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Jasmine gathered her latest findings and was already on her way match to Xaden's office when one of the maids rushed up to her. 1

"We are done with the Kitchen. We were wondering if you could do an inspection." The girl said .

Jasmine sighed. "Alright."

Then Jasmine turned back to face Fiona. "I need to go. I'll be right back."

"Do you want me to go with you to see Xaden?" Fiona asked. "You know he can get a bit cranky sometimes."

Jasmine shook her head. "No I think I'll handle it myself. I've already put you in so much trouble before. I don't want that happening again. I'll go with Mya instead."

"Alright." Fiona gave in. "But make sure you meet Loren to give you something for this wave of sickness you had."

"I will." Jasmine assured her.

And then Jasmine collected the ledger from her.

Together with Mya they headed down the path to the kitchen.

It was clean and much more habitable than the last time she had been in it.

She turned and saw the chef himself was beaming with excitement.

"I can't remember when last this place looked this good." He said. "Now I can happily prepare food and in a much better condition. Thank you."

Jasmine was touched even though she hadn't even really done anything yet.

She smiled back. "Of course."

And then she asked for the meal time table.

The chef called out the list of foods that were usually served.

Jasmine didn't like them .

They were stale and old food.

Most of the food that had been called out she knew that they tended to become waste.

"I think I would like to change the food menu." Jasmine said after deep thought. "This is your kitchen, and I am not taking it for you. But I would like to try something different now.

Would you agree?"

He seemed skeptical at first and then he shrugged his shoulder and eventually gave in. "I think it is about time this pack sees some new changes."

Jasmine beamed at him.

Then she mentioned a number of new meals while Mya wrote them down one after the other .

Once she was done, a new menu had been made.

Jasmine looked up at the chef. "Now what do you think of this?"

His eyes beamed with Joy as he read through it.

"I think it's perfect. We have been cooking the same old boring meal." He said.

"This is just for starters when the royal family finally comes in a few days and we host the feast, the meal would be even better." She assured him. "I need to see Alpha Xaden first, once I am through with him, then I will come and assist with the cooking." 1

And with that she gathered her dress and her

and Mya went off tho his throne room where she expected him to be.

The guards opened the door and sure enough, there he was with his uncle and a number of his men.

They were discussing over a large map and making pack and territory decisions.

The very moment she came into the room, they turned and saw her they all went silent.

Jasmine simply stood in the middle of the room unsure of what to say all eyes on her.

She looked at Xaden for help to rescue her out of the situation.

He looked at her and crossed his legs refusing to say a word.

She cleared her throat. "I didn't mean to interrupt. I was just looking for Alpha Xaden."

Xaden still didn't say a word and then eventually he beckoned her to walk up to him.

She felt like a pet and was so ashamed to actually obey him.

The ledger under her arm and then Mya came right behind her.

She stood in front of him.

"What do you want?" He asked her. "You don't like the job I gave you?"

"I do." Jasmine said. "But I need to speak to you urgently on some of the issues that I saw in the castle."

All the other wolves were looking at them.

"Would you men mind excusing us?" Xaden asked.

The men who were all overhearing the conversation now started to pretend like they weren't.

"Of course."

"Why not."

"We can discuss it later."

Jasmine watched as the men all quickly dispersed, all except for Uther who was still hanging around.

Xaden turned to look at him.

"Uncle?"

"Xaden. I still have some more important things to discuss with you." Uther said.

Xaden sighed and said. "That's alright. I will discuss it with you after I'm done with her."

Uther seemed to be disappointed like he was annoyed and shocked that Xaden was hiding having a conversation with me.

Uther noticed that Xaden wasn't changed his stance so he gave a very fake smile that Jasmine saw him through.

"Of course. I will be waiting for you." Uther said and with that he walked out of the room.

"Why is she here?" Xaden asked pointing out to Mya who was still standing by her side.

"I can't read." Jasmine said. "As you know. She has read everything for me and knows everything regarding what I am about to discuss with you." 1

"Go out." He said to Mya without caring what Jasmine had to say.

Mya dropped the ledger and quickly hurried out of the room .

She was angry that he was treating her like a child.

She turned back to him.

"Now what did you want to speak to me about." He asked her.

"Why did you appoint me as keeper of the

pack? You said I was going to be your slave." Jasmine said.

Xaden tilted his head and displayed a very boyish grin.

"True and that still remains on the ground. But you said you wanted to prove me wrong. This is an opportunity. Let's see what you can do." He said as he took a piece of a cherry from a cherry bowl.

Jasmine shivered.

Since she had met the Queen Sister cherry she had an absolute distaste for the fruit itself.

Jasmine sighed. "I found out somethings about the pack. Things that I don't think you are aware of things that I think you should know of."

And with that she turned back to the ledger and picked up one copy and handed it to him.

He collected it and slowly opened it. "What should I be looking at?"

"This is the ledger of accounts of everything that Aurora received or spent money on. It's very irregular."

"Why do you even have ledger?" Xaden asked now very confused.

"You said that I should take care of the things she was handling and that involved this. I noticed that a lot of the things in the fatale had been falling apart. The kitchen is in very bad state. Some of the steps are old and dilapidated. The state of things are a mess and when I asked the servants working there they all said that Aurora assured them she would have it fixed. She never did."

"That's not possible." Xaden stated. "Aurora asked for payments and she was given them. The accountant himself told me this." Xaden said. "And I have seen the ledger itself. She had them submitted to me."

"That could be it but she never ever for once made a changes or actually did the things she said she was going to." Jasmine stated.

She turned around backing him and then picked up the second ledger. "Now look at this one. This one is completely filled with things she claimed to have done. But it's empty. The one you have is a replica of the fake one she made. If you go down to the kitchens or the chimneys you would see that nothing had ever been done. The people have just been working in very difficult conditions."

"You said you couldn't read." Xaden pointed

that out suspiciously.

"If you think that I am lying." She said. "Then you are very much free to go downstairs and see the place for yourself. The standards are low and the people have been suffering for a very long time. Money has been given but hasn't been going into the allocated places".

Xaden was absolutely quiet now unable to say a word.

He looked at Jasmine.

"How did you even come around all of this?" He asked.

"I asked Fiona and Mya to help." Jasmine said.

He sighed and looked through the papers of the book once again to be sure that why she was saying was true .

She simply stood there waiting for his verdict .

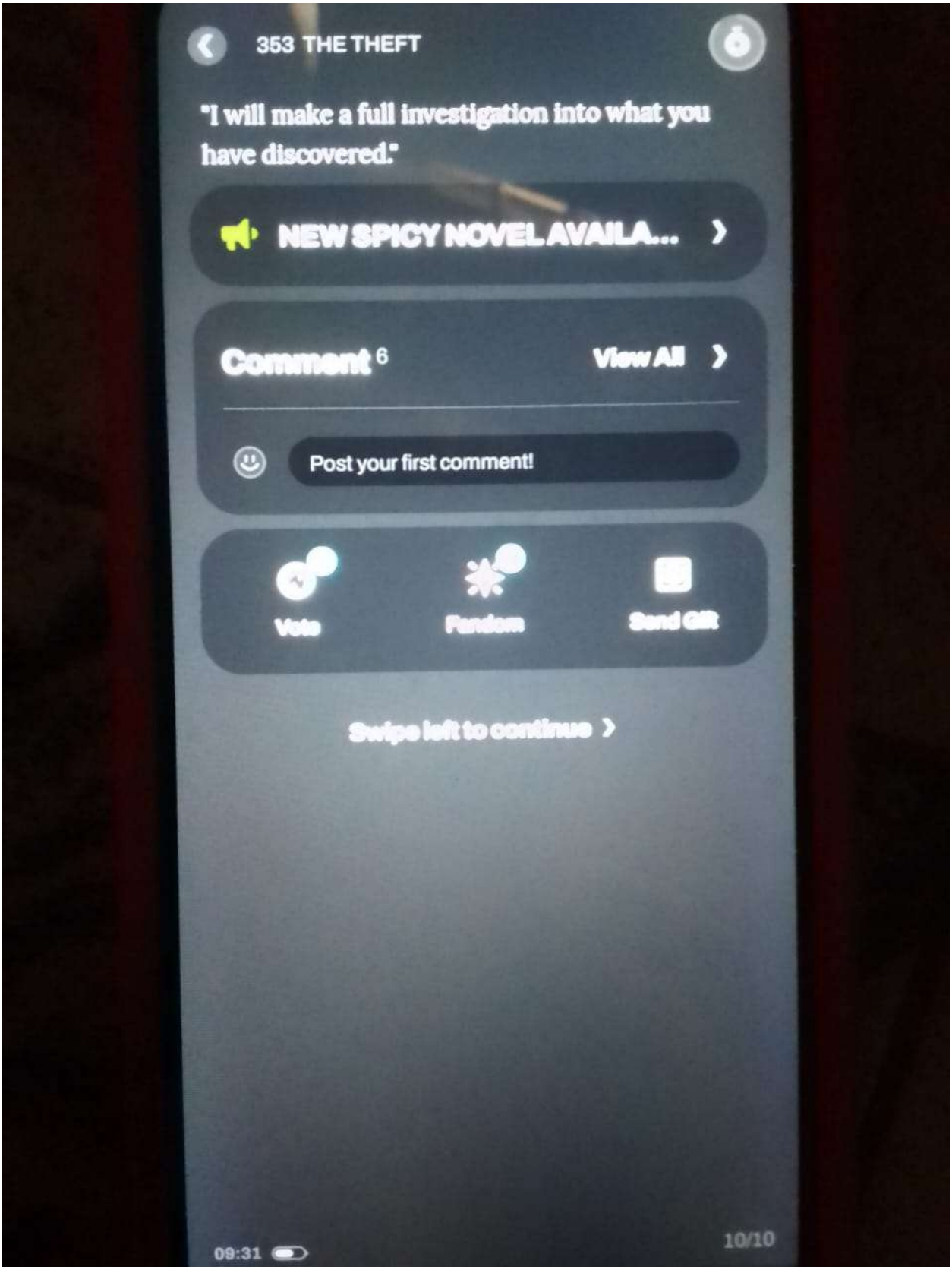
After a while he looked back up at her.

"So what do you want?" He asked her.

She had not expected that response maybe she had not even expected him to believe her.

She seemed to stutter. "I don't know."

She managed to squeak out.


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