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After a long flight, we finally made it back home. Legal, Maverick and a couple of prospects came to pick up. Aries, Zeus, and I were going to ride in one car and the other MC guys were going to split up between the other vehicles. Luciano made sure that someone was there with vehicles to get all of them. He even had Aunt Bella's car brought back. Dom had pic Nonna, Nicco, and Uncle Zain all picked up and dropped off at the airport. So they didn't have a car to worry about.

Luciano made sure that there was a vehicle there to take Nonno, Nonna, and Nicco all home. After hugging everyone, I told Nonna that I would see them tomorrow. I was going to stay with the guys and then drive over tomorrow. I was tired and it was late, I didn't want to go get my car and drive back home. Not only that but I still had stuff at the guys' house.

We all loaded up and took off for our respective homes. I have to say that when we pulled in and I saw the clubhouse I was so happy. It looked like it was busy tonight but we were all tired. So Legal dropped us off at home and then helped the guys carry our bags in. Aries carried me into the house first and then went to help with the bags and my scooter.

While they were getting stuff into the house I curled up on the couch. I took my boot off to let my foot and leg get a break from it. I hate having to wear it for so long. I also pulled the leg of my yoga pants up some. I had my leg stretched out along the couch when they came in. They carried all of the bags upstairs and sat them. When they came back down Legal stopped to talk to us for a minute.

"Aries, your momma, and Ivy went and picked up food to restock the fridge and pantry. And both of you guys' sisters cleaned up around here and made sure that it was all cleaned up. I don't think there was much to do, but they said something about sweeping, mopping, and dusting. River I've taken on your case, I'm your lawyer now. Those vipers are trying to get out of jail and they are doing anything that they can to get bail. Anthony's parents won't bail them out and when they asked to talk to you I stepped in. I have a friend at the station and he called to let me know what was going on. I've made it known to them that they are not to have any contact whatsoever with you. And after Aries filled me in last night about your parentage, I also let them know that we will be filing to have Anthony removed from your birth certificate if he's still on it" he said.

"He's still on it, when Nonno and Nonna adopted me they didn't change it just had it added on that they were my bio parents but I had been adopted by Nonno and Nonna. Anthony and Loretta also signed over all of their rights to me when Nonna did the adoption. That way they couldn't come back later and try to take me or sue her for custody of me."

"Ok, now that they're back I'll go see them in a couple of days and talk to them about it."  
"I'm going to go over tomorrow if you want to go with me. I'm going to go get some more

clothes and stuff so that I can stay here if that's ok with you two. I'm kind of getting used to sleeping beside you guys" I said with a blush.

"That's perfectly fine with us baby we didn't want you to leave anyways. But if you want to go back home and stay we also understand. I mean you just got your Nonno back, I'm sure that you want to spend time with him" Zeus said. "I do but I can go over during the day and spend time with him. And I can come back here and stay at night, it's a win-win. I'm not able to work right now so I have my days mostly free. I do need to get some stuff from my studio though so I can start to paint, but" I sat there and bit my lip for a minute.

"But what baby?" Aries asked me. "I have a painting to do and considering who it's for, maybe I can work on it at my studio so it doesn't get seen," I said. "I know what painting you're talking about. And I think that you're right because she is here a lot and would see it. I gave you the picture that I wanted done didn't I?" Legal asked me. "Yeah I have it, I started to sketch it out while I was gone. I almost have the final sketch done, and then I have to sketch it out on my big canvas. I may have to go to the art store, I'm not sure what supplies that I have in my studio" I said as I sat there thinking about it.

"Sunny really liked that picture right there on the wall. She said that she saw it when they came to put groceries away. She wondered where you got it at because she doesn't remember seeing it before and the rest of the girls didn't either. She asked if we knew when and where you guys got it considering that you don't ever go anywhere. I told them that it was probably a picture that River painted. Am I right?" he asked me.

"Yeah, I painted it before I even saw the guys on video chat the first time. Right after I got hurt Marcello had told me about them and then in the next day or so, I decided to go paint. I had wheeled out to my art studio and started painting. I wasn't paying attention to what I painted because I was painting free-handed. When I was done this is what I had painted. After seeing the guys for the first time I thought that it kind of looked like me and them. When we stopped by the house before we left I went to the art studio and Zeus saw it and wanted it. I had actually forgotten that I had painted it."

"It's a beautiful picture and represents each of you. I can see you guys in the adults and the kids are a blend of all of you from the looks of it. You need to have an art show, I think that you would make a good amount of money from your artwork. The pieces of your work that I've seen have been amazing" Legal told me.

"I've been thinking about it because I have a lot of pieces that I've done. I have one section of my studio that is nothing but finished pieces. There is an art studio in town that showcases new artists and helps them to sell their paintings. My art teacher told me about her. She said that with all of the pieces that I have the woman could probably host two or three shows with just my work. I was going to go talk to her in the next couple of weeks."

"If you need any legal advice just let me know and I'll represent you for that as well. You can just consider me your lawyer for anything that you need. Your family now and we take care of our own. Now I'm going to get back down to the clubhouse and let you guys

get some rest. Get her a bag of ice and put it on her ankle. It doesn't look good. I'll see you all in the morning" Legal said as he got ready to head out the door.

"Good night and we'll see you in the morning. Oh, I have presents for everyone that I'll bring down with me. I got you all a souvenir." "Thank you, sweet girl, good night boys." "Good night" Zeus yelled from the kitchen. "I'll walk out with you. I'll be right back babe" Aries said. He walked outside with his dad and Zeus came back in from the kitchen with a bag of ice.

"Let's head up to bed baby," he said. I had laid my purse on the coffee table so I reached over to it and took my phone and my charger out of it. Zeus handed me the ice and then picked me up. He carried me upstairs to our bedroom. When we got in there he sat me down on the side of the bed and then plugged my phone in for me. I sat my bag of ice on the nightstand because I had to use the bathroom.

"I need to use the bathroom and brush my teeth, babe," I said. "Ok, I'll take you in there," He said and then lifted me up. He carried me in and sat me down by the commode. Then he stepped out and shut the door most of the way so that he could hear me yell when I was done. I used the bathroom and then stood up and pulled my yoga pants back up.

"Hey babe, I'm done" I yelled to Zeus. He came in and helped me hop out of the little toilet room and then picked me up. He carried me over to the vanity and sat me on top of it. He already had his shirt, boots, and socks off. He was sexy as hell and I was one lucky woman. I was checking him out and he knew it. When I looked up at him he just smirked at me and shook his head.

"Do you want to shower tonight baby or in the morning?" he asked me. "In the morning, I'm too tired tonight" I replied to him. He just nodded and said, "Ok baby, you brush your teeth, I'm going to go use the bathroom." "Ok," I said. He walked away and I washed my hands. Then I grabbed my toothbrush out of the holder, wet it, put toothpaste on it, and then brushed my teeth. When Zeus came back out I was almost done. I just had to floss and no not that damn dance that kids these days are doing. I had to floss my teeth.

When I got done I waited for Zeus to finish, while he was brushing his teeth I brushed my hair out for the night and left it down. My hair is so long that I have to pull it around in front of me to brush the bottom half of it. When Zeus was done with his teeth he took the brush from me and finished brushing my hair. Talk about a keeper ladies, I was really starting to love it when they brushed my hair.

When he was done he put my brush up and then picked me up and carried me out to the bed. He laid me in the middle and then started to undress me. He took my shirt and bra off and then my yoga pants and panties. I was giggling like crazy when I said "What are you doing?" "What does it look like? I want my dinner and dessert all at once tonight. I've been without it for the past few days because we were in a house full of people. Now it's just us and Aries and I want what's mine. I'm going to prop your ankle up on a pillow and

put ice on it and you're not going to move it while I'm eating. Do you hear me, baby?" He asked me or more like demanded me.

I replied back to him "Yes." "Yes, what" he demanded. "Yes sir," I said. He nodded and then grabbed a pillow and put my ankle on it and the ice on my ankle. Then he stripped down to his boxers. He crawled up the bed and started to kiss up my left leg from the ankle up. When he made it to the juncture of my thighs, he licked his lips and moved towards my clit. Just as he sucked it into his mouth the bedroom door opened up. And I heard someone say "What the fuck do you think that you're doing?"

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We both froze and looked towards the door. Dom was standing there with his arms crossed over his chest. The only thing that I could think of to say was "When did you get here, I thought that you went home?" He just glared at me and raised his eyebrow. "It doesn't matter what I'm doing here or when I got here. I believe that I asked you both a question."

"Well, in case your eyes don't work then Mr. Asshole. Zeus was about to lick the kitty before I went to sleep. So if you don't mind step back out the door and shut it behind you because you're disturbing us" I said back to him with a whole lot of attitude. I then turned away from him and looked back at Zeus and said "Please continue what you're doing and ignore him."

Zeus didn't have to be told twice and went right back to what he was doing. He just ignored Dom and moved down and wrapped his lips around my clit and started to suck on it. He added one finger to me and worked it in and out before adding another one. I was moaning like crazy and went from gripping the sheets to gripping his hair.

I could see Dom still standing there and could see the outline of his dick in his pants. I managed to moan out "Are you just going to stand there and watch or are you going to feed me your dick." By the time I finished my sentence, I was yelling it out because Zeus was pumping four fingers in my pussy and working a finger into my ass. I was so close to cumming and I yelled it out. "Zeus baby I'm cumming,"

At the same time that I came and squirted all over Zeus' face, Aries and Marcello walked through the door. "Hot damn, why didn't you yell for us. I would gladly join in on this party. Why the fuck are you just standing there watching and not joining in Dom? I can tell that you're as hard as a rock from just watching. Hell, I'm hard from just hearing her cum" Marcello said.

"Then come and join us, all Dom wanted to do was stop us" I pouted up at Marcello. He started to strip out of his clothes and said "I'm there" he said as he started to take his clothes off. He looked back at Dom and said "If you're going to be an ass you can leave. I

don't even know why you wanted to come with me with the way that you've been acting towards River. So either join in or get out."

I think that Marcello surprised everyone with the way that he talked to Dom. But he just ignored him and kept getting undressed. I looked to see where Aries was and he was coming out of the bathroom naked. I moaned at the sight of him and Marcello, they were so fucking sexy. I don't know which way I liked them better, with clothes or without.

"I am one lucky bitch" I whispered while biting my lip. The guys all chuckled at me, except for Dom, he looked like he was fighting with himself. It was really hurting me that he didn't want me. When we first met I thought that he liked me and wanted to be with me as well. Especially with how he treated me after our initial blowout. Even with all of the guys but him naked and me in the middle of the bed naked, he was still dressed.

So I decided for him. As the guys were switching places and Marcello was getting between my legs I looked at Dom. He was still standing by the door looking pissed off and completely dressed. I took a deep breath closed my eyes and turned my head away from him. I said "Dom please, just leave. It's obvious that you don't want me and you don't want to be here so please leave. All that you're doing is hurting me. I thought that you wanted this relationship as well but it's obvious that you don't. I get that they bitch hurt you, but I'm not her. I've been hurt by people as well but you don't see me pushing you away, do you? No, you don't, because I actually wanted to be with all of you and make this work. You obviously don't."

I could hear whispering and shuffling and then movement and then heard the door close. I felt someone touch my face and then Marcello said "Open your eyes for me, Amore, that's it, good girl. I'm sorry, I shouldn't have let him come with me. He said that he didn't want to spend the night alone at home and I wasn't staying a night without you when Aries texted and said that you were staying here. He's trying to work through his issues but walking in and seeing you two in bed. I'd say that it fucked with his head. Forget about him tonight though baby. Tonight you're ours."

I had Marcello and Zeus still in the room with me and Marcello kissed me and then worked his way down my body. When he got to my clit he sucked it into his mouth and then bit down on it while he shoved two fingers into my pussy and two into my ass. As I opened up my mouth to scream Zeus shoved his dick into my mouth. I took him down as far as I could and pulled him right back out.

I looked up at him and he smirked down at me. He tasted like strawberries and he showed me why. He was holding a bottle of strawberry-flavored lub. I pulled him out of my mouth and sucked on his balls and then went back to sucking his dick. I would take him down as far as I could before coming back up. Going down just a little farther each time.

Marcello was rotating between sucking on my clit and sticking his tongue into my pussy and using it to fuck me. I was a moaning mess and when Aries joined up I was moaning even louder around Zeus' dick. Aries started to suck on my nipples going back and forth

between them. He pulled my head off of Zeus' dick and took him down his throat. Fuck that was hot, watching him right about me suck Zeus off was sexy as hell.

I decided that since he was sucking Zeus off, I would help him out. So I wrapped my lips around his dick and started to suck him down my throat. I was using one hand to play with his balls and my other hand was buried in Marcello's hair. If I thought that being with Zeus and Aries the first time was good then this was even better. What would make it really better would be to have all four of them with me?

I could feel my orgasm coming and I pulled tighter on Marcello's hair and shoved his face in my pussy. I started to grind my pussy on his face and then I pulled Aries's dick out of my mouth and screamed "I'm cumming." I came so hard that I covered Marcello's face in my cum. I felt like I was seeing the stars for a few minutes there.

When I came back down the guys were all moving around and getting into different positions. Zeus buried his face in my pussy again. Marcello got behind Zeus and Aries got behind him. Aries looked up at me and said "Baby as much as we want nothing than to ram that sweet pussy with our dicks we want to wait. We want you all healed up before that happens so that we don't hurt you." "Not only that but we all want to be together and Dom will come around eventually," Marcello said.

"I understand, and I can't wait for that. In the meantime I'll just use Zeus' tongue to get me off" I said with a wink at him and a moan. He was already buried face-first in my pussy and wasn't coming up for air. I watched Marcello ease into Zeus and then Aries ease into Marcello. It was so sexy to watch. They started off slow and then picked up their pace. As they did Zeus used his fingers and pounded them into both of my holes. It didn't take any of us long and we were all ready to cum.

Aries' picked up a fast pace and growled "Get ready all of you and when I say cum you cum." He kept pounding into Marcello hard and Marcello was pounding Zeus just as hard. We were all moaning really loud and I could even hear moaning at the door. Dom may not want to be with us but I was pretty sure that he was standing in the hall jerking off.

I was right on the cusp of an orgasm and was trying to hold it until Aries said to let go but it was so hard to. Finally, Aries growled and said, "Cum for me my loves cum now." I let my orgasm loose finally and I came so hard once again. I've never squirted the way that the guys make me squirt. It's usually really messy and a lot when I squirt. Zeus was covered in it and instead of being pissed, he was happy and licking it off of his lips. After Aries pulled out of Marcello and he pulled out of Zeus, Zeus kissed them both with my cum still on his lips.

Then he got up and stocked over to the door and yanked it the rest of the way open. I was right and Dom was standing outside of the door. Zeus put his hand on the back of Dom's neck and yanked him to him. He kissed him hard and long and when he finally let him up they were both out of air. When Zeus got his breath back he said "That right there is just a taste of how fucking wonderful she is. You taste that, and you think long and hard about



whether or not you want to give it up. That pussy in there is ours, she's not fucking slept with anyone let alone half the damn country like your ex did. The only men that she will ever be with are the four of us. Or three of us, depending on whether or not you get your head out of your ass because I'm here to tell you. I'll lose you before I lose her. I fucking love you but I love her too and you need to get your head out of your ass."

Zeus came back into the bedroom and went to the bathroom slamming the door shut behind him. I looked at the guys and they were looking at each other doing that silent eye thing. When Zeus came out of the bathroom he had a washrag in his hand. He came over and cleaned me up and then walked into the closet. Aries and Marcello went into the bathroom to get cleaned up and I heard Dom head down the hallway.

When Zeus came out of the closet he had a pair of boxers on and had clothes in his hand. He helped me put a pair of panties on and then put one of his shirts on. My bad of ice was somehow still on my ankle but long melted. He grabbed it and took it downstairs. When the guys came out of the bathroom they went into the closet and then said they'd be right back. Marcello had clothes in his hand that I figured were for Dom.

Zeus came back before the guys did and helped me into the bathroom. When I was done, he took me to the sick to wash my hands and then back out to bed. He put me in the middle and got in on my left side. I rolled over and put my right leg across him and snuggled into him. He pulled the blankets over us and turned the light out. Right before I fell asleep I whispered "I'm falling in love with you too ya know. With all of you." Then I was out like a light. I didn't even notice when the other guys got into bed or whether or not Dom was with them. I was exhausted and I fell into a deep sleep with dreams of my loves.

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The next morning when I woke up the only one in bed with me was Zeus. I could tell that he was awake so I leaned up and kissed him. What started as an innocent kiss turned into so much more. One minute we're kissing and the next he's pushing my panties to the side and asking me to let him have me. "I don't want to wait anymore, baby. I love you and want our first time to be just us. Something for me to always remember."

He had whispered the last part so low that I wasn't sure that I had heard him. There wasn't much foreplay, he sucked my clit and worked his fingers in and out until he got an orgasm out of me. Then he kissed up my body and lined his dick up and slid in until he got to my hymen. And then he pulled back and then surged back in, breaking my barrier and filling me up completely. He stayed still until I got used to the feeling of him and then he started to move. It started slowly and then he was pounding my pussy so hard and it felt so damn good. It didn't take long for me to cum. He started working me up to the next one right after I came. This time though he came with me.

We went one more time before laying back down and cuddling up together. I was so tired and didn't want to get up yet, especially after that. I must've dozed off again because when I woke up I was alone in bed and sore. My scooter was beside the bed so I used it to go to the bathroom. When I stood up I looked back at the bed and was surprised that I didn't see any blood, but I figured that Zeus put a towel down and then put it in the hamper when I fell asleep. I was sore so moving around took a few minutes. After I used the bathroom, I started the shower and made sure that my water was nice and hot. While it was heating up I got undressed and put my clothes into the hamper. I grabbed a towel, and put it on the front of my scooter, then got as close as I could to the shower.

I hopped very carefully into the shower and under the water. The guys had a pretty big shower mat on the floor of the shower so it made it easier for me to not trip. When I was under the water I got my hair and body wet and then stepped out. After I rung the water out of my hair I used my coconut shampoo and washed my hair. When I was done I rinsed it out and then used my coconut conditioner on it and left it in. While I was doing this I was thinking that I couldn't believe that one of the guys hadn't been in yet. Usually, they are right there when I wake up or soon after. But I hadn't heard anything from them yet this morning. I figured that they were probably downstairs still and hadn't heard me moving around yet.

So I continued my shower not thinking anything about it and not realizing that something was wrong. I grabbed my shower puff and put my coconut body wash on it, then grabbed my raiser and a small cup that I kept in the shower. I filled it up with water and then went to the shower seat. I sat the cup of water and my raiser down and then washed my body. I rinsed off and then sat down on the seat. I shaved under my arms and rinsed out the raiser and then soaped up my legs and shaved them. It had been a few days since I'd been able to shave so I went over them twice.

When I was done I stood up and emptied the cup and put it back. I rinsed my raiser real good, as well as my shower puff, and then put them both back. Then I rinsed myself off and rinsed my hair out. When I was done I turned the water off and then squeezed all of the water out of my hair. I hopped back over to my scooter and grabbed my towel. I dried off and then wheeled over to the sink.

I brushed my teeth and then brushed my hair out. After my hair was brushed I wheeled over to the vanity and sat down. I brushed my hair out again and then blow-dried it. When it was dry, I clipped it up so that I wouldn't get make-up on it. I put my concealer and blush on, and then added some eyeliner, mascara, eyeshadow, and lip gloss. I've never been much on make-up, but I do wear some. Especially to hide the scars on my face. I've gotten pretty good and put the make-up on so that you can't even tell that I have scars.

When I'm done I take my hair down and then I get up and wheel into the closet. I need to go home later to get some stuff but I'm in the mood to wear a sundress today. So after I put a bra and panties on, I put on a pretty yellow one that has sunflowers and roses around the bottom of it. It has straps that are about an inch thick and comes up and covers my chest but you can still see my scars. It also had pockets on it that kind of hid in the folds of the skirt, but were big enough to hold a phone or small wallet. For the first



time ever, I'm not putting a hoody on but I am taking a long sweeter with me so I can cover up if need be.

After I slipped my ballet flat on, I wheeled back out to the bedroom. I grabbed my phone and didn't see any texts, so I slipped my phone into my pocket. I figured that at least one of the guys was still downstairs. So I wheeled out the door. When I got to the top of the steps I yelled down them. "Hey is anyone around?" I stood there for a couple of minutes and didn't hear anything. I tried yelling again and still nothing. So I sat down on the top step and grabbed the scooter. I would put it a few steps down from me and then scoot down.

I tried to be careful because my boot was still in the living room from where I took it off last night. After what felt like forever I finally made it to the bottom of the stairs. I sat there for a second and then used the banister to stand up. When I was up I used the scooter, wheeled over to the couch, and sat down to put my boot on. When It was on I looked out the front window and didn't see any of the guys.

So I went to the kitchen and looked out back and didn't see them either. So I sent a group text to see where everyone was at. Since I couldn't find them which was unusual. They have always been here when I got up. Or at least one of them would be and if they had to leave they would let me know. I was worried since I didn't see anyone.

Me to the guys- Hey good morning. Where is everyone? I woke up once and Zeus was still in bed with me and the next time I woke up even he was gone. I got up, got a shower, and got ready for the day. But when I was ready to come downstairs no one was around to help me. I made it down them though, don't worry. But I am worried about all of you. Are you ok, is everything ok?

I waited around and didn't hear back from them so I went and made myself some coffee and something to eat. After fixing coffee and then fixing me some eggs and toast I sat down to eat and could barely get it down. I just had this feeling that something wasn't right and that my life was about to be flipped upside down and sideways. After half an hour I still hadn't heard back so I tried to call and got no answer. I went through all of the guys calling them and didn't hear anything from them, no answer at all. After two hours of not hearing back from them, I was pissed off. They said they wanted me to stay and then just ignore me. If they didn't want me here all they had to do was say so. I would've grabbed my car on the way last night and left after I had gotten my shit.

I even walked outside and looked around but couldn't see anyone. I tried to call Sunny and Ivy but got no answer so I tried Ripper, Legal, Dexter, and Maverick. After not being able to get ahold of anyone I was really pissed and felt like everyone was deliberately ignoring me. So I left the stupid scooter at the bottom of the steps and hopped back up them. When I got to the top I went back into the bedroom after checking the others and seeing that they were empty. And packing up my bags. I made sure that I had everything of mine packed up. Even my dirty clothes, and funny enough there was no bloody towel or washrag. They always clean me up when we're done so I figured that there would be. So

he must've done something with them, to keep the guys from seeing it. He probably didn't want them to know what he did before he broke up with me.

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When I had everything I went back out the the hallway and slid my bags down the steps. I double-checked that I had everything. I rechecked the closet to make sure I got all of my clothes and checked the bathroom for clothes and all of my toiletries. I even double-checked the vanity to make sure that it was empty of all of my things. I wasn't leaving anything here. When I was done I took all of my bags out to the stairs. It took me two trips to get everything out to the steps. Then I hopped back down them. I checked my phone again when I got to the bottom and there still wasn't anything from any of them. So, I sat my bags by the door, got my laptop bag and my purse, and put them there as well. I tried to call the guys again and yet again they didn't answer so I called Nicco.

When he picked up I asked him "Hey Nicco, are you busy right now?" "Not at the moment, I'm just hanging out with Donte and Enzo. We're planning on spending time with Dad today, why?" "Can you come to pick me up at Aries and Zeus' house, please? I want to come home, I don't want to be here anymore" I whispered. "What's wrong, what happened? And of course, I'll come to get you, let me put my shoes on and I'm out the door. Dante, Enzo get your asses up and get your fucking shoes on, and let's fuckin go" He yelled at them. "I couldn't tell you what's wrong. I thought that everything was good last night. I mean, it sure did end up being a really good night, in my opinion. And I thought that this morning was really good. But then this morning, after I fell back to sleep, I woke up to an empty house. They haven't left me alone since we got together. If I'm here then at least one of the guys is here with me, always. But now they are all ignoring me and won't answer my texts or calls. I even called Aries and Zeus' moms and dads and still no answer. I don't know what the fuck is going on, but I won't be treated like this. I was going to leave and then realized that I didn't have my car. So I really need a way the fuck out of here."

"Don't worry and sit tight we're on our way and we'll get you out of there, I promise. I don't know what the fuck happened with them either. They were all so happy to be with you and talking about the future, yesterday. Hell, even Dom wants you, he's just afraid to admit it. So I don't get it." "Yeah, I don't get it either, especially since Zeus said that he loved me last night. So it has me really confused. Anyways, when you get here you have to go through two gates to get back where I am. The first gate is into the main compound and the second is to get back to the houses. Follow the road to the back and I'll let the prospects know that you're coming to get me so they'll let you through."

"Ok, we're out the door and in the truck so we'll see you soon, ok?" he asked me. "Ok, be careful and I'll see you soon." I hung up the phone with him and then called both guard boxes and let the prospects know that my brother was on his way and to let him through. When I got off the phone from doing that I put my phone back in my pocket and went around grabbing anything else that I had.

When all of my stuff was packed up, I grabbed my purse and sat down with the bags of gifts that I got everyone. I got into my purse and grabbed a pen and a stack of sticky notes. I separated the stuff that I got for everyone into piles and then put their name on a sticky note and put it on the stuff. The things that I had bought for myself and my family I put back into the bags and sat back by the door. When I was done, I was getting ready to write a note for the guys when the door opened up and Aries and Dom walked in.

So, I put the sticky notes and pen back into my purse and then looked up at them. Aries saw my bags and clenched his jaw hard. But then he took a deep breath, shook his head, and said "We need to talk." Well here we go the breakup speech already, I thought to myself. "Just save it, I can take a hint and you don't have to worry I'm leaving. My ride is on the way and all of my shit is packed but I'll double-check before I leave so that I don't accidentally forget something here."

Dom looked down at my bags by the door and then looked back at me. "It's not you Harley, we have some stuff going on and for right now we need to take a break. It's not forever, it's just for a little while. When we get things straightened out" he started to say. I held up my hand and ground my teeth together. Before I said anything I took a deep breath and then said "No, If you're all breaking up with me then this is done for good. If you don't want me then be a man and say it. I know that you don't Dom. It's been obvious since we rescued you. So don't, just don't. Nicco is on his way to get me and when he gets here you won't have to see me ever again. If you find something of mine that I forgot. Have a prospect drop it at the gate of my house. The stuff on the coffee table here is separated with a sticky note on top for who the stuff is for. Please make sure that your families all get them. I gave Luciano the stuff that I got for your mom, sister, brother, and him. I also gave Nonno Francesco the stuff for him and Nonna Anna. Same with Marcello's family, I gave the stuff to his dad. The stuff here is for the people at the clubhouse. The sisters that I've gotten close to and your moms, sisters, brothers, and dads" I said.

They agreed to pass the stuff out to everyone and then they both kept saying that it was just a break. That we would get back together after they figured some stuff out. But I wasn't stupid and I wasn't listening to it. When Nicco got there he, Dante, and Enzo grabbed my stuff and loaded it up. I made one final pass-through and had him grab my art stuff. I even took the painting that I did back off the wall and took it with me. If they didn't want me I would make sure that there were no reminders of me. When we knew that I had everything I grabbed my purse and followed Nicco to the door.

The last thing that I said before I shut the door and walked away was "I don't know why you're doing this when just yesterday all of you but Dom were saying how much you wanted me. I even told you guys that I wouldn't come between you and If one of you didn't want me I would walk away. You swore that you wanted me, that you wouldn't give me up. I don't know what changed between a couple of days ago and now, and I honestly just don't care right now. I'm way too hurt to care. When you get your shit figured out just know that I won't be there waiting in the wings waiting for you to be with me. For people who supposedly care about me and what happens to me, you don't care that I had to come down the stairs with my scooter by myself this morning. With no brace on because it was down here. And I had to drag my scooter down. I then had to walk back up

the steps to pack my shit up, but you don't care about that. You also don't seem to care that I have a stocker after me either. But It's all good I'll protect myself like I always have. I plan to block all of your numbers and I ask that you do the same. Also, please stay away from Nonna's Diner and away from my house and school. Dom, I know that you go to Chris' shop to get tattoos, but please let him know ahead of time so that I can stay away from there if you'll be there. Don't have any of your men follow me. And I mean none, no big assed walking fucking trees or prospects. If I see one I will shoot his ass. I love you guys, all four of you guys. But I won't be but second or made to wait to have a relationship with the men that I thought wanted me for life. Tell Legal that I will find another lawyer to handle my affairs and that whoever I get will be in touch. This is goodbye."

And with that, I walked out the door and to Nicco's truck where he helped me into it, then loaded my scooter. When we were all loaded up, he drove through the compound and toward the gate. Usually, this place has people everywhere, but today I didn't see a soul. As Nicco drove out of the compound and towards home I felt like my heart was being ripped out of my chest. I didn't understand how they could go from loving me one minute to not wanting me the next.

I thought back over everything that had happened over the last twenty-four hours trying to figure out what happened. What made them decide that they didn't want to be with me anymore? And I just couldn't figure it out. What had I done wrong? Why didn't they want me anymore? These were all questions that I asked myself as I silently cried all the way home. I would let myself have this one moment of weakness and then I would pull up my big girl panties and move on.

Why should I mourn a relationship that was obviously one-sided only? I felt like this was all just one big joke to them and from now I'm staying clear of men. Fuck them who needs them. I was just fine without them before and I will be now as well. Watch out world Bitchy River is here to stay for a while. Buckle up and hold on for the ride. My family Is the only people who will see the nice me, everyone else gets the mega bitch.

## Chapter 60 – Their Beautiful Strong Queen

Over the next week, I spent time with Nonna and Nonno. I even spent time with Nicco, Dante, and Enzo. Enzo made me a necklace and gave me and told me to wear it all the time. I even spent time in my studio painting. I worked on the picture that Legal wanted even though I wasn't sure if he'd ever get it. I still decided to do it and figured that if I ever got it done then I could get someone to take it to him. The picture that I had done that was us, I brought back with me and hid it in my art studio in the back of a storage closet.

I didn't want to see it and didn't want anyone else to see it either. My artwork was definitely getting better and because I had so many pictures that I've done recently I was starting to run out of room for them. So I had been going over the idea of getting ahold of the curator of the art studio in town, and setting up a show and finally decided to do it.

So I called and set up a meeting and then I took pictures of some of my work so that I could shower her. I had a doctor's appointment this afternoon so I set up an appointment for this morning. I changed into a sundress that had pockets and was black with roses and sunflowers on it. I also put on a long sweater so that my scars didn't show. I slipped on my ballet flat and grabbed my purse and phone. When I got downstairs I didn't see anyone but could hear the TV on in the living room. I left a note on the fridge and went out the door.

I drove into town and went to the art studio. The woman that I was meeting with was Rain Marston. She was very excited when I talked to her on the phone about setting up a meeting and discussing a possible art show with my work. Apparently, my art teacher had talked to her about my work. And she was very excited to see it.

When I got there I got my scooter out of the car and then locked it up. I put my purse over my left shoulder and put my phone in my pocket. I locked up the car and clipped my keys to my purse. And then I wheeled into the gallery. When I got in there I wheeled up to the counter and stood. The girl that was at the counter was on the phone and was being kind of rude to whoever she was talking to.

I stood there looking around while I waited. There was some beautiful artwork displayed in the gallery. I couldn't wait to have mine in here as well. I finally heard the girl hang up the phone and then she snapped at me. "Yeah, can I help you, what do you want?" I turned around and looked at her and she was standing there giving me dirty looks with her nose in the air.

"I'm here to see a Miss. Rain Marston. I have an appointment with her, she's expecting me. My name is River Russo" I told her. I took my phone out of my pocket and set it to record, I had a feeling that I would need it and I was right. "Why would she be meeting with a nobody like you? She only meets artists" she said with a snotty tone. "Listen you don't know me and you don't know anything about me so don't assume shit about me. And not that it's any of your business because your job is only to answer phones. But I am an artist and I want to see Miss. Marston, NOW."

This bitch then had the audacity to start cussing me out. There were a few people in the gallery looking around and they all started looking over this way. "There is no way that some nobody, poor assed crippled bitch is an artist. You need to leave before I put you out of here. I can't believe the nerve of you homeless people just showing up in here and trying to get away with it. Are you deaf you bitch I said to get the fuck out of here before I call the cops. Did you hear me get the fuck out" she screeched at me.

I took a deep breath and let it out "Oh I heard every word that you said and I'm sure that half the damn block did as well. But I didn't ask for your commentary. I asked to speak to Miss. Marston, I have an appointment with her and she is expecting me." The next thing that I knew I felt the impact of the slap before I saw her raise her hand. I was instantly pissed off, and I wanted to smack her back so bad but I didn't want to end up in jail.



I raised my hand when I felt something on my face and whipped it and when I pulled it away I had blood on me. She had her fingers covered in rings, one of them must've cut me. I pulled a tissue out of my purse and held it on my face. "In case you didn't get the hint that time, get the fuck out, you whore. I know exactly who you are River Montgomery and I know your family. I'm best friends with your sisters and I know the lies that you told to have them thrown in jail. Get the hell out, I won't let you make this appointment. If you want your art shown here then you will drop the charges and get them the hell out."

"Oh, I won't be dropping any charges against them. I'll be pressing charges against you though for assault. You see I just got the whole conversation on record and there are witnesses to you slapping me. And hearing the verbal assault that you just gave me for no reason other than the fact that you believe the words of a couple of fake, plastic, abusive bitches. What their family and they got, they deserved. There were witnesses to prove everything that they had ever done. As well as plenty of scars."

I stopped talking and looked around the room, the closest person to me was a guy that was probably in his forties. I said "Excuse me Sr., would you mind calling the cops for me? I don't want to stop recording on my phone to call them. Just in case she tries to hit me again for no reason."

"Sure I'll call them," he said as he stepped aside and made the call. One of the patrons that was closer to the office knocked on the door and let Miss. Marston knew what was going on. When she came out of the office she came up to the counter and asked "What is going on here? One of the patrons just came and told me that you hit a customer, Linda. Why, why would you do that? And not just any customer but an artist who was planning on working with us to sell her art. What is wrong with you?"

"So what if I hit her, she isn't anybody. Hell, she couldn't afford to buy a painting from here. And I'm sure that any pictures that she paints are trashy anyway just like her. I mean look at her she's fat and a cripple" she scoffed. "She smacked me because she's a friend of the Montgomery twins. She believes all of the lies and bullshit that they spew about me. Everything that they say is lies, every bit of it. I lived in that house with them until I was five and in those five years, they abused me. They say I did it to myself, well explain to me how a baby of three locks herself in a truck with the lock on the outside of the trunk. Many times they locked me in a trunk like that. Or in a closet, or threw me down the stairs. Those people are evil and what they did to land their asses in jail was all done in front of witnesses. They are still in jail because they are all completely broke and no one will bail them out. Now you will get to join them. You say that I'm poor because I don't drive a fancy car or dress fancy. But I'm far from poor, I have worked every day since I was fifteen, saved my money, and made good investments. I'm also not crippled, my ankle got broken when the twin bitches' dad smacked me and knocked me down. So no I'm not crippled, fat, homeless, or any of the other shit you called me."

The gentleman who called the cops for me stepped forward and said "I called the cops they are on their way. And you missy, you should be glad that she didn't hit you back. I've seen her MMA fight men bigger than I am, and come out on top. One hit from her and she would've knocked your ass out."



I turned and looked at him and recognition set in. “Leander, I knew that I recognized you, I just didn’t realize that it was you. Thank you for calling the cops for me.” He nodded his head and Miss. Marston looked back at Linda and said “You are fired, so once you are out of jail, don’t come back here.”

Just as Linda was about to throw a fit the cops walked in. We all gave them our statements and I even sent them the recording after they listened to it. They were taking everyone else statements when my phone rang. I stepped to the side and answered it. It was Enzo “Hey is everything ok? I wanted to check the video in your camera to make sure that its would record and caught what happened. I have a copy of it if the cops need it I’ll drop it to them.”

I was completely confused about what he was talking about. So I said “What the hell are you talking about? What camera, the one on my phone?” “No, the one in the necklace that I gave you. I forgot to set the app up for it on your phone when I gave it to you. It will record when you need it to. I happened to think of it earlier and wanted to make sure that it would work from a distance. It does by the way and it records pretty well also.”

“Awesome, I’m sure that the cops would love a copy of it if you got it all on camera. I’ll let them know that you’ll drop it off later to them” I said. “Ok, I’m making a copy of it now and will head that way. Are you ok, she didn’t hurt you did she?” “She had a bunch of rings on her hand and cut me with one but I’m ok. I’m heading to the doctor after here for a check-up on my ankle. I’ll get them to check it out” I said.

“Ok, well I’ll let you go and see you in a little bit. We’re having a family movie night tonight, so we’ll all be here.” “Ok, I’ll stop on my way home and get snacks and stuff. I’ll see you later, I love ya.” After I hung up with him, I let the cops know about the camera and that Enzo would drop the footage off in a little bit. After talking to them, they already had Linda in cuffs and loaded up. So they got her stuff and left.

Miss Marston still wanted to meet so we went into her office and sat down. “I’m so sorry about that, I’ve had nothing but problems with that girl for weeks now. I actually just hired her replacement yesterday and was planning on firing her today. So now getting down to business, Mrs. Tucker sent me some pictures of your work. It is amazing and I would love to have a showing for your stuff.”

“Yeah, she had told me that she was sending some pictures of my work to a friend. I have a few pictures that I did in school that I’d like to sell but then my art studio at home Is full of pieces as well. I’ve had some major changes and stuff in my life the past few weeks. And this week all I have done was sit and paint. I actually have so many pictures that I’m running out of room. I have pictures of my phone of them, but if you wanted to see them in person we could set up a day for that” I said.

I showed her the pictures that I took and we talked about doing a show in a few weeks since I already had enough paintings done. We talked for a while longer and set up a day and time for her to come by the house to look at them in person. When we were finally

done with the meeting and had the next one set up, I left. I loaded up and headed to the doctor's office with the hope that I would be able to stop using this damn scooter. It was annoying as hell and I was ready to be done with it.