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As Lily ventured beyond the castle grounds, the desire for freedom compelled her to explore. Tiffany had chosen a spa day, leaving Lily with the itch to get out and wander. She couldn't sit still to read and she didn't want to play any more videogames.

'Why can't this day move faster?' Lily thought as she stomped through the snow. 'Freaking out about is not going to make this any easier. Be calm,' Dina

answered, noting her restlessness. 'Ethan promised to update us when Debra arrives. You just have to wait.' "I know, I know, I just can't stop thinking about what we should ask her," Lily

groaned in frustration.

Dina's suggested, 'Let's run this energy out. You can't think if you're running.' Lily started jogging, her pace quickening as the wind whipped through her hair.

She continued until her body protested, and she slowed to a stop. At that moment, she sensed a familiar presence. As she turned, she was met by the sight of Garrett standing before her. Her guard

went up immediately, her eyes narrowing suspiciously. Lily's greeting was

replaced by a direct accusation, "If you're here, then Luna Debra must be here

too." Garrett's demeanor reflected a mix of acknowledgment and tension, his words sincere yet strained, "You are still upset." He wasn't surprised that she was still upset. Garrett had hoped that she was a little more happy to see him.

"I know, and I am sorry," Garrett's admission filled with remorse. "You're not sorry. You just regret me finding out. Did you have fun playing with

Garrett's frustration surged, a defensive tone underlining his words, "I am

'She is,' Berric said, 'She is hurt. Dina is more forgiving but still hurt.'

"Why shouldn't I be upset with you? You lied to me," Lily snapped.

me? You're just like your brother," Lily retorted bitterly.

should have trusted me! Was everything a lie?"

nothing like my brother. Of all people, I understand what you went through, and you should understand how I feel about the situation." Lily's voice wavered between hurt and resentment, "I do understand, and you

"How could I even believe that? You refused to mark me, even after I was

"No, I care about you. I meant everything I said," Garrett confirmed. $www.n_{e}ve\ell wo R(m).c_{0}m$

experienced." "Lily, I..."

vulnerable with you. I allowed you to do things I have never done or

caught Lily's wrist, preventing her from leaving.

"Garrett, let go," Lily's voice mixed irritation and vulnerability. She tugged at her wrist, attempting to free herself from his hold.wWw.novElWôrm.C(o)m

He hesitated momentarily, his gaze searching hers before his fingers reluctantly

"I can't do this," Lily responded as she attempted to walk away from him. Garrett

released her wrist. "We really need to talk this through," he said, his voice low and urgent. Lily crossed her arms, her expression guarded. "There's nothing to talk about." "Look, I know I messed up," Garrett admitted, his tone laced with regret. "I

Lily's eyes held a mixture of anger and hurt. "You lied to me, Garrett. About who you were, about everything."

He took a step closer, his hands open in a gesture of sincerity. "I know, and I'm

should have been honest with you from the beginning."

sorry. I never meant for it to go this far."

how exactly do you plan to do that?"

to show you."

reassured.

"Sorry doesn't change anything. It doesn't change the fact that you betrayed my trust."

excuses. I want to make things right if you'll let me." Lily's gaze remained guarded, but a flicker of curiosity shone in her eyes. "And

Garrett's jaw tightened, his expression determined. "I'm not here to make

He took a deep breath, his eyes never leaving hers. "By showing you who I really am. By being honest, starting from now."

"Actions speak louder than words, Garrett."₩ww.ñOvelwOrM.C(o)m He nodded, understanding the weight of her words. "I know. That's why I want

'Have him prove it. Prove that he is worthy of us,' Dina suggested, and Lily

Her skepticism was evident, but her expression showed a hint of consideration.

worthy of my attention and time." A determined glint entered Garrett's eyes. Berric howled in excitement. 'She wants us a display of power. Force her into submission,' Berric responded. 'She

doesn't want that. She can't possibly want that,' Garrett said. 'Trust me,' Berric

smirked, liking the idea. "Prove it, then. Show me," Lily said. "Show me you are

"Alright. Let's spar," Garrett said. Surprised, Lily asked, "Spar? You want to fight?" He nodded, a faint smile tugging at his lips. "You want me to show how I am worthy. This is the perfect way."

With unspoken understanding, they moved into a ready stance, their eyes locked in a silent challenge.www.noVèℓWo(r)m.COM As they sparred, the clash of their movements echoed through the crisp air. Lily's

speed and agility proved impressive; her strikes were calculated and precise.

The tension between them began to shift, replaced by a different kind of energy.

Her lips curved into a smirk. "I wouldn't expect anything less."

Garrett found himself genuinely impressed by her skill and determination. But experience and strength eventually won out. Garrett managed to disarm Lily with a deft move, his arms pinning hers above her head as he walked them back

into a tree. Their breaths mingled as they were nose to nose. He met her gaze, a

Lily's response was to close the gap between them, her lips meeting his in a

silent question in his eyes.

fierce and passionate kiss. Their bodies tumbled backward, the snow cushioning their fall. They rolled around, while they fought for dominance. Garrett growled locking Lily in place, holding her in place as he nipped down her neck, but Lily grabbed him by his crotch earning a gasp from him. When did Lily get this forward? Before he could act, Lily leaned forward

slamming her lips against his against as she deepened the kiss.

Moments later, their lips finally parted, their breaths heavy. Lily looked up at Garrett, a mischievous glint in her eyes. "You know," she said, a playful smile on her lips and pushed Garrett off her, so she could stand, "I expect to see you in my room in five minutes."