

THE BILLIONAIRE'S SURROGATE

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

" TEARS OF ROSES"

Andre had ordered the IMPERIAL JEWEL for Gianna,

"Miss McKenna, mind if you climb down the bed, so I can get you dressed up for the party." Alan said to her,

She climbed down from the bed and went to sit down in front of the vanity mirror.

Alan held a rose gown and brought it to her,

She'd been so surprised when she saw the gown,

"Isn't this the gown from EMPRESS?" She asked Alan, the man nodded

"Miss McKenna, the president asked you to put on this gown." Alan said seeing her surprised look,

"He said, you're the only person that has the body to carry our IMPERIAL JEWEL." Alan informed

I thought this man had said I'm not fit to wear this gown,
Why give to me now?

This man is so difficult to decipher,

Why humiliate in in public to console her in private.

The more she tries to understand the man, the more confuses she became.

Alan was a good stylist, so it wasn't hard for him to pull up a nice makeover for Gianna.

When he finished, she stood up and admired herself,

Alan came afterwards with a necklace on a tray,

She looked at it in awe,

It's a ruby necklace.

The necklace was inlaid with nothing but ruby

The dazzling ruby in the color of a pigeon's blood appeared to be the accumulation of actual blood

Rumor has it that ruby was extremely rare and only a few of them are in the world, so they're seldom seen

Of this rarity the pigeon's blood ruby was the most precious,

"This is..."

"This necklace is called TEARS OF ROSES and it's the only piece in existence." Alan said,

Pausing for a moment, he slowly informed,

"This is President De Marco's most prized possession."

"Why did Andre give this to me?" She asked, Alan was shocked at how she called him by his name and not address him as Chairman De Marco or President De Marco.

People in the entire State calls him by his official name President De Marco and she's here calling him by his real name.

For President De Marco to give his most prized possession to her, it means she holds a special place in his life and is to be treated with utmost care.

Alan carefully placed the TEARS OF ROSES on Gianna's neck and he was wowed by what he saw,

She looks stunning,
The necklace accentuated the gown making her look more beautiful than she already was.

With a little more finishing touches he led her out of the room.

Dean was outside when she came out,
And seeing him out there feeling dejected she felt bad,

"You look beautiful Gianna." He smiled, taking her hands to his, he led her downstairs.

He wasn't going to question her about what happened between her and Alexandre,

He must have scared her making her fall for his trick.

Meanwhile Reid was upstairs with Agent Lee, looking around the large hall, he couldn't find his mommy,

"Why's mommy not here yet?" He asked his manager,

The man didn't know what to reply, turned to the boy and smiled,

"Maybe she was caught up with something."

"Stupid. Mommy's the most beautiful woman and remember the most beautiful comes in last so everyone would see her beautiful face." Quite impressed at himself, he smiled.

The manager, feeling insulted at the boy's disregard of his IQ, he frowned.

He looked down again and saw Andre come inside, the man walked to a little boy and whispered something to the boy's ear and the child smiled.

Reid looked at the kid,
Oh it's his brother.

The man left the boy's side and stood close to another woman.

Reid frowned,

His father is so stupid, chasing after his mother in private then standing with another woman in public.

"My father is the most stupid man, I've ever met." He said his thoughts loud to his manager,

The man was astounding at the boy's vicious words on the man who's his father,

"Why do you say so Sir?" He asked,

"He's claiming to want my mommy while he's here standing with another woman and my brother even calls the other woman 'mommy'". He spat,

Agent Lee shook his head,
This boy is something else.

While kids his age have their father as their superhero, he's making his look stupid.

His eyes moved from his father to the entrance when he heard people murmuring and looking towards the entrance,

"Here comes my mommy." The boy proudly said.

Gianna walked into the hall with Dean by her side,

"Wow, she's wearing EMPRESS'S IMPERIAL JEWEL and TEARS OF ROSES." Someone said and everyone turned to her direction.

"Is that the TEARS OF ROSES?" Another asked,

"No, it isn't, she must have gotten the fake one.
TEARS OF ROSES has only one piece left and it's not something to be owned by anyone."

"No, this is the real one, she has the real piece." The comments were much, Gianna couldn't keep count of it.

Gianna walked past the Williams sisters and the girls couldn't help but throw deadly and venomous glares at her,

Katy wasn't with them.

Andre was with Jasmine when Gianna walked in with Dean,

Seeing her with him again, he became angry and jealous.

This jerk, why can't he just leave her alone and go look for some other woman.
He cursed,

Andre wasn't the only who didn't like Gianna being with Dean,

Justin did too,
For some reason which he doesn't know, he felt the beautiful woman should be with his daddy and not another man.

Seeing Gianna and Dean dance made Justin and Andre angry.

While Reid watch with partial happiness and jealousy how his mommy smiled as she danced with the man.

Taking a good look at the man, Reid was convinced,

This man really loves my mommy.

What if his mommy decides to marry this man? He asked himself,
I'll support them as long as the man has enough money and love for mommy,
As long as he won't make her sad or bully her cause that's the one thing he won't tolerate.

Someone making his mommy cry or bullying her, he'll make that person shed a thousand tears for one drop of tears that fall from his Mommy's beautiful eyes.

He doesn't care who that person is, be it his father or anybody,

He'll make that person pay.

Meanwhile, Camille was trying to go back home when she bumped into the angry Katy,

"Hey you bitch, where are you going to?" Katy asked Camille angrily, seeing her she recalled what Dean did to her,

This woman must pay.

Camille wanted to ignore her and leave but Katy wouldn't let her go, she dragged her back by her hair and slapped her across the face,

"You dare stab me from the back by telling Dean my plan, right?" She said,

Not giving Camille any chance to explain, she started slapping her continuously with great effort.

"You should know the people you mess with; you can't just come on here and mess with anybody."

Camille couldn't fight back, she was already weak from those men assault, she couldn't raise a finger on Katy who continued to hit her.

Not satisfied with the numerous scratches she has given to her, Katy brought out a nail clipper from her purse and she ruined Camille's face with some few strikes.

Then she became satisfied, seeing the girl's face ruined beyond recognition.

She kicked the bleeding girl's stomach and walked back into the grand hall.

Unknown to her, the surveillance camera implanted by the wall had captured every moment of her heinous crime.

Feeling satisfied with herself, Katy waltz towards Director Hernandez and began to dance with him,

“You look rather beautiful tonight.” The man flattered while her lips melted in a smile.

Why wouldn't she be?
When she'd gotten rid of her that stupid Camille.

While the party went on, Andre couldn't concentrate on anything, seeing Gianna and Dean together.

Luckily, she was placed on the same table with him but Dean as her partner.

Looking across to her, he wanted to drag her from Dean and make her sit by his side all night.

He was so lost; he didn't notice Jasmine asking him what he would want to eat.

“Alexandre.” Jasmine called again, he looked at her,

“What's it?” He asked her,

She frowned, looking at Gianna who was opposite Andre, she knew for once he'd been looking at her.

This woman is a seductive vixen.
She cursed Gianna.

First, she condoned him giving the TEARS OF ROSES, his precious possession to Gianna but now he's publicly embarrassing her by fixating his eyes on Gianna who was across the table.

She excused herself from the table and headed to the rest room.
She needs to cool off before she does something drastic

Gianna wasn't comfortable sitting across Andre,
She felt the man's eyes on her and had caught him staring a few times she had managed to look up.

Tugging Dean, she turned to him,

"Can we get another table, I'm not comfortable sitting here." She whispered to Dean,

He nodded,
Actually he didn't want to sit here but didn't want to say it but hearing her say it, he stood up holding Gianna's hand.

"Ladies and gentlemen, mind if we take our leave now." He excused himself and left with Gianna.

Andre was red with fury as he saw them left the table.
Now, there's nothing he could do.

Jasmine met Aaron as she was heading to the restroom.

The man seeing her angry, pulled her into one of the rooms and shut the door behind them.

"Aaron what are you doing here?" She asked the man, wanting to vent her anger on him.

"I came for you," he strolls towards her,

It was no secret to her that Aaron is in love with her,
But she sees him as nothing but a helping hand to achieve her devious plans.

"Aaron, if you're holding unto that night we spent together, then you must be dreaming." She moved from him,

"But I love you Jasmine and I'm ready to give you anything you want." He said,

"You and I know very well that Andre doesn't love you and you're still in that house because of his grandfather,"

"The man's just a few years from his grave and you know when he dies, Andre won't hesitate to throw you away."

"Why not come to me, we'll elope together and I'll work so hard to give you whatever you want." He took her hands, there was so much sincerity in his eyes,

"I can't betray Andre..." He let out a sarcastic laughter,

"He's already betraying you by sleeping with her and giving her his most precious possession, do you still hope on him." He asked,

Aaron's very right, she knows Andre has slept with Gianna earlier this night but she had to keep her cool not to crest a scene but now, it's so embarrassing hearing it from Aaron.

"I want to just get rid of that girl." Jasmine sighed in frustration,

"I'll help you get rid of her but first, you'll have to make me happy." He lay on the bed and smiled.

She knows what he wants and she's willing to give it to him as long as her plan succeeds.

She walked to the bed and lay beside him,

"Here's what you'll do," She started taking off his shirt's button stylishly,

"Get her drunk and send her to Don Juan's house."

"The man wouldn't fail to lay her, then have someone capture every single moment of it." She said to the man,

"Consider it done." He unclads her and they turned the room into a sex zone.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

NOT PERMITTED TO CALL HIM

Towards the end of the party, it was getting hotter, Directors are just out looking for young girls to spike and take home with them to pass out the remaining night.

Predators, lurking around the corner looking for innocent preys to devour.

Dean knows the ways of these men, so he decided to keep Gianna closer, He didn't want to let her out of his sight.

This is the most scheming part of the night and he wouldn't let Gianna be drawn into these predator's net.

Gianna was seating alone while Dean was attending to some few guests but he didn't go far,

He'd asked her to come closer but she refused, wanting to sit down after having to stand for a while now.

Megan walked towards her
(Megan was the girl they met at EMPRESS)

She took out a seat and sat beside Gianna

"Wow this gown looks beautiful on you." She complimented,

Gianna looked at her and smiled,

The girl placed her hands on Gianna's neck,
"Is this TEARS OR ROSES?" She asked stupefied,

Gianna didn't say a word, she just nodded while the other woman continues to look at the necklace in amazement.

"You're very lucky dear," Gianna looked at her,

"You're beautiful and smart, just got the female lead role in Green Love, having Dean Wilson as your boyfriend..." Gianna frowned,

Now she knows where all this is leading to,

"Dean isn't my boyfriend, we're just friends." She made a very high clarification on the last part of the sentence,

"Okay pardon me, he isn't your boyfriend but your friend but all the same, you're lucky dear." Megan apologized,

Gianna wasn't interested in whatever this woman was getting at, she just wanted to get home and go lay beside her son.

"So, what are you getting at?" She asked the woman paranoid,

"I'm not getting at anyone, just wanted to say sorry for how I treated you at the EMPRESS earlier yesterday." Megan mouthed,

Gianna nodded,

"It's no big deal, it was just a minor misunderstanding." The girl looked at her,

"You sure have a good heart. Gianna didn't know what to say at this, so she kept quiet,

"Friends?" The girl brought out her hand,

"Friends." Gianna took it in a handshake,

"Let's toast to our new found friendship." A servant passed holding a tray of wine,

Megan took two glasses of wine and gave one to Gianna,

"Toast." They gently hit the glasses together making a clink sound then Megan drank hers,

"Why aren't you drinking?" She asked sullen,

"It's just that, I can't handle my drink." Gianna whispered, Megan nodded,

"Okay you have low alcohol tolerance. Let's get you some juice then." Megan called another servant,

"Get Miss Gianna a glass of juice, then get me another glass of wine." The man left immediately taking her orders.

The man came out again with a glass of wine and another glass of juice,

Giving each to the two women, they toasted again and drank their drinks.

Megan stood up,

"Gianna, I got to go now, Paul will be waiting for me." She pecked her and left while Gianna sat alone.

Manager Sullivan was still helping Dean out because he was drunk, when someone tapped him from behind,

"Manager, Dean's partner Gianna, it looks like she's drunk." He looked at Gianna who was sitting at the other table, she seems so uncomfortable and her head was almost going in circles,

"Go...take..Gl..Gl..home.." Dean stammered,

"Even in his drunken state, he still cares about her." The manager said,

"Help me keep him up while I attend to Gianna." He left the man with Dean and walked to Gianna,

I thought I had to handle Dean, now I'll have to handle her too,
Why do I get to manage people with low alcohol tolerance?

He helped Gianna up and carried her to the entrance,

It was cold outside and she was cold,
So he took out his jacket and put it on her

He was trying to get Gianna into Dean's minivan when someone ran to him,

"Manager Sullivan, Superstar D is throwing up inside." The man informed him,

He looked at Gianna,

This is not good.

He carried her out of the minivan, then went in search of a cab that'll take her home.

The first three cabs had no driver, so he went for the fourth one,
A man was inside,

Seeing him carrying Gianna, the man came out immediately and helped the manager put Gianna at the back seat

"Please can you take her to this house for me?" He brought out the scribbled address Dean had given to him.

The cab driver took it,

"Okay Sir." He nodded, got into the car and zoomed off while the manager walked back inside,
Praying she gets home safely.

As the car drove out of sight,
Another head popped out from the front seat,

The two men smiled at each other,

"Let's call the boss." One said to the other,

"Okay." The one who was driving gave his phone to the other,

"Boss, we've got her." He said to the receiver.

Jasmine was still laying on the bed with Aaron, when his phone rang,

"Boss, the job is done." The caller said,

"Okay, I'll send you the address, make sure you send her there." He said then hung up,

And send the address of Don Juan's residential area to them.

Smiling to Jasmine, he said

"They have her and they're taking her there."
Jasmine smiled,

This is going to be a real scandal for Gianna.

I think I should go one more round for making this plan of your successful. "Aaron said, smiling seductively at her,

She stood up from the bed,

" No, Andre must be worried about me now." She picked up her gown went to the bathroom to get dressed,

Aaron followed her in,

“Stop deceiving yourself, he’ll wouldn’t even notice your absence talk more of looking for you.” He took the gown from her and ended up making love to her there.

Meanwhile Andre was sick worried, he wasn’t seeing Gianna anywhere but Dean was being held upstairs by his manager.

Where had she gone to?

He looked at his son,

“Justin, have the driver take you home, daddy has to finish something important.”

“But daddy, it’s very late now. What work can’t wait till its dawn.”

“It’s a very urgent work.” He touched the boy’s hair and signaled the driver to take him home,

While he went outside, got into his Bentley and left the place.

His original plan was to drive to her house and see if she’s safely home but on his way,

His car almost crashed with another cab.

The car just stopped abruptly in the middle of the road and him who was on full speed behind it could step on the brake pedal on time,

There by crashing into the cab,

He got out of his car angrily while two men emerge from the cab,

“Are you blind?” One of the men rudely said to me,

Andre who was not much a talker didn’t say a word, he only went to the front of his car to check if any serious damage had been done to his car,

But in the process of checking his car, his eyes moved to the back seat of the other car,

And he saw a young woman in the car, she was asleep, he saw only her hair since she was sitting down.

The men who noticed he was looking at the lady in the car, moved to the window side to block his view.

"Move out of the way." It was a terrifying order; the men couldn't stand his grace.

Andre walked to the window, the woman's hair was covering her face, so he didn't see her face but felt a very familiar connection to her,

"Get her out." He ordered the men,

Like some hypnotized idiots, they scurried to the car and brought the woman out to him,

He shifted the hair on her face,

Gianna.

What's she doing with them and Why's she drunk?

Looking at them men, he frowned.

They dare lay hands on his woman.

"Get her in my car." They carried her gently and placed her on his car and ran back to him,

"Now get lost." He ordered, they scurried back into their car while he went back to his, adjusted Gianna and drove away.

Instead of going home, he drove her to his beach house in the outskirts of the city.

Taking her out of the car, he carried her into the mansion.

She was mumbling something inaudibly, he carried her to his room and lay her on the bed.

Looking at her, he felt aroused.

Gosh, this woman has really done great harm to me.
Mere looking at her, I just want to rip her off this cloth and make wild love to her.....

Alexandre De Marco, when did you become this lustful?
He asked himself,
The moment you set eyes on Gianna McKenna.

Seeing her toss and turn on the large and soft king size bed,

He helped her out of the gown, then took off the jewelry from her neck, then covered her with the blanket.

He couldn't bear to stay in the same room with her avoiding the risk of sleeping with her, he went out of the room and rested in the balcony.

He wasn't feeling sleepy at all, he was restless,
One part of him was telling him to go inside the room and make love to her while the weaker part was pleading with him to let the lady rest.

Feeling so disturbed, he brought out a cigar from his pocket, light it on and inhaled the stuff.

It was already noon when Gianna woke up, with a splitting headache, she looked around the unfamiliar room she was in.

"How did I get here?" She asked herself,

"Because you were so drunk, you couldn't go home." A male voice, she turned to the voice and her eyes met Andre's.

She frowned,

This shameless man.

Was she really drunk and he brought her here?

She slightly opened the blanket to look at her legs,

“Don’t worry, we’d quite fun yesternight?” He said mockingly,

Gosh, I’m naked.

She was only in her panties.

The man walked towards her as he saw color drain her face.

“You were so wild last night and I enjoyed every bit of it.” He said to her,

She wanted throw him the pillow beside her but her hands on time,

“You’re so shameless!”

“You’re a pervert!”

“How can you take advantage of my drunken state to fill your selfish desires, Andre?” She said angrily,

He loves every bit of her anger and leaned closer to her and whispered to her,

“ Didn’t I tell you that you’re my woman and I have right to you whenever I want.”

“I hate you Andre, you’re a bastard!” She pushed him away and stood up from the bed

He frowned,

So many women are praying earnestly for the opportunity to be on the same bed with him but here she is refusing like he’s a deadly disease.

She realizing she was naked except the white lace undies she was wearing, ran to the bed and grabbed the blanket, covered her nude body, she picked her phone and left the room.

She was down the hall when her phone rang, she looked at the caller ID,

It was Dean,

Smiling like a teen in love, she accepted the call.

"Hey, how're you doing?" His groggy voice asked through the phone.

"I'm fine though, just have a headache but it'll be gone soon." She replied him,

Unknown to her, a shadowing figure appeared in the hallway and stood close by, listening to her conversation.

"I'm sorry, I couldn't take you home yesternight." Dean apologized, she smiled,

"You don't have to be Dean; you tried a lot for me and I'm so grateful." She replied him,

Andre frowned,

This woman's something else,

She's being nice and sweet to Dean while with his she's away angry and ready to fight him.

She's really something else.

"Would you mind if I ask you out tonight by seven pm, let's go out for dinner?" Dean voice was pleading,

This is how a man should behave not that jerk that thinks that he can get whatever he wants.

"Okay, tonight by seven. That's a great idea." She replied him,

Andre matched forward.

How dare her?

Accept to go on a date with another man.

Before Gianna could say another word, he took the phone from her,

"She isn't going anywhere with you." He yelled at Dean, then threw the phone away from the window.

"Andre!" She cried as she heard the shattering sound of her phone.

“How dare you?” She pushed him,
Tears were falling from her face,

“You’re not permitted to call him or go out with any other man, you’re mine and mine alone.” He said and went and sat while she continued cursing him and crying.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

STOP CRYING OR ELSE, ILL MAKE LOVE TO YOU HERE AND NOW

Gianna wouldn’t stop crying and cursing,
Andre was just watching her, slightly amused at the way she was crying,

She cries like a toddler who has been refused her favorite toy.

When her cry became intense and her eyes were getting redder, he stood up and strode to where she was standing,

“Stop crying.” He said, she didn’t stop,

“Why should I stop crying?
When you treat me like your pawn,
I had feelings too Andre,
I have emotions,
I’m human just like you.

Why treat me like an object,
An object you can use when you feel like and drop it when you feel like.
Treat me with respect, I'm no object Andre,
I'm a human with feelings."

Her words were hurting,
He pulled her in a hug and made her rest her head in his shoulder.

"Do you feel that way?" He asked, she didn't answer, she was still busy sobbing.

Women are too fragile and dumb.
They cry over silly things.

"I know you see me as a monster,
But it's because I want you and I don't want another man staring at you or trying to steal you from me." He said,

She sighed,
Why does these rich men find it hard to say sorry,
It's like when they say it, they'll lose their life or get strip of their possessions.

"Stop crying." He said again.

Though she wanted to really stop cause her voice was getting croakier and her eyes were puffy but she wanted him to say sorry first before she stops.

"Stop crying Gigi." He said again but she didn't stop,

"Stop crying or else I'll make love to you here and now." He threatened.

What?
This man's so shameless and he's a pervert.
How can he say such words like they mean nothing.

He looked at her face,

"Are you still crying? Cause I won't hesitate to make love to you here and now." He said again.

She dried her eyes and immediately stopped crying,

This man's sure to do anything when he's being challenged.
I can't take the risk.

He kissed her lightly when he saw how obedient she has become when he talked about making love to her.

"Now go freshen up and come down for lunch since you've missed breakfast." He took her to the bathroom then left for her to freshen up.

When she finished and came out, he was standing by the door with some new clothes and undies.

How can he get me undies too.
This man is really shameless.

"Choose the one you want to wear and keep the rest." He handed the clothes to her.

She expected him to go out when she took the clothes but he came in and sat in the bed.

"Andre please give me some pri....."

"Like I haven't seen you naked before." He muttered under his breathe, she glared at him.

Shameless man.

He stood up from the bed and went outside,
Gianna hurriedly went after him and shut the door tight.

Reid was worried, it was noon already but his mommy isn't back,
He'd called her earlier but all his call was sent to voicemail.

"This is unlike mommy,
Where'd she gone to?" He asked himself.

Agent Lee called, he accepted the call,

"Have they said anything yet?" The boy asked,

"No Sir, they're still insisting that a man took her from them." The agent said,

"Make sure they're held tight, come pick me up now." He hung up and went to get dressed.

Mommy's so silly,

Why drink when you know you have low alcohol tolerance?

He picked up his phone and walked to the door.

Waiting for a while,

A black Rolls Royce pulled over, the boy walked towards it.

"You're five minutes late." He said to his manager,

The man put on an apologetic smile,

"I'm sorry boss." The boy nodded and got inside the car,

While the driver drove it to a serene place almost outside the city.

It was in form of a warehouse.

Agent Lee ushered the boy out and they went into a room.

Two men were tied to a seat and the men look tired and all bruised.

Reid stood in front of the men,

"I promise I don't know where she's." One of the men coughed,

"Who took her from you guys?" Reid asked them,

"It was a man, he's tall....

Almost 1.89 meter tall and.....he's very.... kingly andvery.... aristocratic." The stammered,

Reid knew for once who the mysterious man is,

Alexandre De Marco

So, mommy is with daddy and that's why she didn't come home to me or even call me.

The boy felt wronged.

Now this father of his has come to share him mommy's affections,

Soon his twin would join too and he would have to share his mommy's love and care with them.

This feeling hurts him a lot.

Looking at the men for once again, he turned to his agent,

"Let them go." He ordered and left the warehouse while his manager went in tow.

Andre didn't let Gianna go home that day,

Though he lied he wanted her to stay with him for a while but deep down he wanted her to stay so he'll be sure she doesn't run off to Dean once she gets out.

Insecurities.

He's an insecure and possessive psycho.

She was finding his presence overbearing, so she decided to go to the balcony to get some fresh air when Andre snuck up to her.

"Are you running away from me?" He asked from behind, she jerked,

But seeing him, she sighed and he frowned,

"Andre let me be please, I'm tired." She complained,

"You're tired?"

Tired from what?" His tone is so indifferent,

"Tired from you and your shameless acts,
Does anything runs in your head if not making love." She viciously asked,

Well, he was already use to her fighting,
He placed his arm around her waist while she protested,

"Andre let me go, I'm tired." He wasn't paying attention to her,

He dragged her back to the room and carefully lay her on the bed even if she was still struggling to run away.

The more she fought, the more he was turned,

He groped her already swollen lips with his ravaging kiss,
When she closed her lips so tight so he can't kiss further, he bit her.

"Aargh!" She cried, he smiled at himself then continued with his kissing and licking,

Making her neck red with his kisses.

She tried to push him, punch him and even bit him but none had its effect on him,
he kept kissing her,

So, she came up with a plan,
Since he loves struggling with her,
She stopped struggling and let herself free for him.

"Now do what you want."

He frowned,
Actually he loved it when she fights with him on the bed.
Her challenging him and struggle with him has a great effect on him,
But seeing her stop, he felt bad.

He knows she was doing it purposefully, so he continued to kiss her and even bit her twice but she wouldn't let a moan escape from her mouth.

This made him sad and mad,
So he stood up and walked out of the room.

She stood up and smiled at her good job,

All of a sudden, he ran back inside the room and jumped on the bed,

“If you think you’ve just chased me away with that stunt you just pulled, then you lie.” He cupped her cheeks and started ravaging her face with kisses.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

THE LITTLE BOY’S TRICK

For the next two days, Andre refused to let Gianna go back home,

She was tired and vexed,

Actually, there was nothing she did for him if not him forcing himself on her when he dims fit and that’s literarily almost all the time.

Gianna though is always jealous of him, cause right after this,
She does nothing than fall right back to sleep while the man who's always full of
vitality go on with his work.

Andre got her another cell phone when he came back from work that night,
The first person she called was her son,

"Hello Mommie!" The boy shrieked in excitement,

She smiled,

"Yes Reid, how are you?" She asked the boy, Andre snorted loud,

Is he feeling jealous of his son too?
This man's really some jealous freak.

"Mommy, I'm not fine

Mommy, Reid's very sad. Mommy didn't come home to Reid and mommy didn't call
Reid since." The boy feigned in his childish saddest voice,

"Mommy's sorry Reid, mommy's really sorry." She said,

An idea came to the boy,
He might scare his mommy and she'll come running back to him very fast,

"Aargh!" He shrieked,

"Reid?" Gianna asked frightened,

"Aargh!" He cried again, then he dropped the phone on the floor,

"Reid! Honey what's wrong?" Gianna kept asking but no one was speaking,

She ended the call and turned to Andre,

"Please take me home, Reid's not well." The man frowned hearing his son isn't well,

He stood up from the seat while she just changed her clothes and they went
downstairs.

Got into the car and Andre drove them to her house.

Reid smiled at himself with his trick,

“Now mommy will leave that man and come running to me.” He got himself a glass of water and sat in the living room, looking out the window to the dark starry night.

No, what if mommy comes and see me healthy and strong?
She’ll not be happy and will say I lied.

He got out from the window side and picked his phone,

“Agent Lee, come take me to the hospital now.”
“Okay but....” The boy hung up and sat down on the couch,
Feeling satisfied with himself.

Gianna was very worried,
“Andre drive faster please.” She urged the man, he frowned,

How faster can I go than this?

He accelerated the car speed, making her jerk backward and hitting her head on the car head rest,

“Andre! Please slow down, do you us to die?” She said angrily,

He stopped the car and turned to her,

“What’s it with you?
I drive carefully, you asked me to go faster.
I go faster you complain I want to kill you.”

“I’m sorry Andre but I’m just worried about Reid.” She apologized to him,

He sighed and stared the engine again.

“Have she called yet?” Reid asked his manager as he lay on the hospital bed,

The man checked his phone and shook his head,

"She hasn't called yet." He replied,
The boy's face fell,

Will his mommy choose that man over him, her beloved son?

The manager was quite unhappy too,

Yes, for the fact that Reid's smarter than his age and he's very capable,
It doesn't mean she could leave him for almost three days alone at home.
He never expected her to be this irresponsible.

Andre pulled by the street and Gianna rushed out of the car,
She ran straight into their apartments but the house was empty,

"Reid!" She called,
"Honey where are you? Mommy's back home." She called out but still no reply.

She began to cry,
God, hope nothing had happened to him?

She was still searching the house when her phone rang,

It was an unknown number,
Maybe this person has idea on where her son is,

She accepted the call,

"Hello, is this Miss McKenna?" The caller asked her,
She nodded, wiping her eyes,

"Yes, I'm Miss McKenna."

"Well, your son Reid is in City Hospital. Can you come there now?" The caller asked,

"Yes, yes I'm coming now." She grabbed her purse and ran outside,

Andre was still waiting for her, she got into his car and turned to him,

"Please take me to City Hospital, Reid's there." The man didn't ask any question, he just turned in the engine and started to drive.

"Is she coming?" Reid asked his manager, the man nodded,

"I scared her, so she'll be here anytime soon." He announced, the boy's lips curved into a smile.

This boy's so cunning.

The manager shook his head but didn't say his thought loud.

When they got to the Hospital, Gianna jumped out from the car and walked briskly into the hospital while Andre went to park his car properly.

The first person she was when she ran into the hospital was her adoptive mother, Carol.

"Oh, thank heavens, Gianna you're here?" The woman asked seeing the girl,

Thinking the woman was here for her son, she heaved a sigh of relief,

"Hurry up, the doctor said she needs to undergo a surgery." The woman said,

Gianna's heart skipped,

Is the case so serious Reid has to undergo a surgery?

But the doctor had told her that a surgery can't be carried on the boy now,
Because of his fragile body,
So he should continue on his medication.

Gosh, she's so careless,
She shouldn't have left the boy alone for long.

She followed Carol into a room while the woman kept complaining nonstop.

"There's no way I and your father can get one million, one million for the surgery,
So we need your help, Gigi.
We really need your help." The woman cried,

Gianna wasn't even paying attention to her,
Not until they got into the room.

She didn't see Reid in the room,
There were some older women in the room and at the other end,
Where Carol was heading to,
There, a young girl lay,

Her face couldn't be seen because it was wrapped in bandages.

Gianna stopped walking,

"Where's my son?" She asked scanning the room but there was no sign of Reid
there,

"Your son?" Carol asked indignantly,
"I don't know where he's, you came here for your sister right." Gianna sighed,

She should know that Carol is a selfish woman and wouldn't care about anyone
apart from herself and her daughter.

She turned to leave but Carol heard her back,

"Are you going to leave your sister here?" Carol raised her voice to gain the
attention of the other women in the room,

"I don't have a sister; she's your daughter do go take care of her." She retorted
feeling irritated at the woman,

A tight slap ran across her face that sent her staggering back,

"Camille is your younger sister Gianna,
Can't you be affectionate to her for once,
For over twelve years we've taken care of you,

I and my husband brought you out of that orphanage and took care of you. Can't you just do this for us?" Carol asked in her most pretentious manner,

Some other women turned to her,

"Can't you help your sister?"

"Hmph, such ungrateful child."

"We saw you the other day on TV, you were with Superstar D, can't you be least passionate and help your family?"

"Such unfilial daughter, God should never bless me with this type of child."

Seeing the women supporting her, Carol went to Gianna,

"You have a very wealthy boyfriend; can't you ask him to help you? One million is not much money for you." She said,

"I don't have any rich boyfriend to get money from and I don't have money to give you and your daughter." She retorted still holding her cheeks that was stinging her from the slap she received, Carol frowned

"She doesn't want to help me; she doesn't want to help her sister." She cried while the women seeing her in pain rain more abuses on Gianna.

"She's a mistress to a very wealthy man still she doesn't want to help her family." Another woman said,

Gianna felt like crying but then a familiar voice echoed through the room,

"Who just called her a mistress?" The male voice asked, everyone kept mute and turned in direction of the door,

The man in all his kingly grace walked majestically into the congested room,

He wrapped his arms around Gianna's waist,
"Stop crying please." He coaxed her,

Raising his head, his eyes scanned the room,

"You said she's ungrateful and selfish right?" He asked with his cold voice,

"But she sacrificed her youth being a surrogate to help alleviate her family's financial problem." He said and turned to Carol,

"And you forced her into it remember?

You treated her like a tramp all through the years she lived with your family and you expect her to care for you." Andre's voice was laced with poison,
The women who were all supporting her turned against her,

"How can you be so heartless and call yourself a mother?"

Andre looked at Gianna,

"Come let's go look for my son." He took her hand and walked away from the room, leaving Carol to the mercies of the women.

"Carol!" Another voice called, they all turned to the door,

Tony stood there furious, he walked into the room and gave Carol a tight slap,

"This is for the pain you've put Gigi through all these years."

Then another slap,

"This is for forcing her into that contract years ago."

Then another,

"This is for taunting the poor girl for having a sugar daddy when she came home with Reid."

"And so, you know, this marriage is over." The man stormed out of the room. While Carol stood back and started crying.

Tony was so mad at himself,

Had he protected his daughter then all this wouldn't have happened?

He needs to beg for Gianna's forgiveness, for not trusting her then.

He needs her forgiveness.

To be continued.

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CHAPTER TWENTY- FIVE

REID IS A HEARTLESS CHILD.

Andre walked Gianna to the restroom,
He wouldn't want her to go see her son still crying.

That was why he led her here, so she can cool herself.

"Are you alright now?" He asked her filled with concerned,

She wiped her tears and nodded,

"Yes...thanks for standing up for me earlier." She mouthed,

So, she can even say the word thanks?

He smiled back at her,

"Now let's go look for Reid, he must be worried about you." The man took her hands and they left the restroom.

"Where's Reid's ward?" She asked a nurse,

"Reid McKenna." She mouthed,

"Go down the hall, his room is the last by the right." The nurse said to her and continued with her duty.

Andre held Gianna's hand and they walked down to the room.

"Boss, she's coming." Agent Lee said in a whisper,
Reid adjusted himself well and lay on the bed,
Putting on a sick and pitiful expression,

The door opened and Gianna walked in,
"Reid," she ran to the boy's bed and hugged him,

"Reid mommy's very sort for leaving you alone at home." She was now shedding tears seeing her son laying sick on the bed.

Gosh women are so dumb, especially this one,
Most she has to let down her tears to show how sad she's.
Andre was finding her tears annoying and also seductive.

"Mommy, Reid's sad." The boy said winking to his manager,

Wait, What?
Did this boy just winked?
Is he pretending to be sick? Andre asked himself,
God, his son is a cunning child.

"I know baby and mommy's very sorry,
Tell me what you want to eat, mommy will get it for you?" She stated as a matter of fact,

The boy made a pitiful smile,

"Mommy, Reid wants Crab Cakes and Garlic Shrimps, that's all.
Reid's going to be fine if mommy gives him a kiss too."

Did this boy just emotionally blackmail her?
What kind of a child is this?

Andre was shocked on how the boy played sweet recalling how authoritative and demanding he was on phone when they spoke.

There's a whole lot to this child he still doesn't know and even his mother doesn't know that too.

She pecked him on Botha cheeks and he clapped with joy,

"Reid's now happy with mommy by his side."

"Okay, stay good and mommy will go and get your Crab Cake and Garlic Shrimps for you." She said stroking his hair, the boy nodded.

When Gianna was about to leave, she turned to Andre,
"Are you coming with me?" She asked him,

"No, I'll stay back." He really wanted to spend time with his son,

Reid signaled to Agent Lee to follow her; he wants some privacy with this man who calls himself his dad.

"Miss, I'll go with you." The man led her outside while Andre moved towards the boy.

He wanted to touch the boy's hair when an arrogant and spiteful voice stopped him,

"Who gives you the right to touch me?" The boy asked,

Andre was shocked at the authority and command at which the boy spoke,

No one have ever spoken to him with such command before.

Now he's seen a child who's stronger and fiercer than Justin.

"And what do you want from my mommy?" The child asked,

This child's greater than I thought.

He cleared his throat,

“Do you know me?” He asked the boy,

The child smirked and said,

“Who doesn’t know Alexandre De Marco?”

What a rude child?

I thought he was being sweet and nice a while ago?

“Okay, you know me but do you know who I am to you?” He asked again wanting to clarify things with the child.

The child rolled his eyes,

“You’re my father of course.” He replied nonchalantly,

So, he knows I’m his father already.

Did that woman tell him?

“How did you know?” He asked the boy,

“That shouldn’t be your problem.” He said as a matter of fact.

“Are you this rude?” Andre surprisingly asked the boy,

“That’s not the issue here, what do you want from my mommy?” The boy asked,

“What I want from her? I want her as my woman.” He replied the boy,

“How am I sure you won’t bully her, cause my mommy’s very weak and can’t fight you but that doesn’t mean I can’t.” He warned,

“If you ever hurt my mommy, I’ll make sure I send you to your grave.” He said coldly,

Andre was taken aback by the boy’s vicious words,

Kids his age have less knowledge about killing people but this boy says it means absolutely nothing.

"And I'll have to be sure you love my mommy before handing her over to you, So if you don't mind, go back to where you came from cause neither my mommy and I need you with us." His words were cold,

Andre moved from the boy's bed and sat down on the only available chair in the room.

The boy's is as cold as ice,
He's heartless and very rude,
Is that how this woman has been training my son?

To be rude and cruel,
Teaching him about killing and about hating,
Or
Has this woman been feeding my son's head with lies on how I abandoned them?

But he was being childish and sweet and cute....
Why's he being rash to me immediately she left?

I don't know what to decipher of this child but time will tell how we get along.

Gianna came inside the room after a long period of silence from the two,

"Here's your Crab Cake and Garlic Shrimps." She handed the food to the boy,

"No mommy, Reid wants mommy to feed him." He cried innocently,

She nodded and sat beside him and started feeding him the food bit by bit,

"Mommy have some, it's very delicious." He offered,
He took a bit of it and fed her,
Eyeing Andre was from blind spot.

In all, mommy's going to choose me above any other person cause I'm the first in her heart.

"Mommy, it's yummy right?" He asked, she nodded.

"Is it better than Reid's?"

She shook her head,

"Reid's the best cook in the whole wide world." She assured him, he nodded and pecked her,

"And Reid's mommy's only sweetheart." He added, airing it enough to annoy Andre,

"Yes, Reid's mommy's only sweetheart." She kissed him, then they began to eat.

Andre stood there for a while watching the both of them,
He felt like an outcast,

First time in his life he felt left out.

He cleared his throat,

"Why don't we go home and get you some new clothes?

This hospital clothes looks bad on you." He was looking for a way to be close to Gianna.

"Yes Reid, your skin's too sensitive and mommy won't want you to get an infection through these clothes.

We'll get you another clothes, what else would you need." Both mother and son didn't know what the man was planning,

"Mommy, get me my hmm....." He thought for a while,

"Nothing, I just want only my mommy with me." He said, she smiled and kissed him,

"And I think they should move you to another room, this one is quite inadequate and stuffy." Reid frowned when Andre spoke,

Actually, he could have gone for a VIP room but he wouldn't want to create suspicions, so he went for a low-class room,

"I'll talk to the doctor about that when we leave now. He said,

Gianna went over and kissed the boy,

“Don’t stay up too late, I’ll be back soon.” She hugged him and left with Andre,

“Did you register him for extramural lesson as a kid?” He asked her, wondering how the boy got to be so sharp and very smart.

“No, Reid had been a sickly kid from birth, so I couldn’t stress him by making him go through that gruesome after school lesson, And him being a very smart kid didn’t need one.” She replied as they walked down to the door,

“It’s must’ve been very hard for you then?” He asked,

She shook off,

“Yeah but every single moment I’d spent taking care of Reid was the best moments ever.” She said,

She’s really a fighter.

Immediately Andre and Gianna left, Reid stood up from the bed and tapped his Agent, who was dozing off in the chair,

“Take me to her ward.” He ordered, the man stood up immediately and led him to Camille’s room.

When they got there, a man was with her and her mother in the room,

“Pay up my money or else, I’ll kill you.” The man yelled at her,

“Brother Leo, I don’t have money on me now, I’ll pay up later please.” She pleaded with the man and her mother too,

“Please, she’ll pay up later but can’t you see her condition now? Whoever did this to my mother will suffer for such cruel....”

“Shut up woman!” The man yelled, Carol kept shut immediately,

“Don’t you think that all this is Karma, it’s payback time. You and your daughter are so evil, treating your elder sister like she was a piece of tramp. The other day, you used her to pay your debt....”

“What did you just say?” Reid’s angry voice boomed from the door,

Everyone turned to the boy’s direction,

Fire of hatred and anger was already emitting from his eyes as he walked towards them.

To be continued.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

I’LL PAY YOU TO KILL THEM

“What did you just say?” The kid asked again,

Leonardo felt annoyed,

Why would a small boy interrupt him,

“Hey little boy, what’re you doing here?” He asked but the kid didn’t back down,

He walked in front of the man with arms at akimbo he stared,

“What did you say she did with my mommy?” He asked again,

Everyone present except Agent Lee was shocked at the boy’s audacious words,

“Reid this is no.....” His glare made Carol shut up, she’s never seen the kid so furious as this before.

"How much does she owe you?" Reid asked the man,

"Hahaha, do you think this is a child's play?
I'm a thug and not your daddy." Leonardo said,

"The boy frowned,
How dare this man think low of him?
He turned to his Agent,

"Agent Lee," he called,
The man ran to him,

"Yes Sir." He replied humbly getting to the boy's side,

Sir?

Why's this man referring to Reid as Sir?

Camille and her mom was shocked,

Firstly was the fierceness and furiousness the boy portrayed and now this man calling him Sir.

No, there's more to this.

Reid turned to the man and gave a sly smile,

"You see I'm ready to pay you her debt and even extra if you tell me what she did to my mommy Gianna." He was acting coolly but it was very much visible the hatred that was blinding him.,

"Well, she owes me seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars," the man lied, expecting the boy to back down at the astronomical price but rather,

The kid smiled,

"What if I give you one million dollars for you to tell me." Reid said with a flat but expecting tone,

Everyone was wowed,

How's this kid going to get such money?

See how flimsily he called it like it means nothing?

"Reid you should....." His glare made her choke on her words again,

"Boy are you pulling my legs?" Leonardo asked the kid,
Though he wasn't taking him seriously,

"Agent Lee, give me my checkbook." The man handed a bank checkbook to Reid
who wrote skillfully on it,
He signed it and handed the cheque to Leonardo,

Seeing the cheque, the man was awed,
He has been in the street got a very long time and he sure knows the difference
between fake cheque and real cheque,

Indeed, this child's cheque is real,

"Well, I'll tell you since she's your mother,
The other day your aunty here tricked your mommy to coming to pick her up from
the bar,

But actually, she wanted me to sleep with your mommy to pay her debt,"

Reid frowned,
This woman dare trick her mommy like that?
He was condoning his anger so he'll react last.,

"And I heard too she was the reason your mommy got fired from her job and other
bad things she and her mother has done to your mommy." He said satisfied at
himself,

"You did you touch her?" The boy asked him,

"He shook his head,
" No didn't had to, a man came in and chased me away from the room." He replied
him,
Reid nodded,

Had this man had touched his mommy, he would have murdered him right here and now.

"Reid moved towards Carol while the woman started moving backward, It was visible she's now afraid of the boy.

He stopped and shut his eyes,
Now, he was invoking bad memories from the past,
Memories of Camille hitting him and making him fall down the stairs.
Memories of Carol calling his mommy a slut and slapping her several times.

He brought them up,
He needed these bad memories to be able to have his revenge on this mother and daughter duo.

Opening he eyes, he turned to Leonardo,

"If I pay you two million, will you kill them for me." Everyone including the manager gasped,

He ran to the boy,
"Boss...." The boy raised his hand up signaling him to keep shut,
Anyone that hurts his mommy is likely to be killed.

"Reid son, please don't do this to me, I promise I wouldn't hurt you again." Carol pleaded,
"I'll not be disturbing you and your mommy again... I'll be a good grandma to you..."
She pleaded but the boy smirked and turned to Camille who was still dumbfounded,

"Remember a few days ago, I told you to watch me make you pay?
I'm keeping my promise, I don't go back on my promise." He wrote an extra one-million-dollar check and gave it to Leonardo,

"The job is all yours, please me and you'll benefit from me."
He couldn't believe a merely seven-year-old boy has just ordered his grandma and aunt killed.

The boy's is no ordinary child.

While Agent Lee found the boy's payback too cruel,
Death?

He looked at the mother and daughter duo who are now crying uncontrollable,
He felt no pity for them,
Who he felt very pitiable for most was the boy,

They'd been the one who'd pushed the kid into this.
They'd also be the one to force Gianna into that surrogacy years ago and has been
the one spreading rumors and taunting her about son, her bastard son.

So now he felt no ounce of pity for them but he was very cautious with the boy,

Kids his age aren't supposed to be carrying such pains and bad memories but it's
now a part of him, it's like more of a baggage to him and he fears for the boy's life.
He can't grow up healthy like this
The boy sure needs help.

When they came to the house this time, Andre came inside.
When he passed the door, his forehead hit the frame.

"Ouch?" He cried she turned to him and her head,

"Why didn't you say sorry?" He asked rushing after her,

"Sorry..." She mouthed and walked into the kitchen,

Gosh, this house is too small.
He looked around the living room and sighed in frustration,

Is this where my son grew up?
In this chicken house?

He walked to the small hallway, and then into Reid's room.
The boy's room was quite small,
There a bed with blue sheets and blue blanket,

A few stuffed toys were on the bed and a table lamp,
There's also a dressing drawer beside the bed and a full-length mirror opposite the bed.

He noticed the adjoining door and decided to go in and see what's inside.

It was actually Reid's study room,

This small room was well arranged,
Books on the shelf, neatly arranged.
Pens and pencils in the right stand and books carefully packed on the table.

He moved to the table and took out one of the books,
Opening it he found it was more like a drawing book,
But the only thing was that the drawings seem to be professional and really.....

"What are you doing in there?" Gianna voiced asked from the door, he turned,

"Reid would have been so angry if he'd seen you there," she took the book from him and carefully lay them back when dragged him out.

"Is he that seclusive?" Andre asked the woman, she nodded and took out the laundry,

That child is a neat freak.

Waiting at the room for hours so Gianna would finish up, he lay on the bed and slept off.

When she finished, she was quite hungry, so she went into the kitchen to make something for herself

Coming back to the room, she met Andre sleeping on Reid's bed,
She smiled,

Looking at the man who lay on her son's bed, all she could see was a handsome king,

He's as handsome as a god.

She was still drilling on the man till he stirred,

He even sleeps in his kingly grace just like Reid,
The boy never kicks, sleep talk or even sleep walk.
He sleep like he's being watch by people and one little mistake would make him
lose his life.
In all, her son sleeps like someone who has been receiving royal etiquette for years,
just like this man.

Both father and son are the same, they have almost same personality,
If not that Reid's a sweet child while this man here's far from sweet, he's very cold
and so demeaning.

"I thought he never gets tired?" She asked herself aloud,

"Even if he's handsome as a god, does he think he's one?" She shook her head and
turned to leave,

"I might not be a god but I have two times their capacity." He boasted and she
frowned,

So, he was never asleep,
Getting up from the bed, he looked at her,

"I'm hungry." He said,

He hadn't had time to eat since,
So now he's hungry.

"I only made Spinach Noodles and Meatballs and I made if for my....." Before she
could finish her word,
He stood up from the bed and hurriedly walked past her.

Heading to the dining table, he saw the dish there,
Not even waiting for her permission,
He took the dish and began to eat.

She was quite surprise seeing him eat her home-made Noodles,
She'd seen him as a very finicky person.

Watching him eat hers, she walked into the kitchen to make another thing for herself.

He came to her with an empty plate awhile later,
"I need more." He forwarded the plate to her; she took it and kept it in the sink.

"Well sorry to say this bit there's no more." He frowned,

This so why his son is so skinny,
He doesn't eat much.

"Don't worry about Reid, his health's what holding him." She said to him and walked away.

Taking a few clothes of Reid, she packed it in a bag and dumped it in his car,

"We should be going now, won't want to keep my son waiting." She walked into the car,

Taking a last look at the house, he sighed and got into his car then drove away.

No one told her of what her son had done to Camille and no one dares tell her for the fear of given this same punishment,

The boy was asleep when they came into the room,
"Miss you're back." Agent Lee stood up for her to sit down,

"Your father came in here a while ago to look for you, since you weren't here, I told him to come back later." The man said to her,

Her father was here?
Why didn't he call her on phone?
Did anything happen to Camille or Carol?

"Okay, I'll place a call to him now." She brought out her phone to call the man but soon the door open and he came inside,

"Father." She went to him and threw her arms around him,

The man was in pains she could see that,
"Father, what happened?" She asked the man,

He made her come outside with him,
"I'm so sorry Gigi, I'm so sorry I couldn't protect you." He apologized,
She was confused,

"No dad, there's nothing to be sorry about, you're the best dad ever." She said but
he continued pleading,

What happened?

"Why didn't you tell me Carol forced you into that contract years ago?" He asked,

How did he find out?
Over the past few years, she'd made him believe she did that willingly but now the
truth's out.

"I'm sorry dad," she muttered,

"You shouldn't be Gigi, you shouldn't be.
It was no fault of yours, it was my fault and now I'm going to make things right
again." He said,

"I'm filing for an annulment." He announced, Gianna gasped,

"What?" She asked,
He nodded.

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CHAPTER TWENTY- SEVEN

" CUNNING LIAR"

"Father don't do that." Gianna tried to talk him out of it but his mind was fixed,

"No child, I need to do this. I'm tired of that shack called marriage." He lamented, she understood,
It was no easy task having Carol and Camille as family.

He took a deep breathe,
"This is what I should have done a long time ago."

"But father you know mom would want to get the house and every other necessary property left, how're you going to cope with that?" She asked,

"Don't worry, I've made all necessary arrangement for myself, I won't want to be a burden to you and...." She hugged him,

"Daddy don't say that, you can never be a liability or burden to me, I'll do anything to help you." She said still hugging him,

"Thanks a lot child, every parent should be blessed with a daughter like you." He said as she disentangled from me.

"Let's go inside, Reid would be waking up any time soon." He said to her, they held hands and went back inside.

Andre was rocking Reid when they went inside,
"He woke up and was asking after you, told him you'll be back soon, so I carried him so he could go back to sleep." He said,

Actually, what he said was the truth,
Reid had woken up and was asking about his mommy,
"She's outside with your grandpa." Andre replied him since Mr. Lee was already
asleep on the chair,

The boy doesn't look cold or behave rudely like he was earlier,
He even allowed him carry him and finally he fell asleep in Andre's arm.

The boy was lightweight unlike Justin, this he found it easy to carry him.
Looking at his son, he could feel nothing but immense joy and happiness,

My son I thought I'd lost is very much alive and the woman I want is taking care of
him.

His joy knew no bound.

"Let me take him." Gianna said to him, thinking he was tired,
"No, I want to carry him." He said,

He's my long lost but found son,
Let me watch him sleep like I do to Justin.

Since Gianna found no problem with him carrying the boy, she relented and sat
down to rest,
She too was tired and also need the rest.

The next day, Andre drove Gianna to one of his newly gotten properties,

"Do you like it?" He asked her when they got out of the car,
Seeing the outer view of the house, no one could not love the house.

It was more of a stately house with a white picket fence,
The house was painted white too to accentuate the fence and red roofing.

"It's so beautiful." She replied, she couldn't take her eyes off it.

The house has a very large front yard and has a water fountain in the front yard while the back has a large field with levelled green grass, which be used as a mini football field.

It has a tennis lawn and a gigantic swimming pool.

Gianna was awed by the features she saw outside the stately mansion,

Andre seeing her happy had a very fulfilling joy inside him,
Since his mother's death, he has never felt the need to protect or care for any other woman till Gianna came into his life.

"Mind if we go inside?" He asked her, she nodded in excitement,
He led her inside while his agent went ahead of them,

"And here we're." The man announced,
Gianna was surprised,
The house was already furnished.

But it was beautiful decorated, it has six rooms a large living room, two study rooms, a large kitchen with a store room and pantry and a spacious breakfast corner.

"President De Marco, do you like this one?" The agent asked,

Andre turned to Gianna who was still at awe at what she was seeing,

"Gigi, do you like it?" He asked,

"It's beautiful and.."

"Then it's yours from now on." He said,

She didn't get him well,

"No, what do you mean?" She asked him,

He signaled the agent to give them some privacy, the man nodded and left the both of them.

"Andre what are you doing?" She asked, he frowned,

Isn't it obvious I'm getting you a new home and not that shack you were living in.

"I'm getting my woman a new house because she fed me yesternight." He said playfully grabbing her closer to himself,

"Stop it Andre," she pushed him away,

"I can't accept this house, thanks anyways." She stayed stubbornly, he frowned,

"Why?" He questioned,

"Because I don't want to be indebted to you or anyone for anything." She stated clearly,

What? This woman is so impossible.

She doesn't want to be indebted to me, so who does she want to be indebted to?

"But you want to be indebted to Dean uh?" He seethed annoyingly,

"You want to be with him, right?" He asked again, she didn't reply, Then he pulled her to him,

"This house's yours whether you like it or not and get ready tonight, you're moving in here with my son.",

Looking at her sensuous and alluring lips, he bent his head and kissed her passionately,

"Did I make myself clear?" He asked in a hushed voice between kisses, She nodded,

It's no use fighting with him, I'm just going to do what he says.

"Now let's go upstairs, you have a job to do there." He whispered to her,

She frowned at his words,

She knows what those words means.

That evening while packing Reid's books, a letter slipped from it, At first, she thought it was a love letter Reid must have gotten from one of his numerous admirers and wanted to toss it away but on a second thought, she decided to see what's inside.

It was no love letter, rather it was an invitation to a Parent-Teacher Conference that had been held,

"Why didn't Reid give this to me and why didn't Mr. Lee his principal didn't even inform me about it?" She wondered,

Taking out her phone, she dialed his teacher's number,

"Hello, this is Reid McKenna's mom." She introduced herself,

"Oh Mrs. McKenna, how are you?" The teacher asked,

"Well, I'm fine thank you, ehm...I was just going through Reid's books now and I saw an invitation for a Parent-Teacher meeting,"

"Hmmmnn."

Well Miss, I didn't know about it cause my son didn't tell me about it...So is there any problem? "Gianna asked,

" Nothing much, it just that the students from grade one will be going on a field trip next weekend, so I was hoping Reid would be permitted to go with us."

"Yeah sure, he'll be coming with you guys." She said,

Actually, the shooting of 'Green Love' would commence next weekend too, At least she wouldn't have to worry about the boy's staying alone at home.

"Okay thanks a lot Miss McKenna." The teacher hung up,

Reid was discharged the next few days and Andre drove both him, Gianna and Tony to the new house,

Although Reid wasn't happy cause he felt this man is just out to bribe his mommy into loving him but he could do nothing about it than pretend to be happy since his mommy was happy.

"Why are you doing all this?" He asked Andre when he was sure the both of them were alone,

How rude?

His cold self was back to him,

"Because I want our family to be whole, you your mommy, me and your older brother Justin." Andre replied honestly,

The boy smirked,

"But I don't want you or an older brother, I just need my mommy to mine and mine alone." He protested angrily,

"Well, that's one wish I cannot grant you, to leave your mommy? Never." He smiled,

This father of mine is just out to irritate me.

"I thought you have a fiancée and both of you have been engaged for long, why don't you marry her and leave my mommy alone?" The boy asked,

"Because I want your mommy boy, I want her as my woman and no one can stop me not even you." He poked the boy's chest,

"Mommy! This uncle's bullying me." He cried loudly,

"What did you just say?" Andre was surprised,

Not only that the boy was pretentious and cunning, he even tells lies,

"Mommy!"

"Mommy, he's bullying me!" He cried louder,

Gianna ran into the living room to see her son crying and Andre standing in front of him with a confused look on his face.

"Honey what happened?" She ran to the boy who was crying uncontrollably with a tear smeared face,

The boy pointed at Andre,
"He was bullying me mommy."

"Reid's a good boy but uncle was bullying him." He cried,

She turned to Andre with a frown,
"Why did you bully him?" She asked,

Andre didn't answer cause behind Gianna Reid was sticking his tongue at him,

This son of mine is a pest.
Hmph.

"Mommy, uncle's bad and he's a bully." The boy said,

"Andre please don't bully my son again please,"
She turned to the boy,

"Reid let's get you to bed okay."

The boy nodded,
"After you mommy." She went ahead thinking he was right behind her but he stood in front of Andre and gave a cunning and sly smile,

"You should know that you can never win against me.
You can only win when I give you permission to but now, you're just a loser." He smirked and left Andre dumbfounded,

What a great actor?
Gosh, the boys a devil.
But I'll have to show him that I'm his father and no son can outgrow his father.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT

" SHE'S PREGNANT"

Towards the next few days, Andre stayed over at Gianna's and only went home twice to see his son Justin,

"I'll be going to Germany for a business meeting by weekend and I won't be back till a week after." He announced over at dinner at her house.

Gianna frowned,

"Well me, my shoot starts on Friday so I'll busy for the weekend." She said with a tinge of sadness,

She'd wanted him to be present on her first shoot which was the day after tomorrow and Reid would be going to his school field trip too on Friday, to be coming home on Sunday.

Tony can't come because he needs to handle some certain stuffs concerning his divorce with Carol who hasn't been seen for days now with her daughter.

"Well, that's good to hear," Reid said,

Make sure you never come back." He muttered under his breathe, only Andre heard it.

Well, I'll be back soon and be together with your mom, I'll bring our family together just you see.

Gianna and Tony didn't notice the tension between both father and son.

The next few days was very hectic for Gianna, She'd to juggle going to Denver Tower and preparing her son for his forthcoming journey.

Plus, she got Manager Sullivan as her manager too,

Dean had insisted the man handles Gianna since she's new in the cycle and would need every support she can get.

"What about you Dean?" She asked him, he smiled,

"Gianna I can pull through; you need him more than I do." He said jovially,

Actually, it's been hard for him to let the man go because apart from his elder brother Dane, the only family he has left is his manager and this man has been with him since he was sixteen,

But now, he's at the top of his career, he would need Mr. Sullivan to help him pull Gianna up too.

And since soon, he'll be leaving Denver Tower soon, he wants someone close to watch his Gianna for him.

That night she came back home tired, it has been a very long day at the work due to preparation for the shoot that will commence the next day, Plus, she found out that Katy got minor role in the movie too, She stomach churned from it.

Seeing how the woman wanted to take her down, she could bear be in same place as her nor the Williams sisters.

Reid wasn't home and neither was Tony, she felt the both of them would be together, so didn't bother to call.

Only for her to get into the bathtub and the door opened, Andre walked in shirtless,

"Andre, go out!" She cried, he didn't, rather he came into the bathtub and leaned on her,

"It's going to be hard being away from you this next one week." He whispers to her kissing her earlobes,

"I want you Anna, I want every damn inch of you." He said,
This was the first time she got addressed as Anna and not Gigi,

She turned to him to talk but he shut her up with his kiss, pinning her small body down to the tub.

"Andre, I thought you said your flight leaves by nine, this is eight fifteen pm."
She pointed at the digital clock by the dresser table that's well opposite the bathroom,

"That's why I want to spend the next twenty minutes with you." He whispered,

She wanted to say something but he shut her up,

"Shhhh," He placed his index finger on her lips,
"Just let me be with you before I leave." He kissed her temples, putting his arm under her back,
He pushed her closer to him,

"Mommy! I'm back." Reid's voice was heard from outside,

"Andre, Reid's back, get off me." She whispered but he didn't bulge, he just kept fondling her naked breast,

"Gigi, we're back." Tony's voice boomed too,

Terror was written over her face; she wouldn't want her son or worst her father see her naked in tub with Andre.

"Andre please get off me." She pleaded when her a footstep was on heard on the stairs,

The boy might be heading upstairs,

"Where my mommy?" The kid asked himself as he headed upstairs.
He heard sounds from her room and slowly walked towards the room,

A male whisper was heard too and he knew for once who was with her,

That father of his has come again,
I thought he said he was going abroad for a week? He asked himself,
"Why's he here when his flight leaves in," he checked his watch,
" twenty minutes. Gosh, this man is so immature, I can't believe such dumbass gave
birth to a smartass like me."

Opening the door to his mommy's room, he saw her sitting in front of the vanity
mirror,

"Mommy," he ran to her and hugged her from behind,
"Reid how're you? She asked him innocently,

The boy scanned the room, the window was open,
He must have left through the window.

" Mommy, I'll be right back." The boy hurried to his study and brought out his
laptop,

He hacked into the Traffic system and jeopardized it, causing a major traffic in all
road leading to the airport.

Now he should know he was messing with the wrong child.

Andre was perturbed,

"Is there no other route to the airport?" He asked his chauffeur,

"No sir, this is the fastest and the other routes are blocked too." The man replied,

Gosh no, his flight is in ten minutes and there's no sign the road was about to be
cleared soon.

He got out of his car to walk down the road but he got a text from a private number,

'As much as I want you to miss your flight, I want you to get out of my mommy's life for the next week.

Don't bother coming out, the road would be cleared soon.'

Without any further thinking, he knew who was responsible for this.

Not only was his son a pretentious and cunning liar, he was also a hacker, There's a lot more to that boy that eyes can't tell.

He got back into his car and waited,

Under two minutes the road was cleared and his chauffeur drove speedily to the airport and luckily for him, it was just five minutes left for the plane to leave.

He boarded and off they went.

The next morning, Gianna was to have her first shoot that day but it was postponed to the next due to some technical problems,

Since Andre who has always been keeping her busy wasn't around, She decided to go for some grocery shopping when she met Jasmine there,

The other woman was with another man when she'd seen them,

Isn't this Andre's fiancée?" She asked herself as she walked past the table where the both of them were sitting,

Why's she here with another man and why's he holding her hands so intimately?

The duo left the table and was heading to a coffee shop nearby, She felt the need to follow them and she did.

On getting closer, Jasmine stood up and ran into the washroom, the man followed her,

"Jasmine what's wrong with you?" Aaron asked her, seeing her throwing up,

"I don't know, I've just been feeling sick and throwing up a lot lately." She said wiping her mouth,

Gianna who his by the door heard their conversation,
"She must be pregnant, there are the symptoms of pregnancy in its first trimester."
She said to herself.

She'd felt the same way when she was pregnant with the twins

"You said you've been feeling so lately?" Aaron asked her, she nodded,

"Does this mean you're pregnant?" He asked,

She gave a wry smile,

"No, can't be possible, I was diagnosed with congenital infertility years ago, I can't be pregnant..." She said,

Gianna who'd seen all visible symptoms of pregnancy in her took it she was pregnant and was pregnant with Andre's child, since he's, her fiancée.

She was walking away disheartened when she felt a hand pull her back,

"What are you doing here you thief?" Jasmine's angry voice asked,

"I..w.." Gianna couldn't say a thing anymore,

"You thief, you're a third party and sooner or later, Andre will be done with you and come back to me." She said proudly,

"And why do you think that, he doesn't love you." Gianna retorted back,

For the first time in her life, she felt the need to fight back.

"Well because I'm pregnant with his child and I'm his fiancée while you're just a third party, a thief!" Jasmine roared,

"I'm not a thief.... you stole it from me.... you stole my jade...I'm not a thief." She cried continuously crutching on the floor,

Those memories she'd buried behind her started coming back,

"I'm...not a.... thief.... you.... stole. It...from...me..." She was pointed at Jasmine and it was obvious to the latter that the girl has just remembered everything.

She remembers me as the one who stole her jade years ago,
No, I can't let her live now she has recalled everything,
She might tell Andre and hell yell his grandfather and I'll be strip of everything I've acquired so far....

She wanted to hit Gianna when a strong arm held her,
she looked up to see the angry face of a man.

Guess who came to save her?

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CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE

" THE FIGHT."

Jasmine looked up at Deans angry face,
"You don't dare touch her!" He thundered,

Striding to the crying Gianna, he held her up,

"I... didn't...steal....it.... she.... stole...it.... from...me,
She.... stole...my.... jade." She was saying in a mantra,

"I believe you Gianna, I believe you're not a thief." He said not her not minding what had happened,

I believe in you Gigi, even if the world doesn't believe you.

"You do?" She asked him wiping her eyes,
She was looking to him in the eyes and all he could see was sincerity and trust.

"Yes Gianna, I do trust you, even more than I do myself." He said hugging her.

Seeing him support her and also hug her, Jasmine felt very jealous of Gianna,

Why must everyone be supporting her?
First Andre my fiancée, now Dean Wilson.
What's so special about her?
Hmph.

She turned to Aaron,
"Let's go." She said eyeing Gianna still holding Dean,

Aaron brushed past them and left with Jasmine.

"Come let's get going." Dean took her and they headed to his minivan.

"To my condo." He ordered the driver and the car sped to his mansion.

The next morning, she dropped Reid at school for their field trip, after briefing the teacher on his medication and the dos and don'ts of her son.

She left kissing the boy goodbye.
"Make sure you have fun." She waved to him as she left the school compound.
Got into a cab and drove straight to Denver Tower.

Her makeup artiste was already waiting for her in her changing room,

"Good morning, Miss Gianna." The lady greeted as she entered the room,

"Morning dear," she sat down in front of the vanity mirror,

Her phone rang and she checked the caller ID,
Andre was calling,

Recalling what happened yesterday and seeing Jasmine pregnant,
She rejected his call,

He called again
She rejected his call again,

Seeing he was going to disturb her with his calls, she blacklisted his number

Andre was angry when she called again but wasn't able to reach her,
"Why's she rejecting my calls?"

He called his assistant,
"Dave come here." He ordered, the man who was getting the files for tomorrow's
meeting ready left what he was doing and ran to the boss,

"Yes boss, you called."

"Give me your phone." The man brought out his cell phone and handed it to Andre,
He dialed Gianna's cell and it began to ring,

She accepted the call,
"Hello, who's this?" She asked,

"It's Andre. Woman why are you rejecting my calls?" He angrily,

"Andre, I'm very busy now please, leave me alone and go call your fiancé Jasmine."
With these words, she hung up,
He called again but she'd already blacklisted the number too.

What's up with this woman?
And why's she referring him to Jasmine?
Since he wasn't familiar with women's ways, he called his assistant.

"Dave, you've a woman, right?" He asked,
The man shook his head,
"No, never had one." He answered,

Now, I'm talking to a novice like me,

"What does it mean when your woman blacklists your number?
Just imagine you have one."

"Well, women are very difficult to understand, firstly when they say this, they mean another thing." He said,

"Explain?" Andre asked,

"Well, you see, when a woman tells you to get out, it means she want you to come closer, when she tells you to leave her alone, she wants you to stay with her." The man explained while Andre just nodded

"Women get very jealous and when a woman gets very jealous, it means she's in love with you and doesn't want to see you with another person." He said,

"Is that applicable to men too?" He asked wanting to know what his feelings for her was.

"Yes." The man answered,

"When someone get jealous of their partner, it means they're in love with the person." Dave added,
Was Gianna jealous?
Does she love him?
There's only one way to find out,

"Dave books the next available flight, were going back home." He said,
The man frowned,

"But Sir, the meeting..."

"Just do as I say." He ordered,

The man left and placed a call to the airport to book the next flight to the States

"Miss Gianna you're the first in play and Director Selden and the rest of the crew are waiting for you downstairs." Mary, Gianna's makeup artiste informed her,

"Is Dean here already?" She asked the lady,

"Yes, I saw him a while ago with..."

The door burst open,
Katy walked inside the room.

Unfortunately for Gianna, she'll have to share the same room with Katy till the latter's changing room is done with.

"Hey you, come do me a makeover." She ordered the woman,

"But Miss Gianna's roles is first in play and she'll have to be ready before you." Mary replied humbly,

"I don't care come do my makeover first." Katy said indignantly,

"Mary come do my makeover please, I don't have the liberty of watching some aimless dog barking." Gianna said calmly,

Mary chuckled,
This Gianna might look calm but she sure has a sharp mouth.

"What did you just say to me." Katy said moving towards Gianna,

"Did I talk to you? No.
So why are you getting all agitated?" Gianna asked her still in a calm manner.

Katy was so infuriated and ran to hit her but the door opened right on time,

"Gianna are you ready? It's almost time." Director Selden said,

Seeing Katy's angry face, he knew for once that something has just happened.

"What happened here?" He asked,

"Nothing just that Katy here was persuading Mary to do her makeover first before mine." Gianna replied coolly,

The man turned to Katy,
"You don't have to go first, your role comes later but Gianna's is first.
I believe you'll have to wait till she's done with hers."

"Gianna get ready, I'll waiting for you downstairs." He turned to her then left the room.

"Mary please come do this fast, like you heard,
They're waiting for the female lead not the supporting character." She said,
Her words seem innocent but it held a very hateful meaning to Katy,
Mary couldn't help but chuckle.

The play had to start from where the two main character (the male was in a music room alone with the boy teaching the girl how to play the piano and that was when they'd their first kiss.

Everything was set,
"Action!" Director Selden said from behind the scene,

The two teens were sitting alone in the large music room and from the look of things, the boy was teaching the girl how to play the piano but her interest wasn't in what the boy was teaching her,

Rather she was busy admiring the boy sitting beside her,

"Emily, are you paying attention?" He asked seeing her lost in her world,

"Yes." She replied, quite embarrassed that he caught her staring again,

"You're not..." She leaned further and kissed him,

"Cut!" Director Selden yelled from behind the screen,

He walked to Dean,
"Dean concentrate here, you're losing it man." He reprimanded him,

"Sorry Director Selden. Dean said,
He'd just lost focus having Gianna kiss him,
Her kiss was so magical he forgot his line.

The man walked away and they adjusted themselves again,

"Action!" The director yelled again and they started all over with Gianna kissing
Dean again,
He forgot his line and got reprimanded.

This happened for two more times but the last one the door blasted open.

Andre rushed in furiously,

How dare he kiss my woman?

He rushed to Dean and gave him a punch, taking his collar, he pushed him out of
the stage.

"President De Marco..." The director came to stop him but with one hand he
pushed the man away and the man landed on the floor,

"Andre stop!" Gianna cried seeing the havoc Andre was creating,

She ran to him to hold him but he pushed her away and continued to punch Dean
who fought back too.

Most of the set instruments got damaged during the fight,
This pained Gianna and she went to where Andre was punching Dean,

She gave him a tight slap across his face,
Andre let Dean go and turned to her,

Fear was written all over her face as he dragged out of the place,
"Andre I'm sorry." She cried but he didn't say a word to her,
He just dragged her to his car, pushed her inside and drove away.

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CHAPTER THIRTY

" YOU'RE JEALOUS"

Andre drove like a maniac, while Gianna was still pleading with him to slow down,

"Andre please slow down; you're going to get the both of us killed." She cried,

Andre didn't mind her words, he continues to accelerate the speed of the car till he got to his speed limit,

Seeing he wasn't paying attention to her, Gianna wrestled with him on the steering.

"Get your hands off the steering Gianna." He ordered but she didn't stop,

"No, since you want to get us killed, I might as well help you." She said in an angry voice,

But he could still decipher the fear and trembling in her voice.

Seeing she was trying to be stubborn; he matched the break and the car stopped.

Gianna got out of the car immediately and walked towards the cliff the side of the road,

"Gianna come back here." Andre ordered getting out of his car,
She paid no attention to him, just continued walking like no one was talking to her,

"Gianna, I said come back here." He called again but she didn't stop,

Why should he be angry?

It was just an act not that I was even flirting with Dean,

He that lied to me that I'm his only woman but went behind me and got Jasmine pregnant,

Isn't he filthy too?

Her eyes were so clouded with tears she didn't notice the cliff ahead of her.

"Gianna stop!" Andre yelled running after her but she ignored him,

Getting to her last step, she'd almost falling off,
If not for Andre who held her back and pulled her to himself,

"Watch where you're going." He said exasperated,
She pushed him away from her body,

"Stay away from me, don't touch me you cheat." He frowned,

Why's she calling me a cheat when I just saw her kissing another man?

He pulled her close but she started hitting his chest,
"Leave me alone Andre, leave me." She was hitting him harder but her punches
didn't hurt him a bit,

Recalling what Dave had told him earlier, he smiled,
When a woman's asking you to leave her alone, she's just wanting you to pull her
closer.

He grabbed her with his strong arms,
"Now you stay still." He ordered,
With the fierceness from his voice, she stood still and began to sob,

Looking at her, he felt helpless,

This woman sure knows how to turn a man against his will.

Pulling her closer, he hugged her tight while she was still sobbing,

"It's okay stop crying." He said softly but she didn't stop,

"Why should I stop?"

Why?

You've just created a mess for me by doing what you did earlier.

It was just an act Andre! Just a simple act but you just have to ruin everything." She continued to sob,

"You must have seen it as an act but did Dean see it that way?" He asked sarcastically,

"Yes, Dean was being professional..."

"Being professional by pretending to forget his line countless times so to get you kiss him again." He said angrily,

She couldn't say another word,

"Anna, they're not as innocent as you think they're.

They're all wolves pretending to be nice to make you fall into their traps and they'll devour you." He said,

"Dean isn't like that, he's far from being a wolf." She said and he frowned,

Why's she always protecting this Dean?

"Dean is very sincere and trustworthy." She pulled away from him,

Scenes from her last meeting with Jasmine flooded her head,
She being pregnant for Andre,

Gianna felt suffocated by the thoughts of Andre cheating on her,

"And you? What are you?" She asked angrily,

He was surprised at her question,

"What do you mean by that?" He asked her not getting her question.

"What I mean? I mean you're a cheat Andre, you're a cheat." She aired every word so firm he could understand,

"What do you mean by that?" He asked,

"Don't ask me, go ask your pregnant fiancé."
She finally let out,

Did Jasmine tell her anything?

Wait. Did she just referred to Jasmine as pregnant?

That can't be, he has made sure she was reported infertile and hadn't had any sexual stance with her,
How come pregnant?

"Jasmine can't be pregnant Anna, she can't be." He said, but the more he tried to talk her out of it, the more relent she became,

"I saw her with my own eyes Andre, she was having symptoms of early pregnancy state." She said,
She wasn't thinking straight now.

How come?

Actually, eight years ago when Jasmine was to run the Fertility Test,
He'd gone from behind and told the doctors to fake the result.

Being the heir to the family's heirloom, he'd almost all the hospitals in the state under him.

Seeing his grandfather was hell bent on making Jasmine his bride,

He made the all doctors and the physicians his grandfather called to bring a fake result while he held the original result.

With this his grandfather had to bring in a surrogate,

A woman he'd ran countless check on and he knows her true identity.

He pulled her closer,

"The child's not mine, I've never lay on same bed with Jasmine ever since she was betrothed to me.

" You're my first woman and would always be my first." He kissed her forehead even though she was still squirming.

Guiding her to the car, he made her sit down while he got into the driver's seat and drove her to her house.

That night while she lay beside him,
She decided to tell him what happened to her yesterday.

"I met Jasmine yesterday.' She said while he was stroking her hair,

"And she fed you with lies that she's pregnant for me." He said, she slapped his arms,

"No, rather I found out something bigger than that." He stopped stroking and looked at her,

"Are you pregnant?" He asked placing his hands on her stomach, she slapped his hands off her stomach,

"No.... I recalled what happened to me as a child." He kissed her hair,

"She stole my jade from me, it was given to me by my mommy shortly before she died." She said,

"I know." Andre whispered with his lips on her forehead,

"How do you know?" She asked him, he smiled,

"I knew from the day you signed the contract years ago that you were Aunt Katerina's daughter and that you're the true mistress of the De Marco's, my true bride." He said casually,

She was shocked,
How come he knew all this?

"I wouldn't want a random stranger to bear by child, so I ran a thorough check on you." He said like he read her mind,

She was short of words.

When Jasmine was brought to the house, he didn't like her one bit,
And even, she doesn't strike any resemblance to Aunt Katerina.

Soon after, his grandfather ran a DNA check on the girl to be sure she was his lost
granddaughter,
The result came out positive but Andre didn't believe it.

Years later, when Jaime was older and still shows no resemblance to the dead
woman,

His grandfather secretly took another DNA but Jasmine got wind of it and altered
the result.

Since he was the boss and the doctor's report to him on daily bases,
He was told about the girl's lies by one of the doctors who was confirmed to be
dead a few months later.

He got the original report.
Then he began to wonder,
During the first DNA test, Jasmine was barely nine so wouldn't be able to alter the
result.

Someone was helping her from behind and that person has been his target for
years now.

"So why didn't you tell your grandfather about Jasmine's lies.

"He won't believe me and my family is a den of lion, I wouldn't want to drag you into
their messy lives." He said,

"Love isn't our way, rather we believe in strength and power." He said,

"And not all would want you as my bride."

"Don't worry sooner or later, everything would be over." He assured kissing her
earlobes.

To be continued.....

