

CHAPTER 42 – BYE BYE NEWARK. HELLO LONDON. THE NEW DAWN.

*29 01 2023 Sunday. Back home in
London. Modelling slows down.*

The return from honeymoon was done with less pomp.

Gino drove hard with infrequent stops for coffees and cakes. They made it to his Kensington apartment early morning on the 29th.

Gino phoned Tonio and Maria and checked on the latest which was all good news. Maria was coming around albeit slowly to the modern London fast pace in contrast to the slow and peaceful crawl in Modena.

Jaquie phoned Concetta to get the latest and confirmed all was good. She told Concetta that she should prepare herself for a bigger modelling role as she was thinking of scaling down.

They had received a joint congratulatory message at the London Office from Angelo and Johnny wishing them happiness for the future.

They called Maria della Chiesa and thanked her for her help. They told her about Paco expected surgery in Palermo. They asked her to let them know when this happens.

The Bugatti became again the centre of attraction in the Kensington showroom. It was placed on the showroom's rotary platform attracting new potential clientele while looking at investing in more humble form of transport.

Emile was getting the promised medical support. Edith got the Alfa delivered from Modena. Jaquie got herself a little new Mercedes.

After a few deliberations and discussions with Gino Jaquie decided to run down her contract with CorpoSupremo but kept up the good relations with her agency and Versace. She invited Concetta and those closest to her to London. All attended on one occasion or another. They treated them to a free stay when they visited them.

Nothing came of the new proposition on using the Bugatti as a prop. Jaquie thought about it but she realised it was too risky for a number of reasons.

She started to play the housewife part more and more. She bought herself a couple of cookbooks and started by preparing some simple meals for Gino. She upped the tempo by asking Tonio and Maria to join and get their thoughts. It started with a pass and her marks gradually went up. Gino remained the Sauce Supremo.

Gino appreciated the home cooking instead of dashing from one restaurant to the next. His business was doing well and the sales were steady and the bottom line looked healthy for the foreseeable future.

*28 02 2023 Tuesday. Chapter 42
Section Break*

The New Dawn.

Jaquie felt a little unwell towards the end of February. This was an unusual experience for her. She suspected that something was cooking.

She decided to cut all the preliminary required doctor's appointments, referrals and booked herself in pre-natal clinic for an initial check. She thought to herself the cheque book should do the talking. She told the clinic receptionist that no pre-booked appointments were to be cancelled and was prepared to pay better than top dollar to the medical staff to work past their usual hours.

She checked in on the 28th February at 5 pm. The medical staff conducted some preliminaries and told her to come back in 2 days' time for a full examination.

Two days later she checked in again. Coupled with the results from the previous' days it was revealed that she was pregnant and they gave her

an approximate date. She was delighted. At this stage it was a little early to determine whether it's a boy or girl.

She drove home in a daze, thinking it must have been Button 2 that did it. It's that Bugatti Caper.

Gino walked in at 7.30 pm. He looked tired but happy. Jaquie looked lively and elated.

He sat down and Jaquie poured a couple of glasses of red wine. Gino took a sip while sensing a nice aroma coming out of the oven. Jaquie had decided to warm some bread rolls in the oven to set the scene.

"So what you been cooking. Smells good in the Oven."

"Cin. Cin. Salute. Shall we call him Paco?"

"Paco had the operation already?"

"No. Our little Paco. Or little Emma. And pointed to her stomach."

"Oh yes yes yes yes yes. The most important oven of all."

He stood up, lifted her and laid her on the bed very very gently.

"You feel a little heavier already."

Tell me all about it. When did you find out? When is it expected?

Having settled down, the phones ran hot for the next couple of hours.

"No cooking tonight. Bread roll with butter, cup of tea, some cheese and wine. Standing in the kitchen all day long is no good for my modelling feet."

Gino looked at the calendar on the mobile.

"Let me see, judging by the days you gave me, it must have the day I hit Button 2 on the Bugatti. Cin Cin to the Bugatti Capers."

EPILOGUE

Angelo now at 74, has been happily retired on his ranch in Montana, and had lots of time for reflection. He did order his general to war and had blood on his hands. He still believed in non-violence and made some amends with a one-off financial generous contribution to the cash-strapped Paneladro families.

Johnny Four Fingers was now living in London with a full-time job, and enjoying life with his wife Cara, their twins and his cat Buffy. He also tried to make amends by helping disadvantaged kids avoiding the gutter.

Tommy moved in his parents' house and devoted lots of time to Anastasia who was waiting for their first child.

Antonia was less boisterous. The natural smell of the roaming Bison ensured that sweaty Father Anselmo from old Naples was forever present in her nostrils. That smell replaced the tempting after-shave aroma of Father Giuseppe who would now be in his prime.

Gino and Jaquie settled down with their son Paco. A girl, two years younger than Paco was named Emile. A happy transformation for Jaquie who by a stroke of misfortune and luck ended up getting all she ever dreamed of namely family love, a caring husband and a very comfortable life.

Jaquie still relished the happy moments with Frank. She did warn him a number of times to use an anti-slip mat in the shower.

Tonio's wife, Maria was destined to be barren. The London life never appealed to her so she often spent time visiting her mother in Modena albeit against her parents' wishes.

The Bugatti, for most of the time, rested on a Rotating Display Turntable in Gino's London Showroom. As expected it continued to make heads spin whether on exhibit or on the road.

It was sought by producers seeking permission for the possible use of this “Capolavoro Veloce”. They hoped it could feature in an intended British Super Spy movie, still unscripted.

Would mixing such two iconic assets present a Franco-Anglo problem?

Maybe, more precisely, a new Franco-British headache ... a better way to put it ... further Brexit collateral damage.

Thinking about it, the name “Bugatti” is pure Italian.

Ettore Bugatti was born in Milan in 1881. He was the founder of this capolavoro in 1909 in the village of Molsheim, Alsace, then a German region. It was returned to France, then occupied by Germany during World War II and returned back to France in 1944.

Now back to the Bugatti car ...

In French, it may be referred to as “chef-d'œuvre” aka “masterpiece” aka “capolavoro”.

And finally, God Bless all those who drive a Bugatti, a blessing I am sure, I will never receive.

Index of Characters follows ...

And Italian words ...

CHARACTERS

Main Protagonists.

Angelo Da Vinci – Mobster Boss based in Newark, New Jersey.
Antonia Da Vinci – Angelo’s Wife.
Tommy Da Vinci – Angelo’s Son. Runs “Tavola Calda” Restaurants.
Johnny “Four Fingers” Bristow – Angelo’s Henchman
John Sonnerfeld – Angelo’s Accountant.
Sharon Sharovski – Shared Secretary. Angelo’s and Tommy’s Secretary.
Bessima Harris – Angelo’s Mistress.

Clara “Cara” Meadows – Johnny “4 fingers” Bristow’s girlfriend.
Jaqueline du Bois – Seductive model set up by Angelo.
Maria - Suor Maria Allegrì – Nun in a Franciscan Convent.
Father Giuseppe – New York. Priest. Fancied by Veronica and Antonia.
Veronica – Young lady attracted to Father Giuseppe in New York.

Frank Costanzo. Business Owner - London. Retired Modena.
Emma Costanzo. Frank Costanzo’s wife. - Dead.
Gino Costanzo. Frank Costanzo’s eldest son – COO. Runs the Dealership.
Tonio Costanzo. Frank Costanzo’s youngest son.
Filippo Fallone. Accountant and Assistant to Frank Costanzo.
Mrs. Baxter. Secretary in Secretary to Frank Costanzo, London.
Concetta Bizazza. Jaquie’s friend. Model at the CorpoSupremo Agency.
Tommaso Gentile. Creative Director at CorpoSupremo.
CorpoSupremo. Model Agency. Rome & Offices in Modena.

Hoods & Others.

Jimmy Santino. Owner of Santino Smash Repair Shop.
Paneladro Brothers. Mafia mob. They squeeze Angelo’s earnings.
Fabio Paneladro. Capo. Married to Lucia
Sergio Paneladro. Narcotics. Not married.
Valentino “Vale” Paneladro. Runs the girls’ prostitution ring. Married.

Four hoods work for Johnny “Four Fingers” Bristow. (4F).

Jack – Stalks Sergio Paneladro’s house and does the robbery.
Freddie One-Eye - Follows Car with Sergio’s men in it.
Jimmy Bang Bang - Follows Car with Sergio’s men in it.
Wino Peter - Creates distraction during an assassination hit.

People working for Giacomo.

Giacomo. “Digital Era” impersonator with lots of Mafia contacts.
Luca Ciapparelli. Recruited from Italy for a Mafia hit in Newark.
Paolo Trotta. Friend of Luca.
Ivan Kirov. Hacker in Rome.
Francesco. Pilot. Flies Ponte. Regular Flights JFK – Fiumicino.

Carmela Previ. Spy maid in hotel where Frank Costanzo stays.

Others.

Donna a call girl luring Vale Paneladro.
Randy a call girl luring Sergio Paneladro.
Vicky. Costanzo's ex-girlfriend. British Model. Works in Italy.
Umberto. Sicilian. Owns Restaurant in Kensington.
Nicola del Mare. Mafia Capo. Sicilian.
Marco. Mafia. Works for Nicola del Mare. No 1.
Mario. Mafia. Works for Nicola del Mare. No 2.

Maria della Chiesa. Cleans the Sant'Agata's Pescatore Chapel.
Don Ciccio della Chiesa. Maria's husband. Fisherman.
Graziano Montealto. Concierge. Hotel Regina Vittoriosa in Sorrento.
Graziano's Wife and baby girl. Angelina and Carmelina.
Tomasina. Jimmy Santino's mother.
Lucio Dalla. RIP. Italian singer. Wrote the "Caruso" song.
Emile. Jaqueline's sister. Wheelchair bound.
Edith. Jaqueline's sister. School Teacher.
Father Giovanni. Priest in Sant'Agata Pescatore Chapel in Scopello.
Fra Angelico. Sant'Agata Pescatore. His mother is Maria della Chiesa.
Fredo. Owner of Ristorante Avventura.
Luciano & Peppina. Supply donkey and cart for Gino's honeymoon.
Paco. Luciano's grandson with a broken leg.
John Russell. Director of Russell & Johnson.
Dr. Smith. Angelo's Doctor.
Dr. Rossi. Frank's Doctor.

Places.

Cafe Giustizia. Rome Coffee shop at Fiumicino Airport.
Cafe Discorso. Modena Coffee Shop. Frank Costanzo's daily hangout.
Casa Da Vinci. Name of Angelo's House in Lake Como.
Da Vinci Tavola Calda. Norfolk Str., Newark. Restaurant Name.
Hotel Regina Vittoriosa. Hotel in Sorrento.
Hotel Capriccio. Modena. Frank moves to this Hotel.
Parco Giardino Ducale. Modena Gardens JdB reveals her plan to Frank.
Ristorante Avventura. Modena. Frank Costanzo is forced to sign his shares over.
Russell & Johnson. Name of an Advertising Agency in London.
Sant'Agata Pescatore. Church in Scopello, Sicily.
Veduta Ricca. Hotel in Scopello, Sicily.

Acronyms.

MMEB. Massive Macho Ego Blow.
JdB. Jaqueline de Bois.
4F. Four Fingers.

Italian Phrases – Meaning.

Aspetta. Wait.

Bastone. Walking Stick. In the story, double meaning for a prick.

Campane di Capra. Goat's bell.

Capolavoro. Masterpiece. A work of Art.

Che disgrazia. What a terrible thing to happen.

Furbo. Cunning. Smart.

Iddio. Oh God. Maybe said by men more than women?

Innamorata. In love.

Lupara. Shotgun used by Sicilian Mafia.

Magari. Maybe. Let's hope.

Molto Obligato. Thank you. Much obliged.

Odore di Capra. Goat's smell.

Pompiere. Firemen.

Porca Miseria. Holy Shit.

Santa Merda. Holy Shit.

Torno subito. I will return soon.

Vigili del fuoco. Firemen.

Thank you for reading this novel.

END.
