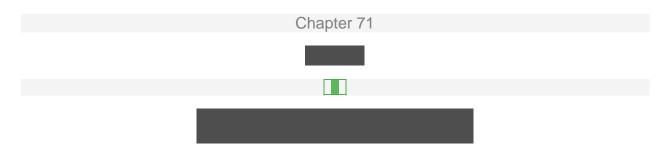
MizzLaura coming home for Christmas



Chapter 71 - You Don't Mess With The Antonelli's

Logan's POV

"Hello there brothers or should I say brother and cousin"

IN

He said with a smirk

"Klayton Antonelli"

+ evil incarnate standing right in front of me

3 and shook the hands of his friends

"It's good to see you again, Klay, it's been a while"

"Yeah, it has, it's been about nine or ten months, right? I think the last time we saw each other was just before I went back to Cameron"

"It was"

Isaid sadly as I remembered why he had to go back home

"I'm sorry about Tommy, my brothers, he was a good man"

I offer my condolences to the three men who had lost a very good friend of theirs not too long ago

"Yeah, he was, he was the best"

Klayton said stoically and to anyone looking at him, they'd think he doesn't care but he's only acting that way because my secretary is still in

here and he has to keep up appearances as the Don of the Antonelli family and empire

"You remember my brother-in-law Benjamin Williams and my good friend Connor Gordon, right?"

"Of course, it's good to see you all again"

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"It's good to see you too, Logan, how's things?"

Benjamin asks me and I sigh in frustration

"Things are great, Ben but they could be even better"

"And that's why we're here?"

Klayton said with a smirk

"Anyway guys, come on in and make yourselves comfy, Sophie.. Sophie"

I called my secretary's name who was looking at us all in shock and disbelief

I don't blame her for reacting this way, I mean, it's not every day one of the most powerful men in America shows up at your place of work

"Sophie"

Isaid her name again and this time I was successful in getting her attention

"Can you bring my friends and 1 some refreshments, please?"

"Su..sure, sir, right a.away"

Sophie scurries out of the room like her ass was on fire and shuts the door on the way out Klayton sat down on the armchair while his friends sat on the couch, I was sitting on the couch opposite them and Justin was sitting on the other armchair

"So, first things first..how is my little cousin?"

Klayton asks referring to my wife

Yes I know, you're all probably thinking = what the f**k? Klayton and Lacey are related? and the answer is yes, they are, they're cousins via

Lacey's mom Louise and Klayton's father Mario

"She's good"

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"Good?"

Klayton asks while narrowing his eyes between myself and Justin

"Good isn't great, Logan, it's not perfect or ecstatic, so I ask you again...how is my cousin?"

He growls and I briefly look over at Justin before looking back at Klayton

"She's good, Klay, she really is..."

I drift off as I run my hand through my hair before stroking my stubbly chin

"It's just this whole GiGi situation amongst other things that are draining her and messing with her mental health"

"Yeah, so I've heard"

Klayton said in a scary tone as he narrowed his eyes on Justin who immediately looked down

"La famiglia prima di tutto..famiglia é per sempre or did you Carpenters forget about that, Justin?" (Family comes first) (Family is forever)

"You don't understand, Klayton..."

Justin said only to be cut off by his cousin

"I don't understand? then make me understand, cousin, help me to understand how you all turned your backs on not just your baby sister and daughter but your pregnant baby sister and daughter from what I've heard"

"What like you did, Cassie? I heard she was pregnant when you did a runner as well"

Justin growled and the tension in the room which was already thick got even thicker

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"Listen here you little sh..."

Klayton said but was cut off by a knock at the door

"Come in"

The door opens and Sophie walks in with a tray in her hand

She quickly places the tray on the table and I thank her before she leaves as fast as she arrived

As soon as Sophie was gone and the door was shut, Klayton snapped his head towards Justin

"You better watch your f****g tongue in the future, boy..I'm not a nice man when you bring up my wife or our past in a situation where it's

not called for, do you understand me?"

Klayton growled and Justin nodded his head

"Yes"

"Yes, what?"

"Yes, Don"

Justin said through gritted teeth

He clearly doesn't like the disrespect his cousin is giving him but in all honesty, I don't blame my friend for getting upset and angry with him

Klayton is just as possessive and over-protective of his wife as I am with Lacey, maybe I'd be at the same level as him if I was in the mafia

with him but that's not my thing and I don't have to worry about other dangerous assholes coming after my wife and kids

"Can we get back to why we're here, please?"

"Yes, let's"

Klayton sends one last glare to Justin before looking at me

"I know you've already told me pretty much everything that's happened but I need you to repeat it to me again, ok and don't leave

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anything out, Logan"

"ok

Istand up from the couch and go over to my bar to get myself a bottle of bourbon

If he's forcing me to go over this again then I'm gonna need a much stronger drink than coffee

1 pour myself a glass of whiskey and down it in one go before telling Klayton every single last detail from beginning to end

Klayton wasn't happy, he wasn't happy at all and I could tell from the way he was gripping the arms of the chair he was sitting in that he was

close to losing his s**t

"Klayton..."

"I warned you"

He growled as he sat forward resting his arms on his legs

"Iwarned you about that tramp but you didn't f****g listen to me"

"Tknow, Klay"

"And if memory serves me right..didn't Lacey warn you about her as well?"

He asks confusing me

"No, not that I can remember" "She did"

Justin says shocking me

"When?"

"It was at my wedding, you brought GiGi as your date and Lacey tried to warn you that she was no good but you refused to listen to her"

"What? I don't remember that"

Chapter 71 - You Don't Mess Wi I say and Justin rolls his eyes

"Yeah because you spent most of the night knocking back bourbon like it was water whilst glaring at Dylan like you wanted to bury him

alive"

"That's because I did and I still do"

"Well, that's easily arranged, Lo, you only have to say the word...I've never liked that i***t"

Klayton said while stroking his stubbly chin

"Why? what's he done to you?"

"Apart from messing with my baby cousin and breaking her precious heart...the little fucker wouldn't stop staring at my d**k when we were in the toilets together one time"

"What were you doing alone with Dylan Tate in the toilets, cousin?"

Justin asks sounding very amused while Klayton glares at him

"Iwas taking a piss, asshole and so was he but his eyes kept straying south"

"When was this?"

Task him and he shrugs his shoulders

"Some party our family held in the Hamptons around six years ago"

He says and my eyes widen

"Oh god"

I groaned whilst rubbing my forehead in annoyance

"What? what's wrong?"

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Tlook over at an angry Justin before looking back at Klayton

"That party was Lacey's birthday, it was the last birthday we shared

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with her before she left, it's also the party where Dylan and Luca first started their affair"

"You're kidding me?"

He asks sounding disgusted and angry

"I wish we were, cousin, I really wish we were but unfortunately, we're not"

Justin says with a sigh

"I just hope Lacey never finds out about this because what she did to Dylan the other day will be nothing compared to if she finds out he

was also checking out her favourite cousin's junk at that very same party as well"

"What do you mean? what did she do the other day?"

Connor asks and Justin smirks

"She beat the living s**t out of her ex, that's what she did, Connor and I'm not talking about her fighting like a little girl in a catfight either, no, Lacey fought like a f*****g dude"

"Really?"

Ben asks shocked

"Yep, she broke his nose and fractured his cheekbone, not to mention,

she's permanently damaged his pride and his ego as well, two things that are very important two every man"

"That sounds like Lacey"

Klayton said with a proud smirk on his face

"You don't mess with an Antonelli and get away with it..which brings me to the reason why we're here, what do you wanna do with GiGi

Addams? you've already made it clear you don't want her dead for whatever reason even though her actions warrant it in my opinion"

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"It's because want her to suffer, Klay... want her to live every day of her miserable life knowing she f***d up and there's nothing she can do to change her past, her present or her future"

Itell him sternly

"They say you're given two paths in life and it's up to you which one you take, right? well, GiGi could've taken the path of being a good

daughter to her parents, a great mother to her two precious children and a good wife to some poor sap, she could've also taken the path of

going to college and working hard to live the lives we all do but she didn't, instead, she chose the second path, the path of being a sneaky,

manipulative, selfish snake who isn't happy with destroying her own families lives but also mine...it's obvious there are no limits to what

she'll go to, to break up my marriage and family and I wanna put an end to it now before she finds a way to succeed"

"Oh trust me, brother, that'll never happen...like I said you don't mess with an Antonelli and I think I know the perfect way to punish this

little homewrecker"

"Oh yeah, how?"

Justin asks and Klayton smirks

"You'll find out soon enough but first, I wanna speak to my little cousin, it's only fair she has some input and make sure GiGi's punishment

fits her crimes"

"You got it"

1 say matching Klayton's smirk with my own

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As the group of men sit and talk about the fate of GiGi Addams, across town, the girl herself is all smug and feeling very proud of herself as

she sits

in her apartment relishing in the chaos she's caused

"Soon Logan, soon you'll be mine and that w***e and her brats will be out of our lives for good"

GiGi says as she sips on her champagne and sighs in contentment completely oblivious of the dangerous storm that's coming her way

Chapter 72



Chapter 72 - Unexpected Dinner Guests

Lacey's PONV

feel really nervous and I don't know why

Tonight I'm hosting a dinner party and I've invited my brother Justin, his wife Sabrina and their kids to come and dine with us but oddly

enough, that's not why I'm so nervous

I'm nervous because my husband called me this afternoon and told me that he's got a surprise for me and he requested that I set five extra

spaces at the table which can only mean his surprise for me is a person or five people but who are they?

"You look beautiful, mummy"

"Do, princess?"

""Mmm-hmm, you look just like Princess Catherine"

"Aww, thank you, my love"

I cup my baby girl's face and kiss her cheek

"Is daddy coming home soon, mum? I miss him"

"He should be home soon, baby"

Isay while looking at the clock on my wall

He's actually running late today which is odd considering he told me he was leaving work early today

I wonder where he is?

"Mummy, can we go downstairs and wait for daddy? Poppy and I made cupcakes earlier and I want to make sure the boys haven't robbed any before I can show them to daddy"

"Of course honey just wait a second and then we can go"

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Ispray some perfume on myself and give myself one last look in the mirror to make sure I look perfect

I don't know who is coming for dinner tonight but I wanna make sure I look perfect and presentable for my man and his guests

"Ok, I'm ready, let's go"

Teddy and I leave my bedroom and we head downstairs to check on the dining area and also on the food

"Poppy, how are the cupcakes? the boys haven't stolen any, have they?"

"Do you really have little faith in me, Miss Teddy?"

Poppy asked my daughter while smiling and I couldn't help but chuckle at the pair

My kids love our staff and they treat them like members of our family which as a mother makes me very proud because I always thought

when we moved here that they'd turn into spoiled rich brats who would treat the help like they're below them

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Tknow there's still time because we haven't been here that long but I doubt their opinions or attitudes will change because I raised my

babies to be better than that and for as long as I'm alive they'll continue to show respect and be the good-hearted individuals they are and

will continue to be long after I'm dead

"I have faith in you, Poppy and I trust you, 1 just don't have faith in my brothers, they've both got a really bad sweet tooth"

"Well, your brothers won't get near them not with me around"

"Good"

Poppy says and I chuckle

"Where are my sons, Poppy?"

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"They're in the living area, ma'am"

She says and I roll my eyes

"Poppy, how many times have I told you all to call me Lacey?"

"Sorry, it's a habit in my line of work to call the master and mistress, ma'am and sir"

"Well, I'd much prefer it if you didn't, especially since there's probably not that many years between us"

It's the truth, Poppy looks like she's either my age or a couple of years below me in age and if she's older then I need to know the name of

her anti-wrinkle cream because her skin is flawless and I'm gonna need it with my three babies

"You got it, ma'am, I mean Lacey"

"Good girl, come along Teddy"

1 grab my daughter's hand and lead her towards the living area where my children are watching Young Sheldon

"No, 1 don't, Dayton"

"Yes you do, Lo"

"No, 1do not"

"Yes, you damn well do"

"Dayton James Black, are you cursing?"

Lask angrily earning the attention of my sons

"No, mum"

"Yes, he did mum, he said the D word"

"Damn isn't a curse word, dad even said so"

Did he now?

/11 get him later when his fine ass finally comes home

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"What are you two arguing about anyway?" "Oh, I was telling Lo that he reminds me of Sheldon but Lo over here

says he doesn't"

"That's because I don't, do I mum?"

Logan Junior asks me as I look between the young man on screen and my eldest boy

"I don't know baby, a good-looking young man with sparkling baby blues, an incredibly smart brain and a thirst for knowledge, more

specifically science..no, youre right, I can't see it either"

Isay sarcastically which completely went over my baby girl's head

"Are you sure, mummy? because you just described Logan"

"know, baby, mommy meant...

"Honey, I'm home"

Oh lord

When did my husband turn into such a cliche?

"LACEY"

Logan growled my name and I snapped my head towards the entrance of the living area

Ithen stormed out of the living room to the chorus of my children saying ooh, dad's in trouble

"Who the hell are you shouting for, Logan David Black? you need to remember I'm your wife and you ain't my daddy"

Isaid while glaring at him but I quickly realised that was the wrong thing to say as I looked at my smirking husband

"What? why are you smirking at me like that? it better not be because of what I've just said because I've already told you, there are only

three humans as of now who call you that and 1 ain't one of them"

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"We'll see, honey but for now, that's not why I'm smirking"

"Then why are you smirking?"

Task as I cross my arms over my chest

"I've got a present for you, baby and this present is gonna make you happy in more ways than one"

"Logan, the kids are present"

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I growl as I briefly look over at the three little humans who are standing a few feet away from me and watching us with hawk eyes before

looking back at Logan who dare I say looks even more smug

"I wasn't talking about that, my queen but I'l happily take that as payment for what I've done for you"

He says and I narrow my eyes at him as I scrunch my face up in confusion

"What have you done, Logan? you haven't done anything you shouldn't, have you?"

"Oh, don't worry baby, I've just brought some family home to see you, that's all"

What?

Ithought to myself feeling confused as I watched Logan turn around and open the front door

My confusion heightened when Sabrina and Justin walked in dressed to the nines, Emily was also dressed in a stunning pastel pink dress

and baby James who was curled up in his mom's arms is wearing a onesie that looks like a suit

"Really, Logan? all of this for Justin and Sabrina, no offence guys" "None taken, sis"

Justin said with a smirk and 1 also noticed Sabrina was smirking at me

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as well

"Ok, did you all fall asleep with coat hangers in your mouths or something?"

"No, why?"

Sabrina asks looking confused and amused

"Because you're all smirking at me and it's creepy, so either stop it or tell me what's going on"

"I already told you what's going on, my love, I've brought some family here to see you"

Knock! knockll, knock, knocklt

A repetitive rap on my door sounds throughout the hallway and I started to feel nervous

He said he's brought my family here to see me but the only family he knows I'm comfortable with right now are currently in Paris, so who

the hell has he invited here?

"Logan"

Isaid in a nervous whisper as my husband turned and opened the door

All of my nerves quickly flew out of the window and a whole bunch of different emotions flowed through my body as tears filled my eyes

when a familiar face stepped into my home

"Oh my...oh my g.god..Kl.Klayton"

"Hello there, la mia piccola principessa" (My little princess)

"There's no..there's no w.wa.Wway..."

I drifted off as my eyes rolled to the back of my head

The last thing I remember before everything turned black was someone holding me in their arms as several people either shouted Lacey

Chapter 73

Chapter 73 - Here For You

Lacey's POV

"Lace. Lacey, hobs"

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I hear my husband's gentle voice trying to coax me out of my peaceful slumber

"Come on, love, open your eyes"

s and my vision cleared, a huge smile adored my face upon seeing my handsome

"Hey, when did you get home from work?"

Task as my face scrunches up in confusion

The last time I checked, Logan was running late for dinner tonight

"Oh, not too long ago, babe..how are you feeling?"

"I'm fine, I think"

I'say confused as I rub my forehead and wonder what's going on and why the hell I'm sleeping on the couch

Iwas also feeling confused about the dream I had or more like the person I was dreaming about

Why would I randomly dream about him?

"What do you mean? you're not feeling sick, are you?" Logan asks me as he feels my forehead for a temperature

"I'm fine, babe, I just had a weird dream, that's all"

Isay as I grab hold of Logan's hand and hold it close to my chest

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"What kind of dream was it, babe? I clearly wasn't in it if you're saying it's weird"

Logan said and I chuckled slightly

"Do you remember my cousin Klayton?"

"Mmm-hmm, yes I do"

"Well, I had a dream about him, I dreamt that he was here, in our home"

I'say confused

Iwas so confused by my dream about Klayton that I completely missed my husband's amused smile as he looked at something behind me

"How's that weird, love?"

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"It's weird because I haven't seen Klayton in..god..around six years"

Has it really been that long?

"Yeah, I think the last time I saw him was at my birthday party in the Hamptons"

I'say with a sad smile as I let out a sigh

"For some strange reason, he never liked Dylan and he always tried to discourage me from being with him but his hatred for him got worse after that night... never found out why but Klayton told me he'd never give us his blessing and that I'd eventually regret it if I stayed with

him and he was right"

I'said the last part with a chuckle as I closed my eyes and covered them with my hand

"It's a good job he's not here because I'd hate tohearhimsay /told you so, piccolo cugina * (Little cousin)

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"Told you so, piccolo cugina"

Astrong, husky voice with an Italian twang says in a cocky tone and my eyes immediately snapped open as my heart started to beat even

faster

There's no way

I quickly sat up and looked behind me and my eyes widened in shock and surprise when I saw the devil's favourite son, my cousin Klayton

Antonelli sitting on the q_armghair, with Cassidy Williams sitting next to him on the arm of the q_chair but the strangest part about this

scene was the beautiful little boy sitting on his lap who was the spitting image of Klayton when he was a kid

"Oh my god"

I whispered as a highly amused Klayton looked at me with a smirk and he even winked at me

"Hey there little one"

Holy s**t

Ithought to myself as I jumped up from the couch, my eyes never leaving Klayton as I did

"Babe, be careful"

Logan said as he stood next to me and placed his hand on my lower back while my eyes remained on my smirking cousin

"Klayton...what the hell are you doing here?"

"It's good to see you too, Lacey, how have you been, kid?"

"Oh, I've been better, did erm..are you here because of my dad? did he send you here?"

Lask and he scoffs

"You're joking right, Lace?"

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"Why would I joke about this, Klay?..my family have been trying to get back into my good books ever since I returned to New York and so

far, all of their attempts have failed, so it wouldn't exactly shock or surprise me if he or my mom called in the family's big dog to try and

intimidate me into forgiving them"

I'say sounding annoyed

Iwouldn't put it past my father to call in Klayton so that he can use him as a cheap and easy way to get back in both mine and my kid's

lives, the reason why is because Klayton is a huge believer in family and he believes a strong family is a united family, so it honestly wouldn't Text © by surprise me if my parents took advantage of this to get their own way

Don't get me wrong, I love Klayton, he's my favourite cousin but family is family to him and you don't fight within the famiglia, so how much

we love each other or favour one another means nothing when it comes to family values

"Is that so, Lacey?"

Klayton asked while glaring at me

"Son, go to your mother"

"Ok, dad"

son?

This kid is Klayton's son?

I mean, it makes sense considering this little boy is an exact carbon copy of Klayton but how? and when?

I remember Carmella telling me a few years ago that Klayton had f****d up big time with Cassie and she was adamant that hell would have

to freeze over first before she gave him any kind of a chance, so when the hell did this happen?

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As soon as the little boy was safely in his moa__m!s arms, Klayton quickly jumped up like the angry mafia Don he is and he got right in my

face

"You think I'm here to intimidate you huh, Lacey? you think your daddy called me in to sort your ass out, huh?"

Klayton growled in his scary voice which oddly enough is his intimidation voice

You know the kind of voice men use in movies when they want to get information out of rats on the street or when they wanna scare women and

kids, yeah, that's the kind of voice I'm talking about, the only difference between the two is that Klayton's got a pretty strong Italian twang to his voice which makes him sound even scarier but he doesn't scare me If this was anyone else then I probably would've pissed myself or passed out again, that's how frightening my cousin looks and sounds right now but this is Klayton we're talking about

To everyone else, he's the big, bad mafia Don who you don't wanna mess with because he will literally turn your ass into fish food if you do

but to me, he's just Klayton, my older cousin who I've loved and idolised ever since I was a little girl

Iwas brought out of my thoughts by my i***t cousin who had gripped my chin with his hand causing me a little pain and discomfort

"Ouch"

lyelped as I glared at him

"Klayton, you d**k, that hurts"

I growl and he glares back at me with fire in his eyes

se

If it was possible for humans to burn each other with just one look then I'd be a cremated mess right now

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"Watch your language, principessa, especially with my son in the room"

"He's not in the room, smart ass, do you think I'd be a hypocrite and curse around your kid when I don't like it around my own?" I say with a smirk

Klayton narrowed his eyes at me before turning to look at a smiling Cassidy who waved at him cheekily

"Where's our son, Cass?

"I'sent him to go and be with Benji because I didn't want him to witness his father getting angry"

Cassie says and Klayton smiles

"That's my girl"

He said while briefly looking at Cassie before looking back at me

For about a minute or so, Klayton just looked down at me with his lips pouted as his thumb gently stroked my chin

"Iwant an answer to my question, Lacey..why would you think I'm here to intimidate you?"

"Well, why else would you be here, Klayton?"

Lask confused and his face softened

"Maybe because you're my cousin and I love you..maybe because I got wind that my favourite little cousin was back in New York where she

belongs and I couldn't resist coming to see her"

He says with a smile

"It's been six years since I last saw you, tesoro and I've missed you so much..I'm here for you kid, not for anybody else, especially not your dad"

Klayton says with a slight growl at the end as my eyes filled with tears

Chapter 73 - Here For You. and my heart filled with guilt for accusing him and acting the way that I did with him

"I'm sorry for how I acted, Klay... just thought my parents were getting desperate and they called you in to have a word with me"

"As if I'd listen to your dad if he did, Lace"

Klayton said while rolling his eyes

"Even if they did call me, do you really think [would've paid them any notice?..the short and quick answer to that question is no, I wouldn't

have because I know you, kid and I know that you would never have run away from home or tured your back on your family unless you

were forced to"

He said stemly as he cupped my face

"Tknow there had to have been a damn good reason for you to do what you did, Lace and from what I've heard, you did have a good

reason to leave"

"So, you know everything then?"

lask annoyed and he looks at me like really Lace?

"I'm a mafia Don, Lacey and I'm the head of this famiglia..nothing and I mean NOTHING gets passed me, sweetheart"

Klayton said with a slight smirk and what he said next shocked the living crap out of me

"I mean, who the hell do you think kept you and your kids safe all of these years and made sure nobody could find you, hmm?"

Chapter 74 - Over-protective Big Cousin - Part 1

Lacey's POV

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fused as I was before I looked back at my cousin

"What are you talking about, Klay?"

Task and he sighs as he runs a hand through his hair

"Six years ago, I received a phone call from that eccentric and animated grandmother of yours who told me what had happened between

you, Luca and that gobshite Dylan, she also told me that you had run away from home and she wanted me to find you and keep you safe

which I did and I made sure to keep you well hidden from your family who unbeknownst to you Lacey, were just this close to finding you"

Klayton said while showing me how close they were with two of his fingers

"What? h..how do you know that?"

"Because you weren't exactly being smart with your life choices considering how badly you wanted to remain hidden now where you,

Lacey?"

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Klayton asked and I looked at him confused

"What are you talking about? I did everything I could to keep myself and my kids safe"

"Yeah, you did and I commend you for changing your surname, Lacey but...did you never wonder why or how your application got accepted so fast?"

He says stumping me

"What? no, it wasn't"

"Yeah, it was, think about it, kid"

He said and I had no choice but to think back to when I first applied to change my name

Now that I think about it, my application was accepted unusually fast

Normally, it takes around two months in the UK for you to legally change your name or at least that's what I found out when I researched it

but my application was accepted after a week or two

/s this because of Klayton?

I received the answer to my question when I looked up at my smug cousin who had a big, bright smile plastered on his face as he bit down on his lower lip

"You..it was because of you, wasn't it?"

"Got it in one, kid"

/ can't believe this little fucker

"But what do you mean by my poor choices? Lacey is a very common girls name and the name Wright is also common, especially in the UK"

"Yeah but your children's names, Lace..LOGAN DAVID? Dayton JAMES? Teddy LOUISE?"

Chapter 74 - Over-protective Bi., He said making sure to put a lot of emphasis on the namesake names

"Not to mention, of all the bluddy places on the goddamn planet for you to run away to, you chose London, England for Christ's sake, the

birthplace of your dad and your grandparents"

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"There's also your alter ego, Olivia James...you weren't exactly being inconspicuous with that one, were you, Lace?"

Cassidy asks with a smirk

"They've got a point, babe"

Logan said and I glared at him

"Don't look at me like that, baby, you weren't exactly being subtle"

"What is this? gang up on Lacey month?"

I growl and Logan chuckles as he wraps his arm around my waist and kisses my temple

"Of course not, kid, I just wanted you to know that for someone who wanted to be hidden, you were doing an awful lot to draw attention to yourself'

"Well, I may not like my family right now but I love my mom and dad and I wanted my kids to have their names, as for my eldest boy..."

1 drifted off with a smile on my face

"I couldn't not name him after his father, he's his firstborn and heir after all"

"I feel you on that one sister" Cassidy says with a lot of pain and sadness in her voice

Klayton looks back at her and offers her a smile which she reciprocates but there was something about it that was different, it wasn't

Chapter 74 - Over-protective Bi., a happy smile but it wasn't a sad one either

"As for London...well, I guess I didn't think about that one, I was just so desperate to get away and I picked the first place that was suggested to me"

I said while shrugging my shoulders

"So, all of this time you knew where she was and that she had my kids and you never said anything to me?"

Logan angrily asks my cousin

"Yes I knew but I couldn't say anything because Duke and Bunny wanted nothing but peace and serenity for Lacey, they didn't want her

disturbed until she was ready for it... I know you're my friend, Lo but she's my family at the end of the day and [was gonna protect her and

put her, her children and her mental health before you and our friendship, I hope you understand that"

"Oh, understand, my brother"

Logan said while holding his hand out for Klayton to shake which he happily accepted

"There's nothing more important to me than my family and my wife's mental health...I'm not gonna lie and say it doesn't hurt that I missed

out on watching my Lacey being pregnant with our babies or that I missed their births and missed five years of their lives because it does

hurt but none of that can be changed now and I'd much rather look forward to our future together"

Aww, my man is so cute

I'stand up on my tippy toes and kiss Logan's lips much to the annoyance of my cousin who groaned in disgust

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starving to death over here"

"Nothing new there then"

I say with a smirk earning a glare from Klayton and a chuckle from Cassie

I blow him a kiss and chuckle as I walk out of the living area and head towards the dining room

When I got there, I saw my three babies sitting in their normal seats

Sabrina, Justin and their daughter were also sitting at the table, as well as two other guys, one of whom I recognised as Cassie's older

brother Benjamin but the other guy I couldn't place even though he looked very familiar to me

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Oh god, what's his name?

I thought to myself as I racked my brain for his name or at least something that may jog my memory of him

"I'm sure you remember my brother-in-law Benjamin and one of my dear friends Connor, don't you, little cousin?"

Connor, that's his name

"Yeah, of course, hi guys, it's good to see you again"

"You too, how are you feeling?"

"I'm ok, thank you, Ben"

Tsay with a smile

We all sit down and I quickly introduce my babies to our guests as our staff serve us our food

We talked about numerous different things during dinner including Klayton and Cassie's love story and how they ended up married and

witha kid

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Twas shocked at everything they had to go through to get their happy ever after but I wasn't surprised that they ended up back together

because Klayton and Cassie are like Logan and I, they're soulmates who were meant to be together

"Wow, what is it about London and us broken-hearted women aye?" Content is © 2024

Task and Cassie chuckles

"I know, it's crazy that we both ended up there out of every country and city in the world"

She says with a smile while rolling her eyes

"Well, I bet Tommy's ecstatic to see you guys back together again, he was always your number one fan, that one"

say with a smile as silence fills the air

Tlooked around the room feeling confused at the sudden silence and I was even more confused when I saw Logan, Klayton, Cassie,

Benjamin,

Connor and Justin with sad looks on their faces

"What? what's wrong? why do you all look so sad? did I say something I shouldn't?"

"Babe..."

Logan said but was interrupted by Klayton's son Cassius

"Uncle Tommy died, pretty auntie, he's with the angels now" "What?"

I looked over at Klayton and Cassidy who looked both angry and sad at their son's words

"Klayton..what happened?"

My cousin briefly looks at his wife as he grabs hold of her hand and kisses the back of it, he then looks at me and I gasped slightly at the

Chapter 74 - Over-protective Bi broken look in his eyes

"Tommy died from brain cancer, principessa"

What the f**k?

"What? when?"

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"Almost a year ago now...he died on his birthday"

Oh my god

/ can't believe this

I thought to myself as I covered my mouth with both of my hands

"I'm so sorry, I didn't know"

"It's ok, kid"

Took down at my food with a heavy heart

/ can't believe Tommy is dead

He was such a sweet man and one hell of a prankster... can't believe he's gone

Tlooked up at my husband when I felt a comforting squeeze on my hand and I smiled back at him when I saw him smiling at me

"Are you ok, little sis?"

Justin asks me and I smile at him reassuringly

"Yeah I'm fine, Justin, I'm just in shock, that's all..he was so young and he was married, right?"

Task Klayton who nods his head

"And he had kids as well, cugina"

Oh my god, the story gets worse

I can't even begin to imagine what Tommy and his wife have had to go through, one knowing they were gonna die and leave their family behind remaining forever young to them while the other was forced to

make new

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plans for the future without their beloved spouse in it

I'd hate to think about a life without my husband in it or one where I'd die and not get to see my babies grow up and become the

wonderful human beings they're destined to be

It honestly breaks my heart to think about it if 'm being honest with you and my heart fully goes out to them and anyone else who is

suffering the same fate as them

I subconsciously narrowed my eyes to my three bundles who were all smiling at me, Teddy had even gently grabbed hold of my arm and

snuggled closer to me to give me some comfort

"Don't be sad mummy and daddy or daddy's friends, I made cupcakes for after dinner but if you continue being sad then I'll have to bring

them out now to cheer you all up"

Teddy says and we all chuckle

"She's definitely yours, kid, she knows how to cheer people up with only a few words"

Klayton says and I smile as I wrap my arm around my little girl pulling her closer to me

"That's my girl, Klay"

I say proudly as I kiss Teddy's head

"No, she's OUR girl, babe"

Logan said making my smile even bigger and brighter

Yeah, she is

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Chapter 75 - Over-protective Big Cousin - Part 2

Lacey's POV

Dinner was like a nice cool breeze on a hot summers day and it was very much needed after everything we've had to deal with lately

It felt really good to sit down with real, genuine people who have got no agendas and no secrets and are here simply because they want to

be and not because they want to use me or butter me up because they need something from me

Iknow it may seem crazy that I feel so at ease and happy when I'm currently sitting with a mafia Don, his Donna and two of his higher-up

men but that's because they're my family, besides the mafia can't hurt you unless you hurt them or do something to piss them off, so I'm in good company

After dinner, we had our dessert which included Teddy's cupcakes and they went down a treat which made my little girl feel very proud of

herself

"Mummy, can we go to the theatre room and watch a movie? we wanna show Cassius and Emily all of the cool stuff dad's got in there"

Logan Junior asks me

"Erm...

"Yes you can Junior, I need to talk to your mom and dad about something in private"

Klayton says interrupting me

Tlooked at him confused as I wondered why he wanted to talk to myself and Logan in private away from the kids

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"Junior? I like that name, we should call Lo Junior so that we don't get confused between him and dad"

"How can you get confused, Dayton? I'm a child and dad is aman"

"People can still get confused, Lo"

Teddy says and Dayton agrees with her

"Yeah and you're not always gonna be a child, Lo, one of these days you'll be a man and it's gonna be so confusing for people to have two

Logan Blacks in the world, especially since you guys look so alike as well"

"I'still don't understand how people can get confused because when I'm older, I'l be young and dad will be old"

"Geez, thanks, son"

Logan said with a chuckle

"Don't feel offended babe, you'll still be handsome when you're older"

I'say while kissing my husband's lips earning a groan of disgust from both Justin and Klayton

"Do you have to do that, sis?"

"Yeah, I thought I warned you about that earlier"

Klayton and Justin growled and I once again poked my tongue out at them

"Now, you know how my dad and I feel when you're all over Cassie like a rash"

Benjamin says whilst shuddering dramatically

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"She's my wife, Benj"

"And Lacey's mine"

Logan said with a victorious kind of smirk on his face as Klayton

Chapter 75 - Over-protective Bi glared at him and I chuckled

These men

"Ok, that's enough cavemen, kids go to the theatre room but make

sure Poppy is in there as well to watch over you and don't eat too much candy, ok"

"Yeah mum, we know"

Dayton said while rolling his eyes but it wasn't in a rude or cheeky kind of way

As s00n as all of the kids minus baby James were gone from the room,

Isnapped my head towards Klayton and narrowed my eyes at him

"Ok spill, what are you up to?"

"What are you talking about?"

Klayton asked whilst placing his hand on his chest feigning innocence

"You're up to something, Klay and I wanna know what it is right now"

"Why would you think I'm up to something, Lace? like honestly, I'm offended"

He says sounding like he's being serious but I know he's not

"I know you're up to something because it's you Klayton, you've had six years to come and see me in London and I've been back in New

York for awhile and you choose right now, this day to come and visit me"

I'say and Klayton's lips quirked up into a smirk

"You know me too well, little cousin"

"Sii sempre attento...you taught me that, Klay, you also taught me to read people and to this day..I'm the only person who can read you, so

tell me...what are you up to?" (Always be observant)

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"She's got a point, cousin"

Justin says with a proud smile on his face

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"Ok, fine"
Klayton said as he threw his napkin down on his plate
"First of all, the reason why I never visited you in London is because of
several reasons but mainly because you needed a break, Lace..you
needed a break from all of us and you also needed to heal and find peace
which you wouldn't have done if 1 was popping in and out of your
life all of the time...besides, I knew you were ok and you were safe, so..."
He drifted off before continuing
"As for why I'm here now, I was actually planning on coming to see you before
the holidays so that you could meet my son and I could
meet your littluns but then I received an anxious phone call from Logan"
Klayton says and I snap my head towards my husband
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"You called him?"

"Yeah, I did at the behest of Justin and Abby"

"Wait, Abby? what's Abby got to do with this?"

Task confused

"She's my lawyer, principessa"

What?

"Abby doesn't practice law anymore"

"She does but she works solely for me, my family and my mafia"

Klayton says and my mind starts to go into overdrive about my friendship with Abigail

T've known her for almost my entire time in London and she was very eager to sign me as her client

Did she just befriend me because of Klayton?

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Is Klayton the reason why my work was successful?,

Was our whole friendship and working relationship a lie?

Twas brought out of my musings when I felt a warm grip on my hand

llook down at the tanned hand which has been decorated with a bird tattoo before narrowing my eyes to it's owner

"Stop overthinking, principessa, Abby is your friend...you've got no reason to doubt her"

"Really, Klay? because it's awfully coincidental that Abby befriended me not long after I arrived in London, she was eager to build a

friendship with me and my kids, not to mention, my work was successful within months of me releasing it..and now I find out she's your © - All rights reserved.

lawyer"

Tlook Klayton in his eyes and he looks offended by what I'm insinuating

"You think all of that happened because of me, huh?"

"Like I'said, Klay, it's awfully coincidental"

I growl and Klayton nods his head as he briefly looks down at our hands before looking back at me

"lagree but I had nothing to do with how successful you are, kid...that's all on you and your unbelievable talent as a writer, as for

Abby..yeah, I sent her your way because at the time she needed something to occupy her time because I didn't need her as much and she was interested in helping aspiring writers such as yourself, I also needed

someone I trusted near you to not only be there for you as a friend and a confidante but to be my eyes and ears in case your family or

Dylan did somehow find you"

Klayton says and I instantly felt bad

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My cousin is a sweetheart who would never hurt anyone intentionally which I know is strange to say considering his job and who he is but

it's the truth and I know Klayton would never do anything to intentionally hurt or betray me and my trust

"Look at me, Lacey"

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Klayton commanded me and I instantly did what he said

"I promise you, tesoro, you've got nothing to worry about with Abby, she loves you and your kids"

"Klayton's right, love...if he wasn't and Abby was just someone who was hired by him then would she have gone as far as she did to help us

expose GiGi to the world?..I highly doubt she would, babe, people will do a

lot for money but nobody would work as hard as Abby did for you and for us or work with as much passion, drive and dedication as she did

if she was just doing it to get a pay cheque from Klayton"

He's right

I thought to myself whilst nodding my head

"So, what's Abby got to do with you being called here?"

Task Klayton but Justin answered me

"It was my idea, little sis, I had a feeling that the press conference you all did to clear everything up would make things worse with GiGi and

she wouldn't stop until someone got hurt and I couldn't allow that to happen, Lace... know you probably don't believe this but I love you and I love your kids...1 don't wanna see anything bad happen to you guys, so I talked with Abby and together we convinced Logan to call in

an old friend"

Justin says and I look at Klayton who was still holding my hand as he gently strokes his bearded chin with his free hand

"Wait, so you're here to...do what exactly, Klay?"

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Task confused and Klayton smirks

"I'm here to rid you of your infestation, kid, in fact..I've already put my plans into motion, Lace"

Oh no

"What have you done, Klayton?"

Task but he doesn't answer me, he just continues to smirk and drink his bourbon

"You haven't done anything stupid, have you, Klay? GiGi is mine and Logan's problem, she's not a mafia problem"

"Actually cugina, that's where you're wrong because it is a mafia problem"

What?

"Oh really? and how do you work that one out?"

Task annoyed

GiGi Addams is a b***h, a thorn in my ass and she makes getting a smear test feel like a f****g walk in the park but she's not worth wasting

the mafia's time on

"What have the mafia and Italians got in common, Lace?"

"We're all angry, hot-blooded assholes who take s**t way too freaking personally"

Isay as let out a sigh and rub my forehead whilst everyone chuckles

"Yes but that's not the answer I'm looking for, kid...the answer I was looking for is that we're all about family"

Klayton's brown eyes bore into my green ones and I had this weird feeling that this wasn't just about me but it was also about GiGis other

indiscretions as well

"GiGi messed with you, principessa and she's about to learn the hard way that you don't mess with an Antonelli and get away with it"

Chapter 76



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Lacey's POV

"GiGi messed with you, principessa and she's about to learn the hard way that you don't mess with an Antonelli and get away with it"

But do I want that though? Têxt ©

Sure, 1 want GiGi to leave me and my family alone and I want her to get it in her thick head that Logan is mine and he'll never be with her

but I don't wanna set the mafia onto her..do I?

Urghl!

I'think I've banged my head, either that or I'm finally losing my mind because I'm starting to feel sorry for GiGi

Don't get me wrong, I hate the b***h and I wouldn't piss on her if she was on fire but there's something about setting the big dogs of the

Italian mafia onto her which doesn't seem to sit right with me

The only reason I can think of as to why I'm sympathising with her situation is because I'm a mom and for at least two times in GiGi's life,

she cared enough as a mom to allow two babies to grow inside of her womb and be birthed, so I'm thinking of her children and how both

theirs and her parents lives will be affected if Klayton is let loose on her

Iknow GiGi isn't much of a mother or daughter as it is, so their lives won't be as affected if 1 did give Klayton the go-ahead to destroy her

life but my mind keeps going to her poor parents who from what I've learned from Abby are in their early sixties and aren't in the best place

health wise because they can only afford health care for the kids and not for themselves

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They're the only family that these kids have got, well, besides GiGi so who's gonna be there for them if something happens to their

grandparents and their mother?

"What's on your mind, kid?"

Klayton asks me bringing me out of my thoughts

llet out a sigh as I ran a hand through my hair

"I'm just thinking about GiGi's family...Abby told me her parents are ailing, Klay"

Isay as I look him in his eyes

"What's gonna happen to the kids if I allow you to take GiGi out and or something happens to their grandparents?"

"Sweetheart, I don't plan on killing GiGi but I do see your point"

Klayton said as he gently stroked his chin and looked between Cassie, Benjamin, Connor and Logan

"How far have you and Abby got with trying to locate her family?"

"Not that far, they're understandably very private and want to be left alone for theirs and the kid's sakes"

"Right?" Klayton says while nodding his head slightly

"I'll make a few phone calls and get you an address...I know you wanna help them and give them a better life, kid and so do I, so II help

you, we all will"

"Thanks, Klay"

Isay with a smile

"And GiGi?"

Lask hesitantly and he shakes his head slightly

"Like I said, I'm not gonna kill her, principessa but I am gonna teach

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her a hard lesson for messing with my family" "OK" He wasn't gonna budge on this and to be honest with you, I wasn't really putting in the

effort to stop him either

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Maybe it's because he said he wasn't gonna kill her and that's enough for me for now

"Sir, ma'am"

Our head maid Lenora comes rushing into the dining room calling for Logan and me

"Yes, Lenora, what is it?"

"You need to come quick, there's some drunken crazy man at the door"

What?

"Stay here, guys"

I'say as 1 jump up and rush out of the dining room with Logan hot on my trail

I don't know what [was expecting when I got there but it certainly wasn't my drunk out of his mind brother who had either collapsed or

fallen and was trying to be helped up by our security

"Luca"

"Lacey"

Luca sang my name in a happy tone

"There she is, that's my baby sister, my beste, you can let me go now the princess is here, guys"

"Luca, what the hell happened?"

ask as I watch the two security men pull up my brother and hold him up so that he doesn't fall down again Chapter 76 - Dinner Intruders

"I had a drinky or two, Lace"

"You had two drinks? did you steal the Statue Of Liberty's drinks, Luc?"

I ask with zero amusement in my words but Luca laughed like it was the best joke ever

"That's funny Lace, that's really funny"

This it

"Luc, how much have you had to drink tonight?"

"It doesn't matter, princess, I just had a couple and I decided to come and see you so that we can talk and put this little spat behind us"

Little spat?

Is he for real?

"Well, you've clearly drank an entire bar dry if you think our fight is just a little spat, i***t"

"But it is, isn't it?"

He asks looking confused and I scoffed at him

"You had an affair with my fiancee, Luca"

I growled and Luca scoffed as he waved his hand at me as if he was shushing me

"It was an accident"

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An accident?

Did he really just f****g say that?

"An accident..please explain to me how you accidentally fell into Dylan's ass, Luc or how your mouth accidentally found it's way around his

dk

I growl at him and he finches from my words while Logan, my very mature husband chuckled behind his hand

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"So crude..you've never been this foul-mouthed before, Lace...what happened to our little princess who was always so good and talked like

a lady?"

"She was betrayed by her big brother and a man who she thought was her prince"

I'say stoically and Luca looks at me with a shocked/annoyed expression

"But it's been six years, Lacey and we've all moved on, why can't you?"

This little bastard

"I mean, you're married with kids now, Lace and so is Dylan...can't you let go of the past and move on from it?"

"Says the drunk asshole who needs half a bottle of vodka served with his morning waffles just so that he doesn't shake like a goddamn

vibrator"

I growl while rolling my eyes as Logan burst out laughing and Luca looked at me with a horrified expression "Oh and for the record, I have moved on, Luca and I'm so incredibly happy with my life right now because I'm happily married to the love of my

life, my soulmate and I've got three beautiful children"

"THEN WHY ARE YOU STILL SO BITTER AND ACTING LIKE A f*****g CHILD, LACEY?"

Luca growled causing me to flinch

"WHY CAN'T YOU JUST FORGIVE AND FORGET, HUH? IF YOU'RE SO HAPPY WITH LOGAN THEN WHY CAN'T YOU FORGIVE US FOR WHAT

WE DID?... YOU CAN'T MAKE A GAY MAN LOVE YOU, LACE AND YOU'RE A FOOL IF YOU THINK OTHERWISE!!"

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"Is that why you think I'm so mad, Luca? is that why you think I can't forgive and forget what you guys did is because I couldn't make Dylan

love me or change his sexuality for me?"

Lask shocked

I can't believe he'd insinuate this

"Well, why else would you be such a bitter, bitchy princess, Lace? you were in love with Dylan and you didn't like the fact that he preferred

me over you"

"You're such an imbecile, Luca, do you know that? but what's worse is that you're now a drunken imbecile who can't see what's right in front of him"

Isay as I close the space between us and grip his chin as I look him deep in his baby blue eyes which he inherited from our father

"You talk about forgiveness Luca and about moving on, you talk about us all being happy, well let me remind you brother that it was YOU who broke up my relationship, it was YOU who had an affair with my fiancee, it was YOU who lied to me and broke my heart and it was YOU who

broke up our family...you caused all of this heartache, all of this pain and all because you couldn't be honest and now look at you..you

married Dylan, the man you call the love of your life, your rock..you've got three beautiful babies but instead of enjoying that, instead of

being happy and living your life to the fullest, you're slowly killing yourself with booze because YOU can't move on and YOU can't forgive

yourself for what you did"

I growl as I push him away from me

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"I'm not angry with you guys because you fell in love or because Dylan preferred not just men but my own brother over me..no, I'm angry because you couldn't keep your ϕ^{***} s out of one another's mouths or asses long enough to tell me before you had your affair which not only broke

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my

heart but it destroyed my trust in anyone and it completely decimated my selfesteem and my confidence, so much so that I ran away

before I was forced to marry that worthless piece of s**t and be forced to live in a farce marriage which would've ruined not only my life but my babies lives as well"

"Yeah, that's right, Lace, you ran away like a scared little dog, instead of staying and facing the heat like Dylan and I did...we stayed and

faced all of the backlash with our families and friends but you didn't because you were a f****g coward"

Luca's words made me livid and I couldn't control myself from slapping the little fucker across his face but I never expected for him to

retaliate and hit me back and it wasn't just a slap either

Acry of pain escaped me when I felt Luca's fist collide with my mouth just as the sound of Logan's angry and concerned voice and Dylan's

shocked voice was heard

"Lacey"

"Oh my god, Luca, what did you do?"

"YOU fr*++5g BASTARD!"

Logan growled as he grabbed Luca and started pounding his fists into his face "Logan..Logan, stop"

I begged my husband as Dylan tried to pull him off Luca but failed

My husband was angry, he was so angry that I don't think I've ever seen him like this before and it scared me, especially when I saw Luca's

once white skin tone was now all bloodied

"What the hell?"

"LOGAN, STOPII"

Chapter 76 - Dinner Intruders. bad Justin, Benjamin and Connor appeared out of nowhere and managed to pull an enraged Logan off Luca

and they had to work hard to hold him

back as well because of how angry he was

"Calm down, Lo"

"I CAN'T CALM DOWN, HE HIT MY WIFE!"

"What?"

Justin gasped before snapping his head towards me

His eyes widened as a vicious glare came over his handsome features, he was about to tur around and no doubt attack our brother when

an angry voice stopped him

"youn

I'turned around and I saw Klayton standing there angrily with his hands in his pants pocket but it wasn't him who had shouted, it was

Cassidy

"What the hell are you doing here, Dylan Tate?"

Huh,

What the hell?

How does Cassidy know Dylan?

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"Never push a loyal person to the point where they no longer give a damn'

~ Mizz Laura

~ ~

Lacey's RO.V

"youn"

with his hands in his pants pocket but it wasn't him who had shouted, it was

Huh

What the hell?

How does Cassidy know Dylan?

/ narrow my eyes between an angry Cassidy and a stunned Dylan who looked like he was about to piss his pants

"How do you know Dylan, Cass?" "That's what I'd like to know, kid" Klayton said as he looked at his wife confused

"Babe, how do you know this little b***h?" Ub! Cassie was about to explain when she was cut off by Dylan

"Cassie, please don't do this, I'm begging you" Dylan pleaded with Cassidy who snapped her head towards him in

anger

Chapter 77 - More Skeletons In. bad "Don't you ever interrupt me again, asshole" Cassidy growled startling me

Cassie is normally very calm and is often described as the calm to Klayton's storm, so it's strange to see her act like this with Dylan

"Ok, what the hell is going on here? how do you know Dylan, Cass? and why are you being so hostile towards him?"

"That's what I'm trying to find out, principessa"

Klayton said whilst keeping his angry eyes firmly fixed on his wife

"Two words, baby, Carter Myers"

Carter Myers?

/ thought to myself as my face scrunched up in confusion

"The Gucci model?"

/ ask and Cassie nods her head

"Got it in one, babe"

"Cassie, what's Carter got to do with this?"

"Do you remember that ex he told you about?"

"Yeah"

Klayton said looking just as confused q_as.J.am

"He's the ex"

"WHAT?"

Klayton and I shouted in unison

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"What the hell did you just say, Cassidy?"

Klayton growled through clenched teeth as I stood there in shock

"You heard me, Klay, Dylan Tate is Carter's ex-boyfriend, well, if you can even call him that, babe...in my opinion, it takes a hell of a lot more

than several casual dates here and there and a few dozen s****I encounters

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Cassidy said while rolling her eyes as I remained in total shock

No, this can't be possible

Dylan told me he's only ever been intimate with one man and that's Luca "When?"

/ ask barely above a whisper

"Huh, what did you say, Lace?"

Cassie asks and I clear my throat before licking my lips

/ winced in pain completely forgetting about the hit my brother landed on me

/ still can't believe the little s**t hit me

/ guess the apple doesn't fall too far from the tree, does it?

"lasked when? when did they date?"

"Hmm, I don't know... think it was around six years ago"

Oh my god

"Six years ago?"

"Yeah, Carter told me he and Dylan were dating and that it wasn't that serious because according to Dylan, he had just broken up with his

childhood sweetheart after he had come out as a bi-s****I and he was just looking for some casual fun...Carter said they dated for a couple of months

before they ended things for good when Dylan met someone else who he claims was his soulmate" / can't believe this

"Lace...Lacey, please don't believe her, she's lying"

Dylan pleaded with me as he knelt down in front of me and grabbed hold of my hand

Chapter 77 - More Skeletons In... 7° "She's lying" / growl as I look down at Dylan

"You said Luca was the first?...you told me Luca was the one and only man you've ever been with, Dylan"

"He is, Lace, I promise you" "WELL, APPARENTLY NOT, DYLAN!" / shout startling everyone and causing my disgusting ex to flinch

"Because according to Cassidy, you also cheated on me with a damn runway model"

"I didn't, I swear, you have to believe me, ../...1/don't even know who Carter Myers is" "YOU'RE A f*****g LIARLI"

/ shout as I pull my hand away from his and slap him hard across his face "What?..wait, y.you're the childhood sweetheart, Lace?" Cassidy asks with shock and surprise in her tone

"Yeah babe, Lacey is Dylan's ex-fiance and he was never bi, he was just agay man using Lacey as a cover"

Ouch, that hurts

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It shouldn't but it does

"Oh my god"

Cassie gasps

"Wait, so, he's the one who you know...at that party a few years ago? you know the one you had to fly solo on because I was sick"

Cassie muttered under her breath

She was probably hoping I wouldn't hear her but! did and now I'm even more confused

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What the hell is she talking about now?

"Yes babe, now sshhhil" Klayton whispered/growled to his wife

"What are you two talking about?" "Nothing, cugina" "It's obviously not nothing, Klay, if you're telling your wife to shut up, so spill..what's she talking about?"

The atmosphere was thick with tension and the deafening silence wasn't making the situation any better

"asked you a question, Klayton and I expect an answer to it right now

/ growled earning myself a nasty glare from my cousin but wasn't fazed by it one single bit

Normally, would be fazed by Klayton's glares and his growls even iff wasn't the cause of them because he's a naturally scary guy but right

now, 1

didn't care

/ guess the reason why I didn't care is because I could feel myself slowly going numb from all of this bullshit and I could also feel myself shutting down at the constant trouble and trauma my family are continuously putting me through

"What did Dylan do? and what party is Cassie referring to?" / ask my cousin who looked hesitant to answer me

"Tell her Klayton, she deserves to know"

Justin says with a sigh

/ briefly looked at Justin and at Logan before looking back at my cousin and they all had the same expressions on their faces

/ can't really explain what this expression was but it looked like a sad,

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pained and guilty look all rolled into one but why would they feel this way? what did Dylan do that was so bad?

"Do you remember your birthday party six years ago?"

"Yeah, the one I had in the Hamptons"

"Yeah, that one"

Klayton said as he looked down and ran a hand through his hair before looking back at me

"Well, it's nothing major but considering you guys were a couple and you were engaged..."

Klayton drifted off and I felt my heart rate speed up while my head started to spin with strange and confusing thoughts

Thoughts that I shouldn't be thinking about because it's ridiculous to think of Klayton this way when he's clearly into women but then again,

I've been burned by the straight man or alleged straight man before so my thoughts of Klayton and Dylan being together aren't completely

farfetched

"Wait, did you two..." "Oh hell no, Lacey, I'm straight" "So was Dylan at one point, Klayton, what's your point?"

/ ask and he looks at me shocked but it wasn't because I was

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insinuating he was gay, no, it was because my point was right

"Ok, I see your point but that's not what's going on here"

"Then what's going on because I'm starting to get fed up with all of the secrets in this family and for once, I just want someone to be

straight

with me" No pun intended

"Like I'said kid, it wasn't anything major...but when I went to the toilet

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that night to take a piss...Dylan was in there as well and he couldn't keep his eyes off my erm..you know"

Oh my god

/s this a joke?

I looked down at Dylan who was as white as a ghost and he looked like he was in shock, he also looked broken as well but he wasn't even

close to feeling how I was feeling

"First Luca, now Klayton, who's next Dylan, hmm?..am also gonna find out that you were trying to screw my grandfather whilst we were a

couple, as well?" "Lace, please..." "DON'T TALK TO ME, DYLAN!!" / growled as angry tears flowed down my cheeks

/m done, I am so done

/ thought to myself as I walked away and headed up to my bedroom Belongs to © .

When I got there, I slammed the door shut and a sob escaped my mouth,

What did I do?

What have I done to deserve this kind of pain and torture?

Was I such an evil person in my past life that God has decided to punish me in this one?

/ was brought out of my thoughts when I heard my phone jingle

At first, / wasn't gonna answer it but then I changed my mind, especially when I saw who it was that was calling me

"Hello" "Hey, doll"

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Abby says and / smile

"I swear you're my fairy godmother, Abs"

"Why do you say that, doll? is everything ok?"

Abby asks sounding very concerned for me

"No Abs, everything is far from ok and I say you're my fairy godmother because just like with Cinderella..you appeared when I've officially

had enough and I feel like giving up"

"Don't talk like that, Lacey, please..just talk to me alright, what's happened?"

/ take a deep inhale in and slowly release it before explaining everything that's happened to Abby

The more I explained it, the more upset I got and / was sobbing like a little girl who thinks her world is ending because someone has broken

her favourite toy, except in this scenario, I'm the broken toy who my family seem hellbent on destroying for whatever reason

"Oh baby, don't cry, please don't cry..what can! do? how can! make this better for you?"

/ take another breath in before saying something that I never ever thought I'd say in my life

"want you to get me a restraining order against my family"

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Justin's POV

I can't explain the pain I felt in my heart as I watched my baby sister walk away from us with that broken and defeated look on her face but

what I can tell you is that it wasn't a nice feeling and it made me feel physically sick, especially since I knew the cause of her pain was none

other than our own family

A groan of pain behind me made me look away from my sister's retreating figure and down at the two biggest pieces of scum that I've ever

had the displeasure of knowing

My brother was a beaten and bloodied mess as he tried to sit up whilst holding his ribs but failed miserably

God, he's so pathetic

"Are you happy with yourself, Luca? are you f*****g proud of yourself, huh? you've finally broken our little sister"

"I never."

Luca paused to cough before continuing

"I never wanted this, I just wanted her back, that's all... miss her so much, Justin"

"Well, congratulations jackass because you've officially lost her for good"

I growl as I knelt down in front of my brother and grabbed him by the collar of his shirt

"I highly doubt she'll ever forgive you after your latest stunt, it"

I tell him as his eyes widen in fear

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"Don't say that, Justin, please, please don't say that"

He pleads with me as he grabs hold of my wrists and frantically looks around for Lacey

"Wh..where, where is she? I.I need to talk to her, I need to make things right with her"

He says and I snarl at him as I let go of his shirt and drop him on the floor

"She's gone, she doesn't wanna be anywhere near you two a second longer than she has to"

Tsay and his eyes widen in panic

"No, no, she can't, I came here to get her forgiveness"

"Oh really, Luc?"

I growled as I heard a phone ringing behind me but I ignored it so that I could focus on this dickhead

"If you wanted Lacey's forgiveness so badly then why didn't you come here sober? why did you come here smelling like you've drank the

entire goddamn city dry?"

"I DON'T KNOW!L..1 don't know"

He whispered the last part as he dropped his head and whimpered

"It's because you're always too drunk to know, i***t, that's why..you're never sober long enough to use your f****g noggin"

I say whilst tapping my finger against my temple when I said the last part but then reality hits me

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"Fuck...Lacey was right"

"What do you mean?"

Luca asks confused

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"You've got everything a man could ever hope or dream for, especially a gay man and yet you don't give a damn, you'd rather piss away

your life and kill yourself with booze than focus on what's really important to you which is your husband and kids"

I growl in frustration

"Ok, thank you, Abs"

I hear Klayton say behind me

"Dylan, Luca, you two need to get out of here now"

Luca looked confused at first but then his eyes widened in fear when he saw our cousin standing a few feet away from us

"Klayton"

He gasped as he stood up

"Wh.what are you doing here?"

"Well, 1 was here having a lovely dinner with my little principessa and our family but then we were so rudely interrupted by your drunken ass"

Klayton growled and Luca flinched from how angry our cousin was

"What do you mean we have to leave? what's going on?"

A confused Dylan asked Klayton who snarled at him

"That was my lawyer on the phone who just so happens to be a close friend of Lacey's...she told me that my little cousin has asked her to

get a restraining order out against her family which includes you two fuckers"

What? Belongs to ©.

"You f****d up boys"

Klayton said with a smirk

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"F..family, do you mean..."

My wife drifted off sounding hurt and I don't blame her because it felt like a stab to my heart that Lacey was getting a restraining order out

against us but that pain quickly eased and went away as soon as I heard Klayton's next words

"Don't worry sweetheart, she only wants one against her parents, Liam, Luca and Dylan, she never said anything about you or Justin"

Oh, thank god

"She can't do this...she can't f*****g do this...c..can she?"

Luca asked in a defeated tone

"She can do anything she damn well wants to Luca, she's my wife and if she wanted your asses buried alive under ten tons of concrete then

trust and believe me when I say that I'd make sure it happened"

Logan growled as he glared at my brother before walking away and heading towards the stairs

I narrowed my eyes from Logan's retreating figure to my cousin who looked smug but also angry as hell

"If 1 were you two, I'd leave ASAP because my lawyer is calling in quite a few favours to get this restraining order put in place tonight and

you don't wanna be here when she succeeds, actually, you don't wanna be here either way because I saw my little cuginas face and I'm not a happy man"

Klayton growled as he narrowed his eyes between Luca and Dylan

"I don't know which one of you did it and to be fair... don't really care because I'll happily feed both of your nasty asses to the sharks for

hurting her but I'll wait until I get the green light from her before I do anything to

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either of you" Dylan and Luca's eyes widened in fear and I don't blame them

The last person you want to get on the bad side of is Klayton Antonelli and they've done plenty to earn a permanent spot there, so they

should count their lucky stars that they're even still alive

"Can you at least tell her I'm sorry?"

Dylan asks as he looks up at me

"Only if you mean it..I'm not gonna feed my little sister any fake apologies, Dylan"

Tsay and he nods his head

"I understand...can you help me get his ass out to my car?"

"Sure"

I helped Dylan take an almost passed-out Luca to his car and I also made arrangements for Luca's car to be taken back to the estate as well

/ can't believe this jackass drove here drunk

"Are you ok, babe?"

My wife asks me as she rubs her hand up and down my back

"I'm fine"

Isay as let out a sigh and run my hand through my hair

"When did things get so f***d up, Sab?..when did my family get like this?..we used to be so happy"

"I don't know, baby"

Sabrina hugs me and I kiss the top of her head before narrowing my eyes back to the house

I don't care what I have to do or who I have to cut out of my life in order to be in Lacey's life but I'l happily do it if it means my sister is

finally

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happy and at peace

Author's PO

While all hell was breaking loose at the Greystone estate, somewhere deep in the heart of New York City's most expensive and elite

nightclub is a self-proclaimed socialite who is working her way through numerous drinks and dancing her heart away

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You'd think with all of the negativity she's been receiving lately thanks to a bunch of her deepest and darkest skeletons being brought out of

her closet that GiGi Addams would be hiding away in shame but nope, this girl literally lives by the motto there's no such thing as bad press

What GiGi didn't know is that there are a group of men who are currently sitting in the VIP area and they were all watching her like lions stalking their prey

These men are highly skilled members of the Italian mafia who have sworn their allegiance to their Don and Donna Klayton and Cassidy

Antonelli and tonight they've been ordered to capture a woman who is a threat to a member of their family

One of the men had his eyes firmly fixed on their target who was currently dancing on the dancefloor when he got a phone call from his

boss

"Sir

"Have you captured the b***h yet?"

"We're working on it, Don"

"Working on it? how hard is it to grab one little woman?"

Klayton growled down the phone startling his men

He's already feeling pissed off after the night's events and he doesn't want to feel even worse, if anything, he wants to end this night on a

good

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note

"It's hard to be subtle when we're in public boss"

"I don't care, get it done, I expect proof of her capture within the hour, if not then it's your ass"

Klayton said before hanging up causing his men to gulp

"Colin..go work your magic"

The leader of the group of men says to one of their newest recruits who is a handsome young man with an incredible build and a very

impressive resume in security and fighting but he still had a lot to prove to the old dogs of the Antonelli family and this right here would be

a test for him

A test to see if he's willing to do anything and everything for the family including flirting with GiGi Addams

The men watched as Colin worked his magic on GiGi but it didn't really take much to be honest with you

GiGi was instantly enthralled by the handsome man with huge biceps and she didn't waste any time in latching onto the cute stranger as

soon as he told her he could get her into the VIP area because he was offering her access to an exclusive area one which she had previously

been denied access to by the owner

"Can you really get me into the VIP area, baby? the owner denied me access earlier on which is crazy because I'm a super famous celebrity

around here"

"Well, that's because me and my friends have hired it out for the night, don't take it to heart beautiful"

Colin said whilst showing off his pearly whites but he wasn't smiling because he was happy or excited, no, he was smiling to suppress his

gag

reflex and to stop himself from bringing up the contents from his stomach which wanted to make it's presence known thanks to his brief

encounter with GiGi Addams

"Great, then lead the way"

GiGi said excitedly as she wrapped her arms around Colin's huge bicep like a snake latching onto it's food

Colin then led GiGi towards the VIP area and she couldn't help but feel smug, especially when she saw all of the jealous and envious looks

from the female partygoers who also wanted access to the VIP area

What GiGi didn't know is that she was walking into a trap and she was completely unaware of the fate that awaited her

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"Sometimes the universe has to break us down in order for us to rebuild"

~ Mizz Laura

GiGi's POV

Ah, this is the life

lalways knew I was born for great things and to live a rich and luxurious lifestyle

Iknew I was destined to be rich and successful, to sip the most expensive champagne and hang out with the elite members of society and

I've made a lot of sacrifices over the years to get to where I am right now

Imay not be where I want to be exactly which is as the wife of the most prominent and richest man in the world but it's only a matter of

time, especially when I put the next part of my plan into action which will hopefully see my Logan and that b***h Lacey divorcing each other

before the year is out

For now, I'm happy chilling with these hot guys in the VIP area who are plying me with the best champagne money can buy as I wait for my

man to become available to me

"So, GiGi, tell us about yourself, what do you do for a living?"

"Oh, I'm a model but I also sing and act as well"

Isay proudly

"Really? have you been in anything we may have seen?"

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"Oh erm...I don't think so, I've mainly been in movies that are chick flicks or rom-coms you know girly movies"

They don't look like the type of men who would be into those types of genres but appearances can be deceptive and they may just be

I hope they're not because I only had walk-on parts in those movies or as I like to call them a special guest appearance because that's what

it is in my opinion and the production companies should be grateful and honoured to have GiGi Addams in their movies

"Oh no, we're not into those types of movies, we prefer thrillers or ones that are all about action"

"Or classics like The Godfather"

Colin the guy who invited me up here says as he pours me another glass of champagne

llook away briefly to smile smugly at all of the sour-faced bitches down below who have been glaring at me ever since I came up here

before looking back at the boys

"Have you ever seen The Godfather or read the books, GiGi?" Colin asks and I chuckle

"Baby, the only book I read is Cosmo and no, I've never seen that movie but if I remember correctly it's about some street gang, right?"

Task and he chuckles slightly

"It's about organized crime, sweetheart"

One of the other guys tells me and I roll my eyes

"Oh you mean 'the mafia', a fictional gang?"

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Isay while using air quotes because anyone who is smart like me knows that the mafia is like the boogeyman or the monsters under the

bed or in the closet, they're made up, a fictional faction created by the

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government to scare people into being good and kids into staying on the straight and narrow

"You don't believe in the mafia, GiGi?"

Another man asks me

"Of course I don't, there's no such thing as the mafia" I say while rolling my eyes

"Really?"

"Nope...they're a fictional faction, trust me"

"And why would you think that?"

Idown my drink in one go before placing the glass back on the table for a refill

"Because I just do, besides, I'm an Italian American myself, think if anyone was to know the mafia are real, it would be someone like me"

"Well, what would you say if I told you that we're in the mafia, Giana?"

The bigger and older-looking guy asked me with a smug and kind of evillooking grin on his face as he puffed away on his cigar

I throw my head back laughing completely ignoring the fact that he just called me by my birth name and not my celebrity name but when I

straightened my head back up, I all of a sudden felt lightheaded and drowsy and my eyes couldn't focus either

s**t, / shouldn't have done that

"Are you ok, Giana?"

*Y. yeah, LI'm f.fine, L.1.1 th.think" "Are you sure?"

"Mmm-hmm"

I mutter as I close my eyes and rub my temples hoping to ease the

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sudden fogginess I was feeling

"Do you wanna lie down, love?" "Y.yes, pl.pl.please"

Tlay down on the couch and rested my head on one of the pillows

Iflinched when a flash went off in my face but I didn't let it distract me from getting some rest

"Send this to the boss"

Iheard one of the men say as I slowly drifted off into darkness

Maybe I'll feel better after a little nap

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Little did I know that things were only going to get worse for me from this moment forward

Lacey's PON

"The wind is howling like this swirling storm inside, couldn't keep it in, heaven knows I tried, don't let them in, don't let them see, be the

good girl you always have to be, conceal, don't feel, don't let them know, well, now they know!

I've never related more to the lyrics of a song than I have with these ones and of all the songs in the world it had to be that bluddy song

from one of my daughter's favourite movies

After I calmed myself down, I had a shower and changed into some sweats and one of Logan's hoodies before coming downstairs to the

theatre room and hanging out with the kids

Luckily for me, they were so engrossed in the movie they were watching that they didn't notice the cut on my lip or the ever-growing bruise

on my jaw thanks to Luca which I was grateful for because I was way

too exhausted mentally, emotionally and physically to try and come up with a convincing lie for what happened because I wasn't about to

tell

Chapter 79 - Let It Go. ad them that their uncle hit me

My babies were now fast asleep in the theatre room

They had fallen asleep not long after all of our guests had left and

Frozen was still playing in the background but I was more focused on my thoughts than I was on the movie

Iwas brought out of my thoughts when I felt my daughter being picked up from my lap

Tlooked up and watched with a smile as my little girl wrapped herself around her father like a little spider monkey

"How are you feeling, baby?"

Logan asks me as he sits down next to me

"I'm fine, I was just thinking how alike Elsa and I are"

"Why because you're both queens?"

Logan asks with a smile and I chuckle

"No, it's because I've realised the more each day passes, the more I relate to the cold than I do the warm...I can feel myself becoming cold-

hearted and I don't even care, Logan"

"You're not cold-hearted, baby, far from it"

Logan said as he wrapped his arm around my shoulders and pulled me closer to him so that my head was resting on his shoulder

"Besides babe, if I had to describe you as any character from this movie then I'd say you're more like Anna, not Elsa"

He says and I scrunch my face up in confusion

"Why?" Content rights by

"Because she's an optimistic and hopeful girl who is always making sacrifices for everyone else, she's willing to do anything and everything

for those around her and she's even willing to risk her own happiness to help

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out the ones she loves the most and to make sure they're happy and ok"

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Logan said as he stroked his fingers through my hair

"You're one of the most compassionate and kindest people I know, Lace...you're also so desperate to see the good in people and hope that they can change that you'll give them chance after chance even though they're causing you nothing but pain and heartbreak"

A few stray tears fall down my cheeks from his words

"Don't ever say you're cold-hearted again, Lacey Black because you're not, do you understand me? you're my beautiful, sweet wife and the

best mother our children could ever ask for"

"But Luca called me a coward for running away" I say and Logan scoffs

"Says the man who is drowning himself in liquor because he can't face the consequences of his own actions"

That's true

Ithought to myself as I let out a breath

"I asked Abby to get me a restraining order against my family"

"I know and I'm glad you did, babe"

"Really?"

Task as I look up at Logan

His eyes narrow to my mouth and his handsome face quickly contorted to anger as he gently ran his thumb over where I was hurt

"Yeah I am, Lace...f this is the result of those people being near you then I don't want them anywhere near you or our kids ever again"

Tears started to fall down my face and I hated how weak and pathetic I felt

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I didn't wanna feel this way, I wanted to be the strong woman I've always been but I can't right now because I feel so weak and beaten down

"Don't cry, baby, please"

"I can't help it, babe..I just want peace"

"And you'll get it, Lace, I promise you..you've already taken the first step with therapy and as long as you continue on with it, you'll be

good..you've also made the best decision by getting the restraining order out against your family...hopefully now they can learn their lesson

and realise how much they've f~***d up with you"

Logan says as he strokes his fingers along my hairline

"It may not seem like it, Lacey babe but it takes an incredibly brave and STRONG person to recognise the problem and cut it out and that's

what you've done..for your own peace of mind and peace within your life and our little family, you've cut out the toxic people from your life,

love and

now...now the only way is up for you"

He says and I nod my head

"You're right"

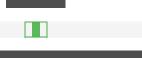
1 just hope I can get out of this weird funk I'm in because I'd hate to ruin the holidays because I'm letting my family get to me

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Chapter 80



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A really strong woman accepts the war she went

through and is ennobled by her scars'

~ Carly Simon

Lacey's POV

y mind because I need to remain focused and determined to move on from the

Being depressed and feeling hurt by the actions committed by those close to you isn't a bad thing and it's ok to feel that way but you

shouldn't let yourself stay in that kind of situation because it can get worse and fester into something more and I don't want that

Iwant to be back to being the old happy and strong Lacey who enjoys life and enjoys laughing with her children and having alone time with

her husband without family drama getting in the way

This morning, I decided to wake up early and surprise my husband and children with a delicious breakfast which is something I haven't done

in a while because Logan refuses to let me ft a finger in the house

I remember when I cooked us a meal not too long back and he was angry with me because in his words 'that's what the help is for' and yes

ok, he's got a point

Our chef gets paid to cook our food, our maids get paid to clean our house and do various other jobs and our nanny gets paid to care for

our

Chapter 80 - Trying To Get On = children when I'm too busy with work to look after them but these are the things that I love to do,

especially cooking and caring for my family

Iwas singing and dancing along to Ariana Grande's song Into You as I made pancake batter when I was suddenly startled by my husband's

sexy, husky voice

"I'd love to touch your body, my dear wife but unfortunately, you weren't in bed with me when I woke up, so I couldn't"

Iturned around with a smile on my face and gasped slightly when I saw how sexy my man looked

Damn

How can he look so f****g sexy with just pyjama pants on and bed head?

"Oh no, don't get all googly-eyed on me now, my love, not when you've been a naughty girl and snuck away from your husband's embrace

when I specifically told you not to because I hated it when you do that"

Logan said as he walked over to me and kissed my temple as he wrapped his arms around my waist

"Why are you up so early, Lace?"

"It's not early, it's eight o'clock, Logan"

Logan scrunched his face up as he looked down at his watch

"No, you're right, it's late"

Logan muttered as he nuzzled his face in my neck and I chuckled

"I wanted to make breakfast for my family, babe, that's why I'm up early"

"But that's what our chef is for, babe" He whines and I roll my eyes

"I know but I wanted to do this... like to cook for my family"

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"I know you do, love and I love that about you but our cook isn't just here to cook for us, he's here so that you don't have to do it which

means you're free to spend time with me"

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"Oh, so that's why you're pouting? it's because you wanna be alone with me" Isay with a chuckle and he glares at me

"Of course I wanna be alone with you, Lace...look babe, please don't take this the wrong way because you know I absolutely love your food

but I'd much rather taste you than taste your cooking, if you know what I mean"

He says and I blush a bright shade of pink

This freaking man is gonna be the death of me

1 quickly place the mixing bow! Iwas holding down on the countertop and turned around to face my husband wrapping my arms around his

neck as I did

"You can taste me later in the shower if you want?"

Task him whilst biting down on my lower lip making sure to avoid the left side of my mouth

Logan groaned as he looked down at my lips and I had to use everything in me not to giggle at his reaction "That had better be a f*****g promise, my queen and not just you trying to appease me?"

"Oh, it's definitely a promise, baby"

whisper against Logan's lips before kissing him slowly and sensually

Iwas trying not to hurt my lip but I guess that's inevitable

"Ouch"

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whimpered before groaning in annoyance

I hate to admit it but Luca has got a very powerful swing on him, either that or he's an incredibly angry individual and he put all of that

anger into his punch because my mouth hurts like a b***h

"Are you sure I can't kill Luca, babe?"

Logan asks angrily as he gently rubbed my saw jaw

"Yes, I'm sure"

"Why?"

He whines and I chuckle

"Because I love you more than I love Luca and I don't want you going to prison because of him"

"Iwon't go to prison, babe, I'm Logan Black" My cocky husband says and I roll my eyes

"Yes, 1 know you are and I'd much prefer my good Logan Black to only be bad in the bedroom" Content rights by

Isay in a seductive voice and Logan groans

"Dammit Lace, I just got my hard-on to go down"

He says and I chuckle

"Well, you'd better take a cold shower and get it down and fast because I'm nearly done here and you've gotta go and wake up the kids"

"Babe, you're killing me here"

Aww

"I'm sorry, baby"

Istand on my tippy toes and give him a kiss which once again had me wincing in pain

"And there goes my erection"

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Logan says as he turns around and leaves the kitchen while I finish off making breakfast

Logan's POV

When I was a younger lad, I remember asking my dad why he always let my mom have so much power and influence over him because he'd

always do as she said, especially when it came to such serious decisions and matters

For example, when my dad was considering potentially arranging marriages for both myself and my siblings, my mom instantly said no and

he never fought her on it or brought it up again which I'm grateful for and I always will be but still, it always confused me

I hate to sound like a misogynistic asshole because I'm far from being one but in our world men are usually the heads of the family and the

protectors and their word was always the final word

So, when I asked my dad about this, he told me = 'when aman truly loves a woman she becomes his weakness, when a woman truly loves a man he becomes her strength, it's called an exchange of power'

I never truly understood what he meant by this but now I do because if it wasn't for my wife who is one of my biggest weaknesses in this

world and someone who I would literally give it all up for then I probably would've hunted Luca down by now and beat his ass until he

looked like Barney the freaking dinosaur

It pains me so much to see my wife hurt and in pain and I want nothing more than to avenge her but if she tells me to leave Luca alone

then Twill but if he tries anything like this again then all bets are off and I will kill him

After heading back upstairs, I first went to my room to put on a t-shirt before going to wake up the kids

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The boys were already wide awake and playing their games, so I quickly told them to finish up and head downstairs for breakfast before I

headed towards Teddy's bedroom

I couldn't help but smile when I walked into my princess's room because she was sleeping so peacefully with her favourite Little Mermaid

doll cradled in her arms

"Princess...princess Teddy, wake up" I tried to rouse my daughter from her slumber

I hated to wake her up but I had to otherwise she was gonna miss her breakfast

"Come on, princess, wake up"

I gently shook my daughter who started to stir just as my phone buzzed in my pocket

1 pulled out my phone from my pyjama pocket and opened up the text message that I had received from Klayton, it was a picture message

which made me smile a megawatt smile

Thank god, for Klayton Antonelli, folks

I quickly sent a text back to my cousin-in-law before focusing back on my daughter who was rubbing her eyes

"Daddy, I'm tired"

"How can you be tired, Teddy Bear when you've slept for the past ten hours?"

"I don't know, daddy"

She said as she tried to get comfy again and I knew exactly what she was doing because Lacey does the same thing

"Oh no, you don't, princess"

Isay as I pull the blanket away from her little body

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"Daddy"

Teddy whined

"Don't daddy me, princess, you're gonna miss breakfast if you don't get up now and this morning, your mommy has cooked for us" Teddy's eyes immediately shoot open and she looks up at me

"Did she make chocolate chip pancakes?"

"Hmm, I think so"

I say with a smile and she gasps happily

"Then what are we waiting for, let's go"

Teddy jumps up into my arms and I chuckle as I catch her

"Come on, my little monkey"

I'make sure my daughter is safe and secure in my arms before leaving her room and heading downstairs to have breakfast with her and our

little family

The Night Before..

Author's POV

It's late at night and while many people are sleeping and others are partying the night away, one individual in particular is about to wake up

to

not just a nightmare but a living, breathing nightmare standing right in front of her

Hidden deep in an old abandoned warehouse at one of New York's main ports is GiGi Addams who has been tied to a chair and is currently

surrounded by numerous members of the mafia including their leader Klayton Antonelli and his second in commands Benjamin and Connor

His wife wanted to come along tonight and get some female revenge on GiGi on behalf of her cousin-in-law but Klayton refused her wish and requested that she stay at home with their son

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A groan from GiGi alerts all of the men that she's coming around from the drugs she was given and it only took another two or three

minutes for her to fully come around

Her head was thumping, her mouth was dry and her eyes were still a little blurry, she didn't have a clue where she was but she knew that

she wasn't at the club anymore and she certainly wasn't in her apartment or anyone else's home for that matter

She knew this from the smell of dirt and mould that was hitting her nostrils and the chill that was coming in from the broken windows

hitting her barely covered body

1 bet she's regretting her choice of clothing or lack thereof now that she's found herself in quite the pickle, isn't she?

"Urghll, what's going on? where am I?"

GiGi groans as she looks around the dark, scary warehouse before looking up at the handsome trio in front of her with narrowed eyes

GiGi was in awe of the three men, especially the man in the middle who was giving her rich, dominant alpha male vibes and she liked it but

she didn't like the glare on his face

"Wh.who are you?"

"I'm your worst f****g nightmare, b***h"

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