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Cherry walked down the hallway to where her sister's bedroom was. 1

She had her head held up high as she went past the guards, her pride as royalty evolving around her.

She was going to grieve and pacify her sister on the murder of Bernice's family.

But she was not alone.

She had Belle by her side to accompany because she had slowly began to trace a pattern of distance from her sister.

Her sister knew something and was holding it back.

She suspected that she also didn't trust her as much anymore.

She wasn't yet close enough to take over the Werewolf realm but she was getting close and if her sister's sudden show of strength had been underestimated, she needed to do something.

And she needed to do it fast.

She had been the one to Kill Bernice's family. 2

It was all her.

She had set the trap to make Bernice poison Rose after Rose had lost Scarlett.

Cherry had taken advantage of the fact that Rose was already in a weak state and used it against her.

Cherry had already been banished from the Kingdom after Scarlett's drowning for refusing to assist Xaden's family when they had been attacked.

So she pulled her strings from afar. 2

It had even been much better because she didn't have anyone's suspicious eyes watching over her.

Bernice had initially resisted but Cherry had promised to have her entire family beheaded if she didn't obey her.

And so Bernice had succeeded in poisoning Rose for decades.

It was only a matter of time before Rose died.

And now somehow Rose had found out about the poison.

Someone had told her.

It wasn't Bernice she as certain of it.

But someone else knew and she had to tie up all loose ends.

The moment Rose had left the cottage, Cherry had used magic to wipe the entire family.

She had felt nothing killing the man or his children.

She had stopped feeling anything a long time ago and after all they were a means to an end.

Once they were at the door of Rose's room, Cherry turned to face her grand niece.

"I want you to be very gentle with your grandma." Cherry coached her.

"Of course." Belle nodded.

Coral had an almost non existent relationship with her mother so Belle was the next best thing.

The doors were opened for them and once Cherry took sight of Hildegard seated near Rose, Hildegard's face fell.

Rose was seated by the window overlooking the castle.

"The Queen doesn't want any disturbance." Hildegard said once she standing face to face with Cherry.

"Get out of my way you dirty slave." Cherry said.

"Let her." Rose said.

"Grandma." Belle said as she went straight to sit by Rose.

Cherry turned and smiled down at Hildegard. "You better watch your back. Things are going to change very soon•

"Until then." Hildegard responded. Then she whispered into Cherry's ears. "I know you had a hand in the murders. It's only a matter of time before you're exposed."

Cherry smiled back at her and repeated Hildegard's exact same words.

"Until them."

And with that Cherry brushed last Hildegard, purposely hitting her shoulder.

"Sister I heard what happened and I came as quickly as I could." Cherry said standing over Rose.

"I'll be out if you need me." Hildegard said and left the room.

Rose said nothing in repose to what Cherry said.

She simply stroked Belle's full red hair.

"Thank you for coming to see me." Rose said. "It means the world to me."

Belle smiled.

"Could you give me and your grand aunt a minute?" Rose asked as she held Belle's hand. "I'll like to speak to her on something important."

"But I can stay to here." Belle said stubbornly. "I'm going to be Queen one day."

"Of course you would. And nothing would ever be kept secret from you." Rose said with a beautiful smile. "But I want to speak to your aunt. Alone."

Cherry glared at Belle who immediately took the hint.

"Of course grand ma." And then Belle kissed Rose's cheek before leaving the room.

Once the door was shut, Rose glared up at Cherry.

"All of this is your fault." Rose said her gaze piercing through Cherry.

Cherry laughed uncomfortably.

Had she been caught?

Did Rose know about everything? 1

Was this the end?

"I don't know what you're talking about. What is my fault?" Cherry asked.

"I left you in charge." Rose said in rage. "Even before I fell ill. Well not ill anymore, but poisoned. Bernice was blackmailed because of the poor system and chain of command. The poor are being overtaxed. She was a worker here and yet she wasn't allowed to have proper healthcare. If she did none of this would have happened."

Cherry silently breathed a sigh of relief.

So that was what her sister meant.

She was so relieved.

For a second she had thought that Rose now knew she was the culprit.

"I'm sorry." Was all Cherry could say. "I would handle things better."

"You're fired." Rose said.

"What?!" Cherry asked in disbelief.

"I said you're fired." Rose repeated. "You're fired from any official duty that you once had in the pack. It was your job to see and cater to the

people. But you let it go corrupt. You made money while the poor suffered."

"It was not my fault I-

"Save it." Rose said raising her hand.

Cherry clenched her fist together.

Her baby sister was firing her from her own right, and even talking down on her.

"You will hand over any and everything you have been working on to Hildegard." Rose said.

Cherry felt like she had received a slap on her face. "To that slave girl?"

"Hildegard is a sister to me." Rose said.

Cherry smirked. "And what am I to you? Your enemy? Everything I have done was for you. All for you! You have no idea what I did even searching for Scarlett how I am still actively searching for-

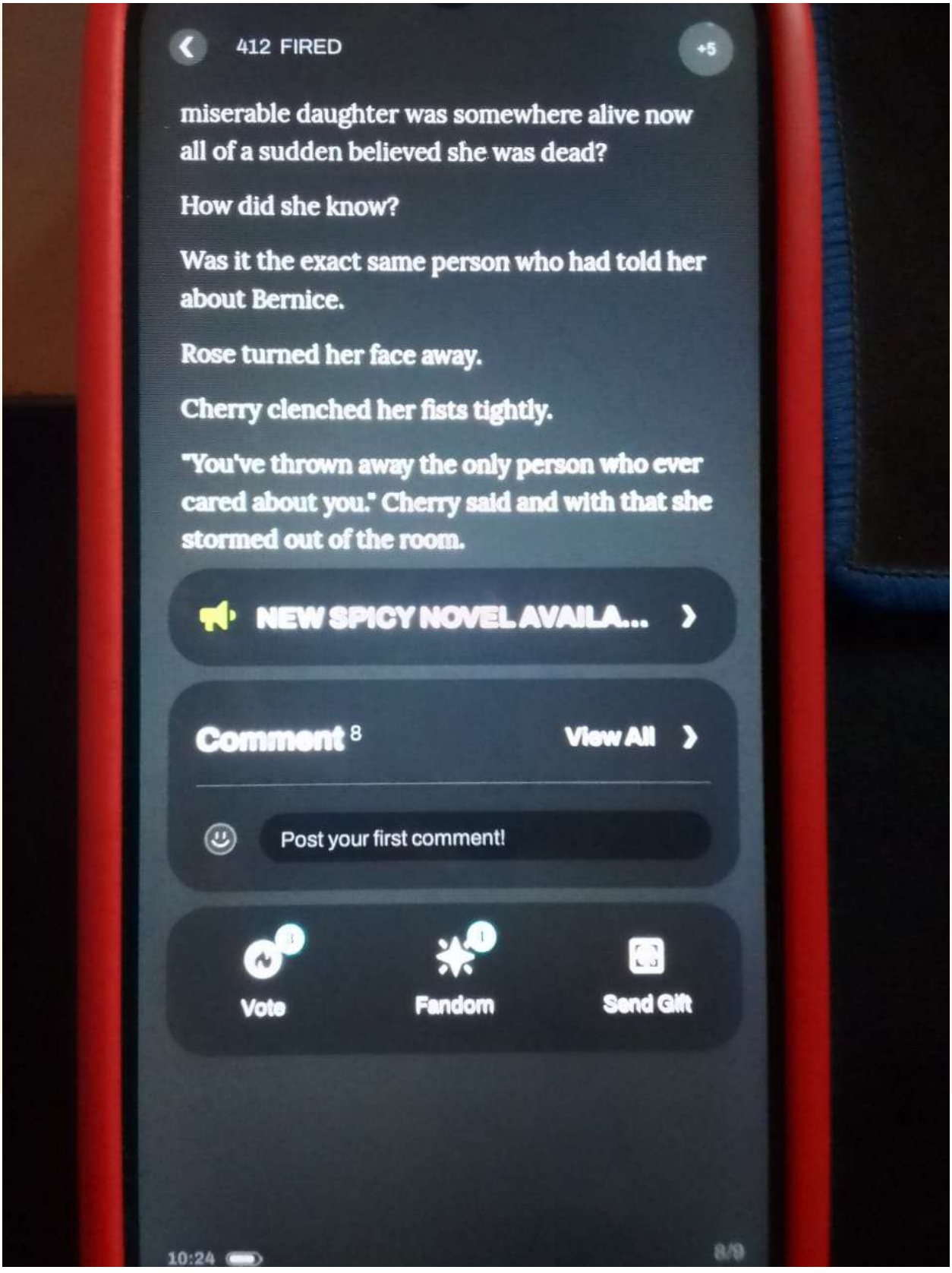
"Scarlett is dead." Rose said shutting Cherry up.

Cherry's mouth dropped.

How did Rose know that?

Something was off.

Rose who has always believed that her


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miserable daughter was somewhere alive now all of a sudden believed she was dead?
How did she know?
Was it the exact same person who had told her about Bernice.
Rose turned her face away.
Cherry clenched her fists tightly.
"You've thrown away the only person who ever cared about you." Cherry said and with that she stormed out of the room.
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