

Once Rejected, Thrice Accepted

Chapter 101

much noise that anybody and everybody should have heard me but the sleeping pills held my body still.

I ran. I ran from the empty, the black, the void that chased me. I ran from my fake mother as she kept trying to hit me with the silver whip she bought especially for me. I ran from my fake brother Dennis as he made advances on my body. I screamed, I yell, I made so I have to get out of here. I have to wake up. I screamed focusing my attention on my mates, my wolves, anyone. I got nothing in response.

"Gemma! You know running from me doesn't help your situation. I'm just adding on all the whips that your body is going to take. The blood is going to hit the floor in puddles instead of drops. The whimpers that are going to come out of your mouth... I can't wait." My fake mother gloated.

"Mother told me that once you turned 18 I could have you.

You got away once but never again. Don't you want to please me?" Dennis teased as I felt his hand graze my back forcing me to put more speed into my run.

"Your real parents didn't want you. It was all a lie that they lost you. They ran you off and I took you when. I took care of you and this is the thanks that I get. And your brother.

What's your time to die!" My fake mother roared as her steps closer and closer.

"Step! Stop! I didn't do it. This is a dream, it's a nightmare!" I screamed already hearing the breaking in my voice for my throat wanting to give out. The fear pushing my heart and heart I thought it was going to shove its way out of my chest. [SEARCH THE WEBSITE TO ACCESS CHAPTERS OF NOVELS EARLY AND IN THE HIGHEST QUALITY.](#)

"You may have killed our bodies but haunting you in your nightmares is the next best thing." Fake mother laughed from behind before going silent.

I looked back to find she was gone. Crap. I turned my head back in time to catch the end of her whip hitting my cheek sending that all too familiar pain through my body.

Covering my cheek with my hand I ran around her keeping my eye on the whip rather than her.

"This isn't real." I shouted pulling my hand back and seeing real blood on my hand. "It's a nightmare and it is time to wake up! Moonlight! Cinder! Help!"

'Gemma.' A quiet voice spoke. 'Gemma, it's Cinder.

Everything is going to be ok.

'Cinder! Help me please!' I yelled louder than I had before hoping I didn't break her ear drum in the process. 'I can't wake up. And I can feel pain in this nightmare. I can't go through it again. Please.'

"You can't get away from us so easy. You are on our time now." Dennis growled grabbing me around the middle and throwing me backwards. I landed hard rolling over until I stopped thudding against a pole

Germa remember this isn't real. Focus on reality.' Cinder pleaded as I looked up seeing that it wasn't just a pole. It was the pole they used to tie me to in the basement." Breathe. Focus, Gemma! Focus!!

"Mom, she is ready for us. You first. Watching her bleed makes me feel all tingly inside." Dennis grabbed my hair pulling me up and against the pole

"Goody." Fake mom laughed locking my arms in place before they both walked to stand in front of me. "I have so missed these moments."

"Cinder! Please! This can't be real. It feels so real. The metal is so cold, the anxiety pushing for my lungs to stop. I need help." My yelling turned to mumbles as blackness took over my vision and I worked on pulling myself back into my happy place within my mind. 'You can do it, Gemma. Focus on your mates. The twins play fighting in the living room while Duncan gives you a foot rub. Cinder pushed the memories forward. I could also feel her strength leaving so I knew I would be alone again soon so I had to focus on only her no matter what. Think of the girl nights you have had with your sister and Cherry especially the ones that ended in popcorn fights or three am ice cream sundaes!

Slowly each face made their way into the memories along with my feelings toward them. The love, the trust, the safety started in as my sister and Cherry were giving me

*s**t about having three pain in the ass mates. Britt swearing off her mate until she was fully trained and independent but Cherry and I calling bull hockey sticks.

Focus on your mates. They are around you right now trying to get you to wake up. Cinder shouted pushing their voices for me to be heard. They can feel your fear, anger, sadness.

Listen to them and follow their voices back!

"I can't." I whined as the whip hit my chest. I screamed but held my eyes closed.

'Do it now!'

"Don't stop talking to us now, sweetie. We like the noises you make." Fake mother laughed sending the whip against my stomach.

I ignored her and Dennis as I did as Cinder said. I focused on my mates, their voices, their scents until I could finally hear them freaking out around me. They were telling me to wake up already and that they needed me. Duncan was yelling at the doctor in between kissing me and demanding I wake up to save the damn doctor. Lucas was threatening to bring me back to life just to punish me later on if I didn't wake up now and that he needed me. Leo was praying for me to the Goddess in between swearing he would let the war happen and not lift a finger.

'Go to them. Cinder whispered as the last of her strength left her.

I did as I was told and followed their voices ignoring the ones in my nightmare until I felt my body back in reality along with my mind and everyone around me. I slowly opened my eyes tears streaming down my face and threw myself at my mates. "No... More... sleeping... pills." I shouted dropping into a sob.

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I've had a couple nightmares since staying with this pack and the safest I have felt during them is in the back corner of my closet with the guys either protecting the door or with me in the corner. There was enough items in there I could surround myself with blankets, pillows, and piles of clothes if need be to keep me safe and warm. When the doctors finally released me this was the first place I went. It was already set up how I liked it and when I looked back at the guys Leo nodded. He always did know how I like things set up. Duncan went to make me some dinner Lucas set guard at the door. Leo waved as he left to deal with a few things with the pack.

I knew there was no reason for a guard at the door there was nothing out there that was actually going to get me right now that didn't change my fear reaction. When I close my eyes even just for the briefest of moments I could feel those walls made of absolutely nothing closing in on me.

The guys all wanted to hug me and love on me but every time they did I could feel Dennis's hands on me and it would send me into a spiral. I know that it was just the dream world and that it wasn't real but he touched me. He had done it before but I guess it didn't register. Now all I could think about is how he would've dream raped me if

that was even a thing. My fake mother would've stood by and let it happen because she would've already got her enjoyment of whipping me until I didn't have barely any blood left. I knew how I was acting irrational including brattiness and the fear of not them but anyone. My dad was still here and he had tried to come back with us but had a small freak out in the hospital. How embarrassing was it for the Luna who was still proving herself to her pack to have a breakdown like that? He was now sitting with Britt who still recovering but doing great. I didn't have any marks left on me so physically I healed by the time in making it back to the hospital which was amazing because I ran into several big branches. Betty and Britt weren't as lucky.

They finally told me about Betty and she was worse off than my sister but it wasn't because she was attacked. She freaked out after she was taken and as the spell blinded men were taking her into the woods she started kicking and scratching and freaking out which cause her to get hurt more as she ran her head into the trees and branches and they had to fight hold onto you so they ended up hurting her. All of them had been commanded by an alpha strong enough to break the spell and were feeling really crappy. It wasn't their fault and I hope that one day they can understand that.

'Gemma, do you think we'll ever see Sabine again?' Moonlight asked lounging around in my head.

I hope not. No, she was doing what she thought was right but the way she went about it was half wrong. The lie detector test was very informing and it didn't hurt anyone except maybe their pride. laughed at the memory of one of the guys confessing to like wearing girls undres.

I know and it sucks that everyone got hurt but I feel like we realized our potential with everything and after the few injuries we had healed we were reminded that we were one of the fastest healing wolves ever. It's just been hard to heal so fast with just everything ends getting better after malnutrition and such. Moonlight shrugged like it was nothing that we both knew different.

"Baby doll, I love you and I just want you to feel better." Lucas said keeping his eyes forward from his position at the door. "What do you think about Chinese food?"

"It's late and is one of the only places open is an?" I teased already feeling almost back to normal. "And you know that I love Chinese, but I want a bite of anything and everything with it. And I thought Duncan was making me some food?"

Lucas laughed barely containing himself. "Duncan tried to make us dinner but this new recipe that he wanted to do was a bit more sophisticated than he could handle. Don't you smell something burning?"

I was focusing on my feelings and finding ways to help them feel better. I sniffed the air instantly wishing I hadn't.

It was a mix of burnt cheese and overcooked broccoli. Poor Duncan down there trying to make me something special when all I needed him to do was be him.

"Chinese sounds great. I appreciate that you are here and are helpful. If you could order the food and send Duncan up that would be great." I smiled at him doing my best to show my face above my pile. "I think in just a little bit I'll be able to come out of here and then we can all cuddle in the big bed. But if you try to Dutch oven me again I'm on knock you right in your junk." Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Lucas just laughed and said he didn't make any promises before heading out. Now if I could just prove to the pack that I knew everyone and that we were going to win this war so that we can live in peace again. I also had to convince myself the same things. I could totally do this.

We will get over this and we will be much stronger because of it now let's get Duncan in here with us. I bet I would feel even safer with his big strong arms around me and his big fat-Moonlight groaned in delight.

'Moonlight! Stop that. Geez! I rolled my eyes at her horny self.

You know you will agree! She pushed a memory of him going down on us.

I nodded as my reply because Duncan had arrived.

"Duncan, please join me! I need a cuddle buddy and you are the perfect fit." I winked at him as he crawled his tall a*s into my space.

"I am here to please you." He smacked my butt moving me forward before becoming my big spoon.

I had lots of plans but not until tomorrow. Instead I just fell asleep in his arms.

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I expect to keep your eyes glued every single one of these girls and your beta." Lucas growled at the four warriors he was sending with us.

The girls and I were just standing waiting for the guys to have their scary talks with everyone going with us. Cass is having a talk with Leo and Duncan about how he got invited and he better not lose track of me. I wanted to yell and scream that we are perfectly fine. I wanted to smack some sense into them letting them know that I am an

alpha and I can kick some a*s but cherry shook her head. She told me I have to let the guys do this because it makes them feel better knowing that I am going somewhere without them safely. "Okay that's enough. Lucas, Leo, Duncan I need to tell you all something." Cass looked at them before looking at me. I nodded letting him know that everything was going to be okay.

"I just have a little bit more threats to scare the living daylights out of these guys so is it important?" Lucas asked looking annoyed.

"Lucas! Stop it. I need them to be at their best not pissing their pants because they're scared I'll break a nail." I huffed motioning for him to come over to me. "Cass said he has something to say so zip it and listen please."

Cass took a deep breath. "The reason I am invited is because I have one huge thing In common with these girls.

I am gay." He gave a forced smile and braced himself

Eve yone was silent. I wanted to yell from the rooftops for someone to speak and to accept it. He can be whoever he wants as long as he is happy and with us.

"We know" Lucas stated looking confused as to why this was such an important statement. "We figured you wouldn't know until you found your mate but with how you acted about being with girls and how you were always checking out Duncan's a's totally new." "Did you find your mate though? Because if you found your mate and didn't tell us were going to have to wrestle and I'm gonna win. I only do tops." Leo teased giving Cass a soft slug in the arm.

"You knew. Did you know Duncan?" Cass looked shocked.

Duncan grinned and nodded.

"They all knew Cass. I had a bet your mate was going to be another pack and be the most handsome man alive so if you did find him I need to see a picture." Allie shouted as her and Draco came running up with my nephew. "Sorry everyone. Gemma, your nephew decided to poop his pants as we were walking out the door and your brother has a gag reflex to poop apparently."

"Of course he does. He can deal with blood and guts and all sorts of other things we handle but the poop of his own son is what tips him over the edge. Okay." I rolled my eyes and gave my nephew a big kiss. "Let's go guys. We only have so much time to spend so much money." I was "kidding and they all knew it.

All three of my mates started telling me I better spend money on myself and to only pick things that make me happy. They didn't care if they came home to me having bought bright pink curtains for every room in the house and a unicorn bed set for our bed. They

wanted me to be happy and comfortable. After everything we've been through, I deserved it. They also mentioned that I better eat my three meals of the day if I wasn't going to back in time for dinner with them because they noticed I was losing weight again. I hadn't even noticed that. These boys need something to keep them busy.

"I can see you wanting to punch them sister. I have something that will keep them busy and it's this baby boy right here." Allie had handed off their kiddo to Draco. "Your mates are going to help me watch this boy right here so fingers crossed we make it out alive. I called dibs on no poopy diapers."

My mates looked scared and it sent me into belly shaking laughter with the girls following behind. I just gave everyone that was staying a quick hug and we left. The four warriors that were going with us some of the top warriors and they seemed scared to even go with us. Cherry and Cass had a talk with them to relax a bit because them being uptight and stressed with send all of us being uptightand stressed

"Okay Cass show us the pictures. I want to put my two eyes, on this hottie of yours." Olivia winked at him.

They seem to have gotten close since she had joined the pack which made me happy. With all of her issues I was worried that she wasn't going to thrive here she looked amazing.

Cass pulled his phone out and pulled up a picture of his almost Viking looking mate. He had a strong brow line with light brown long hair that was put up in several braids and designs. He was shirtless with an eight pack causing Britt to give Cass a high five. I was screwed when she started thinking more about boys. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"What's his name?" Lydia asked quietly.

"His name is Nolan and thank you for asking the question that didn't relate to his looks." Cass smiled at Lydia which turned her cheeks bright red.

Cass continued to show us more pictures on the way to the mall. Even the warriors got to take a look at him and told him that by male standards he seemed decent. That sent us into another fit of giggles. The mall was going to be lots of fun with these girls. Now just to convince Cherry that I did not need matching lingerie for every day of the month.

'Can you hear me?' I linked my mates as the others discussed where we eating first. I didn't care either way.

'Yes.' They all replied.

I just wanted to say thank you for accepting me and all my drama. You are all amazing and I am lucky to have you.' Moonlight agreed.

We love you and we can discuss this later tonight! Leo replied.

'Naked.' Lucas added.

'Focus on your girls' day. Love you.' Duncan said happily.

'Yes, daddy. I smirked feeling all their lust filled growls. Tonight was going to be awesome.

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The mall was actually more fun than I had imagined it to be. After hearing all those prissy girls in my former pack talk about the mall I thought it was just there so that you could meet cute guys and buy these really ugly outfits.

They always wore sparkly pink skintight outfits that showed everything wrong with their flat asses and no titty bodies. Shaming them was not a fun pastime but they started it. They always talked about how skinny I was and I didn't eat because I thought it made you look sexier. The fact I didn't eat was because of their crap pack leaders and my delusional fake parents.

"Okay so we've had food, we got Gemma her first Boba Tea, and we have hit a few different stores without her buying anything." Britt looked at me knowingly. "I am under strict orders for you to go home with several bags with things for you, that were bought by you, and picked by you. You need to get your head in the game is this."

"Fine. I'm just letting you know that I'm not going to be happy about this." They rolled their eyes at me and shoved me in the next store.

By the time I looked up I was regretting agreeing to anything. Cherry had got her wish and I ended up in a lingerie store. It was some safe items that I tried to go for.

The girls cut me off saying some granny panties were not allowed until I purchased at least three sexy things.

"What about this one?" Olivia held up a bright blue push-up lace bra and wiggled her eyes at me. "It even comes with a matching thong. I bet the guys would like this one."

*You know I think they would like these edible underwear and bra sets. They come in ten different flavors." Cherry teased as my eyes widened.

"It brings a whole new light when they see their eating a snack." Allie whistled at me.

I felt my cheeks get hot and I knew they were red. Why did I let them bring me here? Why did I suggest a girl's day?

Cass had voted to stay outside with one of the warriors and send the other two in with us. The two that were with us were bright red in the face and you could see how nervous they were. Every time one of the girls held up something for me and teased me they couldn't even look at us. I felt so bad when I knew the girls were doing it just so that the warriors would get more embarrassed, but I figured it was good for them. One day would have a mate or daughter pull the same stunt.

I ended up picking out five different lingerie outfits to wear with the guys with Cherry adding a second set of each of them in a different color. So we ended up with a total of 10 but I made sure that I also got new panties that were of my choice that had no s*x appeal. They were comfy, had cute pictures on them, and covered my whole booty. I rushed the girls out after paying.

'Gemma, I smell something. I smell something bad!

Moonlight had stood up and I could feel her hackles rising.

"Someone bad is here. We need to go.

I trust you but how do you know? I don't want to panic anyone and send the warriors into a frenzy without completely understanding! I link her making sure she felt my trust in her.

I don't know how to explain it but the best way to is whatever we see an aura on someone who's lying to us and we just feel it in our bones. We could feel the wrongness or the dirty in it. That's the way this feels!

'Okay Moonlight keep your senses out by get everyone together to talk to them.'

I pulled everyone into huddle while I looked around seeing if we had anyone following us. They were all discussing what we were going at it next and where we were going to eat lunch. I hated to ruin the fun but I couldn't say that it was fine to be in danger because we were shopping.

"Guys need you to focus on me." My serious tone quieting them as their eyes focused on me. "Moonlight senses someone bad is here. She does not explain it but-

"She doesn't have to explain it. Her senses have always been right sis. How bad are we talking?" Britt stated honestly earning her a small smile. "We need to know I whether we need to blend into the crowd or if they've already locked onto us so we need to go as fast as possible."

I looked to my left and noticed two men not even looking to blend in staring at us. "I'm going to go with that second one sis."

Everyone turned and saw the men. The warriors were instantly on high alert doing their best to surround us. The guys watching us didn't move but I could see a smirk on their face like they thought we were scared of them. I wanted to rip them to pieces for ruining our day. "There's a side door in the opposite direction of those two."

"

We will stay as a group with Gemma and Lydia in the middle. "I want to argue but everyone shook their head. SEARCH THE website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Gemma they want you. Your old pack along with the packs that are siding with them will do everything in their power to take you out. Strategically it's their best move and it will help them win. Please just stay in the middle and we get outside and make it run for the vehicle." "Okay." I grabbed Lydia's hand and held tight.

Cass took the front with one of the warriors in the other three were behind us. We tried to blend in as much as possible but we are moving together like one of those big hamster balls I saw one of the kids in the pack have. We almost ran a few people over. If this wasn't such a dangerous situation I would've been laughing.

"s**t. Faster." Cass growled with us instantly doing as he ordered

I looked over to our right and saw two more men watching us. They had similar outfits to the other two in their field suggested that they were just normal humans. I wasn't close enough to smell the wolf on them by their auras I knew they weren't the good kind of wolves.

We rushed down the side core door doing our best to stay together. I could hear the four of those guys falling behind us but they were in a rush. It's like they weren't trying to get to us or scare us in the right direction. "Ca*s I don't think we should"

He slammed the doors open before I could finish my sentence leading us straight into eight wolves waiting for us. Four more came out of the door to the right of us with the original four bringing up the rear and slamming the doors behind us. We were surrounded. "I would leave if I were you. If you try to fight us you will lose and we won't be letting any of you live." Cass growled out.

One of the men chuckled with the others falling behind us.

It looks like we found out who the leader was and he looked stupider than the rest. With his posture reminding me of a gorilla with his hunched back and long arms just dangling to the side I could barely take him seriously.

"We have you outnumbered and more coming. Were not scared of you. Are we boys?" He chuckled with all of his men answering no.

"It's your death." Cass stated with a blank face.

"You give us Gemma and the rest of you can walk out of here alive. We wont kill her, promise." His smiled revealed his rotting teeth.

It finally clicked on who they were. 'Cass, they are rogues.' I know!

"Sorry but that won't be happening. Now get!" Cass pushed his power into his voice but since they were rogues for way too long it had no effect on them.

"Get em' boys. Make sure to leave Gemma breathing and able to walk."

The rogues attacked, forcing everyone to move farther apart. I kept Lydia with me pulling her closer and hugging her tightly to me. I could feel her fear and could hear her wolf talking with Moonlight. Seems like she wants to fight but Moonlight told her no. She wasn't ready and couldn't chance someone seeing her shift so young. Everyone was fighting and some of us were taking on two.

No one had let a wolf passed them so they couldn't get to us. Britt was the closest to me which I was thankful for.

When the wolf she was fighting rolled toward us I kicked him so he couldn't get up giving Britt the chance to finish him off.

"Thanks for the assist." I nodded

I felt two sharp tugs in my heart sending my focus on everyone around us seeing two of our warriors down.

Listening closely they weren't breathing. They were dead.

"Britt, hold onto Lydia." I snarled at two wolves came closer.

Thanded her off and ran at the two.

I dodged running into Lindy and came at them from the side. I leapt at them knocking them to the ground. I got up on my knees punching thorough one of their throats killing him before focusing on the other one. "Big mistake." I growled choking him.

"I have...info..."

I let go and punched him knocking him out. I didn't want to tell him he only delayed his death or hear what he had to say here. I looked up seeing all the rogues dead except for my blabber mouth and the leader. "Cass kill him I have the one we need."

He did as I asked and ran at the leader ripping his heart out.

***** rogues.

"Your mates are gonna be so pissed. We are so never going anywhere without them again, are we?" Olivia groaned when I nodded. I was ok with that.

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Olivia was right about my mates being pissed. I had to step in between them and the warriors that were still alive after the fight. They wouldn't even listen to Cass until I threatened to leave without them. Lucas swore he wouldn't allow it but when I hopped into the car with the girl's head back home he changed his mind. "Fine. Just stay close by to help my wolf calm down and I will do my best not to punch anyone's lights out." Lucas growled pulling me out of the car and up against his side. "Now let's have a nice chat with the warriors I sent with you." "Nope." I made sure to pop that p nice and hard. "Two of their friends died in front of them while fighting to keep us safe. They should be able to go home and recover before you start in. You have another fish to fry anyway."

"Yea and what's that?" Lucas looked at me like I was annoying him. "What other fish do we have to fry? The only thing going on in my head is that my mate was attacked on her first trip with her friends to the mall and you barely scraped by." Thad to take a deep breath and refrain myself from punching him in the nose. "I love you and you're my mate.

But if you ever exaggerate about something like this again I will break your nose. We kicked ass and only left one survivor. We did that on purpose so get your happy ass in the vehicle so we can take him back to the pack and get some answers." "Gemma he is just scared and he is mad at himself for letting this happen." Leo defended his brother but stopped when I shook my head

"We will discuss this later. I want the bodies of the two dead guards taken back to the pack and I am personally going to speak with their families." I pointed at a group of warriors that came with my mates. "I think you guys can handle that while I ride back with my mates and have a talk with them. Any of the other warriors that are here can take care of these bodies. Cass you think you can handle that?"

He nodded and gave me a hug before giving out orders. We had blocked off this area and done our best to keep prying eyes away. We didn't leave the bodies lying around while we waited for the rest of them to join us so they were under a few vehicles with a few in the dumpster and a few other places.

It wasn't long before we are all in the vehicle with the prisoner in between Lucas and Leo in the backseat.

Duncan was driving even though he had preferred if I drove.

I had to remind them that no one had taught me how to drive yet. I also had to tell them that one of if not all of them told me they would teach me to drive among other things but things like s*x keeps getting in our way of doing anything else. That made them laugh.

"I'm sorry that I exaggerated about you guys almost getting your butt whipped. Two of our pack are dead and I see the bruise forming on your cheek both of which makes me feel like a failure." Lucas admitted making sure to keep his face toward the window The prisoner laughed earning him glares from everyone but me in the car. "Everyone did great on your side. When the Luna stepped in, she ended the fight. I thought I was dead meat."

"No one said you could talk. Zip it or I'll rip your tongue out.

"Leo growled surprising the crap out of me.

"We need him to have his tongue for now. Save your strength. He may be chatting now but once we get him in a cell he may clam up." Duncan growled speeding the car up. [SEARCH THE website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"I won't. I will tell you whatever you want to know and I will be honest. I only took this gig for the money and it was not worth it."

Lucas elbowed him in the face knocking him back out. "He talks too dang much."

We drove the rest of the way to the pack house in silence. I knew they were just pouting and upset that they weren't there to protect me but they had to know that's what I was training for. I was no longer that weak girl who got the crap beat out of her and who let everyone walk all over her. I was facing off against some of the top warriors in the pack when I went to practice. I was out running most of the wolves in the training session shifted or in human form.

Moonlight was stronger than ever. I knew they were always going to worry about me because it was just ingrained in them but sometimes I just wish they trusted me more. It I had needed their help I would've called for them or found a way to get more help. "You

guys do your torture and answer thing while go meet with the families." I stated as we all got out of the car.

Duncan went to say something but I cut him off. "They were with me to guard me while we went on a shopping trip. They deserve to know how they fought and how they died. They deserve to tell me about them and cry with me. I am the luna of this pack which means I take care of this pack emotionally, mentally, and so much more. Let me do my job." And I left.

Several of the pack were getting things ready for the burial ceremony. I could hear wailing over by the bodies before I saw the families and friends surrounding them. I needed to hold myself together for them. I would fall apart back at home.

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