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They all went rigid on the table from her tongue lashing. 1

Rose adjusted herself on her seat and sighed. "Xaden has been treated horribly, by all of us. None of us was able to stop his family from ten pain that they witnessed. It is time that we redeem."

She looked over at the table ready to listen to any questions or oppositions.

But no one said a word.

"Since there will be no additions or subtractions, it will remain standing that Xaden is protected by our law." She said. "And the moonlight pack is rightfully his as is our laws."

They were quiet again.

Then she turned to the maester.

"Maester is Bale alive?" She asked.

"From the reports, not anymore." He said.

She nodded. "Good riddance. I never liked the bastard in the first place."

There was some stiffened chuckles from the table.

"What else?" She asked now heading the table.

Cherry sat back down annoyed at her sister's sudden appearance on the table.

"There is the matter of the slave that Xaden had taken, who was supposed to be Bale's legitimate daughter. Turned out she was his glad daughter with a different woman. Ann was stolen and raised as their own and they named her Jessica." 2

"He used his own daughter as a pawn in his games?" Rose demanded in anger at all of Bale's crimes. "How did we ever let him get this far?"

She shook her head. "New laws would be passed so that something like this would never happen again."

"Yes your majesty."

Then she seemed to be in thought. "So Jasmine is a bastard daughter?"

Cherry stiffened at her sister being inquisitive.

"Yes your majesty."

"And what do we know of her mother? Why did he hate her so much? Even if she was a bastard

to have her sent to his enemies while a stolen child remained as his?" She asked as she massaged her brows.

Even her husband King Roland was not saying a word.

"We don't know anything." The maester admitted. "About her mother."

Cherry felt where this was going.

"If I could give an opinion." Cherry said. "I do not think now is the time to snoop around for past bloodlines. As you have said We will need to make amendments to our laws and ensure that such things will not happen again. For instance her life is in danger. Who knows if Xaden will kill her. Who knows if sparing her would turn her to another version of Xaden or maybe even worse."

"I have seen the girl. She is not capable of such." Rose snorted .

"You will be surprised at what people are capable of." Cherry said. 1

Eventually Rose gave in and any further investigation about Jasmine was swept j see the carpet. 1

Cheesy breathed a heavy sigh of relief once the

matter had been dropped. 3

The meeting was ended and then Roland went to where his wife was and began to give her a very warm massage on her shoulders.

She smiled to herself.

"You are in good spirits." He remarked.

She turned to him and gently stood up from her seat.

"Will you forgive me for all the things that I had done to you those years ago?" She asked him as she gently touched his cheek and looked in his eyes. 2

He pulled her waist up to him and she felt his hard on.

"I wish you could forgive me too for how I reacted towards you. You have every right to feel the way you do." He said.

"And I?" She asked looking into his eyes like a child who was trying to beg her mother for sympathy. "I who abandoned you and let you carry the burden all alone?"

He bent down and kissed her lips in front of everyone and then his tongue dipped into her mouth and she tasted his warmth.

He wrapped his arms around her, further pulling her to feel his hardness.

She moaned in pleasure, without a care that the members of court were all there.

Cherry was red in envy about to explode.

She was furious and in rage at their show of affection.

She walked up to them her face a mask of thunder.

But when it came to confront them, she had a smile on her face.

"Sorry to interrupt." She said.

They were still kissing and this time it was more fierce and passionate.

Cherry just stood there are they either ignored her or didn't acknowledge her.

She cleared her throat.

Nothing.

By the third time she cleared her throat and this time the guards at the far end of the doors could hear, they finally broke apart.

But it was Rose who drew apart forcefully from Roland's grasp.

She cleaned her mouth and turned to face her sister.

"Cherry." She said flustered and red from her husband's touches. "I am so sorry. I had no idea."

Cherry had a stiff smile on her face.

Her eyes were dangerously warming Roland not to push it too far. 1

Then she gave a fake faint smile at her sister.

"Of course." Cherry said. "I was saying-

But Rose was giggling and Cherry frowned her brows cocked up.

"Is anything funny?" Cherry asked her sounding a bit annoyed.

"No no." Rose said with a serious face.

But Roland was behind her and giggling too.

Cherry wanted to murder the both of them all together.

"Yes you were saying." Rose said trying to maintain a straight face.

Cherry said nothing for a while and pulled out the scrolls that she was examining and barely twenty seconds after she began speaking she

saw that they were still giggling.

Cherry ignored and went on speaking .

She watched in anger as Roland held her from behind, his arms wrapped around her waist and was obviously caressing her.

"Are there other matters that you wish to attend to?" She asked. "More important than the matters of the kingdom?"

Rose swatted her husband's hand away from Behind.

"No of course not." Rose said.

But Roland still pulled her back and cherry wanted to die of envy and jealousy.

"Stop it." Rose said moving away from him :

Eventually he rose his hands up and withdrew from her touch.

Then what was supposed to be a whisper but Cherry heard it, he said to her ear. "I will be waiting for you in our bedchamber to finish what you have refused to finish."

Rose went red in embarrassment and excitement while Cherry went red in rage.

"Roland!" Rose hissed at him.

He laughed and stepped back.

Cherry gave him a glare, warning and threatening him.

But he barely even noticed her.

Eventually he walked away and Rose was able to finally breathe.

"I am so so sorry." Rose said. The she began to fan herself. "Why does it seem hot in here?"

Cherry turned to the snow that was still falling outside and snorted in anger.

"Are you sure that you want any involvement in this?" Cherry asked.

"Of course I do." Rose said.

"But you had just made me master of coin." Cherry said. "I am your sister and I can trust you that the kingdom is safe in my hands. You are not too well."

"I have buried scarlet. I am fine." Rose said. "I will be fine."

Cherry gave a stiff smile. "Of course."

Rose began to feel bad at how she had spoken to her sister.

"I didn't mean it like that. I don't mean to

undermine your efforts. You have been working really hard and who am I to just step in and take over after everything you have done for me?" Rose asked.

Cherry gave a fake smile. "And I understand where you are coming from we are sisters aren't we? I am here for you and I support your ascension to the throne." 1

Rose nodded and hugged her sister and watched her leave down the hallway.

Once she was gone, Rose turned to a William who had been her personal and favorite guard.

"My lady." The guard said once he reached where she was standing.

"William you were originally in dealings with parts of the south." She said .

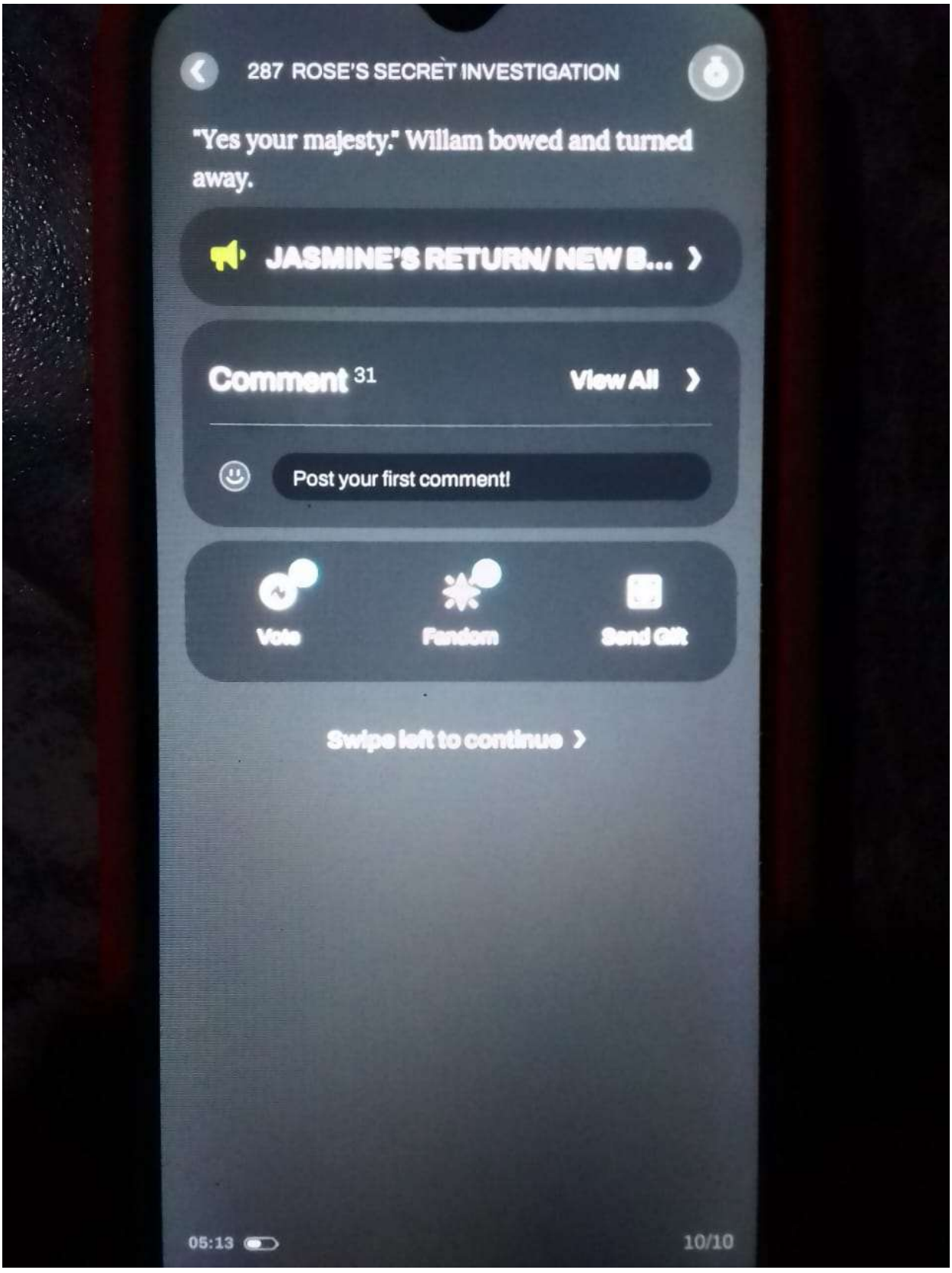
"Yes your majesty." He nodded

What do you know about Bale and his family?" She asked

"What the public knows I believe." He said.

She massaged her chin.

"I want you to find out everything the public does not know." She said. "And report back to me. No one must know about this."


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