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"Lea is everything ok over here?" I asked her. "Yes these people were demanding to speak with you and i told them that you weren't working tonight i didn't want to disturb your dinner. "

"It's fine ill deal with these people" I said. After she walked off i looked at them and said. "Can i help you?"

"Yes you can help us you little bitch. We're broke and i know you have money. You need to give it to us or else" Anthony said.

"First of all, i don't have to give you jack shit. You are nothing to me and i could care less if your homeless and on the streets. Nonna has been my mother since i was five and i also have two dads who love me more than anything. And secondly if you two and your lazy assed kids got off your asses and actually worked for a living instead of spending money like its water, you wouldn't be broke. I don't have alot and even if i did i wouldn't give you a damn thing. Not even the sweat off my ass if you were dying of a thirst" i said.

I spoke low so that only they could hear me and no one else could. What happened next i didn't see coming.

Anthony yelled out "Your such an ungrateful little bitch" and then backhanded me hard across the face

After i got my bearings and got off the ground from Anthony smaking me hard. I reared back and kneed him in the balls and then knocked him out cold.

The walking tree's body guard was in front of me within seconds after i knocked Anthony out. He kept his body between mine and Anthony's just in case he woke up.

"Lea" i yelled "Please call the cops and get me a towel. Let Nonna know what's going on as well please."

Lea took off to do what i asked. Loretta tried to get Anthony up to leave before the cops got there, but one of the trees other meatheads stepped in to keep her from leaving with him.

Lea didn't even make it to get Nonna. Id say that one of the tree's bodyguards texted him about what was going on because the guys all came running. And right behind them were the woman.

"What the hell is going on?" Domenico growled to his goons. They didn't know what happened exactly because they weren't close enough to hear what was going on.

His main guy looked at him and said "I watched her leave the bathroom and she was headed back to the private room that you were all in. She looked across this room and then turned and headed in this direction. I started this way and i had just got to the end of the hall when i see the guy on the floor back hand her. She was only down for a minute and when she came back up it was with a knee to the balls and then she knocked his ass out cold."

My back was to them so they couldn't see my face yet. I knew that when Nicco, Uncle Zain, Dante, Enzo, Chris and Ren seen my face they would go after Anthony.

I was so mad that i was shaking all over. I finally took a deep breath, or as deep as i could considering that fact my nose was broke and turned around to face them all.

When i turned around everyone gasped. "He hit me because i wouldn't give him money and he's broke. After he hit me and i got off of the floor i kneed him in his balls and then punched him in the face and knocked his ass out. Like big man here said. No man i don't care who the hell he is will ever put their hands on me. And no one who is apart of that family will ever hurt me again and not get hurt back" I said.

"You knocked him out. There's no way he's twice the size of you. Hell your so tiny i could pick you up and put you in my pocket" Domenico said with a sneer.

"Look Mr Walking Fucking Tree, i may be tiny but i've been in boxing and mma classes since i was five. I still do mma and even do fights. I know what the hell im doing. You don't know me or anything about me so keep your damn nose out of this, it's a family matter and your not family" I said and then turned my back on him.

"Sir, i was right here as well as the rest of the patroons and staff and we can all tell you he hit her and she kneed him and then hit him back. Here's a towel for you River your face is still bleeding and you've got a big cut on your cheeck as well. Cops are on their way as well" Lea said as she handed me a towl.

"Thank you Lea. Will you please check on everyone. They came for dinner and got a show also" I joked.

"Here let me see how bad it is" Nicco said. As he moved the towel to see how bad my face was Nonna went over to Loretta.

"I warned you and your worthless husband years ago when i took River from you to stay the hell away. If you two are broke then that is your problem. You are not our family any longer. You haven't been in years. The best damn thing for you and your worthless husband and kids to do is get jobs. Because you wont get money from anyone in my family ever" Nonna said to her. "My father would be so dissappointed in you. In the fact that your going to just let your daughter and her family end up broke and homeless. He would hate you as much as i do for taking up for that worthless little bitch instead of your own daughter" Loretta yelled.

I have never seen my Nonna so mad since the day she took me out of the house of horror. Nonna reach her hand up and smacked Loretta so hard she staggered backwards.

"Dont you ever, and i mean EVER say shit like that to me again. Before your father died he said that you were the biggest disappointment he ever had. In fact he said you should've been shot down the drain or swallowed instead of being born. And if you don't believe me he said it in front of Zain, Luciano, and Angela. You are an evil human being and im ashamed that you are my daughter. There has only ever been one good thing come from you and that is my sweet River. She is my daughter now, not yours and has been for years. In case you forgot you signed over all of your rights to her when i took her from you when you left her to bleed to death on your basement floor. After the hell you people put her through, the fact that you actually think she would ever help you is just laughable."

"We didn't do anything to her. She did it to herself" Loretta said. "Im going to the bathroom to clean myself up and to rest my nose before i do something that will put me in jail. You know like kill her with a room full of witnesses. After all im not like the plastic bottle barbies who can cut open their little sister and get away with it by claiming she did it to herself. I will say this to you one last time Loretta stay the fuck away from me, all of you. Better yet Auntie Bell i want a restraining order on them all so they can't come around me" with that said i hobbled away.

I went into the bathroom and stood in front of a mirror. I just removed the towel when the door opened and Nonna, Nonna Anna, Angela, Bell and Carina walked in.

I felt around on my nose and when i figured out where it was broke, i got ahold of it and jerked it and restet it back into place.

"Son of a....monkey balls that hurt like a mother flucker" I said with my teeth gritted together.

While Carina laughed at me, Nonna, Bell, Anna and Angela was looking at me like i was nuts. "You should've waited, the cops just pulled up outside and a squad is with them. They could've done that for you. Come you need to get checked out" Nonna said.

"I've done it before Nonna but it's never been that bad. I'll let them check it out but im not going to the er. Im pretty sure i messed my ankle up as well. You wanted to have dinner with your friends and were going to. Besides im starving and want a giant burger" i said.

One of the guys knocked on the door to let us know that the cops wanted to talk to us and that the parametic's were there to look at my face.

We headed out into the main room and i walked outside the doors to the back of the squad to be checked out. While they made sure that my nose was reset right and stitched up my face a cop was asking me about what happened.

I told him exactly what happened and then he asked me why i wouldn't help out my parents and siblings. "First of all they are not my parents they are egg and sperm donors. My Nonna is my mother. She adopted me when i was five and they signed over all of their rights to me. Secondly i could care less if they are homeless and living on the streets, they are nothing to me" i said while giving him a dirty look from the corner of my eye.

"We both know why they signed their rights over don't we. You cut yourself and blamed your sisters and your Nonna made them sign their rights over. They all love you and you need help for all that you've done to them" the asshole cop sneered.

I was super pissed off now and when i looked up i realized that Uncle Zain was standing behind this asshole cop with another cop.

I took as deep of a breath as i was able to and then asked the paramedic if they were done yet. "Just about miss and then i'll get you taped up and give you extras incase you need it at home. I wont be but a couple of more minutes" He said.

"Ok thank you" I said to him. To the asshole cop i said "I don't know where you got your information from. My guess would be that you either work for Anthony or your sleeping with one of the plastic bottle bimbos. Either way you don't know shit because you were not there. It would be hard for a five year old girl to hold herself down all the while cutting herself from breastbone to crotch to stupid dick. And their was prof of them holding me down from the bruises on me. It would be hard for a two year old girl to lock herself into a trunk from the outside with a padlock for two days until the nanny found her as well. Soaked from sweat and covered in her own shit and piss. Or can you explain how that happened, how i was able to do that shit to myself. And those are just examples of the hell i went through there. So don't FUCKING pretend to know what you are talking about when you know NOTHING" I yell at him.

By the time i was done with my rant the paramedic was done stitching me up so i was looking right at the asshole cop. I was so pissed off that i was shaking. Even the paramedic was giving the cop the stink eye.

Uncle Zain and the Police Chief Roberts walked up to the cop. Chief Roberts said "I think that's about enough. Lets go Smith, you and i need to have a talk. Don't worry River I heard what happened to you and i even heard what you told him. Don't worry about anything we have it handled and ill be taking care of this. You get some some rest. Congratulations on the big win last week. I was there to cheer you on with my family."

"Thanks Chief, I appreciate it" I said. Uncle Zain and Chief Roberts shook hands and then the Chief walked away with the asshole cop. When i was all bandaged up the paramedic checked out my ankle and said he thought it was just sprained but if it was still hurting tomorrow to get it checked out.

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Once i was done, we went back inside. I excused myself to my office to change clothes. I always keep an extra change of clothes in the office.

When your cooking you just never know when an accident is going to occur and you'll need clean clothes. I've had to change my clothes plenty of times while working.

I went into my office and locked the door. I leaned up against the door for a few minutes just to calm down. That shit shook me up. I hate that evil assed family, and it pissed me off that once afuckingain someone in that family scared my face.

After leaning up against the door for a minute i went over to my bag and opened it up. I had a pair of leggings and a spaghetti strapped shirt with a crop top hoodie in the bag.

I carefully changed into it, i didn't have a bra in the bad and i wasn't wearing one because you couldn't with the jumper. Thankfully with my small boobs i could get away without one though.

I found a pair of my flats that id left there and put them on instead of putting my heals back on. They were killing my ankle and I knew that I wasn't going to be able to walk around in them much longer. Im so glade that i forgot them in my office a few days ago.

I put my clothes and shoes in my duffle bag and zipped it up and headed to the private room. I really hope that i can get the blood out of my outfit. It was the first time i had wore it and i loved it.

I noticed that i had a shadow in the form of the trees bodyguard. He was behind me and even offered to help me and even though it hurt like the dickens i refused.

I stopped and got two bags of ice and when i got to the private room Nonna was waiting for me by the door. "Are you ok sweetheart?" She asked me.

"Im ok Nonna, my face and ankle hurts but im ok. Thankfully i keep extra clothes in my office. I also forgot a pair of flats a few days ago so i had stuff to change into. I really hope that i can get the blood out of my outfit. I really liked it and it was the first time i wore it. I should've hit the bastard harder than i did" I said.

"We'll figure out a way to get the blood out and if it won't come out i'll buy you another one. And im pretty sure i herd the emts say you broke his face and gave him a concussion from where his head bounced off the floor" Nonna said with a laugh. I sat my bag by the door and we walked over to join everyone else. After hugs and making sure they knew that i was fine we finally sat down to dinner.

When the waitress came in we started by ordering drinks. While everyone else got a couple of bottles of wine to share i ordered a glass of Dr Pepper. Im not a wine drinker, i think its gross and don't like it. And after the evening that i've had, i don't need any.

I knew the menu by heart and i knew what i wanted for dinner without even looking at it. I sat with my head on Chris' lap with my ice on my face. He ran his fingers through my hair while he talked to everyone. And I kicked my shoes off and put my feet on Nicco's lap with the ice on my ankle.

When the waitress brought in our drinks she took our orders. I ordered a double bacon cheeseburger with the works. I also got curly fries, cheese sticks, onion rings, and broccoli cheese bits. I knew whatever was left would be lunch tomorrow.

Id told Chris what i wanted so he ordered my food for me. My face was killing me and when i got home i was going to have to take some motrin.

As we were waiting for our food, one of the meatheads that works for the tree came up to him and handed him something and then left again.

"Here River, I had my guys go pick up some motrin and tylenol for you. My personal doctor said that if motrin or tylenol doesn't help go to the hospital and they'll give you something stronger. He'd come see you himself and give you pain medicine but he's out of town at the moment for a family emergency. He also said ice on for fifteen minutes at a time and to take it easy for a couple of days" Dom said.

I was shocked that he talked to his doctor and had his guys go get me Motrin and tylenol. "Thank you for that. I'll take the motrin, im allergic to tylenol and can't take it. I appreciate you doing that for me. Do i owe you anything?" I asked as i sat up to take some motrin.

"Your welcome and no you don't owe me anything. Im glade to do it and i apologize for my words earlier and how i've acted. I was an ass and i shouldn't have been. It's no excuse but i've been stressed over some things."

"Thank you for apologizing and i am sorry as well. I was pissed off over that creep yesterday and shouldn't have took it out on you or your meathead" i said.

"You've also been extremely busy between school, work,and practice and it's made you really mean. You've hit me a few time this week" Nicco said jokingly.

It was immediately followed by "Me to" shouted from Dante and Enzo. "I have not, and even if i had, it's because the three of you guys have been assholes all week" i said with a frown and then winced because it hurt. Dom squeezed my shoulder and walked back to his seat. I took a couple of motrin and then laid back down with my head on Chris' lap and kicked my feet back up onto Nicco's lap.

I figured he'd give me hell for it but he just squeezed my leg, put the ice back and kept taking to Dom's brothers.

Our dinner was finally delivered and i managed to eat a little bit of my food. It hurt to much to keep chewing. I boxed up what i couldn't eat and would take it home for later. Hopefully after the motrin kicked in id be able to east some more.

When everyone got done eating Dom and his bodyguard stepped out of the room for a minute and i figured he was going to the restroom. When he finally came back everyone was ready to go.

We were all giving hugs and were getting ready to leave. Nicco grabbed my bag that had my clothes in it, to carry for me. He picks on me but he really is the best brother.

"The bills taken care of. I paid for all of us and i paid for everyone that was in the diner when that asshole caused a scene with River" Dom told Nonna.

"Dom you didn't have to do any of that. I told you, dinner tonight was on me and i told the girls to give them their meals for free. But thank you so much for that. You really are a sweet young man, do you know that?" Nonna asked him.

I swear that i seen him blush. "I keep telling him Rosa, that he's going to make some lucky girl a fine husband. But he says he's never getting married" Angela says with a sigh. "Which means no beautiful grandbabies from him to love on. Its such a shame, he'd make some beautiful babies to."

He says something back to her but i don't hear what it is because Chris comes and hugs me. "I could really kick Anthony's ass myself. You looked really beautiful tonight and now your back in your armor."

"It was the only clothes that i had here and my clothes were covered in blood. I hope it comes out, i just got that outfit and tonight was the first time wearing it. You know, he got pissed and hit me when i said that he wasn't my dad. I told him that you and Ren are my dads. And your the best dads that i could ever ask for. Thank you for being there for me for all of these years. I love you so much" I said to him.

Arms circled me from behind and i got a big squeeze. "We love you to bambolotta, so much. It has been our privilege to be your dads. If you don't feel like coming for dinner tomorrow you don't have to just call and let us know. If you do want to come call me and i'll come pick you up so that your not driving, ok" Ren asked me.

"Oh Poppa, im coming to dinner tomorrow. I need some time with my favorite dads" i said with a slight smile.

The whole time i was talking with my dads Dom and his bodyguard were watching me. When everyone was ready to go we started leaving the private room. Everyone was leaving the room in groups.

Nicco picked me up and carried me so i didn't have to walk on my sore ankle. Nonna said she was checking in with the night manager and she'd be out to the car in a minute.

We headed out to Nicco's car and Dom was there waiting. Nicco sat me down by my door and then went around and got into the drivers side.

"I wanted to give you my number. This card has my work numbers and my private cell number is written on the back. If you ever need anything River call me and i'll be there" He said.

"Thank you and thank you for everything. Yesterday and today" I said. He nodded his head and then bent down and kissed my forehead. Then he helped me into the car. Then he walked over to his car and got in to leave.

After i got settled into my seat i looked up and Nicco was smirking at me. "What?" I asked him.

"I think he likes you. I've known him for years and i've never seen him like that with any woman. Hell the only woman he gets close to is his mom and sister. I've only ever seen him around men. I've never seen him with woman. Hell when he has functions to go to he'll take him mom if he's dads not going or his sister if he is. But most of the time he just goes alone, and his security guys keep the woman away."

"Im sure he doesn't like me Nic. Hell im way younger than he is. Besides im sure he goes for the tall, skinny beautiful girls. Not the short, fat, and ugly ones. And if not then maybe he's gay" I said.

Nicco's head whipped around so fast im amazed his head didn't pop off. "You are not fat or ugly Ursula River Russo. You have curves and you are extremely beautiful. You have scares yes, but that doesn't mean that you are ugly. I don't ever and i mean EVER want to hear you say that shit again. Am i clear?" He growled at me.

"Cristal" I said. "I've just had a really bad day. I'll feel better tomorrow." I laid my head back and rested. "And i don't think he's gay, bi maybe. But i wouldn't say that in front of him ever. He can be a mean son of a bitch when he wants to be" Nicco said.

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When we finally got home i got two bags of ice and headed upstairs to shower and lay down. My face and ankle were killing me and i just knew that i was going to be bruising already.

When i finally got to my room i put my food in my mini fridge and stuck the ice in the freezer part. I then grabbed my clothes and hobbled to the bathroom to get a shower.

I didn't look at the mirror when i first went in to the bathroom. I just got undressed and got into the shower.

I washed my hair and body and was careful not to get my chest too wet. It was still covered up from where i got the tattoo done. When i did my legs i looked down at my ankle and it was really swollen and black and blue.

When i got out i dried off and uncovered the tattoo and put more medicine on it. After i got dressed i ran a brush through my hair. When i finally looked at the mirror i winced.

My face looked bad. My nose and the left side of my face was all swelled up and bruising. That dickhead must've been wearing a chunky ring with the way the cut on my face is.

I shut the light off and went out into my room. I grabbed my bags of ice and went to my bed. I turned on my tv and found NCIS on tv and laid sideways with the ice on my face and my ankle propped up with ice on it.

I turned a timer on, on my phone so that i only had the ice on for fifteen minutes. While i was laying there resting with the ice on me, my phone went off. When i picked it up, it was a number that i didn't recognize.

UNKNOWN- Did you make it home ok Amorina. How is your face feeling.

ME- Who is this? How did you get my number?

UNKNOWN- This is Domenico, but you can call me Dom. I got your number from Rosa before you left tonight. I wanted to be able to check on you.

ME- Sorry i didn't put your number into my phone yet. I got home and got a shower and then laid down with ice on my face. We made it home fine and im ok, im sore but im ok. Im going to let the ice finish up it's time on my face and then try to finish eating before i go to bed. It's been a very long day.

DOM- Its ok Amorina, i should've told you that it was me. Im glade that you made it home ok. What are you doing other than icing your face?

ME- Just laying in bed watching NCIS. What are you doing?

DOM- Heading back to the office to finish up some work.

ME- Do you work all of the time? Do you ever take time off an just relax?

DOM- Im always busy with work but i have a lot to do this week. I have to go out of the country next week for work. Ill be away

for a week or two.

ME- Oh, ok, well i wont keep bugging you so that you can get some work done. Be safe next week on your trip.

DOM- You're fine, you can text me anytime. Besides I texted you to check on you. And im not back at the office yet. I am almost there though, so i won't be able to text back alot. Try to rest tonight and tomorrow.

ME- I plan to, i've not got anything else to do but study and then go have dinner with Chris and Ren tomorrow. I've got class all week so hopefully I feel better by Monday. Thankfully my championship game was last weekend.

DOM- What are you in school for? And what game is that? And if you don't mind me asking how do you know Chris and Ren and why do you call them poppa and pops?

ME- I'm in culinary school and taking business classes. As well as art classes. I play baseball and had a baseball championship game, I'm a pitcher. We won. And I've known Chris and Ren since I was 10. My Nonna has raised me since I was five. When I was 10 and met them they became the dad/dad's that I needed. They've been there for me since then. They are the best and they are my family.

DOM- Do you plan to help Rosa with the diners? And you play baseball? Do you play on the girls team for school? Chris and Ren are wonderful men. Chris is older but we have always been close. I remember them talking about a daughter but never understood why i didn't see her now i know why. I'm afraid im now back at the office. I need to finish up this work. I'll call or text you tomorrow to check on you. Try to get some rest. Goodnight Amorina.

ME- Yes i do, I already work there now. I play baseball on the boys team, im not a wimp, lol. Don't work all night, you need your rest as well. I'll talk to you tomorrow. Goodnight.

After i got done texting with Dom, i finished the time i needed with the ice on me. I managed to eat some more of my food. Although it hurt like hell.

I went through the tv channels and found Grown Ups 2 and put it on and laid down. I was just to the part where they put Higgins in the giant tire when i fell asleep.

I woke up the next morning with the tv still on and my face hurting like a bitch. I could barley open up my left eye because my whole face was swelled up bad.

I turned off the tv and went to get up. I could barley walk my ankle was swelled up so badly. I managed to hop to the bathroom. I had to use the bathroom pretty bad and i finally made it there.

After i did my business, I brushed my teeth and my hair. When i looked in the mirror my face looked really bad. It was swelled up and bruised.

I got dressed in a pair of shorts, a spaghetti strapped shirt and a crop top hoodie. I was dressing for comfort today. I went without shoes because my foot and ankle were swelled up really bad and it was black and blue also.

I went downstairs to get breakfast and had to sit down and scoot down the steps. I was taking my time on the stairs since i only had one eye to see out of and had to scoot on them. When i got to the bottom of the stairs i could hear voices yelling loudly.

From the sounds of it, it was coming from the kitchen. I managed to stand up and hop in that way and the closer i got the better i could make out who it was yelling.

Loretta and her spawn was here and they were cussing out Nonna. From the sounds of it, they wanted her to get Anthony out of jail and she refused to do it. They also wanted her to make me drop the charges on him and she said no.

I sent my phone to voice record and then I sent two texts. One to Nikko and one to Uncle Zain.

Nicco- Hey are you upstairs if so get your ass downstairs NOW. Loretta and her spawn are here and they are attacking Nonna, screaming and cussing her. They want her to get Anthony out of jail and they want her to get me to drop charges. Come help me get them out of here im about to head in there after i text Uncle Zain. And i can barley see or walk so i need help NOW.

UZ- Hey I need you to get over here ASAP. And i may need Aunt Bella to get me out of jail. Loretta and her spawn are here and they are pretty much attacking Nonna. Their screaming and cussing at her. They want her to get Anthony out of jail and want her to have me drop the charges on him. Im about to fuck some people up for the way that their talking to her.

I immediately got two messages back.

Nicco- Be right down, don't go in there yet.

UZ- Im on my way. I was already heading that way pulling up in two. I'll call her just in case.

I stood outside of the kitchen and waited for Nicco to come down. I still had my phone set to record. While i waited i pulled up the camera that's in the kitchen and made sure that it was recording what was going on.

I could hear Nicco on the stairs at the same time i watched Loretta pull back and slap Nonna as hard as she could. Nonna staggered back into the counter and i was on the move.

When i entered the kitchen i did so hopping on one foot and with fists flying. I hit Loretta so hard that she landed on her back and slid across the kitchen floor. I then stood in front of Nonna in a protective stance with both of my fists up. The best that i could on one leg.

"You bitch, you fucking hit our mother. How dare you put your hands on her. You'll go to jail for this" Fantasia yelled.

"She put her hands on my mother first and i retaliated. And id like to see you try to put me in jail for it. I have video prof to show that you all were here uninvited and assaulted Nonna first. We have cameras all over this estate including right here in the kitchen. I have every bit of it recorded. So go ahead call the cops, then you'll all be in jail with your father. Id like to know how the hell you got on the property. Which guard did you talk into letting you in because they all knew not to let you in here and i know Nonna wouldn't let you in" I said.

"The cops are on their way already. I called them the instant that you texted me and said that they were down here. Zain and Bella will be coming through the door in just a minute as well. I hope you have a good lawyer because your whole family is going to need one. And i already know which guard it was and he will be delt with accordingly" Nicco said.

Since he was down here now i turned around to make sure that Nonna was ok. "Are you ok Nonna? Do you need to sit down? Let me get you some ice" I said.

"Calm down Amorina, im ok. She cant hit very hard, it just took me by surprise is all. I didn't get hurt, i promise. Now you on the other hand. Not only is your face all swelled up and you can barley see out of one eye. Your also hopping on one foot and you hit her so hard you busted your knuckles. Remind me not to piss you off. Your Nonno would be so proud of you" Nonna said with a laugh.

"I can't believe you mother. My father would not be proud of that parasite. He would be disappointed that you let it hit me the way that it did" Loretta screamed.

"Im hear to tell you that dad would most definitely be proud of River. It is you that he would be disappointed in. He taught us to never, ever raise our hands to our mother and for you to hit her the way that you did. Not only would he be disappointed but he would've disowned you. Hell he would've done that years ago when you decided to abuse your daughter because your a selfish bitch. You are no family of ours, of any of ours anymore. This is my family, im the head of this family now. I take care of mom and River

and you are to stay far away from them. Your whole family will be served with restraining orders, today. Neither mom nor River will be dropping the charges against any of you. And try to press charges against River for protecting mom and see what happens. You will be on the street faster than what your going to be now. I can promise you that" Uncle Zain said.

I had never heard him talk the way that he just did to her. He sounded like a completely different person. I didn't even realize that he had came in the door and i don't think that anyone else did either. And worse yet he wasn't alone. He had Dom with him.

Nicco brought a stool over for me to set on. And as Nonna got ice for my face and my knuckles the cops showed up. Nicco went and got a copy of the cameras that showed from the time that they showed up, until i came in and hit her back. To give to the cops.

After they took everyone's statements and finally left i was no longer hungry. I was just sleepy and in pain and just wanted to go back to bed. But as is my life i wasn't allowed to do that.

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Nicco and Aunt Bella took me to the hospital. Uncle Zain and Dom were heading to the house to talk to Nonna about something important when i texted him this morning.

They were going to speak to her and then if need be come to the hospital. When we got there they checked me in and then i had to sit and wait to be called back.

It seemed to take forever. Nicco had carried me in and then put me in a wheel chair. And this thing was uncomfortable as fuck.

Finally after sitting here for over an hour they finally called me to the back. The doctor came in and looked at my face, hand and ankle and foot and said that i needed x-rays.

After waiting for another hour they finally got me and took me down to x-ray. Then i had to sit down there for a half an hour before they took me in to actually do them.

While i was waiting i sent a message to Pops.

Me- Hey Pops, just wanted to let you know that im not going to make it tonight. This morning has started off as shit. Got up to my bio mother and her spawn attacking Nonna and me hitting her after she smacked Nonna. And now im sitting in the er. My face was swelled up so bad that i cant see out of my left eye. And my ankle is so bad that i cant walk on it. I also busted my left hand when i hit Loretta. I wasn't taking a chance of fucking up my pitching hand by hitting her with my right hand.

Pops- Damn bambolotta, sounds like a bad morning. Id love to get my hands on that piece of shit for putting his hands on MY daughter. I could kick his ass. What are they saying about your face and ankle?

Me- Not much yet im about to go in to get x-rays done ill text you in a few minutes.

They lady had come out to get me for the x-rays. Aunt Bella had walked back with me so i handed her my phone to hold while i was getting them done.

They did like five pictures each of my face, hand and ankle and foot. When she was done she helped me back into the chair and then wheeled me back over to the er to the room i was in.

Once i was in back in my room and in my bed Aunt Bella handed me my phone back. I had another text from Pops and one from Dom.

Pops- Ok bambolotta, text me later and let me know what they say. Ren and ill come to you tonight. We'll pick up food and come hang out there if you don't care.

Me – Sounds good to me Pops. Ill let you know what the dr says and ill text you when were heading home. Love ya.

Pops- Love you to kiddo.

Dom- Hey Amorina, how are you feeling? Sorry i didn't get a chance to talk to you this morning. I wasn't being rude, I was just trying to stay out of the way while your Uncle delt with things. What have you found out about you face and ankle? Anything yet?

Me- Im hurting pretty badly right now. Not yet, they did like five x-rays each on my hand, face, ankle and foot. Now im just waiting to see what they say. This place is being slow. And its ok i understand there was a lot going on this morning. Especially with that banshee screaming like she was when she went out in cuffs.

Dom- Right i thought she was going to make my ears bleed. You could use her scream to torturer someone, it was that bad. Let me know what you find out. Marcello and i are both pretty worried. I almost sent him with you to protect you but i didn't want to overstep.

Me- Id almost feel sorry for the one being tortured with that. It just depends on what they did though lol. I'll let you know as soon as i know something. I have to text Chris also. I was supposed to go to his house tonight but now their coming to mine. And who is Marcello? And incase you haven't seen im pretty good at protecting myself. Im two for two the past two days, lol. I made her slide clear across the floor and i ko'd his ass lol. (Evil laugh).

Dom- Evil laugh, that's funny. And yea i seen the videos for both, your badass for someone so damn tiny. And Marcello is my best friend and bodyguard. I think you've called him

men in black and meathead. And its good that Chris and Ren are coming to you, you don't need to be driving right now.

Nonna- Hey sweetie have you heard anything yet?

Me- No not yet Nonna, they did x-rays. Now were just waiting to hear what they found on them.

Nonna- Ok just let me know.

Me- I will as soon as i know something. Chris and Ren are going to come over tonight so i don't have to come to them. Their going to bring food and come hang out with me.

Nonna- Ok baby girl, that's fine love you.

Me- Love you to.

Me to Dom- Sorry Nonna texted me to check on me. And im not so tiny, your just a giant freaking tree, lol. And oh ok the good looking muscular one that's always right with you. He's sexy i wouldn't mind him following me around, lol. And yea i don't need to be but i got to drive tomorrow. I got school, he picked the wrong time for this shit.

As my phone beeped with a message back from Dom Nicco said "This is a bunch of shit. This place is slow as fuck. How long does it take to look at pictures and see if shits broke or not."

"They are pretty busy so it may take awhile Nicco. And i asked for a cd of the pictures that they took so i've got it for court. I may have to have it" Aunt Bella said.

"Im sorry i messed up your day Nicco. You can leave im sure Uncle Zain or Nonna will come get us when im done" i said.

"I'm sorry im being a dick River. I don't mind waiting with you two. Im just pissed off over the morning and that damn banshee. I need to hit the gym and spar. Ill have to call one of the guys to spar with me though. Because my best sparing buddies laid up for who now how long now" he said.

As i got ready to answer him back the doctor came in. "Ok Miss. Russo, from the looks of the x-rays your hand is fine you just busted open your knuckles. They'll heal up in a couple of days. Your ankle has a fracture in it and were going to have to put you in a boot. You'll have to stay off of it for a few weeks. So either use crutches or a knee scooter. As for your face, your nose was broke but we could tell it had been reset. Your cheekbone has a fracture in it though. Not much we can do for it though. Were going to give you a script for some pain medicine. Once we get your boot on you you'll be good to go. I can give you a script for a knee scooter and crutches if you need them. Some insurance companies will pay for both" he said.

"Thank you dr and that would be great. Ill take a script for both, ill need them" I said.

After he left the room i checked my messages so that i could let everyone know what the doctor said. I had gotten a message back from Dom.

Dom- You can climb this tree anytime. From what i hear its quiet fun. And yea he is and he thinks the same about you. As do i, your very sexy. And don't worry about that Ill make sure that you get to school. Even if i have to have one of my guards come drive you there and back.

Me- I would because its a sexy as fuck tree but i cant climb trees right now. I gotta stay off the foot, lol. And you don't have to do that i can drive with my left.

Group chat from Me to Nonna, Uncle Zain, Dom, Chris- I put you all in a group chat so that i could just tell everyone at one time. My hand is fine, my knuckles are just busted but will heal. My ankle has a fracture and im being put into a boot. He's also giving me a script for pain meds and for crutches and a knee scooter. I gotta stay off of it for a few weeks. With my face he said that he could tell that my nose was broke but it was reset back ok. But i have a fracture in my cheekbone. Not much they can do for it though. I should be leaving her soon. Pops pizza and the works sounds wonderful for dinner. Im starving from not being able to eat anything yet today.

After i sent out the message i started getting ones back.

Nonna- Oh my i didn't figure that it was that bad. Don't worry well about anything will figure things out when you get home, i promise. Chris ill run out and get drinks and chips and stuff. We might as well have everyone over tonight. Have a movie night, just not a late one.

Nicco and Aunt Bella got added onto the chat as well.

Nicco- Im bringing the most important thing so im not bringing anything else.

Chris- That works for us. Well get a bunch of different pizzas. I pretty much know what everyone likes so ill try to get a little bit of everything. See you soon babygirl.

Uncle Z- Nicco, what the hell are you talking about?

Nicco- Im bringing the gimp. She the most important person today right. Well other that myself, obviously.

Aunt Bella- Your not important Nicco. Someone lied you and made your head swell up. Now you have a giant head. How the hell do you walk through doors with that big thing. Me- Ohh my goodness Aunt Bella. That's funny as fuck, and the dirty looks he's giving us is even funny. Im laughing so hard im about to pee. You gotta stop it hurts so bad, omg my face. Roflmao

Aunt Bella- True story on both accounts. (pic) (pic) I sent picture proof.

Uncle Z- Your just evil Bella, I love it.

Dom- You guys are all funny as fuck. If you don't mind id like to stop by later and check on you River. Ill follow your Uncle over if its ok.

Me- That's fine i don't mind ill be home in a little bit, hopefully.

Uncle Z- Were getting ready to go into a meeting so we'll talk to you guys later. Love you mom, Bella and River.

Nonna- Love you to and Dom your more than welcome anytime.

Aunt Bella- Love you to.

Me- Love you to Uncle Z.

Dom- Thank you Rosa.

After everyone left the text chat i got a private message from Dom.

Dom- Hey I wanted to tell you privately if your insurance wont cover the crutches or the knee scooter let me know and ill get them for you. Your going to need them to get around with. Ill be in a meeting with your uncle and some others for a little bit but you can reach Marcello. Ill give you his number. Just let him know and we'll take care of it Amorina.

Me- You don't have to do that but thank you. Ill let you know later. Ill see you at the house in a little bit. Have a good meeting and be careful bello.

After i got done talking to Dom, it wasn't long and a nurse came in to fit me for a boot. It didn't take long for them to find the right one.

Soon we were being giving my discharge papers and scripts and were finally leaving the hospital. We stopped on the way home and got all of my scripts filled.

We were able to get it all because my insurance covered it. Soon we were headed to the house. After stopping at a drive thru and getting me nuggets and fries and a large diet coke. And food for the other two.

#### Chapter 10 – Their Beautiful Strong Queen

After we picked up my prescriptions of pain meds and my crutches and knee scooter, we headed home.

When we finally pulled up to the gate i was so glade to be back home. I seen as we stopped at the gate that the guard that was on duty when we left wasn't their.

"What happened to the guard that was on duty when we left? He should still be there" I asked Nicco.

"He's the one that let the banshee and her demon spawn into the house this morning. He's been fired and wont be ever be back" he said.

"Good" I said. We pulled up to the garage and Nicco pulled into his spot. He got out and got the crutches and brought to me to use to get into the house.

Then he grabbed the box that the knee scooter was in and carried it in. I managed to hobble into the house on the crutches.

When you come in from the garage, you walk into the kitchen. I went over to the island and sat down. Nonna wasn't back home yet.

She had run out to go to the store to get snacks before we made it home. After the day that we had i thought that we needed something funny to watch.

So i sat and ate my food and tried to think of some movies for us to choose from. Aunt Bella was on the phone on an important call with a client. She came back in and whispered that she had to go but she'd be back later.

Nicco started to get the stuff out to put my knee scooter together but got a call from Uncle Z and had to head into work also.

So i was on my own for awhile. We had an elevator towards the back of the house that i often forgot about because i never need or use it. So when i was done eating i hobbled back there and took it down to the theater room.

I made sure that everything was good to go on it and loaded up the movies that i thought that we could pick from. Adam Sandlers Grown Up movies or Grumpy old Men and Grumpier old Men. I love them both but the old man (pop) in Grumpy old Men is hilarious.

We have a slushy machine that makes different flavors. I started up the other flavors on it and made sure that mine was full. I drink the orange cream sickle ones all the time. Its cheaper to keep it going than for me to buy them.

I then got the popcorn machine ready to make popcorn and made sure the popcorn bowls were out and ready. Then i headed back upstairs.

Nicco had everything that i would need to put my knee scooter together on the kitchen table. So i sat down on the chair and then slid down into the floor to put it together.

That's where Nonna found me when she came in fifteen minutes later. I had the bottom part of it put together and was working on the top half of it.

"Hey Amorina, what are you going? How are you feeling?" she asked me.

"Im good Nonna, and im putting my knee scooter together. Nicco was going to do it but Uncle Z called him in to work. After he left i went downstairs and started the slushy machine for the other flavors and i got the popcorn machine ready. I also loaded a couple of movies for us to choose from the watch. I then came back up here and started putting this together. Do you need help carrying stuff in?" i asked her.

"No i've got it, i only have a couple more bags to carry in." "Ok, if your sure" i said. "Yep i can handle it. You need to stay off of your foot. I don't know how you managed to get down on the floor but you'll probably have a hard time getting up."

"I used the chair to get down here and ill use it to get back up. I'll manage Nonna" i said.

She went out to get the last of the groceries out of her car. It should've only taken her a couple of seconds to get them for she was gone for a few minutes.

I was getting worried and was about to get up to go check on her when i herd her walking back in laughing at something. I could hear a mans voice but couldn't tell who was with her.

When they came in from the garage and walked around where i could see them i knew who it was. It was Dom's sexy bodyguard, Marcello.

"Thank you for carrying those in for me Marcello, i appreciate it. The girl that your looking for is in the floor by the table over there" Nonna said.

"You are most welcome, it was my pleasure. And ill try not to, but shes so tiny it would be hard not to step on her" he said back to her.

"Hardy har har, you're both so funny. Im not that damn tiny. And if you step on me there beefcake ill kick your ass" i said back.

"Well that's an improvement. You were calling me meathead how its beefcake, ill take it."

"Funny, what are you doing here? I thought that you were the walking tree's shadow. Is he behind you? He said that he'd be over tonight."

"No, he's not here yet. They were still in a meeting when Nicco got there. He texted me and asked me to come over here to do what your doing now. He didn't want you to have to put this together yourself. Nicco told him that he was about to start it when they texted him to come in."

"I figured that i could do it. It had directions with it so i've just followed them. Im almost done with it now. I didn't start with until just a fifteen minutes ago. I finished eating my food after Nicco left. And then i went downstairs to get the theater room ready for tonight. I started the slushy machine with the other two flavors. And i had to get the popcorn machine ready and the popcorn bowls out. I also downloaded a couple of movies for us to chose from. Funny movies that is, i think we need some funny after the past couple of days that we have had" i said.

"Damn you've been a busy little bird haven't you? Well, ill help you finish this up if you don't mind. Plus i have a surprise for you for it. Dom and i actually picked it out earlier."

"Ok, i don't mind you helping me. What girl would turn down eye candy for help" i said with a wink.

He had a big smile on his face as he started helping me finish putting the knee scooter together. With his help it didn't take long at all to get it done.

Nonna put the stuff away that need to go in the fridge and the rest that needed to go downstairs she left on the island. It was all different theater packs of candy and other types of candy. She also got chips, pop, and cookies.

She had a phone call to make so i told her id take the stuff down when i was done. After Marcello and i got the knee scooter put together he handed me a gift bag.

When i opened it up i was surprised at what was inside it. There was a cameo orange basket for the front of the scooter as well as orange cameo tape that i could use to cover it with. It was all made for the knee scooters.

Their was also a little horn to go on the hand. You know the kind that makes the ching ching noise. And two little licence plates for the back one that says riding sexy. The other says little bit. They were cute and i loved it.

"I love it thank you both, but now we have to decorate it. If you have the time anyways if not i can do it" i said.

"Your welcome beautiful, and i've got plenty of time. Im not leaving. Dom told me to stay here with you. He's got the other guys all with him. As well as Zain and Nicco. I'll be glade to help ya."

So we decorated my knee scooter and made it look way better. We wrapped it in the tape and added the basket to the back. Marcello put one little license plate on the front and one on the back. It looked so good when it was done. The basket would make it so much easier to carry things around with me.

When we were done we cleaned stuff up and when i tried to get up Marcello reached down and picked me up. He was so strong and buff. He had some big muscles.

He sat me down in a chair at the table and then took the empty scooter box out to the garage for me.

Him and Dom were both extremely sexy men, but in different ways. Dom was tall and broad across the shoulders but was clean shaven and had short brown hair and blue eyes.

Marcello was a couple inches taller than Dom and was broad across his shoulders as well. But he had a beard and long hair that he kept in a man but and green eyes.

They were both very sexy men and i wouldn't mind getting with either of them but it would never happen. Guys that hot don't go for fat girls like me.

When he came back inside he helped me carry all of the bags of stuff down to the elevator. When got in and went downstairs to the theater room. When we got in there we sat the stuff on the table that we keep in the back for nights like this.

As he helped me set stuff out we talked about different stuff. "So you go to college, how long do you have left?" he asked me.

"Im at the end of my sophomore year. After this year i've got two more years to go. Im double majoring and taking extra classes also."

"What are you going for?" "Im going for culinary school and business administration. And im taking art classes, i love to draw." "That's awesome."

"What all do you do other than watch Dom's sexy ass while he's working?" I asked him. "Well that's a good and busy jobs itself. Its a very sexy ass so it's not a job i mind having at all" he said with a wink. "But im also his assistant. I schedule all of his meetings and take care of emails and stuff that he doesn't need to do. I keep him straight on time and don't let him forget important shit. We spend all of our time together and have for years so i know him very well."

"It is a nice ass to get to watch all day. Just a little bit of a grumpy one. Can i ask a question and if its to personal just tell me to but the hell out. I wont mind i promise. Are you two gay and a couple? I wouldn't normally ask but your comment about his ass plus something he said earlier today to me made me wonder" i said.

"This stays between us yea?" He asked me. "Of course, id never tell another soul anything that we talked about, ever. Im not that kind of person. Im a great secret keeper. Lets go somewhere else to talk in private though incase someone shows up" i said.

We had gotten everything set up on the table. So i grabbed a slushy cup and filled it up and put a lid on it and grabbed a straw. Marcello did the same and he carried both drinks and i lead us back to the elevator to go up stairs.