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Thank the goddess that awful dinner was over.

Once we were out of the dining hall, I felt like I could finally breathe. It was suffocating being there with the king. Pretending like I didn't feel his gaze on me, keeping a straight face and trying not to upset my stomach. I had barely eaten anything, the swarm of nervous butterflies won't let me. And I was glad when be got up and left.

I turned to Caldan and gently took his hand. "Thank you, Caldan I said. "For everything you've done for me. From then till

now.

He smiled at me, his bright and charming smile. "You don't need to thank me. I'm glad I was able to find you in time."

There's no telling what would have happened if he hadn't found me. If Marcel has gone through with

"Me too." I said, and truly meant it.

his evil plans. I would have been probably raped, or even worse by now, dead.

Caldan led me back to his wing. I vaguely remember being here, many months ago when I was still

fitting here. As we walked in, the servants greeted us warmly. I remembered that he hadn't been home for a while so they were all happy to see him.

We got to his room. It's colors of dark green and gold oddly familiar. The large floor to ceiling

windows showed the expanse of the night behind it. I stood frozen at the door, unable to move forward. Caldan paused and turned to me. "What's wrong? Come in." He said.

"Um..sure." my heart began to race, my hands clammy with sweat.

"Would you like a shower? I'd have some maids get towels and clothes. And you can-

"Will you also be expecting something from me in exchange for your help?"

"What?" He asked, shock all over his face. "Sabrina...I couldn't ever do that."

anything from you in exchange for it. In only glad you're safe and here with me. That's all that matters."

"No. No. You don't have to give me anything for my help. Okay? It's not for sale. And I can't take

I wasn't entirely assured. But at the same time I knew that Caldan wasn't like Marcel. He hadn't ever

And that was what scared me. Marcel was just like that too.

asked me for anything. even in the past.

I can trust him.
"I'm sorry. I just-"

Sabrina stop it. Caldan is not that bitch Marcel. I've known Caldan for months. he's a good man. And

"I understand. But you must know what I care about you. I have ever since I met you. You don't

"I'm just asking,"

need to doubt my intentions."

"Thank you. And um...for back at dinner. Thank you for what you said to the king. I couldn't even

speak up and I just froze." That wasn't entirely true. I just felt choked by so much anger and hatred that I couldn't look at the king talk less of speak to him. "It's nothing." He said. "Please, come in. Don't stand at the door like you're an outsider. You're welcome here."

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"Of course," I said with aw**W**w.novεl**W0r**m.⊚<sub>o</sub>m

I nodded. "Sure."

He walked out of the room and quietly closed the door behind him. I walked in, taking in the space. It was very lovely, and everything in pristine condition. I walked over to his desk where there was an

"I'll be back. I need to talk to the maids."

open book laid out. I picked it up and flipped through it. It was a book on political negotiations. I read

a few pages, smiling to myself as I saw little notes he wrote on the margins. He must be so dedicated to his role as the king's ambassador.

Thinking of the king made my face sour immediately. I dropped the book on the same page I found it. There was a small portrait on the desk. A picture of Caldan and the king. Caldan looked much younger here, his eyes shining with admiration and joy. His smile in the portrait was so bright and contagious that I didn't know when I smiled too. I dropped the portrait and moved on from the desk,

I walked over to the bathroom and peeked my head inside. The bathroom was a sterile white, the air laced with the smell of citrus and pine.

"Sabrina?"

I turned to see Caldan. He had a bundle of clothes in his hands.

"What are you doing?"

It looked comfier.

"Well, I had a maid put these together for you." He walked over to me and handed the bundle.

"Um...snooping?" I asked with a small smile. he shook his head and laughed.

Bottles of shampoo and conditioner, body wash, towels and some clothes.

I spent longer than I had expected. Once I was done, I wrapped the towel around myself, put on my underwear and stepped out. The room was empty, and I couldn't see him anywhere in view. I walked

over to the bed where his clothes were laid out. A simple white shirt and black pants. I stared at the

nightdress in my hand and back at the shirt.

"Thank you." I said. I went in into the bathroom.

too big, reaching down to my mid thighs. But it was definitely more comfortable. I hugged myself and breathed in his scent. It made me feel queasy, and brought a smile to my lips.

I'm wearing his shirt for the first time ever.

I ditched the nightdress for his shirt. His scent was strong on it, calming and sweet. The shirt was

"I'm sorry...I just thought it'd be more comfortable."

He walked up to me. "Is it?"

I nodded. "Very. You smell very good too."

"Caldan...does this mean that I'm no longer à slave? Or am I your slave now?"

He laughed softly, the tips of his ears tinted pink. I don't think I've ever seen him blush, and I didn't

The door opened and he walked in. He looked at me and his eyes went wide. "Woah,"

adorable.

"Thank you."

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"No. You're not my slave. You're mine now. Simply, mine. You can never be my slave."

It felt good. Really good.

I suddenly felt an urge to hug him. I did, my arms wrapped around his middle, my head pressed to his chest. He hugged me back, no words exchanged between us.

faint memory of waking up in the middle of the night and he was at his desk, working.

I took a shower and got ready for the day. By the time I was done, he had returned.

well?"

"Hey" I said. "I didn't see you last night."
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He gave me a quick hug. "I had some work left to do. How are you this morning? Did you sleep

The next morning I woke up alone. I didn't remember Caldan coining to bed with me, but I had a

I nodded. Even though I didn't sleep well at all. I thought id have a good night of sleep but I was very wrong. "What kind of work?"

Trivial matters won't make him stay up all night. "Oh. Can I help"

"Trades between the packs. Trivial matters."

"I'm mostly done." He said. "Oh and, you'll be getting a room this morning. And I have a maid assigned to you too."

"My princess. that's your position."

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"A maid?" I asked, shock reflected on my face. I get a maid? From being a slave to having my own

maid? "What...what position do I have here that I get a maid?"