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Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain. bd Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain Several Weeks Later.

Katerina's POV I feel like s**t, I feel like complete and utter s**t and I'm not talking in a sick kind of way, no, I'm talking in a guilty kind of way For the past few weeks, I've been keeping something from both my wife and my cousin and it's not because I want to, it's because I'm scared of what will happen if I do tell them

"That's not true, he's spent many nights crying in my arms over you and how hurt he is from your betrayal, Kat" Antonio says shocking me "Are you buried so far up my brother's asshole that you can't see the Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain. w! real him, Antonio? is my brother's d**k and ass so f***g good that you can't see past the surface level? I mean hell, my fifteenth birthday should've been a big f***g eye- opener to the type of person he is, Tony"

"Your fifteenth birthday? what are you talking about, Kat? Trevor there you a lavish and glamorous quinceañera for your birthday" "Yeah, he did" I said barely above a whisper as tears filled my eyes "And then you ended the night with a bang by raping me over and over again and taking my virginity while my brother sat in the corner of my room and watched us" Tears streamed down my face and my heart hurt as bile threatened to rise up my throat Many young girls in the Latin community look forward to

their fifteenth birthday so that they can celebrate their quinceañera and the majority of them are able to look back on their day proudly and with happy memories but I can't and it's all thanks to my brother and his best friend/lover/ partner in crime "Don't act like you're so innocent, Kat, you wanted it and you know it" "I wanted it? I was fifteen you d**k and you were well over the age of eighteen which not only makes what you did illegal but it also makes you a paedophile as well"

I tell him and he bursts out laughing "If that's what you think, Katty then fine but we both know you wanted it and you wanted me, I mean why else would you wear that sexy dress, hmm? you wore it for me, didn't you?" Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain. w! "First of all, idiota, my dress wasn't sexy, it was a beautiful plain red ballroom gown which was inspired by Selena Gomez's AMA dress and secondly, why would I wanna wear anything for a man, especially one who has been getting assfucked by my big brother ever since he was sixteen years old? not to mention, I knew I was a lesbian even at fifteen so you were quite literally not my type, so please explain to

me why you'd think I'd get dressed up for you?" Antonio was silent for a few seconds before scoffing "Anyway, that's not why I'm calling you, I'm calling you because...

"DAYTON JAMES BLACK, WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT RUNNING WHEN YOU'RE WET?" Smuts "I've gotta go, bye" Thang up the call just as a sopping-wet Dayton who is only

wearing a pair of beach shorts runs through the hallway "SORRY, MUM!" Dayton shouts back as he runs out of the house with Lacey trailing behind him Klayton and Cassidy have arranged a family barbeque at their mansion today so that we can let off some steam and have some fun which everyone but me has been having "Don't worry baby, I'll go and deal with him" Logan rushes past his fuming wife as he heads out of the front door to deal with their son

Lacey then let out a huff as she rested her hands on her bikini-clad hips, she then looked over at me and narrowed her eyes "Kat, what are you doing in here?" Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain. atid "Oh nothing, I just wanted to get some peace and quiet" "Are you sure?" She asked confused and I could tell she was growing suspicious of me

It's one of the perks of being in the mafia for as long as I have, you learn to read people and right now I'm reading Lacey who like I said is feeling suspicious of me but it's not like how it was when she believed I was the mole "Yeah, I'm sure why do you ask?" "Because you've been acting strange lately, you've been quiet and on edge which isn't like you" "Not like me? why are you acting like you know me?" Lask with a scoff "I'm not..but I've been around you enough to know that

you're not the type of person to be quiet or edgy and you're certainly not the type to be paranoid either" "Sounds like you're acting like you know me which you don't Lacey, so why don't you do me a favour and f**k off and leave me the hell alone?" I growl in annoyance which I quickly regretted when I saw the look of shock and hurt on her face "Ok, fine" Lacey said while nodding her head

"Be that way, Katerina but a little advice from someone with experience, keeping things to yourself only makes things worse and it rots you from the inside out" Ca Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain "I'm not finished" Lacey cuts me off sounding like a stern mom "Whatever has got you so wired and tense, not to mention paranoid isn't worth it, Kat, I promise you and it's only gonna make things worse for you, especially if Klayton finds out"

Betrayal against your Don is the highest form of betrayal in the mafia world and I'm so terrified that if I tell Klayton and Vanessa about Antonio being in town and him practically stalking me and showing up wherever I go then they'll believe I'm the mole and I'm betraying them for my brother but on the other side of the coin if I don't tell them and they find out on their own then they'll still believe I'm the mole, so either way, I can't win There's also the fact that Lacey has already suspected me of being the mole solely based on the fact that I'm Trevor's sister and if she were to find out about Antonio then there's a chance that this could reignite those

Lacey says before walking away leaving me feeling guilty amongst other things Lacey's POV Something is going on with Kat I don't know what it is or who's bothering her if there even is a who but it seems to be something that is causing her such great distress I'm not gonna lie and say wasn't hurt or angry when she flipped out on me because I was and I still am but I also know that she wasn't acting that way because she was being a b***h, she was acting that way because something is clearly bothering her and I'm determined to find out what

itis "Mama, mama, carrot" "Tknow, baby" "Mama, carrot" Vito said before flinging the tiny carrot in his hand right at my forehead "Vito no, we don't throw food, now say sorry to your mommy" "Sorry, mama"

"Apology accepted, baby" I leaned in and kissed my baby's chubby little lips which made him chuckle "Mama pretty" Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain. aie "Yes, she is" Logan said as he kissed my lips I smiled at my husband and wiped my lipstick off his lips as my eyes narrowed to Kat who was sitting on the opposite

side of the gardens and she looked lost in space What the hell is going on with her? "Are you ok, babe?" "Yeah, I'm fine, can you do me a favour and keep an eye on the kids? [wanna go and see Klayton for a second" "Of course, are you sure there's nothing to worry about?" "I promise" T say with a smile as I lean in and kiss him

"Would I lie to you?" "Yeah, actually you would" "Name one time except the obvious?" Lask while crossing my arms over my chest and Logan smirks at me "The other night in bed when I was punishing you for disobeying your master and I was prolonging your orgasms and you lied to me and told me you couldn't feel my thick ck in your tight..."

"Ah, ah" I stopped Logan by putting my hand over his This content © 2024

mouth "Haven't you learned that whispering doesn't work with our children?" Lask him and he laughs "Sorry, my love" Whatever Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain ws I thought to myself with a chuckle

I then made my way over to my cousin who was busy grilling steaks on the barbeque "Hello there, Don Juan" "I prefer Don Klayton, principessa" Klayton says as he looks down at me with a smile "Of course you do"

"So, what can I do for my favourite little cousin?" "I want to ask you a question about Kat" "Then ask away, kid" He says with a smile "How much do you trust her, Klay?" Task him and his body stiffens as he narrows his eyes at me "Why are you asking me this, baby girl? you're not doubting her again, are you? because if you are..." "Drop the greasy spatula, Don dumbass before I kick said

dumbass all over these gardens, you don't want your heir and your little principessa, not to mention, all of your men seeing you being overpowered by a girl now, do you?" Task with a smirk and he immediately drops his spatula as he narrows his eyes at me "And

I'm not doubting Katerina, I'm just asking you a simple question, that's all, how much do you trust her?" "I trust her a lot, Lace" "Like you trust your men...or like you trust me?" Klayton looked at me annoyed and I don't blame him

because I do sound very distrusting right now but that's not the case Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain. aid "You've never been one to beat around the bush, Lace, so why don't you tell me what's on your mind and do it fast before I lose my patience with you" I let out a breath as I looked at Katerina who was now laughing and smiling with Vanessa but even from where I was standing I could tell there was no joy in her eyes "I think something is going on with Kat"

doubts and worst of all, whether she knows it or not, she holds quite a bit of influence over Klayton and if she were to have doubts again then he'd be on her side not mine which sounds childish I know but it's the truth Anyway, for the past few weeks, ever since I saw Antonio again for the first time in several years he's been harassing me via phone calls, text messages and even DMs I don't even know how he got my number, all I know is that he's got it Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain. bald and he's blowing up my phone all day and night, I can't

"What do you mean?" "She's been acting weird" "How so?" He asks me and I shake my head "I don't know, she's just been acting strange, she's been very jumpy and on edge, not to mention she's been quiet which is very unusual for a Spaniard if you ask me" Klayton narrowed his eyes to Kat before looking back at me

"Don't worry about Kat, principessa, she's just stressed that's all" "But Klayton..." "No buts, Lace" Klayton cuts me off and I huff in annoyance as I cross my arms over my chest "Look Lace, I know Katerina better than you do, ok...trust me if something is off with her then I'd know about it" "Would you?"

"Yes, I would" Klayton says angrily as he gently grips my chin and leans in close to me "Don't doubt me ever again, principessa, I don't like it when you Chapter 31 - Katerina's Pain. a doubt me" And I don't like having my feelings brushed off because I don't know someone as well as you do but hey, here we are

I thought to myself as Klayton kissed my cheek and smiled at me which I quickly reciprocated but mine wasn't as big or as bright as his smile was God, I really hope Klayton is right and I'm wrong in this situation but my gut instinct is telling me something different

even have a bath or get a few hours of sleep without my phone constantly lighting up thanks to him It's gotten so bad that I've had to block his ass several times but strangely enough he doesn't remain blocked, like I'll block his number and I think I'm safe from him and then an hour later, he's calling and texting me again and the same goes for my socials as well My phone started ringing again and I groaned in annoyance as I rolled my eyes "WHAT?"

"Well, hello to you to grumpy" Dickhead "What do you want?" "Jjust wanna talk to my baby sis, that's all" Oh my god I thought to myself while rolling my eyes "I'm not your sister, Antonio, I never have and I never will be"

"Ouch, that hurts, Kat" Oh, 1 f+**+g hope so, b***h "If you're not gonna tell me what you want then I'm just gonna hang up" "Wait, what's the rush? [just wanted a catch up" "A catch-up? Antonio, are you being serious right now?" I growl at him "Why would I want to f+****g catch up with you after everything you and my brother have done and continue to do to my cousin and his family?"

"Not anymore we're not, we haven't been family for a very long time" I say through gritted teeth as I look around making sure I'm not being watched or eavesdropped on Seeing Antonio again has left me a paranoid mess and I'm constantly looking over my shoulder or checking to make sure I'm alone whenever he calls or texts me "Yeah, ever since you betrayed your real family for that bastard Antonelli and his w***e wife" "Watch your f*****g mouth, Tony"

"Aww, did I upset you princesa? did I hurt your feelings and make you angry? I'd say I'm sorry but I'm not because that's what you've done to Trevor, you've broken his heart and hurt his feelings with your betrayal"

"Did you just say I broke his heart and hurt his feelings?" "Yes, I did" / thought so "Tony, Trevor doesn't have a heart and he certainly doesn't have any feelings, especially not for me, I know you like to think that he does because you believe everything he says like it's the bible but let me assure you that the only person Trevor loves and cares about is himself"

Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gala - Part 1 Logan's POV "Maybe we can go to Greece or Thailand, I've heard they've got some lovely beaches in Thailand" "Sounds good" "Ooh, what about the Seychelles? no kids, no internet just you and me naked for two weeks sounds blissfully amazing, right?" "Mmm-hmm, sure"

with someone and when she locked eyes with me, she went into a blind panic and hung up" "So?...maybe it was a friend" I say and she sighs "Maybe but why would Katerina tell this person that Klayton would be pissed with her if he were to find out they were in contact? not to mention, there was that time I went into town to pick up my dress for tonight and [saw her with some guy but she didn't seem happy or comfortable with him" "Do you know what the guy looked like?"

Lask her and she shakes her head "No, he had his back to me" "Have you told Klayton about this?" Lacey scoffed and rolled her eyes at my question "Yeah, I have but he just brushed me off and told me he knew Kat better than I do and that he'd know if something was off with her" Asshole

Hasn't this dickhead learned that Lacey's gut is as strong as.

steel? and nine times out of ten when her gut is telling her something then that Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gal. 7 generally means she's right

"Maybe I am putting too much stock into this but I don't think I am Logan, I think Kat's in trouble and for whatever reason, she's too scared to ask for help" She says and I nod my head I then looked down at my watch and realised we had to leave in an hour and a half "We've gotta get ready otherwise we're gonna be late, babe" I tell Lacey who sighs in frustration as she mutters something along the lines of / knew you'd brush me off as well under her breath

She then stood up to leave but I was still holding her hand which I used to pull her close to me until she was straddling my body "Logan, what the hell?" Lacey growled before moaning when I shut her up with a kiss Our kiss was only brief and when I pulled away from her, I rested my forehead against hers hoping to give her some form of comfort "I'm not brushing you off, baby, I promise you I'm not, I'm just saying that we need to get ready otherwise we'll be

late" "But what about Kat?" "Trust me, love, Kat's gonna be fine, I'll make sure of it" I say and Lacey nods her head as she kisses my lips before heading upstairs with me hot on her tail Klayton may be willing to shrug off my wife's feelings but I'm not and I'm gonna make that i***t cousin-in-law of mine see that her feelings are valid tonight Later That Night.

God, I don't feel good about tonight Even though it's supposed to be a great night for an incredible cause, I still can't help but feel... don't know, like something bad is gonna happen but I'm really hoping it doesn't Tonight, Klayton and Cassidy are hosting a charity masquerade gala in honour of their friend who died from cancer and all of the proceeds will be split up and shared between multiple different cancer charities For this gala, I've decided to wear an emerald green satin strapless gown with a split in the thigh and silver strappy heels with a matching mask

My hair has been curled into deep waves with some hair tucked behind my ears and several little crystals scattered sporadically on top of the front of my hair My make-up is an emerald smokey eye look with nude lips and my nails have been done with a different iridescent style on each finger "You look stunning, my love" Logan whispered in my ear as he wrapped his arms around my waist "Thank you, sweetheart, you look good too" I said as I turned around in his arms and checked him out

He's wearing a black and dark green mask, a black suit and shirt with an emerald green tie to match my outfit but you wouldn't notice it unless you were up close like I am "I've got something for you" "Ooh, what is it?" "This"

Logan held out a black jewellery box in front of me and I knew exactly Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gal o/ what was inside of it "Logan, is this what I think it is?" "Yeah, it's my great-grandmother's favourite jewellery set" "It's my favourite as well, every time I'd go over to your house I'd always ask your mom to show me it" I say breathlessly as I

look down at the beautiful diamond and emerald necklace, earrings, ring and bracelet set

Lacey says and I narrow my eyes at her "Or maybe we can go to Australia and bring home one of those Black Widow spiders as a pet for the kids" "Yeah, that sounds fabulous" What the hell? Did my wife who is highly and I mean HIGHLY afraid of spiders or anything with more legs than her just say it would be fabulous if we made one of the most venomous spiders on the planet a pet in our home? For the past hour or so, I've been pitching new destination ideas for Lacey and me to go on for our honeymoon when

"I know and so did my mom which is why she gave this to me so that I could give it to you" "Give?" Task sceptically and Logan's smile turns into a smirk "Yes baby, my mom is giving it to you" "What? no, Logan, I can't take this, it's a family heirloom" "Exactly...you're family, my love and I don't know about in the Carpenter family but in the Black family and most other families in the world, heirlooms are normally given to the firstborn child or the wife of the firstborn child"

Logan says happily "Logan, I really can't accept this" "Yes, you can, now turn around, so I can help you put this necklace on" "Ok, fine" I turned around and Logan put on my necklace as I put on the earrings, bracelet and ring Even though I wasn't keen on wearing this jewellery set because of how expensive it is and also because it's an

antique, I can't find it in my heart to take it off because of how much it completes my outfit Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gal "You look perfect, my love" Logan kisses my temple and I smile "Good, let's just hope nobody at the auction thinks this is for sale because I'm really not in the mood to turn down money which could go to a good cause, I'm also not in the mood to kick someone's ass if they try me

like a free sample to get it" I say and Logan chuckles as he kisses my lips "Come on let's go before Klayton starts to wonder where we are" I quickly grab my silver clutch and we leave our mansion after checking on the kids to make sure they're all ok We got in the car that was sent by Klayton and we headed towards the manor where the gala is being held

"Are you ok, love? you're not still worried about Kat, are you?" Logan asks me and I shake my head "No, I mean, I am but not right now" "Then what's with the face?" I look at Logan and smile "I'm just wondering if food will be served before or after the auction, I'm bluddy starving" I say and Logan laughs

"It'll probably be afterwards, babe" "Urghit" I groaned in annoyance The drive to the manor was a good half an hour away from our home and I was left in awe when we arrived "Wow, Cassie really knows how to plan an event" "Yeah, she does"

Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gal ad When the car pulled up, Logan got out and came around to my side offering me his hand "Thank you, baby" "You're welcome Logan

kissed my lips as he entwined our hands We then headed inside of the manor and a slight gasp left my mouth when I saw the beautiful black and gold decor

"Wow, principessa, you look amazing" Klayton says while hugging me "Thanks, cousin" "You're welcome, now change" "Klayton"

I groaned whilst rolling my eyes "I'm being serious, Lace" "Oh, I know you are" "Baby, leave her alone, she looks fabulous, besides, what do you expect her to change into a tablecloth? you're being ridiculous" Cassie says and I smile as I watch her walk away with Klayton trailing behind her trying to talk sense into her about my outfit The funny thing is that my outfit is quite tame compared to Cassidy's outfit, so why is he getting pissy over mine?

"I need to go and see my dad, babe, will you be alright on your own for a few minutes?" "I don't think I will babe, I think I'm gonna be totally lost without my big, strong husband here to protect me from all of the snooty rich people" Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gal I say with a smile and he chuckles "Be good, babe, stay away from men" Logan kissed my lips and I nodded my head

all of this bullshit with Trevor is over and done with but she seems way too lost in her own world to care about what I'm saying

"Yes, master" Logan growled at me before quickly pecking my lips and leaving me to my own devices, so I decided to go and check out what's on auction completely unaware of the dark eyes that were watching me Trevor's PO "She's stunning, isn't she? that green really brings out the green in her eyes" "If you say so"

Antonio grunted I looked at him and rolled my eyes when I saw him messing with his wig "Will you stop messing with that thing? you're gonna mess it up and give away our cover" "But it's itchy" "Yeah, well being itchy will be the last thing on your list of worries if Klayton finds out we're here and he drags us to his dungeons" I say and Antonio huffs in annoyance

I narrowed my eyes back at Lacey who was gracefully and elegantly walking around whilst looking at some of the antiques on display for the auction "Excuse me" "Wait, where are you going?" Antonio asked as he grabbed hold of my bicep "To see Lacey" Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gal I said in a duh tone "Are you joking, Trevor? what if she recognises you?"

"She won't, I'm wearing a wig, a fake beard and a mask, remember?" I say while rolling my eyes After we found out about Klayton and Cassie's charity gala from Katerina who had inadvertently spilled the beans to Tony during a chance meeting, Antonio and I decided to create a disguise for ourselves to hide our real identities so that we could attend tonight without being noticed by our enemies "And what about your accent dumb-dumb? don't you think she's gonna remember that sexy accent of yours? it's not a voice anyone can forget that easily, Trev"

"I know, babe but I'm not the only person on the planet with a Spanish/English hybrid accent now, am I?" Task whilst taking a sip of my champagne "Besides, it's been a while since our last meeting, Tony, I highly doubt my little Lacey is gonna remember me after all this time" "Yeah because who's gonna remember some hot guy asking her for a kinky threesome in a s*x dungeon?" Antonio asks cockily so I slapped him in his c**k before walking over to Lacey

"Good luck, big boy" / don't need luck, Tony, I'm Trevor Lopez, for f---s sake

"Or maybe we can go to Saudi Arabia and I can find myself a couple of more wives" "Whatever makes you happy, baby" What the fk? "Ok, that's it Lace, what is going on with you?" Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gal 7 Lask startling my wife "Nothing's wrong, I'm fine"

"You're fine? are you being for real right now?" "Yes, I am, why are you getting so angry with me?" She asks confused "Because you're not listening to me, sweetheart, I've just suggested bringing a spider as well as two more women into our home and marriage and you didn't even flinch at my..." I said but was cut off by my wife "A spider? where? oh my god, where did it go?"

Lacey panicked as she pulled her feet up onto the couch Oh, now you're scared of spiders, Lace "There's no spider, love but you thinking there is, is just further proof that you haven't been listening to me" Lacey looks at me and closes her eyes while sighing as she runs a hand through her hair

"I'm sorry, babe, I've just got a lot on my mind, that's all" "Care to share?" I ask with a smile and she shrugs her shoulders whilst looking down "What's the point? nobody else is taking my feelings seriously, so why should you?"

Lacey asks which not only pissed me off but it confused me "Because I'm your husband, Lacey..I'm your confidant, remember?" Task her as I grab hold of her hand and hold it close to me and trapped between both of my hands Chapter 32 - Trouble At The Gal ~/

Lacey looked down at our hands before narrowing her eyes back at me "I'm worried about Kat, she's been acting really strange and out of character lately" "How so?" "Well, she's been quiet and closed off, she's been very on edge and paranoid like she always feels like she has to look over her shoulders, I also heard her on the phone the other day having a very heated conversation

Lacey's POV Wow, everything looks so beautiful and expensive I thought to myself as I looked through the glass cases in front of me which featured everything from jewellery to fine China sets and even antique dolls which looked creepy as +k if you ask me but there's always a market for these types of things so I believe they're gonna be a big hit One of the things that caught my eye was a beautiful bright red floral brooch which has been labelled as an antique from Spain "Beautiful, isn't it?"

Does he think we're stupid? "Really? well, Juan, do you mind if I take my wife back? the auction is about to start" Logan said whilst putting as much emphasis on his name as his tone dripped with annoyance

I knew he didn't believe him and neither did I but what I want to know is why? why is he lying about his name? and why do I feel like I know him when I don't? or at least I think don't

"No, of course..I'll see you around, Lace" Juan said with a smile before walking away leaving me feeling confused and suspicious Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal 7 "Are you ok, love?" "I'm fine, let's go and take our seats"

Logan led us over to our table which was still empty but thank god there was champagne because lord knows momma needs it "Are you sure you're ok, love? John Smith over there didn't do or say anything to upset you, did he?" Logan asks me and I chuckle "I knew you didn't believe him" "Oh come on, babe, to anyone who doesn't speak Spanish, Juan Herrero seems like a perfectly normal name but to people like us, it sounds strange"

"What sounds strange?" Cassie asks us as she sits down at the table with Klayton, his parents, Logan's parents, Vanessa and Kat My parents were supposed to come tonight but my dad still felt weak from being stabbed, so they decided to stay home and make a contribution instead "Oh nothing just some drunk flirting with my wife" "And that's strange?" Cassie asks confused "Dude, have you seen your wife? it would only be strange if

nobody flirted with her hot ass" "Cassidy, language" My auntie chastised my cousin-in-law who smiled cheekily at her "Sorry mom, I meant to say hot culo" (Ass) "That's better" "Can we stop talking about my princess's ass, please? it's Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal

disgusting" Klayton growls in annoyance "Thanks, cousin" "You're welcome" He says with a wink and I chuckle The auction eventually started and at first, it started off with only a few pieces that weren't that extravagant or expensive but guests still paid top dollar for them

The next portion of the auction was filled with items that people were willing to spend well over six figures for which absolutely blew my mind because some of the items were things I wouldn't spend a couple of hundred dollars on let alone hundreds of thousands of dollars "Next up for auction is this 18th-century brooch which was handmade in Spain" The auctioneer announced immediately drawing my attention I wasn't interested in the brooch and I didn't want it but I knew it would attract the attention of the creepy guy from

earlier and I was right but it wasn't just him who wanted it Several people were interested in the brooch which isn't surprising because it's a beautiful piece and the

battle went on until it was only down to two people but ultimately it went to the creepy guy "Sold to Mr Juan Herreros" The auctioneer said and everyone clapped, well, everyone except for Kat who seemed startled by the name "I'm sorry, what was the name of the guy who won?" "Juan Herreros, baby"

Vanessa said whilst caressing her fingers over the back of Kats Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal hand "Sounds exotic in Spanish but in plain old English John Smith is just boring" Klayton said nonchalantly as he scratched the back of his head I narrowed my eyes at Katerina who looked like she was about to piss her panties in panic, her eyes were filled with fear and from where [was sitting which was a few chairs away from her she looked like she was shaking

A voice from behind me spoke startling me I turned and briefly looked at the man before looking back down at the brooch "Yes, it is" "I believe this brooch dates back to the Spanish Armada

"Are you ok, honey?" "I'm fine" "Are you sure? you're shaking" "I'm fine, I promise you" Kat said with a smile but it didn't look authentic to me "Excuse me guys, I need to go to the lady's room" "I'll go with you"

Isay slightly starting her but she covered it up with a smile and a nod of her head

We got up and headed towards the lady's bathroom, I didn't need to go but I wasn't gonna waste this opportunity to speak with Kat and find out what was going on with her We went and did our thing and I washed my hands as I waited for her to come out When Katerina came out of the stall, she looked at me nervously as she made her way over to the sink "Care to share what's going on with you, Kat?" "What do you mean?"

She asks me and I narrow my eyes at her Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal. / "You know exactly what I mean and don't even try and get out of this by using your self-defence mechanisms like you don't know me to judge me because it won't work" "But you don't know me" "Don't I?" Lask and she shakes her head defiantly

"Ok then, if I don't know you Katerina then explain to me how I know that you're a very loud and extroverted person, hmm? how do I know that you're usually a very focused and intuitive person who pays attention to every single detail even the tiniest because any piece of information is considered useful to you? how do I know that you're not a scared little girl, in fact, you're a badass who isn't afraid to use her mouth or her fists but lately, you've been anything but" Isaid as I stepped closer to her "Lately Katerina, you've been acting like a scared little puppy, you're constantly looking over your shoulder, you're forever on edge and you yelp or scream if anyone unexpectedly touches you including your wife which means

you must be lost in Katty land which is a big no-no in the mafia, oh and let's not forget you're always silent and acting nervous and or shifty, so you'd better spill and tell me what's going on right now before I go back out there and get my cousin and reignite my

doubts to him that you're our mole" "You wouldn't dare "Try me" she's right, I wouldn't and even if I did, Klayton would probably just pat my head and tell me to let it go but she doesn't have to know that

"I can't tell you, I'm dead if I do" Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal 4 "You'll be dead if you don't, now spill" Katerina nods her head and lets out a breath "I don't even know where to begin" "The beginning is usually the best place, Kat" "ok

Katerina leans against the sink and crosses her arms over her chest "For the past few weeks, I've been getting harassed by my brother's best friend Antonio" "What do you mean you've been getting harassed?" "It started a few weeks back... was out in town when out of nowhere, I was approached by Antonio, I couldn't believe how bold he was but I was more shocked at the way he was acting..he was acting like we were old friends who had no bad times or tension between us" She stopped to take a breath before continuing

"I thought it would be a one time thing but then he started calling and messaging me all of the time" "Calling you?" Task suspiciously "Like the other day at Klayton's barbeque?" Lask and she nods her head "Sorry about how I acted... was on edge" "Why haven't you told Klayton about any of this?"

"Because he wouldn't believe me" She said with a scoff "I mean, you automatically thought I was the mole as soon as Klayton told you about Trevor and him being my brother" Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal 1 "Yeah because I barely knew you, Kat and I had just found out that not only is there a crazy asshole after me but the crazy assholes sister was in my cousin's mafia which has also got a mole in it, are you really surprised that I'd suspect you?"

"I doubt it, the Spanish Armada was in 1588, this says it's from the 1700's" I say whilst pointing to the tab next to it "You know you're history?" The man asks sounding happy and proud "I've got a daughter who is interested in the British Royal family and not just the current one, she loves to tell me everything about them"

"Honestly, no" She says with a sigh "And do you know who it was that defended you against my suspicions? it was Klayton" I say shocking her "I may not know you, Katerina but Klayton certainly does and I think you underestimate how much he truly trusts your "I still can't tell him, Lace, I just can't"

"And why not?" I ask with annoyance in my voice "Because telling Klayton about this would mean that I have to tell him and Vanessa about my biggest secret and I can't do that" "What secret?" Task her but she doesn't answer me "I'm getting Klayton" I turned around and headed towards the door but a very

frantic and panicked Kat stopped me "No, please don't, Lacey" "Then tell me what's going on, Kat?" Kat paced up and down for about a minute as her hands went from covering her mouth to shaking next to her side like she was shaking water off them

"When I was fifteen..on my fifteenth birthday, I was..I was raped by Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal Antonio repeatedly" "What?" I gasped in shock

"That's not the worst part either" What? What could be worse than being sexually assaulted as a child by your brother's best friend? unless.

"What's the worst part?" I asked her and she was silent for a few seconds before she said something which made me want to vomit but it wasn't what I thought she was gonna say "My brother watched the entire thing" Holy f**k

I thought to myself as bile started to rise in my throat "Lace..." I think I'm gonna be sick" I managed to say before darting over to the sink and throwing up my food from earlier as Kat held my hair back for me "Are you ok, Lace?" "I'm fine" I swilled my mouth out with some water before looking up at a nervous Kat "You have to tell Klayton, Kat" I tell her and she shakes her head

"Kat..." "I can't, Lacey, I just can't" Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal 4 "Why not?" Task through gritted teeth "Trevor and Antonio can't hurt you anymore, Kat, they..." "They're here"

She cuts me off shocking me "They're what now?" "Trevor and Antonio..they're here" "Wait, are you sure? how do you know?" I asked her and what she said next completely knocked the wind out of me "Juan Herreros..it's Trevor's alias which he's always used ever since he was a teenager to get out of trouble or to get away from our family...when I heard the auctioneer say that name out there, I almost pissed myself"

Yeah, I noticed I thought to myself as I let out a breath "But wait, Trevor can't be Juan because I spoke to that guy and he looked nothing like your brother" "That's because Trevor's a chameleon, Lace, he can't go a single week or a month without changing his look, one minute he's a blonde with blue eyes and the next minute he's got bright blue hair and green eyes, the only thing that never changes about him is his dark soul and black heart"

She says while rolling her eyes "Ok, now we definitely have to tell Klayton" "Lacey no" Kat shrieked as she tightly held my wrist "I can't tell him, Lace, he'll kill me" Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal "Yeah and if we don't tell him then we'll both be dead along with everyone here if your brother attacks us...stop being so frrrag selfish, Kat"

I said as I opened the door to the bathroom only to be met with a fist to my face which caused me to fall to the ground rok, Did the love child of The Hulk and Iron Man just attack me? "AAHHHIL, fii" I yelled in pain when whoever it was that attacked me grabbed me by my hair and slammed my head against something hard before throwing me to the ground I could feel myself slowly losing consciousness as I heard a dark, husky voice whisper in my ear and felt the back of someone's rough fingers

"But the British had nothing to do with the Spanish Armada "Actually they did, they stopped it" Chapter 33 - Trouble At The Gal Wow, I really need to stop hanging out with Teddy "That's impressive, so..you've got kids?" "Mmm-hmm, seven" I say with a smile as I look the man in his eyes which looked strange, they looked real but didn't at the same time What the hell? that's so weird

gently caress my cheek "Nice to see you again, beautiful" This was the last thing I heard along with Kat's pleas as I succumbed to darkness

"You've got seven children? you don't look it" He says whilst eyeing up my body, his eyes paying particular attention to my ass Urghtl, men I'turned to face him and crossed my arms over my chest as I looked at him annoyed "It's called a good diet and great workout regime, not to mention seven children, four of whom are toddlers and a HUSBAND is enough to keep the weight off any woman"

I said while making sure to put as much emphasis on the word husband so that he'd understand I'm not available "You're married? figures" He scoffed "Yes, happily married" Isaid whilst looking at him suspiciously There was something about him that seemed very familiar to me but I couldn't put my finger on it

"What? why are you looking at me like that?" He asks amused "I don't know..you seem familiar to me but L.." I drifted off as I tried to figure out why he was so familiar to me

"Do I know you?" "I don't know, do you?" He asked with a smirk as he stepped closer to me "You're even more beautiful than I remember, Lacey" "What?" He looked me in my eyes with a bit of panic before his expression turned stoic again "How do you know my name?"

Tasked but before he could answer me, my husband appeared out of nowhere looking like a bomb that was about to explode "Lacey babe, who's your friend?" Logan asked while wrapping his arm around my waist and pulling me closer to him "Lerm.." "My name is Juan Herrero" Juan Herrero?

Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole?. — Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole? "Don't trust everything you see even salt looks like sugar' ~ Unknown Klayton's POV "Where the hell are Lacey and Kat? they've been in the bathroom for a while now" "They're probably having a chat while fixing their make-up"

Vanessa was cut off by some of my guards running towards us

"It's Miss Lacey, boss, she's been attacked"

"WHAT? WHERE?" Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole?. ey I growl as I grip my guard by his collar "B.bathroom, sh.she's in the b.bathroom" f**k, jumped up along with Logan and we ran towards where the bathrooms were My heart was racing and I felt sick to my stomach thinking that something bad has happened to my cousins The guards just said

Lacey had been attacked but they never said how badly she had been attacked or what had

happened to Kat When we got to the bathroom, I was horrified to see my cousin lying unconscious in a pool of her own blood "Holy s**t, Lacey" Logan shouted from behind me as he ran towards his wife "Lacey, are you ok? baby" Logan cupped her face and tried to rouse her but she didn't budge "What the f**k happened here?" I growled through gritted teeth

"We don't know sir, the guards were doing their swaps when they noticed around five guys trying to kidnap Miss Lacey" "And Kat? what bout Kat?" I ask panicked and the guards briefly look at each other before looking back at me and shaking their heads "Miss Katerina wasn't here, sir, it was just Miss Lacey and the five guys" What? Where the hell is Kat?

"Has an ambulance been called?" "Yes, they're on their way" No sooner did my guard say that, did a couple of paramedics rush passed us with some bags and a gurney While the ambulance personnel were dealing with my principessa, I turned into the Don I am to find out not only who did this but also why? and where my other cousin is? Even though Kat is my biological family through my mom's side, she was still sworn in as a capo to always protect my family including Lacey, Logan and their children, so where the f**k is she? and why did she fail in her duties to protect

my principessa? I swear she'd better have a damn good reason for sleeping on the job because otherwise, I'll have to punish her Content (C)

"We need to get her to the hospital ASAP. the wound on her head is deep and it's got glass shards in it" "What does that mean?" Logan asks panicked as my eyes narrowed to the huge break in the mirror which has got blood on it, Lacey's blood to be exact "She may need a head exam to make sure there's no brain damage, we won't know until we get her to the hospital" What the fk?

Logan's face had paled as he struggled to stand up The paramedics took Lacey away with Logan following right next to them I was confused when they pushed the gurney passed us and I saw something familiar sitting on Lacey's dress "Wait, stop" Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole? The paramedics did what I said and [walked over to them to examine the brooch "What's wrong, Klayton?"

"Nothing" I say whilst running my finger and thumb over the familiar brooch Why is this brooch pinned on Lacey's dress? It definitely wasn't there before, was it? "Klayton..." "Get her to the hospital ASAP and make sure they know they're dealing with a very close member of Don Antonelli's famiglia..I won't be happy if something happens to her, do you understand me?"

"Really, Klayton?" My wife asks annoyed and I smile at her as I kiss her lips

"Yes, sir" I glared at the two paramedics so that they knew I wasn't messing around before nodding my head to let them know that they were free to go. As the paramedics left with Lacey, my mom and dad came around the corner looking pissed and panicked. "Klayton, what happened here?" "Is Lacey ok?" "She will be, she's made of strong stuff"

I said as I ran a hand through my hair "Don, here's the auctioneer and hostess as you requested" "Do you have the guest list?" "Yes, Don" The hostess says whilst handing me the list "Mr Auctioneer, do you remember the name of the person who purchased the 18th-century brooch?" Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole? Task as I briefly skim through the guest list

"Yes sir, it was Mr Juan Herreros, he said he brought it for his one true love" "Did he now?" "Do you remember this Mr Juan Herreros, Miss?" I asked the hostess who shook her head "Not particularly, sir, all faces blend into one after you've done this job for so long" Right I scanned the long list which was a very detailed list telling

me who was on the list, who came with who, who was a VIP as well as who was a regular guest and who was invited and who was a plus one. My eyes narrowed when I reached the H section of the list and I saw that Juan came with an unnamed plus one and they were both down as VIPs which is impossible because only members of my family were listed as VIP's and of course a few other mafia families. I turned to Benjamin who was now standing next to me along with his sister and I commanded him to find out everything he could about this guy including how he was able to get on the VIP section of the guest list.

"You got it, Don" When Benjamin left, Cassie wrapped her arms around my waist which offered me quite a bit of comfort but not a lot. "Are you ok, baby?" "I will be when Lacey's awake and I know where the hell Kat is" "Lacey's gonna be ok, babe, she's a fighter just like you" Cassie says with a smile and I smile back at her. "As for Kat, she'll be around here somewhere and she'll have a lot to

Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole? answer for when she does show up" Yeah, she will

A Couple Of Hours Later.

Logan's POV "Is she gonna be ok, doc?" "We won't know until we get the results of the CT and MRI scan" "And when will that be?" I ask annoyed "Normally, it can take days but we're on strict orders to make your wife a priority so we've put a rush on them" "Ok, thank you" The doctor left the room and I was left all alone with my unconscious wife. I held her hand and gently caressed her face with my fingers making sure not to touch the right side of her

forehead which has got a huge gash that had to be stitched up and the left side of her jaw which is all bruised and the corner of her lip is cut. My heart is breaking seeing my wife in this state, I wish she would wake up and ease my pain but the doctor said it could be a while before she wakes up. Knock!!, knock!!, "Hey, son" I looked up and

smiled when I saw my parents walking into the room "Hey, guys" "How is she, son?" My dad asks me and I shake my head

Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole?. _ "I don't know, the doctors have run some tests on her and they're putting a rush on it thanks to Klayton but until then..it's just a waiting game" "She's gonna be fine, honey, she's a strong girl" My mom said while hugging me and kissing the top of my head "Yeah, she is which is why I'm struggling to understand what happened here" "What do you mean, son?"

I looked up at my dad who was looking at me confused "She's been training, dad..I've been training her so that when something like this happens she could defend herself and she's f***+g good, dad, she can take me down better yet, she can take Klayton down" "Really?" He asks shocked and I nod my head while smiling proudly "Klayton didn't think he could take me on so he challenged her and she took him down...he was so proud he offered her to be a capo to which she replied with when pigs fly and horses turn into unicorns"

"No, I'm being serious guys, where are they?"

I say and we all chuckle "Sounds like Lace" "Yeah" I looked back at my wife with tears in my eyes which refused to drop She looked peaceful like she was sleeping which was helping to ease my anxiety a little bit but I knew it wouldn't completely go away until she opened her eyes and I heard her sweet voice "Why didn't she fight back, mom? why didn't she defend herself?"

"Maybe everything happened so fast, maybe she was overpowered and taken down before she had a chance to fight back love" She says and I close my eyes tightly as I rest my forehead against mine and Lacey's hands "You also heard what that guard said, Logan, he said there were at least five of them there with her... hate to sound like a misogynistic asshole but one man is enough to overpower a woman, Lo and she had five" As much as it hurts my heart to see Lacey in this state, it hurts my heart even more to hear about what happened or what possibly happened,

especially since I was right there and this happened under my finger nose The door to the room once again opens and I wasn't surprised to see Klayton, Cassidy, Benjamin and Connor walking into the room but I was surprised to see the angry looks on their faces ©Oh god, what's happened now? "Ti amo, mia principessa, per favore svegliati presto" (I love you, my princess, please wake up soon) Klayton said as he cupped Lacey's face and kissed her forehead

He then looked down at her and the pain in his eyes was palpable to the point that it made me feel bad for him because I knew exactly what he was feeling "Have you found anything out, Klayton sweetheart?" My mom asks Klayton and I immediately noticed his whole demeanour stiffen as his face turned stoic "Yes auntie, we've found out what happened, who was behind this and most importantly who our mole is" Chapter 34 -

Kat's The Mole?. A "Really? who is it?" "It's nobody" Cassidy said whilst glaring at Klayton who reciprocated it

"Cassidy..." "No don't Cassidy me, Klayton Antonelli, I thought we agreed that we wouldn't judge Kat until we either found her and talked to her or Eddie got the audio back from the footage" "Wait, what? Katerina's the mole?" I ask shocked "Yes" No Cassidy and Klayton said at the same time before once again glaring at each other

"What Klayton is saying is that everything points to Katerina but we've got nothing concrete yet?" "Well, what have you got?" I ask and Klayton sighs "Thad my men pull up the security from outside of the bathroom as well as inside and also the entrance closest to the bathrooms" "Wait, inside? there are cameras inside of the bathroom?" Lask and Klayton looks at me like really dude?

"They're not invading anyone's privacy while they're doing their business, Lo, it's just for in case anything happens like tonight" Oh "Anyway, Eddie did his thing and he found this, there's no audio yet but it's clear as day what's going on just from looking at it" Klayton showed us the footage on his tablet and it's clear Katerina and Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole? Lacey were having a very heated argument with each other

and whatever they were talking about was obviously so bad that it resulted in my wife throwing up in the sink "Logan, I'm gonna need you to stay calm when you see this next part" "Why?" "Just trust me, Lo" Klayton played the video again and it showed Kat grabbing Lacey by her wrist which explains the bruise she's got there, a few seconds later, Lacey opens the door and that's when everything goes down It was horrifying to see my wife being abused in this way

and seeing the way her head bounced off the mirror is making the fear in me rise even more about what her CT results are gonna say when we get them back The video then showed Katerina looking like she was having a conversation with two of the men, she then left with one of them and the other guy attempted to pick my wife up but was stopped by something or someone He eventually ran out and left the bathroom but not before whispering something in Lacey's ear and kissing her cheek "I think we all know who did this and how he was able to get into the party" "How did Trevor get into the party, Logan? and how was he

able to walk amongst us without us noticing?" "Trevor and Antonio got into the party under different names and they were able to get in because according to our system, they were given VIP tickets by Katerina" What? Chapter 34 - Kat's The Mole? "That makes no sense, Klay, why would Kat go against you?" "That's exactly what I said, Logan"

"I don't know, Ness, why don't you go and check?"

Cassidy said in an aha kind of tone "Katerina is family, Klayton, she'd never go against you" "So is Trevor, Cassidy and he did" Klayton says shocking her while I shake my

head I honestly can't see this being real, Katerina can't be the mole, can she? Klayton and Cassidy continued to argue back and forth with each other over who was right and who was wrong while I just rubbed my forehead in frustration

Tonight was supposed to be a fun and exciting night for us to raise some money for charity and then in the blink of an eye, everything went to Si ats I closed my eyes and sighed as I threw my head back just as a husky voice that I'd recognise anywhere said my name "Logan"

"Why don't you go?"

"Because you're the one that's worried and also because I'm a man, I don't belong in the women's bathroom, Nessie"

Isay earning a scowl from my best friend

"I swear to god, Klayton if you call me Nessie one more time then I'm gonna kick you in your fucking..."

"BOSS!!, BOSS, YOU NEED TO COME QUICK!"

My head was throbbing and my jaw felt like I had been sucker-punched in it and the pain I was feeling wasn't being helped by the thundering voices in the room.

"That makes no sense, Klay, why would Kat go against you?" Logan? "That's exactly what I said, Logan" Iheard Cassie saying sounding triumphant Why is she so triumphant? what's going on? "Katerina is family, Klayton, she'd never go against you"

"But I've got evidence, Lacey, it proves she's the mole" "What evidence?" I ask confused

"We've got video proof that shows her talking with the guys who Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino. ~ attacked you and we also found out that she helped these same guys into the event by giving them VIP tickets" "Let me guess, one of the men was called Juan Herreros?" I ask shocking them "How do you know that, Lace?" Cassie asks me I briefly look at her and Logan before looking back at my cousin who was anxiously waiting for me to respond

"Juan Herreros is Trevor Lopez's alias...he was right here under our noses and none of us knew" "Kat knew" No, she didn't, Klay" Isay with an annoyed sigh "How do you know she didn't know, Lace?" "Because like I told you the other day, Klayton, she's been acting weird and tonight she was also acting weird but not as much as she has been and then the auctioneer said that name and Kat..she froze, she looked like she was gonna piss herself"

I looked up at my cousin whose face had softened "She looked frightened, Klayton and she had every right to be because that man is warped way more than any of us know" "In what way, Lace?" "Does it matter, Cass? Kat's still on his side and she's betrayed us" Klayton says shocking me "You don't honestly believe that, do you, Klayton?" "Well, what else am I supposed to believe, Lace?" Klayton asks while throwing his hands up in annoyance This content © 2024

Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino. oy "All of the evidence points to Katerina" "And you never thought for one single solitary second that this evidence you've got may have been planted or doctored in any way to trick you? your brain never thought that maybe just maybe someone who is working for Trevor could've hacked the guest list to make it look like Kat was handing out VIP passes like candy, you never thought that maybe Katerina was being threatened by Trevor on whatever video evidence you've got..you never thought about any of that, Klayton?" Lask before scoffing "You're losing your touch, cousin"

I say as I go to get out of my bed but was stopped by Klayton and Logan "Hey, where are you going?" "Well, first, I'm gonna go home and have a shower and then I'm gonna do what someone in this family is clearly incapable of doing and I'm going to do a deep dive into what REALLY happened here tonight and prove Kat's innocence"

"Are you calling me incompetent, Lacey?" Klayton growled and I looked at him like DUH//, YOU MORON! "Well, if incompetence was a hat then you'd be wearing it proudly, cugino® (Cousin) I say getting in my cousin's face as he continues to glare at me "Why are you being so stubborn about this, Lace?" "Why are you being so stubborn about this, Klayton?" I throw his question back at him with annoyance in my tone

"Tell me, cousin, what REAL evidence do you have to prove Katerina is our mole? I mean, it makes sense that the mole would be someone who Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino. _) knows the both of us because whoever it is had to find a way to get on our yacht to put the cameras there, right? so it would have to be someone who knows us as well as you, am I right?" Task him and he nods his head "That's right" "Then how did Kat do that?" Lask stumping him

"How did Katerina find a way to get onto our yacht which is always guarded by the way, to plant cameras for her brother to perv on us? and how did she do it without you or Vanessa not wondering where the hell she was? surely her being gone for a substantial amount of time would have caused suspicion, right? I mean, it's not like she can say she's going to see her famiglia" "She obviously tricked you or Logan into giving her the keys, Lace" Klayton said sounding so sure of himself and I nodded my head "That's plausible, Klay, except for the fact that neither of us

had met her until after our wedding" Klayton looked at me shocked and I hoped that this was enough to make him see some freaking sense but unfortunately for me and my migraine, he's as stubborn as an mule and what he said next flipped my ultimate b**h switch which isn't a good thing when you're an Italian female like me "Look principessa,

you need to get back in bed, ok and rest, you've had a massive knock to the head and you're not thinking clearly, maybe after a good night's rest, you'll see things my way and we'll be on the same page" Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino. ©) "Are you kidding me right now, Klayton? I mean, are you seriously kidding me right now? Kat's innocent and you

"So is Trevor, Cassidy and he did" Klayton and Cassidy were arguing and I felt like being a typical mom and banging their heads together to get them to shut up but for some reason, I was finding it hard to open my eyes and even when my eyes did flicker and show signs of opening the pain in my head and my temples from these two shitheads was making it impossible for me to do anything but breath through the pain My cousin and his wife continued to argue and I let out a slight groan as I held my head

know this but you're so determined to believe she's guilty and I don't understand why...she's your cousin for god's sake, Klayton, she's your blood, your family who in your own words, you know better than me, right?" Lask and Klayton's face drops "You don't have enough evidence to prove she's the mole, Klay and what you do have, is circumstantial at best, not to mention, the fact that I'm still here...f Katerina was working With her creepy ass brother then why didn't she call or text him the moment we got to the bathroom? we were in there for a while, Klayton, so it wouldn't have taken much for them to overpower me and take me without any of you knowing" "She's got a point, love"

Cassie says while stroking Klayton's bicep Klayton then narrowed his eyes to Cassie before looking back at me "Circumstantial or not, I can't just ignore this evidence, Lace" Klayton says and I sigh in disappointment as a series of knocks are heard on the door "Hey guys, oh hey Lace, you're awake" Benjamin says and I groan as I rest my head against the pillow "What have you got for me, Benj?"

"Well, I did some research into that Juan guy and I couldn't find anything about him, it's like he's a ghost, there's no social security number for him, no family history, no nothing but I did find this" Benjamin says as he hands Klayton a piece of paper "He's got a police record, mostly stupid s**t from when he was a Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino juvenile but here's the kicker, the name Juan Herreros is an alias, an alter ego if you will which explains why I couldn't find anything on him" "So, who is he?"

"His real name is..."

"Trevor Lopez" I say and Ben looks at me shocked "Yeah, how do you know?" "Wild guess" I say with a smile as I look in fla share eye contact with Klayton before looking away from him "I also did some digging into Trevor and Antonio hoping to find something, maybe some new activity and I found this, Connor also found these in your office"

Benjamin handed Klayton several pieces of paper as well as a brown envelope and I just knew that whatever was on them must be bad because his eyes immediately

blazed with anger and his jaw clenched tightly as he looked at me "Is this proof enough for you, Lace? Kat's been in freaking contact with them" Klayton says as he hands me everything in his hand The papers showed a series of calls and texts between Katerina, Trevor and Antonio and just as I expected, none of Kat's texts showed that she was colluding with her brother whereas their texts looked like they were trying to set her up which they have done As for what's in the envelope, well, there was a series of pictures which showed Kat being very friendly with Antonio like they were old

Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino. oy friends just like she told me earlier "What's wrong, Lace? cat got your tongue?" Klayton asks me and I glare at him "You disappointment me, Klayton" "What did you just say?" "You heard me, I said I'm disappointed in you" Isaid as I felt tears fill my eyes "Ever since I was a little girl, you were the one who I could

always go and tell anything to, it didn't matter what it was or how big or small it was, I knew that I could always come to you because even though you were this big, bad mafia Don in training, you were always my big cousin who was a massive softy and you had a massive heart...but somewhere along the line, the mafia has tainted that side of you because if that side of you was still there, Klay, then Kat wouldn't have been so afraid to talk to you, she wouldn't have been terrified that you'd think so low of her just because of who her brother is" "What are you talking about, Lacey?" Cassie asks me and I take a deep breath to calm myself down before answering her "Kat's terrified of Trevor and Antonio, Cass and I mean

REALLY terrified of them and I don't blame her...her story with them runs way deeper and a lot darker than any of you can ever imagine" Tsay as I wipe my tears away not caring that the saltiness from my tears is causing some pain to the cut on my lip "For the past few weeks, Antonio has been stalking and harassing her..wherever she goes, he's there, it doesn't matter if it's work, the gym or even dress dropping for a certain event, he was always there and Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino. A according to Kat, he's constantly calling and texting her, he's always blowing up

her phone no matter what time of the day or night it is, she even told me that she's blocked him several times but somehow he's always found a way to unblock himself" "She's telling the truth, Klay, well, at least for the latter part she is" Benjamin says and Klayton looks at him confused "What are you talking about?" "I hacked into Kat's phone and also all of her socials and I found out that she has indeed blocked Antonio at least a dozen times before he was magically unblocked again"

"Told you so Isaid childishly "But I don't understand" Klayton said in frustration as he ran a hand through his hair "If she's innocent and she was being harassed then why didn't she come and tell me? she knows she can tell me anything "Because she was scared you wouldn't believe her, she was scared that you would do what I did and immediately judge her and think she was the mole just because she shares the same DNA as that psychopath and that's exactly what you did, you accused her at the first sign"

My eyes were blurry and unfocused but after blinking several times, I was able to lock my eyes on the most heavenly sight even if said heavenly sight looked like it had been dragged through a hedge several times "Logan" I said huskily causing my husband to snap his head at me Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino. SJ "Lacey...oh my god, baby, you're awake"

I say and Klayton's body stiffens "Trevor set her up and you fell for it..and now she's in danger"

He said sounding shocked as he cupped my face and kissed all over my face including my lips which caused me to wince in pain "Ouch, dammit Logan" "Oops, sorry baby" Logan once again pecked my lips, this time gently before pulling away and smiling down at me which I reciprocated I then looked around at everyone and my eyes narrowed when I noticed I was in an unfamiliar room which I knew was a hospital room, not because of the smell but because only a hospital would have a room this neutral and boring

There are other colours than white, people "Are you ok, love?" "I'm fine, why am I [in the hospital?" "You don't remember, cugina?" Klayton asks me as he places a hand on my shoulder "You and Kat in the bathroom" "Me and Kat?"

"Me and Kat?" What the...oh no I frantically looked around and my heart rate sped up when I saw Katerina was nowhere in sight "Where is she? where's Kat?"

"That's nothing for you to worry about, kid" Klayton says and I narrow my eyes at him "Why? where is she? please tell me she's ok" "We don't know where she is, babe" Chapter 35 - Cugina Vs Cugino. os "And if she knows what's good for her then she'll stay wherever she is because I'm gonna kill her when I get my hands on her" What? "Why are you gonna kill her? what did she do wrong?" "I'm so sorry, principessa"

I was startled suddenly when Klayton embraced me and repeatedly told me how sorry he was What the hell? "Klayton, what the hell has gotten into you? why are you so sorrowful?" "Because you told me about Kat, you told me you were suspicious of her and believed she was our mole and you were right" "What? no, no I wasn't, Klay" "Yes, you were, Lacey"

Klayton said as he cupped my face and looked me in the eyes "No, Klayton, she's not the mole, I promise you" "Lacey..." "No just please listen to me for once, Klayton, she's not the mole" I say and he narrows his eyes at me "How do you know, principessa?" "Because she saved my son from Trevor's men because she loves you and Cassie more than anything..she'd never betray you, Klay"

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Katerina's POV "Yeah and if we don't tell him then we'll both be dead along with everyone here if your brother attacks us...stop being so frrrag selfish, Kat" Selfish? am I

being selfish? Lacey opened the door when out of nowhere, she was punched in the face causing her to fall to the ground I gasped in shock and tried to help Lacey but I was grabbed by that bastard Antonio and what happened next completely horrified me

"You piece of s**t" I tried to break free and attack my brother but I was stopped by the both of them, Antonio held both of my biceps in a tight grip as Trevor once again cupped my face Anyone who was watching us would think we were having a sweet and tender moment because Antonio looked like he was hugging me and Trevor was looking at me lovingly but I could see the anger and hatred in those dark eyes of his

"Calm down now, little sister, I've left you alone so that you could have your fun with Klayton and that w***e you call a wife but now it's time for you to come home with us and so is Lacey" Chapter 36 - Unexpected Visitor. WW "Like hell we are" "Oh you are and you're gonna be a good little girl and walk out of here with Tony without causing a fuss and if you do..well, he's got my permission to either drug you or beat your ass" "You're insane" I say barely above a whisper and Trevor bursts out laughing "You say that like it's a bad thing, Kat"

I pleaded with him only to feel a prick in my arm I looked down at my arm and was shocked to see a needle retracting from it Oh god no, please god don't tell me he's drugged me "Take her out to the van, Antonio and make sure she's compliant, we can't have Klayton thinking she's innocent now, can we?" What? Trevor kissed my forehead and Antonio led me out of the bathroom I wanted nothing more than to knock these two motherfuckers out and then call for my cousin but I couldn't because

whatever they gave me made me feel like I was paralysed in a way Chapter 36 - Unexpected Visitor. WW Even though there was no hope for me now, I just had to hope and pray that Lacey didn't wind up in that psychos clutches "Welcome back home, Kit Kat" Antonio's voice was the last thing I heard before I drifted unwillingly into darkness Early The Next Morning.

"I'm not saying I don't trust Klayton's men, Abs, I'm just saying that we need to be careful with who we trust" "I thought Klayton said that Kat chick was the mole" "Yeah, that's because her brother has set her up and he's doing a f*++g good job" "So, what do you want me to do?" "I need you to find me a hacker and or a computer genius, I also need you to hire me a PI. to look into Kat, I need to get some hardcore proof that she's innocent to prove I'm right" "Wait, Klayton doesn't believe you?" "Lace" I groaned as I sat up and stretched my back while rubbing my

neck "Oh, I've gotta go, Abs, can I call you back?" "Sure honey, see you soon" "Bye" Lacey hangs up the call and looks at me with a smile "Morning, baby" "Morning?"

I looked at my watch and groaned in annoyance Chapter 36 - Unexpected Visitor. WW "Lacey, it's five thirty in the morning, why are you up so early? and why are you calling Abby?" "I couldn't sleep and I needed Abby's help that's why I called her" She says and I sigh as I run a hand over my face "Babe, you need to rest" I look at my wife who rolls

her eyes "You've suffered a major head injury and need to rest so that you can recover" "I'm fine, Logan even my test results said that I'm fine and there's no damage to my brain"

"And you think because your CT and MRI results came back clear then everything's fine? you've still been injured, Lacey and you need rest" "But I can't rest, Logan" Lacey says with a sigh "Kat's in danger, Logan and she needs us to help her, she needs us to find her before Trevor and Antonio hurt her again" "Again? what do you mean again?" I ask my wife who looks down with a conflicted look on her face "Babe"

I grab hold of her hand and Lacey looks up at me "What happened?" "It's not my story to tell, Logan" She says barely above a whisper and my heart hurt when I saw the pain in her eyes Clearly whatever has happened to Kat is so bad that it's causing my wife a lot of anguish "Look babe, I understand that you want to help Kat but you cantdo

"know but..." "No, no buts Lace, you can't help Kat unless you're one hundred percent, love" "No, I can't..shit, it's all my fault" She says in a broken voice as tears filled her eyes and streamed down her face "What do you mean?" I ask as I sit next to Lacey and wrap my arms around her to give her some comfort "I was a hundred percent at the party, Logan, I wasn't under

"AAHHHIL, fk Lacey yelled in pain when my brother grabbed her by her hair and slammed her head against the mirror Oh my god Did that really just happen? Why did he do that? "Oh my god, Lacey" "Stay back, b***h"

the influence of anything and I was strong and able to fight yet when danger came my way, I let them win" "You didn't even stand a chance to fight back, love..we've seen the video footage Lace and it's clear from the video that you were overpowered from the very beginning" "But I still could've fought and I didn't..now Kat's gone and Klayton's...well, Klayton's Klayton" Lacey sighs in frustration as she rests her head against my chest "None of this is your fault, babe and I know Kat won't blame you either when we get her back"

"If we get her back, Lo" Lacey said as she looked up at me with a defeated look "No matter what, Kat is done for, Logan, if Trevor doesn't kill her and we do somehow get her back then she'll be dead by my cousin's hands because Klayton's stubborn ass still believes that she's guilty" "Don't be pessimistic, Lace, be optimistic that we'll bring her back Chapter 36 - Unexpected Visitor. YY home" "And Klayton?" Lacey looks at me sceptically and I smile at her as I kiss her forehead

"Don't worry about Klayton, I'll deal with him, babe" Several Hours Later.

"Hey brother, how's Lace?" Klayton asks me as he meets me outside of the hospital "She's fine, her emotions are all over the place but overall, she's fine" "She's not still stuck on Kat being innocent, is she?" He asks me but I don't answer him

"Look Lo...do you think I want this? do you think I want to believe my cousin is the mole?" "From where I'm sitting, I'd say yeah"

I say shocking him "Well, you're wrong because I don't but I can't ignore the evidence, Lo" "The evidence? you mean the same evidence that Lacey debunked yesterday" "Yeah, well that was before Eddie was able to get the sound back on the video footage and I heard Kat and Trevor's plans for not only Lacey but also for me and our family before she waltzed out of the building in Antonio's arms" What?

This can't be real? I know Klayton has got evidence and from the sound of it, it's pretty Chapter 36 - Unexpected Visitor. Wow strong if Katerina is heard on video plotting against the Antonelli famiglia but I also know my wife and I know that she'd never go to bat for Kat if she really was guilty "I don't want to believe that Katerina is the mole and she's betrayed me but I've got no other choice because the evidence is against her" "And what if Lacey's right and Trevor is setting Kat up? technology today is more advanced than it should be, Klay, Trevor could easily fake an entire scenario to put the smoking gun in Kat's hands and you wouldn't even be able to tell if it's real or not and neither would your computer geeks, not to Content © 2024

mention, why would Trevor give up his mole so easily like that?" "What do you mean?" He asks confused "Well, you're a mafia Don, right? then think like one...if you had a mole in Trevor's mafia and the whole point of a mole is to get information to help you defeat him and win the war between you guys then when would you reveal that mole to him? would you reveal them so early in the game? or would you wait until the grand finale to let your enemy know that he's been getting screwed over?"

"You've got a point" "No, my wife has...my wife, who doesn't trust people easily, especially when it comes to the people she loves has got a point, so if I were you, I'd suggest you listen to her and take her seriously when she says Kat's innocent because she's willing to go rogue to find the evidence to prove she's innocent" I say shocking him Klayton looked at me with wide eyes and I swear I saw fear flash in them at the thought of Lacey going out on her own Chapter 36 - Unexpected Visitor. Wow

"She's always been a stubborn one that girl" "Hmm, I wonder where she gets it from?" Klayton glares at me before we both burst out laughing "Speaking of my stubborn principessa, let's go and see her, I brought her some of her favourite muffins as a peace offering" "You really hate getting on her bad side, don't you?" Task with a chuckle as we head inside of the hospital "Of course I hate it, she's my baby cousin, my little principessa, it hurts my heart when she's mad at me"

He says and I once again chuckle Who would've thought the big, bad mafia Don would become a big bowl of jelly for his little cousin? Klayton and I head up to the floor where Lacey's room is but what we weren't expecting was to hear several loud bangs followed by Lacey's scream coming from her room "s**t, LACEY!" We ran towards Lacey's room and Klayton had even caused quite a stir by pulling his gun from his holster as soon as he heard the bangs

Antonio growled in my ear and I yelped when he tightened his grip on me. I tried to free myself from him, not only because I didn't want him to touch me but also because I needed to protect and save Lacey who I could tell was quickly losing consciousness but the i***t kept a tight hold on me, so I had no other choice but to stand there and watch as Trevor knelt down.

When we got to her room, we burst through the door and were greeted with a sight that neither of us was expecting. I could tell Klayton was livid and so was I when we saw a shocked and panicked Lacey standing in the corner of the room as a familiar-looking young man stood smirking at us but I can't pinpoint where I know him from. "Marcus" "Hello, brother"

"Nice to see you again, beautiful" "Please leave us alone, Trevor" "And why would I do that, huh?" Trevor looked up at me and my heart skipped a terrified beat when I saw the intense anger and amusement in my brother's eyes. He then got up and walked over to me and I swear with every single step he took, I felt my heart rate pick up as my mind drew a blank which isn't a good thing for someone like me.

I'm a freaking capo, I was trained by some of Klayton's top men who he considers the best of the best and they trained me in everything from being able to defend myself to remaining stoic and expressionless when faced with our enemy yet I'm a scared little girl when faced with our biggest enemy "Katerina" Trevor said breathlessly as he gently cupped my face. Even though his voice and touch were gentle, I could still hear and feel the roughness emanating from him and his aura. "You've been a very naughty girl, Katerina" Trevor said condescendingly as he looked me deep in my eyes like he was trying to intimidate me.

"You've disobeyed me, Katty and now you have to be punished" "Disobeyed you? you're not my daddy, Trevor"

I said through gritted teeth which amused my brother "You're right, I'm not but he is" Trevor said with a smirk as he narrowed his eyes to Antonio. I looked back at the i***t who was also smirking and I swear I threw in Chapter 36 - Unexpected Visitor. WZ my throat "I think my p***y's just dried up" I muttered to myself but big ears in front of me heard me.

"Yeah, I heard about you being a lesbian and men not being your thing but don't worry Kit Kat, Antonio's c**k will soon have you thirsty for men again" "I've never been thirsty for men, Trevor" I said as I slapped Trevor's hand away from me when he once again tried to touch me. "Don't worry, Katty, we're gonna change that for you...now, we better get out of here before someone comes looking for you" "Are we taking her with us?" Antonio asks whilst referring to Lacey.

Trevor looked back at Lacey before narrowing his eyes at us with a smirk on his face.

So much crazy s**t has happened with me and my family lately from my baby boy almost being kidnapped to my father almost being killed, finding out Trevor had hidden cameras on our yacht to being attacked and nearly kidnapped myself You'd think with all of this crazy s**t going on in my life that I would be able to go to the toilet and have a freaking piss without anything happening to me but it seems god has got other plans for me because as soon as I opened the door, several bangs went off and I thought I was being shot at but it turns out it was a different kind of bang

Lacey again after so long, he didn't think something as small as party poppers would scare her"

"For God's sake, Olivia, I've known you ever since you were in diapers and you're now dating this dipshit brother of mine, I think we're at a point now where you can call me, Klayton® Chapter 37 - Blood Shed In The. Ww My cousin says and Olivia smiles at him as she blushes Aww, she's so cute, no wonder Marcus likes her "Are you ok, babe?" Logan asks me as he comes over to me and helps me to get back into bed "I'm fine, I'm just a little shaken up, that's all"

"Are you sure you don't want me to beat his ass, Lace? because Twill Klayton says and I chuckle "Tknow you will but you won't because if you kick his ass then TI have no choice but to kick yours" "And that Livy baby, is why I love our Lacey so much, she's the only one in our famiglia who isn't afraid of my big brother" "Yeah, says the kid who stole Klayton's vintage 1969 Chevy Camaro Convertible after he'd just finished fixing it up and remodelling it so that he could show off to his friends and the girls he was hanging out with only to crash it into a pole because his ass was drunk"

I say with a smile and Marcus looks at me shocked "How do you remember that?" "Because it was only a few years ago, numb nuts" Isay making Olivia laugh "Ilike you, you're funny and you remind me of my grandpa Willy and grandma Lila" "Jeez, she's not that bad, Liv" Klayton says and we all chuckle "Anyway, do either of you two know when I can go home? I

feel like an i***t taking up a bed for a busted lip and a gash to the head" Chapter 37 - Blood Shed In The. Ww "You've been seriously injured, Lace" "Yes and I'm fine, Klay, my test results came back clear" Isaid while sighing in frustration "Relax, babe, I'll go and speak with the doctor and see if you can go home" Logan said while kissing my forehead

"Thanks, babe and do me a favour please, if they say no use your Logan Black magic to get them to agree" "And if that doesn't work?" Logan asks with a smirk "Then tell them Don Klayton Antonelli is here" "Wow, that's the first time you've used me and my status to get what you want, kid" Klayton says while smiling at me and I smile back at him "Iknow and I don't care, I just wanna go home now"

Ihaven't even been in here a full day and it's already driving me mad When I'm at home if I'm not with my babies then I'm working or cooking or cleaning, I'm doing something

which at least keeps me busy but here, the only thing that's busy is my bladder and my brain going into overdrive Logan came back not long afterwards with the doctor who was able to release me with a quick autograph from my husband which made me happier than a pig in s**t but my excitement didn't last long when I suddenly felt dizzy "Are you ok, love?"

"I'm fine, have you got any clothes for me? I can't very well leave the Chapter 37 - Blood Shed In The. Ww hospital looking like a boujee queen in a ballgown" I say and everyone laughs as Logan hands me a bag which thankfully had some casual clothes in it I quickly changed into the clothes and we left the hospital, I was about to enter Logan's car when I was stopped by Klayton who grabbed hold of my hand "Is everything ok, Klay?" "Yeah, I erm.. I just wanted to say sorry for last night and for

the other day for dismissing your feelings..I never should've done that" "No, you shouldn't, I mean, as the Don I understand why but as your cousin, I don't" I say and I can see the hurt swimming around in his eyes from my words "You know my gut and my intuition has never been wrong"

"Really? what about Dylan?" He asks me and I glare at him which he laughs at "I'm joking and I know you're right, kid, it's just..Kat's our only suspect right now and if it's not her then who is it?" Klayton asks as he runs a hand through his hair I narrowed my eyes at him because I knew this wasn't the real reason why he wanted to believe Kat's the mole "You're scared, aren't you?" Task shocking him but he quickly tries to shrug it off

I was backed up into a corner with my hands covering my mouth and my chest which felt like my heart was about to burst through because of how fast it was beating "Oh my god, M..Marcus" "Hey there, cugina" My little cousin stood with a big, stupid smirk on his handsome face "What the..." I started but was cut off by the door being burst open by my husband and a gun-wielding Klayton

"Why would I be scared, Lace?" "Because if you finally accept the fact that Kat's not the mole then that means you not only have to accept the fact that we've still got a traitor in our midst..but you'd also have to accept the fact that Trevor's got Kat Chapter 37 - Blood Shed In The. Ww doing god knows what with her and there's nothing you can do about it" Klayton's eyes shut tightly and my heart hurt seeing the pain on his face

"You're right..I'm absolutely terrified about what he's possibly doing to her and I can't do anything to stop him" "Yes, you can" I say while cupping his face and gently caressing his cheek "You can help Kat by focusing more on helping her than thinking she's your enemy" "And how do I do that?" "Use your noggin, Klay" I say whilst knocking my knuckles on his temple causing him to

groan and me to chuckle "You didn't get this far as a Don with my help, right?" I ask him and he smiles "You're right" "As always, now go home and find a way to bring Katerina back home and while you're at it think of a way to make Trevor and Antonio's deaths

extremely painful for me" "Damn kid, when did darkness find it's way into your mind and heart?"

He asks me and I smile "When those two dickheads decided to mess with me and my family, you don't mess with a person's family and expect to walk away unscathed" "Spoken like a true Antonelli" Chapter 37 - Blood Shed In The. WwW "Actually, spoken like a true human" Isay with a smile Klayton and I then bid goodbye to each other and I got in my car as he walked over to his black Mercedes Maybach

"Is everything ok, love?" Logan asks me as soon as I put on my seatbelt "Everything's perfect" Logan smiles at me before grabbing hold of my hand and kissing the back of it He then starts up the car and we head home feeling both excited and nervous about seeing our kids again because we had no clue how to explain away my injuries and we can't exactly lie to our eldest three who can always tell when we're lying to them Later That Night.

As Logan and Lacey headed home to their children at the Greystone Manor, somewhere deep in the heart of the Bronx, Trevor Lopez was busy putting the next part of his plan into action After seducing and luring away a young, unsuspecting victim from her friends at a nightclub, Trevor took her to a warehouse Where he's spent the past couple of hours repeatedly raping, abusing and torturing his poor victim The young woman begged and pleaded for her life as her body was violated but unfortunately for her, she was isolated away from the streets not to mention the fact that the building she was in has been soundproofed meaning her cries were only being heard by one person and that one person is Trevor

Her screams and cries for help were bloodcurdling and ear- piercing which brought intense joy to Trevor and they spurred him on and made him want to hurt her even more It's almost like the more she cried and begged for someone to save her, the more turned on and excited he got "Please...please, let me go" The poor lady pleaded with him after he had raped her for the final time

"I'm sorry, I can't do that, you've seen my face and I can't have you ratting me out to the police" "LI won't tell" She says and he laughs as he zips up his pants and puts on his belt "I can't risk that" Trevor said as he walked over to his bag He pulled out a pair of black leather gloves from it and put them on as he walked back over to the scared woman who tried her best to evade the psycho who was stalking his way towards her but unfortunately for her, Trevor was way faster

and stronger than her "NO!!, PLEASE!!, LEAVE ME ALONE!!!" She screamed as he grabbed her by her ankle and pulled her to him, he then straddled her body and wrapped both of his leather-clad hands around her neck putting as much pressure on her as he possibly could "No, can do, sweetheart, I don't like to leave loose ends" Trevor's grip remained tight on her neck as her body wildly fought against him and his hold After several minutes, the woman's body fell limp and Trevor smiled in

His phone started to ring and he knew exactly who it was.

"Hello, lover boy" "Hey handsome, where are you?" "Oh just putting the next part of our plan into action, how's Kat?" "She's finally shut up which is a massive relief, I forgot how much that girl can scream" "What did you do to make her go silent?" Trevor asks with a chuckle

"Marcus" Klayton said through gritted teeth "Hello, brother" Marcus smirked and I had to refrain myself from rolling my eyes Chapter 37 - Blood Shed In The. Ww This kid is such an i**t "You little s**t, what are you doing here?"

"Nothing, she's either worn herself out and has fallen asleep or she's screamed so loud and hard for so long, she's lost her voice" "I see some things never change" "You're telling me, anyway, when are you gonna be home? I thought since the banshee has stopped wailing, we can order some food and spend some time together" Antonio suggests and Trevor smiles as he looks down at his watch "Give me an hour, I've still got a couple of things to do and then I'll be home" "Ok, send me a text when you're on your way and I'll order our

food" "You got it" "I love you, Trev" "I love you too, Tony" He says before ending the call and getting back to the task at hand Trevor then gets dressed and takes the body out to his truck making sure it's secure and is wrapped up so that no evidence can transfer from Chapter 37 - Blood Shed In The... YS the car to him He's seen enough episodes of CSI and watched one too many true crime documentaries to know how easy it is to get away with murder by making sure there's little to no evidence found

on the victim, after all, a murder is very rarely solved without any evidence to link a killer to the crime After cleaning and locking up the warehouse, Trevor got in his pickup truck and drove to an alley in one of the most popular areas in the Bronx where he set up the murder scene He carefully placed his victim's body on the ground before adding some little clues, not for the police but for Klayton Antonelli Trevor smiled at his artwork as he took several pictures as a sick keepsake for himself before walking away and disappearing into the wind with a huge and very satisfied smile on his face

He knew that come tomorrow morning, the whole country would be rocked by the news of the brutal rape and murder of a young woman but what he didn't know is how Klayton or the Antonelli famiglia would react to this horrific news because his clues weren't subtle but they weren't completely obvious either "OH MY GOD!~, HELP!~, SOMEONE CALL 911!" Aloud screech was heard from a distance causing Trevor to chuckle "Well, that didn't take long, did it?" He muttered to himself as he got into his car and drove home

"Well, mom told me about Lacey being attacked last night, so I thought I'd come and see her with my girl over here...oh shoot, I forgot" Marcus said before turning to face me with a smile "Hey there Lacey Lace, this is my girl, Olivia, Livvy baby this is my beautiful

cousin, Lacey" "It's nice to finally meet you, Lacey" Olivia said sounding shy and timid "You too"

"Marcus" Klayton once again said through gritted teeth as he put his gun back in it's holster "What's wrong, brother? you seem very angry and agitated" Oh sweet child of mine I thought to myself as I facepalmed "What's wrong? what's f****g wrong?" Klayton growls as Marcus looks around at each of us confused

"Did I stutter?" "You fttttg itt" Klayton attempted to go after Marcus but was stopped by Logan

"Don't Klay, he's just a kid" "Just a kid? he's a twenty-two-year- old college graduate, Logan and he still acts like he's a dumb sixteen-year-old kid" "Why? what did I do?" Chapter 37 - Blood Shed In The. Ww Marcus asks Klayton who looks at him dumbfounded "What did you do? take a look at my little principessa and see what you've done, idiota"

Marcus briefly looks at me before looking back at Klayton shaking his head "I don't understand" Marcus says and Klayton groans "She was attacked last night and she's suffering from the trauma of not only that but also from nearly being kidnapped you fool and you come in here with party poppers scaring the living s**t out of her" Klayton said angrily and Marcus looked at me shocked "Oh my god, Lacey, I'm so sorry, I didn't think"

"Exactly, you didn't think and you never do" "Klayton.." "No Lace don't stand up for him, Marcus has always been the same, he's intellectually smart and common sense dumb" Oh my god I narrowed my eyes to Logan and pleaded with my eyes for him to help me which he did "Klayton calm down, he didn't mean any harm, he just wanted to surprise Lace, that's all" "He's right, Mr Antonelli, Marcus was just so excited to see

"Are you being serious right now, Abigail?" "As a heart attack, babe" Avery happy and proud Abby says with a smile plastered on her beautiful face "Someone wants to turn my book into a movie, like a legit movie with real actors and a set and a movie premiere?" "Yes" Abby chuckles and for a second, I thought my heart had briefly stopped beating because of how much shock I was in "I can't believe this" "Well believe it, baby because they wanna meet with us next

A voice says from behind me scaring the living crap out of me "Oh my god" I gasped as I turned to look at the intruder "Marcus?" "I heard whoever killed the poor girl cut her throat from ear to ear right down to the bone and carved some weird sign on her chest" "Marcus, children" I growled as I pointed to the twins who were staring at my cousin in amusement

"How the hell did you get in here?" "Magic" He says with a smile

"Who are you? Houdini?" Task him and he smirks "Guess who's back? back again..." "Marcus" I groan in annoyance Jesus Christ, he's like a male version of Carmella "Ok fine, Logan let me in" "And you're here because..."

I drifted off as Marcus came and sat next to me on the couch "Because I heard through the grapevine that you're looking for a hacker to help you with the whole Katerina situation" "You're a hacker?" Lask sceptically and he nods his head "Mmm-hmn, I got interested in it thanks to Tommy" "Does your brother know about this?" Task Marcus and his face drops

"Yeah but he doesn't think I'm good enough, so I'm hoping you can help me convince him that I'm good enough so that he'll offer me a job to work for him" "You wanna work for the mafia?" "Yeah, I mean, I don't wanna do what Klayton and Joey do but I wanna contribute a little, I also wanna make a little bit of money to buy Livy a ring" He says shocking me "Wait, what? you're planning on proposing to Olivia?" "Yeah"

He says with a big, bright smile on his face "But you're only twenty-two" Isay and he scoffs "So? you were nineteen when you fell pregnant with the triplets and you married Logan when you were twenty-five and we all know if Klayton wasn't a jackass to Cassie then he would've tied her ass down at sixteen" That's true

"Besides, wasn't it you who said at your wedding that when you meet the one, age doesn't matter as long as it feels right" Marcus asks and I narrow my eyes at him "That was Bunny and she was talking about a bottle of Tanqueray, Marcus" "Oh yeah..shit" He says and we both laugh "Anyway, she's still got a point, Olivia is the one for me and I wanna marry her but I need the money to give her everything she deserves, I don't wanna rely on the bank of mommy and daddy for the rest of our lives and I certainly don't want her to wear a ring on her finger that my

parents paid for" Aww, he's so cute "So, how good are you at hacking?" "Well, I'm not as good as Tommy was but I'm still good" "Ok, well then work your magic and help me prove Kat's innocence" Isa with a smile feeling relieved that I've got someone to help me but then I notice my little cousin's face drop

Marcus asks me and I could tell from the tone of his voice that asking this question both hurt and saddened him "If she's not innocent then we'll just have to accept it, won't we?" I say and Marcus nods his head "Ok, well, let's hope I find some good evidence to prove she's innocent, personally, I don't think Katerina would go against us, she's not that stupid and I know for a fact that she hasn't got a deathwish" No, she hasn't "Anyway, can you do me a favour?"

"Sure, what is it?"

Monday to discuss it and maybe sign a contract if you're interested" "Interested in what?" Logan asks as he comes down the stairs

"When you do get some evidence make sure you give it to me first" Itell him and he narrows his eyes at me "Don't worry Marcus, you'll get full credit and I'll make sure Klayton knows you did a good job as well" "You're one in a million, cugina® Marcus says excitedly as he grabs hold of my face and kisses my cheek He then bid me goodbye and cheerfully ran out of my house which had my twins giggling "Mama silly"

"That's right, baby, he's very silly" I chuckled to my baby as I picked him up and kissed his cheek Katerina's POV I feel numb, I feel completely emotionless Ever since I was brought to wherever I am by my brother and Antonio, Chapter 38 - Houdini. wy I've screamed, I've cried and I've physically abused every wall and piece of furniture and destroyed anything that can't be tied down

I've done such a good job of destroying this once lovely room, that Trevor and Antonio had to handcuff me to the bed while their maids cleaned it up and made it so that there's only the bed in the room The two morons have even removed the razors from the bathroom because in their words we don't want you to kil yourself before we've had our fun" as if I ever would kill myself I've got a beautiful wife, a fabulous family and an amazing job, all of which are the only things keeping me going even if they do believe I'm our family's traitor "Katty, Katty baby" Urghtl, kill me, kill me now "There you are, beautiful" "Well, it's not like I can go anywhere asshole unless you think

I've turned into freaking Harry Houdini since we last saw each other" I growled as I pulled on the handcuff which has got one of my hands cuffed to the headboard "Stop doing that, Kat, you're gonna hurt yourself" Antonio tried to grab my hand but I pushed him away from me with my free hand "Stay the hell away from me, Antonio and don't act like you care about me because we both know you don't" Isaid while resting my head against the headboard

"Of course I care about you, Katty" "Well, if you care about me then loosen the cuffs and set me free so that I can go back home to my family" Chapter 38 - Houdini. Ww "You know I can't do that, sweetheart" "So much for caring about me" I mutter under my breath I then let out a sigh as Antonio grabbed hold of my hand and gripped it tightly to the point that it caused me pain even when I wasn't trying to pull it away from him

"Look Kat, I do care about you, I really do, you're like my little sister, for f*#s sake" What the fk? "I'm like your little sister?..thank god you don't have an actual little sister, Antonio, you know considering all of the trauma and bullshit you and my actual brother have put me through" "What trauma, kid?" He asks seriously "Well, since you've gone all 5 Seconds Of Summer on me, let me remind you of everything you've put me through including the abuse, the rapes, the manipulation..."

"Not this again, Katerina" "Yes, this again" Isaid through gritted teeth "Do you think I betrayed my brother for shits and giggles, Tony? no, I betrayed him because he betrayed me first by putting you above me, by abusing me and allowing you to abuse me as well, that's why I betrayed Trevor Antonio because I'd had enough of you two and I was tired of you guys being abusive to me, oh and then there was the whole

kidnapping Cassidy and her son like the f*****g deranged psychos you are. AAHHH!" Chapter 38 - Houdini. Ww? I screamed in pain when Antonio punched me across my face

I clutched my painful cheek as I looked up at an irate Antonio "You always knew how to perfectly push my buttons, Katty" "What can I say it's my speciality?" I smile smugly at him and he glares at me before storming out of the room and locking the door When he was gone, I rested my head against the headboard and let out a slight whimper as I looked down at my left hand "Please don't give up on me, Nessa...please" I said barely above a whisper as a lone tear fell down my cheek

"Look, I don't care what you have to do or how you have to do it just get it done ASAP, the more doubts that are cast in Klayton's mind about Kat the better for me, do you hear me?...yeah, bye" I ended the call with my mole just as a fuming Antonio walked into my office looking like a bomb ready to explode I narrowed my eyes at Antonio who was pacing up and down as he muttered incoherently under his breath "Is everything ok, Antonio?" "No, your sister is a f*****g b***h, you'd think considering the position

she's in, she'd be a little bit more submissive and scared but no, she's being her usual mouthy self" "Well, obviously hanging around that cousin of ours has made her cocky" I said while sighing in frustration as I scratch the back of my neck "Did you punish her?" "I punched her in the face" Chapter 38 - Houdini. Zw "Good, hopefully, that will knock her down a peg or two" I said whilst looking down at the papers on my desk "Yeah, hopefully..what are you doing anyway? you've been in I

"Some big-shot movie producer in Hollywood wants to turn your beloved wife's hard work into a movie" Abby told Logan whilst sounding like a mom who was proud of her daughter "For real? congratulations, baby, I'm proud of you" Logan came over to us and embraced me as he kissed my lips

here for hours" Antonio asks as he comes and stands next to me "I'm planning my next victim" "Why? what do you think you're gonna gain from raping and slaughtering innocent women who have nothing to do with what we're doing here?" "Well, that's where you're wrong, love, they've got everything to do with this" T say with a smile "Care to share?"

He asks me and I let out a breath "Klayton is a Don with a conscience, at least for innocents anyway and if he finds out that innocent lives are being lost and their souls are being destroyed because of him then he's gonna want to do everything to stop it and prevent another life from being taken" "And you plan on bargaining a future victim's life with Klayton to get his mafia and Lacey, right?" "Exactly" I say with a smirk "But what if he doesn't agree? what if he'd rather risk innocent people's lives to protect both his and his family's lives?" "Then we'll keep going and maybe even target members of his own family until he falls to his knees and agrees to give me

what I want" The difference between Klayton and me is that I don't have a Chapter 38 - Houdini. YS conscience and I don't feel sympathy for anyone, not even Antonio Killing these women doesn't invoke any sympathy, guilt or regret in me, if anything it invokes happiness and joy and it gives me a thrill which can only be beaten by s*x "Can I ask you a question, Trev?" "Sure, what's up?" Content © 2024

"What's changed?" He asks me and I narrow my eyes at him "What do you mean?" "Why have you suddenly gone from being obsessed with Cassidy Antonelli and wanting her to be your wife and s* slave to being obsessed with Lacey Black? what does she have that Cassie doesn't have?" He asks me and I smile brightly as I think back to the first time met Lacey "Lacey's a unique woman, Tony, she's a beautiful woman with a certain innocence about her...her aura screams of innocence and naivety but despite all of this as well as the good girl vibe

that I get from her, she's a very sexy individual with a delicious and fuckable voluptuous body which makes her the perfect submissive for me" "And the fact she's one of Klayton's most prized possessions makes her even juicier, right?" "Exactly, everyone knows a steak is always tastier when it belongs to someone else" I say with a smirk Cassie and Lacey are alike in many ways but Cassie's not as innocent or as naive as she used to be, there's also the fact that I can't manipulate

Cassidy like I used to but I can with Lacey and I can't wait to twist and bend Chapter 38 - Houdini. Ww and mould her into the woman I want her to be, I just have to be patient, that's all Sooner or later, Lacey Black WILL be mine and there's nothing her cousin or her husband can do about it

"Well, the deal hasn't been done yet, I still have to agree to it and sign the contract" "Which you will because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which Chapter 38 - Houdini. WS will earn you a lot of money" "Thank god because Logan, the kids and I are practically dying on the vine here, we could really use the money"

I joke and the pair laugh as Abby gives me a mock stern expression "Anyway, I've gotta go, I need to make some calls to the studios about this project and I also need to go and see Klayton as well" "Oh no, what's my cousin done now?" Task jokingly while rolling my eyes "He hasn't done anything, he just needs to discuss something with me, that's all" "Good, the last thing we need right now is for Klayton to get into trouble"

"Yeah, I heard about Kat, I can't believe she's the mole" Abby says sounding shocked

"She's not Abs, she's been set up and I plan on proving it and hopefully finding the real mole" "And how do you plan on doing that?" "I don't know but I'll find a way" I say and Abby smiles at me "Of course you will, honey" Abby says while gently stroking my arm before bidding us both goodbye and leaving "I've gotta go too, babe, I'm needed at the office" "Ok" Logan smiles at me and kisses me

"I'll be home for dinner" Chapter 38 - Houdini ww "You'd better" Logan kisses me one last time before leaving I then head back into the living area where my youngest babies are fast asleep in their travel cot and my other two rascals Joseph and Sophia are playing with their toys in their playpen "Hi, my babies"

I greeted them and I was greeted back with some slobbery smiles Gosh, they're so cute "Tragic news coming out of New York today, a young woman was found brutally raped and murdered in the Bronx last night, the victim who has been identified as twenty-nine-year-old Olivia Johnson was found naked in an alleyway with signs of being tortured before her passing, the police are treating this as an isolated incident" Oh no, poor girl "Horrible, isn't it?"

"You know Miss Black, this is a great deal we're offering you" "It's Mrs Black and I know it's a great offer, I'm just confused as to why you're offering me a four picture deal so soon, don't you normally have to wait and see how the first movie does with the viewers before you even think about a second movie let alone a third or fourth?"

Abby asks me I was about to answer her when I overheard two of the police officers talking and what they said shocked both Abby and me and it also got me thinking

"She's the same as the others, same build, same weight, same skin colour and she's got a symbol carved on her chest, she's even got the same name as the other victims and is the same age as them as well" "Yeah, Olivia Carpenter aged twenty-nine" What the f**k?

This can't be "Olivia Carpenter? as in Lacey Olivia Carpenter who is also twenty-nine?" Abby asked barely above a whisper "There's no way, Abs, maybe it's just a coincidence" "It's an awfully big coincidence, Lace, maybe we should call Klayton"

"And tell him what, Abs? that five women aged twenty-nine called Olivia have all turned up dead? he'll think we're nuts" It may seem like a great idea to call my cousin but to me, it just seems ludicrous and a waste of time for something that could be totally unrelated to us I mean think about it, I'm not the only twenty-nine-year-old on the planet, I'm also not the only person with Olivia or Carpenter in my name "Sweetheart, I think he knows..I mean, these murders have been the hot topic on all of the media outlets lips for the past week"

"So?" "So, almost everyone in America knows about these murders, kid, the killer has even been dubbed by some t***s on Tik Tok as the New York ripper, the only thing Klayton doesn't know yet is that the latest victim has not only got your middle name but your maiden name as well" Abby says and I let out a breath feeling frustrated as I look towards the scene

"I honestly don't see this having any correlation with us, Abs" "Well, there's only one way to find out, Lace" Abby grabbed hold of my hand and led me towards her car when we were stopped by Mr Rojas "Miss Black, Miss Walters, is everything ok?"

"Everything's fine, Mr Weinstein, we have to go, sorry" Isay before walking away, not giving him a chance to answer me "Mr Weinstein, Lacey?"

"I'll explain on the way" Abby and I get in her car and head towards Klayton's office building I explained everything the waitress had told me to Abby who was livid and wanted to go back and break Mr Rojas's legs "What a sick prick, he'd better hope Klayton doesn't find out" "Yeah" Isay sadly "Hey, are you ok?" "Yeah, I'm fine, I'm just sad, that's all"

"What about?" Abby asks and I let out a sigh Chapter 39 - Revelations. Ww "The movie deal...it's every author's dream to see their work put up on the big screen and I was this close to that happening only for my dream to be destroyed in a single second by some sick bastard who gets his jollies by drugging women" "Lacey"

Abby says as she grabs hold of my hand and gives it a comforting squeeze "There'll be other opportunities, babe" "I hope so, Abs" I say whilst smiling at her We arrive at Klayton's building and immediately head up to his office using Klayton's personal elevator We then walked straight into his office and I was left shocked and dumbfounded when I saw my husband was here along with my cousins Klayton and Joey, a couple of police officers and two suits who I'm assuming are detectives

Why are they all here? and why are the police here? "Principessa, Abigail, what are you guys doing here?" "We erm...we wanted to discuss something with you, what's going on here?" "Cugina, this is Detective Morris and Detective Russo, detectives this is my cousin Lacey Black and my lawyer Abigail Walters" Klayton introduces us "It's nice to meet you, ladies"

"Normally, yes but I'm confident that these movies will be a hit, not just because romance movies are always a big hit but also because of the woman behind them" Mr Rojas the movie producer says whilst smiling and winking at me like a creep making me feel very uncomfortable From the moment Abby and I walked into this restaurant today to meet with the producer and the studio executive, Mr Rojas has been eyeing me up like a dog would a piece of meat He also keeps looking me up and down, smiling at me creepily and licking and biting down on his lips like he's imagining himself licking and biting me, it's so weird and gross

"Ditto, detective" Tsay with a smile "Now that the meet and greet is over and done with, do you wanna Chapter 39 - Revelations. WY explain why the cops are here, Klay?" "They're here because of the murders, cugina, they think they're connected to us in some way" Klayton says and I briefly look at Abigail before looking back at my cousin

"How?" Klayton and the two detectives look at each other before one of the detectives dismisses the two uniform cops When they were gone, Klayton asked us to sit down which we did and Logan was immediately by my side and holding my hand when I did "Principessa, Morris and Russo are both on my payroll" "You mean they're dirty cops?"

Task him and he looks at me like what the f**k? while Joey looks like he's trying not to laugh "No principessa, they're not dirty cops"

"Really, Klay? two cops in bed with a mafia Don...it doesn't sound like a clean relationship to me I say and they all chuckle even the two cops laugh as well "Babe, why don't you let Klayton and the detectives explain everything to you?" "Ok, fine" "Thanks, Lo" Klayton appreciatively thanked my husband "Like I was saying, Lace, these two cops are on our payroll, no they're not dirty or corrupt, they're more of a erm...a guardian angel for us if you will"

Klayton says and I narrow my eyes at him Chapter 39 - Revelations. Ww "A guardian angel?" "Yeah, like in cases like this, kid..detective" Klayton says while looking at the detectives and slightly nodding his head towards me "Mrs Black, we'd like to ask you a few questions if you don't mind?" "Is this about these murders because I've got nothing to do with them, I swear" I say and Detective Morris chuckles slightly

"No ma'am, we just want to get some information from you, that's all" I narrow my eyes at him before briefly looking up at my husband "Ok, fine" "Can you tell me your full name, please?" "Lacey Black" "He said full name, principessa" Klayton says and I close my eyes and sigh "My name is Lacey..Lacey Olivia Black"

I said hesitantly "What's your maiden name, Lacey?" I look up at Abby who nods her head reassuringly before I narrow my eyes back at the detective "It's Carpenter" "And how old are you, Lacey?" "I'm twenty- nine" I say with a sigh Chapter 39 - Revelations. Ww "And what's your star sign?"

The detective asks me and I narrow my eyes at him in confusion "Is that really necessary, detective?" "Yes it is, Miss Walters" "It's ok, Abs" I say whilst gently squeezing her hand "I'm a Scorpio, why? what's this got to do with anything?" "Mrs Black, I'm sure you've heard about the murders that have rocked New York City this week" "Yes I have, in fact, we've just witnessed another body being

found" "Well, that's exactly why we're here, Mrs Black" Detective Russo says as Detective Morris places several pictures in front of me on Klayton's desk "There have been five murders this week, five women with the same height, build, weight and race as you, Lacey, they've also got long caramel blonde hair and light green eyes like you as well" "All of the victims are twenty-nine years old just like you and their names are all Olivia, our latest victim's name was..." "Olivia Carpenter"

I say barely above a whisper as my eyes remain fixed on the pictures "This is a coincidence, right? I mean...why would?" I sighed in frustration unable to put into words what I wanted to say "I don't think it's a coincidence, Mrs Black, each victim has got similar characteristics as you, not to mention, they were all wearing a white gold L Chapter 39 - Revelations. WY necklace which nobody close to them claimed was theirs and they also had a black Scorpio stamp on the inside of their left wrists" "All of the

victims are also natives of New York just like you, Mrs Black, the only thing that we couldn't link back to you was

their profession" "What was their profession?" Abby asks them and my heart skipped a beat when he answered her

Mr Rojas is also complimenting me every other sentence, not to mention he keeps referring to me as Miss Black even though I've told him umpteen times it's MRS Black "Thank you, Mr Rojas, 1." "Please call me, Caleb" He says and I smile tightly at him "Ok, Caleb, I." Chapter 39 - Revelations. Ld "Mrs Black" A waitress interrupts me "Yes" "Your husband is on the phone, he'd like to speak with you" "Really?" I ask confused

"They were kindergarten teachers" "Oh my god" I groaned as I rubbed my hand over my face "What? what's wrong?" "Is there something we should know about, Mrs Black?" Took around at everyone before looking at the detectives "Yeah, I erm...before I left New York several years ago, I had got my degree in teaching and I was given a job to work as a kindergarten teacher" "Really?"

"Yes" "Was this the school you were offered a job at?" The detective shows me his phone and I gulp as I nod my head "Klayton" "Relax principessa, everything's gonna be ok?" Is he for real? How can I relax when someone is murdering women literally in my name who have similar attributes to me and are working the same job I was supposed to work many years ago? I narrowed my eyes at the five pictures of the poor girls and at

first, I Chapter 39 - Revelations. ww felt sick looking at them but then I became curious and intrigued by the symbols that had been carved onto their chests I knew what these carvings were and it didn't take me long to work out what they were trying to say as I rearranged each picture to put them in order "Do you have any concrete proof that these murders are related to Lacey? I mean, maybe she's right, maybe this is just a coincidence" "I don't think it is, Klay"

I said as I continued to look at the pictures "What are you talking about, Lace?" "Look at this, these carvings are unitology letters" "What does that mean?" The detective asks me "Each symbol is specific to each letter in the English alphabet" "Really? do you know what these letters are?" "L.yeah"

I grab hold of a black marker pen on Klayton's desk and write the English letters on top of each picture earning shocked gasps and angry groans from everyone around me "The carvings spell out Lacey" "Yeah" I looked up at my cousin who was tightly gripping the arms of his chair "Klayton..." "Don't worry, principessa, he's not gonna get you, I promise you!" "He who?"

The detective asks but before either of us can answer him, the door Chapter 39 - Revelations bursts open "Klayton, I need to talk to you" A frantic Marcus says as he rushes over to us "This isn't the right time, Marcus, f**k off" "But Klay..."

"Marcus, get out now"

Klayton growls completely dismissing Marcus who then turns to me "Lacey, help me out here" "Me? how can I help you out, Marcus?" "Because it's about Kat" He says shocking me "Kat? what about Kat?" "You found something already?" Lask ignoring Klayton

"Yeah, I found her, I know where she is"

Why didn't he just call my cell phone? "Excuse me, gentlemen I stood up and followed the waitress to the bar I grabbed the phone from the bar and pressed it to my ear expecting to hear my baby's sexy husky voice but instead, I was greeted by a dial tone "Keep the phone to your ear, Mrs Black" "Why? what's going on?" Lask confused "That guy who is with you, the really creepy one"

"Yeah, what about him?" I ask feeling confused but what she said next pissed me off "He's spiked your drink" "He what?" "You heard me, Mrs Black, he spiked your drink when you and your friend went to the bathroom" Urght, that motherfucker "How do you know?" "I watched him do it and I was waiting for the perfect moment to tell you but there wasn't one..I'm just glad you didn't drink

any of it" Chapter 39 - Revelations. Ww "I'm not a big alcohol drinker" I looked back at the table to see the two men conversing with one another while Abby was looking at me confused I didn't know what to do A part of me wanted to call the police on his disgusting ass but another part of me knew it would be a waste of time because I highly doubt they'd be able to do anything about it considering the history of famous celebrities and movie producers getting away with murder in Hollywood

"Do me a favour, call the..." I said but was once again cut off by the sounds of a police siren The waitress and I share eye contact before running out of the restaurant "LACE!!, LACEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?" Abby shouted as I ran out of the door I followed the sounds of sirens to a crowd that was gathered outside of an alley "Hey, what's going on?"

I ask one of the onlookers "Another body has been found raped and murdered, that makes it the fifth body this week" Oh my god What the hell is going on? "Lacey, are you ok?" "I don't know, Abs, another body has been found just like all of the others" So? I mean, it's sad these girls are being tortured and killed

like this

"Kat? what about Kat?" "You found something already?" Lask ignoring Klayton "Yeah, I found her, I know where she is" Oh my god "What? are you being serious?" "Yeah, I." "Hold it you two"

"I don't know how or when but Trevor was able to get a tracker put on Katerina somehow and he was able to trace her movements through some software he's got downloaded on both his phone and his computer which [

Chapter 40 - The Ambush - Part. ww was able to access and luckily for us, Kat is in this mansion" "That explains how Antonio was always able to find her, they were tracking her" "Yeah" Marcus says sadly "Wait, you hacked into Trevor's computer system?" Klayton asks Marcus who nods his head "Yep

"Where did you learn how to hack?" Klayton asks him and Marcus smiles "I learned from the best" He says and for the first time since I came here, Klayton smiled "You learned from Tommy...Jesus, that man was dying of cancer and he was doing everything but the one thing he should've been doing which is resting" "Don't underestimate those who have got cancer, Klay, if they can battle something as vicious and as nasty as cancer every day then they can pretty much do anything"

I say with a smile which my cousin reciprocates "So, what do we do now?" Joey asks "We go and get Kat back and I get the pleasure of killing that bastard and his f**k buddy" "What about Vanessa?" "What about her?" Klayton asks confused

"Well, she hasn't been in the right state of mind to do anything since Kat was taken, I mean, the girl has been so depressed lately she's barely eaten or slept" "You're right, Joe" Klayton sits back in a huff and rubs his forehead in frustration "What do I do?" "Well, if you do tell her, there's a chance she could ruin the whole rescue mission if she's as weak as you say she is but if you don't tell her." Ldrift off and Klayton nods his head understanding where I was going with this

"She'll be pissed with me" Klayton lets out a breath before standing up "Ok guys, let's go, we need to prepare our men and get everyone ready, I wanna be on the road within the next half an hour" "You got it, brother" Joey says and leaves the office "I wanna go with you, Klay" "WHAT?" "No, no freaking way, Lace"

Logan and Klayton shouted in unison "Klayton..." "I said no, Lacey" My cousin said sternly "Look, Lace..I appreciate what you and Marcus have done and it makes me so happy and proud to see the way you've stood up for Kat and been her cheerleader this past week but I can't allow you to come with Chapter 40 - The Ambush - Part. wa us" "Why not?"

Task annoyed "Because if Trevor and Antonio are there, kid and they get to you before I can get to them..." He says before drifting off but he didn't even need to finish because I understood where he was going and what he meant Which left me feeling very and I do mean very frustrated I wanted to go with them and help them save Kat but I know it's not a good idea, especially since I'm one of Trevor's main targets.

"Tknow you're probably thinking I'm being mean, principessa but I'm not, I'm doing this for your own good" Klayton said as he came around his desk and cupped my face
Kissing my cheek

"Please understand why you can't come with us..I'm going there to save my cousin, I don't wanna go there saving Kat and losing you in the process, I'd never be able to live with myself if something happened to you Lace" He says and I nod my head "You had me sold on not going when you mentioned Trevor and Antonio grabbing me... wanna help you guys but I haven't got a death wish"

"You've already helped us, kid, you and Marcus were able to do the one thing I couldn't because I was being too stubborn and seeing everything threw a betrayed Don's eyes and not a familial eye" Klayton said with a smile as he gripped my chin "You've been the biggest help to me, principessa, don't ever forget Chapter 40 - The Ambush - Part. WY that" He kisses my cheek before bidding us goodbye and leaving his office "Are you ok, love?"

Klayton interrupts me "What's going on here? how do you know where Kat is?" "Well, IL." Marcus drifted off as he looked down at me "Can we speak freely about this, Klay?" Lask while eyeing up the two detectives "Yes, they know everything about Trevor, kid, why? what's going Took up at Marcus before looking back at Klayton

Logan asks me as he embraces me in a hug "Twill be" Ilook up at my husband and smile as he kisses my forehead "Hey, how was your meeting with the movie producer?" He asks me and I groan as I rest my forehead against his chest "That bad" "Can I answer that question when we're in a hot bubble bath and up to our necks in wine? I want you drunk and naked before I answer that question"

"Drunk and naked huh, that means it either went really well or it was insanely awful" He says and I had to stop myself from answering because knowing my beloved husband, he'd want to hunt that fucker down and make him regret messing with me "Let's go home, love" Logan and I leave Klayton's office and spend the rest of the night with our kids as we anxiously wait for news on Kat

"Cassidy, you are not coming" "Yes, Iam" "No, you're not" "Klayton" My wife growled at me and I sighed in frustration Chapter 40 - The Ambush - Part. Ww Why are the women in my life so determined to play the frrrsg Powerpuff Girls tonight? "Baby..."

"Don't baby me, Klayton, I'm going with you whether you like it or not" "Cassie, love..." Itried to appeal to my wife but she once again cuts me off "Look babe, I can help you" "How?" "By protecting Kat and getting her to safety while you kill Trevor and Antonio" Urghll, she's right "I thought you wanted to be the one who killed Trevor?" I ask

her with a faint smile and she smiles back at me "Yeah I did, I wanted to torture his ass and kill him in the worst way possible but now..now I just want him gone so that he can't hurt any of us ever again" Cassie says with a slight quiver to her voice I gently pulled

her closer to me wrapping my arms around her waist and shoulders as I kiss her forehead "Klayton, is it true? have you guys found Kat?" Vanessa's voice flitted to my ears I looked behind my wife and my heart hurt when I saw the state my best friend was in

"Yes Ness, we've found her, in fact, we were just heading out to get her" "I wanna go, I wanna save my wife" Chapter 40 - The Ambush - Part "Ness..." "Please, Klay" She pleads with me I looked between Vanessa and Cassie and I huffed in annoyance "Ok fine, the wife is coming as well" I say and Cassie cheers happily but stopped when I gripped her chin

"But..." "Urgh! there's always a but with you Klayton, I don't mind though as long as it's your butt" Cassie says with a smirk as she winks at me and I shake my head while chuckling This woman of mine is always a horny freak at the wrong freaking times

"Don't give me a hard-on, Cassie, especially not now when I can't do anything about it" "Eww!" Vanessa groaned and I chuckled "Anyway, you both do as I say, do you understand me? we're going there to save Kat, not to lose you two in the process because you decided to go rogue and play your girl power cards" "Yes, boss" "Yes, sir" Cassie says seductively and I chuckle We then grabbed our things before headed outside where my men were and we loaded up the vans and cars to head out to Long Island

"Cassidy? where the hell do you think you're going?" Chapter 40 - The Ambush - Part Benjamin growls at his baby sister "Don't start, Benji, I'm coming whether you like it or not" Cassie says before getting in our SUV Benjamin locks eyes with me and I silently tell him to drop it because he knows just as well as I do that there's no changing Cassie's mind once she's made it upTêx ©

We got in our cars and I made sure to keep a tight grip on my wife's hand and thigh as we drove off my property The ride to Long Island took around an hour and thirty minutes but the overall ride to where Trevor is hiding out took us around two hours because the mansion is buried deep in the ass crack of nowhere When we eventually found the mansion and drove up the driveway, I couldn't help but groan at how cliché this place looked It looks like your typical run-down, old, abandoned home and the garden area looks incredibly neglected, there was even a marble fountain in the middle of the front garden which looks like it would have been a horse when it was in it's former glory but now it's a battered wreck

"Lerm...I asked Marcus to help me find any information he could on Kat to prove her innocence" help "You asked him? you asked Marcus to help you?" "Seriously kid, out of everyone in our family you asked this dipshit to you?"

"So, how are we gonna do this?" Benjamin asks nobody in particular I looked down at my younger brother who was looking at his iPad with great interest "Can you pinpoint where Kat is on that thing, Marcus?" "Actually, yeah...you'd think numbnuts would've

hidden her somewhere in the deepest and darkest parts of the house on a haunted hill but no, the idiota is holding her captive in that room right there" Marcus says whilst pointing at a room where there's a faint light

coming from it Chapter 40 - The Ambush - Part "Urghtt, mom was right, good looks and brains are a very rare hybrid" Cassidy said earning angry groans from myself and Benjamin "Anyway, this is gonna be a piece of cake" "How do you work that out, Cass?"

"Well, speaking from personal experience with this asshole, he's not a very trustworthy person, especially after he was double-crossed last time so he probably won't have anyone other than himself and Antonio around Katerina which will make it easier for Vanessa and I to grab her and bring her out to the car" Cassie says stoically but as her husband and best friend of twenty-plus years, I can see the pain and guilt as well as a little bit of fear in her eyes I grab her hand and gently caress the back of her hand with my thumb "Ok, we take things slowly at first, we take out anyone we see outside of the mansion with our silencers so that we don't alert anyone inside including Trevor and Antonio..when we get inside, everyone is fair game and you can be as loud as you want while Benjamin and I go and deal with Trevor and Antonio and Cassie and Nessa to go with Marcus to get Kat,

does everyone understand me?" "Yes, boss" "Wait, you want me to go in there with you?" Marcus asks me and I nod my head "Yeah, why?" Task him and he nods his head "I just thought I was too much of a dipshit to be involved in one of your

missions" Marcus says and I sigh before groaning in pain after my wife slapped my chest "Klayton, I thought I told you to stop calling him a dipshit" "First of all babe, I didn't Joey did and secondly Marcus, I only call you that to motivate you to do better and keep you away from those moronic asshats you've been hanging out with and it worked because you sought out that stubborn principessa of mine and convinced her to let you help us find Kat which you did" "Well, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to find someone, especially when you're working with a dumb fucktard like

Trevor, I mean, who leaves s**t like that on their computer when they've already got what they're tracking?" "A dumb fucktard like Trevor that's who, Marcus" Cassie says and we all laugh We then get out of cars making sure we're locked and loaded ready to end this bullshit tonight but what I didn't know is that I was about to be doublecrossed by someone I consider my family

Klayton and Joey ask sounding amused before laughing which pissed me off, especially when I looked up at Marcus and I saw how hurt and sad he was by their words "Actually yeah, you pair of assholes, I asked Marcus to help me because unlike you Klayton, Marcus didn't ignore me or brush off my feelings when I told him Katerina was innocent, no he believed me and wanted to help me prove her innocence and now look..this quote on quote dipshit has managed to find Kat and instead of thanking him like the

proud brothers you should be and getting off your asses to go and get her and bring her home, you two are sitting here laughing and insulting your brother and putting him down" I growl at my two cousins "Sorry cugina" "Don't say sorry to me, dipshit, say sorry to Marcus" I say while throwing their word back at them "You're right, cugina, sorry Marcus"

"Sorry, brother" "It's alright, I'm used to it" Marcus says before clearing his throat as I glare at Klayton and Joey who had enough sense in them to at least look guilty "So, what did you find out?" "This*" Marcus says as he hands me the file he was holding "Trevor has taken over an old abandoned mansion in Long Island, it's secluded enough that nobody will bother him but it's not so secluded that they can't come and go whenever they want and they can't be traced by a skilled hacker"

Marcus says with a smirk "You found all of this out in just one week" "Mmm-hmm, I told you I was good" Marcus winked at me and I smiled proudly at him "Now, I wasn't able to access everything because whoever Trevor has got working for him has got certain s**t locked down and I think only someone in the FBI or CIA can gain access to it but I was able to find out his current address and I know he's there because he's got this LD scanner thing at the entrance which is the only way to gain access to the property and this scanner is hooked up to his computer"

"How do you know Miss Katerina is there? just because he's there, it doesn't necessarily mean that she is as well, I mean, according to your brother this Trevor guy is also a mafia Don which means he's smart and he's not gonna keep his kidnap victim in an obvious place where she can easily be found" Detective Russo says and he's got a point but we're not dealing with a smart man here "I never told you Trevor is smart, Russo" Klayton groans and I chuckle "Klayton's right detective, Trevor's a cocky son of a b***h who thinks he's invincible and untouchable but he's not smart and that's how I was able to find Kat"

"How do you know she's there, Marcus?" Joey asks him