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"What?" Ned asked. 1

Jasmine got up. "Yes. Why not escape to mage city right now?"

"That's not particularly what I meant when I said tha-

"Thank you so much!" Jasmine said and gave him a peck on his cheek.

Ned went red immediately.

She started to abandon everything she was doing when he stopped her.

"Wait!" He said. "You can't just go like that. They would know."

Jasmine put her hands in her waist to think heavily.

"What if the men make camp here and continue the journey tomorrow?" She asked wisely.

"Yes that could work. Except they were given strict rules not to make unnecessary stops and head straight for the pack." Ned said and then motioned to where they were. "I mean the only reason why we're here is because Anna was very demanding and insisted we stop."

Jasmine stopped to think.

"This is a very bad idea." Ned started to tell her wisely.

Jasmine snapped her finger.

"That's it. Anna. If Anna insists that we remain behind and make camp here then they would

Obey. I could leave before evening and return just in time before anyone notices me. Mage city is only an hour away." Jasmine said .

"All these bad ideas you're not getting from me." Ned said as his shoulders dropped. "And Anna will never ever agree to remain here. If anything she is terrified of the high way. You could see it in her eyes when she asked her own brother about where he was going to."

Jasmine smiled. "Leave that to me."

And then Jasmine returned back to making the mushroom soup hastily.

Ned hovered around trying to change her mind, but she completely ignored him.

Eventually he gave up and left.

Jasmine called the men to have their soup and Jasmine went to serve 'Her royal highness Anna the arrogant'

Jasmine went to the tent that had been made for Anna and set the soup on a stool before her.

"What took you so long?!" Anna hissed.

"Getting the mushrooms were a bit difficult." Jasmine explained.

"Isn't that what you're supposed to do?" Anna asked. "As a slave?"

Anna humped and glared at Jasmine.

"You don't fool me. Whatever front you are making here and wearing much better clothes now. I know you. You are still the same ugly and dirty slave who wanted to be daddy's girl."

Jasmine swallowed the insult.

She felt sting of hurt in her chest but pushed it aside.

Her feelings didn't matter at the moment.

"I apologize for the late meal. It could have been much better but Kire had found some mutilated animals in the forest. We were forced to use a different path." Jasmine said.

Anna almost choked on her soup. "Mutilated animals?"

"Yes." Jasmine nodded. "It's not relevant and I

would not want to bore you with the details."

And Jasmine started to leave.

"Tell me this instant!" Anna demanded.

Jasmine smiled to herself before turning around and maintaining a plain face.

"What do you mean mutilated animals?" Anna asked.

Jasmine sighed as if she was reluctant to tell her.

"Well the thing is. The animal me were badly mutilated. There were about twenty of them it was a massacre." Jasmine said .

Anna's face went red. "How can you tell it was a massacre? They could have fought to death."

Jasmine shook her head. "There were claw marks on them. And Kire picked the scent of rogue wolves."

Anna squeezed her hand to hide her fear.

"And where was this incident?" She asked.

"Oh far ahead. About an hour away. Except.....

Anna looked at her sharply. "Except what?!"

Jasmine sighed. "It was about an hour away alright, but their bodies were found directly on

the road that will lead us to the pack."

Anna looked like she wanted to faint.

"It's almost dark now. Perhaps the rogue wolves had decided to feed on them. I heard that they eat raw flesh. That is if they don't find actual wolves like us."

Anna was speechless.

And then Jasmine pretended to act like she was looking outside the pack.

"Oh."

"What?" Anna jumped.

"It's going to be a full moon tonight." Jasmine said.

That simply meant that all wolves, good or bad would be at their most strength.

Anna's face was almost bursting.

She pursed her lips together and her face fell like the food in her mouth had all of a sudden gone sour.

Jasmine then said. "I have other things to attend to. Please enjoy your meal and I will not come late again."

She started to leave and then stopped and

turned.

"By the way, you probably will not want to mention the fact that there were dead animals in the forest to the men. If you tell them, they would eventually tell Xaden. And Alpha Xaden will be come too over protective of you. Perhaps even worse than your false parents."

And with that, Jasmine walked away with a smile on her face.

She met Ned who was frantically anxious.

"What did you do?" He requested.

"I tried my best to secure my way to mage city." She replied. "Now let us wait and see if it worked."

After a while and when Jasmine had almost given up, Anna came out of the tent and marched straight to Alfred who was the person Xaden had left in charge and began arguing with him.

"How certain are you that these paths are safe at night?" She demanded. "I shall not risk my life tonight!"

Lucky enough, she did not mention the dead animals. Only the fact that she did not want to travel late.

Because they would have gone to investigate and found out that there was no such thing.

Eventually Alfred announced that they would be camping for the night.

By almost evening, Jasmine had gathered some things in a bag and was ready to leave.

"This is you a bad idea." Ned said. "Alpha Xaden will kill me."

"I will be back before you even notice." She promised. "Urma's letter. I will need to take it there."

He sighed heavily when he saw that there was no changing her mind and then he pulled it out from his satchel and handed it to her.

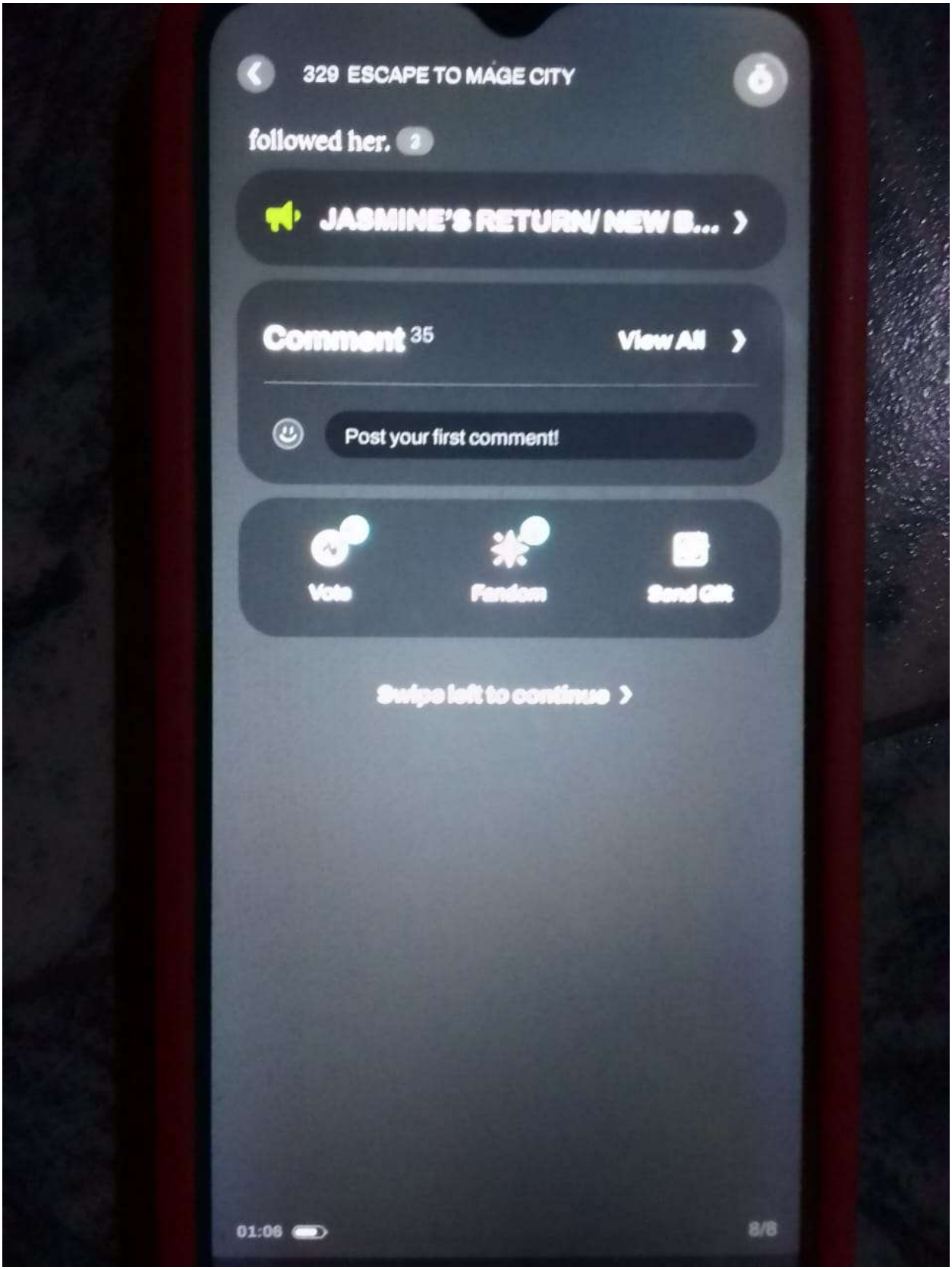
"There were dangerous mages Jasmine." He said.

She nodded. "I know one. Urma always spoke highly of one named fire serpent. I will return."

She got on her horse and rode off.

Ned turned away and then from the shadows unknown to either of them, Anna had been watching all along.

"Where does this whore think she is going?" She asked and then she picked a horse and


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followed her.
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