

## CHAPTER 4 – FROM NEWARK TO ROME.

*16 03 2022 Wednesday. 4 Fingers meets  
Giacomo in Rome. Targets Car  
Dealership. Contract \$84,000. 3 months.*

Johnny 4 Fingers departs for Rome from Kennedy Airport on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 22 at 7.15 pm. Expected in Fiumicino the following morning at 10.15 on 16<sup>th</sup>. He disembarks and heads for Immigration. He presents his passport.

“Been here before signore?”

“Few times. Easy travel, EU you know.”

“Not living in London.”

“No now in New York.”

“Many Italians there. You like it.”

“Very much.”

“On Business?”

“No, just sightseeing before I go to England.”

“Do not miss the Holy City. Okay? Grazie.”

“Good point. Grazie.”

He proceeds to Customs. Walks through. He is travelling lightly. He is early and enquires where the coffee shop is.

“Scusa. Cafe Giu-sti-zia? Where?”

The passer-by pointed directly opposite.

“Di Fronte.”

“Grazie.”

Johnny walks in the coffee shop and calls the waiter.

“Caffee. Uno.”

“Lungo. Corto. Espresso?”

“Latte Macchiato.”

Sips the latte. And waits. He is 45 minutes early. Observing and enjoying. He calls his girlfriend Cara.

"Yes."

"Cara, I'm in a restaurant in Rome in a meeting."

"With a lady?"

"A man, Giacomo. I will call you later."

"Okay."

Giacomo walks in looking for Johnny.

"Ciao Giacomo."

Giacomo sees him and goes to his table.

"Hey! How you doing?"

"Bene. Bene."

"Not Bono Bono. Bene Bene. I remember now."

Giacomo orders coffee.

"Okay. Angelo the boss wants Jaqueline. How do we contact her?"

"She trusts me more than she trusts you at the moment. So what will she be to doing?"

"This what we think. We need her to make friends with a car dealership owner in London. We call this owner The Target. A target to do business with. They get friendly. They get in bed. She passes me some secrets. I pass to Angelo. Angelo will take over part of the business. He pays money to The Target, maybe 30% of the value to get shares. No guns. No violence. Nobody gets hurt. Just persuasion."

4 Fingers looks at his paper with an Italian word. Persuasione. And shows it to Giacomo.

"Persuasion. Si lo so."

"Jaqueline e una ragazza brava. She's smart. What happens to the Target business?"

"Angelo 51%. The Targeted Boss 49%."

"After that, what happens to Jaqueline."

"Free to go. Or. She can stay."

"And what's for Giacomo?"

"You get money every week?"

"How many weeks."

"We negotiate."

Giacomo thinks about it.

“It’s difficult. Dangerous.”

“Angelo not a violent man. Never carries a gun. He goes to church often. He is Catholic.”

“Huh. I am too. That is a joke. How about English Gangsters? Maybe? Many of them in London.”

“Have to be careful when we choose our target.”

“How?”

“This is your job. Giacomo.”

“My job? So I am FBI?”

“Giacomo, you get somebody you know, contact, hacker in the business Company Registry department in the UK. Got to be smart. Very smart. Look at their contacts, problems, taxes, prison history, personal life, mistress that kind of thing. If clean, we try. If not we keep looking. Look, this is exactly what we want.”

4 Fingers passes a paper with a clearly typed list marked ‘Characteristics’.

Age 60 – 70.

Married. But not very happy.

No Rape. No Pedofilo. No domestic violence.

Just clean business.

Prefer he has no sons in business. This is difficult.

Business worth: \$20,000,000 or more.

Prefer Car Dealership.

London Area. 2 or 3 showrooms.

Likes good life. Expensive cars. Good restaurants. Good suits.

Overseas travel. Cruises.

And very important. Likes Young Ladies.

Wants to feel good. Bit old. His time is running out fast.

He is ready for the picking. Like a ripe fruit. Ready to be gobbled up.

“What you think Giacomo.”

“Very very difficult. No Car business worth \$20 million is clean. Never a clean boss. You know that.”

“That’s why we need you Giacomo. You are a Winner.”

Giacomo chuckles.

“Okay How Much?”

“Expensive.”

4 Fingers pushes pen and paper across the table to Giacomo.

Giacomo starts writing. And then he stops.

“Tell me about Angelo.”

“Italian origin. Lives Newark with wife. Also Italian. Church. One son dead. Overdose. One son – Tommy has five restaurants in Newark. Angelo has no convictions. No murder. No rape. Network of girls working. Income from restaurants, girls and real estate. Some loan sharking. But keeps it clean. 62 years old, I think. Has girlfriend.”

“I see. What I expected. Not a Saint.”

“A good man. Does not use violence. Very, very important. I am his man. I don’t carry gun.”

“Okay. Un momento.”

4 Fingers turns to the waiter.

“Per Favore. Due Caffè.”

In the meantime Giacomo is still working on the figures.

“3 months. Total 84,000 Euros.”

4 Fingers looks at him. His jaw drops. Waiter comes with the coffee. Looks at 4 Fingers.

“Problema Signore?”

“Oh No. No problema.”

“It’s Problema. Not problema.”

4 Fingers pays the waiter.

“Prego. I am proud of my Italian.”

“You got that word right.”

“Allora, do I continue?”

“I am listening.”

“In total 84,000 euros. Plus Bonus.”

“Wow.”

Giacomo looks at Johnny in the eyes.

“The Rules. Rules cannot be broken. Some fees up-front. Some fees weekly. Always in advance. Johnny, No money. No work. No negotiations. And always in Cash. No receipts.”

“How, where to deliver this cash, who brings it in?”

“Ponte Pilot flies from Newark every week. Always to Fiumicino. Good friend of the family. His name is Francesco.”

“Delivery to Cafe Giustizia.”

“For Jaqueline: 12 weeks. 3500 x 12 weeks 42,000 euros. Getting The Target: Research, Hacking etc. 12,000 total. 8000 euros up-front. 4000 after target given. For Giacomo 20,000 euros. 8000 up-front. 1000 per week. Danger Money: 10,000 euros upfront. Total 84,000 euros. Allora ... Up-front fees, Day One. Comes to 29,500 euros.”

“Who is ‘Allora’?”

“It is an Italian word meaning ‘Well then’. You can Google.”

“What’s the danger money for?”

“Can’t tell you until we come across it. We are operating in a dangerous world.”

“What’s this Bonus?”

“Do you really want to know?”

“Shit yes. Angelo would want to know.”

“Just a thank you note to Giacomo and a bottle of Chianti. Deliver here. Cafe Giustizia.”

“Handy place here.”

“Yes, very handy. We own the place.”

“I feel better. Giacomo, you have good sense of humour. What is the best price?”

“Best Price is 84,000 euros.”

4 Fingers takes a deep breath.

“Okay Giacomo, I will call Angelo with these numbers and will get back to you.”

“Johnny. I can do this for you. Not one euro less. Capisce? If no business, we can still have one last coffee. This place. Cafe Giustizia.”

They shake hands and depart.

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17 03 2022 Thursday. Chapter 4 Section  
Break

*4 Fingers Briefs Angelo with business  
costs of Master Plan.*

Around 2 pm in Rome. 8 am in Newark. 4 Fingers calls Angelo. Angelo picks up the phone.

"Angelo."

"Hi Angelo. It's Johnny."

"Where are you?"

"Rome. It's 2 in the afternoon. I take it you're up."

"Call me back in ten. Have to go to the bathroom and wake up."

Johnny calls back at 8.15 Newark time.

"Okay Johnny, what's happening."

"Been working on the plan. I am sure we can we can do it."

"So?"

"It's expensive. But there is no way out."

"What's the score?"

"84,000 euros. 3 months work."

"Jesus."

"Give me the basics."

"29,500 up front. 54,500 over 3 months. Weekly payments in cash. No fail. Then you have to find money to buy the London Business at a discount."

"Is it doable, Johnny?"

"Ehmm. Yes."

"Don't fuck about with me on this. Yes or No. Strong voice."

"Yes, Angelo."

"Okay write it on paper. Details. Sms it to Sonnerfeld on his personal mobile. You have his number."

"Yes."

"Do It. Now. Call me back if you have problems."

Angelo puts the phone down. He sits on the side of the bed thinking. Picks himself up. Goes downstairs for a glass of milk. Then a coffee. Antonia gets his attention.

“What’s the matter with you? You sounded agitated on the phone.”  
“I told you, a deal gone wrong. I have been working on it for the last 6 months.”

“What deal is this?”

“Too complicated.”

“Going up for a shower and rush to the office.”

Finished showering but no time for singing. Puts the suit on. Keeps shirt open. He felt sweaty. Decided not to wear a tie. Walks out of the room. Goes back. Gets the key to the cabinet. Opens it and takes out the Viagra bottle. He takes a pill out and sticks it in his jacket side pocket.

“See you later.”

Drives off at high speed to the office. He walks in without saying good morning to Sharon. Slams the door. Picks the phone up and calls Sonnerfeld.

“John, 4 Fingers will sms a plan to you on your personal mobile. Look at it, examine it and call me back. Thank you John.”

“No problem”.

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*17 03 2022 Thursday. Chapter 4 Section  
Break*

*4 Fingers sms’s to Angelo’s accountant  
Sonnerfeld.*

4 Fingers decides to sms Angelo. ‘Plan is with Sonnerfeld - Johnny.’

Angelo calls Bessima.

“Hi Angelo.”

“Bess. Sorry. I think I let you down. I may have a project for you. I would like you to contact some top notch executives for the services we offer.”

“Sounds interesting. How?”

“Direct mail. Separate pay check for you on this.”

“On the issue we discussed, Platonic Relationship is probably the best bet.”

“I know I suggested that. And I feel sad.”

“Bess you’re doing the right thing. You want the best for me. And I for you. I will call you later. Please do not call me until I clear a couple of things. Wait for my call.”

“Okay, Angelo.”

He ends the call. Sonnerfeld suspects that Angelo is in a foul mood so he sends him an sms.

Angelo picks his mobile. Text message was from Sonnerfeld.

‘Received the plan from Johnny. Good plan, detailed and expensive. Needs to calculate cash flows and sale of properties. I will call in tomorrow with report. Cannot do before then. Sonnerfeld’.

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*18 03 2022 Friday. Chapter 4 Section  
Break*

*Sonnerfeld and Angelo discuss liquidation  
of assets.*

The next day.

“Hi John come in. I have been a bit unapproachable. Many things on my mind.”

“First thing first. My thing with Bessima. It’s over. Expenses on that side should start coming down.”

“The second thing. London Acquisition.”

“Okay Angelo. I got the plan. 4 Fingers called me from Rome. One hour ago. He explained everything. I fully understand the plan. Completely.”

“Good Good.”

“4 Fingers did a hell of a job. He nailed it down. The price cannot be lowered. Fixed. But it is certainly doable. Me, I don’t want to handle muscle. Just the numbers. I have the full report and breakdown of the



numbers on this paper for you. We have to liquidate some property. For the short-term operations. And the financing of the London Dealership. Here we go!"

"Okay John I am listening."

"Assume we find a business of \$20,000,000. You take 51% of the business at a discount. That business is worth \$10,200,000. Let's say 70% discount. Meaning you acquire it at 30%. You will need to have \$3,060,000 available for the purchase."

"Wow that is a big sum John."

"I looked at the property register. You have 2 blocks in the Bronx. Adjoining. No income from them. Current worth is \$4 mill. We had offers on them of \$3,500,000. We rejected them but now we need to look. The word is out, Angelo. We're struggling. We sell them. You can then finance London. The \$3 mill plus. And pauses.

"Okay John keep firing."

"The other one is at Tenafly. You saw the guys in the office the other day. They are from Deep Excavations. On the books it's \$1,000,000. They offered \$750,000. \$600,000 legit, 150 in bundles. This will solve any immediate and short-term cash flow problems. We will certainly have enough to finance the London caper \$84,000 until you acquire it. 84,000 is the cash that 4 Fingers needs to get this job done. Cash Only. No money. No work. No negotiation."

"Shit. Big one to swallow John."

"You're the one who can make that decision. I will leave you the paper with the numbers. Think about it."

"I sleep on it."

"By the way. You and Bess?"

"Forget it, I thought I am going to kill myself anytime. I canned it. Fucken old age."

"Well, have a nice day."

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*19 03 2022 Saturday. Chapter 4 Section  
Break*

*Angelo gives the go-ahead to Sonnerfeld's  
full Plan. Sells Assets.*

The next day Angelo calls Sonnerfeld.

"I know it's Saturday but we have to move on this deal. Okay we'll do it. When you get all the paper ready and the money, we'll get 4 Fingers moving."

"Angelo, for the 3 mill one, they will pay into our Bank Account in London using their offshore company. It can happen within two days. So they say. Our new solicitors in London are Hofner and Hofner in Haymarket. The Tenafly deal with Deep Excavations will be with our local bankers. That should be in by Thursday. 150 will be in cash. By then both deals will be sealed. Money deposited and cash delivered. I suppose you can talk to 4 Fingers on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. I will talk to both the interested parties as soon as I hang up. These guys never sleep."  
"Thanks John."

Angelo sms's 4 Fingers.

"This is Angelo. Heads Up. All deals are on. I will call you Friday if not before."

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