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Jasmine felt dazed. 1

The very one thing that she had been running away from was playing right in her face.

Life had a very funny way of showing itself.

She who had been the daughter of a slave.

Now her child was going to be the daughter of a slave. 1

Her mother had been forced to abandon her child with Alpha's wife Luna Maria.

Jasmine was being forced to leave her child to Alpha Xaden's mate and future wife, Lily.

Everything she was afraid of, everything she had tried her best to prevent was happening.

She imagined her child facing a worst fate than she ever did and she had shivers down her spine.

No true mother would let that happen to their own child.

"Jasmine I promise you nothing is going to happen to the child." Xaden started to speak.

"Why?" She asked quietly.

"I beg your pardon." He asked.

"Why are you doing this to me?" She asked. "After everything that I have faced you still chose to do this to me."

"I'm not doing anything to you." He said. "This is the best decision there is. After you give birth you can leave this place. Start a new life." 1

"Then let me leave with my child!" She begged. "You don't even want the baby in the first place so let me leave with it. I swear by the goddess who made me live you would never ever hear from me again. We would not disturb your life. We would change our names. We would change everything. Go to a place where no one knows us. You have take everything from me. You have stripped me of every good thing that I have, leave me with my child."

He shook his head. "I'm sorry Jasmine. This can't happen."

"YOU DO NOT EVEN WANT THE CHILD!" She screamed. "You never even wanted it. If you are so scared of letting the people use the child against you or even me, then why bother keeping the baby here? Why not send me away. Who not send the both of us away?"

"Jasmine I'm doing it for your own good." He

And then she flung a tray at him.

"You are as bad as everyone says you are." She said. "The rumors I heard about you, they were all true."

And then she grabbed a pillow and threw it at him.

He dodged it and was at her side in a split second before she could do anymore damage.

"Jasmine you need to calm down." He said as he caught her arms and refrained her from throwing anything.

She struggled under his grasp.

"Don't tell me to calm down." She snapped. "Stop telling me what to do. Let me leave. Let me and my child go somewhere far from all of this." 1

And then she burst into tears, then he held her and she wept. 2

She cried for so long that her body shook and then after a short while she was asleep in his arms.

He felt her weak body and realized that she was tired.

He gently lay her down in the bed.

The doors were opened and the guards along with Erik came in.

"What the devil happened here?" Erik asked confused.

"Shhh." Xaden stopped him.

Jasmine turned in the bed, and for a second when Xaden thought she would return to sleep, continued sleeping.

Erik quietly tip toed to the bed and looked around.

"Gods. What happened here?" Erik whispered.

"Jamsine happened." Xaden remarked as he gently put the covers over her.

He touched her forehead to be sure that her temperature wasn't burning.

And when he was sure that she was fine, he very gently rose up from the bed and motioned to Erik to follow him.

They very gently tried their best to avoid ramming into any of the broken objects she had flung at him.

Once they were at the door, Xaden gently closed it shut behind him and turned to face the rest of the men

"You're late for the party." Xaden said. "All of you. Imagine I was dead by now."

"Sorry." They apologized.

Xaden waved his hands, dismissing them.

Once they had gone Erik could barely blink at him.

"Xaden did you go to war there?" Erik asked lost.

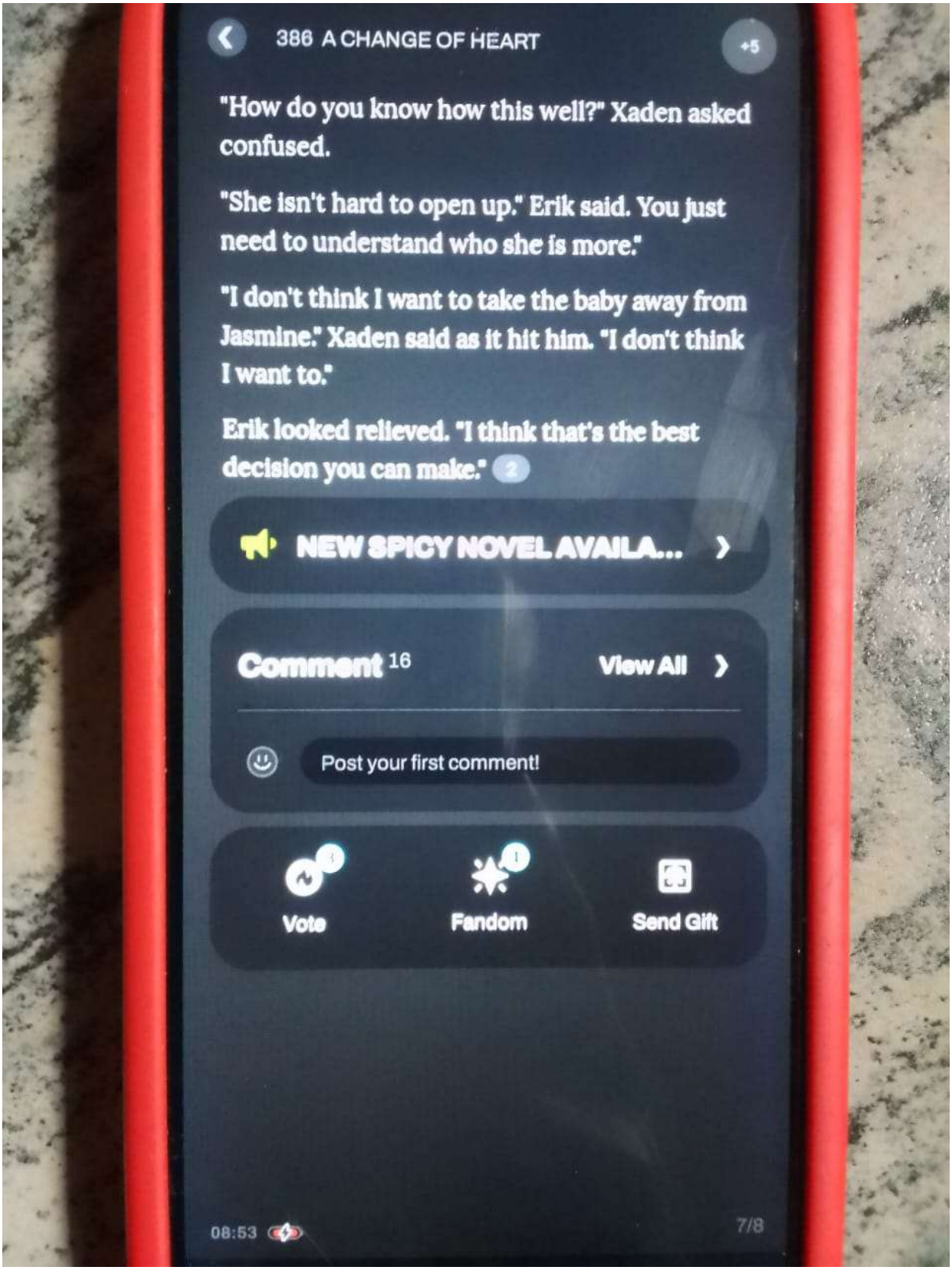
"Jamsine threw a fit. She didn't take leaving her baby too well." Xaden said as he itched the back of his head.

"I told you," Erik pointed out. "Jasmine doesn't care about those things. Money any of that. She just wants to raise her child."

"I can tell." Xaden said calmly. And he took in a deep breath.

"She said she didn't want her child to be raised the way she was." Xaden said. "What does that even mean? Jasmine was raised by her parents. She kept on saying things. I know that Maria was her step mother but I don't get it." 1

"An advice?" Erik said. "Jasmine isn't going to give up her child without a fight. It's the only thing she has probably ever fought for her in her life and she won't give up so easily." 4


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"How do you know how this well?" Xaden asked confused.
"She isn't hard to open up." Erik said. You just need to understand who she is more."
"I don't think I want to take the baby away from Jasmine." Xaden said as it hit him. "I don't think I want to."
Erik looked relieved. "I think that's the best decision you can make." 2
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