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"Xaden. Jasmine just collapsed." were the words that came from Erik's lips and Xaden went instantly alert.

Anna was horrified to see how those simple words had changed her brother's mood.

The hair on his body stood and his entire demeanor changed.

"What do you mean she collapsed?" He asked.

"We don't know what happened." Erik said. "The maids said she just fell down whom she was in the hallway. She is up in Loren's quarters. She isn't waking up."

Xaden's eyes went dark and in a split second he had stormed out of his throne room.

Anna could not believe it!

He had completely forgotten about her, acted like she didn't exist and gone straight in search of Jasmine.

Anna made eye contact with Erik. Erik ignored her and went out of the room.

She angrily stomped her feet.

Why did Jasmine have to ruin her moment? Maybe if she had spent some more time with him, she would have convinced him and he would have agreed.

She was extremely unhappy and decided that she didn't want to be left out.

So she went out after then.

She didn't know where Loren's room was so she had to race to keep up with Erik.

"What happened to her?" Anna asked.

Erik hesitated at first and then eventually spoke.

"I don't know. She just collapsed."

Anna didn't know what was going on, but she hoped that Jasmine never woke up again.

Hoped that she had slumped and died at least one of her problems would end once and for all.

Finally they reached Loren's room and Xaden was already standing over her.

Jasmine lay on a bed and her face was as white as snow.

Fiona was seated by her bedside watching over her.

"What happened?" Xaden demanded.

Anna frowned.

Her brother had said that there was nothing going on between he and Jasmine so why did he care so much about her?

She could see how visibly upset he was about the entire situation.

"Some maids brought her in." Loren answered. "She is weak and been unconscious for a while now."

"You don't know what the issue is?" Xaden demanded.

"If I did I would already be offering a solution." Loren said. "So the answer is no. But she had been complaining of dizzy spells and nausea. I her insisted on further treatments, but she had been against it."

"That's not all." Fiona said. "When we were trying to read the ledgers, she had been dizzy and threw up everything in her tummy."

"When was this?" He snapped.

"Yesterday. We thought she would be better.

Even assured me that she would let Loren know how she was feeling before I let her go," Fiona said.

Anna took a close look at Fiona.

Her eyes seemed weak and face puffy as though she had been crying the entire night.

"What's wrong with you?" Xaden said taking note of Fiona's face.

"What? Oh. I have an allergic reaction." Fiona said.

How did Xaden notice and care about anyone but her, his own sister!

It infuriated her.

Xaden looked at her closely and then returned back to Jasmine's matter.

"You all knew she wasn't well and you let her go just like that?" Xaden barked. "She was sick for crying out loud. No one even thought to inform me?"

"She is an adult Xaden." Loren chipped in. "Not a child."

"Well it becomes a problem if she dies under my roof." Xaden said angrily. 1

He furiously put his finger through his hair to ease his anger.

And then he set his hands on his waist and glared at Loren.

"Fine. So what is the way forward." Xaden demanded.

"I think this is beyond my powers. Perhaps someone with powers wlhms have better understanding." Loren explained.

"But you are the pack healer. What use are you if you can't even treat someone as simple as Jasmine." Xaden asked perplexed.

"If you must know Jasmine is an unshifted wolf. They are rare and difficult to understand. I have tried everything I can. Searched for the best ways to heal her but none is working." Loren said. And then his face went grim. "This is my last resort and you should know how dire the situation is, for me to say this. But I think you need to see Marie. She delves in dark magic, but she might know a thing or too."

Xaden put his hands on his waist and gena to think hard.

He had not seen Marie since Eleanor's death.

And now Loren expected him to find her.

"I think that is the only way we can help her right now." Loren said. "I have done all I can."

Xaden paced the room frantically.

Anna was delighted to know that Jasmine was in a life and death situation.

Hopefully she died and then finally she would have Erik all to her self without any interruption. 2

Xaden sighed. "Alright. I will take her to Marie."

He turned to Fiona. "Put a proper dress on her fit for riding."

"Yes Xaden." Fiona curtseyed.

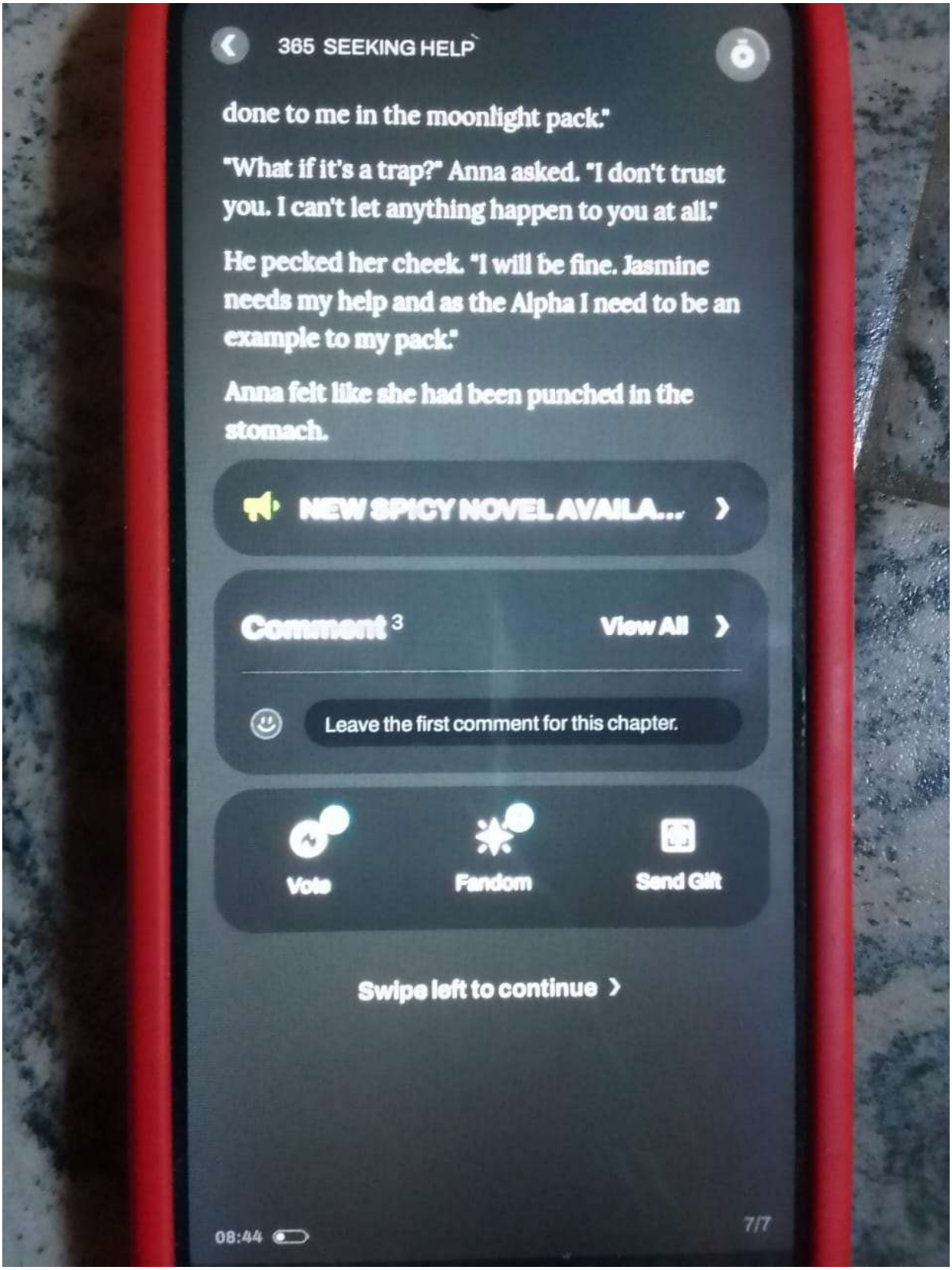
Anna caught her brother's arm.

"What are you doing?" She asked. "The old man just said that the woman delves in dark magic. It is too risky for you to take."

He shook his head. "Don't be worried. I'll be back soon."

But she caught the sleeve of his tunic.

"You can send the guards. Send someone else. You don't need to take her yourself. She is just a slave. Remember how she made me suffer? She does not need any special treatment from you. Especially not after what she had always


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done to me in the moonlight pack."
"What if it's a trap?" Anna asked. "I don't trust you. I can't let anything happen to you at all."
He pecked her cheek. "I will be fine. Jasmine needs my help and as the Alpha I need to be an example to my pack."
Anna felt like she had been punched in the stomach.
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