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There was an uproar amongst the wolf pack. 1

Some saying the judgement was wrong, while some said that the judgement was as rightly given.

"Silence." The King announced. "I will hear not one more word about this issue. What I have decreed is what will be whether you like it or not. We shall see the outcome of his actions and hope that that would set his heart at ease and put his quest for hunger to rest." 1

"And what about this girl my lord?" Someone asked. "Was it really true that he gave up his own first daughter to purposely suffer under the hands of Xaden to save his second daughter."

There was another murmur amongst the crowd.

"Now what says you maester." The king called out to his maester.

The maester looked from the king to the other men awaiting his response and said.

"The message that I received was that Bale had a daughter in secret with a mere slave. She

gave birth to a girl before the Luna Maria ever conceived." The maester. "Bale is said to be not quite fond of the girl and she was left to be forgotten in the pack for a while. This is the only bastard of his that we are aware of." 1

The King sighed and rubbed his chin. "And the mother of the child?" 1

"Died after childbirth. It seems that the lady Maria was very jealous and took the opportunity to lock the slave in a cell when Bale went away. She went into hard labor and gave birth to the daughter who we now know as Jasmine. The birth was very premature and the baby should have died. She was born at seven months, especially with the fact that its mother was dead." 1

"But the baby defied all odds and survived." The Maester said. 2

Then the court doors were opened and cherry came inside with her heels clicking right behind her. 1

"Hello boys." She said winking at them and walking up to where the royal seats were.

"Cherry." The King said in annoyance. "We are having a very serious and important meeting. You should not be here."

"Do I have to remind you that what you are sitting on was supposed to be my seat?" She asked him directly.

The King was dumbfounded.

She went up to the seat directly beside the king and sat down.

That was the seat for the Queen who was unwell to take her place.

"I beg your majesty but sitting on the throne of the Queen is forbidden by our laws." The maester said in horror:

Cherry waved her hand off. "Do not be such a drag. It was my sister who told me to sit on this very seat and take over things on her behalf." 3

She winked at him and said. "And moreover, sitting on the throne won't kill anything. It is not like I am taking the throne for myself. And if the gods have an issue they should come down themselves and take over." 1

They all went quiet.

Even the King said nothing.

She looked at everyone and said. "Come on, carry on with the conversation. It is not like I said anything to disturb the conversation. Carry on please."

The maester still did not speak until the King cleared his throat.

"And does anyone know anything at all about the mother? Where she came from? Who is she?" The King asked. 1

There was a silence in the room.

The maester shook his head. "No your majesty. There is no news about that. We only know that she was born by a slave. Nothing is known much about her."

Cherry became alert. "And who is this she, we are talking about?"

"It is Alpha Bale's daughter. Apparently the one who was sent as his daughter was not the one he wanted." Alpha Blake said.

Alpha of the dead walkers pack.

Cherry's face tightened but managed to suppress her emotions.

"This is news. And how did Xaden take it?" She asked.

"Not well of course." The maester said. "She was planted as a spy and Bale broke the was of the accord. The King has given Xaden the free will to choose his judgement."

Cherry turned to look at the King.

"That is a rash decision to make." Cherry said. "You should have also debated this with the Queen."

"This is the best decision either me or the Queen could have made." He replied to her. "Xaden has been put through more than enough and when I say that I truly hope that this will end his pain. I am sure the Queen would have made the exact same decision . She has never liked Bale for one. And moreover you are not the best person to decide on this matter considering your past history."

She said nothing and they all looked at her with curious eyes as to what the King meant.

Then the Maester brought down the letter that had been written by one of the king's men in arms.

The letter now contained the King giving right to Xaden to execute his free will in judgement of Alpha Bale.

The maester took the letter to him open where it was waiting for the King to place his ring on it.

The King pressed his ring which held his seal and marked the letter.

There was nothing anyone could do to deter him or change his new order.

"Send the letter to all houses." He instructed "And also send the letter to the Moonlight pack. They will know my decision on this matter." 2

"I still belive that other matters should have been taken into caution." Cherry said. "Perhaps consulting with all the other pack houses. This is a matter that will affect us all. How sure are we that letting Xaden free like a mad dog on Bale will not destroy us all? 1

"If Bale could give up his own daughter for another daughter, then he deserves hell." The King said leaning back into his throne. 3

"This meeting is over."

The members of wolves turned around and went on their way discussing about what had happened when the king used the opportunity to give cherry a clear cut warning. 1

"Now listen to me and listen good." He said to her. "Never ever will you make the mistake of interfering in such matters. You are not the ruling Queen and I will not take such disrespect every again do you understand me?"

Cherry glared at him. "Relax. Why are you so all into your feelings? And moreover it was your queen who asked me to come."

He was going to ignore her and hope that she left him alone when she pestered him.

"And also Roland you should have made more investigations and asked for more counsel before making that decision about Xaden. He is dangerous and you could have possibly just signed our death threats." 1

"You are the reason why we are in this mess in the first place." He spat in rage at her.

"And that is why I am here." She said with an evil smile. "To make up all my bad manners. I am here for a change and I am here to do everything right this time." 1

His face fell sour. "So you really want to do everything right this time yes?"

She j nodded. "Of course."

"Then if you are sure that that is what you want, then I advise you to pack your things and leave us." He said. 2

She laughed at him. "And go where? Roland this is my home. everything here belonged to me. I am not moving an inch. I belong here." 1

He shook his head. "I womder what your sister sees in you." 1

"She loves me." Cherry stated clearly. 1

"And you?" He rose a brow. "Do you love her?"

"In my own way." She said with an evil smile. 1

"Very soon I will order for you to send you packing and there is nothing that your sister will do to save you. She is better off with you." He said. 1

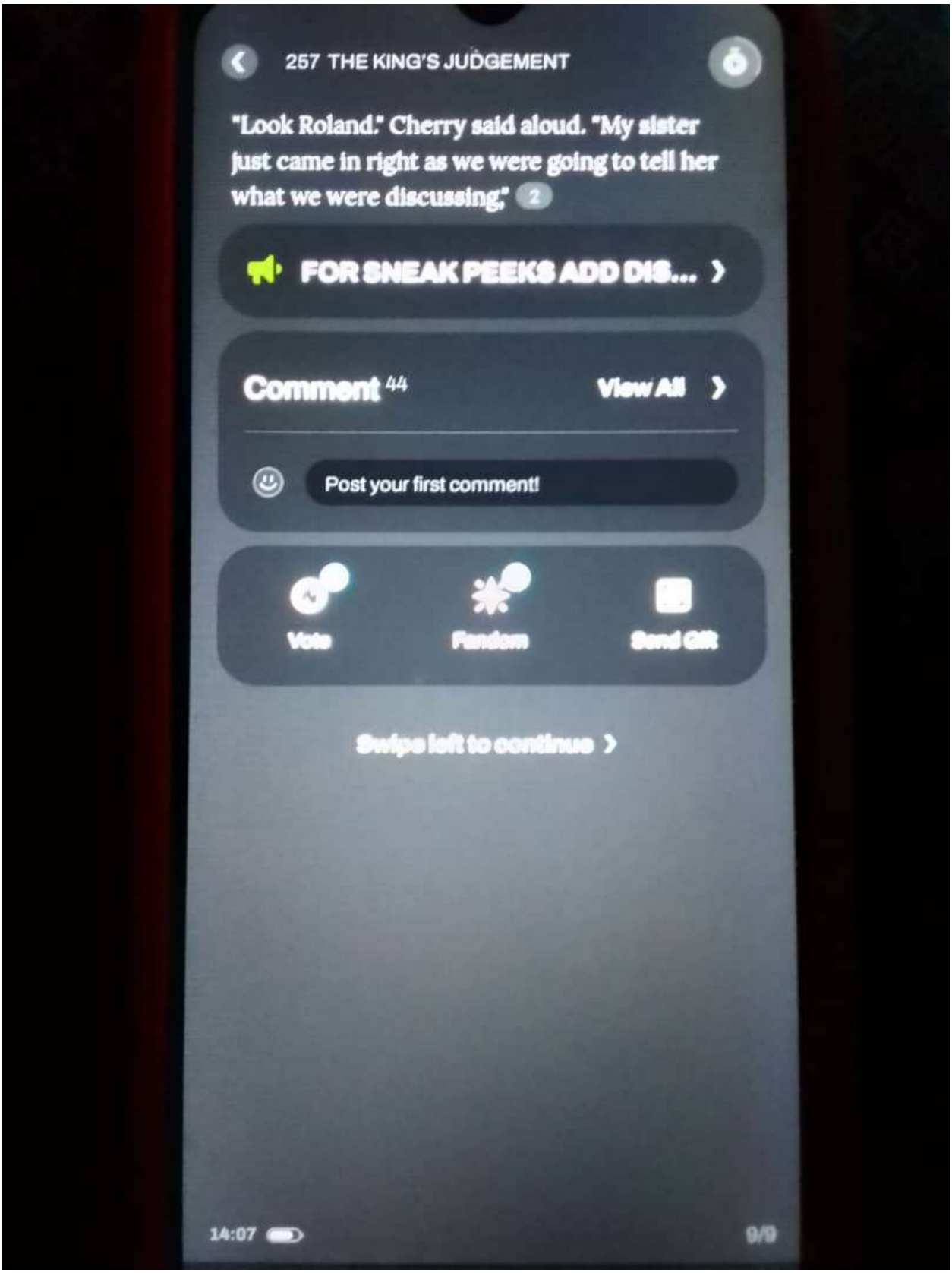
That seemed to make her upset as she turned to him in rage and said. "Now look here you. You of all people should not be acting like some kind of saint especially when you are guilty. Gods the gall of you to try to threaten me especially when I know what you are doing."

She gave off a mean laugh. "You are fucking the queen's sister right under her nose. Imagine what will happen when I tell her this?" 2

"You will not." He said. 1

"Watch and see." She said. "And it will not just be me going down. But you too. She will never forgive you. So you can imagine the games you are playing." 1

The doors were open and then Queen rose came inside. 2


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"Look Roland." Cherry said aloud. "My sister just came in right as we were going to tell her what we were discussing."
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