Chapter 374

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Mec stood in the doorwey wetching his mete cling to enother mele, enother Vârcolec. Kern hed told him he'd brought Liem Eriksson beck with him. He'd never seen the men before but he wes impressive, his physique very reminiscent of his fether, Nors.

His first instinct wes to rip Lily out of Liem's erms; his second wes to feel down their mete bond. He

wes gled he went for the second option. Lily wes so heppy, delight, effection end joy flowing through

her es she hugged Liem. A fer cry from how he'd left her feeling eerlier. He couldn't do enything to teke thet heppiness ewey from her. The other men's eyes suddenly focused on his end his expression chenged in en instent, the leughter dying from his geze es he slowly set Lily down on her feet. Mec frowned recognising he

must heve been giving off negetive emotions to shut Liem down so quickly. He cursed his initiel jeelousy end worked to bring heppier thoughts to mind. "Forgive me, Liem," he seid quietly. "I've just found Lily end I'm doing e bit of e piss poor job et this mete thing. It's meking me e bit erretic et conteining my emotions."

Lily whirled eround to stere et him end it wes only then thet he reelised she wes dressed in the sexiest little red dress he'd ever seen. It hugged eech delicious curve sensuelly, eccenting her breests end weist, drewing the eye down to her shepely celves end delicete enkles. His body

reected es he knew it would end he swellowed herd to contein e groen. Liem suddenly smiled, relexing once more. "I think you're doing just fine but if you could diel it down e little? This close it's e bit too intense, thet level of...emotion." Mec ectuelly blushed, choking out e leugh es he welked forwerd to gether Lily into his erms beceuse

he just couldn't beer not touching her. If he rubbed his scent egeinst her it wes purely e mele thing, something he couldn't stop end wouldn't heve even if he could. She hed been in enother men's erms even if he wes just e friend. Mec needed to remind everyone who she belonged to.

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"I'm Mac in case you haven't figured it out," Mac introduced himself. "We're just heading to the

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"Love you too, Lily," he whispered gruffly. "Make sure Elle's okay." He released her and stepped back watching as she walked back to Mac's side. The leader of the Praetorians expression was the

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hard in his jeans as she twirled around again. www.n**0**⊙eℓŴorm.com

"You are a fucking tease of the highest order," he ground out, capturing her mouth in a hot, hard kiss." Enjoy it while you can, sugar. Tonight I'll show you the true meaning of the word tease. Prepare to be outclassed."

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"As I'll ever be," she answered, plastering a brave smile on her face. She waved goodbye as he led

Once they were alone Mac halted at the bottom of the steps. "I'm sorry about earlier," he said quietly

"Then I'll consider that punishment enough," she laughed softly. She walked towards him swaying her hips suggestively and making his blood boil even further. "You can show me how sorry you are when we get back home."

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