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(TW: mentions of sexual assault/rape) Emma....Present

The job went well and I had hoped it would be enough to get Zane to relax. Thankfully he didn't follow through with whatever he had planned for that night. I was sure he planned on raping me but he was so high that he ended passing out before he could

One of the guys dragged him out but I couldn't sleep that night or any night since. I am completely on edge right now. Something has happened that has Zane spiraling and I'm honestly terrified. I had managed to find that place in my mind that allowed me to survive his torture but I am still terrified

Now he's told the press that I'm at some spa retreat for mental healing out of the blue. Now rumors are swirling that I ran off and called off the engagement. I wish it was that easy. The men seem to be wary of Zane too and I notice them giving me a once over for injuries anytime they see me now. I just wish they would step in and stand up to Zane, but they're probably scared he'll kill them if they do

He has hurt me though. The injuries are well hidden beneath my clothes like I used to do. Long sleeves and scarfs are my go-to thing right now to hide the bruises on my arms from his tight grip. I even have a few on my neck thanks to that night of him almost going too far

He had left small bites all along the side of my neck, then collapsed

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right on top of me

A knock comes at my door and I jump nearly a foot in the air

"Come in," I say with a shaky voice

Zane strides in with a dangerous smile on his face. He claps his hands together and it takes all my self-control not to jump from the sound or recoiling when he moves closer to my bed

"Good morning love. Guess what? We are going for a romantic weekend

Get packed!" He says with a wide smile that makes my blood run cold

I don't trust my voice right now so I offer him a nod in reply while pulling my blanket closer and trying to cover myself more. His eyes follow the motion and I see his expression darken

Big mistake Emma

He moves around the bed and leans over supporting his weight on his arms until we are less than a foot apart

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"I plan on consummating our relationship soon enough love and you will give me what I want. Who knows, maybe you'll even like it. I don't care what it takes, you are mine and I will have you. You either give me what I want or I'll make sure it hurts." He closes the distance between us and kisses me gently on the cheek

He straightens and turns to leave. Once he's gone | shatter. No pushing

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my emotions away can help me now. I feel myself falling into my fear like it did the first night we were together. I know his threat to be true because he had taken me before, and his promise now sounded a lot like a threat.)

He was taking me away. This could be the chance I needed to try and get away somehow. Maybe....maybe the men guarding me would actually let me go. I needed to get a feel for how sorry they felt for me and search for an opening. I just know if Zane gets me to wherever he's

taking me I may never come back. No one would know where I was...

BD)

I swallow deep and hard trying to muster up the strength to push through this fear and come up with a plan. I had been trying hard to hide the marks Zane had been leaving on me. Maybe if I let his men see what he has been doing to me, it may give me the sympathy I need to ask for their help.

Right now I'm wearing a small cami and sleep shorts that show a lot of my skin. Normally I would wrap up before speaking to my guards but not today. I take in one more deep breath and throw my covers away

When I attempt to climb out of bed my body protests. The last couple of days have left my body spent and aching

I drop to the edge of my bed and take a few quick breaths and push back up to my feet. My legs tremble a little but with slow steps, I'm able to make it to the door. I use my hand to hold myself upright and knock

The sound of the door beeping makes me step back a little

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"Do you need something?" One of my guards asks but his voice is not harsh

I give him a weak smile. "Is there any way someone can get me some cream or something for sore muscles?".

I use my hand to massage my shoulder a little. The guard follows the motion and I know the moment his eyes find the bruises because he tenses. His eyes are locked on my neck for a moment before he lifts them to meet mine. I convey the fear I am feeling in my eyes so he knows exactly what's going and I can see the effect it has on him almost immediately. His jaw clenches and he nods tightly

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"Of course. I'll send someone to grab a few things for you." He says and hesitates just a moment before closing the door again.

Once I'm alone again I let myself crumble to the floor. I want to feel nothing again but I don't have the strength any longer to keep my mind locked in that place. I'm too tired, too.... broken. .?

Asher

The guys and I have been driving down a two-way highway for a good hour now. Jayden has his laptop out giving me directions but I swear we have been driving the wrong way. The location we were given is a guess at best and it's possible that it isn't anywhere close to one of Zane's properties

My body is permanently tense as I try to keep my anger and my

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frustration tapped down. None of it would help right now and I may need all that emotion later when we face any of Zane's men

"Turn right over there," Jayden says suddenly pointing at a section of the woods that looked like some trees had been cut away

If Zane had a place built in these woods it would make sense that a path had to be made for construction crews to get up here. I'm guessing since the clearing looked almost natural that the place had been built years ago

I turned in and we immediately felt the bumps of off-road driving. The woods all looked the same and I couldn't pick out what direction to follow. Jayden was silent so I kept moving straight and searching around for any sign of life

"Do you guys think he would really bring her out here?" Logan asks

He's been quiet and sad-looking since we saw Emma's video. He looks even worse now that he knows she had been asking for help the whole time

"It would be the perfect place to get her completely alone. I'd say this is a good bet." Leo says curtly

I glance at him through the rearview mirror but he is actively avoiding making eye contact with any of us. I had hoped he could put this aside for now but he was royally pissed right now and I couldn't really blame him. Truthfully, I have no idea how we are going to get past this once

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we have Emma back with us. Yes, I say that with confidence because there is no way we will lose her

"I feel like everything looks exactly the same. We may never find this place." I growl out in angry and annoyance

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"The land is huge, so you're not far off. We need to think of another way to find our way around here." Jayden says with a sigh. "Even with the map, there isn't a clear straight path."

He wasn't wrong. The small opening we went through had been weaving around like crazy like someone was purposefully making it hard for any car to find its way through. It sounds like something a paranoid asshole would do

"Watch out!" The sound of Logan's warning pulls me out of my thoughts too late and I have to swerve suddenly to avoid the tight line of trees directly ahead of us

The small clearing we had been driving on had suddenly hit a dead end

The forest ahead of us was thick and impossible to pass.

"What the hell?" I said my breaths coming out quick as my heart tries to slow from the sudden jump of adrenaline.

"There's no way out," Logan says. "We have to go back the way we

came."

Easy enough, but there was no way for me to turn the SUV completely

around. I would have to drive back the entire way we came

"I guess we're walking from here," I say glancing at Jayden

He nods and starts to pack up his laptop. We were smart enough to grab a few backpacks and filled them with weapons, food, and water. I had suspected we would end up having to hike or something, so we were prepared. Leo and Logan grumbled in the back but climbed out and tossing their bags over their shoulders

"Let's get this over with," Leo says before turning and walking off

"We need to fix that," Logan says coming up beside me as we watch Leo walk away

"I know," I say feeling defeat creeping in

Leo is our brother and I would risk my life for him, but this may be something we cant overcome. *