22. I'll always be here

Beep. Beep.	å ⁵
I wake up to hear a weird beeping noise and my head feels heavy like a rock. Trying to pry my eyes open, I feel someone holding my hand. I try and squeeze it but I can't.	ấ
I hear someones footsteps approaching and I still cant get my damn eyes to open.	
"Alpha James, you really should get some rest, she will wake up soon" I hear Dr. Richards.	
"It's been two damn days why hasn't she woken up yet Richard?! What if she doesn't?! I have to stay with her. I have to be here if she wakes up." he says angrily.	ď
I hear the Doctor mumble a response and then his retreating footsteps.	đ
2 days?! I need to get up. James doesn't want me here. I am just another problem.	a °
I try and open my eyes again and I feel them flutter but they still won't open. Damnit.	
"Princess? Are you awake?" he sounds hopefulwhat?	ã
Princess if thats you please open your eyes baby, we have all been so worried. squeeze my hand or something, just tell me if you can hear me. I try again to open my eyes and when that fails I concentrate everything on squeezing my hand. I weakly get it to move a little bit but not a lot.	. 52
"Doctor Richard! Get in here she is waking up!" James suddenly yells.	a a'
I hear a couple pairs of footsteps run into my room and feel someone poking and prodding at me. Someone grabs my other hand. "Grace are you there? Try to open your eyes, squeeze my hand if you want, but do something"	đ
I focus all of my energy on now squeezing my other hand. Now a little bit stronger, I squeeze his hand a little more than I did James'.	
"Good now try and open your eyes" he says. I focus and I crack my eyes open and get blinded by the light above me. Where the hell am I?	45
I open my eyes more and see that James is sitting next to me in a chair with bags under his eyes and Doctor Richards is staring at me	u
intently. "Good Grace, now what do you remember?" he asks. I think about it	å
for a minute and I remember shopping with the girlsall of those embarrassing lingerie from Victorias Secretand James flipping things over.	
I look over at James and my heart rate picks up. I can hear the beeping going faster as I realize why I passed out. "Grace Grace it's okay. I'm really sorry I shouldn't have scared you like	đ
that but I promise I will never hurt you, I swear" he says with a sad look on his face. I take my hand out of his and he frown deepens, sadness etched all over his face.	đ
Why am I still here? He could have just kicked me out while I was	
"Grace," I look over and see Dr. Richards staring at me, "you had a	đ
panic attack and you have been asleep for two days now. Otherwise you are fine, your body just went into shock for a little bit" he says calmly.	a⁴
I nod my head as I listen and wait for them to tell me I need to leave. That they don't want me.	å°
"Okay well you should get some rest and I can probably let you go tonight or early tomorrow morning" I nod my head again.	đ
"Thank you Richard" I hear James say. I just start straight forward preparing myself. This would have been so much easier if he just let me go while I was out. I don't think I can handle him rejecting me.	å
"Angel you had me so worried about you" he confesses and buries his head in my lap. Stunned I just stare at him. I pat his head awkwardly not knowing what to do, I was not expecting this.	17 3
I was expecting disgust, or anger or violence, but never for him to beworried about me	a
"Grace, please just talk to me, I know you can" I shake my head back and forth. I did and he started throwing things. He doesn't want to hear what I have to say.	a ⁵
He sits up and grabs my hands with his before I can pull away. What on Earth is he doing?	a
"Grace if you think that in any way I am mad at you, I'm not. This wasn't your fault. None of it was" I just look away from him with tears in my eyes, I can't take this anymore. I don't want to talk about it. The memories themselves are enough without the constant reminders.	
"Grace listen to me," he pulls my chin so I'm looking at him, "I will protect you, I meant when I said that. Nobody will ever force you into anything again. Nobody will be taking you away again and I will personally make sure of that" he says. He is really convincing too.	4 °
"Listen to what I have to say next. You are not broken. You are perfect	•
you are beautiful and you are strong. And I will take however long it takes to prove that to you" he leans over and kisses my forehead. He isn't going to make me leave? He isn't disgusted with ,me?	ď
I look up at him with tears freely going down my face now. "Why?" I mumble quietly.	ď
"Because Grace I am your mate, I will always want to protect you, I will always take care of you. I meant everything I said before. You are my life now and I will take care of everything and anything you need. You are mine and I am yours and it's going to be like that for the rest of our lives I love you angel and I always will" he says the last part	
quietly while tucking a strand of hair behind my ear. I grab onto him and he leans over the bed and hugs me gently while I	453 4
cry into his shoulder. Why am I so lucky to get someone like him?	a 209

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