were hanging on the walls and in some cells, the chains were connected to the ceiling. The two guards then dragged me to the third cell on the le side. They then forcefully pushed me in and attached the shackles around my wrists to the chain connected to the ceiling. One of the guards pushed a button on the wall, which caused the chains to pull. The action caused my arms to stretch up higher. It came to a point where my feet were lied o the ground. Only then did the guard lower me a little. That way my feet just kissed the ground. The other guard came to shackle my ankles which were connected to the ground. I couldn't move in this position. By then, my mind refused to think anymore. I couldn't function properly. Everything was hurting. My mind became a messy blur. Minutes a er the guards le me in that dark cell, I passed out due to the exhaustion. I woke up with a start, my wrists and ankles burned. My spine felt like it was going to snap. I knew from the pain that whatever happened wasn't a horrible nightmare. It was the horrible reality and it was only going to get worse. I looked around. It was still dark but not completely pitch black like when they le me. From the dim orange light which glowed, I could tell there was a torch lit up. I wiggled my small shackled wrists to ease the pain. But it did the opposite. Instead it scratched my skin. "She's awake!!" came a masculine voice all of a sudden. I gasped at the shockingly loud voice which broke the eerie silence. Not long a er I heard before I saw the gate open, and there she was, as elegant as ever. Lady Esther sauntered into the cell. She walked towards me and stopped only when she was centimeters away. She then brought her face close to mine. Lady Esther was at least a head taller than me. She just kept staring at me for a long time. I stared at her too. Up close she was even more beautiful but I knew what she was capable of. The sinister look in her eyes spoke louder than words. A er taking a long look, she took a step back. "Hmmm, I don't see anything special in you." "Please my Lady, whatever wrong I've done I'm so-" I couldn't complete my sentence as the hard blow made my face turn swi ly to the le . I tasted my own blood. That was the hardest slap I've ever received. Her nails cut my skin. "Did I ask you to speak?!!" My vision blurred as I looked down not daring to look at her face "I don't get it. You're just a pathetic excuse of a human. Like any other human. You're small, fragile and just simply sad. The thing is you're even less than an ordinary human being. You're a bloody slave!" More tears burned at the back of my eyes. I couldn't even comprehend what was going on. Was she angry about her shoes? That was the only chore I did for her. She looked around before continuing. "I seriously don't know what you did to gain his attention but now I really do not care. It won't matter anymore. At least not a er I'm done with you. You brought this upon yourself slave," she sneered. "You tried to mess with what's rightfully mine! To think I would allow something like this to happen, right under my nose? I will make you pay you insignificant trash. I will make you pay with your blood and

Chapter 30 (Part 1)

Hello my lovely readers. Here's another chapter for you guys. Sooner than I expected actually. Anyways enjoy and don't forget to give me your feedback about this chapter okay. God bless you

Don't say I didn't warn you and the next chapter will also contain

I had no choice but to allow them to drag me away. It was a long

Being dragged away did not bother me as much as it should have because I still couldn't accept what Henri had done. My sister. Why would she do this to me? Whoever I saw wasn't my dear Henri. She

I refuse to believe that it was Henri's doing. The lady must have compelled my sister to do whatever she wanted. Most vampires could

When we reached one of the main hallways in the south wing, the guards suddenly took a sharp turn to the le . There was a heavy wooden door. They forcefully pushed me through it then dragged me down a stairwell. It went down and down about three to four floors under. I couldn't be sure. The more I was dragged the more fear built

It became darker and darker until two of the guards behind me lit up their torches. My breathing started to become heavy and my arms hurt so much from the force they were using to hold and drag me. Once we walked through another hallway, we stopped in front of a

"You sure it's this one? It's been abandoned for years now," one of the

"Yes I'm sure," the guard on my right spoke strictly. The door opened with the help of two other guards and we walked through the doors. The entire place was dusty, old and very cold. Mist came out of my mouth as I let my breath out. There were only eight separate cells in this area. All were sealed with metal bar gates. Metal chains and ropes

do that. Maybe she even threatened Henri.

What had I done to anger the Lady so much?

What was going to happen down here?

guards who stood behind me asked.

walk. One filled with anxiety, fear, panic and grieve.

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all. Have a wonderful day ahead.

VIOLENT CHAPTER AHEAD!!!!!

violence. That's it. You may continue.

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WARNING!!!!!

Eve's POV

wouldn't do this.

She wouldn't!

up in me.

gigantic metal door.

At least not by choice!

No!

screams," she said the last part quietly in my ear. Every word pierced my heart but my body was too stunned to do anything else but listen. 35 "Your screams will echo throughout this dungeon and it will be music to my ears. You know what else? No one can ever hear you." I She backhanded me. My head turned to the right but before I "Do NOT speak until I ALLOW you to!!!" she yelled at the top of her The force of her blows almost twisted my neck. I was a trembling mess and there was silence a er her blows. Tears streamed down my cheeks. The only noise was the sharp clinking made by the chains I knew my cheeks were already badly bruised up. I could also feel another cut on my le cheek and there was blood oozing out of the corner of my mouth. "Now, I will not waste anymore time. Prepare yourself slave. You're in my hell now and I'll show you what I'm made of and what happens when you even think of messing with me," the Lady said darkly. "Your little family will be captured as well. Including that Odelle and Percival except they're already taken," she mocked. I "How many times do I have to slap you before you shut that mouth?!! Do you want to watch them die today?!!!" my body shook as I silently She then took a few more steps back and made a signal with her Three heavily built guards walked in. Their appearance wasn't at all what scared me the most. It was what they were all holding. They

couldn't help it anymore. "No, plea-" recovered she slapped me again, hard on the other cheek. voice. due to my trembling. struggled with the chains at this. How could she?!! "Don't!!" cried, indicating that I didn't want them hurt in any way. forefinger. Her malicious smile never le her face. each carried a whip in their hands. Whips which had spikes at the tip of them. My chest tightened at the sight before me. I didn't know if I could survive this. How could anyone prepare for something like this? My ragging heart pounded in my head as I stared wide eyed at the men. Sweat began to form on my forehead despite the chilling temperature. "I smell your fear slave," my eyes shot up to the Lady. She enjoyed whatever I was going through. "You will never understand the pleasure that your fear gives me. How much more when I get to break you?" Her eyes then dri ed to the men who stood behind me now. "You may begin! Don't stop until I say so!" With that she walked over to a chair in the corner of the cell and took her seat. The small servant girl was not prepared for the first blow. The guard in the middle raised his hand up high and brought down the whip harshly on the girl's back. The spikes tore o a piece her clothing and cut her skin open. She let out a bloodcurdling scream as the pain took over. Her body shook from the sharp sting and shock. Before she could look up again the guard on her le brought down the whip on her back again. Only this time a little harder. Eve screamed again but that didn't stop the guard on her right from continuing.

The men proceeded to whip her back relentlessly until the back of her night dress was completely thorn. Her back was so bloodied that Still they did not stop. One a er the other they went on. Blow a er blow. They even whipped the back of her legs. Each time the whip connected to her tender body, it would tear out her skin and flesh. She screamed and screamed until she felt like her throat would tear out. Soon a er, her body could no longer take it. The Lady was right. No one could possibly hear the servant girl's cries. Once her entire back and legs were covered in red metallic liquid and deep cuts, the guards began to slow down. This however only fueled "No my Lady," the one on the right answered.

Third Person's POV blood dripped down to her legs. Lady Esther's anger. "DID I ASK YOU TO STOP?!!!" "Did I ask you to SLOW DOWN?!!!" "No my Lady," he answered again. "So fucking continue until I tell you to stop!!!" With that they continued. Eve's back arched as the whip was brought down again. Another blow made her pull at the chains which had her hands bound. "Pl...pl..ease...s..st..stop," she tried so hard to get the words out. Blood came out of her mouth as she spoke. A er a few more blows, the Lady finally signaled for the men to stop. Eve was almost unconscious from the pain. Her back was now unrecognizable and her dress was torn to shreds and completely drenched in blood. Eve's body was limp. "Release her from the chains and tie her against the wall. Before that take the green t-shirt from the guard outside and make her wear it," Lady Esther commanded. The guard did as he was told. He had trouble taking o Eve's night dress because it stuck to her bloodied wounds which was all over her body. He then tore it and took o her dress forcefully until she was le in nothing but her very

short, thin drawers. She gasped and hissed but did nothing. The pain was unbearable. Just before the guard dressed her the Lady stopped him again. "Wait!! Pour this on her!" She had a big jar in her hand which she handed over to the guard. He then brought it over the girl's head and tilted. He poured wine all over Eve's small battered body in which she reacted with another agonizing scream. It burned her wounds. The dress was then replaced with the big t-shirt which came to her

Once she was all chained up again, the Lady crouched down before her. "Rest, this is just the beginning slave." They le the cell leaving Eve to moan and cry in pain. **India's POV** It was three forty in the morning and I still couldn't sleep. For some reason, my heartbeat was too fast. I didn't know what was going on with me all of a sudden. I was fine a few hours ago. What the hell?! Go. To. Sleep. India! "Hey what's wrong?" came Tonya's groggy voice. Great I woke her up "I don't know. Something doesn't feel right," I said worried. "You know what they say, if you're anxious during bedtime, your special other half is dreaming about you," she chuckled and continued to sleep. "What the hell Tonya?!" "Sshh." I knew deep down I wasn't just anxious. If something like this happened, it means something bad is going to take place in the near future or it's already happening. I know deep in my guts that whatever I was feeling was a warning. The last time I felt like this was right before the Vampire guards barged into my home and took me

chest.

away. Before that, when my younger brother almost got killed by a half blood vampire. Thank God my father was there to save my brother and no one got hurt. Except for that bloodsucker. My great grandma told me it was a gi since birth but I never liked it Once the Vampires took over my parents were forced to listen to my great grandma's advice and didn't allow me to practice or enhance my gi s. I was the only child in my family who possessed the gi s brought down from my mother's side. This. Was. Bad. I wish I had more than just a hunch. It sucks knowing something bad was going to happen but not knowing what exactly! "Stop turning India," Tonya scolded. I looked towards Beth and saw that she was sleeping like a pig. "Look we're gonna have to wake up in slightly more than an hour so keep it down!" she whisper yelled. I sat up straight a er that. I knew damn well I couldn't sleep so I just waited until everyone else woke up. Maybe a er I start with work, this feeling will go away. I got ready as usual and ate my breakfast. I waited for Tonya while Beth le for the kitchen. Once she was done we headed towards the gardens. Somewhere on our way, I felt something like a stab in my chest. It was the same disturbing feeling I had a few hours ago but this was ten times worse. I hunched over and put my hand over my "Oh no! India?! What's happening?!" "Something's horribly wrong. I...I have to find o..out what it is," I winced. Once I said the last sentence the pain instantly le. I breathe in feeling relieved. I just sat on the floor in one corner to catch my breath. "India? You're scaring me. What is it?! How can I help? Do you need some water?" "Calm down Tonya. Remember when I said I couldn't sleep? I had a bad feeling something was about to happen but I ignored it. Now that same feeling or whatever, it came back much stronger. It's like it's telling me to find out what's wrong. I have to do it or the pain, it would come back. Only much worse." "You're not making any sense. It's like talking to a mental patient but I'll do whatever makes you....you again." "I'm sorry Tonya but you just have to trust me. I'll explain if everything goes well today." "O...okay?" I knew I was scaring her but I couldn't hide this forever and I don't think I could do this alone. "Where do we start India? What can I do?" "Honestly, I don't know. This usually happens when a person I know is in danger or heading towards it." "Alright then, let's check if all your friends are okay. Which is basically my family and a few others," she said with determination. Then she stopped herself. "And what if they're not okay? Who are we to stop anything? You're acting very strange India. This is getting creepy. Think about all the time Eve and once even Henri got hurt. Even some of our friends in the gardens get beat up badly. Why didn't you have this same feeling then?" "Look, I..I don't know the answer to that. I don't know how else to explain this. Just think of it this way. This is just how I would like to confirm to myself that everything is going the way it should. We're just double checking that's all. If something is o, we'll complain to Ms.Odelle or Mr.Percival. End of story. Then we continue with our depressing lives." "Okay. So who's first?" "Since we're currently in this part of the castle, the closest to us would be Henri."

"Let's go quickly. Wait do you have an excuse for our absence in the gardens?" "Nope. But Ms.Odelle is the one who makes sure everyone is there. I know how to come up with a good explanation." Tonya nodded and we crept up to the Lady Esther's room. The door was slightly opened. Tonya went to the other side of the door and peeked inside. "I...I think she's alone," she said unsure. I went to where Tonya stood

and saw for myself. I lightly closed my eyes and concentrated "You're right she's alone." "You. Have. A. Lot. Of. Explaining. To. Do." I simply opened the door. "H...Henri?" she yelped and turned around at once. She looked frightened to see us. "W...what are you doing here? Leave before she comes back!" "It's alright Henri. Just wanted to see if you're okay." I didn't want to tell her anything. Not yet. She doesn't need to know anything now. "Of course I am. See?" She turned three hundred and sixty degrees. "You guys really need to be in the gardens okay." "Just wanted to say hi. You didn't come back to the quarters." Tonya "Oh Tonya I missed you too but you guys have to be in the gardens now." She kept looking at the time. "We'll go don't worry we still have five minutes." "Eerggh. You guys have to be there before work starts!" "Wow chill Henri. Why do we have to be there before work starts?" Henri just looked even more annoyed a er Tonya's question. "I'm worried about you guys okay," she finally said. "We were worried about you, are you okay? Did you get hurt recently?" I asked. "Oh God India, no! I'm fine and I'll be alright. Don't worry about me. Why are guys here all of a sudden? Go to the gardens now. Seriously, "Alright, alright madam," Tonya chuckled. "Bye," Henri waved back and ushered us out. Well, threw us out actually. "Now we know she's fine. One down, four more to go. Whoever is inside I mean." "We have a problem. We can't go anywhere near the Dark Prince's room. Remember what Kyle said?" "We can just knock and see from the outside." "No, Kyle said he'll somehow find out and Eve would have to pay for it." "Why is our lives so full of shit?!" "Sshh. Quiet girls!" someone yelled. Tonya immediately hid behind me. Like that was going to help. "What?" me. "What?"

As I looked closer I recognized the boy at once. "Robbie?" "Come over here. Quick," he looked around before jogging towards "Do you have ten minutes to spare?" "I guess." "You have to be sure Robbie." "Yeah I am. Just served my master breakfast. He told me not to go back in until lunch time," he spoke. He looked much healthier now. Still scrawny but healthier. 'Your master is a member of the Royal Pure Blood family right?' "Far relative but yeah....somehow," he obviously hated his master. "I need you to do something dangerous but important." "Depends. Getting whipped is not fun India." "I know but listen first. Just hear me out," he nodded. We need you to knock on the doors of the Dark Prince's chambers. Do. Not. Go. In. There should be a red haired servant gi-" "Eve Kheelan right?" "Yes! How did you know?" "We are both personal servants and don't work very far from each other. So yeah. We see each other but we don't talk." "I need you to just make sure she's there and ask her how she's doing that's all." I hoped he would say yes. "And why can't you do this? You do know that no one is allowed to go anywhere near those doors when the Dark Prince is out at war right? You're asking me to risk a lot," he looked skeptical. "But you can come up with anything. Any excuse. Like maybe your master wanted to pass the Dark Prince something or you just needed to borrow something,....like a broom, or you accidentally dropped an important item and it rolled inside his chambers or-" "Alright, alright! I'll check and make sure she's in there and doing fine," before I could answer we heard heavy boots. "You guys go to your workplace I'll inform you later," he said getting ready to leave. "Wait! How?" "I'll come find you." "So next on my list would be Beth and Alex. Come on." Tonya hurried with me. As we walked through the hallway leading to the kitchen area, we heard another set of heavy boots. My first thought was that they were coming from behind us but when Tonya held my wrist and signaled for me to stop, we realized that the sounds were coming from the opposite hallway. So we quietly walked to the end of our hallway and hid behind the huge pillar. About ten armed castle guards walked into the kitchen. The Lady Esther followed behind. What surprised me even more was that Henri walked confidently beside her. I could see her face quite clearly from where I stood. "They should be here now. They must have already started their work." She told the Lady in which she replied with a nod. Something about Henrietta caused an unsettling feeling in me. She looked excited but not for the I gave a quizzical look at Tonya but she simply shrugged. She too looked worried. Why so many of them guards? We waited and not long a er we heard loud arguments and screaming. Then silence. Four guards came out first, dragging both Alex and Beth out. Alex had a swollen eye and Beth didn't stop struggling until one of the guards punched her in the guts. She bent over and held her torso. They

"INDIA!"

didn't let her recover from the blow. Instead they continued to forcefully drag her. "That was a good punch. Make sure you give a harder one next time."

It was shocking to hear the words come out of Henri's mouth. Tonya had to close her mouth to prevent herself from making any noise. We pressed our bodies against the wall and kept as silent as possible. "No worries human. You'll get your fun later. For now we continue with the rest." Rest? Who?? We stood like statues until both the ladies le, walking the opposite direction. We waited until they were gone from my eyesight. Then we waited a couple of minutes more. "Wh...what did we just see India?" Tonya's eyes welled up. I couldn't blame her. They're her family. She slid down and hugged her knees. I too crouched down beside her. "This is what it was trying to tell me." I whispered. "Tonya what does she mean by 'the rest'?" "I..I don't kn-" Both of us yelped in utter fright. I held onto my chest to calm by ragging heart. I was surprised that it didn't burst out. Tonya gave Robbie a slap in the arm. "Don't. Ever. Do. That. Again." "Alright sorry it's just that I've been looking everywhere for you. Eve Kheelan is not in his chambers. She didn't answer when I knocked. I thought she was bathing or something but it was just too quiet. If she didn't want to open the door, she could have at least shouted an answer to me when I knocked right?" "Right. She's not there Robbie. Eve and now Beth and Alex." I held my head in my hands. What the hell? "Lady Esther wants all of us and she has compelled Henri to work for her! Henri is clearly controlled." My eyes shot up to Tonya's a er what This was hard to explain but Tonya needed to know the bitter truth. I had to tell her. "She's not compelled Tonya," I said slowly and carefully. "Trust me. She's not. I would have known if she was actually compelled okay." I said so ly not wanting to trigger her in this sensitive time. Robbie just looked confused. "How would you know something like that India? Hmm?" he asked. "Robbie get back to work. Thank you for doing what you did but you can't be seen with us now. It's too dangerous." "Fine but you guys shouldn't stay here any longer. If Mr.Perci..." "Wait! Where is he? Where is Ms.Odelle?!" "Calm down, I was just warning you. I've not seen them since last Me and Tonya immediately looked at each other. I knew we were thinking the same thing. She had them too. Definitely. How else could she simply drag servants away? with Henri at that:

something." Robbie stopped and turned back. "You don't know?"he asked tilting his head. "Don't know what?" we both asked.

Did she kill them? Oh Lord, I hope not. "India? How could you tell Henri wasn't compelled?" "I just know." "That's not an ans-" "You're asking the wrong question Tonya!! The bigger question is, what does she has against her own family?!!" she looked away in frustration and just refused to believe. "Maybe you are wrong," she whispered. I ignored her and turned to "Robbie you have to leave now," I said sternly. He slowly got up. I took Tonya's hands in mine. "Tonya listen to me. We have to find a way to call for help before it's too late. We have to find Kyle and do

"Kyle isn't here."

"What do you mean? He's already taken?"

Timothy decided to bring Kyle along."

to get out of the castle grounds. Now."

hands.

"Go."

hurts others?"

all of us die,.....

Make sure she pays for it."

She then looked at Robbie. "Help her escape."

Tonya stood up at once. That's when I felt a weight rest on my shoulders. That's the moment we went our separate ways. Tonya headed straight for the gardens where she knew they'd be waiting.

This is all for now. So yeah. Until next time beloved readers. Don't

The peculiar thing about India shouldn't come as a surprise, there was a hint in one of the previous chapters. Just reminding you.

Continue to next part

He nodded. Like it was a normal favor.

forget to write your thoughts on this.

"What?" I didn't understand.

I knew she was prepared for the worst.

"No. He's not here as in Red Kingdom. The Royal Pure Bloods' are not here. The King, Queen, Prince Zenas, Princess Esmeralda, and Prince Timothy le for Silver Heights yesterday a ernoon. Only, Prince

"No." I whispered in disbelief. A tear slipped out of Tonya's eye. She looked appalled by Robbie's words. I was happy Kyle was safe but there was no one to save my other friends. None of the other royal members had enough authority to stop the Lady. They are not part of

the main family who ruled. They are not powerful enough.

"This can't be," my voice broke. "This can't be happening."

I nodded in understanding. He was right we need to get help.

"Come on Tonya we need to hide or run away." I grabbed her hand but she didn't move an inch. She just looked down. I sighed.

"Tonya we have to move now. Please they're already looking for us!" she still didn't move. I wanted to yell but she suddenly grabbed my

"I'm their family. Esther won't stop until she gets me. We don't even know to what lengths she's willing to go for my capture. What if she

"But....but you can run away. You'll most probably be faster if you go alone. So go. Go get help," she looked at me. As I looked into her eyes,

"No. What if I'm too late? What if they kill you? Tonya I won't be able

"They want something. They won't give us a quick death and even if

Plus, Lady Esther could just say the King and Queen gave her full authority in their absence and just maybe, they actually did.

"Look, I don't fully understand what's going on but there is not one Royal Pure Blood of the ruling family here in the castle. The entire place is basically run by Lady Esther now. From what I see, you and your group are being taken India. If you wish to survive you guys need

Gotta go finish up the next chapter!!