

CHAPTER 20 – A PLAN WORTHY OF THE CIA.

05 05 2022 Thursday. Frank tells Gino of the work-in-progress Plot. Jaquie spells it out.

“Okay. Let’s get Gino.”

She passes the phone to Frank. He calls Gino.

“Gino are you with Filippo in the office or by yourself?”

“By myself.”

“We are in the open. Nobody can listen. This guy Angelo Da Vinci, mobster from Newark hatched some plan to grab shares from an overseas company. And steal its shares. We ended up being a target through a hacking system. He will use a sinister plan to have some shares signed over and transferred to him and eventually take control of the company. Jaquie was told we owe him \$3,000,000. Yeah I know what you mean. Okay. They duped Jaquie to court me and then blackmail me. She got the whiff of what was going on.”

“They will not kill from what she can deduce but they will use muscle. They have Mafia connections. We need to stop them at all costs. Full muscle and damage to property may be needed but NO KILLINGS. You understand.”

“Hold on Dad. Let me recompose myself. So what happens?”

“Well let’s call Jaquie our 007. In any future dealings you are to make sure that they don’t harm you, me or Jaquie in any way shape or form.”

“Got it. So Jaquie is our “Double” 007. No offence dad, but I couldn’t resist the pun. Frank passes the phone to Jaquie.”

“Gino. This number has registered on your mobile, I take it? This is a new burner, not in our names, untraced, but not by Google. So we still have to be careful. Turned all the Google apps off. It’s a new number nobody knows except us three. All internet charges prepaid for 3 months.”

“I have to find out when they intend to make a move. Most likely some signing of documents in a restaurant.”

“I suspect Angelo will want 51% in exchange for some measly sum paid back to your dealership. That gives him control. And he becomes a CEO. You will run the company still but under different circumstances. I am thinking aloud here. But it’s the only thing he would probably do.”

“Bottom Line. You get in touch with Nicola del Mare. This is his number 390697629871. The target restaurant is Tavola Calda in Norfolk Road. He has four more restaurants by the same name.”

“He has a house in Lake Como. It’s vacant. A holiday place. I only know the name “Casa Da Vinci”. Don’t know the exact address but I know it’s near a Soccer Field. I googled it. The soccer field must be Bellagio Soccer Field.”

“Are you with me Gino?”

“Yes, I am following.”

“We will let you know the date and the restaurant name. Nicola will book a table for two and send his two men. With a gun but NOT TO KILL.”

“Angelo’s henchman, Johnny Bristow aka “Four Fingers” never killed. As I said to Frank. He is not Michael Corleone. But he could use force to get your dad to sign. Otherwise it’s his head with Angelo. When Dad signs I will bang on the table. It will be loud. You will probably hear it in Kensington.”

She pauses.

“Nicola’s men will move in. Guns will point at 4 Fingers’ head. One of Nicola’s men will take the phone off from 4 Fingers. Remember, Angelo is not hard core killer, but an extortionist. They don’t scare easily. So Nicola’s men come to our tables. Everything freezes.”

She pauses again.

“A picture will come to 4 Fingers on his mobile. This is slightly out of step but I am working on the exact details as soon as I get home. We will send the 4 Fingers’ telephone number to Nicola using this burner. It will show Tavola Calda all in flames.”

“Nicola will need to give me the mobile numbers of the two hoods in Lake Como. They will get an Sms. We will use 4 Fingers phone again

with just one word. Fuoco. 15 mins later they will send the video as it happens.”

“Nicola will call Angelo with the message to lay off. We leave it up to Nicola to choose convincing words. Essentially he will tell Angelo to lay off with real consequences if he dithers.”

“Jaquie, how do we know when this is going to happen.”

“We don’t. But we will find out. How? Your dad’s phone in the hotel is probably bugged. The maid is part of their network.”

“Okay I am listening.”

“We get your dad to call you pretending he will need a hospital stay for some undisclosed procedure. Johnny ‘4 Fingers’ will track that and they will push for the documents to be signed as soon as possible. They will have to let me know and I will let you know in advance. But you need to give Nicola heads-up.”

“Jesus Christ. What a fucken mess.”

“It is. I am sorry.”

“No it’s these guys coming out with such a bold move.”

“Either all your company or a humble eatery in Newark and an old house in Lake Como. The Land is worth more money than the building. But that would be a mortal blow.”

“Okay Jaquie. Now I understand why Dad thinks highly of you. Please pass me on to him.”

“What you think?”

“We don’t have much option. As you can see we’re trying to keep you and us well below the radar. Let Nicola handle the dirty work. He is used to it. That’s his profession. I am happy nobody will be killed. Don’t quibble. Pay him what he asks for. I am sure it will have a happy ending. Nobody gets hurt. I don’t want that on my conscience.”

“Okay Papa, pass me on to Jaquie again.”

“Jaquie. Thank you. I respect you 100%. I think about everything you told me. If I need to talk to you it will be this special mobile you’re holding. It’s in the system. But I want to make this number works properly from my phone. We’ll catch up with you and Papa in the next two days.”

“I will end this call and will re-dial you immediately.”

The call ends and then re-connects again.

“Yes Gino, you are back on.”

“One thing your dad forgot to mention. I went to great lengths to convince him I am behind him 100%. That I am honest and don’t want any harm on the Costanzo family or the business. And I don’t have any intentions or ambitions or schemes. I have recorded two phone conversations that he listened to.”

Frank grabs the phone from her.

“Absolutely true Gino. Back to you Jaquie.”

“You’re in our camp 100 per cent. Look after Papa.”

“I will.”

“Ciao.”

“Frank I am getting a headache. Sorry.”

“That makes two of us.”

“Please let’s go to Cafe Discorso.”

“We will have a coffee and then I must go straight home. I will take a nap. Then continue to work the detail of this plan. We cannot fail. By the way, I have to show up at the office tomorrow.”

Having finished coffee she gets in her Alfa and drives home. Frank’s hotel is around corner - 5 minutes. Parks and walks to his suite. He calls Room Service and orders a coffee. Knock Knock. Carmela walks in with coffee.

“Hello Carmela. You’re on the coffee run today.”

“Yes the hotel is short of staff.”

He starts banging his fingers on the iphone in anger.

“Is there a problem Signor Costanzo.”

“The battery keeps going dead.”

“Maybe a new battery? I will get the name of a shop for you.”

“Thank you Carmela. I need to call my son urgently. Please find out if the hotel line is okay. I need to call London.”

“I will be back. Please give me some time.”

She comes in after 30 minutes and hands a paper to Frank with the name of a shop and telephone number.

“Shop information is on this paper. You can use the Landline in about 1 hour. Some lines are down. They have been working on the switchboard all morning. Concierge tells me about 6 o’clock. Anything else, Signor.”

“No thank you. Molto obligato.”

Carmela closes the door and leaves.

Ivan sms’s Giacomo. “Alfa now at home. Bugatti at hotel.”

Giacomo sms’s Ivan. “Bugatti battery low. Monitor hotel line.”

Giacomo sms’s 4 Fingers. “Frank’s mobile battery running low. Will monitor Land line.”

4 Fingers sms’s Jaqueline. “Frank’s mobile running low. Maid said so. Hotel fixing bug on Land Line.”

Jaquie sms’s 4 Fingers. “He will get new battery tomorrow I hope.”
