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Anna closed her eyes, waiting for the impact of the slap. 1

But it never came.

She opened her eyes and saw that he had withdrawn.

She took a step back.

He turned around, and began to pace the room.

He rubbed his forehead to ease his tension.

"What were you thinking?" He asked her finally after a few seconds of deliberation.

"What the hell were you thinking pulling a stunt like that?"

She swallowed.

"I told you I was going to decide and get back to you." He said.

"You were slow to make a decision so I made one for you instead." Anna said stubbornly.

Erik raked his hands through his head. "For your fucking information. I have nothing to do with Jasmine. That stunt you pulled had effects

on.....

He was about to say Fiona when he quickly stopped himself.

He had already learned how vindictive Anna was, he did not want to risk her knowing that he and Anna were involved. 2

Who knew what she would do?

After all just by her merely believing that he and Jasmine had a relationship together, she had threatened him.

He was not scared of her.

But he was scared of what she could do.

"Effects on what? Or on who?" Anna asked her eye brows piquing with interest. 1

"No one." Erik answered covering his tracks.

"I don't want to be with you." Erik said.

"But you are my mate. Do you think that is coincidence?" Anna asked.

"I don't care if it is or not." Erik said. "I will reject you. And you will tell Xaden you decided to reject me because you wanted to save yourself the stress of dealing with me. Because you are not ready."

"I have never had a mate." Anna said. "I am not throwing that away because you are too much of a coward to see me."

Erik sighed annoyed. "That is none of my business."

"Because you already had a mate and that didn't end well, doesn't mean I should suffer for whatever happened in your past." Anna said rudely.

That stopped Erik right there and then.

He could hardly believe the words she had used.

How dare she.

How did she even know?

He must have looked surprised, because she shrugged and said.

"I asked questions."

He bit his bottom lip.

Bringing back the memories of his late wife and mate had been a line she had made the mistake of crossing.

He wanted to react, but tried his best to control himself.

He shook his head and walked towards the door.

"If you reject me, I will tell Xaden about you and Jasmine." Anna stated matter of fact. "I will make instances and I will create images even where there aren't and my brother loves me so much he would believe me."

"You only ever think of yourself." Erik said in disgust. "You are a selfish bitch."

Those words hit Anna hard.

She wanted to make him love her, not hate her.

She wanted her mate by all means and he was the one making it difficult for her.

She hardened her heart and toughened up.

"I don't care. If you don't want Jasmine in trouble." She stated. "You would stick by me. She is a second away from being kicked out of here."

"How could you live with yourself?" He asked. "Jasmine suffered in the moonlight pack."

She opened her mouth to deny it but her cut her off abruptly.

"Don't even think of saying anything you want to." He warned her. "I made thorough

investigations into your life in the pack and you were treated well, while Jasmine was the one made to suffer, contrary to the lies you said."

She swallowed hard.

"How can you?" Erik asked. "You made her suffer. You had her beaten and flogged times without number. Yet you have been given the opportunity to redeem all the wrong you have done by the goddess, but you still choose to be so evil. Even after everything?!"

"You don't know anything about me!" She spat. "You don't know anything about Jasmine either."

He folded his arms and asked. "So what if you succeed and tell Xaden these lies, he believes and has her killed, he would demote me because he can't kill me. And I would leave this pack and you would never see me again."

Her face went tight .

"Scenario number two. What if you succeed making me your mate? Being bonded to me. Do you think that I would ever ever love you? After everything you have done?"

Her face became pale.

"Because I wouldn't. Every moment that I

spend with you, wake up beside you. Ever reminder that you forced me into being with you, and I will hate you. I will hate your hair, your eyes, you smell, your voice. I would hate you. Is that what you want?"

She swallowed and adjusted her head on her shoulders.

"Having you is better than nothing."

He glared at her and stormed out of the room, slamming it shut.

Anna felt her body shiver and she slowly went down to her bed.

This was really not how she wanted it to be.

She wanted a shot at love and a true mate.

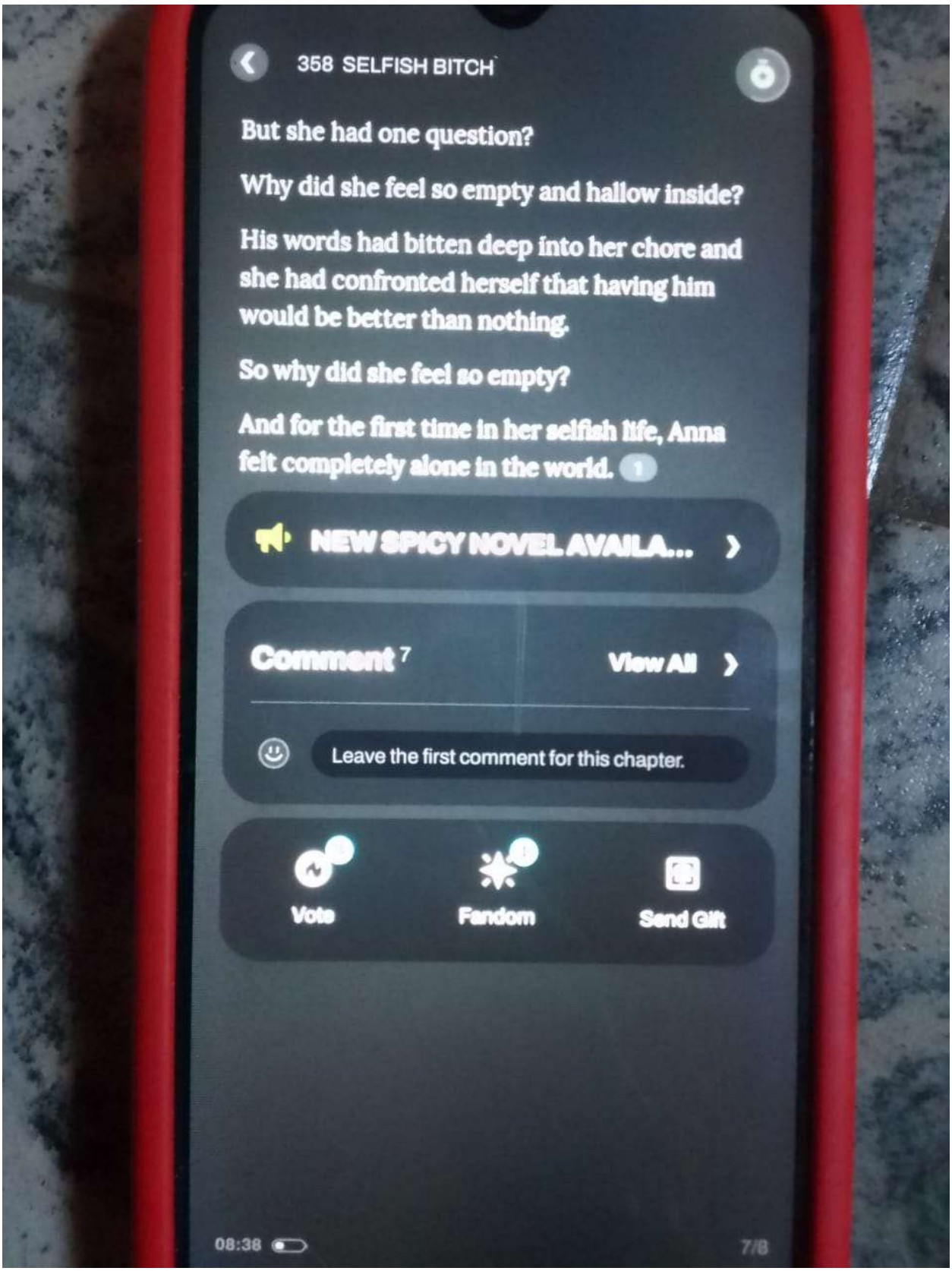
This was her chance. The goddess would not have given her if she didn't deserve it.

She told herself that it was only a matter time before he came around.

Eventually he would see her for who she is and fall in love with her.

Everything was going to be okay.

She closed her eyes and went to bed telling herself that it was all going to work out. 1


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But she had one question?
Why did she feel so empty and hallow inside?
His words had bitten deep into her chore and she had confronted herself that having him would be better than nothing.
So why did she feel so empty?
And for the first time in her selfish life, Anna felt completely alone in the world.
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