

More Than Lust(66) Welcome back!)

Authors pov

Grace gulped looking at him. Dominick looked at her and walked passed by without saying anything.

Grace looked at him confused, she thought he will scold her but he isn't even talking to her. Grace felt wierd when he didn't talk to her.

Dominick freshen up and walked out, he was still in dilemma. He was going to make decision but wasn't sure about it.

He walked out of his room and started walking towards the dinning room but stopped when he saw his father near the mini bar.

Dominick looked at him, he wants to talk but was hesitant. He took a deep breath and walked towards his father, first time his Feet felt heavy. He never felt nervous like this.

"Alcohol isn't good for your health"

He said and sat beside Massimo.

Massimo scoffed.

"Now you care about me"

"I always cared about you."

He replied.

"Dad, i am sorry"

He finally said and Massimo looked at him.

"I am sorry, i shouldn't have leave you... I wanted to apologise but couldn't muster up the courage..."

"You don't have to apologise, it was my fault. I tried to control your life."

Massimo said.

"I failed to understand the needs of new generation. Couldn't understand that things can't be same for us... I wasn't sad because you fought back, what made me sad is you left us... Was it that easy for you?"

Dominick shook his head.

"It wasn't and i realised it when i stepped out of this house. But it was too late to apologise... I missed you. It's all my fault, i could have handle it nicely... I need you dad, i need my family, my people... Please forgive me."

Massimo smiled.

"Come here"

He pulled him in a fatherly hug.

Dominick hugged him back tightly, he was dying for this from last five years. He didn't know that saying sorry is so easy, he was definitely overthinking about it.

"You forgive me?"

He asked.

"I wasn't angry... I was just heartbroken. But it's fine now, You are back..."

He patted his back.

"I am actually Proud of you, you proved you can do it without my name and money..."

Dominick sighed in relief, it felt like big burden has lifted up from his chest. He was correcting his mistakes one by one.

"Did you talk to your mother? She didn't like whatever you did to that girl..."

He said.

Dominick nodded.

"I know... We talked about it. Dad___"

He hesitated.

"Do you know about her past___ today, first time I saw that pain in her eyes..."

Massimo's eyes snapped towards him.

"She talked about that?"

He asked shocked.

Dominick nodded.

"What happened with her? How did you find your love in her? Was she always strong like this? Was it is to get her?"

Massimo sighed.

"I am surprised that she talked about that, may be because of Grace... I know Anamika see herself in Grace's place. I was scared that it might affect her badly that's why I was trying to keep her away from her but she is too stubborn..."

He placed his glass away.

"It wasn't that easy, they completely destroy her innocence. It wasn't easy to tame wounded tigress but i was lucky that she found her peace in me. She still get nightmares even after so many years, she can't sleep without me because she doesn't feel safe while sleeping alone. It angers me, I want to go back and punish them again and again..."

"You killed them"

Dominick asked.

"Yes, but that time i had no idea that I am saving my love."

He replied.

"She will be fine, she is stronger than you think... Even I am scared of that woman."

He chuckled.

"Why?"

Dominick asked confused.

"When you torture your captives, how much time it takes you to break them..."

Massimo asked.

"Few hours and they give in."

Dominick answered.

"Anamika was in that hell for two years and still didn't give in."

He said and Dominick looked at him shocked.

"When her foster brother adopted her, he thought she will go insane but she did completely opposite... She completed her studies, she build her

empire and destroyed everything and everyone who hurt her... Two years of hell bring out the best of her... I still can't understand how did she managed to survive it but she does know how to play her cards. She knows how to manipulate her surroundings, her beauty hides her evil face perfectly and that what makes her more dangerous..."

Massimo sighed.

"The motive of telling you about this is, women are not weak. If you think you can conquer them with your power and fear then you are wrong... If you want to win her then you have to give her love and respect... With fear she will stay with you for few days but with love she will give you her forever..."

"Is it too late?"

Dominick sighed.

"She agreed to come with maa, it means she doesn't want to stay with me..."

"You shouldn't be surprised with that"

Massimo said.

"Of course she will run. You can't make her yours with fear."

"You never tell how did you find mother."

Dominick asked.

Massimo Smirked.

"It's a long story, not for kids."

"I am not kid, i am 28 years old grown man."

Dominick replied.

Massimo stood up and started walking towards the dining hall and Dominick followed him.

"One night stand"

He said.

Dominick clenched his jaw.

"You mean you just saw her as a random girl"

Massimo chuckled.

"No, I knew what i wanted... It wasn't easy to get your mother... She made me go insane for six months..."

"So what is the key?"

Dominick asked.

"Love and care!"

Massimo replied.

"That's it"

Everyone's eyes widened in shock when they saw Dominick and Massimo together.

"Finally!"

Raajnandini screamed in happiness.

"I am very happy today"

"Finally he got enough balls to talk it out"

Alexander mocked.

Anamika smiled at them.

"Welcome back"

She said to Dominick.

Massimo sat beside Anamika and kissed her forehead.

"Are you okay?"

He knows that it's not easy for her to talk about it that to in front of her son.

Dominick kissed Anamika's hand.

"I love you maa, i am so proud of you"

Anamika smiled at him and everyone looked confused because they have no idea what's going on.

Grace smiled seeing Dominick's different side. This is completely different man, not like the man she first met. He is soft towards his people, he loves his family. Grace couldn't enjoy family like this, when she started understanding things from the point of view of adult then she lost her mother and father couldn't be there for her. Her all college days went by working multiple part time jobs so she can pay her fees. She hardly got time for her to enjoy moments like this.

Dominick sat beside Grace and everyone finished their dinner.

"Come on girls... It's time to make Christmas tree."

Bella exclaimed.

Grace joined girls and Alexander and Dominick walked out for a talk.

Anamika was sitting with her husband.

"Go easy on him, he has realised his mistake."

He said.

"Doesn't matter... It's on Grace, if she wants it then only he can have her."

Anamika replied.

"You won't give up, will you?"

He sighed.

"It's not about that... He is playing with her life."

She countered.

"Fuck it..."

He said.

"Come here, i missed you today."

He pulled her in a hug.

"You are not good for my heart"

Anamika chuckled while hugging him back.

"Don't worry, I have control over it."

He Smirked.

"Oohhoo... Love birds"

Bella whispered and girls giggled.

"They are so cute together"

Grace whispered.

"But i am scared of him. He is scary."

"He is! But he won't do anything to us."

Bella Said.

"Why?"

Grace asked.

"Because we are family now."

Bella answered.

"You want to see... I love to make him irritate. Come I'll show you."

"Are you crazy... Why you want to put your hand in lions mouth?"

Grace asked.

"There is no fun in life without risk... Come."

Bella dragged her towards Massimo.

"Father in law"

Bella grinned.

Massimo closed his eyes and cursed frustratingly.

"Not again"

"Can you please open this jar for me?"

Bella said innocently.

Massimo looked at Anamika and she just chuckled.

"Ask your husband"

He replied.

"Why, don't you love us... I am your daughter in law... I thought we are family."

Bella pouted.

Massimo snatched the jar from her hands and opened it.

"Take it and go"

He said.

"You are so rude, I love Maa more"

Bella said and walked away with Grace while grinning evilly.

"Bella you are crazy"

Grace laughed.

"I swear this girl do it on purpose"

Massimo said madly.

"Why you are so mad at her?"

Anamika laughed.

"She made me hold her kitten that day and that thing pissed on me. Anyway this girl is already irritating"

He said frustratingly.

"Keep her away from me"

Anamika laughed at him, Bella didn't even spare Mafia king.

Grace helped girls to decorate Christmas tree and after that head towards her bedroom.

Dominick came shortly after that and still didn't talk to her. He slept beside her silently.

He didn't spoon her like he always do neither he touched her. Grace was confused with his behavior. She turned around to look at him but he turned his back on her.

She felt bad that he is ignoring her, till morning he was giving his all attention to her.

When she woke up in the morning Dominick wasn't beside her. His behavior was making her feel restless. He was looking worried and tensed. She was up whole night and so was he.

She decided to talk with him.

She freshen up and walked outside.

"Where is Dominick?"

She asked one of the guard.

"He walked out"

He replied.

Grace followed him outside. He was out of the main gate. Grace ran behind him.

"Dominick"

She called him.

Dominick was walking outside, he turned around when he heard her. He wasn't expecting her to come.

"Why you are not talking to me?"

She asked.

Dominick looked at her with frown. Grace gasped when he suddenly pushed away making her fall on the ground.

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"Dominick"

She rushed towards him but guards quickly surrounded them creating human barrier around them.

Anamika and Massimo ran outside when they heard her scream.

"Oh my god, Dom!"

Anamika screamed.

Massimo grabbed her by arm.

"He is fine, stay here. Don't come out..."

He warned and rushed towards Dominick.

"I want the shooter alive"

Massimo ordered angrily and his men scattered around the area.

"Move aside girl"

He said to Grace who was sitting closer to Dominick with shocked face.

Massimo inspected Dominick, Thankfully he was shot on arm but he was loosing blood. Massimo picked him up and take him to the hospital.

Till then everyone rushed outside.

"Maa, what happened?"

Alexander asked when he saw Anamika crying.

"Dom h_he got shot"

She cried.

"It's okay, he will be fine... Let's go."

He assured her. He himself was worried but he couldn't show it because his family was already scared.

He took them to the hospital, following closely behind Massimo.

"Dad, how is he?"

Raajnandini asked when the reached hospital.

"They are doing surgery... He will be fine, he got shot on arm."

Massimo replied.

"How can he be fine?"

Anamika yelled.

"He has lost so much blood... And his blood group is rare"

Massimo pulled her in a hug.

"Relax baby, He is fine... They have his blood group... Relax, it's not good for your heart."

Grace was standing in the corner scared, she was worried about him too. She would have been in his place but he pushed her aside and took a bullet for her.

"Grace, what happened there?"

Alexander asked.

"H_He was walking outside.... I followed him there, i wanted to talk but he pushed me and when i saw he was on the ground..."

She replied.

"You didn't see the shooter?!"

He asked and she shook her head.

Massimo got call from his man and informed about the culprit. He disconnected the call and looked at Alexander.

"Who is Rafael?"

Grace's eyes widened when he took his name. She never thought Rafael can do this.

"That bastard..."

Alexander cursed.

"He was working for Dom... Something happened he fired him."

"He is in basement... He confessed that he wanted to kill Grace but accidentally shot Dominick."

Massimo informed and Grace froze.

"Bullshit... Why would he attack Grace. He is lying to save himself."

Alexander said.

But Grace know that this might be true. She insulted Rafael and rejected his praposal may be he was holding grudges and attacked Grace.

"Don't worry... You are safe here"

Raajnandini hugged Grace.

"He risked his life because of me"

Grace cried.

"He is fine... He will survive, you wouldn't be able to do it."

She assured.

"He is strong"

After few hours doctor came out.

"He is out of danger... It's not that serious. He will recover soon... For now we are keeping him under observation, you can meet him tomorrow... But i need his old medical records, if you can bring it."

He informed.

"Yes, he has... We'll bring it"

Anamika replied.

He nodded and walked away.

"Alex call Gomez... He knows where is it?"

Anamika said and he nodded.

"He is out of town but he said it's in his study, don't worry I'll bring it..."

He assured.

"Grace come with me"

"Why do you need her?"

Raajnandini asked.

"It's her husband's study... She knows it better than me... Come grace"

He said.

Grace followed him towards the car.

"I don't know anything about his Documents."

Grace said when they come out.

"I know, sit inside. I want to ask you something."

Alexander said.

Grace sat beside him as he started driving.

"Now tell me, what's the story behind this Rafael... I didn't say anything inside because my parents would have got more stressed..."

"Rafael was the one who told me to meet Gomez for work... I had no idea that he wants me, he was very upset that i chose to do contract with Dominick... One day before our marriage he offered me money to pay loan and gave me marriage proposal but i refused. He even tried to mislead me on the day of our wedding but Dominick didn't let it

happen... I don't know what happened after that, i thought Dominick has already killed him..."

Grace told him everything.

"So Dominick is aware of all this?"

He asked.

"Yes, I told him everything... Because I knew Rafael will definitely do something..."

She said.

"He is going to pay for it"

Alexander cursed angrily.

He parked the car in front of Dominick's mansion and they both walked inside.

Alexander walked towards his study and Grace was following him but she stopped when she saw maids cleaning the room which was beside his study.

Grace entered inside when she saw paintings. Her eyes widened in shock when she saw her portraits everywhere. That room was filled with her paintings.

She saw one painting where a girl was sitting on yacht and looking at the sky, it was familiar. Realisation hit her, it was her on the yacht when he asked her 'Do you like stars?' it's her painting.

Her eyes watered when she realised that he was drawing her from the beginning. She looked at the window when she heard bells, it was from wind chime which she gave him on his birthday. She thought he will throw it but instead he kept it in his special place.

"Damn, he is really fucked up."

She heard Alexander and turned around.

"What more you want, Grace... I have never seen him loving like this. He really wants you... I knew you are special for him when he punched me for you. Trust me he will never hit me for some random girl, even after that i heard long lecture from him about whatever I did... May be he fucked up but everyone deserves a second chance."

Grace wiped her tears but didn't say anything. She went to the hospital with Alexander.

"How is he now?"

Alexander asked Anamika.

"They shifted him in Private ward."

She replied.

"But he is unconscious."

"You go home. I'll stay with him"

Alexander said.

"Can I stay"

Grace asked and they both looked at her.

"Please."

Anamika looked at Alexander and nodded.

"Let her stay..."

She said.

"Call me if anything happens... Guards are here for the security..."

Alexander said and she nodded.

Grace walked inside his ward and sat beside him. His left arm was wrapped in huge bandage. He was sleeping like a baby.

"Why you always play with me... Sometimes with my body and sometimes with my heart..."

She mumbled as tears escaped from her eyes.

Grace fell asleep beside him and woke up when she felt movements. She quickly looked at him. It was already morning.

Dominick sat up with groan. He hissed when he tried to move his hand.

"Is it hurting too much?"

Grace asked and he looked at her.

"What are you doing here?"

He asked and she looked at him confused.

"What?"

She mumbled.

"Grace you don't have to be with me out of fear. I know I forced you and it was wrong. I have realised my mistakes... I can't keep you with me forcefully... I know you want to leave me and you are right in your place... I am setting you free, You don't have to stay with me..."

He declared and she looked at him shocked.

Anamika knocked on the door and entered with two nurses.

"Please wait outside we need to check him"

Nurse informed.

Grace was still looking at him with shock not believing what she just heard.

"Dominick what happened?"

Anamika asked when she saw Grace's state.

"You can send her wherever you want, I won't stop you anymore."

Dominick said to his mother with straight face.

