

## THE BILLIONAIRE'S SURROGATE

BY QUIN TULLY

### CHAPTER SEVENTY ONE

#### "TOO LATE TO REPENT 1."

Dean didn't know what was going on cause since he left the hospital and ended up in Louisa's house,

He went back to his condo outside the city.

He didn't want to associate or get himself worked up because of Andre.

For him, he believed that whatever is meant to be will be.

If Gianna's destined to be his,

Fate would bring her back to him if not,

There nothing he can do to change fate.

He'd just came out after a few moment of self isolation and had turned on the TV to get himself busy,

"The Capital's in turmoil as the grandmaster of the De Marco's clan has been hospitalized just a few weeks to his birthday." The newscaster read out,

"The Patriarch of this wealthy family has been in the hospital after he suffered a cardiac arrest at his Stately Home in the capital.

An insider had told us that the old man had been with his grandson's fiancé when it happened and he was rushed to the hospital.

Now what we want to know now is what had triggered the cardiac arrest?

Is it that the old man had an argument with the lady or what?

Well that'll be all for today,

Stay tuned to....."

Dean switched off the TV immediately.

He went to get his cellphone which he'd switched off for awhile now,

He booted the cellphone,

Dane's missed calls and some few texts from his former manager.

"What does Mr Sullivan wants?" He asked himself as he clicked in the man's texts to see its content.

'Dean,

Where have you been?

Director Selden had been asking after you.'

The message read,

He ignored it and so as all the man's message.

He was about deleting the last one when he saw something,

'Dean,

Your brother came to search for you today,

He's saying something about Gianna reported missing.'

Wait,

Gianna's missing?

Since when?

He ran back to his room and got out his laptop,

He'd left her with Andre,

So how come she's missing now.

Andres so irresponsible,

He can't even protect his woman.

Now she's missing and none knows where she's.

Is that the reason why Dane has been calling him?

He picked up his cellphone and called Dane,

The phone rang for quite awhile before he heard Dane's manly but worried voice,

"Dean!

Dean's that you?

Where have you been?" Dane asked worriedly,

"Brother, I'm fine,

Just had to leave the city to clear my head.

I just saw some texts from my manager and one says that Gianna's missing,

Is it true?" He asked his brother,

Dane heaved a sigh of relief,

"Yeah,

Andre De Marco called two day ago to tell me." He said,

"That bastard,

He can't even protect a woman he claim to love.

Why not leave Gianna to people like...."

Dane interrupted him.

"Dean, it'll be better I'd you get back home,

There's a lot of things you have to know." Dane said immediately,

"Things like what?" He asked confusedly,

His brother hadn't talked to him in such way before.

Asking him to come home,

That's so unlike Dean.

"Well talk when you get home but do make sure you come home sooner before things gets too bad." Dane informed and ended the call leaving Dean in confusion.

Andre was so worked up when he went back to the hospital,

Justin noticed it.

"Daddy are you alright?" The boy asked sitting beside his father.

Andre nodded,

He didn't want to tell the boy that both his mother and brother are missing.

"Daddy are you worried for great grandfather?

Don't worry,

The doctor said that he's going to be fine soon." Justin consoled him.

Andre looked and the boy and he couldn't help but smile,

This son of his reminds him a lot of Gianna.

Same pure innocence and cuteness unlike his second son who is a two faced demon.

His second son is more like him while Justin had more of Gianna in him.

"I know that too,

He's going to be fine soon." He pulled the boy closer and kissed his forehead.

Meanwhile Jasmine had left home and was going to meet Andres uncles.

Shed been eager to see the men that was bent on trampling Andre to the floor.  
She called the man and told them that she was coming,  
And they've asked her to come.

Unknown to her,  
Dane's men was tailing her as she drove in the direction of the men's location.

Gianna woke up feeling very hungry,  
In her sleepy state, she wanted to call Reid and ask him for breakfast as always but  
when she felt the gag on her mouth.  
She tried to move her hands to remove the gag,  
Then it dawned to her,  
She wasn't at home and neither was she in the comfy of her bed,  
She's being held captive by Andre's uncles.  
She slowly opened her groggy eyelids,  
Both men weren't in the room rather they were three other men watching over her.

The strange men looked at her like she was a piece of meat waiting to be devoured,  
She hate the feeling of being a prey in the yes of the men.

"The sleeping beauty is finally awake." One of the men snorted and the rest  
laughed,

"Thinks she can cling herself with a wealthy man without paying the price.  
Hmph!" The man jested.

She looked around the room,  
Ever since she was brought here,  
She hadn't seen Reid.

Is he safe?

Where'd this men taken her son to?  
She asked herself.

Soon after,

Andre's uncles came back to the room.

"Welcome boss." The men greeted Alekhine,  
He nodded but had his eyes on Gianna.

He walked towards her,

"Has she'd anything to eat?" He asked the men,  
"No."

"What?

Why?" He yelled,

The men were surprised at the man's change of attitude.  
He's such a psycho like his brother.

"What about her son?

Has the boy had anything to eat?" He asked angrily,  
The men shook their end.

In a rush,

Alekhine grabbed the collar of one of the men and rammed him to the wall,

"How dare you starve my nephew's woman and her son?" He asked the men.

While held one,

The two other stared in utter shock.

"Now go get something for them,

Do you know who they're?" He yelled.

The two other men scurried out to get food for Gianna while the other stood and watched the psychopath touch the frightened woman,  
"You don't have to be scared Anna,  
I'm your uncle.  
Your mother was my adopted sister and I really love her,  
I won't hurt you." The man said,  
It was obvious he wasn't in his right senses.  
In fact he was the main psychopath and not Aleksandr,  
He was obsessed with Katerina and seeing Gianna,  
He was reminiscing being with the woman he'd once fell in love with.

Gianna's muffling sound brought the man to his senses.

"Oh, I'm sorry Anna.

I'm so sorry."

He trailed his fingers to the gag on her mouth,

Then loosened it.

"You don't have to be scared,

I'm not going to hurt you.

I'm not going to hurt you Katerina." He whispered to her.

"I won't hurt you."

Gianna was scared but mostly shocked,

Was this man seeing her as her mother?

She asked herself.

She tried to push him away but the man was stronger,

The other guard couldn't come to stop him in fear of the man venting his anger on him.

Alekhine slowly removed the gag from her mouth,

"Katerina, you're mine.

You're mine alone,

No one can take you away from me." He muttered to her trying to kiss her.

Gianna became scared,

What's the man trying to do?

"Uncle stop!" She cried.

The man jolted from her, her cries seemed to have returned back to his senses.

"God damn it." He moved away and went outside to meet his older brother leaving Gianna in tears as he left.

"Brother,

The other woman's coming." Aleksandr informed him,

Seeing his brother's face,

He figured out something's wrong.

"What's wrong?" He asked him,

Alekhine shook his head.

"Nothing." He said as he went back into the car to catch his breathe.

What was I going to do?

Alekhine, she isn't Katerina.

Katerina's dead and Gianna's her daughter.

Get hold of yourself Alek,

Get hold of yourself.

He cautioned himself.

He went to the car,  
"Let's go inside,  
Jasmine would be here soon.  
We've to finish her up cause she's of no value to us again." Aleksandr said to the man.  
Alekhine slowly came out the car and went with him inside the dilapidated building.

When Jasmine got to the building, she was surprised,  
Never knew the men would such such a place to hide the woman.  
She walked inside avoided any body contact with anything there.  
"Uncle!" She called the man,  
No reply,  
"Uncle!" She called again.  
No reply.  
She walked up the stair till she got to the third floor.  
"Where are they?  
Uncle!" She called again,  
No reply.  
She was about calling again when a hand from behind closed her mouth with a white handkerchief,  
Her brain went fuzzy and her vision blurred and that was the last for her before she blacked out.

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### CHAPTER SEVENTY TWO

#### "TO LATE TO REPENT 2."

Jasmine woke up and found herself tied to a pole,  
Her mouth was gagged and her hands and legs were tied too.  
She looked around the unfamiliar dilapidated room,  
It was filled with some old junks and hell,  
It stinks.  
In fact it looks like it had been abandoned for ages.  
How did I get here?  
She asked herself.  
Recalling she'd come to see Andre's uncles when someone came from behind and used a drugged handkerchief on her.

Who's responsible for this?  
She looked around the stuffy and stinking room she'd found herself in.  
Had Andre's uncles.....  
No, Uncle Aleksandr had promised he would help her get what she want,  
He'd promised that they're going to pay her off.

Or is it Andre?

Maybe he figured out that she was responsible for Gianna's and their son's kidnap and had kidnapped her too to get to his son and Gianna.

Her thoughts went wild when she noticed two shadowy figures come from the door.

Who are these people?

Are they here to kill her?

She asked herself and tightened her eyes so the men would think she's still asleep.

"Oh, she's still asleep." One of the men said,

Jasmine didn't dare open her eyes for the fear of being killed immediately.

The two watchmen sat on the floor and face her,

"Those men are psychopaths." One said to the other and he giggled.

"They're more than psychopath,

They're sick,

So sick." He blurted.

Jasmine was shit scared,

Who're these men?

She asked herself.

Soon she felt one of the men walking up to her,

Her body stiffened at the man's touch.

"Pray those men hands her to us,"

He said.

"No, the other lady is more pretty just that the second boss has an interest in her."

The other said,

Then her mind wondered.

The other woman?

That means she isn't the only woman here,

If the other woman turns out to be Gianna,

It just simply means that Andre's uncles had tricked her.

"Yeah, she's such a pretty soul.

The man who married her is very lucky you know,

Beautiful mother and son pair.

It struck her.

Gianna's the other woman and those despicable Uncles had tricked her.

But why would they trick her?

She has been doing all what they've asked her to do and was even planning on keeping her pregnancy because they've asked her to.

Initially, she'd wanted her to get rid of the pregnancy then claim shed a miscarriage but Uncle Aleksandr had asked her to leave the pregnancy,

That he was going to pay her an astronomical amount of money to take care of herself and her baby.

Unknown to her that those men had an evil ulterior motive for her,

Now she's caught up in the web of her lies and deceitful nature,

What a shame?

Andre was with Mr Lee when he received a call from Dane,  
He excused himself to take the call.  
" Hello Dane,  
Any progress? "He asked the man,  
" Yeah,  
There's been a good progress,  
My men traced your fiancé Jasmine to a dilapidated building almost at outside the  
city,  
Just a few blocks from Lake view."  
He informed,  
"I've asked my men to stay put till we get there." He added,  
Andre smiled,for the first time in days.  
"Okay,I'll be right out to your place." Andre said,  
"Thanks a lot Dane." He thanked the man,  
"Alright,  
All this is for my brother's twin and her son." Dane said to Andre,  
"Okay,  
Thanks though." Andre said and hung up.

"Mr Lee,  
We've found Jasmine and we're going there,  
Tell your men we've a clue where your boss is being held and tell them to go station  
at the dilapidated building that's close to Lake view." He ordered the man,  
"Then you come with me." He said,  
Mr Lee made the call immediately and ordered the men,  
"Tell them to station at least five meters from the building and get the best sniper  
shooter as fast as possible and let him stay at a far range to target those bastards  
that's holding my woman." He ordered the man,  
Mr Lee pass out the order to the men immediately and they drove to Dane's.

When they got to Dane's,  
Dean was present and was fully armed to go get Gianna,  
Though he wasn't going with them,  
He'd his own plans.  
"The irresponsible lover's here already." He snorted as he saw Andre,  
Andre heard him but didn't react,  
He rather pitied Dean cause he didn't know that Gianna's his twin and he's in love  
with her.

"President..." Dane wanted to say,  
"Cut the formalities man,  
Call me Andre." Andre said to him,  
The man nodded,  
"We leave in ten,  
To have the rest stationed properly before we interrupt.  
Andre nodded but within him,  
He just wanted to get there as fast as he can to get his woman back.

Gianna was tired from being tied to a seat for long,  
She was thirsty and hungry,  
But most importantly she was worried about Reid,

She hadn't seen the boy since they were brought here,  
She doesn't even know how he's faring and what's going on with him.  
Is he hungry or thirsty like she's?  
Is he being tortured or is being tied to a seat like her?  
How's his health?  
All this question seemed to have bothered her so much she's now feeling weak.

Andre,  
Please come and get is out of here.  
I'm scared please,  
I'm scared and worried.  
She cried.  
I won't be stubborn again and I won't argue with you,  
I'm going to do whatever you ask me to do bit please come and get me out of here  
please.  
She cried within herself.  
Like a whisper,she heard a voice,  
" Mommy."  
The voice whispered,  
She turned and saw the shadowy figure of a small child,  
"Mommy,I'm here." The voice whispered again,  
She peered closer and saw the child's face,  
"Reid." She whispered to avoid the man turning his attention to them.

"Mommy keep still and let me untie you." The boy whispered to her,  
She nodded.  
Slowly Reid came from behind and slowly untied her hands avoiding to get the  
mans attention.  
"Mommy are you alright?" The boy asked,  
She nodded,  
"You okay?" She asked him in a hushed tone,  
The boy nodded too.  
"Mommy,there's only one way to get out of here....."  
"I know the way out of here." Another voice said,  
Both mother and son froze at the interference of the other voice.

Flashback  
Unknowingly to the man who'd come closer to Jasmine,she slipped out his knife  
from his knife holster,  
Slowly she cut the rope tied around her hand.  
"I just hope those men allow us take this..."  
She pinned the knife to the man's chest with great force,  
"Aargh!" The man cried,she pushed him aside and threw the knife at the other.  
The man was too slow to miss it and the knife stabbed his right arm.

"You!" He cried,  
She pulled herself from the pole and the ropes tight around her body loosened.  
Grandpa Colin martial art training hadn't been in vain.  
The man was rushing to her to get he back,  
She slid past him and forcefully kicked him to the pole thereby making ram his  
head to the pole.



He picked his gun,  
A silence .49 colt and fired at her,  
The bullet hit Jasmine's back at close range but she still escaped the man,  
Hoping to find Gianna and getting her out of the place before things get messy.

End of flashback.

Gianna recognized her immediately and drifted her son and her son from the lady,

"No,  
Cough!

" I just want to help you."she said to them.

Gianna found it hard to believe but when she looked at the lady's back and saw blood,she was petrified,

"What happened to you?" She asked in a loud whisper.

"Mommy shhh,  
Keep it down,those bad guys might hear you." Reid warned,  
Gianna nodded.

"Let's get out of here first." Jasmine weakly said to them.

Slowly,Gianna helped her up while Reid led the way.

"There's a warehouse at the extreme of the hall,  
Its leads to the emergency stairs." Jasmine pointed to the hall,  
Actually shed used that hall when she first came.

Gianna nodded and helped her walk towards the hall.

"Stop!" A deep voice yelled,  
Then followed a gunshot.

Gianna slowly turned and saw one of the men,

"They've caught up with us." She cried.

"Mommy let's get into the place." Reid yelled at her,  
Before she could pull Jasmine out of the way,  
A shot was fired at them....

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CHAPTER SEVENTY THREE

"GETTING HIS WOMAN."

Gianna was shocked at the gunshot,

"Mommy duck!" Reid yelled from a corner.

But she couldn't move,

It was as if her body was fixated at the spot as she watched Jasmine fell to the floor,  
"Mommy!" Reid yelled again as he rushed out to drag her in safety.

The man who had fired the shot was running towards them while another man was right after him still after them.

Reid forcefully dragged his mommy till they were in the safety of the room,  
He shut the door and bolted it.

Immediately Gianna slumped on the floor in shock and exhaustion.

"Mommy,

Mommy don't worry,we're safe,

Nothings going to happen to us." He assured her,

Gianna just nodded,

Absorbing the fact that if Jasmine hadn't pushed her away,she would be the one  
lying on that floor shot.

Soon the men began to bang the door,

"Open the door!" They shouted angrily,

"Mommy we need to get out of here before they open the door and get us." Reid  
said,

He looked around the room for any escape route.

There was none except a window and a sledge then a long curtain veil and other  
junky stuffs like grease cans and barrels and also some spray cans.

Utterly useless.

He ran to the window and looked down from it,

The down floor is a bit lower than he thought,

So he ruled out jumping from the window.

Slowly,he went back to his mommy and sat beside her,

"Mommy,

I'm going to protect you okay." He said to her,

While she stared out in shocked.

But mostly she was having and abdominal waist pain,so she couldn't stand up.

The door continued used to bang harder and it was obvious that under a few more  
hefty banging,it might break and those men will finally catch them.

"Reid,

Your watch..." Gianna weakly said amidst the waist pains,

Reid loomed at his watch and for the first time he noticed that he was putting on  
the GPRS Phone Watch she'd gotten for him on his birthday,

Though the watch can't take calls yet cause it's call app hasn't been upgraded but it  
can only connect to someone with a Bluetooth connection close to them.

When Reid checked it,

There was no available Bluetooth connection in close range,

So he removed his interest from it.

He'd to do something fast.

Think,

Think,

Reid think.

Since they can't get out,

They needed more time till he find a solution,

So he stood up,

Went to the other corner and pushed the barrel there till it got to the door.

"Reid be careful." Gianna weakly said,

The pains on her abdomen was getting worse but till she's finally out of here there's  
nothing she can do than just endure the pain.

"Mommy are you okay?" Reid asked, seeing how she twitched her brow, gritted her teeth and also clenched her fist occasionally,  
He knew that something was wrong.  
But knowing the type of woman she's,  
She would always say she's fine when it's obvious she isn't.  
"Yes, I'm okay." She said with a gritted teeth,  
"Mommy did you get hurt?" Reid asked coming closer to her,  
"Did the bullet touch you?" He asked checking her face for any bruise,  
He saw none,  
Rather he saw raw pain in her eyes and fear.  
She shook her head,  
"No." Her words were coldly slurred,  
He knew she was getting worse from not being fine.

Dean drove with all fathomable speed,  
Gianna's life was in danger and hopefully,  
He wants to be the one to save her and not Andre.  
For him,  
He'd much chance of being with her if he can save her from the bastards that held her captive.  
While he drove,  
He used his car GPRS map to get to the place and in no time he was heading in the right direction with the building just a few blocks ahead of him.  
He pulled his car over at a close distance, then took out his shotgun and a .33 millimeter gun and headed for the building.

There was no one in sight as he entered,  
Only some banging sound upstairs,  
So he slowly took the stairs.  
The first floor was empty except for wasted non biodegradable material lying everywhere.  
He went up to the second floor,  
The sounds were still far ahead of him,  
So he tiptoed till he got to the fourth floor.  
He was faced with an empty hallway and the banging sound..  
A man suddenly appeared from the other side of the hallway,  
Immediately Dean shot at him and man down,  
Another man came out,  
He hid by the wall cover,

The man continued to come towards the cover,  
Dean jumped out with a great force and shot him right on the forehead.  
The man shot back on instinct and the bullet got Dean forearm but he didn't waver,  
He shot the man again and in no time,  
The man slumped,  
Now he has to find Gianna and get her out of here before the men came back.  
He walked down the hall,  
"Gianna!" He called as he walked down the hallway,  
"Gianna!" He called again,  
No answer.

It was till he got to the other end of the hallway,  
Where the men had came out from that he heard some sound coming out from on  
the room,  
"Gianna are you in there?" He rushed to the door of the room and pulled the knob  
twice,  
"Dean!" Her voice called out faintly,  
Dean pushed the door with all his might,  
The door didn't open,  
He forcefully pushed it again,  
This time the bolt broke off and the door opened.  
He rushed inside only to see Gianna sitting on the floor with her back to the wall  
while a little boy,  
Who Dean figured immediately to be her son crutched beside her.  
It was clearly written she was in pain.

"Gianna!" Dean rushed to her immediately,  
"Are you alright?" He asked her,  
She shook her head,  
"Dean my stomach." She cried,  
He hastily scooped her up from the floor,  
His hands touched a warm liquid on her behind.  
Wait,  
What?  
He couldn't keep her down seeing her condition,  
So he carefully carried her outside while the boy tagged beside them.  
"Dean...  
Jasmine...save her." She stammered,  
She pointed to the direction of the place they'd left Jasmine.  
Dean turned and saw Jasmine's body lying on the floor.  
From where he stood,  
He didn't know whether she was alive or dead,  
That wasn't his main concern,  
His concern now is to get Gianna safely out of this.....

"And who gave you permission to leave?" Another manly voice boomed from  
behind them,  
Shoot!  
Dean turned to see who the person was.  
The man was holding a gun and he wasn't alone.  
Up to five able bodied men stood behind him,pointing their guns at them.  
The man left the men with him and slowly walked towards Dean,  
"Who gave you the permission to leave without seeing me?" He asked him,pointing  
the gun to Dean's back.

"Let her go and we handle this as real men..."  
"I don't think I would be talking to you,  
I asked for Andre De Marco and not you unfamiliar piece of punk." Uncle Alekhine  
said mockingly,  
"Or is Andre afraid to face his uncles?" He asked,  
"I want to sit,  
I and my older brother,we want to sit and have a few chat with Andre,our little

nephew." He said,  
"And for Gianna here,  
She's my niece and I don't..." He tried to touch Gianna but Reid slapped his hands  
off,  
"Don't you dare touch mommy." The boy said in his Reid like tone,  
Cold and firm.  
Even the men ( Dean and Alekhine)became surprised at the tone at which the boy  
spoke.  
Typical Andre's son.  
A De Marco pure blood,  
Always cold and inhumane.

Uncle Alekhine squat to the boy's level,  
"You're truly your father's son uh,  
Tough blood you've got in here." He pinched the boy's arm,  
Reid tightened his other arm's muscle and grabbed the man's arm,  
"Yes, I'm my father's son and who do you think you're to touch my mommy without  
my permission?" He said to the man looking at him directly in the eyes.  
Uncle Alekhine wasn't surprised at all,  
Andre had been this way as a kid,so his son acting just like him is no new thing,  
Like father like son.  
Blood never lies.

He bent to take the boy's arm to scold him but unexpectedly a shot ran across the  
man's arm to Reid's shoulder and immediately,  
The boy fell.  
Another shot and this time it got it's target,  
Uncle Alekhine,  
The man has stood up,  
The shot hit the man's thighs.  
In anger,he pushed Dean and in the moment of distraction,  
He grabbed Gianna from him forcefully.  
With Gianna being taken and Reid been shot,  
Dean scooped the boy up,  
"Get back here!" The men with guns started shooting shots everywhere.  
To avoid being hit,  
He took the boy to a safe corner and lay him down.  
"Mommy." Reid weak voice called.  
Dean shook his head,  
Even in his weak state,  
He'd still thinking about her.

Meanwhile when Andre and Dane with the other men got to the building,  
Andre assigned each to different position,  
He was to go up and see the whether he could get any help but the sniper sent  
words across them that he's found Gianna and Reid and they were being held by  
some men,  
Andre had ordered he shoot but unfortunately for the man,  
Uncle Alekhine had unexpectedly moved out of target range and now Reid's the  
one with the bullet instead of the kidnapper.

Rushing into the building, he was running up the stairs when he bumped into Dean,  
Seeing the young man carry Reid with a bullet wound in the boy's shoulder and one  
in Deans forearm,  
He feared the worst for Gianna who he hadn't seen,  
"Dean where's Gianna?" He asked with a scared pained and angry voice,  
"Andre your uncle,  
He has Gianna."  
"Daddy go save mommy.." The boy slurred,  
Those words got to him and in anger, his adrenaline surged and he rushed upstairs,  
Not minding the shots that flew everywhere,  
His main concern was his woman,  
To get his woman and make his so called uncle pay for ever laying a hand on his  
woman.

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### CHAPTER SEVENTY FOUR

"NOT EVERYTHING THAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND."

While Dean left with the wounded boy,  
Andre rushed to the stairs and ran upstairs.  
Hoping to tear to pieces any one that tries to stop him.  
He was with a .99m double barrel shot gun and also a Colt .49,  
A pen knife and also a dagger,  
So one can easily say,  
He came fully loaded.  
Going up to the forth floor.  
The first body he ran past was Jasmine's half dead body,  
He rushed to her.  
Even though he'd hated her,  
He couldn't bear to see her die like this,  
He wanted her to suffer his torment before she dies,  
He wanted to be the one to decide her fate.

"Jasmine." He called her,  
She was unconscious but there was still a little faint life emitting from lungs,  
He pulled her head up and made it rest on his thighs,  
"Jasmine." He called again,  
No response and she was losing life slowly.  
He brought out his phone and called Dane,  
"Dane,  
Jasmines up here, she's badly wounded,

Send someone up here to get her immediately." He said through the phone and hung up,  
Slowly, he carried her up from the hallway and made her body lay by the side of the hall to avoid anyone hitting on her.  
He got up and went to search for his woman.

As he left Jasmine,  
He caught sight of someone rushing out through the emergency exit.  
He hurriedly followed the figure,  
Two men came from each side to stop him,  
Both of them he stabbed with his penknife and went after the figure.  
"Gianna!" He called,  
He'd lost the person.  
"Gianna!" He called again,  
This time he moved to the more open and secluded area of the building.

He'd gone there by instinct and surprisingly,  
There was his two badass uncles tying his woman to a seat and the younger touching her face.  
He rushed into the area but unknowingly,  
The door slammed behind him and that was when he noticed the two other men aside from both his uncles,  
Making it a game of four versus one.

"I knew you were going to come." Uncle Aleksandr said clapping his hands as he walked towards Andre,  
He turned to his brother and his henchmen,  
"Didn't I tell you guys,  
He's going to come here for his woman."  
The other men laughed in mockery of him.  
"Let her go." Andre ordered,  
He was a man of little talk and more action  
He preferred taking action than talking and beating around the bush.

"Hey young lass,  
We're not here to take your orders,  
You do what we ask you to and we free your woman." Alekhine said in a cautious tone.  
"Let her go." Andre repeated,  
The men were infuriated at his rude and prideful behavior.

"What do you want?" He asked the men,  
"You shouldn't be in a rush to be in a business mode,  
We're family and haven't seen each other for years except all these tabloid means of which you don't indulge much." Aleksandr said to Andre in a peaceful way but he and everyone else knows it is nothing but a facade.  
He and Andre weren't in good terms which other and it was hard to believe that both men cared for themselves.  
"I don't think I've time to battle words with you,  
What do you want?" He asked again,  
This time more indignantly.

Actually he was just buying time to fully map out his plan.  
The two men behind him are nothing to him,  
With his double barrel shotgun,  
He can take the two men at a go,  
But what bothers him more was both his uncles.  
Every De Marco son is trained a martial art fighter and both his uncles even though they're older,  
They're very good at the art and he can attest to that.  
Both men are martial art pro and being teamed together,  
There's no way he could fight them alone and win.

He looked at his woman,  
She was obviously not away of the what's going on cause she was slipping in and out of consciousness.  
Tears smeared face visible with pain,  
The sight hurt him to the marrow.  
He'd promised this woman some few months ago that he was going to protect her,  
He was going to protect her from his sick and crazy psychopaths and narcissist family members.

He'd promised his son he was going to make their family whole and no harm would come to him and his mother,  
He was going to fulfil his promise,  
To keep his end of the bargain till this uncles of his had to interfere and also interrupted his plans,  
And now,they're going to pay dearly for that.  
He won't spare anyone that hurts his woman and these men have clearly overstepped their boundaries.

In a minute of anger,  
Both henchmen behind him were stabbed by his penknife and the other a dagger,  
Now he was left with both uncles.  
He pull out the gun and pointed at the men,  
"I respect the fact that you both are my elders and I won't react but for the fact you touched my woman,  
I don't think I can ever let go."  
He shot at the younger one,  
The one he'd seen touching her face.  
Immediately the older man gasped,  
Actually,the gun had hit his thighs.  
"Do you think I'm going jus kill you like that?" He asked both men,  
"Never,  
I'm not going to just murder the men that tampered with my woman,  
I'll make them plead for their life." He said in the purest of hatred and anger.  
These men had really touched the wrong side of him.

Still pointing the gun at them,  
He picked up and old greasy cowboy rope from the floor and threw it at the both of them,  
"Tie up yourselves with that." He ordered,  
Both men thought he was kidding with them,



So none touched the rope.  
He fired at the other man's thigh,  
"I won't want to be kept waiting,  
I need to get my woman out of here." He said to them.  
Andre turned to Gianna,  
Its useless wasting his time these men while his woman is dying for help.  
He didn't want to kill both men immediately and still has to take Gianna,  
So he pulled out his cellphone and placed a call to Dane,  
"Send some men up at the attic,  
I've got those bastards." He said to Dane and hung up immediately.

"Alexandre De Marco,  
You can't harm us,  
You're nothing but a chicken like your father." Aleksandr cursed,  
The word spiked up the evil inside him.  
He walked towards the injured and both could visible see the spike of evil glint in  
the man's eyes,  
He's still the Andre they knew since,  
Cold and inhumane.  
He got to where both men crutches and forcefully dragged him up,  
"I'll show you what the chicken does best.  
Not everything that goes around comes around." He said to the man  
He helped up the other,  
Not minding the fact they aren't any youngsters.  
He dragged both men to the pole and anger, and tied them around the pole.  
He took out his cell again and called Dane,  
"Everyone retreat!  
Tell every of your men to retreat things are about to get messy in here." He warned.  
Dane got the message immediately and he ordered every of his men to retreat  
from the building.

Soon everyone started evacuating the building,  
The gunshot wasn't heard and in fact the place was as quiet as a grave site.  
But in matter of minutes,  
The building blew up.  
Boom!  
Everyone was shocked as the large massive orange ball erupt the sky.  
Reid who was being taken cared of by Dane's health personal pulled away from the  
man,  
"Mommy!  
Daddy!" He cried,  
Dean and Mr Lee pulled the boy back.  
Even he was still wondering what had just happened.  
Not only him,  
Including his brother and every other person with them.

In no distant time,  
Andre emerged from the building with the unconscious Gianna in his arms,  
He was badly wounded.  
Reid pulled free from the men and ran to his father,  
"Mommy!" He cried as he ran to them,

Andre, seeing the boy coming towards them,  
He hastened his steps to catch up with the boy,  
In no time, he was holding his son and his woman in his arm and they headed to his car.

He'd no time to explain to anyone what had happened,  
His main interest was to get his woman to the hospital,  
She's bleeding real bad and if care's not taken..  
Her baby....

No,  
He assured himself as he slammed the car engine and zoomed off with his son at the back seat,  
"Daddy what's happening to mommy?"  
Reid asked,  
He couldn't tell the boy anything cause he wasn't sure himself what will happen,  
"Don't worry son,  
Your Mommy's going to be fine." He said to him,  
Silently praying it turns that way.  
That she becomes fine,  
He didn't want any harm to come her way,  
Not her and not their baby.

While the others followed his lead,  
He stopped at the first hospital he saw,  
Rushed out of his car and got out his woman,  
Reid came out too with his wounded shoulder.  
Andre carried Gianna and ran into the hospital,  
"Doctor!" He yelled as he rushed into the hallway,  
The doctors rushed outside thinking it was chaos but all were surprised to see the President De Marco in their hospital carrying a woman.  
They took Gianna from him and lay her on a stretcher,  
Pushing her into the Operation Theatre while Andre stood back.

While another nurse passed,  
He handed Reid to the lady,  
"My son was shot too."  
The lady was surprised hearing that a little kid got shot,  
Though she couldn't dare ask him for a police report,  
So she just took the boy and strode into ICU to get the bullet out of the boy's shoulder.  
Soon afterwards,  
Jasmine, Dean and every other injured person was admitted to the hospital.  
This aroused the suspicion of the doctors and other staffs,  
But they couldn't openly ask about what happened and how come most of them got shot.  
So some went from behind and informed the cops,  
Andre was having his wounded arm treated when the cops came.

"Good day Master De Marco." The superintendent greeted Andre,  
He nodded at the man,  
"Sir,

I would like to ask a few questions." The man said,  
"Go ahead." Andre said to him,  
The man nodded and brought out his statement jotter.  
"Sir if you don't mind,  
Can you share to us what had happened and how most of your men got shot?"  
The officer chose his words carefully to avoid annoying the man.  
"My fiancé and my son got kidnapped,  
I had to go get them back." With this single word,  
The officer understood what happened and didn't bother asking him another  
question.

"Andre,  
The doctors are out." Dane popped his head into the room where Andre is being  
treated and the man stood up,  
"Officer if you would want more information about this,  
You can go ask my men,  
They'll give you full details." He opened the door and went outside.  
The doctor was standing outside the Operation Theatre and Dean was standing in  
front of him,  
Obviously asking how Gianna is.

"Master De Marco." The doctor called seeing Andre,  
"Doctor how's she?  
How's my fiancé and the baby?" He asked the man,  
"Well, your fiancé is safe and alright but I'm sorry Sir.....  
We lost the baby."  
The words hit Andre so bad,  
They lost his baby.  
They'd lost his and Gianna's baby.  
He turned from the doctor,  
Closed his eyes and smiled.  
Because of those uncles of his, he'd lost his baby,  
His and Gianna's baby.

Now he's going to make them pay.  
He's going to wipe out the remnant of both his uncle's family till there's no single  
one left,  
He doesn't care who's innocent and who isn't,  
As long as they've woken up the beast in him,  
All of them are going to pay dearly for this.  
He turned to the doctor,  
"Make sure she gets enough rest and transfer her to your VIP ward,  
I'll be right back." He turned to leave but Dean held him back,  
"Andre where are you going to?" He asked him,  
"I'm going to do what I should have done since." He said to him and was still leaving  
when he heard his son's voice.

Andre turned to the boy,  
"Daddy are you leaving us?" The boy asked,  
Andre shook his head and squat to the boy level,  
"I'm never going to leave your mommy and you,

Rather I'm going to set the record straight and do what I should have done along time ago." He said,  
Reid frowned,  
"What's that father?" He asked,  
"I'm going to make thing easier for your brother yourself and your mommy,  
Now all you have to do is to watch over your mommy and make sure no harm comes to her." He said,  
Andre kissed the boy's forehead and stood up,  
"Now go watch over your mom,  
I'll be right back." He said and left while Reid walked to the ward his mommy was resting.

To be continued.

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### CHAPTER SEVENTY FIVE

#### "THE SINS OF THE MOTHER."

Gianna was going after Andre,  
He seems to be drifting apart from her.  
She tried to hold on to him bit his hands were slippery wet,  
"Andre please hold on." She said to him,  
"I'm going to call someone to help help you up." She said to him,  
"No,  
If you leave me,I'll fall down." He said,  
Fear was written all over his face.  
"Andre just try hold on please." She pleaded with him,  
She just wanted to turn and get hold of something when her hands slipped away and unfortunately Andre fell.  
"Andre!"

She woke up with a start  
It was a nightmare,  
A very terrible nightmare.  
Gianna looked around the room she found herself,  
She was alone in a hospital room.  
No Reid,  
No Andre,  
Just her and herself.  
The door opened and her son came in,  
Seeing her awake the boy leaped for joy and ran to her,  
"Mommy you're awake." He exclaimed excitedly,  
She was confused.

How did she get here?  
She tried to recall what had brought her to the hospital.  
She only recalled being with Dean,  
He was trying to save her..  
She was bleeding...  
Bleeding.  
She touched her stomach,  
"My baby?" She asked herself,  
Even Reid became surprise,  
"Mommy are you fine?  
Does it hurt?"  
He asked her,  
She only tightened her arms around her belly,  
"Reid where's your daddy?" He asked the boy.

She'd just recalled the nightmares she'd before waling up,  
"Daddy went to do some work,  
Said something about setting some things straight." Reid vaguely remember all  
what his father had told him before he left.  
"Mommy,daddy said you should have enough rest.."  
"Where's the doctor?" She asked the boy,  
Reid stood up and touched her forehead,  
"Mommy do you want to talk to him?" He asked,  
She nodded,  
"Reid son,please go get the doctor for mommy." She pleaded with the boy,  
Reid nodded and left the room to get the doctor as she as pleaded.

Gianna was worried,  
She didn't know why but she knew something was about getting bad,  
If possible,getting worse.  
The door opened and both Dean,the doctor and Reid walked inside the room,  
"Gianna,  
Are you alright?" Dean asked seeing how worried she looked,  
"Doctor,  
Is my baby safe?" She asked the man.  
The doctor had wanted Andre to be the one to tell her about the bad news cause  
he didn't know how she was going to react to knowing that she'd lost her baby.  
He didn't reply her,  
Rather Dean went ahead to.

It was better that way cause one way or the other,  
She was still going to find out.  
"Gianna,"  
He sat on the bed and pulled closer to her,  
"Gianna,  
You've to get hold of yourself." He said,  
She already knew the answer to her question by their reaction.  
She lost her baby.  
She couldn't save her baby,  
All because of her selfishness and silliness irrational decision of leaving Andre,

She'd lost her baby,  
Hers and Andre's baby.

With tears in her eyes,  
She looked at Dean,  
"You don't need to tell me Dean,  
I already know the answer to my question.  
Where's Andre?" She asked them,  
No one said anything.  
"Dean please tell me where Andre's?" She said to him,  
"Gianna you need to rest,  
Andre would be back soon." He said to her,  
This people don't seem to understand me,  
"Someone should tell me where Andre is?" She yelled,  
Everyone became surprised.

She took Dean's hands,  
"Please Dean,  
Tell me where Gianna's." She left the bed,  
Pulled out every tubes connected to her body and knelt in front of him,  
With tears in her eyes,  
"Dean,  
You have to tell me where Andre has gone to please." She pleaded him,  
"Gianna get up,  
You aren't well." Dean tried to pull her up but she slapped his hands away,  
"Just tell me where he is already!" She cried.  
Dean couldn't bear it,  
Couldn't bear seeing her in pain.  
"Andre left earlier,  
He was talking about setting some things straight." He blurted.

Dean knew what Andre meant by those words,  
He knew Andre was going to hurt someone for what had happened and his instinct  
told him it was the families of those his uncles that had made Gianna lost her baby.  
Immediately he told Gianna what Andre had told him,  
She got the point.  
This was what her dream was all about.  
She'd to stop Andre,  
She'd to stop him before he does a great damage.  
She know that whenever he's angry,  
He does irrational things,  
Things he's going to regret afterwards.

"Dean,let's go find Andre please." She asked,  
Dean couldn't say no.  
He know to well that for now,  
Gianna doesn't take no for an answer.  
"But Mr..."  
"Don't worry about her doctor,  
I'll take care of her." He helped Gianna up from the floor,  
"But I'll advice,you use a wheelchair miss,

Your body isn't strong yet and we wouldn't want you to get worse." The doctor advised,  
She wanted to refuse but Dean didn't give her the chance to this time,  
"Doctor, get the wheelchair." He said,  
The doctor nodded and left to get it.  
While Reid stood by the side and watch everything that happened in amazement.

Andre was super mad,  
Hatred and wickedness filled his sight.  
All he wanted was to get to both his uncles mansion and set it on fire ensuring no one escapes his wrath.  
They've killed his unborn child,  
So they deserve nothing but death.  
For ever laying their filthy hands on his woman,  
For being the reason why Gianna had lost their baby,  
For every other thing they'd done so far,  
Their offsprings are going to pay with their lives ,  
As long as he's concerned,  
There's no mercy for whoever hurts his woman.

Andre accelerated the speed of his Bentley it zoomed to the direction of his uncle's mansion.  
Both his uncles had bought the large piece of land and had erected their building on it.  
The land was a vast land and was tagged 'Lonely Soul' till his uncles got it on a bidding price,  
They erected three gigantic mansions on the land and moved in there with their families.  
Andre had been there once as a young boy,  
That was when he'd came here for the opening of the house.

His phone began to ring,  
He checked the caller,  
It was Gianna.  
He ignored the call and continued driving,  
He never expected it to be her,  
He was thinking she would still be resting.  
It rang against ,  
He ignored the call.  
The phone rang a few more times but he didn't take the call,  
There was nothing in earth anyone is going to tell him that will stop him from doing what we want to do.  
He's hell bent on destroying his uncles family and there's nothing on this world that'll make him stop.

"Dean drive faster." Gianna urged Dean as he drove,  
"Gianna,I'm driving fast.  
This is literarily the fastest I can go." He said to her,  
This is the umpteenth time she's telling him to drive faster and also the umpteenth time he's giving her the same reply.  
"Dean,

Please faster,  
I can see Andre's car ahead of us.  
Drive faster,  
We need to stop him." She said to him,  
Dean sighed and shook his head,  
He wouldn't have been here driving his ass out to look for the man who'd stolen the  
only woman he'd ever love of not for her.  
For him he would wish that Andre get lost and never comes back,ever again.  
Most times,  
He gets very jealous seeing how she cares a lot for Andre,  
And wished it was him in Andre's place.  
He wants Gianna to see him as more than just a friend,  
But she couldn't cause her heart has been given to another.  
He'll only be a friend to her no matter what he does,so he's going g to do nothing  
than accept his fate.

They were just a few meters from the mansion,when they saw Andre jump out from  
his car,  
He went to the trunk of his Bentley and brought out a while gallon filled with petrol,  
He was holding a gun too.  
Immediately Dean got closer,  
Gianna jumped out of the car and ran to Andre,who was already pouring the  
content of the gallon on the gate.  
"Andre!" Gianna called as he ran towards him,  
"Andre,please stop." She cried,  
Dean immediately stopped the car and ran after her,  
He was just praying she doesn't get hurt trying to stop Andre.

Andre was about lighting g up the matchstick when Gianna grabbed his arms  
quickly,  
"Andre please stop." She pleaded,  
"Andre please don't do this." She pulled his sleeves to stop him from lighting up  
another match.  
"Gianna,what are you doing here?  
Go back to the car." He warned her.  
It was visible he was very angry but Gianna didn't want the case to get worse than it  
already has.  
"Gianna let go!" He thundered,  
"Andre please don't do this,  
If you want to get angry,get angry at me,  
If I hadn't left the hospital,  
Your uncles wouldn't have taken me.  
Please don't do this." She pleaded,

"Gianna,you've got nothing to do with this,  
They hurt you and killed my baby,  
Our baby." He said,  
Gianna wasn't letting go of him.  
"Andre just please,  
Listen to me just this one last time,  
Let's go hone and talk about this please." She pleaded him,



"I'm going to listen to you, just company home with me,  
Let's go home to our sons and we'll calmly talk about this." She pleaded with me.

Andre didn't want to stop, he wanted to burn down the house and everyone living in it but he couldn't hurt Gianna,

He couldn't hurt her feeling again.

After all, he'd been the main reason she'd lost her baby,

Their baby.

If he'd watched over her and not get angry irrational,

She wouldn't have lost their baby.

"Andre please." She said,

Andre turned to her,

"Let's go home Anna.

Let's go home to our sons." He said to her,

He pulled her closer, kept back the matchbox on the floor and left with her.

Dean watched from close by how Gianna was able to calm Andre down and stop him from burning the house like he'd intended to.

When he saw them enter into Andre's car,

He got into his car too and zoomed off.

Andre and Gianna didn't go home,

They'd to get back to the hospital to get Reid.

"Andre, what about Jasmine?" She asked him,

"Is she alright now?"

He hadn't asked the doctor about Jasmine,

All his mind had been on Gianna and when the doctor told him she'd lost her baby,

He got to angry to think about any other thing but getting revenge on his uncles.

"I don't know,

Haven't asked about her." He said,

Gianna pulled away from him,

"Andre,

She's pregnant too." She lamented,

He frowned.

Why's she softhearted?

This was the woman who'd stolen her jade as a kid and her position as an adult,

The same woman who'd tried to hurt her countless times in the past and was the mastermind behind her kidnap.

And she's feeling sorry for her.

Mtchew.

"Andre let's meet the doctor and ask how she's." Gianna persisted,

"Okay okay." Andre said to her.

He called the doctor,

"Doctor,

What about the other wounded woman,

Is she okay?" He asked the doctor,

"Well sir,

She isn't okay,

She'd lost a lot of blood during the accident and I don't think she can ever survive it." The doctor informed,

"Doctor what about her baby?" Gianna asked the he doctor,  
"Fortunately her baby wasn't hurt but we'll have to act fast to save her baby." The doctor said,  
Andre twitched his brows,  
"How?" He asked the doctor,  
"If we leave the baby in her womb,  
The baby might die,  
So we'll have to operate on her and take out the baby to save its life." He explained to them,  
"Who's going to take care of the baby if she eventually dies?" Andre asked the doctor,  
The man frowned,  
Even Gianna did too.

"I was hoping since you are close to her,  
You could....."  
"No,I'm not going to take care of that child." Andre blurted.  
"But Master....."  
"Never,  
Is there any other option?  
Cause I can't have her child live under my roof." He said,  
"Doctor,  
Let's not talk about this now,  
Well get to you later." Gianna interrupted.  
The doctor left and she turned to Andre,  
"Andre you're not going to do this please." She said,  
"Why are you going to send the child to an orphanage just because of the mother's mistake?" She asked,  
"Cause the child is suppose to pay for mother's sin,  
And the offspring of such vile woman can't stay under my roof." He said to her firmly.

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CHAPTER SEVENTY SIX

"THE TRUTH."

Gianna pulled Andre to the side,  
"Andre please listen to me,  
You don't have to do this.  
You don't have to turn you anger to the poor child because of what the mother did."

She pleaded,  
"Gianna no,  
Remember what Jasmine did to you years ago?  
She stole your jade and tagged you a thief,  
Stealing your rightful position as my fiancé.  
She's the Master minder behind your kidnap and had also aided my uncles to kidnap you and you still want to forgive her?" He was irritated by her kind nature.

Why can't she just forget about Jasmine and let her pay for her crimes?  
He asked himself.

"Andre,  
Yes you're right.  
Jasmine did a lot of awful things to me and I'm not happy with her.  
But I don't think it'll be right to involve her innocent baby in the mess she created and moreover,  
Jasmine had helped me and Reid while your uncles held us captive.  
She'd taken the shot that meant for me,  
Please let's just reconsider just this last time." She pleaded him.

Andre was weak,  
This woman always had a way to make him succumb to her wish,  
She's more of a charmer.  
He shook his head

"Okay,  
But one one condition." He said,  
Gianna smiled,  
"What's your condition?" She asked him,  
"You can take the baby home as long that he or she doesn't cross part with me and I wouldn't consider it mine." He said to her.  
Gianna found his condition rather harsh but at least,  
He agreed to have the baby live with them.  
"Okay Andre,  
I agree to the your condition." She said,  
He nodded.

"So can I go see her?" She asked the doctor,  
He nodded,  
Andre refused to go with her,  
So she went alone.  
Jasmine was still unconscious when Gianna entered the room,  
She sat beside her.

"Jasmine,  
I know you don't like me but I still feel I should tell you this,  
Even though you can't hear me.  
I'm going to be taking care of your baby while you're still here.  
It's a shame you wouldn't get to know your child but I guess that's how fate works.  
The doctor said there is a fifty fifty survival chance for you and to save your baby,  
They'll have to get it out of you womb before operating on you.  
I hope you get well and survive this to see your baby but if you don't,  
Just know that your baby's in safe hands and I forgive you for everything bad you've done to me and my family,

I bear no grudge against you and hope you get well soon." She said to the unconscious woman.

After her talking session,  
She turned to the doctor,  
"When would the operation be carried out?" She asked him,  
"As soon as possible,  
We'll have to speed things up before it affects the baby in her womb.  
And even after we get the baby out,  
We still have to put it in an incubator since it's organs aren't fully developed.  
It's need intense care and devotion to make it survive." He explained,  
"Okay no worries,  
Just do whatever you've to do to make sure the baby's safe.  
I'll handle every other things that comes after." She said to him,  
The doctor nodded and she left the room.

That night,  
Andre, Gianna, Justin and Reid were all together,  
The Old Man was still at the hospital cause he hadn't fully recovered.  
And Andre had promised his that he was going to introduce him to his grandchildren (Gianna and Dean) after he recovers,  
The old man was so eager to meet his grandchildren,  
He'd accepted all the medications and procedures the doctors had given him.

"Boys, I have an announcement to make." Gianna announced the boys during dinner,  
Andre knew what she was going to be saying,  
So he sighed.  
Such a spoilsport.  
Gianna said to herself.  
"Mommy what's it?" Justin asked,  
He got no idea on what'd happened recently,  
Andre had asked Gianna and Reid not to tell the boy of what had happened.  
"Are we getting a new sibling?" He asked excitedly,  
Reid shook his head,  
That should be the least thing he wants to hear now,  
He just wants only himself, his brother, his mommy and his daddy, no one else.

"Kind of." She said,  
Immediately Reid frowned,  
"You guys are getting a new sibling which I hope is a baby girl." She announced.  
"Yay!" Justin shouted excitedly,  
Reid face was cold,  
Gianna noticed it and asked the boy what the problem is.  
"Reid,  
Aren't you happy about this?" She asked,  
Thanks boy stood up from the dining table and went to his room not saying a word to anyone.  
Gianna and Justin was surprised but not Andre.

He knew why the boy was unhappy at the news and he was going to use it to his advantage.

"Reid,

I'll go talk to him." Gianna wanted to stand but Andre stopped her,

"Now worries,

Eat your dinner,

I'll go talk to him." He said,

But Gianna didn't want to sit.

"Anna finish your dinner,

You still have to take your medications,

I'll go talk to Reid." Andre stood up and left while Gianna sat down and continued to eat her dinner.

"Mommy doesn't little brother want another sibling?" Justin asked innocently,

"I don't think so,

Maybe he's just surprised,

Don't worry about him." She said to Justin,

"Let's finish up our dinner." She completed.

Both herself and the boy focused on the dinner in front of them.

Dean was driving to Denver tower,

He decided to check on Gianna but on a second thought,

He decided against it.

He didn't want to go and see Andre there,

He still had a few more hours to his meeting with the Director Selden and some of the other directors from another filming house,

They're starting a new movie after the release of Green Love and they were hoping on making him to be male lead.

But since he was talking on leaving the industry,

Director Selden was hoping on pleading with him to go for this one more.

He was just a few blocks from Denver Tower,

When he caught sight of a somewhat familiar young girl walking out of the coffee shop nearby.

He couldn't take his eyes off her as he tried to recall where he'd seen the face before.

He was still in his car when she crossed over to the other side of the street,

His instincts told him to go talk to her,

She wanted to hail a cab but all the cab driver had increased their fare,

So she was a bit stranded waiting for a more cheaper cab.

Seeing her situation,

He stepped out from his car and walked towards her,

A few meters from her,

He recalled the he'd seen her,

Louisa.

Yes, she's Louisa.

He stopped walking and stood by the side,

What was he going to say to her?

Tell her that he was the strange drunk man she'd helped from a few days ago.

The one she'd left her house for.

No Dean,  
That's not how to approach a woman.

It's not that he wanted to flirt with her,  
He just wanted to thank her properly for saving him the other day.  
He gathered all courage and took a step further,  
He stopped.  
Why not turn back and get into his car and act like he never saw her.  
He wasn't very familiar with woman and the only woman he'd ever spent time with  
was Gianna.

Gianna was more of a quiet and lovable woman,  
He doesn't know whether Louisa was the direct opposite of Gianna,  
In fact,he doesn't know how she behaves.....  
He took a deep breathe,  
Dean,  
You just have to go there,  
Thanks her and ask if there's any way you can help her.  
His inner self told him.

He gathered courage and walked towards her,  
"Hello Miss...."  
"I mean hello pretty lady." He greeted,  
She turned to him.  
"Good morning Sir." She greeted,  
She doesn't even recall who he's.  
"How're you doing?" He asked her,  
She nodded,  
"Doing great,you?" She asked,  
"Fine,I guess." He muttered,  
She nodded.  
Dean didn't know what to say for the next few minutes,  
So he just stood and stared at her,  
She was beautiful but can't be compared to Gianna,  
Cheeks that flushed red at intervals and a very deep dimple on both cheek.

"Where are you going to?" He finally asked,  
She looked at him,  
"Where you talking to me?"She asked,  
Obviously her mind was somewhere else,  
" Yeah,  
I was asking where you're going to?" He repeated,  
"Oh," She smiled,  
"Going home actually." She said lightly,  
He nodded.  
"You,  
Where are you going to?" She asked him,  
"Waiting for someone." He said.  
"Do you still remember me?" He asked her on impulse.  
She shook her head,  
"Don't actually,  
Please can you remind me where we met?" She asked politely,

"Remember the drunk guy at the bar,  
The one you took home?" He asked,  
She closed her mouth with both palms gesturing surprise.

"Yeah,

This is that guy." He said.

"Sorry I couldn't recognize you again." She apologized,

"It's no problem,

Things happen and we tend to forget about people we meet with time." He said,  
She was still smiling.

"Mind if I drop you where you're going to?" He asked,

She shook her head.

"I insist,

Still part of my way to pay back the favor." He said,

"Well I'm not really going to a particular place,

I'm just job hunting." She finally confessed,

Dean was surprised.

"Thought you work at the bar?" He asked her.

She shook her head,

"Use to work there,

I quit." She said,

"Mind if I ask why?" He said,

"Just wanted to,

Tired of all the late night and not having to study for school." She said,

"You still go to school?" He asked her,

She nodded.

"Yeah, I do.

Part time at St Newark's College,

Studying Child's Care and Sociology." She said,

"My final year." She added.

"That's good." Dean nodded,

"Enough about me,

What about you?" She asked him,

"I'm an actor." He pointed.

"Wow,

That's good." She said mostly to herself.

"I've a meeting to attend in Denver Tower,

Mind if we out for lunch together later?" He asked,

She looked at him for sometime before replying,

"I don't think that'll be possible,

I have a job hunt to...."

"You don't have to continue,

I think I've a job offer for you." He said,

She frowned.

"What offer?"

"We'll talk about it at lunch,

Make sure to be there." He brought out his complementary card and gave it to her.

Meet me at Casa De Sol by noon."

She took the card from him,

“Okay.” She nodded still looking at him,  
“See you there.” Dean turned back and walked towards his car.

Later that afternoon,  
Louisa got ready and hailed a cab to the restaurant where Dean had asked her to come.  
She got there a bit early but surprisingly Dean was already there.  
When she got home earlier,  
She’d studied the card he’d given to her.  
His name is Dean Wilson and he’s a star artiste in the movie industry.  
She ran an internet check on him and was surprised at what she saw.  
He’s the younger brother of Dane Wilson and is the male lead of Green Love and as well as so many other movies.  
And his relationship status,  
He’s single.  
Though was once mistaken for being in a relationship with his co artiste Gianna McKenna but was later confirmed just friends.  
There wasn’t much of his life on the tabloid system,  
Such a privy.

Dane and Andre decided its best they tell Gianna and Dean the truth about themselves.  
Not telling them soon is like worsening the problem and having Dean have his hopes high about marrying Gianna,  
So they’d called Dean and asked him to come home.  
He’d been so reluctant to come over,saying he was busy but when Dane insisted he comes,  
He agreed to come.  
He drove to the Wilson’s Mansion as late at eight pm,  
He got out of his car and walked into the mansion.  
Getting closer,  
He heard Andre’s and Gianna’s voice and was surprised what they’re doing at Dane’s this late.  
He opened the living room door and went inside,  
“Dean,  
You’re here.” Dane said getting up,  
Andre and Gianna did look at him but didn’t say anything.

After they settled down,  
Dane brought out the files he’d on Gianna the day Dean had asked him to help him run a check on her.  
“What’s all this?” Dean asked taking a look at the files,  
“Do you remember asking me to run a check on Gianna some few day before you left home?” Dane asked,  
He nodded.  
“Well these are the result I got.” He said to him.  
Dean picked up the files and studied it.  
He saw a few stuffs he never knew about her,  
Things like,Gianna being the long lost daughter of the De Marcos.  
The accident that claimed the lives of her mother and her older twin brother,  
He checked the date of the accident and the place it took place.



He dropped the papers,  
He'd recalled getting involved in a car accident as a kid,  
He was eight at that time,  
He checked the date of the accident and her date of birth,  
It was obvious she was eight too,  
Wait.  
Her date of birth is same as his.  
He looked at Gianna, then his brother,  
"What's all this about?" He asked them,  
Gianna didn't know what was going on,  
She'd come over cause Andre had told her that they're just to get thing clear for  
Dean.

"It's about the true relationship between you and Gianna." Dane said,  
Gianna frowned and turned to Andre,  
He signaled her to have patience.  
"And what is that if I may ask?" Dean asked rudely,  
Dane cleared his throat,  
"Dean, Gianna,  
The both of you are the twins of Mrs Katerina who got involved in the accident that  
killed her." He said,  
Dean was....  
Flabbergasted.  
Wait,  
What?  
"Yes, you both are siblings." Andre added.

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CHAPTER SEVENTY SEVEN

"BABY ALICIA A TRUE DE MARCO."

"It's a lie,  
What evidence do you have to back your claim?"  
Dean asked,  
He wasn't believing what his brother and Andre were telling him,  
He believe they were just trying to make him stop loving Gianna,  
To make him forget about her and move on.  
Silly people.  
"Dean, it's the truth,  
Gianna is your younger twin sister.  
Remember after that accident, you couldn't recall anything that had happened to

you in the past right,”  
He nodded

“When I did a check,  
I found out that you and Gianna were in the accident on the same day,  
Your mom had told father that the accident was within Brookfield,  
There was no other accident case of Brookfield on that day apart from the one that  
had killed Aunt Katerina.” He explained.  
Gianna didn’t say a word,  
She just sat and listened to what Dane had to say.

“It was recorded she gave birth to a male and female twin and they were all in the  
car after going to shop for groceries,  
But after the accident,  
Only her body was found in the car,  
The kids were nowhere to be found.  
And checking the geographical closeness,  
Both you and Gianna were admitted in the same hospital,  
Plus the fact that both your bloods matched each other’s,  
It became obvious that the both of you are from one person.” Dane explained,  
Gianna turned to Andre,  
“Since when did you know about this?” She asked him with tears in her eyes,

“Dane told me about it after you got kidnapped by my uncles.” He replied her,  
She only nodded.

Why isn’t she saying anything?

Andre asked himself.

Dean was finding a hard time believing all what they’re saying,  
It can’t be true,

If he was Gianna’s twin,

Then it means he’s a De Marco and not a Wilson.

Which implies that he has been crushing on his younger sister.

No,

No,

No.

He isn’t buying it.

“All these might be just assumptions,

Give me a real proof.” He said to Dane,

His older brother sighed,

Dean hasn’t been someone to believe something without have full proof and now  
he’s really going to have to believe them cause Dane came prepared.

He brought out an hospital report and handed it to Dean

“Here you go.”

Dean collected the reports from his brother and opened it,

It’s a blood test report and it says that both Gianna and Deans blood are match,

He opened the other one,

It’s another blood test report on Dean and Dane.

It says that their blood doesn’t match at all.

“So what do you have to say about this?” Dane asked him,

He was speechless.  
Dane equally brought out some old photos of Gianna,  
Photos of her as a kid and two photos of Dean as a kid her age,  
He handed the photos to Dean,  
It was obvious that the both of them are twin looking at the photos.

Dean looked at Gianna,  
Tears were free flowing from her eyes as she looked at him,  
He couldn't believe this,  
The only woman he had loved and was willing to fight all odds for was his sister,  
His twin sister.  
Then he recalled the movie that had brought them together,  
Green Love.  
Green Love was a movie about two sibling falling in love with each other and  
realising that they aren't sibling later on,  
While both of them who'd starred in the movie where two different people who'd  
liked themselves and find out that they're siblings afterwards.  
Fate,  
What a fate?

He stood up from the seat and went to Gianna,  
She couldn't move from where she was crying,  
He sat beside her and wrapped his arms around her,  
"Gianna." He whispered to her,  
"It's okay Gigi,  
Stop crying." That was the only words he could tell her,  
He didn't really know what. to say to her than or her to stop crying.  
In everything,  
She's still the first woman in his life.  
Whether as a his crush or friend or even sister,  
She's still the first.

Gianna couldn't even say a word to him,  
It was just like they're just meeting for the first time in their life and she found out  
that he's her elder brother,  
She did relaxed in his arms but didn't say anything.  
This is too much for her to handle,  
Andre knew all along but didn't tell her,  
He made a fool out of her by not telling her.  
Mtchew.

The drive home for Gianna and Andre was a quiet one,  
She didn't talk to him and when he did talk to her,  
She ignored him.  
Wait,  
What?  
They got home to the boys,  
Gianna took the boys to bed and told them their bedtime stories,  
After they slept,  
She went to her room and lay on the bed,  
Thinking on what had happened that night.

Andre came into the room.

"Anna,

The doctor called." He said to her,

She didn't even turn," He said that the operation on Jasmine would be by nine am tomorrow and he would want us to be there." He informed,

She only nodded and covered herself with the blanket.

"Anna." Andre called her again,

No response.

"Sorry for not telling you about Dean." He said to her,

She didn't reply him,

But deep down she isn't angry at him,

She's just surprised at the news and as well looking for away to blackmail him to carry Jasmine's baby.

Lol,

He thinks he's the only one that can play dirty right?

He should watch her trick on him.

The next morning,

Andre drove Gianna to the hospital before the appointed time,

She was still not talking to him and it bothered him a whole lot.

Getting to the hospital,

She left the car while he did park.

"Miss McKenna, you're here?" The doctor asked seeing her,

She nodded with a smile,

"Good morning doctor." She greeted the man,

"Okay,

The operation section is about to begin." He informed her,

Gianna nodded and followed him to the ICU to bring out the still unconscious Jasmine.

When they brought her out,

Gianna did come to the stretcher and touched Jasmine's hand,

"Don't worry,

Your baby would be safe.

Goodluck." She whispered to the unconscious woman.

The nurse then pushed her into the operation theatre while Gianna waited behind.

Andre came awhile later,

Seeing her seat by the waiting room,

He knew for sure that the operating session had begun.

He sat beside her not saying a word to her and she did none to him.

After waiting for almost two hours,Andre stood up,

"Would you like something to eat?" He asked her,

She shook her head,

"I'm not hungry yet." She said to him.

Actually she's far from hungry,

Her main concern for now is the baby and Jasmine,

Most especially the baby.

"Anna,I said I'm sorry already." He pleaded,

She looked at him.

The cold and high profile Andre is begging her,  
Telling her sorry.  
Such an amusing sight.  
She thought to herself.  
Shed almost smiled but held herself,  
He shouldn't know I'm just pretending to be angry at him.

Soon the doctor came out,  
Gianna stood up immediately at went to him,  
So did Andre,  
"Doctor,  
How's she?" Both of the asked simultaneously,  
Gianna looked at Andre and was surprised he asked,  
Too fast uh.  
"Well,  
The good news is that its a baby girl and she's premature but safe,  
But the mother is still in a critical condition." He announced,  
Poor Jasmine,  
Her daughter had been the one holding her lifeline.

Can we see the child please?" Andre asked,  
Gianna looked at him,  
"Yeah,  
The baby is in an incubator but you can still see her." The doctor said to them both,  
Gianna followed him while Andre towed behind them.  
He took them into the ICU for kids,  
One of the nurses there gave them clinically protecting gloves and surgical masks,  
Both Gianna and Andre wore the items given to them,  
"There's your daughter." He pointed to one of the two babies in the room,  
Andre and Gianna followed his direction to the little creature in a transparent crib  
like ceramic box.

There was a lot of tubes and wires attached to her tiny red body,  
"Those are for nutrition, oxygen and medication to keep her alive." The doctor said  
to them,  
Gianna nodded.  
"She's so small." She said to the doctor as she peered through the crib like box,  
"Yeah,  
She's premature and hasn't fully developed.  
But with good nutrition,  
Standby oxygen,proper medication and time,  
She'll be fine." He said to her.

"Doctor can we touch her?" Andre asked the doctor,  
"No,  
Not now.  
Her body is still frail and fragile and is probed to infections, so I'll advised she isn't  
touched to avoid the infection." He advised,  
Gianna couldn't take her eyes off Andre,  
Is he doing this intentionally?  
Or is he real?

She'd wanted him to be likely this but not so soon.  
As long as he's being good and caring towards the child.

"Miss,  
Master,  
What's your baby's name?  
We'll need the name to put in the name tag to be able to identify your baby." One of  
the nurse said to them,  
Andre looked at Gianna and smiled,  
"Alicia True De Marco,  
Her name's Alicia True De Marco." He said to Gianna with a smiling face,  
"Alicia True De Marco." The nurse repeated,  
She wrote down the name on her tab and left both Andre and Gianna.  
"Why that name?" Gianna asked him,  
He frowned,  
"You don't like it?"  
He asked,  
"No i like it,  
Just surprised you gave her your name even when you don't like her." She said,  
"Anna,I love her and I'll treat her like my daughter from now onwards,  
She's Alicia a True De Marco,  
That's her name,  
Alicia True De Marco." He repeated kissing Gianna slightly on the forehead.  
  
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CHAPTER SEVENTY EIGHT

ALL IS IN ORDER.

Through the next few months,  
Things went very smoothly for all except for the fact that Jasmine didn't survive the  
operation.  
Dean finally got over his feeling for Gianna and accepted the fact she's his younger  
sister.  
They even went along to see the old man at the hospital several times and the man  
so happy to see them.  
Seeing his long lost grandchildren and his other great grandson,  
He felt nothing but immense joy.  
"Now I can die peacefully and so my soul can finally rest since I've met my compete  
family."  
He said to Andre,  
He smiled,

"Grandfather,  
You're not dying anytime soon,  
You still haven't seen the last of your great grandchildren."  
He was referring to Baby Alicia who was still in the Hospital ICU.

Ever since he named the baby,  
Andre had started having a new light on the baby.  
He'd ordered she got transferred to his private hospital and had ordered five  
nurses to be taking care of her day in and out.  
Since she was to be coming home in the next few weeks,  
Andre made all necessary arrangement to lavishly accommodate a new baby in the  
house.

A golden basinet,  
A Louis Vuitton baby pacifier and music box.  
A nursery room and baby closet.

In fact,  
Every arrangement made by him to welcome his daughter was cost more than a  
fortune.

It became way too costly Gianna started complaining about it,

"Andre were just welcoming a baby and not a goddess." She complaints end after  
her came home with a customized Fendi stroller with Alicia's name over it.

"Hmm-mm,

Not just any baby but my baby girl,  
Our baby girl Gianna." He said,

Gianna sighed,

"And what are you going to welcome me with?" She asked him,

He pushed the stroller aside and pulled her closer,

"You have me and my all to yourself,

You own me,

My kids,

My properties,

In fact,you own my whole existence." He said planting a kiss on her forehead.

He fumbled with her blouse,

Not again,

She pushed his hands away,

"Not now Andre,

The boys would be back soon and remember Dean's coming over with Louisa for  
dinner,

So you let me go so I can finish up before...." He shut her up with a very pleasant  
and alluring kiss.

"You don't have to worry about anything while with me." He whispered between  
kisses.

He wasn't given her the chance to catch her breathe with his demanding kisses,

She tried forcing her mouth close but he neebled her lips and in no time,he started  
biting her.....

"Mommy!

"Daddy!" Gianna heard the boy's yell from outside,

Immediately she pushed Andre away from herself and went to the door to welcome

both her sons.

The door opened and both boys ran into her,  
"Mommy!" They called simultaneously,  
Gianna hugged them both and kissed each on the cheeks.  
"How're you my champs?" She asked them,  
"We're doing fine Mom." Justin replied on his and his brothers half.

Dean had taken a great liking to Louisa,  
After the shocking revelation,  
He decided to give himself a chance on love again by dating Louisa.  
He'd introduced the girl to his brother and also to Gianna,  
And they all seem to like her.  
Currently the both of them have been out of the city and are returning that night,  
Same time, having dinner with Gianna, Andre and the boys.

While for Gianna and Andre,  
Their wedding date is to be announced of the old man's birthday like earlier  
planned.  
The old man had also wanted to rewrite everything,  
Since he'd met two of his grandchildren,  
He wanted to give some asset to both Gianna and Dean and also to the boys but  
Dean had refused.

He wasn't. the type of person that believed in will and heirloom,  
"Grandfather,  
Don't worry about it,  
Andre is the best person to watch over everything while you aren't no more and  
you still have more years to live,  
So you both gat things under control." He'd told the old man,  
Although, the old man frowned to it but still did agree.

He couldn't leave without keeping anything for Dean,  
Since he was in love with Entertainment,  
He decided that being che CEO of Denver Tower and a few more Entertainment  
House he'd under his name will do the job.  
Incredible!  
Dean, after much persuasion couldn't decline the old man's offer,  
So he accepted it.

While to Gianna,  
He decided that since she and Andre are about to get married,  
Everything under Andre's name before was configured to both their names.  
But the old man did pull a real trick on both of them,  
While signing the Will,  
He'd told his attorney to include another document there.  
In this document,  
It was stated that the both of them can't separate from each other on no account.  
What?  
Yeah.



Neither can they both get an annulment on their marriage or leave separately.  
Breaching this contract was going to cost them everything including their kids.

Yes,

Dean had helped the old man in this trick,

Seeing how much Andre loved Gianna,

He didn't want them to ever be apart from each other,

So he told the old man about this trick and it did work.

Not until after signing the documents did he and the old man tell the couple what they've actually done.

"It's no big deal,

Cause we'll never ever breach that deal." Andre said,

"Anna here," He pulled Anna closer,

"She's stuck with me for life." He tickled her earlobes with his tongue,

"Andre!" She playfully cried,

"Grandfather,

He's squishing me." She complaints end to the old man,

"Hey big baby,

Let her go,

Stop squishing my Ekaterina." The man warned,

Everyone laughed,

He'd the habit of calling Gianna Ekaterina,

As in Katerina and Ekaterina.

And everyone finds it funny.

In just two more weeks,

Baby Alicia would be coming home and grandfather would be celebrating his

birthday and also handing over the Staff of Authority of the family to Andre,

Andres and Gianna's wedding date would also be announced on that special day,

Since everything was about getting better,

Andre decided its the best time to tell Gianna the true identity of their son Reid and also let her in on some things concerning himself.

He'd spoken to Reid about telling his mommy his big secret but the boy was reluctant about it,

"But what if mommy hates me and decided to kill me for murdering those people?"

He asked with fear written all over him,

"No,

She's never going to hate you or kill you,

You only killed that man cause he tried to kill your mommy and you,

It was self defense..."

"Then aunt Camille and grandma Carol?" He asked,

Andre gasped,

"Wait,where you the one who had ordered their death?" He asked the boy,

Reid nodded.

WTF!

He never knew his son had gone that far.

Actually,

He'd met the man who Reid had given the job,

Seeing the man act suspicious,

He called him on to tell him what he was up to,

The man had refused to tell him,  
So Andre blackmailed him that he's going to call the cops and tell them how he  
does illicit deals and also tried to rape his woman,  
The man was scared,  
He has been to jail countless times but going now because of Andre, it would really  
be hard and tougher than him,  
So he decided to tell Andre but he didn't disclose Reid's identity.

Andre opened the trunk and saw Carlo and Camille unconscious,  
He paid the man not to kill them cause he believed that it might be someone  
they've owed and can't pay back or someone that they've both mistreated that was  
going back.  
Rather he asked the man to take them somewhere they don't know and have them  
live there,  
He doesn't want them to be pestering his woman or his son,  
But little did he know that it was his son who'd issued that death sentence on the  
mother and daughter duo.

"Man,  
That was so harsh of you." He said to the boy,  
"Let's do it this way,  
We wouldn't tell her about those murder part,  
We're just gonna tell her about you being the CEO of Dunnex Toy Empire and also  
Dream Land Fair.  
It would be better that way right?" He asked the boy,  
Reid nodded,  
But deep down,  
He couldn't still let go of the fear that was overriding him.  
He looked at the man in front of him,  
"What if she ask about...  
Daddy, I'm scared." The boy said,  
Andre pulled him closer,  
"You don't have to be son,  
I promise I would make this as easy as possible for you,  
That's if you would allow me take care of things my way." He said to the boy,  
Reid nodded.  
"You'll right?"  
"Yes I will."

After dinner that night,  
Gianna was wat Hong over baby Alicia in a webcam,  
A Webcam she'd set up by the incubator so she can be able to watch over the baby  
24/7.  
All she just had to do was get it connected in her phone,  
And have her baby being watched by her.  
She was sitting on the couch watching Baby Alicia sleep when Andre came in with  
both Reid and Justin.  
"Anna." Andre called her,  
She looked up from the phone.  
Seeing the three of them with long faces,  
She felt uncomfortable.

"What happened?" She asked Andre,  
He didn't say anything but did come in front of her and squat,  
"I and the boys have something important to tell you." Andre said to her,  
Reid was carrying all the files concerning his true identity.  
Andre made the boys seat,  
"What's it?" She asked them,  
Andre collected the files from the boy and gave it to her,  
"But promise you aren't going to get mad at Died or myself or Justin." He said to her,  
Gianna didn't know what was going on,  
So she innocently nodded.  
She opened the files and read the content,  
After reading and studying it for over some minutes,She turned to Andre and the boys and began to laugh.

Andre and the boys were surprised,  
Does she think they're joking or playing a prank on her?  
They asked themselves as she continued to laugh hysterically.

To be continued.

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### CHAPTER SEVENTY NINE

"THE LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST."

Both the boys and Andre was surprised as to why she was laughing,  
"Anna,we're serious about this." Andre said but she didn't stop laughing,  
"You guys thought you're the only smart assess in the family while I'm the dumb one right?" She asked them amidst laughter,  
They were confused at her question.  
"Anna this is no joke..."  
"I know it's no joke." She dropped the bombshell,  
Andre and the boys looked at themselves.

"What do you mean?" Andre asked her,  
She smiled,  
"I knew about this a long time ago,  
Before your eighth year birthday and that was why I insisted on getting you boys that GPRS Bluetooth Watch." She said,  
They were surprised as hell.  
"Andre I'm his mom,  
I'll be tagged irresponsible if I don't know what my son's doing and how's he going on with things." She told Andre.

"Then if you'd known why hadn't you try to stop him or possibly confront him?"

Andre asked still in disbelief.

"Because I wanted him to tell me,

I wanted you to tell me instead hiding it from me." She said to the boy,

"Principal Lee,

Dream Land Fair VIP tickets and even their official T-shirt,

I knew all that was directly from you and your manager being your principal was a whole bunch of lie." She said to him,

"Actually, I'd found out about this a few days to yours and your brother's birthday,

I'd gone to your room to tidy it when I just felt like going through your system,

I found a hard copy of that GPRS watch.

Since I love the model, I decided to go further,

There was so many other hard copies of cars and different toys in your system,

I got curious and decided to read your mails.

Messages from you to Agent Lee and vice versa and some other contacts you made with Dunnex Toy's Empire,

I found out just one thing,

My son was the boss."

They were all short of words

"I only just had to do a search on Dunnex and its official's to find out about the

mysterious highest shareholder of this European Toy Company,

Having seen the names of other shareholder and their biography,

I just knew from your messages and mails that you were the mysterious

shareholder that no one knew about.

It was very hard for me to believe it but the fact were just right in front of me and were too clear to ignore,

So I waited for you to finally let me in and tell me about it but you didn't,

Rather you went ahead and told your father and then your brother,

So I didn't bother myself with it as long as you'd your dad's support." She said to them.

Reid let go of his daddy's hands and ran to her,

"Mommy, I'm very sorry." He apologized,

"I was scared that if I tell you,

You might hate me and don't want to talk to me again and I couldn't bear that ever happening." He said with a tear filled eyes,

Gianna pulled his closer,

"Mommy's never going to hate you,

Not now and not ever.

You're my son and I'll always support my dons in any decision they take as long as it's what is right and moral." She consoled the boy,

Justin pulled closer too,

"Mommy I'm sorry for not telling you about it." He whispered,

She pulled him to herself and held on her two sons.

"Mommy isn't angry anymore okay,

Mommy loves the both of you so much,"

"What about our sister?" Reid asked referring to Alicia,

She nodded,

"I love the three of you more than anything in the whole wide world." She corrected,

"More than daddy right?" Reid asked again playfully,  
"Yes more than daddy."  
Andre frowned,  
"But why..."  
"Because daddy, you're not a baby,  
It's only us babies that needs mommy's love." Justin replied him before he could finish,  
"All lies,  
I'm your father and I aided mommy to birth you all so I deserve more love too." He argued.  
"You'll have to wait for us to grow up and have our own son's before mommy will love you." Reid added.  
Andre only shook his head and sat beside Gianna and the cuddling boys,  
He planted a kiss on her cheeks,  
"You won't cease to amaze me uh?" He asked,  
She nodded.  
"I'm you woman,  
So I just have to surprise you all the time." She said to him,  
He pulled her and the boys closer and wrapped his big arms around them.  
"I'm never going to ever let go of you Anna even till death,  
You're stuck with me till infinity." He whispered to her ears softly.

A few days before Alicia was to come home,  
Dean brought Louisa over,  
He said he wanted her to bond with Gianna more while he take the boys out for soccer,  
Andre was off to work,  
So they came early.  
"Mommy!  
Uncle bad guys here." Both boy called from the living room,  
Gianna was inside the nursery like always,  
Making sure everything was well in order.  
She rushed out hearing the boys called,  
Uncle bad guy.  
Dean,  
The boys had given him the name in one of their games where,  
Dean was the boy guy while the twin were the good cops.  
When she came into the living room,  
Dean was carrying the two boys while Louisa was just laughing at the jokes Reid made on Justin,  
Uncle you might break your arms carrying Justin cause he's too weighty,  
He eats too much sweet food." He said,  
"No I'm not,  
I'm just growing bigger than you and you're jealous." Justin protested.

"Boys, are you going to welcome your uncle with your arguments?" Gianna asked,  
Seeing her,  
Both boys kept shut.  
"Dean, Louisa,  
Welcome." She said to the two other adults,

"Louisa,  
Come to the kitchen with me please." Gianna said,  
Louisa left Dean and the boys and followed Gianna to the kitchen.

"Nice home you've got here." She said to Gianna,  
"Thanks dear,  
All this are courtesy of Andre." She replied her,  
" I admire the both of you a whole lot,  
I just wished that I and Dean will have a love story similar to yours,'  
"No,  
You won't get a love similar to ours,  
You can get a love greater than ours okay." Gianna corrected her,  
"You deserve great things Louisa,  
Every woman deserve great things." She continued.

" I agree with you." Louisa simply said,  
"Whenever my brother gives you tough time,  
Don't hesitate to tell me and I'll be right there to set him straight." She whispered to  
Louisa who giggled uncontrollably,  
" I heard that!" Dean yelled from outside the kitchen,  
Gianna joined Louisa in giggling.  
He popped his head inside,  
"Anna,I and the boys would be outside if you ever remember I'm your brother." He  
said to Gianna,

"I don't need you for anything,  
You're free to go." She said,  
Dean feigned a sad face and left the kitchen,  
"Make sure Reid doesn't stress out himself,  
He isn't strong enough for tough games." She half yelled,  
"Okay ma." Dean yelled from the hallway as he left with the ball.  
"Is he such a kid at home?" She asked Louisa,  
"You've seen it for yourself." Louisa said amused at her question.  
"Wait till you've kids dear,  
To Andre and the boys,  
I work a hell lot.  
Andre misbehaves even more than the boys,  
Most times he makes some silly demands and all I think about is spanking him so  
hard but I can't,  
Cause if I do,  
I'll end up in bed for the rest of the day." She said,  
"Is he that childish?" Louisa asked,  
"More than that." Gianna added.

"And that's the main reason I love him,  
You just have to love them and their silliness to make your relationship last,  
Ignore most of their mistakes and be plain to them.  
But don't let them see that you solely depend on them,  
Cause when you do,  
They see you more like a liability than as a woman.  
Once in a while,try be stubborn and push him to the wall but don't annoy him

always,  
Allow him make silly mistakes like losing his keys and misplacing his phones and ties and you know all those small thing." She said to Louisa,  
Gianna canes closer to her,  
"And mostly don't always give in freely to all his sex urges,  
Try make him fight for it." She whispered,  
While Louisa started giggling.

The next two days was jammed with intense preparation for the old man's birthday and Baby Alicia homecoming.

The venue was the De Marco's main Mansion,  
As the Mistress of the family,  
Every preparation fell on her shoulder,  
Gianna had heads on for everything.  
Thanks to Louisa and the maids,  
She got some really good helping hands.  
Since Louisa was familiar with drinks and food,  
Gianna let her handle those parts while she did handle the decoration of the Mansion.

Dean and Andre did handle the guest list so well,  
Since it was no ordinary birthday party,  
It was strictly on invitation.

On the auspicious day,  
Gianna and Louisa woke up very early,  
They went downstairs to make sure everything was in order.  
After that,  
The kids were woken up and they all had a big family breakfast before heading to their different assigned job.

The party started by noon and the old man's other grandchildren and their wives and kids were present,

The whole family was present and had a really good time getting to know each other.

The old man's other grandchildren weren't as hostile as their fathers,so it took them no time to get familiar with Andre,Gianna, Dean,Louisa and the kids.

Later on,Gianna and Andre went to the hospital to bring home their long waited baby girl.

Baby Alicia True De Marco was added to the family list by the old man.

When it was time to hand over the rein of authority to Andre,  
The old man brought forth every necessary document pertaining to the change in power and handed it to Andre,

"I now declare you Alexandre De Marco the head of the De Marco clan from onwards and with this you shall go with the Grand Master of the De Marco clan."

The man made the announcement public.

And after,Andre and Gianna publicly announced their wedding date which was just a month and a few weeks ahead.

Everyone began to clap and sing to the praises of Andre.

While the party was still on,

Gianna took the baby upstairs to feed her.

She was rocking the baby to sleep when Andre came inside the room and shut the door behind him.

"Andre be careful, she's finally asleep." Gianna whispered,  
He took the sleeping baby from her and lay the girl on her golden basinet.  
"We're going to be careful." He said to her.  
Gianna understood his meaning,  
"No,  
Not now,  
They're still guests downstairs that need out attention." She argued in a low voice,  
"Yes and they can wait till I'm done with my fiancé,  
There's no rush to it." He said as he pulled her closer and lay her on the bed.  
"I want to have a taste of you so I won't go mad down there. He said to her,  
Gianna tried to push him off her but he was damn too strong for her,  
"I'm not letting you go Anna,  
The world can wait till I'm done." He whispered to her kissing her earlobes.  
She felt a tingling sensation as his kiss became urgent and in no time,  
She gave in to him and let him have his way.  
"Anna I love you so much,  
You, our sons and our beautiful daughter.  
I'll give my everything for you all." He said stealing another kiss from her.  
"And you too Andre,  
I love you with every single ounce of my life and I would never ever leave you, not in this life and not in another life to come." She whispered to him,  
He pulled her closer to himself,  
Letting his body entwined with hers as they savor each moment they spent with each other,  
Starting from when she'd first become his surrogate,  
THE BILLIONAIRE'S SURROGATE.  
To now she's his woman,  
His fiancé and the mother of his children,  
His handsome princes and beautiful princess.

THE END.....

WAIT.

DID I JUST SAY THE END?

NO,

NO, NO.

I MEAN ITS THE BEGINNING OF THEIR LOVE STORY,  
ANDRE'S AND GIANNA'S LOVE STORY AND DEAN'S AND LOUISA'S LOVE STORY.

DEDICATION:

This story is dedicated to all those people looking for love.  
Those who'd been in and out of toxic relationships and are looking for true love,  
It exist dear,  
You just got to meet the right person and let love lead.

And to those single mothers out there,  
I admire your courage and wish you success.  
Being a single mother ain't easy at all and when you see one,



Admire her strength and really adore her,  
She's doing a hell of a job.

And to all my reader and fans,  
I'm loss of words on how to express my heartfelt love for you guys,  
I love you all and promise more interesting stories from me.  
Love ya all.