment" I tell him. "I'll write you another letter to tell you. how it went

"Okay, Ava... And about Reaper, don't have worry him. I promise you he won't hurt you and he will leave you out of his revenge plan. Take care, Ava."

He doesn't give me time to answer before he hangs up the phone. I get my purse and leave for my appointment all the while wondering what he meant about Reaper leaving me alone. Did he do? Or did he

have him killed or something?