## The Joy of Revenge by Sheila Chapter 13

CHAPTER 13 Letting Go

Sebastian

Finally, she said she loved us. It made my heart swell with happiness from hearing her say those three little words, but it wasn't enough to dispel the fury I was feeling that something so horrifying happened to her. Her words were tragic enough... what more the experience.

I know I shouldn't have nodded my head, asking her to tell us her story, but Joy, she needed 1

to let go of the past.

"Come on, honey. I'll help you to your bed," Cristos said, lifting Joy from her chair. She had more than enough to drink.

"No, I want to drink some more," Joy protested, trying to push Cristos away. "It's my birthday!"

"You've had more shots than three of us combined, Cristos scolded her.

"Tomorrow is your actual birthday. You don't want to have a hangover for what we have planned for tomorrow. Come on. I'll tuck you in."

While Cristos led Joy to her room, Xavier went to the mansion's gym, his hands balled up into fists. I followed him quietly, carrying the bottle of Jagermeister and three shot glasses.

When we entered the gym, he went straight to the punching bag and began hitting it repeatedly, allowing himself to release his rage. When he stopped, he held on to the bag, covered his eyes with one hand and wept. I gave him his space, preparing a small table for our drinks.

While I watched his shoulders shake from his so bs, I secretly wiped away my tears. I had to let out some of the pain in my chest. It was just too much to bear.

After several moments, Xavier fixed himself and casually walked to the table to drink a shot. I could see he felt better.

"I know I should be happy hearing joy say she loves us, but I can't imagine what she went through. Getting hit by a baseball bat while tied up?!" He glanced at me before raising hist shot glass to his mouth. "Sebastian, did you know? Did you know what those animals did to her and didn't tell us?" I had a feeling he would assume that I knew something since I was acting so calmly, but what was going through my head was the murders of Liam, Cris, Jack, Dan, Nicole, Lisa,

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Noah and the Sheriff by my hands.

"No, I didn't. I didn't know she was raped."

"Then how can you act so calm?! F uck! I want to fly out to New Salem and kill them all!"

"Me too, Xavier," Cristos said, finally joining us. His eyes were red and he was sniffling. He cried too. "Sebastian, why did you f ucking have to nod your head? It's her birthday for crying out loud."

"She needs to let go of her past, Cristos. I believe telling us her story makes us a part of her and vice versa. Plus, I wanted to know who we have to kill so we can plan accordingly, I answered grimly. "Cristos get all the information from the database of her old high school. We need all information regarding a Liam, Cris, Dan, Jack, Noah, Lisa and a Nicole. One of them has a rich daddy or mommy who has the authority to block a case like Joy's. Look into the town's Sheriff and his force. Evidence went missing under his watch. If he wasn't given sh it about it, it means he's under someone's payroll.

'Got it. I'll even find out where they are now. I'll also check if there are more cases like Joy's although I highly doubt if I'll find something, Cristos said and placed a hand on Xavier's shoulder. "Xavier, I know what's going through your head, but you have to promise you won't go Rambo and kill them. We need to redeem Joy's dignity. They called her a wh ore. Whatever we do, the truth has to come out first. Xavier scowled, not liking the idea of waiting.

"Can't I just kill one of them? To serve as a warning?" Xavier asked, frustrated he had to keep his itchy trigger fingers at bay.

"No," I said. "Cristos is right. Any death will point them to Joy. I highly doubt if they aren't looking for her. Good thing Joy Taylor is a common enough name and there are thousands of universities over the country. Xavier, tell Kelly at the registrar if any call comes in looking for information on a Joy Taylor, tell him to say there is no student by that name and to tell us immediately." "How about if they try and hack the system?" Xavier asked. "They'll find her birthplace."

"Cristos, add a firewall to the school's database. Make sure it's impenetrable," I said. "Cristos when you find the information we need, I'll ask De Luca to investigate if they have any ties. with the Angels of Darkness."

"What?!" Xavier exclaimed, his eyes widening in disbelief, but quickly narrowed. "I should have known. Animals. He drank a shot and played with the shot glass with his fingers. "Joy needs to start training and be formally included in our family. It will make her untouchable."

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De Luca keeps telling me the same thing ever since I asked him to investigate Joy's assault. suspects the cu nts who assaulted Joy are part of the Central States ruling party," I said.

"I can't believe I'm going to agree with De Luca, but he's right," Cristos

muttered. "We can't just offer our protection. With her on the inside if anyone touches her, it will cause a war."

"Guys, we can't just bring her in. She needs to prove her worth. That's how it has always been, I reasoned. "Xavier, do you honestly think she can kill someone?"

"1-1 don't think so," Xavier answered truthfully. He sighed. "Since, I've already taught her some defense moves, I'll be in charge of her training. She'll prove her worth eventually. Once she does, do I have your word, Sebastian, you'll formally make her a part of the family?"

"You have my word. Now, let's make a toast. The one woman we love has finally said she loves us.

**Chapter Comments** 

Luna-Mom

my heart crumbled when Joy was telling the guys of her horrific ordeal Sara Logan

I was relieved to hear Noah didn't take part he pi ssed me off for ditching her, etc.

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