

MizzLaura COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Chapter 81



Chapter 81 - GiGi's Punishment - Part 1

Klayton's POV

"Wh.who are you?"

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

I said with an evil smirk and GiGi's eyes widened with shock, fear and confusion

on't even kn.know y.you"

"That's right you don't, women like you aren't worthy enough of knowing men like me"

Tsay and her eyes widen in anger

"Excuse you, how dare you say that? do you know who I am?"

GiGi growled as an ugly glare appeared on her face

"Of course I know who you are Giana, the whole world knows who you are, well, they know who GiGi is...they're only just learning who the real you is now thanks to my principessa"

"Your who?"

She asks confused and I roll my eyes

"I take it Italian isn't your strong point, Giana?"

"I'm Italian American, dumbass"

"Oh really? if you're Italian American then you should know Italian, right?"

Task and she rolls her eyes

"Not necessarily, besides...learning another language is hard and very boring, not to mention time-consuming"

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"Solo per pigra imbecilli come te, lo &" (Only for lazy imbeciles like you, it is)

I say whilst rubbing my forehead in frustration

"Huh, what did you just say?..actually, it doesn't matter what you said..why am I here? and why have you tied me to this o_chair?"

"You know for someone who's in the position you're currently in you're an awfully mouthy and cocky little thing, aren't you?"

An annoyed Benjamin asks GiGi who smiles at him

This girl is insane, does she not realise the predicament she's in right now?

"What happened to the scared little girl from earlier, Giana? you know the girl who was stuttering all over the place"

"First of all, I was never scared ok, I'm GiGi Addams, I fear nothing and NO body, ok and secondly, I don't need to be scared because I know why you all are doing this to me"

"Really?"

"Mmm-hmm, I've figured this little mystery out, I'm like Sherlock Holmes"

GiGi says all smug

"As if you know who Sherlock Holmes is"

"Yeah and even if you did you'd barely be a Shaggy or Scooby Doo solving mysteries, let alone be one of the greatest detectives in literature history"

Benjamin and Connor say sounding highly amused

"But I do know why you're doing this"

"And why's that?"

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Task whilst smiling smugly at her as I pull a o_chair to just a few feet in

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front of the little witch and straddle the q_chair resting my arms on the back of it which was facing GiGi

"This is because of Logan Black, right? he's hired a bunch of hot guys to come in here and act all tough so that you can threaten me or whatever into staying away from him and his skanky little wife"

Skanky?

My smile immediately dropped upon hearing that word

Who the f**k is this w***e to call my precious little cousin a skank?

"But it's not gonna work because Logan is mine, he belongs to me"

"Really?...that's funny because the last time I checked, Logan belonged to my cousin Lacey Black"

I say and she throws her head back laughing

"Oh, so this is because of that b***h"

Stay cool, calm and collected, Klay just stay cool, calm and collected

"I can't believe she'd go to these lengths just to keep me from Logan"

GiGi says with a scoff

"What an insecure little girl"

She chuckles while shaking her head

"Hey GiGi, do you know anything about Lacey's family? to be specific, her maternal family"

"No, why would I?" She asks sounding bored

"Well because if you did then you'd know that Lacey's mom's maiden

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name is Antonelli"

I say whilst keeping my eyes firmly fixed on the little witch in front of me

She didn't react straight away but when she did, it was actually quite comical to see her eyes widen as she flopped around like a fish out of

water and tried to free herself from her restraints

"What's wrong, GiGi? are you scared?"

taunted her

"No, th..this isn't r.real, y.you're not r.real"

"Aren't 12"

"N..no, you're n..not"

She says whilst rapidly shaking her head

"Giana"

Isay in a sing-song voice

"Do you know who I am? I'm Lacey's big dog and you've pissed me off by messing with that girl"

GiGi continued to shake her head in denial the more I spoke

"I'm Klayton Antonelli"

"No, you're not"

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"Yes I am but my men here call me DON Klayton Antonelli"

"No...no, you're not"

GiGi says barely above a whisper

"Yes 1am, Giana"

"NO, YOU'RE NOT, YOU'RE NOT DON KLAYTON ANTONELLI BECAUSE HE DOESN'T EXIST, KLAYTON ANTONELLI IS A FICTIONAL

CHARACTER CREATED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO SCARE LITTLE KIDS INTO BEING GOOD,

WHEREAS YOU...WELL, YOU'RE JUST SOME DUMB ACTOR HIRED BY THAT

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STUPID f****g b****h w***e LACEY FREAKING CARPENTER OR BLACK OR WHATEVER HER NAME IS BECAUSE SHE'S A JEALOUS fr**+ig

LOSER WHO CAN'T HANDLE THE SIMPLE FACT THAT HER HUSBAND WANTS ME, NOT HER... AAHHHHI!"

She screams in pain when one of my men punches her hard across the cheek

Normally, one of the main rules in any mafia is that no women or children are to be hurt even if they've betrayed us and their punishment if

they do can vary from something as simple as hard labour to a quick and easy death

This b***h however deserved what she got and what she's going to get from now onwards

"What the hell is wrong with you people? why would you hit me?"

"Because you deserved it"

"But I'm a woman"

She says and I scoff

"b***h please, you ain't no woman"

Tsay while rolling my eyes.

"And you do deserve this because you insulted my cousin who is a beautiful, perfect, delicate little butterfly and has done nothing to hurt

or upset you"

"She stole Logan from me"

GiGi says through gritted teeth

"Lacey can't steal what was never yours, Giana"

"Urghtl, stop calling me that"

She groans in disgust

"How about no?...ok, so now that we've got the introductions out of

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"M.my...my what?"

And she's back to being scared again

/ wish this b***h would pick an emotion and stick to it

"You're punishment, you messed with a member of my bloodline not once, not twice, not even thrice but continuously and if I didn't do this

tonight then there's a very high chance that you would've executed your newest plan tomorrow which would've been fatal for Lacey and her

precious kids, so yeah..we're gonna discuss your punishment, Giana but don't worry, I promise I won't be too harsh on you"

Tsay with a smirk

"Plans? what plans? I don't know what you're talking about"

"Of course you don't...Benjamin"

Tsay while rolling my eyes before calling for my brother-in-law as I click my fingers

He hands me a file and I open it whilst using every ounce of willpower in me to not get angry and to try and control myself from ripping

this whores head from off her shoulders and shoving it up her ass when I looked through the file

"Who's Callum McCallister, Giana?"

Task and she damn near peed herself

"What? 1.1.1.1 don't know"

"That's funny because 1.1.1.1 do"

TI mimicked her stupid stuttering

"He's a former sniper for the United States Army, he started out as a private and worked his way up through the ranks until he found himself

Chapter 81 - GiGi's Punishment. ©) interested in being a sniper and he was considered number one in his field...his mentor also described

him as a crack shot and just like Michael Jackson, Callum never missed a beat"

1 briefly look up at GiGi before looking back at the file

"You called Callum a couple of days ago asking him to do a job for you and that job was to take out Lacey and her three children shooting

all four of them between the eyes and making sure they're all dead, didn't you?"

Task with a growl

"N..no, I d.didn't"

She says and I look up at her

"Are you sure about that, Giana? because this file here has got everything I need to prove that you're lying, I've got phone records which

show you've called Callum umpteen times over the past two days, I've got photocopies of a few dozen text messages sent between you all

but they were mostly from you and there's also a nice little bank statement in here from Callum showing us that he received four million

dollars from a G Addams...what is that a million for each hit, huh?"

"LLL didn't"

"Here's the kicker though, Giana...what you don't realise is that Callum works for me"

Tsay and her eyes widen in shock and fear

She then continued to deny everything even though I had all of the proof sitting right in front of me including a very nice voicemail which I

happily played as the final nail in her nasty ass coffin

"Callum, I don't care how you do it? when you do it? where you do it?

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or if you do the f*****g moonwalk between each shot, just get the f*****g

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done, do you hear me?../ want Lacey Black and her three ugly brats dead, oh and 1 want proof as well, I want a nice little picture of each one

for my own personal enjoyment"

She said as she laughed evilly at the end sounding like a cheap knock-off version of a Disney villain

The revelation of this voicemail left GiGi speechless and me even more pissed off than I already was

How dare she, not only talk so callously about my cousin's death and the deaths of her three children in a nonchalant way but laugh at it as

well? Belonging to

"Gotcha bitch..now..about that punishment"

Tsay with an evil smirk on my face as GiGi starts to shake like a freezing dog in the rain

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Hi, beautifuls, I know how anxious you all are for GiGi's punishment so I'll try and update the next part when I can. If you haven't already please go and check out my other books on my profile. If you like this book or any of my other books please vote for them in the moon

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"Gotcha bitch...now..about that punishment"

Tsay with an evil smirk as GiGi starts to shake like a freezing dog in the rain

"Gentlemen, let's open the floor shall we?..what do you all think Miss Giana's punishment should be?"

"Well, we promised Lacey that we wouldn't kill her, so that's out of the window"

Benjamin said as he stood on my right side with his arms crossed over his chest

"No but Lacey didn't say we couldn't hurt her, Klay"

"That's true, Connor"

I say whilst stroking my stubbly chin

"Please don't hurt me"

GiGi whimpered in fear

"Why not? you were planning on hurting my cousin and her children?"

"It was a joke, I promise"

Ajoke?

I scoffed

"You paid four million dollars to a hitman to kill a member of my family, Lacey and her family may not be directly in the mafia but they're in

it by being my famiglia and that means they're all under my protection, Giana"

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"But they don't need protecting from me, I'm just a little girl"

"No, this..."

I pause to hold up a picture of my little baby cousin Teddy

"This is a little girl, Giana, this is a five-year-old girl who you were planning on having killed and why? because you wanted her

father?..you've got a daughter, right? how would you feel if [went round to your parent's house and I shot your children and your parents

point blank in the head?"

"Please don't"

GiGi whimpers

"Why not?...I'd be doing you a favour if I did, right? I'd be taking the burden of a useless family off your hands, not that there's much of a

burden in the first place since you don't pay child support or anything like that"

"Please don't hurt my family"

She pleads to me

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She sounded genuine like she was actually fearful for their lives but there were no tears in her eyes, so does she really care?

"Maybe will, maybe I won't, only time will tell on that one"

I'd never hurt an innocent little family just because their daughter and mother is a scumbag, in fact, GiGi's family are also under my protection from now on and I'm gonna do everything I can to help Lacey and

Abby give them a better life but GiGi over here doesn't need or deserve to know that

"Now back to the punishment, has anyone got any ideas?"

"We can always do the ducking stool, boss"

"What's that?"

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One of my men asks

"It's like an old-fashioned see-saw but it was used for punishments back in the day, the way it works is you'd have Giana over here strapped

onto a chair on one end and that end is hovering over deep water and you use the other end to dunk Giana into the water several times

until she learns her lesson"

"s**t, that sounds brutal, did anyone ever survive that?"

"Hmm, a few I guess"

"We'll put a pin in that one for now, anyone else?"

Tasked and the room was silent for a couple of minutes before someone else spoke up

"We could publically humiliate her like that scene from Games Of Thrones where she walks through the streets naked as people shame her and throw food amongst other things at her"

One of my men suggested and GiGi's face paled

"These aren't bad ideas guys but they're public and we need to keep this private"

"We could just rough her up a bit and or whip her a few dozen times and force her to do manual labour or work in one of our s*x clubs"

"That's not a bad idea, I highly doubt this girl's ever worked a hard day in her life"

I kept my eyes firmly fixed on GiGi who looked like she was gonna cry

I thought she was about to cry over her family potentially being hurt or us hurting her but nope, this girl started to cry over one of the dumbest things ever

"Manual labour, are you kidding me? I can't do manual labour, do you

Chapter 82 - GiGi's Punishment. ag know who I am? I'm GiGi Addams, I wasn't born to do manual labour"

"And why's that? because you were born to live the rich lifestyle, shopping til you drop and getting your hair and your nails done, you know

all that good stuff"

"That's right, I deserve to live a life of luxury with hot men waiting on me hand and foot, not doing manual labour or s*x work"

GiGi growled whilst rolling her eyes

"I've made my decision...fortunately for you Giana, my cousin only wants me to give you a warning so you'll back off and leave her family

alone...she's going through enough as it is and she doesn't need you making things worse for her, so here's what's gonna happen"

Tsay as I stand up and walk towards her with my hands in my pocket

"First, you're gonna sign these forms, the first is a contract which is basically you signing your life away to me and my mafia and you

agreeing to do any job my wife or I deem fit for you and the second form is you signing your rights away to your children"

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"You're married? figures, you hot guys always are"

GiGi said while rolling her eyes, not seeming at all bothered by the fact she's about to lose all of her rights to her kids

T wonder if she'll have a better reaction to the next part of her punishment

"Once you've signed these forms, you'll be taken to another room where you're going to receive a hundred lashings"

Isai and her head snapped up as her eyes widened

"What?"

"The first fifty will be normal whippings and the second round will be

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"WHAT? you can't do this..OUCH!!"

She yelped in pain when I roughly gripped her chin

"Actually b***h, I can do whatever the hell I want to because I'm Klayton Antonelli and if I wanted to, Giana then I'd tie a cinderblock to your

ankles right now and throw your nasty ass into the Hudson f*****g River alive but I won't because I made a promise to my cousin that I

wouldn't kill you and unlike you, Giana..I like to keep my promises to the people I love"

I growl in her face before pushing her away from me

There was so much force in my push that she went flying backwards in her chair but I didn't care

This b***h has repeatedly messed with Lacey, she's made arrangements with a hitman to kill her and her children which naturally pisses me

off because you don't mess with my famiglia but her arrogant attitude is making my anger even worse and she's making my already short

temper even shorter

Maybe I should show Lacey the voicemail and see if her stance changes on GiGi's punishment, I know she'd definitely wanna up the ante

and make her punishment worse if she learns hers and her kid's lives were potentially on the line

"Take her to the room and make sure she signs the forms before her punishment starts, I don't want her making any excuses why she can't

sign them later on”

"Yes, boss”

My men quickly untied GiGi from the chair and dragged her screaming ass all the way to the room

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I then followed with Connor and Benjamin flanking me

"SIGN THE f****g DOCUMENTS!"

“NO, I DON'T CONSENT TO ANY OF THIS!"

I hear a commotion coming from the room

I walk into the room and I see one of my men trying to hold GiGi down as another one tries to unclench her fist and force a pen into her hand

“It doesn't matter if you consent to this or not, GiGi, you're signing those documents whether you like it or not and if you don't..."

Tsay as I pull my gun out of my holster and take the security off

“Then I can just kill you right now and your kids will automatically be awarded to your parents, so either way, it's happening”

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No s**t, Sherlock

"I care more about my life, I don't wanna sign my life away to the mafia”

"Well, tough s**t because it's happening, now sign it"

I growl and she flinches before reluctantly signing the forms

"Great...get her hooked up"

GiGi once again kicked and screamed as she was dragged over to a meat hook where she was chained up to it

She was then lashed fifty times with one of the strongest whips I own before two of my men each poured a bucket of ice-cold water onto her body so that she could receive the next round of lashes

She screamed and wailed as she begged us to stop and when we didn't, she got aggressive and started spouting not just aggressive s*t at

us but also racist and homophobic s**t at one of my men who she assumed was gay because in her words 'he stands like a gay man'

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GiGi didn't say the words gay man, she actually said a homophobic slur which I'm not gonna repeat, this behaviour resulted in GiGi's

punishment being prolonged and the lashes coming in faster and harder

"STOP WHIPPING ME, YOU STUPID ASS f****g p*****sl1" "Damn girl, do you kiss your mother with that mouth?" Connor asks whilst

chuckling

"Shut the f**k up, asshole"

GiGi growled as she continued to try and free herself from her restraints

"Stop resisting, **t, you're only gonna add to your injuries"

I say while shaking my head

By the time we were done with GiGi, she was a weak, limp mess and could barely utter a single word

"Take her ass to one of the cells and have the doc clean her up, I don't want her to die until she's suffered a miserable life first"

I give a command to two of my men

"Yes, boss"

Twat as they unhook GiGi's lifeless looking body from the meat hook and drag her ass to one of the cells

I then gave the head of my security squad strict instructions for her to be monitored twenty-four-seven until I can figure out what we're

going to do with her next and made it clear that she's only allowed water and some bread to survive

"I thought you were gonna be a little harsher with GiGi, brother"

Benjamin says as I light up a cigarette and take a drag from it

"If it was my choice, Benj then she'd be dead but this is Lacey's

punishment, not mine, so for this special case, we go by her rules, not by mine"

There are only a handful of women who I would give this special honour to and Lacey is one of them, so GiGi should thank her lucky stars

that she still gets to live instead of sleeping with the fishes which is what I want

Then again, that can all change if I decide to show my Lacey the voicemail, maybe if I do then things will go from bad to fatal for Miss Giana



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Klayton's PO

Have you ever woken up one morning and thought today is gonna be a great day? well, that's exactly what happened to me this morning

woke up after the best night's sleep to the sight of my beautiful wife lying next to me which is the best thing to wake up to in my opinion

but then my morning was made even better when I checked my phone like I normally do when I wake up and I saw a text message from my

lawyer Abby which just said 'the package is secure and we're good to go'

The package she's talking about are the restraining orders which she legally has to serve to the Carpenters but I told her to let me know

when she gets them because I wanna go with her when she delivers them and this is why I'm so happy

Call me petty but I wanna see the looks on their faces when they find out they've messed up big time with Lacey

Anyway, I was so excited when I received that text message that I couldn't resist making love to my wife both in our bed and in the shower

before getting ready and having breakfast with my little famiglia

"Ok, what's up with you this morning?"

My beautiful and annoyed wife asks me

"What do you mean, love?"

"You know exactly what I mean, Klayton Antonelli, you're smiling like you've slept with a goddamn coat hanger in your mouth"

"And that means there's something up with me, mi principessa?"

I asked with a smirk

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"Yes, that's exactly what it means, Klayton"

"If you say so, wifey"

Tsay as I pick up my coffee and take a sip of it while my wife groans in annoyance

"Baby, did you forget that we grew up together and that I know you better than anyone on this planet including yourself, so spill and please

remember our child is also sitting at this table with us when you do"

I narrow my eyes to Cassius who looked so cute with chocolate spread all around his mouth, I then looked back at Cassidy who was glaring

a hole

into my head

"Ok, fine, I received a text message from Abigail this morning telling me the restraining orders are ready to be served"

"And this has got you smiling like a Cheshire cat?"

Cassie asks confused and I smile

Yep"

Why?"

"Because my dear, sweet Cassidy, I wanna be there when Abigail gives the Carpenters the restraining orders, I wanna see the looks on their faces and the pain in their eyes when they realise they messed up big time with their daughter"

Isay and she chuckles

"You're one petty individual, baby"

"Thank you"

Tsay as I stand up and cup my wife's face before kissing her

"It's also gonna be a test for my auntie, my uncle and cousin to see what road they choose to go down...do they choose to go down the road of tough love and teaching Luca a hard ass lesson which could eventually

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lead to a reconciliation with Lacey and her kids? or do they choose to go down the road of continuing to enable Luca and babying him?"

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"My guess is the latter but I'm hoping for Lacey's sake that they finally put their foot down, the worst thing you can do for an addict is to enable them, trust me I should know"

Cassie looked down at her breakfast and I sighed in annoyance as I gently gripped her chin and lifted her head

"Look at me, Cassidy"

Cassie didn't look at me straight away but when she did, my heart broke when I saw tears in her eyes

I kneel down in front of my wife and briefly looked at my son who was too lost in some kid's show on his iPad to see his mom was upset, I

then looked back at my wife as a stray tear fell down her cheek

"Baby, you weren't an addict, you were just a broken woman who..."

"Who used alcohol to block out the pain of her friend having cancer, her boyfriend leaving her, her baby 'dying' and her best friend dying...it's a shock I didn't lose my mind as well, Klayton"

Cassie interrupts me and rolls her eyes at the end

"It still doesn't make you an alcoholic, baby, in fact, do you even remember when you last drank?"

Task Cassidy and she shakes her head

"There you go then"

I say while standing up and kissing her head

"I've gotta go and deal with this, babe but I'll be back later to pick you guys up"

"Why? where are you taking us?"

Chapter 83 - Klayton's Good Morning "To see Lacey" I say whilst letting out a sigh as I put my coat on

"There's something I need to discuss with her and I think I'm gonna need a female for this one"

"That bad, huh"

"No, it's worse"

I kiss my wife and son before bidding them goodbye and leaving our condo

When I get down to the garage area, I get in my car and quickly send a text to Lacey before heading out towards the Carpenters mansion

It didn't take me long to get there and when I did, I saw that I wasn't alone here and it was gonna be a full house and one hell of a fun

morning for me

I quickly park my car and get out just as Abby pulls up beside me and does the same

"Hmm, a full house? this should be fun"

"My thoughts exactly, Abs"

Abby and I headed towards the house and luckily for us, the front door was unlocked so we could just walk straight in

"Ciao, famiglia, is anyone home?"

I ask even though I already know the answer to that question

"Is that who I think it is?"

A sweet feminine voice asks

A few seconds later, my auntie came around the corner and she looked ecstatic to see me, I just wish the feeling was mutual, that's all

"Klayton baby, is that you?"

"Its auntie"

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"Oh my god, what are you doing here?"

She asks as she embraces me in a hug

"Unfortunately auntie, this isn't a personal visit, I'm here strictly on business"

"Business? what do you mean?"

She asks as she looks between myself and Abby

"Can you go and get the family, please? we need to talk"

"O..Ok"

My auntie once again narrowed her eyes between myself and Abby before walking back to where she came from

Abby and I were only left alone for around thirty seconds before I heard a voice coming from behind me which made me smile and chuckle

at her words

"My, my, my if I was forty years younger and I wasn't so in love with my husband, oh and I didn't love that sweet wife of yours like she was

one of my own then I'd definitely take a fancy to you, my darling Klayton"

I turned around and smiled when I saw my principessas grandparents standing there

Her grandmother had her signature gin glass in her hand and her grandfather was drinking what I assume is tea from a china cup and they

were both smiling happily at me like I was their favourite son who had come home

"Bunny, you're just as radiant as ever, if you didn't have a son in his late forties then I'd think you were in your early thirties with your

youthful looks"

"Oh, you're such a charmer, Klayton...come here, sweetheart"

I walk over to the pair and I hug Bunny and shake Duke's hand

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"Tell me, darling, why are you here?"

"Unfortunately, I'm not here for anything good, Bunny"

Actually, I was but I wasn't gonna let them know that I was gonna enjoy what we were about to do

"A lot has happened since you guys have been in Paris and it's left Lacey visibly shaken"

"Like what? is she ok? please tell me my lambchop is ok, Klayton?"

Duke pleads with me

"She's fine, Duke, it's just...she had an altercation with Luca and according to Logan it's left Lacey feeling a little sad and depressed"

"Oh no"

"What did that fool do now?"

Bunny asked me and I explained everything that happened at the dinner to them from Lacey and Luca's argument to them hitting each

other but I made sure to explain that where Lacey's hit was just a slap, Luca's was a full-on punch

The pair were both left in a state of shock and they were beyond livid when I was finished telling them what happened

To be honest with you, Duke was so worked up, I honestly thought he was gonna have a heart attack from how shocked and pale he looked

"I'm sorry, Klayton, I think I'm losing my hearing in my old age...did you just say what I think you just said?"

"Yes Bunny I did, Luca punched Lacey"

"WHAT?"

I hear a female voice shout from behind me

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I turned around and saw all of my family standing there and my auntie

Chapter 83 - Klayton's Good Mo. YY was looking at myself and Luca in disbelief

"No, I don't believe this, Luca would never hit his sister"

"What? like your husband would never hit his daughter?"

Task stumping my auntie

"That was a mistake and an accident, Klayton"

My auntie says and I laugh

"And I guess Luca hitting Lacey was also an accident, right auntie? his fingers accidentally formed into a fist, his arm accidentally pulled itself

back and his fist accidentally connected with Lacey's jaw leaving her with a busted lip and a nasty bruise, one that she's struggling to explain away to her children...it's all just an accident when everyone in your little

famiglia does something wrong, isn't it? well everyone with a p***s that is"

I say earning a chuckle from Bunny

"Luca would never, Klayton, I know he wouldn't"

My auntie says and I nod my head as I briefly look down before looking back at her

"You see, that's the problem with you auntie Louise, you've got your head buried so far in the sand that you can't even see the problems

within your own family or you see them but you'd rather ignore them instead, well, that s**t stops right here right now..for Lacey's sake and

your own, you're gonna make a decision about that piece of s**t over there, please excuse my language, Bunny"

"Oh please darling, you're only calling him what he is"

Bunny says as she takes a sip of her drink and I chuckle as I narrow my eyes back at my family

"Actions have consequences and unfortunately for all of you, you're not gonna like what your actions have cost you...Abs"

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I call for Abigail who happily serves each member of the Carpenter family except for Duke, Bunny, Justin and Sabrina with a huge smile on her face

"What the hell is this?"

James asks looking confused as they all open their envelopes and read the contents of it

"Its as simple as A, B, C, uncle...Lacey's served you all with a restraining order"

"What?"

This time it was my turn to look all happy and smug as the colour drained from my family's faces

"You've F**+d up big time, family"

I say with a smirk on my face as I enjoyed what was happening in front of me

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Klayton's POV.

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“No, no, no, this can't be happening”

James panicked as he angrily flipped through the pages

“Oh, it's happening, trust and believe me on that one, uncle”

“Wait, why have I got one? I haven't seen Lacey since she went all Ronda Rousey on Dylan”

Liam asks and I kind of felt bad for him but also didn't because unlike the other two, he's done absolutely nothing to try and make things

right with Lacey whereas the other two have

Granted one of them went about it the right way and the other one didn't but still, they've tried and Liam hasn't, so he gets some sympathy

from me but not a lot

“Why don't you ask Mike Tyson over there? his actions put the final nail in the door that Lacey was holding open for you guys”

“What did you do, i*t2”

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Liam growled at Luca who was shaking

Either he hasn't had a drink yet or he's really shaken up over this

“I just went there to make things right with her but...”

“But? but what Luca? what did you do?”

Liam interrupted him

"W. we got into an argument and she slapped me...and I reacted by hitting her back"

Luca whimpered like a scared kid but his words made Liam angry, angrier than I've ever seen him before

"YOU SON OF A b***hit"

Liam growled as he jumped on Luca and gave him a pounding like I've never seen before

He managed to get several good punches and kicks in on his brother before he was pulled off him and they were separated by Dylan, James

and Justin

"YOU'RE A PRICK, LUCALL, YOU'RE A STUPID f****g PRICK, YOU'VE RUINED ALL OF OUR CHANCES OF GETTING LACEY BACK AND ALL BECAUSE YOU'RE A DRUNK BASTARD!"

"Stop it, Liam, now"

James said as he pushed his son away by his chest

"Damn, this is better than the Jerry Springer show" Bunny says and I had to stifle a chuckle

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"Mother, this is not the time for your jokes"

"Actually James, it's the perfect time for it considering I'm looking at a group of grown-ass people who have turned into jokes"

"Mom...how can you say that?"

James asked with a gasp

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"Because it's the truth, James, you all were given a golden opportunity to fix things with Lacey when we brought her back here with Logan and their children and you wasted it"

"Your mother's right, James, we've seen that ghastly press conference you all did and to be perfectly honest with you, we were horrified by it"

"Horrified? why? we did that press conference to let everyone know that we were in the wrong and Lacey was nothing but a victim"

James said sounding gobsmacked by Duke's words

"Actually son, you made yourselves look like the victims, not to mention you made yourselves look like hypocrites and idiots as well"

"Why do you say that, mom?"

A shocked auntie Louise asks

"Because you brought up the whole chastity thing, darling, I mean, how can you preach to the world that you practised chastity with your

children and feel so proud of it when you not only outed Lacey for having a one-night stand with her now husband and getting pregnant

out of wedlock but you've also got free willy over there who also had a child out of wedlock yet nobody bats an eyelid or slut shames him,

do they?"

"We never slut shamed our daughter, mom, we just wanted what was best for her"

"Oh yeah..well, then tell me why Lacey felt the need to run when she found out she was pregnant?...nevermind, I'll answer that for you, it's because she was terrified that you would force her to marry that i****t sooner than you were planning to so that you could pass the babies off as his or you would've forced her to marry Logan just so that you could save face and save yourself the embarrassment of your precious daughter having triplets as an unwed mother"

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That seemed to shut these idiots up but it also pissed me off as well to think that my cousin was so afraid of how her family would react to her being pregnant that running away was her only option

Bunny walked over to the mini bar and started pouring herself another glass of gin

"I don't think you should have any more of that Bunny, maybe you should have some water instead"

Dylan said and all I could do was facepalm as I thought to myself of no

"Let's make one thing crystal clear here, Dylan, ok...the only time water will ever be in my glass or my mouth is if it's going straight in your

face, do you understand me?...why are you even here anyway after you cheated on both my grandchildren?...man is that weird thing to say"

Bunny said while rolling her eyes and taking a sip of her drink

"He's my husband, grams, he's not going anywhere"

"Well, in that case, tell your husband to put a deadbolt on his mouth, darling, you may be a weak child who accepts that type of behaviour

but I am not"

Bunny said while looking at Luca before narrowing her eyes to Dylan

"As for you, don't you ever and I mean EVER try me like a free sample, son because I'm not the one, do you hear me?"

She growls at him and I chuckled

fk, this woman is crazy

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"Mother, where did you hear that saying from?"

James asks looking both shocked and confused at his mom's choice of words

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"From some delightful woman down at the Walmart, she was shouting don't come around here trying me like a free sample, DeShawn

because I'm not the one and I thought hmm, feisty, I like it..what exactly is a DeShawn anyway?"

"It's a name, grams"

"Oh...nice"

Bunny said with a smile

"When were you in the Walmart, Bunny?" I ask confused

Bunny is one of the richest women alive, so I highly doubt she's personally shopping in Walmart, well, unless she's run out of gin of

course

"I've never been to Walmart, Klayton, what are you talking about?"

"You just said you have"

"Tdid?"

She asks and I nod my head

"Sorry, I meant a wine bar, I was in a wine bar, that's where I was"

Oh my god

"Why am I drinking this anyway? James, where's your champagne? we should be celebrating"

"Celebrating? mom, what are you talking about? this isn't a celebration, if anything it's devastating"

James says sounding hurt

"Oh come on, James, what were you all expecting?..for Lacey to lay out the red carpet to you all? were you expecting her to be like it's ok,

dad, allis forgiven, I mean, you only hit me and accused me of being a cheating

Chapter 84 - Glutton For Punish. ¥/ slut when it was, in fact, my gay fiancée who was the cheater and you were only going to force me into a

marriage I didn't want but it's ok, it's all water under the bridge and you're forgiven because if you were expecting that then I want a cheque

for all of those years we spent to send you to Cambridge university because it was clearly a bluddy waste"

"Your mother's right, son and we don't blame our little lambchop for getting a restraining order out against you all..that girl has worked

incredibly hard to restore peace in her life and I thought that peace would remain intact when we brought her back to New York but it

hasn't and more and more every day, her peace is being broken, her mental health is at risk and her heart is being shattered and all at the hands of her own family”

Duke said sounding very disappointed in his family

“It's sad that for years, you all have mocked me for always having gin goggles on when you all have had your blinders on for years with Luca and Bret Michaels over there”

Bunny says and I chuckle

She then walks over to her son and stands mere inches apart from him as she looks him up and down before looking him in his eyes

“Your son is an alcoholic, James, you and Louise can stand here and shake your heads all you want or you can do what you've been doing

for the past six years and stick your heads in the sand but it doesn't change the facts...he's an alcoholic and for the past six years, you all

have been wiping his ass for him, you've been raising his kids when he's too drunk to do it himself and you've been paying off journalists

and buying their photos and videos when they catch him either falling out of a club or being

thrown out of one”

Bunny says while shaking her head

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"If you ask me, James then I'll happily tell you that you all deserve to suffer the way you're going to, you deserve to suffer like Lacey did

because instead of focusing on your daughter who luckily for you was hiding out in London but for all you knew, she could've been in a

storage container somewhere being shipped off to another country to be sold as a s*x slave or worse but you didn't care, did you?"

"Of course I cared, mom, she's my daughter"

A gobsmacked James responded to his mom's accusations

"THEN WHY NOT WORK HARDER TO HELP FND HER, INSTEAD OF WASTING YOUR TIME ENABLING AN ALCOHOLIC?"

Bunny growled and we all jumped because we weren't expecting it

She's the most laidback and chilled person ever so it's a real shock to the system when you see her get angry like this

"Why didn't you do more to find your daughter instead of wasting your time on this fool? tell me why goddammitz"

Bunny once again growled before she looked at James with a look that I couldn't decipher but it looked like a moment where the lightbulb

had gone off in her head

"Oh, Tknow why...it's because she's a girl, isn't it? you never wanted a daughter and it hurt your manhood and your ego when your wife had alittle girl instead of another little boy, didn't itz"

Bunny asks and James scoffs

"Don't be so ridiculous, mom, Lacey's the apple of my eye, my princess, of course I love her and I wanted her"

"Now you do and maybe the love has gone up a little bit because of who she's married to but you didn't initially want her, did you? not like how

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My eyes narrowed on James Carpenter as I listened to Bunny's words

One of the things I was taught from a very young age was how to read people, it was one of the things I had to be trained in so that I could be the best Don ever, so I could read people like an open book and right now, I'm reading James better than a damn drag queen

"Just admit it, James, Lacey's been nothing but a loose end to you and when she left, you were grateful"

"No, that's not true...t's not true"

James shook his head as tears streamed down his face

"It is true, James...I've always known it and even your father knows it, I just wish that you'd admit it, if for nothing else than for your own sanity, son"

James was silent for about a minute as he ran his hand through his hair whilst pacing the floor

He then said something which left most of the room completely gobsmacked but none more so than a certain someone who we didn't even know was here

"Ok fine...I admit that in the beginning, I despised the fact that Lacey was a girl because I never wanted a daughter, I only wanted my boys but..." James was cut off by a gasp

We all snapped our heads to behind us where a shocked and teary-eyed Lacey stood next to Logan and she looked like she was struggling to breathe

Oh no

What the hell is she doing here?

Chapter 85



Chapter 85 - Glutton For Punishment - Part 2

Lacey's POV

"Logan, tell me why am I doing this again?"

"I'm fed if T know, love"

He growls and I let out a sigh as I grab hold of his free hand that's sitting on his thigh

"Tknow you don't agree with this, baby..."

"You're damn straight I don't agree with this, Lace"

Logan said as he briefly looked at me with a glare before looking back at the road

"I thought we'd made it crystal clear that this was it...that Luca hitting you and coming to our home acting like a drunken fool was the final

straw but no, you wanna give them one last chance to redeem themselves when in all honesty, Lacey, none of them, not one single one of

them have got any redeeming qualities in them, especially your dad, Luca and Dylan"

"Yeah, I know, babe but that's them... wanna at least try and give my mom and Liam a chance to redeem themselves, at least then I can say I

tried and I don't have to live with all of the what ifs"

"Hmm, I guess so"

Logan muttered under his breath

I looked at my husband for a few more seconds before I looked out the window huffing in frustration

I know you're all probably facepalming and thinking I'm crazy for doing this and I probably am but this is more for my own sanity because I

wanna move forward knowing I at least tried to the fullest extent and

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didn't just give up

If things work out then great but if they don't then at least I can move on knowing I tried

We pulled up to the estate where my parent's mansion is and my eyes narrowed when I noticed that we weren't alone here

"Are my parents having a party?"

"I don't know...maybe they're celebrating because Luca has finally got out of diapers and was able to sleep a whole night in his big boy

trunks without peeing the bed"

Logan said and I rolled my eyes but I was laughing on the inside

Logan parked up behind a car I knew all too well which was Abby's car, we then got out and walked towards my parent's mansion hand in

hand

I don't know what I was expecting as we walked through the open front door but it certainly wasn't for me to hear something which

completely shattered the last part of my heart that I was tightly holding on to

"It is true, James...I've always known it and even your father knows it, I just wish that you'd admit it, if for nothing else than for your own

sanity, son"

My grams said and I narrowed my eyes briefly to Logan before looking at the group of people in front of me which included my

grandparents, my parents, my brothers, Dylan, Klayton and Abby

What the hell is going on here?

"Ok fine...I admit that in the beginning, I despised the fact that Lacey was a girl because I never wanted a daughter, I only wanted my boys

but."

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My dad said and I gasped as tears filled my eyes and my breathing became laboured

My dad never wanted me

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He despised me because I'm a girl

It shouldn't shock or surprise me that my father would say something like this because he's always had his sexist ways and he would always

subtly say s**t that would either be very sexist or demeaning

Like for example when I wanted to be a teacher and I expressed my desire to teach the future generation and prepare them for high school,

my dad scoffed and laughed as he said 'figures my daughter would want to be a teacher' Do you know what's so funny about him saying this?

what's funny is

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a teacher, only women and p's want to teach kids'

that my dad is also a teacher, he hasn't got a degree but he's still a teacher because he taught all of his children life lessons, he taught us all

to be good people and to be kind to others and he taught all three of his sons to be businessmen, so is he inadvertently calling himself a

p**ty by saying that?

You don't necessarily need a degree to be a teacher, you just need to have life experience to pass on your knowledge to your future

generation, that's all

Speaking of which, what am I supposed to teach my children? what do I teach my children about family?

Do I teach my babies to always love and respect each other? to always be there for one another? to never hit or hurt one another whether it

be with their fists or their words? do I teach them that family means no one is left behind? because if I do, then I'd be a liar and most likely a

hypocrite for not practising what I preach with my own family

"Princess"

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I was brought out of my thoughts when I heard my dad's voice and heard him whimper and sob

I take several deep breaths to calm myself down before looking up at my dad through my teary eyes

"Princess? is that a joke?"

Task angrily

"Lacey honey, you shouldn't be here, you can get them in a lot of trouble now that they've officially been served"

"Oh don't worry, Abs, I'm officially done with this pathetic family now"

I say whilst glaring at my family

I then turned to walk away but I was stopped by my dad who had rushed over to me and grabbed me by my wrist

"Lacey baby, please listen to me, I didn't mean it like how it sounded"

My dad pleaded with me as I turned to look at him

"Then how did you mean it, dad?...you said you never wanted a daughter and you despised me because I'm a girl..what's there to explain?"

Task as tears stream down both mine and my dad's faces

"IL only felt like that in the beginning, Lace but then I fell in love with you and I was so proud to call you my daughter.I still am very proud of you"

"Ok..answer me this then and answer me honestly, dad...when Logan asked you for his permission to marry me, did you say yes because

you wanted to and because you were happy that a good man like Logan wanted me and because you knew he'd love me, protect me and keep me

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safe?...or did you say yes because that would mean I wasn't a complete waste of space after all and you'd get a strong alliance with the Black family through your useless, unwanted daughter?"

Task hoping to hear the answer I wanted but unfortunately, all was met with was silence

My dad didn't answer me but he didn't have to, his face said everything

"You're not useless, Lace and you're not unwanted either, if you'd just let me explain..."

"Like I said, dad, there's nothing to explain"

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Isaid while looking at my dad in his baby blue eyes before looking at Logan who had an expression on his face like he had just stood in dog

crap

"Lacey baby, please listen to your father, he never meant what he said"

My mom said and I scoffed as I shook my head

"How did I know that you'd stand up for him, mom? I know he's your husband and it's your job as his wife to stand up for him...but not

against your own kids and especially not when he's in the wrong" Content © 2024.

Isay and she looks at me shocked but I didn't care, I was done, officially this time

"Logan"

I say my husband's name and he looks at me, his face changing from a glare to a sympathetic expression, he was still angry but his affection

for me was way stronger than his anger for my family

"Can we leave, please?"

"Sure, babe"

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He grabs hold of my hand and kisses the back of it before leading me out of the house

Even though I felt like I was running on autopilot as Logan led me out of my childhood home, I could still make out my parents and my

brothers shouting for me as Klayton told them to leave me alone otherwise he'll call

the police on them for going against the restraining order even though it was me who showed up here and put their freedom at risk

After getting in our car and putting our seatbelts on, Logan sped out of the driveway and took us back home or at least that's what I

thought

When the car was finally parked, I looked out of the window and saw nothing but a blanket of snow, trees that were just branches and there

was even a lake which looked more like an ice rink right now

"Why have you brought us here?"

Task Logan who was looking out at the beautiful scene in front of us that looked like a Christmas card as he stroked his stubbly chin

"I wanted to calm down and this is where I always come to when I wanna relax"

"I'm sorry, babe"

Isay and he lets out a sigh as he grabs hold of my hand

"It's not your fault, babe, it's your family's fault but hopefully you've learned your lesson now that they don't deserve a second chance with

you"

"Oh, Tknow Logan, I think I knew before that they didn't deserve it"

"Then why put yourself through this, Lace?"

He asks and I shrug my shoulders

"Maybe I'm a masochist and I enjoy the pain that others inflict upon

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me or I'm just a glutton for punishment”

"Or maybe you just wanted your family to be in both yours and our baby's lives which isn't a bad thing and it's not wrong for you to feel

that way but you need to realise that not everyone deserves to be in your life, babe even your own family"

He says and I nod my head

"You're right and I understand that now"

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I say whilst letting out a breath

We were silent for about a minute before Logan asked me a question which made me smile

"So, what now, love?"

My smile was big and bright as I looked at my handsome husband

“Now, it's all about you, me, Logan Junior, Dayton and Teddy and us having the best first Christmas together as a complete family, now we

can focus all of our time on each other and making new memories and doing things together as a family without any interruptions or

worries that my family or GiGi will one day rock up and ruin everything for us"

Isay while rolling my eyes at the end

"We can go to the Christmas markets and have Christmas movie nights, ooh and we can also go to the theatre and watch a show, I've

always wanted to see A Christmas Carol in the theatre"

I say excitedly

"I'm not sure if they still do that, baby and if they don't then I'll make it happen for you because you deserve it"

Logan said with a slight chuckle while I sighed in contentment feeling blissfully happy

"Thank you, Logan"

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"For what?"

He asks whilst narrowing his eyes at me in confusion

"For being my rock, especially in my weakest times like now"

Isay whilst letting out a sad sigh as I rest my head against the headrest

"I just really wanted to give my mom and Liam a chance to redeem themselves, Logan... was hoping that maybe if I couldn't have a relationship with my whole family then I at least could with my mom, Liam and Justin and our kids would know more of their family than just your side and they'd have a relationship with them as well..but now..now I think if I ever see them again it will be too freaking soon"

Isay with a slight sob as a few stray tears fall down my face

I don't know why I was crying but I know for a fact that it wasn't because of my family who weren't worth me shedding a tear over, especially not after today's performance

"Don't cry, baby, they're not worth it"

Logan says as his warm hand cupped my face and gently wiped my tears away

"I know that now, babe"

I say with a smile and he smiles back at me as he leans in and kisses my lips

"You don't need anyone else, baby, you just need me and the triplets"

He's right

All I need is my little family and my friends

You can't pick your family but you can certainly pick who can be a part of your inner circle and those people have to be the ones who care more about building you up and strengthening your sanity, not weakening it like my family has with me

From now on, it's only about us and the ones who we love and care for, not anyone else

Chapter 86



Chapter 86 - Act Like An Antonelli

Lacey's POV

There's nothing in this world that I hate more than getting my ass chewed out to me by my big cousin Klayton

I don't know if you've ever been given a verbal smackdown by a mafia Don before but it's not a pleasant experience, especially when he's

got his three cheerleaders Abigail, Carmella and Cassidy here to help him out

"What were you thinking, Lacey? why did you go to your parent's house?"

"Yeah, why?"

Cassidy growled as she stood next to her husband with a scowl on her face, her arms crossed over her chest and she was standing in a don't mess with me kind of way

"Answer me, Lacey"

"Yeah, answer the man, why would you go to your parent's house after you'd just asked me to get a restraining out against them? what was going through your mind?"

Abby asks me and I rolled my eyes whilst muttering oh my f=+*g god under my breath Content provided by

I was looking down at the ground and rubbing my forehead as I tried to find a way to tell them why I went there whilst using the right words so that I don't make them even angrier

Carmella has been like a raging bull ever since she showed up here and saw my face and she was made even more livid when Logan and I explained everything to her and she found out that I wanted to make

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things right with my family

She didn't even give me a chance to explain that it was only my mom and Liam I was looking to give a chance to because she had gone off on a tangent talking about how I need to be tougher and stop being so kind-hearted because I'm being kind to people who don't deserve it

I know she's right and maybe I can ask my therapist for some advice when I next see her because I need to stop being so kind-hearted to people

because it's gonna be my downfall one of these days but still, let a b***h explain before you go off one one Carm

"Look at me, Lacey Black"

Klayton growled as he knelt down in front of me and gently gripped my chin forcing me to look at him

He looked so angry with me and I don't blame him to be fair but it doesn't make me feel any better about it

"Why did you go there, principessa?"

I close my eyes and let out a shaky breath before opening my eyes again and explaining everything to Klayton

I didn't leave anything out and I made it clear that I had no intentions of going there to see or make-up with my dad, Luca or Dylan but that

didn't sit well with any of them who believe that my mom and Liam don't deserve a second chance because not only did they ignore what

was going on and didn't reach out personally like Justin did to make things right but according to Klayton they also doubted that Luca

would hit me, especially my mom

This hurt like a b***h to know that my mom not only didn't believe Klayton when he told her what Luca had done but she also defended

him

"I'm sorry, principessa, I know they're your family...but they don't

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deserve you, I mean, anyone who is so blind to what's going on around them and can side with an alcoholic and believe they're innocent

when they're not...people like that don't deserve anything from you, let alone a second chance, Lace"

"T know"

I said barely above a whisper

"I guess I just wanted to try, Klay"

"I know you did, kiddo and that's because you're a beautiful-hearted woman, Lacey, you wanna see the good in everyone but you need to

realise sweetheart that not everyone has got good in them and sometimes those people are members of our own family's"

"I know that now, Klay...I don't want anything to do with them ever again"

"Good"

He says with a smile as he leans in and kisses my forehead

"So, what happened after I left?"

Task after I let out a breath

"Well, your grandparents chewed them all out and told them they deserve the treatment they're getting from you, they also told your dad

how ashamed they are of him and that they didn't raise him to be a sexist piece of s**t, they're your grams words, not mine"

Of course they were

I thought to myself whilst rolling my eyes

Even when she's pissed as hell my grams still thinks she's a comedy queen

"L also offered to have your brother sent to one of the best rehabs in the country, where he'll receive the best care as well as therapy to

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overcome both his alcohol issues and his personal issues"

He says and my head snaps up as I look at Klayton in shock

"You did?"

"Mmm-hmm"

"Why would you do that?"

Task and Klayton sighs as he sits down on the coffee table in front of me

"Because he's still family at the end of the day, Lace and you know how I feel about family"

"Famiglia é per sempre"

Isay and he smiles

"Exactly and I don't wanna be a hypocrite because I let one of my own people die instead of helping him even if that one person is Luca"

He says and I smile

"Well, thank you for doing that for him...he's got kids, Klay and I don't want them to grow up without him around"

"Don't thank me just yet, kid, he hasn't accepted my offer as of right now"

"Thanks anyway..hopefully now mom and dad can open their eyes and they can see the damage Luca is doing to not only himself but also

to everyone around him and they can encourage him to accept your offer"

"I hope so too"

I really hope he does accept Klayton's offer because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for him and even though Klayton isn't his

biggest fan right now, he'll still make sure Luca is looked after and protected in rehab and he's given every ounce of help available to him

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"Abby, Carmella, can you guys give us a few minutes alone please?"

Klayton all of a sudden asks the girls who happily and obediently left the room leaving just myself, Logan, my cousin and his wife in the room

"What's going on, Klay? is everything ok?" "Not really, kid...as you know I've been giving GiGi her punishment for

what she put you through and right now she's suffering worse than she ever has in her life"

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"Ok..if that's the case then why have you got a face like a slapped ass? shouldn't you be happy you're punishing GiGi, it is your favourite

hobby to punish the evil, Klayton"

Isay with a smile which quickly drops at his next words

"Actually, my favourite hobby is f=+*g my wife, Lace"

He said and I groaned in disgust

"Ewwll"

"Klayton, watch your mouth"

Cassidy gasped as she slapped his shoulder and he chuckled

"What? it's true"

He says and I shake my head

"Anyway, the night I left here, I received a file from one of my men who claims he was hired by GiGi and he was paid a sum of four million dollars to do a job for her"

"A job? what job?"

Klayton looked hesitant to speak and I thought he wasn't gonna tell me but he eventually did after Logan got fed up with his silence

"For Christ's sake, Klayton just spill it will you, it can't be that freaking

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bad"

Logan growled

"Oh but it is, brother"

"What do you mean?"

Task confused

Klayton lets out a breath as he runs his hand over his mouth

What he said next left me in a complete state of shock

"GiGi had hired a sniper to kill you Lacey but not just you..she also wanted your kids dead as well"

"What?"

I whispered whereas Logan growled

"WHAT?"

"How erm...how? did she...L...did she confess to this? I don't understand"

I mumbled probably not making any freaking sense

"She didn't have to, Lace because the guy who she had hired showed me a voicemail from her where she more or less admits to everything"

"Can hear it?"

I asked and Klayton was once again hesitant but then he pulled out his phone and played it for us

"Callum, I don't care how you do it? when you do it? where you do it? or if you do the f*****g moonwalk between each shot, just get the

frig job done, do you hear me?..I want Lacey Black and her three ugly brats dead, oh and I want proof as well, want a nice little picture

of each one for my own personal enjoyment"

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Oh my god

What the hell is wrong with this girl?

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My hands covered my mouth as Logan embraced me wrapping his arms around me while Klayton placed his hand on my knee

"My initial plans to punish GiGi was to physically torture her before shipping her ass off to Italy where I was gonna have her work in one of my clubs so that she could live the rest of her life in misery..."

"I also wanted to give her a nice new hairdo, as well as a manicure and

a pedicure with the help of a pair of clippers and some pliers but Klayton said no"

Cassidy interrupted Klayton who rolled his eyes at her

"Anyway, like I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted..."

He said whilst narrowing his eyes to Cassie who smirked at him before looking back at me

"This is what I was initially planning on doing to her but I feel this punishment is too light considering she was planning on having you all killed, kid"

"So, what do you suggest we do with her now?"

"There's only one thing I can suggest, sweetheart"

"Death"

Isaid and he nodded his head

"I don't feel comfortable keeping her alive, Lacey, she's a dangerous individual and that voicemail proves it, not to mention the fact that she was acting insane and mouthing off to my men hurling racist and homophobic s**t at them while they were whipping her, if that doesn't scream psycho to you then what does?"

He's right

"Right now she's locked up at my warehouse and you know my security is tighter than Fort Knox but just imagine for one second if she did

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manage to escape, Lacey..you and the kids would be the first ones she'd come after...do you really wanna risk that?"

"Of course not"

"Well then, what do you say?"

He asked and I didn't know what to say

I of course want myself and my family to be safe but at the same time,

I didn't feel comfortable about ending another human's life even though I wouldn't be the one doing it

"This is one of those times where you shouldn't be so kind-hearted, Lace"

"My wife is right, principessa, it's time for you to put on your big girl panties and be the cold-hearted Antonelli that I know you can be"

Inod my head as my eyes narrowed to a picture of myself, Logan and the kids from our wedding which was sitting proudly on the fireplace

"Kill her"

Ifound myself muttering two words that I probably wouldn't say at any other time but for the sake of myself, Logan and our triplets, I would

happily say them over and over again if it meant that we were all safe and alive

Chapter 87



Chapter 87 - Liam's Regrets - Part 1

"A mistake should be your teacher, not

your attacker, a mistake is a lesson, not a loss, it isa temporary and necessary detour, not a dead end"

~ Mizz Laura

A Few Days Later.

Liam's PO

"No mom, I don't care"

"But Liam they're your family"

"So is Lacey but that didn't stop us from treating her like crap, did it?"

I said stumping my mother

"But we wanna see you, honey, your dad and Luca are..."

She tried to give me some sob story but I cut her off before she could finish

"I don't give a damn, mom, I'm not interested in seeing or talking to

those q_ three fools ever again, they can all rot in hell with the devil himself for all I care"

I say earning a shocked gasp from my mother

"Liam Carpenter, how can you say such words about your father and your brother like that?"

"Simply mom, by opening my mouth and using my voice, you know the two things which we should've done for Lacey but didn't because

we're both f***g cowards"

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Don't you curse at me, Liam or else I'll."

"You'll what, mom? you'll get dad or Luca to hit me? you'll force me to marry someone who has hurt or betrayed me? or will you make me

feel so insignificant, unloved and uncared for that you'll leave me no other choice but to grab my daughter and run away from this toxic family like Lacey did?"

Task earning nothing but silence from the other end

"Look, mom"

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Isay as I close my eyes and sigh

"I love you, I really do and I love dad and my brothers but I also love Lacey as well and for the past six years, I've wanted nothing more than

to find Lacey and make things right with her but when I was given the chance to, I failed her just like I did six years ago when I failed to

stand up for her and protect her from our own dad"

"You make your father sound like some kind of monster, Liam"

"Isn't he?"

I ask feeling gobsmacked at how much or should I say how far my mom will go to protect and stand up for my father

I mean, I love my girlfriend the world and when we get married and she becomes my wife which I hope will be someday soon, I will protect

her and stand up for her with every fibre of my being but I'll never do it against our children like my mom has with my dad and I'll never

favour one or more of my kids over the others like my parents have done with us

"Your husband hit his own daughter, mom...he hit her because Lacey refused to be a submissive puppy to him because she refused to do as he wanted because she refused to be a pawn in his game to unite two rich families together and because she refused to live an unhappy, loveless and miserable life with a gay husband but that's not even the worst of his

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crimes, is it, mother? no, it's not..the worst of dad's crimes is him not even wanting a daughter to begin with and when you gave birth to that beautiful little girl, he started to abuse her both mentally and emotionally and all because she wasn't a f****g boy"

I growled in both anger and frustration as my mom sobbed on the other end of the phone

Her sobs made me feel even angrier than I already was because I knew her tears weren't for the person they should be for but for the men

who have caused all of this trouble for us and our family

"I hate that you're crying, mom but what I hate more is that you're crying and your tears aren't even for your own daughter, they're for dad

and for Luca"

I said while shaking my head feeling disappointed with my mother

"When are you gonna start putting Lacey first, hmm?..when are you gonna realise that you're putting all of your money on a dead horse

and neglecting what could be a very healthy and blossoming relationship with your daughter and grandchildren?" Material © of

Task but she doesn't answer me

"I love you, mom but I can't be around any of you anymore..for the sake of my own sanity and my daughter, I've decided to put some distance between us and you guys..maybe one day when you've realised your mistakes and you've owned up to them..maybe then we can be in each other's lives but as for right now, I'm done"

I say before hanging up the phone

My mom has always been a weak and submissive woman who has always done what my father told her to and has always believed whatever he said

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My dad could literally tell my mom that the grass is blue, the sky is green and the sun has got a cute little baby living in it like on that kid's programme and she'd believe him in a heartbeat and without any questions asked, that's how naive and gullible my mom is

It's honestly shocking to me how my mom gave birth to a girl who is as strong and as smart as Lacey is because she's neither of those things

Lacey has always been a very strong girl, strong-willed and strong-minded unlike our mom and I just know for a fact that if Logan was to ever pull the same s**t on their kids that our father has with his then Lacey wouldn't hesitate to kick his ass and tear him a new one

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My phone started ringing again but I didn't answer it this time because the caller LD. was saying it was my dad and he's the last person I want to speak to right now, especially when I'm as angry as I am because I don't wanna end up saying something which I may or may not regret

Knock!!, knock!!, knock!!

"Come in"

I say without looking up

I've been drowning myself in work to try and forget all about the family drama and that's exactly what I'm doing right now, I'm drowning myself in a sea of contracts and paperwork so that I won't drown in my own feelings

wip

"Yes, Agatha"

My maid fell silent for a few seconds before she spoke again and what she said had my head abruptly snapping up to look at her

"It's Jade sir, she's erm...she's refusing to eat her food"

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"What? again?"

Task with a growl which I quickly regretted when I saw Agatha flinch

"Yes sir, she said she'll only start eating when she sees her auntie and cousins again"

Paks

I throw my pen down and run a hand through my hair

Jade's only had a handful of interactions with my sister and her kids but it seems they've formed a special little bond with each other, especially Jade and my niece Teddy, so it's breaking my heart that my kid is hurting because she may not see her auntie and cousins again and it's all my fault

I mean technically, Lacey and her lawyer never said that Jade couldn't see Lacey or her kids but they never said she could either and I don't wanna cause my daughter any more pain by trying to arrange something with them and Lacey refusing or it not being allowed because of the RO

"Where is she?"

"She's in the living area, sir"

"Ok"

I let out a sigh as I stand up and leave my office

I then head downstairs and make a beeline for the living room where my daughter was sitting on the floor in front of the coffee table and she's watching some kid's show on Netflix

"Hey there angel face, what are you doing?"

"Watching TV"

"Really?"

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I sit down next to Jade whose eyes were firmly fixed on the television but I could see the sadness in them from where I was sitting

"Agatha told me you're not eating your food again"

Isay as I narrow my eyes on the untouched plate of food before looking at my daughter who was looking up at me sheepishly

"Why aren't you eating your food, princess?"

"Because I wanna see auntie Lacey and the triplets but we can't" "Who says you can't?"

I ask feeling curious

I don't involve my child in grown folk's business, so I'm intrigued to know who has told my child this

"Melissa did...she told me she heard her daddy's fighting and she heard uncle Dylan shout at uncle Luca that none of us will ever see auntie

Lacey and the triplets again because we're all bad people who have done bad things..I'm not bad though, am I daddy?"

Jade asks with teary eyes and my heart shattered into millions of little pieces after seeing how hurt and broken she is

/I'mgonna f=***g killLuca and Dylan

"Of course you're not bad, Jade, you're the best little girl a daddy could ask for"

Isay as wrap my arms around my little girl and kiss the top of her head

"Then why can't I see my auntie and cousins if I'm a good girl?"

Oh god

"Because...because daddy was a naughty brother to his sister and he hurt her but he deeply regrets it, Jade, I promise you"

"Do you love auntie Lacey, daddy?"

"Very much so, baby" I say without any hesitation as a stray tear falls down my cheek

"Well, if you say sorry and give her some chocolates then she'll forgive you, daddy"

Jade says and I chuckle

/ wish life was that easy, my princess

Chapter 88



Chapter 88 - Liam's Regrets - Part 2

Liam's POV

Rage, sadness, guilt, regret

These are just some of the emotions I've been feeling for not only the past few days but also the past six years and now they've been made

even worse after finding out my daughter is hurting because of me

I was angry with both myself and my family for not seeing things sooner, I was angry with all of us for believing the lies instead of looking

for the truth and I'm angry for taking Luca and Dylan's sides when I should've taken Lacey's side from the very beginning

I was feeling sad because I've not only lost my baby sister, my niece and my nephews but I've also missed out on six years of their lives and

my actions or lack thereof have cost both my daughter and me the chance of ever having a relationship with them in the future

I wish I could blame my parents, Luca and Dylan for all of this bullshit but I can't because I'm also to blame as well, I mean, I'm Lacey's big brother for f**s sake

I'm the one who is supposed to love and care for her, I'm the one who is supposed to support her no matter what but most importantly, I'm the one who is supposed to protect her from those who want to cause her any harm or make her suffer even if those people I have to protect her from are our very own family but I failed her in my role as her big brother because I'm a coward

I'm such a f+***g coward because I failed to protect my little sister and I didn't stand up for her when she needed me to

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I also didn't take the golden opportunity to gain her forgiveness when she gave me the chance to and these are just some of the things that

I not only feel guilty for and regret for the rest of my life but I'll forever be ashamed of as well

After my little chat with Jade, I managed to reassure her that everything is gonna be ok and I was able to get some food down her

Teven gave her a bowl of her favourite ice cream with all of her favourite sprinkles and toppings on it to cheer her up.

Normally, I don't like to give her too much sugar, especially at night because I don't want her to have a sugar rush right before bed but I

think my little girl deserved a nice little treat tonight

She's been so sad and miserable the past few days and I wanted to make her happy even if it was only for a little while

Anyway, after bathing my daughter and putting her to bed, I quickly changed into some sweats and went to my home gym to release some of my energy and hopefully release all of the anger that's been building up inside of me on the punching bags

I was only in here for about half an hour to an hour when I heard the sound of my music being turned off as my beautiful girlfriend's voice floated to my ears

"Who's made you angry now, my love?"

Rachel asks me

"Everything and everyone, babe"

I say in between breaths as I take off my boxing gloves which I struggled with thanks to a mixture of sweat and frustration

I stopped what I was doing when I felt a warm hand on my cheek and I closed my eyes as I leaned in and enjoyed the feeling of her touch

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"Something tells me that this..."

Rachel drifts off as she caresses my cheek

"Is more than just sweat on your face, Liam honey"

She says and I let out a sigh

"I don't know what to do, Rae"

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"About?"

"Everything..about Lacey, about the restraining order..about Jade"

whimper at the end when I think of my poor little princess

"Jade? what about Jade? is she ok?"

Rachel asks sounding worried and concerned for our daughter

Rachel may not be Jade's biological mother but she's the only one she's ever known

I had Jade when I was young and her biological mother wasn't interested in having her, she was planning on aborting Jade until I put a stop

to it and begged her to keep the child and carry it as a surrogate for me

She wasn't interested at all in being a mother and had told me that she had planned to have a hysterectomy because she didn't feel like she

had the maternal instinct in her to be a mom, she had even booked the appointment to have the surgery shortly after our one night stand

but a routine scan revealed she was pregnant

We had no ill feelings towards one another and I treated her like a queen during the pregnancy, I mean after all, she was carrying my

princess so it makes sense, right?

After she gave birth, I handed her a cheque as a thank you and she left but not before signing her rights away to our daughter giving sole

legal

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custody to me, as well as signing an NDA so that she couldn't sell

FOLK,

as to the press in the future

A couple of years later, I got with Rachel who has been an amazing mother to my child and I honestly couldn't ask for a better mom for my kid than this amazing woman right here

"She's fine, love, well, she's fine now I mean"

"What do you mean? she hasn't been refusing her meals again, has she?"

She asks and I nod my head

"Yeah, she told Agatha that she wasn't gonna eat anything until she saw Lacey and the triplets again"

"Are you kidding me? babe, this can't continue on like this"

She says sounding just as frustrated as I am

"You think I don't know that, Rae"

growl at her

"Do you really think I wanna see my child starving herself or getting upset or being sad or crying or worse thinking she's a bad girl and

that's why she can't see her cousins or her auntie? do you think I want this for our

daughter? because I don't, Rachel..I don't want this at all"

"I know you don't, honey, come here"

Rachel says as she hugs me, not caring if I'm a sweaty mess in her arms

"What do you want then Liam? what do you want for you and our daughter? what's it gonna take for my two favourite people to be happy again?"

She asked me and I was silent for a few seconds before answering her

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"I wanna be happy, I want Jade to be happy... want my sister"

"Then go and get her"

Rachel says as she pulls away from me

"How, Rachel? she's got a restraining order out against me"

Isay and she smirks

"Baby, there are ways for you to contact, Lacey without you winding up in jail, you just have to be smart about it...as for Jade, I highly doubt

your sister included that precious little girl in the RO, so maybe we can work out playdates for the kids through me or Ryker or hell even

Logan"

"Hmm, I guess you're right"

I said while stroking my chin

My girl was really giving me food for thought here and I think I knew what I needed to do in order to get what I wanted

I mean, what I was thinking of doing was a long shot a very long shot but it was still a shot and it was one that I was happily gonna take if it

meant that I was in with a chance to get Lacey back in my life

"What? what's that smile for?"

Rachel asks confused

I grab my girl's face and kiss her lips before looking down at her with a huge smile plastered on my face

"This smile is because I've just thought of a way for me to try and reconcile with Lacey without the law getting involved"

I kiss Rachel one last time before leaving the gym and heading up to my bedroom

I have a quick shower and get changed into some fresh clean clothes before going to my office and taking a seat in my office chair

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What I'm about to do may not seem like much but hopefully, this little bit of effort from me will be just enough to thaw my sister's heart for

me and get me through the door so that we can talk face-to-face and clear the air

After spending around an hour and a half writing a letter to Lacey getting everything off my chest and telling her how I feel, how much

miss her and love her and how much I want us to be in each other's lives, I get up and leave my mansion

Even though the Greystone estate isn't that far from where I live, I still got in my car and drove there because A) I wasn't planning on staying

there long and B) it's freezing cold outside

I'm not planning on freezing my balls off before I've had the chance to give my kid a sibling or two

I suddenly felt nervous as I arrived at the Greystone and I could feel all of my confidence and adrenaline from earlier quickly drain from my

body at the prospect of being rejected by either Logan or Lacey as I got out of my car and approached the door

I knocked on the door a couple of times before it was answered by a little boy who looked like an exact carbon copy of Logan when he was a kid

"Jesus, have I opened the door to the past?"

"Technically sir, I opened the door you just knocked on it"

Little smartass

"You've got a mouth on you just like your father, speaking of which, where is he?"

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"Who wants to know?"

He asks and I smile

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"My name's Liam Carpenter" I say and he freezes as his little face turns stern

"Can you go and get him for me, little man? it's important" The little boy who I think is Logan Junior looked me up and down before

nodding his head and walking away

I was waiting outside in the cold for several minutes when Logan showed up and he looked angry as f**k

"What the hell are you doing here, Liam? you know Lacey can have your ass thrown in jail with one phone call if she knew you were here"

"Don't worry, Logan, I'm not staying, I just came here to give Lacey this"

I say as I hand him the white envelope with cursive writing on the front of it

"What is it?"

"It's a letter from me to Lacey..I was hoping I could sit down with her one day and tell her everything that's in that letter to her face but

can't do that now that she's got this RO out against me..."

"Which you deserve"

Logan said pissing me off

"Actually, Luca, mom, dad and Dylan deserve it, not me...can you make sure Lacey gets that, please?"

"Why should I?"

Logan asks and I drop my head while sighing

"Please, Logan"

I look up at him and plead with him to give Lacey my letter

"I just want a chance to make things right with my sister"

"And this letter's gonna do that?"

Logan asks in a mocking tone

"I don't know but it's worth a try, Logan"

I say in a defeated tone because that's how I feel right now

I felt defeated and also kind of stupid that I thought writing my feelings down to Lacey would be the start of us building a bridge to moving

on and moving forward with our lives together as a family

Logan narrowed his eyes between the letter and myself a few times before letting out a breath and nodding his head slightly

“Ok fine, I'll give it to her but I wouldn't hold my breath if I were you, Liam because you know better than anyone how stubborn my wife can be and you also know that once her mind is made up...then that's it, it's final" Yeah, don't I know it

I thought to myself as I felt my confidence and positivity drain to an absolute zero

Chapter 89



Chapter 89 - The Letter - Part 1

Logan's PO

There's a saying that says siblings tend to bring out the best and worst in each other and it's true because I've witnessed it with both my

~

wife and her siblings, my kids and also between myself and my own siblings

There's also that bond and unconditional love between siblings that is supposed to be eternal and unbreakable but unfortunately, that isn't the case for some and unfortunately, even though the love may still be

This is the case with my wife who is in the process of repairing her relationship with her older brother Justin and there's no chance in hell her

relationship with Luca will ever be repaired, at least not in the next few years unless he sorts himself out but then there's Liam

Liam is only guilty of not protecting Lacey and for not standing up for her when she needed him the most, he hasn't hurt her mentally or

physically like the others have, so he's got a good chance of making things right with her but it's whether she wants to

Lacey has become completely stone-hearted towards her family ever since that day at her parent's house, not that I can blame her, so the

chances of her even reading Liam's letter are slim to none right now but I'm gonna try for him because he looked absolutely lost out there

tonight

"Who was that man, daddy?"

My eldest boy asks me

He was sitting at the top of the stairs and he looked like he's been

Chapter 89 - The Letter - Part 1 waiting there for me

"That was your uncle Liam, he wanted me to give your mom something"

Logan Junior looked down at the envelope in my hand before looking back at me

"He was sad"

"Why do you say that?"

Lask as I narrow my eyes at him

"Because his eyes look just like mummy's do when she's sad" Logan Junior says sadly

"Come on buddy, let's get you to bed, hmm"

I pick my son up and carry him to his room where Dayton was already snoring away in his own bed

I put Logan Junior in his bed and turned his night light on before going over to my other son and moving him onto his side so that his loud ass snoring won't prevent his brother from going to sleep.

"Goodnight, buddy"

"Goodnight, dad"

I was about to leave the room when my son suddenly stopped me

"Daddy"

"Yes, son"

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"Do you know Santa Claus?"

Logan Junior asks me and I smile

"I do...every mommy and daddy knows who Santa Claus is, why do you ask?"

"Because [I want you to give him a message for me"

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"Really? and what message is that?"

Logan Junior was silent for a few seconds before speaking again and his words both melted and broke my heart

"Can you tell him I only want one present for Christmas this year and that's for my mummy to be happy again..she's sad and I don't like

it..she thinks we don't see it but we do, we're smart and we can see when our mummy isn't happy...can you tell Santa that I'll give up my

other presents if he can make my mummy smile like she used to again”

He says and I smile sadly at him

“I'll make sure he gets your message, son”

“Thanks, dad”

Logan Junior says as he turns over on his side

I leave my son's room and head towards my room with a heavy heart

Normally kids ask for really outlandish gifts that their parents can't get them, I mean just the other day, Teddy asked me if I could get her an

actual star from the sky for Christmas but my boy just wants his mom to be happy and this is something I can personally give him but I

don't know if it's something I can do before Christmas

“Oh my god, Klayton, thank you so much, you're such a freaking diamond”

I hear my wife's elated voice as I walk into our room

I look at my wife as I strip out of my clothes and I couldn't help but be in awe at how stunningly beautiful she looks

She's only wearing her silk nightgown and a pair of glasses but she looks so beautiful and sexy and I feel so unbelievably blessed to call this

woman mine

Chapter 89 - The Letter - Part 14

“No don't worry, Klay, Logan and Abby said they'll come with me..ok, yeah”

The room fell silent before Lacey's delightful chuckles filled the room

"Yes cousin, I remember, Logan and I are like the three monkeys when it comes to GiGi, we saw nothing, we heard nothing and we won't speak anything...ok, love you too, bye...bye"

Lacey hangs up the phone and looks up at me with a smile as I get into bed with her

"Hi, babe"

"Hey, love"

I lean in and kiss her lips

"What's got you so happy, my love?"

"Klayton has, he's managed to get me an address for GiGi's family, he's also got me all of their contact information which isn't much but still,

it's something and he's also managed to get me the kid's school information as well as their grandparents work information so that we've

got other options to explore if they're not at home when we go there tomorrow"

"That's great but what's our plan for them?"

Task and Lacey let out a sigh as she takes off her glasses and gently rubs the bridge of her nose like she always does after wearing them

"Well, according to Klayton, GiGi's parents are workhorses and always have been but I wanna give them the option of retiring so that they

can rest and focus on the kids but if they don't want to do that and they wanna continue to work then we can offer them both jobs around

the mansion and give them the same type of benefits as our other employees get"

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"What about the kids?"

"I wanna put them in a good school because from what I've heard, the school they're in right now isn't a good one, it's state-funded and it's falling apart because the state are being tight-fisted with money because of how bad the economy is"

"Sounds good but you've forgotten one thing"

Tsay with a smirk

"What's that?"

Lacey asks while scrunching her face up which makes her look so freaking cute

"Where are they gonna live?"

"Oh...well, I was thinking maybe the pool house, I mean it's perfect for them, it's got three bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom, a living room, it's got AC for the summer and heating for the winter, it's perfect for a little family of four"

She says and I narrow my eyes at her

"Is that why you've been hanging out there the past couple of days?"

I ask my wife who starts to act sheepishly

"Maybe...I may have made this decision in advance and I got some of our staff to clean it up and buy some new things for it to make it look more homey for them"

"Is that all?"

Lask and Lacey was silent as she looked down at her fidgeting hands

"Look at me, Lacey Black"

Lacey lets out a sigh and looks up at me

Chapter 89 - The Letter - Part 1°} "Ok fine, I also had them buy the kids some toys and some new clothes for all of them and I've arranged for a couple of the maids to stock the fridge and cupboards up tomorrow before we bring them back

here" She says and [smile Content from

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"You're so cute, love"

"I just want them to feel comfortable when they come here, Logan...Klayton said he's had some of his men keep watch over GiGi's family for

a few days now and from what they can gather, they're not doing so well, they're all wearing hand-me-down clothes and according to a

neighbour they talked to, the grandfather has got a car but he can't afford to drive it, so they have to walk everywhere which isn't good for

them and their health and it's not good for any of them in this weather..oh god, I don't even wanna imagine what type of Christmas they

were planning on having for the kids since they can barely rub two nickels together"

Lacey says sadly

"It's ok, babe, they're gonna be ok, I promise you"

"Tknow, I just..I don't understand..how can a person have four million dollars at their disposal and instead of using it to put their parents in

a better home or help them with their health insurance or help give their kids a better life, she decides to leave her family to rot so that she can use the money on a hit man to kill four people and all for a man who doesn't even want her? who does this type of thing?"

"A psycho, love and that's why you made the brave decision to end GiGi for good before she could do any more damage to us or anyone else for that matter because just like Klayton and Cassidy said babe, psychos like her never stop"

"I guess"

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Lacey says with a sigh as she rests her head on my shoulders

"Some people just don't deserve to have kids or a family"

"No, they don't but speaking of family..a member of yours dropped by here tonight"

I say and Lacey snaps her head up as she looks at me confused

"Huh..who?"

"It was Liam...he wanted me to give you this"

I said as I handed Lacey the letter

She nervously took it from me and held it like it was a bomb that was about to go off if she held it wrong

"To my little princess"

She whispers the four words that are written on the front of it as she strokes her fingers over the cursive writing

"What's in it?"

“I don't know, love but I think whatever it is, it's something which Liam hopes will gain him your forgiveness and help repair your relationship with each other”

I said and Lacey briefly looked up at me before looking back at the envelope. She looked hesitant to open it and I don't blame her after everything she's been through.

Lacey eventually bit the bullet and opened it and I just sat there with hope in my heart that whatever Liam has put in this letter wouldn't make things worse between the two siblings.

Either way, whether it's a bridge to repair their relationship or a match to burn the remaining shreds to ashes, I was here for Lacey like I

always

will be

Chapter 90



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Lacey's POV

“To my little Lacey, I'm sitting here in my office thinking how funny it is that in this day in age, I'm writing a letter to you so that I can

communicate with you when there are so many other ways I can do this but this is the only way! I can do it, not to mention, it's more

personal than a text or a DM and / doubt! could tell you everything I want to over a phone call, especially with how angry you are with me

right now, so this is the

best way

/ first wanna say how sorry 1am Lacey, I'm sorry that I didn't protect you and I'm sorry that I didn't stand up for you but most importantly,

I'm sorry for breaking the promise I made to you when you were born that I would always protect you and make sure that nobody would ever hurt you

/t makes me feel physically sick that 1 abandoned you in your time of need, princess and I wish so badly that I could go back in time and do

everything again so that I could do it right

Jf could then T would've believed you instead of those two gormless gobshites, I would've stood up for you and stopped that brute from

hitting you, 1 also would've told our money and power-hungry father and our weak-ass mother that you're a good girl and it's not in your

nature to sleep around or hurt anyone, especially not that piece of s**t Dylan

/ don't know what you saw in him, kid but it clearly wasn't what I saw, / believe that Dylan loved you but he loved power and money more

and he also loved attention as well, I don't know for sure but I've heard rumours

from those in our inner circle that he had been secretly hooking up with

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both genders behind your back for a long time

/ never told you about it because there was never any proof and I didn't want to hurt you unless I knew for sure that the rumours were true,

now I wish more than anything that I had just bitten the bullet and told you, maybe then I could've saved you the pain and the betrayal

Dylan was and still is a piece of s**t, Lacey and I'm so glad that you ran away before you could be forced to marry him because you don't deserve to

live a miserable life with a man who only wanted to waste around like a rock star and who had no respect for himself let alone for you

You deserve the world, Lacey, you deserve a man who will do anything for you, who will give you everything you've ever wanted, who'll kiss

the ground you walk on and move mountains to not only make you happy but to keep you happy and you've got all of that with Logan

which I'm so incredibly happy about, kid and even if this letter doesn't bring us closer again, I know I can live my life and feel happy and

content with the fact that you're happy and you've got a man who will do for you what I failed to do for you as your big brother, he'll protect

you and keep you safe

I'm also sorry for not trying harder to make things right with you, Lacey

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When I first found out that you were back in New York, I wanted nothing more than to reach out to you and / was willing to do anything

and everything to make things right between us and to gain your forgiveness but I was scared... was so scared that you'd turn me away and

wouldn't want anything to do with me, now I wish more than anything that I had just put on my big boy boxers and talked with you face to

face, maybe if I did then none of us would be hurting right now

/ want to make things right with us, Lace, I want us to be siblings again, I want us to be as close as we were before all of this happened, I

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want us to hang out like we used to and / want more than anything for our children to be in each other's lives

You've already met my beautiful daughter and I'd love nothing more than to meet my niece and nephews and be their uncle, I've heard my

youngest nephew is just like me and I'd love to see it in person but that's up to you of course

/ just want a chance, Lacey just one chance so that / can prove to you how sorry I am and prove to you how much I love you and show you

that I can be the big brother you deserve

I'm no longer in contact with our parents or with Luca and Dylan and I haven't seen or spoken to any of them since the day your lawyer

handed us

the restraining orders

/ mean, I've talked with our mom but that was only because she's been harassing me ever since and I wanted to make it clear to her that I

was truly disgusted and sickened with how they've treated you, kid and I wanted to let her know that I was done with all of them for the

foreseeable future

/ know it's going to take a lot for you to forgive me and give me a chance, princess but I really hope you do find it in your precious heart to

forgive me and allow me to be in both your and your family's lives

Even if you don't want me to be in your children's lives, Lacey, I'll happily settle just to have my little sister back, I love you, Lacey, I love you

50, so much, kid, love Liam X!

This is just a small part of the four-page letter my brother wrote to me and it's what has been running through my mind over and over again

ever since I first read the entire letter after Logan had given it to me

I've read it umpteen times since last night and each time it's tugged at my heartstrings and has had me questioning whether or not I should give

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I'd love nothing more than to give him a chance and I'd be a liar if I said I didn't feel guilty about having the restraining order slapped on

him but there's still that small part of me that doubts his words and his intentions and I fear letting him in just to have him implode my

world all over again

"Babe? what are you doing out here? it's freezing cold, you're gonna catch your death"

Logan says and I chuckle

"Don't be so dramatic, Logan, I'm all wrapped up and I've even got myself a hot water bottle and a nice hot cup of tea to keep me all warm

and toasty"

"It doesn't matter if you're covered from head to toe, love, I still don't like that you're sitting out on our balcony this early in the morning

while it's cold and snowing"

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Logan was now standing next to me and was gently stroking my hair as I looked up at him and smiled

"Well, if you're that concerned, love, why don't you put on the outdoor fire and join me?"

Logan's annoyed and concerned expression quickly changed to a smile as he bent down and kissed my lips, he then walked over to the fire

pit and lit it up before joining me under the blanket and wrapping his arms around me

"So...care to tell me why you're up so early this morning and why you're out here, babe?"

He asks me and I let out a sad sigh

"I couldn't sleep... couldn't get Liam's letter out of my mind"

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I had tried to get some sleep after the third or fourth time I'd read it because my mind and my feelings were all over the place and I was

hoping that sleeping on it would make things clearer for me when I woke up but unfortunately, I only managed to get a few hours of sleep

and I'm still just as confused now as I was before I went to bed

"Yeah, it was a long ass letter, love"

Logan groaned and I chuckled as I rested my head against his chest

"He had a lot to say, I guess"

"But did he mean any of it? that's the question, babe"

Logan said as he gently ran his fingers through my hair

"Do you think he means any of it?"

Task as I look up at my husband who was looking out at the beautiful scenery in front of us

"Well, I saw the look on his face and in his eyes when he gave me that letter, love and he looked so hopeful but most importantly, he looked

sad and desperate..he also looked defeated when I told him there was a chance you wouldn't even read the letter let alone give him a chance"

"You told him that? why would you do that?"

I ask annoyed

"Because I didn't want him to get his hopes up, babe...he looked so hopeful that this letter would be the magic wand that would fix

everything and I wanted him to be realistic and to know that the chances of you two reconciling are slim to none, especially now that you feel differently towards your family"

"But..what if I want to give him a chance?"

Task and Logan smiles down at me

Chapter 90 - The Letter - Part 2. v7) "Then give him a chance" "But what if he fails?"

"Then I'll be right there behind you with open arms to protect you and shield you from the pain"

He says with a smile

"You make it seem so simple, Logan"

I say with a slight chuckle and he tightens his hold on me just a little as he kisses my forehead

"Answer me this, babe, is your heart telling you to give Liam a chance?"

He asks confusing me

"What? what's my heart got to do with this, Logan?"

"Just answer the damn question, love..is your heart telling you to give Liam a chance? yes or no"

He says sounding frustrated

"Yeah, it is" "Then trust me and do as I say..after all, your heart was the one who

told you to give me a chance and look at us now, we're happily married and have got three beautiful children together"

Logan says proudly and I roll my eyes

Sure it was my heart and not the dominant, Italian alpha male who

barged into my house and demanded I be his wife

I thought to myself while chuckling

But maybe he's got a point, if my heart is telling me to give Liam a chance then I will, I just hope I don't regret it