

# The Girl He Craves

Chapter 174

Sophie's pov

"Who was it?" I questioned when Aiden ends the call and pushes the phone back into his pocket.

"No one important, just a damn reporter. They asked for information about my arrest." His jaw popped when he responded stiffly.

I sighed, resting my head on his shoulder. 'At least they haven't asked you about your alleged marriage contract to Lillian.' I grumble bitterly.

He kissed my head. "Don't worry about that stupid fraudulent contract baby, I promise to fix it. And then we'll get married." He squeezed my hand, kissing my head again.

\*I can't wait to see you walk down the aisle. I've been dreaming about this day since I first set my eyes on you back then." He brushes his fingers through my hair tenderly.

We were so calm here you'd think that Aiden had not just come back from a fight with Sergio and he had not just been out of jail.

When we were in each other's arms, I realized that nothing truly mattered. There was always some kind of peace between us.

Something that could ease me.

With another kiss on my head, I fell asleep in his hold.

I woke up when Aiden breathed beside my ear lightly. "We're home baby."

It takes me a second to realize I am already in his arms and we were already in front of the door.

I blinked.

I didn't even feel when he put me in his arms.....

"Was I sleeping for long?" I questioned embarrassed.

With all that went on today, I had the audacity to fall asleep.....

Aiden smiled down at me warmly, kissing the tip of my nose. "I love hearing your light snores.' He teased. "But you do weigh a ton." He chuckled.

I glared at him playfully. ' Put me down."

He chuckles and set me back down on my feet.

He fixes my hair, peering down at me in adoration. 'I'll make sure I make him pay for forcefully kissing you Soph."

'I know you will Aiden. But maybe it's time you don't take these things on your own and involve the cops."

He tucks some strands behind my ear, sighing. "Cops won't help much if we have no evidence over these bastards. Sergio is also a part of this so it won't be easy to get the cops on our side, unless we take these fuckers down on our own."

He looks away, his eyes far. "I'll have a private investigator search into the Muralo's, their business can't be as clean as they're portraying. There was a rumor once-

The door opens, cutting Aiden off.

"Son!" Meredith threw her arms around Aiden, making him stumble a little.

'I'm so glad Sophie managed to get you out!" She cried kissing all over his face.

I bit my lip to stop from giggling at Aiden's red embarrassed face. "Mom." He whined eyes pinched and face tight with a wince.

'Meredith give the boy some room to breathe." Aiden's dad chuckled, in his hold is Ashton whose eyes brightened when he saw me.

Meredith argued. 'I gave birth to this face I have every right to kiss it whenever I want. ■

Ashton hands shot out, his finger squeezing with a motion to tell me to take him. I smiled my heart warming.

'Did you miss me baby?' I cooed as I pried him from Aiden's dad's hold.

'He was such a good boy. You two are raising him right.\* Mr. Xavier complimented.

'Oh he was a little sweetheart! Didn't give trouble at all." Meredith finally let her son go, who was bright red in the face.

I giggled and we all stepped into the penthouse.

We talked for a few and Aiden and I told them everything that's been going on.

At the end of our words, Meredith looked like she was ready to strangle someone and Mr. Xavier looked absolutely livid.

Shaking her head in disbelief, Mary sneered. "Father has gone far this time. Why is he so hellbent on us marrying into that family!"

Aiden place Ashton on his lap. "In his eyes, the Muralo's are a great partnership with the Harrington's. Joining the families will make us invisible to our enemies. He wants that kind of power."

Meredith looks upset. "My father always craved power. He'd do anything to obtain it. Even sacrificing his family. But forging a contract to bond Lillian Muralo with you..... he

had never stooped so low to gain what he wants."

Mr. Xavier interlocks their fingers and squeezes her hand in reassurance. We'll find a way around this Meredith-

'No dad, I'll find a way. I don't want you two involved in this mess-

'We're already in this mess the moment he tried to force you to marry that girl. I can talk to him Aiden-

Aiden cuts off his mother. "No! You won't go near that man."

I'm startled by his loud tone and even Ashton who wailed. Aiden looks broken when his son cries loudly.

He tries to calm him down but Ashton reaches out for me. Aiden looks hurt but passes him over to me.

'I'm sorry little man, I didn't mean to startle you.' He cooes at Ashton, brushing a finger over his cheek in a comforting manner.

'I may understand your frustration and anger Aiden, but I am still your mother. Do not ever raise that tone with me again young man.' Meredith warns, scowling at Aiden who winced.

'Sorry mom.' He apologize.

Meredith looks pleased by her son's apology and then rises to her feet. Her sudden action had us all looking up at her in confusion.

Let's go hunny, we need to visit a bastard." She tells her husband who looked at her baffled.

'Who?" He drawled in confusion and stood up.

'My father." Meredith grumble and with a glare at Aiden to tell him he should not argue about this, the two leave.

Aiden groans loudly, throwing his head back.

I looked at him in concern. 'I don't think Sergio will hurt his daughter Aiden."

He sighs. "I know. But I'm not worried about that. I'm worried that she will hurt him."

My brows knot.

He elaborates after he notices my confused stare.

'My mother is the only one who could truly hurt Sergio. Once before, my mother was his world. Until she married my father. Let's just say a hurt Sergio is far worse than an angry one.'

I nod in understanding and brush my fingers through Ashton's hair.

"You were about to tell me something about the Muralo siblings before you were interrupted. I'm intrigued."

Aiden looks at me, chewing his lips before answering. 'There was a rumor once that the Muralo siblings were involved with each other."

Was he saying what I think he was?

'They were involved with incest. Or so one of their bodyguards said a few years back. Apparently he walked in on them but that rumor was quickly squished and that bodyguard had yet to be seen since."