

# Four or Dead by GOA

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Jayden...Present..

The guys were vibrating in anticipation for Emma to return home. She had only been gone a short time, but with how things had been between us when she left it made the time apart seem longer. I tried to keep my usual cool with the guys but that night I barely slept. Just knowing she wasn't in the house made me anxious. I have no idea how any of us were going to handle her being gone for weeks with Zane Dalton. I swear at his name in my mind. I hated that guy and I didn't even know him. [?!

He wanted Emma and that was enough to make me hate him. She was ours. She was right, we hold onto her too tight because to us she is precious. We had spent all those years hurting her, but you know what the old theory was about bullying girls. \\*

'Boys pull pigtails because they have a crush on you.'

I guess there is truth in that. I could tell the other guys were as fascinated by Emma as I was back then, and now she is ours but now there was a chance we could lose her. As much as I try to reassure the guys that there is nothing to worry about, my insides are twisted with worry. I can't lose her. If I did there was no way I could come back from it. I had already lost everyone I have ever loved and she was my second chance

"Hello? Is anyone home?" My heart stops at the sound of Emma's voice

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echoing through the house and a rare smile spreads across my face

I am going to miss that voice

I quickly gather myself and make my way downstairs to find Logan lifting Emma in a desperate hug. Her eyes meet mine over his shoulders and she smiles at me

"Hey, Jay!" She says walking toward me once Logan sets her down

I reach out and brush a strand of her hair aside and she leans into my touch. This girl had my heart now and all I wanted to do was sweep her up in my arms and lock us together in my room for days. But we only had tonight. One last night

"Don't get shy on me Jay." She says stepping closer to me and giving me a sly smile

"Never," I whisper to her before meeting her lips with mine. \\*

I didn't usually show affection in front of people as much as the others but I was desperate to touch her

She smiles into our kiss and wraps her arms around my neck. The feeling of her body against mine makes my heart clench in pain. How could I let her leave us? I needed her here in my arms just like this forever. She pulls back from me and looks me straight in the eye and we share a silent moment wrapped in each other

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"Okay, my turn," Leo says stepping up behind her and she smiles and rolls her eyes

"Come find me later, yeah?" She whispers to me and I nod

I finally let her go and she turns to jump into Leo's arms. He catches her and pulls her so tight against him that she makes a squeaking sound and he laughs

"Sorry." He says easing up and dropping his head to kiss her

"Where's Asher?" She asks when Leo finally lowers her to her feet

Leo laughs, "Still in the kitchen attempting to cook. He decided that he wanted to try and impress you after our video chat even though everything was already a disaster."

"Oh god. How bad is it?" She asks cringing

"Bad," Leo replies with a huge smile

"Yeah, like burnt everything. It's horrible." Logan adds and we all follow her to the kitchen. |

As soon as we walk in we watch Asher fumbling around and cursing everything in sight, but none of us stop him just yet

"What the hell? Why does it look...uh...god that's gross." Asher mumbles to himself looking inside one of the pots.

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Emma snorts out a laugh not able to stop herself. Asher's body freezes and he drops his head in defeat. Emma moves around the island countertop and wraps her arms around Asher's waist from behind.

"What are you doing Ash?" She asks sweetly with a hint of a laugh

"Just getting things ready for you." He says turning in her hold and giving her an innocent look

She keeps holding him but leans over to look past him to see what destruction he's caused and he stops her

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"It's not quite ready yet," he says leaning down to hug her instead. [?]

She giggles and nuzzles herself into his chest. "Smells like roadkill if I'm honest."

The rest of the guys break out laughing and I smile a slightly

"How about we order in and you boys can clean up this mess later." She gives each of us a pointed look and we all nod in agreement

"Good. Now, what should we order?" She extracts herself from Asher

and opens the drawer at the end of the counter where we keep all our takeout menus

"Anything but Mexican," Logan says getting a dish towel to his face courtesy of Asher. |!

"Boys. Play nice. I am thinking pizza and pasta? Any objections?" She

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asks looking at us. \\* "No ma'am." The guys all say together

She just shakes her head and pulls out her phone. With her back turned to us we all glance at one another and share the same look. This was our last night together. The guys sighed and moved around the counter and join Asher in crowding around her and wrapping her in their arms, one of them on each side. I stayed back because she already promised my time with her would come later. She knew too well that our time was always alone and that's exactly how I liked it, her all to myself. .\*

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After we spent a few hours eating and the guys cuddling Emma as much as possible it was time for us to finally sleep. Emma stood from her place between Logan and Asher and walks over to me and holds her hand out to me

"Ready?" She asks

I nod at her and stand to follow her out of the living room. I shot a smug look at the guys and they all scowled at me. This was my time and I didn't care if the guys pouted and whined for a week after this. This time was mine

Emma walks into my room ahead of me and I turn to close and lock my door

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"So what would you like to--" I cut her off by grabbing her and slamming our lips together

I was losing control and I needed to feel all of her. I couldn't let her go without this night being something special

When I release her she is breathless and so am I

"Wow. I guess you really did miss me." She says with a smile

"T can't hold back tonight Emma. I need you." I admit

She wraps her arms around my waist and pulls me close to kiss me gently. "Why do you think I asked to stay with you tonight?" (')

I sighed in relief and captured her lips into a deep kiss again. Her hands slowly moved from around my waist up to my chest and the action sends a shiver through my body. She was the only one who ever had that effect on me. Her hands traveled down my stomach until her fingers pulled the hem of my shirt aside. Her hands snaked under and her delicate fingers danced along my bare skin. It immediately made goosebumps form across my skin. My body was already on fire and I need to feel more of her. .\*

I moved my lips from hers and kissed along her jaw and down along her neck. Her breaths were shallow and shaky which egged me on more. Her hands continued to run along my stomach and chest, and I wanted to do the same to her. My control was breaking faster than I had hoped. I wanted so badly to take this slow and cherish it, but I couldn't wait. I

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moved away from her a little and lifted the hem of her shirt and she lifted her arms to let me pull it from her body. As soon as it was thrown aside our lips met and we both desperately ran our hands over each other

"Jay." She whispered against my ear and I let out a sound that was more animal than man and surprised her

She giggled and pulled me into another kiss. "Don't hold back Jay."

I didn't need to be told twice. I kept her tight against me but walked us toward the bed. When her legs hit the edge of the bed I finally released her and she dropped down on the bed with a giggle. I opened her legs slightly so I could slip in between them and lay myself over her. She

immediately wrapped her arms around me as I hovered over her

"I can't promise you I'll take things slow. Sorry." I told her honestly

"I don't need slow Jay. I just need you." She says and I descend on her like I am a man starved.