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For a few minutes after Luciano asked Dom what his problem was he just sat and stared at his dad not saying anything. When he finally did talk it was to tell him “It’s my business and not something that I’m going to talk about in front of everyone here.” Luciano glared at him and said “Fine, my office, now” and then walked out of the room stopping to kiss me on the forehead on his way by me.

The guys sat and talked and it wasn’t long until everybody else started to join us. When Nonno and Nonna walked in I got up off of Aries, hopped over to them, and gave Nonna a big hug. “I have been so worried about you Nonna, you had me scared. I’m so glad that you are ok. I don’t know what I would do if I was to lose you.”

She hugged me tight and said “Amorina, you don’t have to worry about that. I’m not going anywhere anytime soon, I promise you. I am sorry that I scared you though. We got the tip that my Sal was alive and I had to check it out. It never did sit right with me that he was supposedly dead. I mean the coffin had to be closed so I wasn’t allowed that closer to know that he was actually dead. When we got over here Dom had found out where Sal was being held. So we headed out to find him” Nonna started to say.

Marcello picked it up “The intel that we received said that there were only a few guards on sight. We even watched the warehouse for a few hours before taking it over. We didn’t take many guards because we didn’t want to get found out. I should’ve made Dom take more guys. Anyway, we got into the building ok but when we went to find Don Salvador we ended up surrounded by guards. They were hiding in the back of the warehouse. The guy with the intel lied to us to set us up. They took us into a room and locked us all together. Rodion showed up the next day and started his shit. Kept accusing us all of hiding his son from us and that we wouldn’t tell him where he was buried. Said that he knew that Sal had killed him as a child and wanted justice so if we didn’t give him the kid’s remains he would torture us for years just like he did with Sal. The guy was mental and none of us knew what he was talking about and kept telling him that. Every time he would try to get close to Rose to find our information we would surround her and protect her. All week he would come in and ask the same questions about a kid that no one knew anything about. We still didn’t know what he was talking about until you confronted him.”

“How did you come to the conclusion that you did Amorina?” Nonna asked me. “We were talking on the plane. Luciano had Aries, Zeus, and I go to the back to talk.” I then explained to them how we came up with everything. From the talk with Luciano to thinking about everything and then sharing my thoughts about it all. “It only makes sense, if she was with him and then was pregnant with me right after she came back then it makes the most sense. I have to be his kid. It would also explain why I was abused as badly as I was in that house. Anthony most likely knew that she lied about me being early and knew that I wasn’t his kid. So he didn’t care at all what happened to me. I honestly don’t care who this guy is or isn’t to me. As far as I’m concerned I have a mom and three dads. I have you and Nonno and then I have Chris and Ren. If it turns out that this guy is

my dad then I'll start with getting to know my brothers and I may eventually get to know him. Right now though that won't happen because I would rather shoot him in the face than look at him. He kidnapped and faked Nonno's death and held him hostage for years. And then he kidnapped all of you. He kidnapped my dad, mom, uncles, and my men. It makes me feel stabby and shooty and I've never felt that way. So for now he needs to stay the hell away from me."

Nonna and Nonno both wrapped their arms around me and hugged me tight. When I looked up Luciano and Dom were standing in the doorway. Luciano had a small smile on but Dom still looked pissed off. I don't know who pissed in his cheerios but I will not let him take shit out on me. And if he tries I may just have to get stabby with his ass as well.

Luciano chuckled as he walked into the room "Stabby, shooty, I love the way that you talk sometimes Innamorato (sweetheart). The Queen of the Mafia and the MC and you use words like that. One thing is for sure, you'll keep all of our guys entertained. But if you do get shooty or stabby please let us know so that we can run. I've seen you hit and I've seen you shoot and I don't want to be in the immediate vicinity when you feel that you. I'll leave Dom standing there to take the hits."

He kept laughing and it just made Dom glare harder at us, so I just glared back. I looked from him to Luciano and said "I don't know who pissed in Dom's cheerios but if he doesn't stop giving me dirty looks for no damn reason. He may just be the first in line to get stabbed or shot. I really don't know what the fuck your problem is and I really don't care. But If you don't stop with the nasty assed looks you are giving me I'll knock your ass out like I did with Anthony. I didn't do anything to deserve to get those looks. All I did was help to save your sorry ass."

I turned my back on him before he could even say anything and hobbled back over to my guys and sat down on Marcello's lap. I cuddled into him and he wrapped his arms around me and kissed me on the forehead. I just love forehead kisses, don't you? They are the best and to me, it means that the one giving it to me actually cares about me.

Before Dom had a chance to say anything back to me, one of the maids came in and said "Senor Lombardi, dinner is ready and on the dining room table Sir." "Ah, thank you Elena we will be right there. Everyone, please follow me and I'll show you to the dining room so that we can eat. I'm sure that you are all tired and would like to head to bed as well. While Dom and I had stepped out of the room for a minute earlier Leandro called and said that their doctor had an emergency tonight. But he would be available tomorrow, so they will be over in the morning to get the DNA test done."

"That's fine as long as they get it done before I leave because once I leave here I don't care if one is done or not. Now I am starving, it's been a while since we had lunch on the plane, so let's go eat please."

Luciano nodded his head and headed out of the room. Marcello stood up with me still in his arms and carried me to the dining room. I just wrapped my arms around him and

snuggled into him. When we got to the dining room he sat me down close to the end of the table where Luciano was to sit. With Dom being the Godfather he would sit at the head of the table.

When Luciano came down to sit he looked at where we were sitting and looked at Don and shook his head. There is usually an order that everyone sits in but for tonight it wasn't being followed. After everyone sat down I had Marcello on my left and Zeus and Aries on my right. The maid and the chef had placed everything on the table and after we were sitting they came around to see what we wanted to drink.

Once we had our plates full and our drinks we dove in and started to eat. The chef made a couple of big pans of Lasagna, spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and garlic bread. I got a piece of lasagna, some salad, a couple of pieces of garlic bread, and a few meatballs. Once my plate was loaded up I dove into my food, doing a happy dance as I ate.

Nonno and Nonna were sitting across from us and I heard a chuckle. When I looked up I saw Nonno watching me. He said "You still do that same little dance that you've always done. From the time that you came home from the hospital, every time that you would get a plate of food you'd do that little happy dance. Heck, it didn't even have to be a plate of food, it could be a snack. I always thought that it was cute and it still is. I missed seeing you do it so damn much. Hell, I missed you all so much. You, Nicco, Dante, and Enzo have all gone and grown up on me. Seems like yesterday you were rotten little kids running through the yard being ornery. You always had that one cup carrying it around full of that orange slushy drink that you like."

"She still likes it, Hell I got a slushy machine for our house and bought a big one for the clubhouse as well. Dom was supposed to order one for his house also, I don't know if he did or not though. After all that she's been through in her life it's the least that we can do to make sure that she's got her favorite drink," Aries said.

"We have one I ordered it before we left to come over here. It's at the house I just have to set it up when we get home" Marcello said. "She still drinks it all the time. The machine at the house has a hard time keeping up with her. Before we left to come over here to find you, she was in the theater room studying for her exams. When I went down to check on her the machine was about half full and having to make more because she was down there for so long" Nonna said.

"I've seen her drink it dry and it have a hard time keeping up with her. She drinks so much of it but it's better than most of the drinks out there now. At least she's not drinking liquor or wine all the time" Nicco said. "Blech," I said as I kept eating. I swallowed the food in my mouth and said "That shit is so gross, I don't like the taste or smell of it. If I have to drink wine I barely sip on it because I don't like it."

Everyone laughed at that and then talked and laughed as we finished eating. When we were done with dinner everyone helped to clean up the table and then headed up to bed. Zeus carried me upstairs. When we got to the room he sat me down on the bed, got into

my bag, and got me a pair of shorts and a tank top. I changed right there on the bed and when I looked up Marcello was standing there with his mouth hanging open.

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The next morning I woke up cuddled up in between all of my guys. I had my right leg thrown over Zeus, and Aries had his arm stretched across Zeus to hold my ass. And Marcello was scooted up against my back wrapped around me. He had his one arm stretched over me and it was laying on Zeus. It felt so good to be wrapped up in most of my men's arms it would've been even better if Dom was with us.

I was trying to go back to sleep but I didn't think that I would be able to. My Blatter was screaming at me and I could feel someone watching us. It seemed like the guys were all asleep so I wasn't sure who it would be unless it was Dom but the door was locked. I figured that I'd figure it out when I got up.

So I tried to wiggle out from under Marcello but he just wrapped his arms around me tighter. I finally felt Marcello's body move so I wiggled down to the bottom of the bed. When I got there I looked up to see Dom standing there. "Thank you," I said to him.

"You're welcome, I figured without me you'd never get out from under him. Marcello likes to cuddle and he doesn't like to let go in his sleep. Now, why are you up so early?" he asked me. "I have to use the bathroom. Could you hand me my boot, please? So that I can put it on, and with it on I can make it to the bathroom. I think my scooter is still downstairs in your living room."

He handed my boot to me and then said "Yeah I do believe that I saw it down there last night. The guys all seemed content with carrying you so I didn't say anything about it" he said kind of snotty-like. "Do you have a problem with them carrying me?" I asked as I got the boot on. He just stood there staring at me without answering me. So I got up and hopped into the bathroom. I sure as hell wasn't asking for his help.

After I used the bathroom, I washed my hands and then brushed my teeth. Once they were clean I brushed my hair and then pulled it up into a messy bun. When I was done I opened the door and hopped back out and over to the bed. I wasn't paying any attention to Dom, I was just ignoring him. My shirt was crooked so I was fixing it and straightening it out.

When I finally looked up at him he was glaring down at my chest. "I'm sorry, do my breasts offend you?" I asked in a snarky voice. He jerked his head up at me and said "No" and looked away. "Whatever," I said I walked back over to the bed, sat down, and took my boot back off. It was only five in the morning so I was going to try to get some more sleep. So I curled up against Marcello's back and wrapped my arm around his stomach.

I could feel Dom standing there standing at me but I just ignored him. Finally, when it didn't seem like he was going to say anything or leave he said "I don't have a problem

with them carrying you around since you are hurt. What I do have a problem with is you steal my men away from me. And from you telling my father about us when I didn't want him to know. Until you showed up in my life everything was perfect, now it's all messed up and it's all your fault." He gritted it out at me and I was instantly pissed off.

I rolled over, sat up and looked at him, and said " You know what, fuck you, Dom. I don't deserve any of that at all. I didn't take your men away from them, you pushed them away. And I didn't tell your dad shit, he sat Aries, Zeus, and I down on the plane in private and said that he knew for years that you were bi and that you and the guys were together. He actually said that he was glad that you all had finally found me and were ready to settle down. That maybe he and Mrs. Angela would finally get those grandbabies that they have been waiting for. Don't believe me ask Aries and Zeus and they will both tell you. Your attitude with me, for whatever reason that you have one, is why they don't want anything to do with you. I didn't do a damn thing to deserve you treating me like shit. And I appreciate it if you can't say anything nice or be nice that you stay the fuck away from me. I won't let any motherfucker treat me like shit again and that goes for you as well. I don't care if you are the big bad mafia boss, or godfather or whatever. I'm not your lien, cheater, snitchin' skanky assed bitchy ex. So don't treat me like I am. Because if you do I will maim you and you'll never have kids. Now please get the fuck out liked like to get a little bit more sleep before I have to deal with my maybe family."

With that, I rolled back over, wrapped my arms around Marcello, buried my face into his back, and started to cry. I felt someone squeeze my hand so I knew that one of them had heard me go off on Dom. He stood there for a few minutes staring at my back for a few minutes before he finally walked away. A couple of seconds later I heard the door to his room open up and close.

Once the door was shut and he was out of the room I felt Marcello move and pull me in between him and Zeus. All three of them held me while I cried over that asshole. When I had finally stopped crying they whipped my face off and dried my tears. Aries finally said "Baby don't listen to him at all. This shit has been coming for a while now. We are all sick of the way that he's been treating us. We've told him repeatedly that if he didn't tell his dad about us soon, we'd be done. None of us want to be in a relationship that we have to hide. I'm proud to say that the three of you are mine and that I get to keep you forever. Hell, I was proud to say the same thing about him. I know that this shit has to do with his ex and I'll talk to him about it all later. Right now you need to get some more rest. You have a big morning ahead of you. Breakfast isn't until eight so you can sleep for a couple more hours, baby. Just let us hold you.

So that's what I did, I cuddled up in between my three men, snuggled close, and fell back to sleep. I managed to sleep until seven thirty when I needed to get up and get dressed for breakfast. At seven-thirty, the guys woke me up by taking turns kissing me. It was a great way to wake up. After I put my boot on, I got up and dug through my bag and found a sundress to put on today. I also grabbed a strapless bra and underwear as well as a long sweater. It would cover most of me and shouldn't show too much of my scars.

Once I had my clothes for the day I went into the bathroom and got dressed. I brushed out my hair and grabbed my makeup out of my toiletries bag as well as a curling iron. I put my usual amount of makeup on which wasn't enough. Just enough foundation and powder to cover my scars up, as well as eyeshadow, eyeliner, mascara, and Chapstick. When my makeup was done I used my curling iron and curled my hair some. When I was done I unplugged my curling iron and set it off to the side. I put my long sweater on and then all I needed was my ballet flat and I was ready.

After cleaning up my makeup and putting my dirty clothes off to the side, I stepped out of the bathroom. The guys were all either sitting on the bed or leaning against the wall waiting on me. When I stepped out all of their mouths dropped open. "Damn baby you're sexy as hell," Marcello said. Aries and Zain followed it up with "Yes you are baby very sexy." It was funny when they talked at the same time.

You can tell that they have spent so much time together with the way that they say the same thing at the same time or finish each other sentences. I loved it. I blushed and then said "Thank you guys, you all look pretty sexy yourselves. I'm glad that I'm the lucky girl that gets to call you all mine." "Same here baby, are you ready to head downstairs breakfast will be ready soon?" he asked.

"Yep, I'm ready I'm starving," I said. Zeus picked me up and carried me downstairs to the living room. When we got down there almost everyone was there. The boys were the only ones that were missing. Nicco, Dante, and Enzo are always slow pokes when they stay together. Zeus went to the couch furthest away from Dom and sat down. I wouldn't even look at him.

"Good morning everyone," I said. "Good morning," they all said back to me. "Good morning Amorina, how did you sleep last night?" Nonna asked me. "I slept well until about five o'clock this morning when I woke up having to use the bathroom. Marcello is a cuddler in his sleep so it was hard to get out of his arms. But I managed and I was even able to fall back to sleep for a little bit" I said with a giggle. "How did you and Nonno sleep?" I asked her.

"We slept well, It was probably the best night's sleep that either of us has had since the night before he was kidnapped. I am so happy that he's alive and back with us" she said. "I am to Nonna" I said. "Me as well, I'm very happy to have Dad back. It's not been the same since we thought that he'd died. I've taken care of Mom, Nicco, and River the best that I could while raising my boys and taking care of Bella. But it's really good to have you back pop. It was too soon for you to leave us, we got a lot of catching up to do when we get home."

We kept talking for a few minutes and then the same maid from last night came to call us to breakfast. "Breakfast is ready Don Lombardi," she told us. When we got to the dining room we all went to the seats that we had last night. After I was in my seat I looked to see what all there was for breakfast. The chef had made scrambled eggs, hard-boiled eggs, bacon, toast, pancakes and fried potatoes. And there were also croissants, biscotti, bread

and jam, yogurt and fruit, granola, and cornetto made with chocolate cream. We also had coffee, cappuccino, and orange juice.

Once everyone was sitting down we started to fill our plates. I got scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, fried potatoes, croissants, and a bowl of yogurt with strawberries, blueberries, and granola in it. I also got a cup of coffee and orange juice and then I dug into my food. I listened to everyone talk as they ate. I didn't contribute much I was too busy eating my food. When I was done with my food I got a cornetto and ate it as well. I moaned with the first bit, it was so good.

After I swallowed the first bite I looked at Luciano and said "I have to have your chef show me how he makes these. They are so good, mine never taste as good as these do. I need to know his secret, maybe mine would turn out better than" I said with a laugh. I finished my cornetto and my coffee and then just sat and watched everyone. When everyone was done, they all picked up dishes and carried them into the kitchen.

Once the table had been cleared off Marcello picked me up and carried me into the living room. We had all just settled down and were talking when the doorbell rang. I took a deep breath and let it out. Marcello was rubbing my back and said "Don't worry baby the three of us are here for you. We'll be by your side the whole time. So will the rest of our family." I just nodded my head and tried to prepare myself for this. I was a nervous wreck when the butler came in and announced that Don Smirnov and his seven sons were there. Ready or not it's time to get this fucking circus over because unfortunately this is my circus and this was my monkeys, maybe.

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I took a deep breath and let it out as the butler announced that Don Smirnov and his sons were there. I was hoping that he wouldn't show up. "Stupid monkeys" I whispered to myself. "What about monkeys" Marcello whispered back. I smiled up at him and said "Unfortunately this is my circus and these are my monkeys." and he busted out laughing.

I had my back to the door so I couldn't see when they were all in the room. Finally, I turned around and put my back against his chest. The coffee table was close, so I propped my foot up on it. When Don Smirnov and his sons came in everyone stood up to greet him. I kept my ass firmly sitting on Marcello's lap. I wasn't showing him any respect when he didn't respect me.

Marcello whispered in my ear "Baby, we need to stand up and show respect to him, he's a Don." I just shrugged my shoulders and said "I'll move off of your lap so that you can stand up and show your respect to him. But I refuse to show ANY respect to that condescending asshole. He not only kidnapped my family, and held my Nonno hostage for years but he called me a whore. It's not going to happen, because I don't respect him. And besides that, I spent enough time on my foot last night and probably fucked it up more. I

have to use that damn scooter as it is, I'm not going to be stuck using it even longer. Especially if it's because of him."

I didn't care if he heard me or not, I didn't respect anyone who called me a whore. I may be dating four guys but I was still a virgin thank you very much. Besides considering the fact that he has seven sons and possibly me, he has no room to judge me at all. Marcello just squeezed me tighter and didn't move me. Dom looked over and saw that we didn't get up he walked over to us.

When he got to us to frowned at the both of us then said "Marcello you know that when a Don enters the room you're supposed to stand up to show respect. I know that you don't yet know our ways River but when a Don enters a room that you're in you stand up to show respect to him."

"I told Marcello that I would scoot off of his lap so that he could stand up. But I refuse to stand up and show respect for someone who doesn't deserve it. Especially when that person kidnapped my family and kidnapped my Nonno and held him for years. For no fucking reason other than the fact that he listened to a psychotic bitch. I honestly don't know why anyone is standing up for him, especially since the majority of you were kidnapped and held hostage by him. Not only that but I've been on my foot enough the past few days and I'm not going to stand on it more and fuck it up even more" I said as I glared right back at him.

When he got ready to say something back Don Smirnov said "It's ok, I can understand where she's coming from. And while I usually deal with disrespect in a very violent way, I'll let it go, for now. But you won't keep disrespecting me especially if you are my daughter."

"Listen here asshole, I really don't care if your my dad or not. I won't ever show you respect because of what you did. I'm full grown and I don't need a dad, besides that, I already have three of them. And If you think that threatening me will help you any, think again. Because I promise the next time that I shoot your ass I won't miss and your oldest son will become a Don in your place. Now where is the doctor I want this test done so that I can get MY family back home."

Dom hissed through his teeth when I finished talking and Luciano and Nonno both looked proud. "Our Queen is something else, isn't she? Just remember that if you try something with her, she has the backing of not only the Russo mafia but the Lombardi mafia also. And we will protect her with everything that we have. You do not threaten our Queen, EVER. She has every right not to stand up for you given what you did to her family. Not only that, but she was hurt a few weeks ago and isn't supposed to put weight on her foot for another three weeks. And that's only after she gets checked out by a doctor. So no she's not going to stand up" Luciano said while shooting a dirty look at Dom.

When he was finished talking one of Rodion's sons stepped forward with a doctor. He came in and Aries stepped to the side so that he could come closer to me. He walked over

to the couch and was carrying a case with him. He sat down beside us, opened up the case, and took out a swab and a tub both in new packages. He opened them up and then swabbed the inside of my cheek with it. Then he put the swab in the tub and closed it up. He put my name on it and turned to Rodion.

He had him sit on the chair beside the couch and then repeated the process with him. When he was done he stood up and said "I'll try to have it soon but it may take a day or two. I'll get you both copies as soon as I can. Where would you like your copy sent to Miss. River." "You can send it to my email. Its RiverRusso13@MKBmail.com."

"Ok, then I'll call you when I have the results Don Smirnov, and give you the results and I'll also send you both a physical copy and/or email it." He finished putting his stuff away and then stood up to leave. One of the boys stepped up to him and escorted him out of the house. I settled back against Marcello and wrapped his arms around me tighter. I just wanted to go back upstairs and sleep. I was not only tired but I was also hurting and the boot was making it worse. I was also freezing and couldn't get warm, so I pulled my sweater closer around me.

Dom must've been watching me because he walked over to the side of the room, came back with a throw blanket, and put on me. "Thank you," I said. "You're welcome," he told me back. Aries noticed me moving my foot and wincing again and sat down and pulled my legs into his lap. "Are you hurting baby? You keep wincing when you move your leg" he asked me.

"Yeah, it's hurting pretty bad but I don't want to take any strong medicine for it right now and I forgot to pack my Motrin. I'm not even sure that I packed the stronger stuff either, come to think of it" I said. "I packed it for you baby, the stronger stuff anyway. I think I grabbed the new bottle of Motrin as well. I'll go look in my bag, I'll be right back" Zeus said as he walked away.

"Zeus" Nonna yelled at him "If you don't have any, I do. I always keep Motrin in my purse just in case she needs it." "Ok, I'll be right back and let you know," he said and then took off upstairs. As one of my brothers walked back in Aries took my boot off of my foot. "Damn baby, it's all swelled up and bruised again. You shouldn't have walked on it yesterday. Now it's going to take you longer to heal."

"Damn River, what exactly did you do to it? I know that you said you got hurt but the last couple of weeks of school I was busy with finals and didn't get the chance to talk to you" Leo asked me. "It's a long story that has to deal with the viper Loretta and her dickhead husband," I said and then told them what all happened that night at the diner.

To say that my brothers were pissed would be an understatement. Heck even Rodion was made. Just wait until they hear what else I had been through, then they would all really be mad. But I just shrugged and said "I've had worse than that done to me by them. But that's a conversation for another day."

It didn't take Zeus long to come back down and he had a full bottle of Motrin with him. He went and got me a bottle of Dr. Pepper and brought it back to me. He handed it to me along with two pills to take with it. After I swallowed it down I decided that I wanted to get to know my brothers. So I said, "Now please introduce yourselves so that I know who all my potential brothers are."

Leo said "Well you know me, My real name is actually Leonid and I'm the youngest at twenty-four. I went to college back in Russia but when this opportunity came up I decided to go again and get another degree. I love to learn. From oldest to youngest you have Sergey, Andrey, Nikolay, Vadik, Dima, Maks, and then me. Well, I guess that you would be last now."

As he told me who each of them were he pointed them out to me. They all had the same color of hair and eyes that I did and I could tell that we all got that from Rodion. We all had black hair with red highlights and green eyes. I didn't know what their mom or moms looked like but it was obvious that they all took after Rodion. They're all even just as tall or taller than him and if I had to guess, he had to be at least six foot four.

It's so unfair, if he actually is my dad then I really got screwed over. The height gene really missed me all the way around. "Ok, so I know that you know who I am Leo, and I'm sure the rest of you do as well. But I'm going to introduce myself anyway. My actual name is Ursula River Russo. I do not use those people's last name. My Nonno and Nonna adopted me after my Nonna got a call about me being abused and badly hurt. I've not had anything to do with those people and their house of horrors since then. That's not to say that they don't seek me out though. Especially the Botox, plastic twins."

We kept talking and getting to know each other and eventually, we left the living room and went down to the game room that was in Luciano's house. He had a little bit of everything in there and we decided to spend the rest of the day just hanging out, playing games, and getting to know each other. It was nice to have brothers who actually wanted to have something to do with me.

I really hope that the DNA comes back that Rodion is my dad just so that I get the boys out of the deal. My guys hung out with us for a while and then went back upstairs. We ended up ordering pizza for lunch and having a good day. The guys were taking turns playing pool and we were also playing the arcade machines that were in the room as well. When the pizza got here we went back upstairs and ate with everyone else.

At the end of the day before the guys left we swapped out cell numbers so that we could continue to talk and get to know each other. I couldn't wait to learn about each one of them and their lives. I really think that things will work out with this family. Maybe not with Rodion at first but it will with the guys. It's going to be nice to finally have big brothers to look out for me.

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We spent the next few days in Italy since Dom still had work to do. So while Dom, Marcello, and Luciano all went to take care of work, we went on a tour. The rest of us decided to use the time we were here to go around Italy and see the sights. We were right outside of Rome so we decided to go there and go on a tour.

We went to The Colosseum, the Pantheon, The Roman Forum, Vatican City, and the Trevi Fountain. It was so beautiful to see with all of the architecture that was around. I took so many pictures on my phone that we ended up stopping by a store so that I could get a new camera to take photos with. I made sure that I got someone to take pictures of me and my guys as well. It would've been nice to get a few pictures with the rest of my guys as well but I knew that they were busy.

We also saw the Eternal City it is one of the most beautiful cities, it blends the ancient with the new and you find a sovereign nation inside the city. We saw Saint Peter's Basilica, and The Sistine Chapel while at The Vatican. It's one of Rome's top attractions and it was Nonna's favorite place to see. I got so many pictures of her there.

We saw intricately designed Baroque fountains, churches, beautiful Renaissance art, The Trevi Fountain, and the Arch of Septimius Severus. I loved the fact that I was getting to learn more about my culture and see all of what Italy had to offer. I wish we were able to travel to other parts of Italy because there is so much that I want to see.

If I could I'd love to go see the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Ancient Theatre of Taormina, the Valley of the Temples, the mountaintop castles of Erice, Mount Etna, Siena's Piazza del Campo, the Fountain of Joy, the Palazzio Pubblico and the Mangia Tower. I loved love to tour Pompeii which had been buried under several feet of volcanic ash for almost seventeen 1,700 years after the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. I'd also like to see Mt. Vesuvius, the Amphitheatre, the Forum, the Temple of Apollo, the Basilica, and the Granary Markey. I'd also like to tour Venice and see all of the historic architecture and the waterways. There is so much to see there and I would love it.

After touring around Rome we decided that we would stop for dinner on the last night that we were there. We ended up at a cute little bistro that made a variety of Italian foods. I ended up getting a sample plate that had three dishes and you could decide what you wanted on it. So I got Lasagna, Risotto, and Ossobuco to eat.

When the waitress came by we all ordered our drinks first. Almost everyone ordered wine to drink except for a few of us and we got double espresso's. When she came back with our drinks we ordered our food and even got appetizers to start with. I was having such a good day with everyone. I was tired from using my knee scooter all over Rome though. I was so ready for this damn boot to come off of me.

While we were waiting on our food I cuddled up against Aries and put my right leg across Zeus' lap. I was tired and ready to eat and go home and cuddle with my guys. I missed Marcello but I know that he has to be with Dom to protect the big asshole. He's still being

a dick and I'm not sure why. I mean I get that he was hurt before but just because that bitch hurt him doesn't mean that I ever would.

When I sighed again Aries leaned closer to me and asked me "Are you ok baby? You keep sighing and staring off into the distance." "I'm sorry, yeah, I'm ok just very aggravated with Dom. I know that he was hurt before but that doesn't mean that I would hurt him like she did. I'm not her and I'm sick of him acting like I am. I mean we all know that's the reason that he's pissed at us. It has nothing to do with his dad knowing that he's been in a relationship with you guys for years. I think that he's glad that he knows so that he doesn't have to hide it anymore."

"I know baby just hang on until we get home, ok. When we get back home I'm going to drop you off with you Nonno and Nonna so you can spend more time with them. And then I'm going to Dom's to have it out with him. He either changes or we're done. I won't stand for this shit anymore and Zeus and Marcello won't either. So he has to choose, be with all four of us or none of us. We won't lose you" he said.

I looked at him and shook my head as I said "You can't leave him for me, he will really hate me then. And I wouldn't want to split you all up like that. I couldn't do it, if he can't be with me then I'll step away because I won't ruin the relationship that you all have built together. And I'm not changing my mind on it. Now I'm not talking about this anymore here it can wait" I said.

I could tell that he was pissed and Zeus was as well because he heard our whispered conversation but he dropped it for now. I went back to looking out of the window people watching, and listening to my family as we waited on food. The waitress brought out our appetizers first. We got antipasto, bruschetta, caprese salad, arancini, toasted ravioli, and calamari.

I put a little bit of everything on my plate and then started to eat. The food over here was so wonderful and gave me some new ideas for things to make for the diner. I couldn't wait to start trying out recipes. We finished our appetizers and then waited for the main course to come. When the waitress saw that we were done she collected the plates and cleaned off the tables. Because there were so many of us she had to have another girl keep coming with her to help her.

I sat back in my seat and watched my family and thanked my lucky stars that my family was all finally back together. It was so nice to see a smile on Nonna's face all the time again. I know that she was so depressed without Nonno here. To see her happy and smiling again is so amazing and I'm so grateful for it.

The waitress started bringing out our food with the help of the other girl. After a few trips, all of us had our food and started to eat. It got quiet while we were all eating, everyone was enjoying the good food. The food that I got was so good. I had never tried Ossobuco before but it was delicious and I couldn't wait to try to make it. The Lasagna and

the Risotto were good but not as good as Nonna's. She makes the best food and I've always thought that way.

When we were done eating Luciano stood up to go pay for all of us, even though we all said that we would pay our share. But he just waved it all off and said that he had it. I didn't even know that he was here, he must've snuck in here. Which means that Dom and Marcello were here also. I turned and looked and saw them sitting at the other table closer to the door with Nonno, Nonna, Nonno Francesco, Ripper, and Dexter.

Marcello looked pissed off and wasn't even sitting beside Dom. It looked like they had been fighting and I hope that it wasn't because of me. I swallowed hard and turned back around and looked down. I took a deep breath and then looked up. "I need to use the restroom, I'll be right back." I got up and used my scooter to go to the bathroom.

After I used the bathroom, I went to the sink and washed my hands, When I was done and had them dried I left the bathroom and went back to the table. Marcello was standing with the guys when I got there and everyone was getting ready to leave. I wheeled up to them and stood by waiting for us to leave.

Marcello was having a hushed conversation with Aries and Zeus. I didn't want to interrupt so I wheeled over to Nonna and Nonno. I wrapped my arm around Nonno and asked him "How are you feeling? That was a lot of walking for you to do today, especially given that you have been locked up for years." I was worried about him and didn't want anything to happen to him.

I'm still fit as a fiddle my little artista, even though they had me locked up I still worked out. I was hoping to find a way to escape but they never gave me more than bread and water. There are other reasons as well and I don't want to say and ruin your opinion of Rodion even more."

I snorted and then said, "I'm pretty sure that ship sailed a long time ago when he kidnapped my favorite guy and made me think that he was dead." He looked over at the guys, then at Dom, and then back down at me. "So with all of the new males in your life, I'm still number one huh? I'm glad for that. You've grown up way too fast on me. Next thing ya know I'll be walking you down the aisle to give you away. And then you'll be making me a Molto Nonno" he said with a laugh.

"I may end up married one day but I can promise you that unless it happens by accident, I don't plan on any kids for a while. I want to graduate college first before I think about babies. I've worked way too hard to not finish school and get my degrees" I said. "One day then," he said with a wink. Nonna just stood there with a smile on her face. I could tell that she loved having us all together.

Finally, we all left the little bistro and headed out to the vehicles. Aries came up to me to help me to our SUV. After we were all loaded up we headed back to the mansion. On the way, I tested Chris to check on things and he texted right back.

Me- Hey Pops how is everything back home going? Is it still good? We'll be back home in a day or so I think the guys are done with work so we'll be leaving tomorrow or the next day. I have a lot to tell you when I get home. I'd rather see you in person and tell you. I miss you and Papa so much, I love you both.

Chris- Hey kiddo we both miss you too, so much. I'll be glad when you are back home though. Let me know when you get here and I'll come see you. Everything is good and the diner is fine, I stopped by last night and checked on things. Everything at the house is good also. I do have some news. Anthony, Loretta, and the kids are trying to make bail and get out. I'm not sure if they'll be able to. From what I heard they are completely broke and his parents and siblings won't help him at all. I guess that they all told him that regardless if you were actually his kid or not you were their only grandchild from him and that they were on your side one hundred percent. So you have them fighting in your corner as well. It seems that they found out all of the lies that Anthony and Loretta have told them over the years and are pissed over it. I'll finish filling you in later or when you get home. My next appointment just walked in. I love you kiddo.

Chapter 55 – Their Beautiful Strong Queen

After getting that email, I was both happy and annoyed. I was happy because I knew had seven big brothers that would actually love me and protect me. Not that I needed their protection, I could protect myself. But when the only siblings that you have had, used to beat on you and hate you. It's nice to know that you now have ones that will love and protect you.

Aries finally spoke to me and asked me "What's wrong baby, what was that all about?" "I just got an email from the doctor that did the DNA test. It's the results of it. It says that Rodion Smirnov is a 99.999% positive DNA match to me so he is in fact, my sperm donor. I mean It's awesome because I get seven brothers out of it and it means that Anthony isn't my bio dad. But it sucks because it means that the asshole that kidnapped my family is related to me" I said.

"You know that we all have your back right, all of us do. Hell, even your brothers said that if it came back that you were in fact their sister, then they were going to try to spend as much time as possible in the States. That way they can get to know you better. Hell, you already know Leo and have been friends with him for years. They're going to be so far up your ass annoying you that you'll want to be rid of them, trust me" Zeus said.

"Right, my brothers and sisters are always up my ass. It's really fucking frustrating and you'll learn that real fast" Aries told me. "Trust me, I already know I have Nicco remember? He may not actually be my brother but he's as close as one. He can annoy me to no end. But I wouldn't trade it for anything. When I first came to stay with Nonno and Nonna after I got out of the hospital. I had really bad nightmares, often I would wake up screaming in the middle of the night from them. Nicco started to sleep in my room with me and help me when I had them. Those first few years were hard as hell. I had to adjust

to living upstairs. I was always afraid that I'd end up getting hit or beat for some fictitious thing that I didn't even do. I also had so many surgeries that I had to go through for those two years and he stuck beside me through it. If he wasn't in school then he was with me. We used to make blanket forts in the theater room and sleep down there with the big TV on. Yeah, I may eventually get annoyed with their over-protectiveness like I do with Nicco. But I'm also going to enjoy it as well. Because I have siblings that want something to do with me and won't abuse me or try to use me" I said.

Aries and Zeus wrapped me in their arms when I was done talking and held me tight. I could feel how pissed off that they were at Loretta and her family again. But I'm letting it go because those people are not my family. I have my family and I'm perfectly happy with them. Now I have seven brothers that I get the chance to know. And my Nonno is finally back with us where he belonged.

The only thing that I have to worry about with this new family is eventually getting to know my real dad. It will probably take me a while before I'm ready for that though. I also have the shit with Loretta and her family to deal with but that's for another day. They're all in jail right now and should be there for a while.

When we made it back to the house I shared the paternity results with everyone before we headed up to bed. When we got up to the room I took my night clothes out and went and got a shower. When I was done, I packed up all of my toiletries, put them back in the bag, and sat it off to the side. I would need my hairbrush and toothbrush in the morning.

When I came out of the bathroom one of the guys went in to shower. The maid washed up all of our clothes for us. So I went through them and got out a pair of yoga pants, a tank top, a hoodie, and my bra and underwear. I also laid a pair of socks out and kept a pair in my hand to put on because my feet were freezing. I then packed up everything else and set it aside. I also had a few bags that had souvenirs, and a few things that I wanted in them. The guys had all also bought stuff for me.

Marcello got another bag out of his closet that was an extra one that he had there to pack the stuff that we all bought in. When I was done I plugged my phone in and made sure that all of my electronics were packed up. Then I sat on the side of the bed and took my boot off. I put my socks on and because they were stretchy socks I was able to put one on my right foot. Once that was done I got under the covers and scooted over some.

I was so tired that It didn't take me long to start dozing off. I could hear the guys talking but they seemed so far away. I didn't know how long I had been asleep when I felt them getting into the bed with me. But I just threw my leg over one of them and went back to sleep. Seven am is going to come way too fast.

In the morning when the alarm went off, I just wanted to smack it and go back to sleep. Unfortunately, when I smacked It wasn't an alarm that I hit. When I opened my eyes I was laying the other way so I figured that I had rolled over in my sleep. Zeus was behind me with Marcello and Aries on the other side of me. But what I didn't expect was for Dom to

be in bed behind Zeus. So when I slapped down aiming for the alarm clock I actually smacked him really hard on the chest.

I smacked him so hard that he now had a handprint on his chest. In the only spot on his chest that didn't have a tattoo. Right over where his heart was it was left blank and I managed to smack him in that black space. "Damn River that hurt, you didn't have to fuckin smack me!" He exclaimed.

"I didn't mean to smack you I didn't even know that you were there. Considering that I didn't even know that you were in our bed, because you weren't there when I went to sleep. And you haven't slept with us this whole trip. It looks good on you right there though. You should get it tattooed on you with the words "Property of River when he stops being a big ass, stupid-headed big fucking walking tree." I could probably get Pops to tattoo it on there for ya when we get back. If it gone by then I can smack you again so that he can do it" I said.

"You're a mean ass in the morning, aren't you. Some go grab coffee and muffins and feed to her so that she'll be nicer to me." "Haha, you're funny, not. I got to pee and then I guess get dressed so that we can leave. I know your other asses are up so can someone move so that I can get up and use the bathroom please."

The guys were all lying there trying to keep from laughing over me slapping Dom. I could feel them all shaking from holding it in. They finally busted out laughing and Dom got up and shook his head at them. "Yeah, you find it funny now but just wait until it's you that she's slapping in the morning" he grumbled.

Zeus looked up at me and smirked as he said "No, I much prefer it when she wakes me up sucking my cock or I wake her up with my tongue on her clit. She's so damn juicy and tastes fucking fabulous. We need to get home because I miss my morning breakfast and my nightly dessert."

I was probably ten shades of red at that point and I buried my head in his chest and punched him in the ribs. "Oh, easy baby that's not the kind of fourplay that I get into. I don't mind being tied up, flogged, or gagged on a cock but I don't like to be beat on" he said. I just lifted my head and stuck my tongue out at him.

I sat up and Zeus sat up and scooted off of the bed so that I could go to the bathroom. I got ahold of the scooter and used it to get in there. I didn't even have the door all of the way shut yet when I heard Dom blow up at them. "You mean to tell me that you slept with her already without" and that's all I heard. I shut the door and went to use the bathroom.

When I was done I went and washed my hands and then brushed my teeth. I pulled my hair down when I was done with my teeth, brushed out my hair, and pulled it up into a messy bun. When I was done I packed up all of my stuff and made sure that I had everything. I double-checked the shower and the vanity. The only thing that any of us had

left to pack was our toothbrushes and toothpaste. When my bag was packed and zipped up I picked it up and carried it back to the bedroom with me.

When I came out of the bathroom Dom and Aries were both gone from the room. Marcello took my bag from me and Zeus headed into the bathroom. I grabbed my clothes and went to the bed to sit down and change. Marcello helped me get my pants and panties off and change into a clean pair of panties and my yoga pants. When I had them on I sat back down and put my bra and tank top on.

I took my socks off and Marcello took my dirty clothes from me and put them into my suitcase. He double-checked that there was nothing left to pack and then zipped it up and sat both of my bags by the door. He also grabbed my laptop bag and sat there as well. I put my boot on and grabbed my phone and my charger. I put my charger and my extra socks into my purse. I put my phone in the pocket of my yoga pants and then just sat and waited for everyone to be ready.

Aries finally came back into the room and once Zain and Marcello were ready. He went to change and get ready to leave. Dom came back in with his bags and was ready to go as well. I didn't have my hoodie on yet and he looked down at the scar on my chest and got a pissed-off look on his face. "Your sisters really need to be put into jail for what they did to you. Hell, that whole family does" he growled.

"They actually are all in jail at the moment for shit that they did to me. It wasn't from this but they are in there. From what Christ told me, he heard that Anthony's parents refused to help him and bail them out. They told them that it didn't matter if I was their blood granddaughter or not. That I was the only grandkid from him that they had. They disowned them all because of the shit that they did to me. Christ said he had more to tell me but we'd talk when I got home."

"Good it's where they all belong, well that or six feet below," he said with a smirk. When Aries was done we headed downstairs with the guys carrying all of our bags. I carried my purse and laptop bag and when we got to the stairs I waited at the top until they had the bags by the door then they came for me and my scooter.

The containers that Aunt Bella and I had brought food in on the way here, the chef had washed up and refilled for the trip back. He also sent a lot of extra food because we had so many more going back home. He even made sure to pack enough for the guards on the other jet to have food.

When everyone was downstairs and ready the guys loaded up all of our bags and we headed out for the private airport. Of course, we had to stop for coffee because I couldn't survive without it. Once we made it to the airport, the workers got all of our stuff loaded up. After all of our bags and my scooter were loaded into the bottom of the jet, we started loading up. We ended up having most of us on the Russo jet. But the younger guys like Nicco, Dante, Enzo, Renzo, and Giorgio decided to ride back with the guards. Because we all wouldn't fit on the Russo jet. With all of the family that we have now, I think we're

going to need a bigger jet. Once everyone was in the jets we were ready to head for home. I couldn't wait to be back home with my family and it was awesome that my Nonno would finally be home with us.