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"I thought I lost you, Anna." He said once he let go and cupped her cheeks. 1

Jessica was still shocked and dazed.

She turned to Luna Maria.

"Mother is this true?" She asked her voice breaking. 1

"She is not your mother." Xaden sneered with hate at Luna Maria.

Luna Maria saw that she had been trapped in a corner and began to panic.

Finally, she let it out.

"Yes! I did it! Yes, I took her!" She said. "But I was the best mother she would have ever had! Your mother had everything! Everything! The perfect family! Husband! Two children! She had it all."

"I deserved it. Not her. She was a spoiled brat who had everything from the moment we were young. I always took her leftovers as her friend. But I was never given the love she had. And so yes! I took it! I took Jessica for myself because I

was the best mother she could have ever had." 1

Jessica began to cry at the revelation that sent chills through her bones.

"Jessica you were only a child so you don't remember a thing. I am the one you know. I am the one who was your mother." Maria said.

"Stay away from from ME!" Jessica screamed as she wept uncontrollably. 1

Maria was hurt by her outburst.

It was the last thing she had expected.

"You knew about this." Xaden turned to Urma. "And you did not inform the council or the royal family anyone,"

Xaden was looking for who to now turn his anger on.

"Yes, I did not." She said boldly. "But I did it to save Jasmine. When I found out and I wanted to inform the authorities, I was threatened. They knew how much I cared for Jasmine and so they told me that if I reported they would kill Jasmine. I could not take that risk."

"You disobeyed a law," Xaden said in anger at Urma.

"She is the reason we know the truth," Jasmine

said in disbelief.

"Stay out of this you!" He snapped at her. 2

Jasmine was hurt at his use of words.

"He is right stay out of this one ."

Urma said facing him boldly. Then she turned to him. "Yes, I disobeyed a permanent law. But I did it to save that girl there."

"Anna belonged with her family. She belonged with me. In her home. You took that away by sitting on this secret for so many years." He told her in anger as he held unto Jessica. 1

"Then so be it! Blame me! But look at your sister! Ask everyone in this pack how Jessica was treated. Ask her how spoiled and rotten to the core she was raised. The rumors you heard about Bale's spoiled daughter you had come looking for initially were about your sister." Urma said. 2

Xaden swallowed hard at the realization.

"But look at Jasmine. She was treated horribly in this pack. By her own family. If your sister was going to be petted and raised like their own while Jasmine lived then I preferred it. Because you have no idea any of the things Jasmine endured. Or you do and you choose to

not believe it. Whatever it is, I made the right decision and if you are going to kill me for it then so be it."

Xaden was quiet for a while.

Then he said. "I will deal with this later."

Before they could say a word, one of the guards grabbed Jasmine and put a blade by her neck.

"What are you doing?" Erik asked.

"If you come any further I will kill her." The guard said stepping back.

"My lord," Bale said speaking up.

And then it dawned on them.

Bale had performed a soul swap and entered into the body of a guard. 3

"Step back!" He said pressing the blade closer to her neck and cutting her.

"Stand back," Xaden said to his men.

Even though he himself could hardly control his growing anxiety.

"If you follow me. I will kill her." Bale promised.

"You know I can not let you go," Xaden said.

"Well, I will kill this bitch!" Bale said.

Xaden took a step forward and then Bale pressed the blade by her neck and more blood came out. 1

Xaden stopped in his tracks.

"I am making no jokes. Come closer and I will kill her." Bale promised.

And that was how he took her away using her as leverage.

Once they were gone Xaden turned to his sister.

"Stay with Erik and the rest of the men. I will be back." He said.

She caught his arms. "Please do not go. She is only a servant. You are a brother I never knew I had. I can not lose you." 5

Xaden's heart swelled with love but he knew what he had to do. 5

He kissed her forehead and simply said. "I will return."

And then he turned into his wolf and he along with his men followed them. 1

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Bale led her down a secret tunnel and this time he was pushing her head.
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"Move!" He urged.

"Why are you doing this to me?!" She begged. "I am your own daughter. Your flesh and blood."

He looked at her and she saw that his eyes were becoming purple and then his hands were having streaks of purple veins. 1

He began to growl and foam at his mouth.

"You are.... You are...." And then his mouth started to foam.

"My mother." She said. "Who was my mother? Tell me! I need to know where I came from!"

He started to turn to his wolf but in a very abnormal way.

It was like he was deformed.

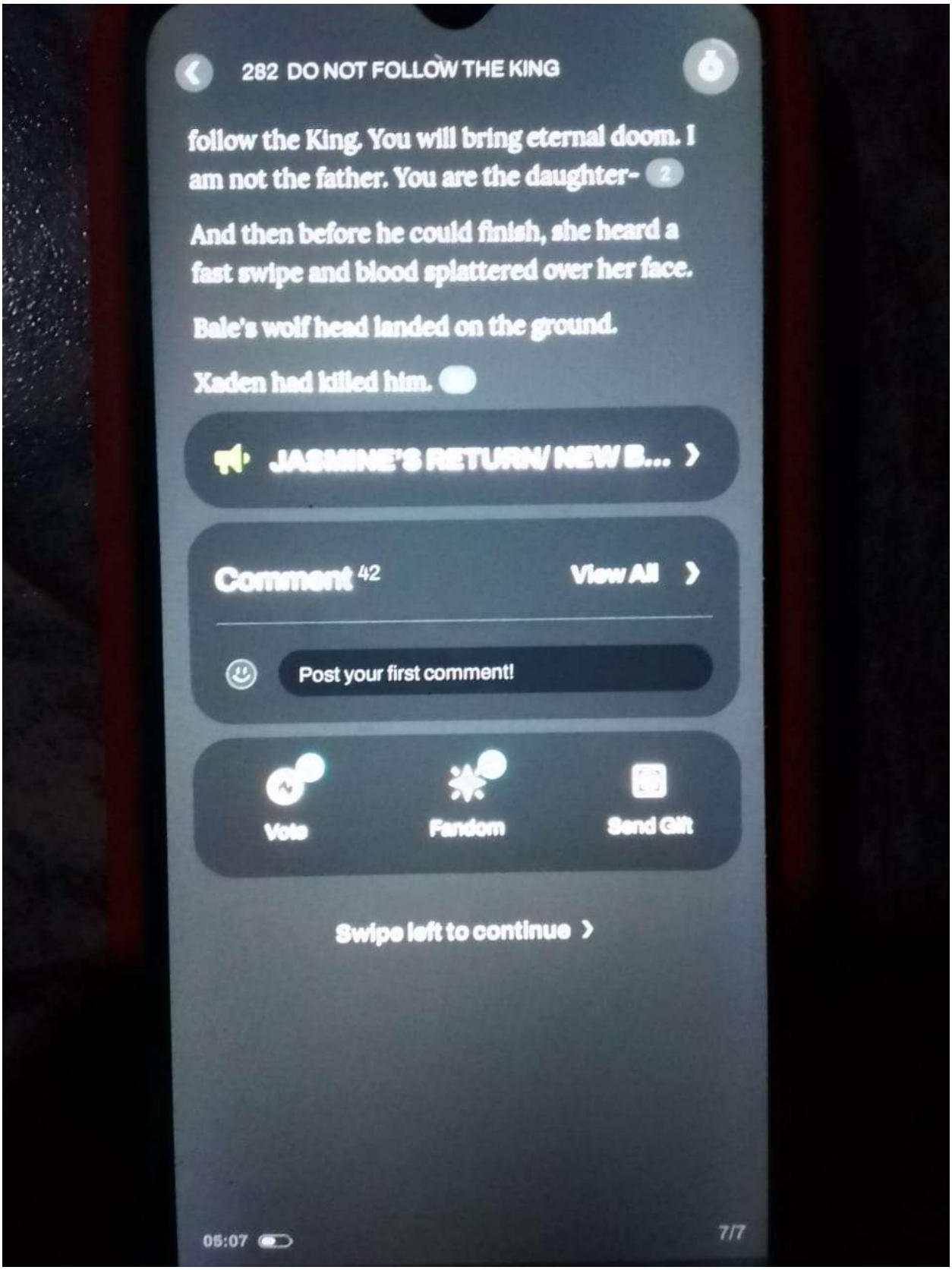
When his transformation was done, he roared aloud and then started to charge towards her.

"You must be taken." His wolf spoke to her. "You must be taken to the King." 1

And it sounded like multiple voices.

And just as he was about to lunge at her, he stopped and then his eyes that had been purple were now Normal.

And then he said. "No matter what. Do not


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follow the King. You will bring eternal doom. I am not the father. You are the daughter-
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And then before he could finish, she heard a fast swipe and blood splattered over her face.
Bale's wolf head landed on the ground.
Xaden had killed him.
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