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Erik walked into Anna's room. 1

"Who is that?" She replied nastily as she turned from her make up table to glare at her intruder.

When she saw him, she had a sweet smile on his face.

"Erik." She said. "I know we are mates but I had no idea that you could not stay away from me."

She bit her bottom lip in excitement as she brushed her bright blonde hair.

He stood by the wood of the bed and said. "Xaden has called off our mating ceremony."

Her face fell instantly.

She turned so fast from her chair and wound have twisted her waist If she were not a wolf.

"WHAT?!" She demanded.

Her eyes were blood shot and he could see her veins go red.

"He called of our mating ceremony this morning." Erik said.

"What did you do?" She asked in anger.

He shrugged. "Nothing."

"That's a lie! You did something! I know it was you! You must have told him something that made him change his mind. Because last night, he was okay with it. And my brother loves me too much to turn down something I want. So it must have been something you said."

Erik shrugged. "In as much as I would have liked to tell him something that would have prompted him to call off this sham of a mating bond, I didn't."

"So then what happened?" She demanded at the verge of tears.

She had already made plans in her head on how her life was going to be with him and how happy she would be.

Now all of a sudden he was telling her that her own brother who she knew would give her the world had said no?!

"I met him this morning and told him that I was fine with being your mate. But because of the way he found out, the way you had ratted our business out in front of everyone like that. He no longer trusts me. And so according to his

own words if I can keep something as important as you being my mate, then he can't trust me with his only sister." 2

Anna's eyes widened in shock.

"What?" She said in utter disbelief.

He gave a light shrug. "It is what you wanted isn't it? Your brother to love you unconditionally and since you could not keep your big mouth shut your brother no longer trusts me and there is no way he would leave us to be mated. So yeah it is your fault."

Anna clenched her fists together in anger.

How could Xaden do this to her?

Who even told him that she needed protecting?

She had been through hell when his pack had taken over the moonlight pack and she had been forced to work as a slave.

If she could deal with that, then she could handle everything.

"He can't do that!" Anna snapped in rage. "This isn't prehistoric times where women were not allowed to make their own decisions. I am being mated to you and that's what matters."

"But he does have a say in the matter because he is your lawful guardian." Erik said further angering her. "So until Xaden trusts me, there would be no future with me."

He turned around and started to leave.

She started. "I can still-

"Don't even try it." He said. "What? You want to tell him that you saw me and Jasmine together? Further manipulate everything? It's not going to work. Rather it's going to make things worse. Because you telling him those would make him not trust me. And the more he does not trust me, the less likely he is to ever give or approve of our mating bond."

Anna's face fell.

She hated to admit it, but he was right.

It would only make matters worse.

"So what do I do now?" She demanded tearfully.

He shrugged his shoulders. "You started this mess. Figure it out."

"You BASTARD!" She screamed. "You are happy about this aren't you."

He grinned. "What do you think?

And then he walked up so close to her. "One day. Maybe not now. But one day. Your brother is going to see through you. He is going to see how you are such a sick and evil woman you are. And when he does. He is going to turn his back on you. But till then, I'll take advantage of the mess you made."

And with that he left the room.

Anna put her hands through her well brushed hair and began to breathe so hard she thought she would explode.

She screamed and howled and began breaking things in anger.

Just when she had finally gotten what she wanted! Her brother had gone ahead to ruin it!

Who told him that she needed protecting.

She started to pace the room wondering what her next move would be.

How did she make her brother see that Erik was safe with her.

And then it hit her.

She didn't think he had separated them because he didn't think she was safe with Erik.

He just didn't trust Erik because Erik had

hidden it from him.

She raked her hair and realized that she had really messed up the entire situation.

She took in deep breaths wondering her next move.

The best bet she has at the moment was going to meet Xaden and talking it out with him.

After all she was his little long lost sister!

He wouldn't say no to her.

She had learned that already.

She hurriedly got dressed and found her way to his throne room where she knew he would be.

"I want to see my brother." She ordered the guards.

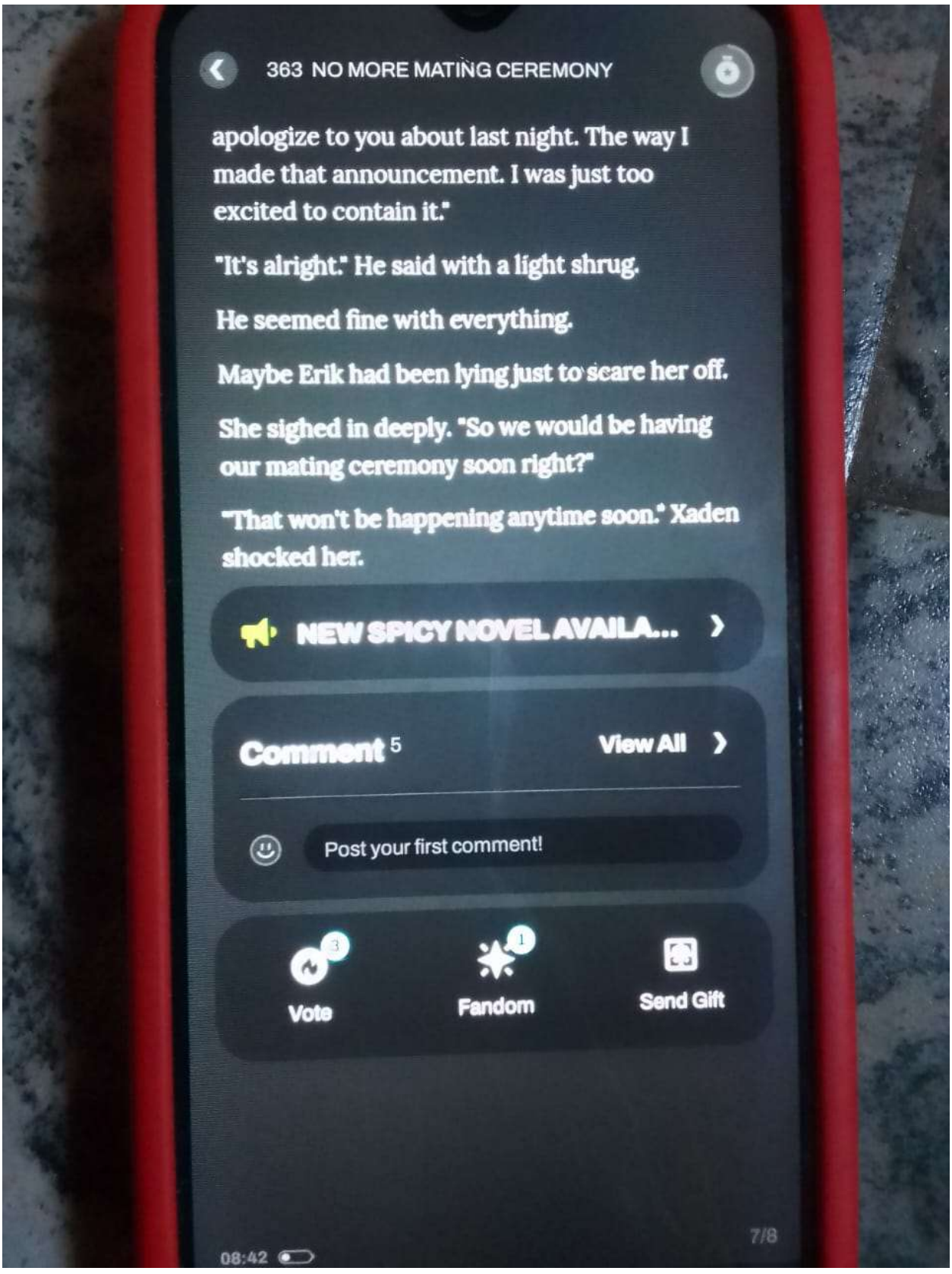
The guards stood aside and opened the doors for her.

She walked down the throne room to where her brother was seated going through maps and different scrolls.

"Xaden."

"Hello little sister." He said as he kissed her forehead. "How are you? Did you sleep well?"

She nodded with a smile. "I did. I wanted to


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apologize to you about last night. The way I made that announcement. I was just too excited to contain it."
"It's alright." He said with a light shrug.
He seemed fine with everything.
Maybe Erik had been lying just to scare her off.
She sighed in deeply. "So we would be having our mating ceremony soon right?"
"That won't be happening anytime soon." Xaden shocked her.
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