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Leo

"Ash? Hey, what's going on?" Logan asks as we step into the cabin

At this point, we might as well move in full-time with how much we've been coming here

"Emma just called," Asher says looking a little out of it

"What? Where is she?" Logan asks

"She wouldn't say," Asher replies and we all look at each other in confusion

"What do you mean she wouldn't say? Why not?" I ask

"She wouldn't tell me okay!" Asher shouts, suddenly snapping out of his moment of shock to face us

"She's okay though right?" I ask

"Yeah, she says she's fine. Apparently, she has some new friends." Asher

scoffs

What is he talking about?

"Dude just tell us everything because your short answers are not

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explaining much." Logan pushes

Asher sighs. "One of Zane's men saved her and took her somewhere

She said some of Zane's men want to help her. Be her crew. She wants Zane. She wants to punish him for what he did to her and for...what he almost did."

I blink at Asher in disbelief. That's a lot to dissect

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"Okay, so one of Zane's men took her to an unknown location full of defectors from Zane's crew. These men now want to help Emma, am I understanding that right?" Logan asks

"Wow. I'm not sure what to think other than I'm glad she's safe." I add in but I am at a loss here

"Don't you guys get it? She doesn't want to come back! She rather be anywhere than with us! Shit!" Asher's temper flares up and he storms off, no doubt looking for a prisoner to take his anger out on

Logan, Jayden, and I stay grounded and the room falls silent

"Why wouldn't Emma want to come home?" Logan asks in a small sad voice, a sound I have never heard come out of him before but is becoming more regular recently

I try to wrack my brain looking for a reason Emma wouldn't want to see us. Asher isn't telling us everything. Emma wouldn't pull away unless she had a good reason

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"I'm sure she went through hell with Zane, and I have no doubt that there is so much we don't know. Maybe she needs some time to work through everything without us tripping over ourselves trying to fix her

We don't know what after-effects she may be feeling and we are going to want to make her feel safe again. Maybe that's not what she needs right now." I offer as a possibility but I could be wrong. :)

"And she wants Zane? We can't let him anywhere near her. He could hurt her and it would be far worse after what we did to him. She can't handle that." Logan adds

"She has a crew Asher said. She wouldn't be doing it alone." Jayden says

A crew. I can't help but smile a little at the thought of our small sweet girl leading a crew of men with that fire I know is inside her. I always knew she was a lot tougher than she let on but she was good at keeping it tapped down. Now she's probably letting all that pours out. \

"We don't know what kind of mental state she's in, but getting some justice by punishing Zane may be about closure," I say. :)

"Devaro isn't going to just let her have Zane." Logan points out

"Why not? Devaro has a soft spot for Emma and it's obvious he wants her a part of our crew. If he does this she might be willing to join for real. Devaro won't refuse her." I say

Logan sighs. "This is crazy, but if it's what we need to do to bring Emma

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home then I'm game. Man, that girl is going to be the death of me." I laugh. "I agree brother. But what a sweet way to go." We both laugh and I see Jayden smirk. \\*

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We are all too far gone for her and we know it. She may not be ready to come home but we'll never stop waiting for her. At least I never will. I'll never walk away from her again.

"Let's call boss man then," Logan says pulling out his phone. (\*) After dialing he puts the call on speaker and we wait

Emma

Breakfast turned into a huge get-to-know-the-crew event and before I know it I'm smiling and laughing along with a bunch of huge burly guys. When was the last time I felt this free? I honestly don't know. I loved the guys so much but I always felt like I had to pretend like I didn't care that they kept their life with the crew from me. \?)

That they always wanted to protect me. God, I loved them for that when dad was killed but eventually, a girl doesn't want to feel like a piece of china that can break any second. I want to be more than protected, I want to protect myself. Feel strong and powerful enough that no one would try to hurt me again

I am so sick of being a victim

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Deep down I know the guys love me and even though Asher is a hothead, he'll understand why I need to do this. No doubt Leo is laying out all my thoughts to them and making them feel stupid for getting mad about all this

I hate being apart from them now but I really need to do this alone. I need to face Zane and make him hurt the way he hurt me. Then I'm going to take everything he built and burn it to the ground so even his name would be buried in ash. \\*)

Okay so yeah I am in a scary dark place right now and no doubt a therapist would recommend some serious concealing but honestly, I have never felt so clear-headed. Who knew vengeance could be so cathartic

God, I never thought I could be a person to want to hurt someone as badly as I want to hurt Zane. There is so much anger inside me and I feel like I could scream and cause the earth to crumble from the power that scream would hold

I have been broken so many damn times and I want someone to pay for making me into this person

Broken, dark, and full of hate

"Hey, boss. Phone call for you." I look up to one of the guys holding out the phone I left back in the room

"Thanks, Billy," I say taking the phone and putting it to my ear

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"Hello?"

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"Emma?" It's Devaro. "Are you okay?"

I let out a weak laugh. That's a loaded question

"T will be," I say simply

"The boys told me you want us to hand over Zane. Look in truth I want to kill the bastard for everything he's done but I know you need to do this. Will you try and get some answers out of him first? We haven't been able to get anything and I have a feeling seeing you will get the cocky bastard to brag all his truths." I smirk at that, he probably isn't wrong. "So where can we drop him off? He's stinking up the cabin."

Cabin? Okay, that's something to discuss another time

"Thanks, Devaro. Look I know you guys want me to come back but..."

"Emma, you have been through hell these past few weeks if what Zane has been spewing is true. You don't have to worry about needing space

You are part of our crew, an Angel, so take all the time you need. Just keep us in the loop yeah?" I feel a sense of relief. :).

"Thanks. I'll text you a location. Tell the boys I'll be waiting." We end the call there and I feel suddenly lighter. :\*

Who am I kidding? I need space yeah but I need to see my boys too, even for a quick visit. :.

"They agreed to turn over Zane, we just need a location to meet," I tell

Wyatt

"We have a place." He says nodding to one of the guys

The guy comes forward and shows me his phone with the location. I quickly type it into a message to the number Devaro called me from.

Once done I lock the phone and my whole body goes tense. A wave of nausea rushes through me. !?)

"Emma? Are you okay? What's wrong?" Wyatt asks

"I think I'm going to be sick," I say jumping to my feet and rushing out the door in time to unload my breakfast behind a bush just outside the

door. \\*)

I was so hungry I must have overdone it in there. ?!)

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