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"You separated your wolf from your body?" Xaden asked. "For her?" 1

Erik looked at him.

Disappointment written on his face. "Look at her Xaden. Now tell me if you or anyone sensible should leave her unprotected after what she has been through."

Xaden went quiet.

"I know that you are grieving and this is your way of showing it." Erik began. "But do not let that overcome you or blind you to-

Xaden rose his hands up cutting him right I'd sentence.

"I asked for her needs to be met and yet someone still disobeyed me. He will be dealt with." Xaden said. "But if you wish to stay with her till we make dock then so be it. But you will have her life in your hands. Anything that happens to her will be on you. Do you understand?" 2

Erik nodded. "I do."

Xaden stood tall like the Alpha that he was.

"I will see to it that the wolf who had disrespected me does not go unpunished." And without taking a look at her Xaden stepped up the ladder and went away. 2

Ned looked at Erik.

"Keep on working." Erik said giving the go ahead.

The healer nodded and resumed his work.

Erik took a seat and waited for her to come around.

His wolf remained sleeping at the foot of the bed.

And then about an hour later, he had no idea when he had fallen asleep.

He heard low whispers and then a feminine voice.

He slowly opened his eyes and saw that Ned seemed to be interacting with Jasmine.

She was finally awake.

"The pain will definitely persist but I assure you it will ease over time." Ned said to her.

"Jasmine?" Erik said peeking.

She looked up and when she saw him her eyes

lit up in delight.

"My lord." She said with a weak smile. "Do forgive me. I wish I could stand up and pay you your proper respects."

She had even started to get up when he stopped her quickly.

"No that will not necessary." He said. "Text back. How do you feel?" 4

"Exhausted." She said truthfully. "I can not remember what happened to me." 1

"You passed out." Ned said. "And the good lord Erik found you just in time to save you. A few minutes away from when I came to find you you would have been dead." 1

"You save me yet again. Thanks never seem to be enough." She said. "My life is forever indebted to yours." 1

"That can come later. All that matters is that you are fine." He said as Erik pulled a damp clothe over her forehead. "What do you remember? If anything at all." 1

She was quiet and seemed to be deep in thought and then she said.

"I do recall that day and night a young soldier

would open the door of my cell." She said finally. 1

"Did this wolf hurt you?" Erik said getting upset.

She shook her head. "No my lord. He just tossed food down the stairs. That was all he did."

Erik gritted his teeth in anger.

"By the Time I will go to see if I was able to eat any of the food, I will realize that it was already smothered to the floor. It was always porridge so you can imagine what good it was. I kept going daily to see if I could spare bits to eat until I finally gave up." She said. 1

"They fed you like a dog." He said. 1

She smiled weakly. "They see me as a dog. All of them and I do not understand why you do not." 3

Ned who has been quiet through their conversation cleared his throat and said.

"Well I belive that will be all for now." He said. "I will give you some potions to drink. It will help make you feel much better. Once you have eaten you will feel better than before I am certain." 1

She nodded. "Thank you very much."

He nodded and then he packed up his things inside his tiny box and rose up to his feet.

"That wil be all for now. I will make sure to

Drop by and check up on you early in the morning." He said. "You seem to be in very safe hands." 1

She managed a smile. "Yes I am."

And then Erik looked up at him. "Thank you Ned. I understand how inconvenient it was for you."

"No worries my lord." Ned said. 1

"You will not return back to your ship tonight. Rather you will spend the night here." Erik told him. 1

"Thank you my lord." Ned nodded. 1

And then Erik stood up and escorted him up the docks and led him where to sleep in a spare cabin. 1

After that Erik returned back to his own cabin where Jasmine was.

The Cook and his girl were already there serving the meal. 1

"My lord." The cook bowed.

Erik looked down at the delicacies prepared. "You are done with the meal". 1

"Yes my lord and I brought it all here jsut ask you asked." The cook said. 1

The girl stood beside him.

"You will eat a spoon of everything." Erik instructed. 1

Jasmine frowned and her brows crossed together in protest. 1

But the Cook was not offended.

"Ah of course my lord." He said.

And then he hurried and ate a spoon of the meals and

Then he remained standing.

When nothing happened Erik nodded to them.

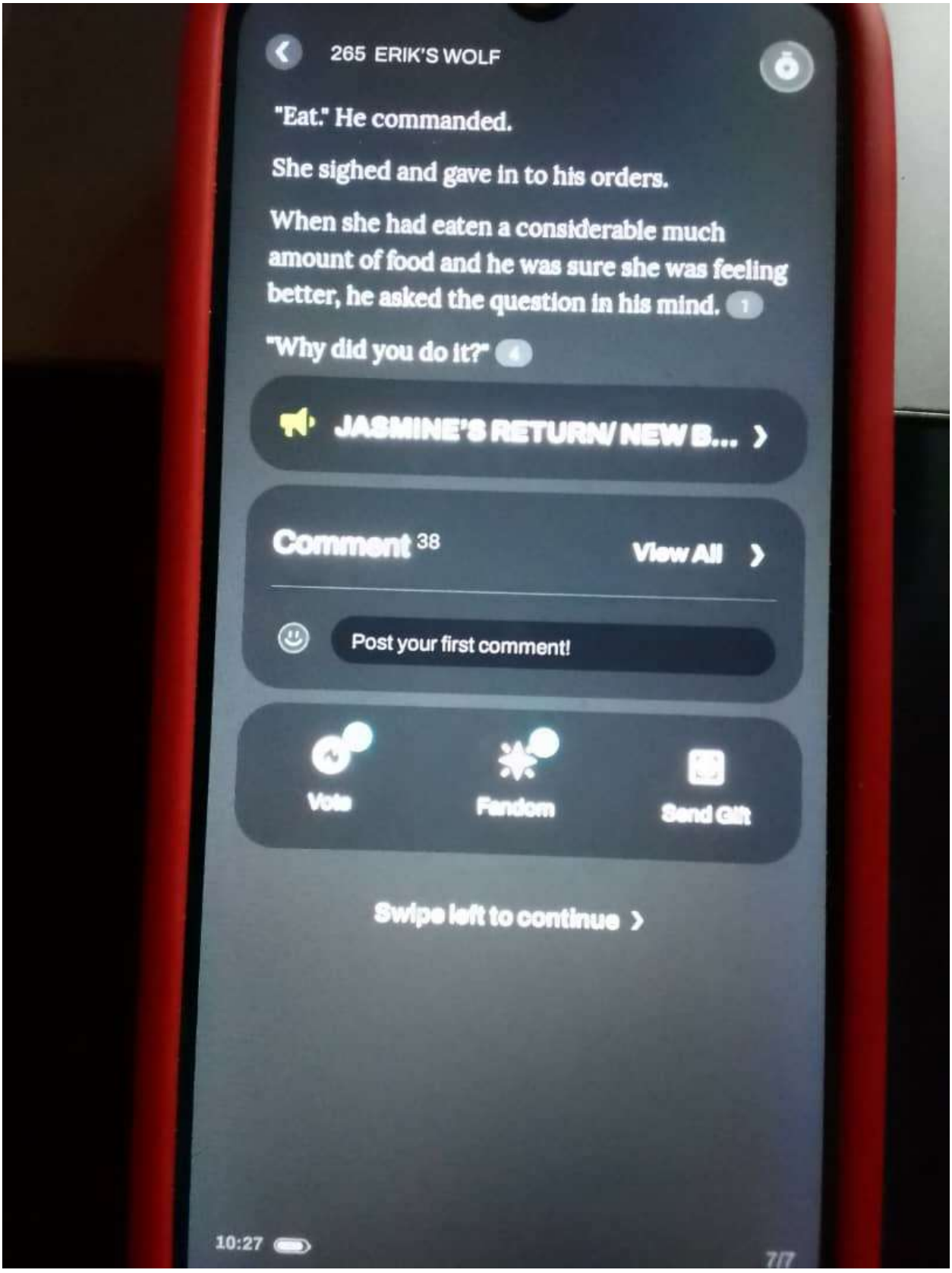
"Thank you." He said. "You may go now."

The cook and the girl hurried out of the cabin.

Erik sat down on the chair facing the large bed.

"Eat to your content." He said. "Your body needs every bit of meal you can take down."

"But this is more than enough. I could not possibly-she tried to protest.


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"Eat." He commanded.
She sighed and gave in to his orders.
When she had eaten a considerable much amount of food and he was sure she was feeling better, he asked the question in his mind. 1
"Why did you do it?" 4
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