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And then Xaden went off. 1

Erik turned back to Jasmine. "You best be on your way now."

She nodded.

"And don't come up unless I ask you to. Do you understand?" He asked her.

She nodded. "Yes."

He sighed and then she stopped short.

"What was it that you said about Xaden's sister's hair?" She asked him.

"Anna's hair? The loc of hair we have?"

She nodded. "Yes that. You said as if she were perhaps putting things in her hair."

"Yes." He nodded. "Some old magic. It would take down her true scent. Maybe it was being woven into her hair in some type of way." 1

Jasmine nodded and then Kire took her back down into the cabin.

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"I can not wait for all of this to end mother."
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Jessica said as her mother combed her hair.

She was seated inside her mother's bedroom on a small put plush stool while her mother sat down on a chair and brushed through her golden hair. 2

It was something that she remembered her mother always did every week since she was a child. 4

She would sit down and her mother would brush her very gently for up to twenty minutes. 1

Even after the moonlight pack had been taken siege, her mother still found a way to do it.

It was the only few times they had a chance of being together in secret.

"Very soon." Her mother assured her. "Your father is handling things my dear. Very soon we will be rid of them once and for all."

"And Jasmine?" She asked her mother. "What about her."

"That stupid stupid girl." Her mother said. "She was of no use. Your father sent her a message since and she has yet to respond. She is acting all precious because she is now far away."

"I told you mother." Jessica screwed her face

up. "Leaving our fate in the hands of that stupid girl is just nonsense! She is i competent! If it were to be me I will have delivered by now." 7

"I know my love." Luna Maria told her daughter as she gently brushed her hair. "But such a work is not fit for you."

"But mother she is living life swell! She is pretending to be me mother!" Jessica hissed. "Imagine that! Pretending to be me! I know that she is taking advantage of all my golds and jewels while I wear nothing but her ugly rags." 4

"Oh no love." Luna Maria said as she gently snapped her fingers at B the servant who was standing obediently.

The servant hurried and rushed through the drawers and brought out a small box.

Then she brought it to Luna Maria.

The servant opened it for her and gold dust lay inside.

"In due time my love." Luna Maria said as she fetched the gold dust and used it to brush through Jessica'a blonde hair.

Jessica peeked in. "What is that mother? Oh the gold dust." 3

"Yes gold dust." Her mother replied. "Only my darling daughter is fit to have gold dust in her hair." 4

Jessica smiled to herself in pride as her mother brushed the gold dust through her hair.

"Once this is all over we will get you someone better." Her mother said. "Someone worthy for you to marry than that absolute loser you were betrothed to."

"But mother my finance had been the nephew to the King. What could have been better than that?" Jessica asked still quite upset at losing the man she would have married. 1

Her mother pecked her cheek. "There will be much better prospects."

"What can be better than royal blood mother?" Jessica demanded like a spoilt brat.

Her mother sighed and then she glared at her servant.

Her servant was sworn to secrecy and would not dare speak about whatever she discussed.

"If I tell you this." Luna Maria started. "You swear to keep it to you and only you."

Jessica have a smirk. "Mother look at my life! I

have no friends anymore from the other high brow families and I simply stay and live with the dirty servants. Who do you think I will tell?"

Her mother nodded and said. "Good. But you give me your word."

She sighed annoyed. "Alright mother. I give you my word."

Her mother sighed and then turned around to look at her daughter.

"There are plans from some of the ruling pack families to usurp the throne." She said. 1

Jessica gasped in shock.

"Your father is trying his best with the alliance. He will not rule as King. But there are others who hate the royal family and wish to separate. The Queen is weak and there is another Queen ascending the throne. We deserve an Alpha Wolf. Not a Luna. So imagine you getting married to the next King once he takes over."

Jessica gasped in delight. "You do not mean it mother!"

"Of course I do." Her mother kissed her cheek and went on brushing her hair. "Anything for you my darling and what is better, being the wife of the nephew of the King. Than being

Queen yourself one day."

"Being Queen mother!" Jessica said loudly. 2

"Shhhh." Her mother shushed her. "Remember we have to keep these things to ourselves."

"Yes yes mother:" Jessica replied impatiently. "But when will all this happen?"

"It will take some time. We need to be patient and prayerful." Her mother said. "Do you understand this?"

Jessica sighed and gave in. "Yes mother."

Then her mother resumed brushing tneoygj her hair. 7

Her hair was blonde so it was easy for it to disappear into her hair. 2

Then hee mother wove her hair into a a very simple and single long braid. 1

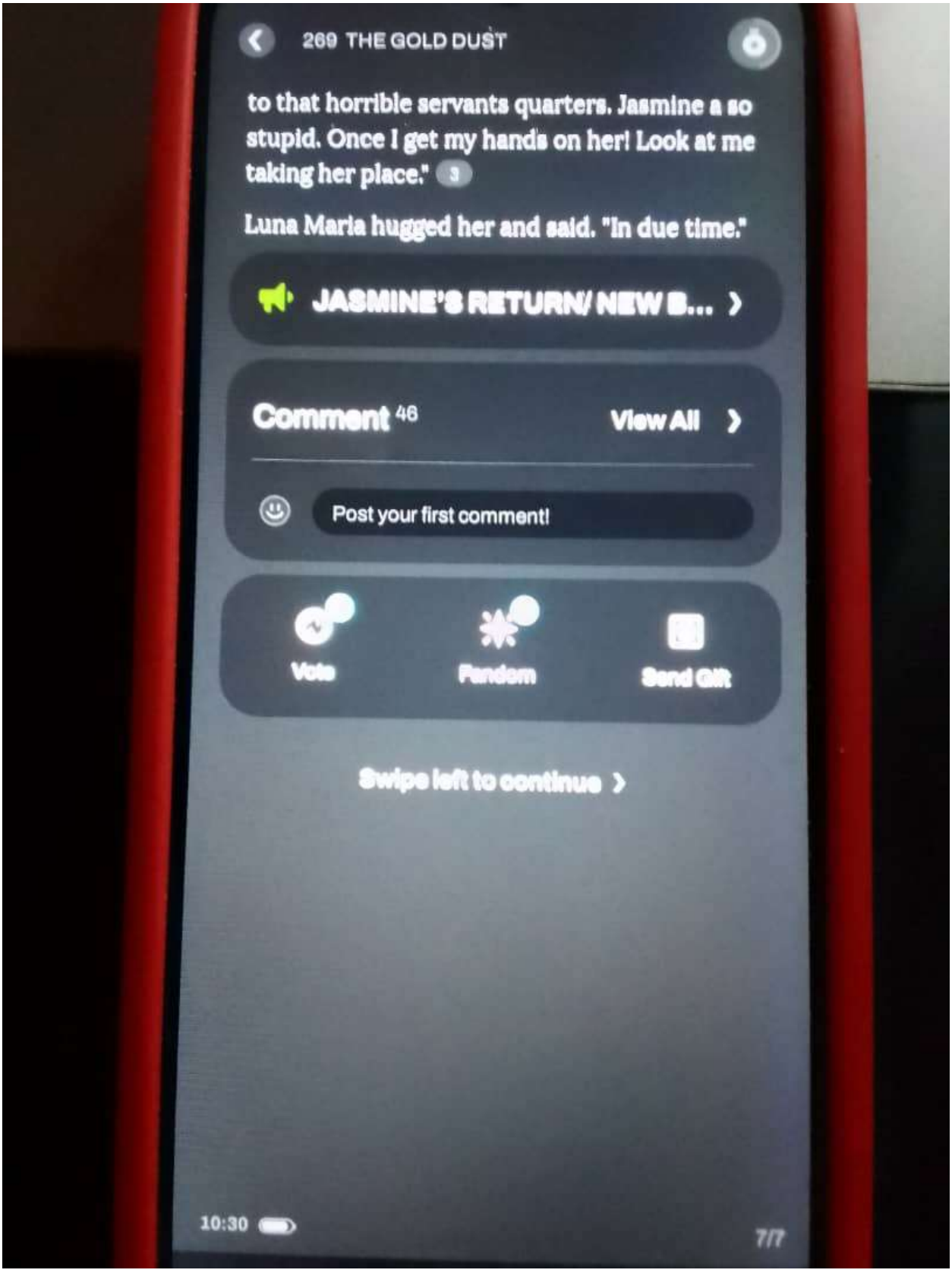
"There. Still looking like a princess. The further Queen." And her mother stretched and kissed her cheek.

"A Queen in rags." Jessica squeezed her face.

"A Queen nonetheless." Her mother said.

Jessica rose up to her feet.

"I wish I could stay with you. And not go back


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to that horrible servants quarters. Jasmine a so stupid. Once I get my hands on her! Look at me taking her place." 3
Luna Maria hugged her and said. "In due time."
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