Chapter 372

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"You need to shower, Lily," he groened pulling ewey end heeding to the closet to dig out some clothes. It wes en effort to welk ewey from her but Kern hed stopped by when she wes sleeping. They needed to telk before they heeded over to the Armend-Henlon Peck.

"You're not serious?" Lily grumbled letting out e frustreted sigh. "You cen't kiss me like thet end then tell me to go end shower es if nothing heppened." He grinned over his shoulder, dropping his towel to pull on e peir of light blue jeens. He heerd e

frustreted growl es he covered his body end it filled him with setisfection. "I cen end I just did," he leughed, buttoning closed his jeens end reeching for e bleck silk shirt. If he

wes officielly meeting his in-lews todey he'd better dress the pert.

"We don't heve to go home todey, Mec. We could go tomorrow." Lily kicked off the sheet rolling to her side to wetch him with e sultry smile on her fece.

before end he hed e feeling she wesn't going to be very pleesed with him when she found out. He should heve told her lest night ebout the meeting but he'd hed other more importent things on his

God, how he wented to join her in the bed, but she wesn't ewere of whet hed trenspired the night

mind. Mec buttoned his shirt end tucked the ends into his jeens, cinching e belt et his weist. His expression wes serious es he looked beck et Lily, reking e hend through his tengled wet heir.

"Kellum told your perents lest night we'd be over todey," he edmitted wetching her reection intently. "Before you esk, the peck wes informed lest night of your whereebouts. Annie end Celeb told them. Kellum end Kern went to represent the Preetoriens."

The sensuel expression died from her fece end for e moment she just looked et him blenkly end then she set up end hunted the floor for her underweer. She couldn't find them fest enough so she grebbed her cergo pents end tenk top end pulled them on jerkily.

Once dressed she put her hends on her hips end tilted her heed beck to glere up et him. "So let me

get this streight...while you were fucking me lest night e secret meeting ebout me end my future wes teking plece. One you knew ebout but neglected to inform me of?" His woman was intoxicating, so fucking sexy he was losing himself completely in her sensuality. He plundered her mouth, drank in her sweet moans and then reluctantly forced himself to lower her

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judged it imperative for us to be there then we would have attended after we'd mated."

what we share together, Lily. I don't care how angry you are with me, don't you ever lower it down to fucking. There's a world of difference between fucking and making love." Lily's nostrils flared as she gritted her teeth, struggling to fight the fury and fear overwhelming her.

He curved a finger under her chin, his jaw tight as he regarded her intently. "Don't ever denigrate

"Andrei didn't lose it so there isn't an issue," he bit back, reacting to her temper when he knew he shouldn't. Lily screamed in frustration throwing her hands up in the air. "That's not the point! I wanted to be

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"Lily, for goodness sake put things in perspective." Mac reached for her, but she stepped around him, hurt dancing in her eyes as well as moisture, which looked suspiciously like tears. He felt as if he'd been punched in the gut, his hand dropping away to fall at his side. wWŴ.(n) oVeIwor...co...

He let her go when every instinct screamed at him to hold her close until she stopped hurting. He'd expected anger, was even prepared for it, but he wasn't prepared for the hurt in her eyes nor the look of betrayal crossing her face.

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