

The Unlikely Celebrations

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A Guide to the Characters

Ron Merlot: Owner and operator of AZOutback Consulting, a computer and network services company. Ron builds and installs computer networks and systems for BDSM Suppliers in the Phoenix and Las Vegas markets. Ron also builds an occasional website on the side.

Laura (Merlot) Meyers: Ron's older sister and business partner. Laura lives on the eastern outskirts of Las Vegas. Her job is to ensure the computers talk to each other and the main server. When it comes to hardware she is clueless, she wouldn't know a USB Port from a ZIP Disk. Gets quite sexually crazy when drunk.

Lynette Myers aka 'Miss Kitty': Laura's high school sweetheart and works as a performer and sometimes waitress at various Vegas area clubs.

Martina Frosh: Ron's first wife. Martina is a couple French Fries short of Happy Meal but has a killer body, which she devotes all of her free time to maintaining. Of course that is when she is not having a wild night out with her girl friends at the local clubs.

Sara Rae: Ron's current wife. Sara was the former maid/salve for the Merlot's until Martina's *Unlikely Affair* with Ron's sister.

Maya Rae: Sara's younger *big* sister. Used to live in Frisco, Texas. She moved in with the Merlot's while she works on getting her Masters

Marc Frosh: Ron's best friend and Martina's boss and now husband. Conciser Manager for a local resort near the Merlot's and has very close circle of clients. Marc can get you a good deal on almost everything, as he always "knows someone, who knows someone" or else they owe him a favor.

Gary Zinfandel: Ron's best client and owner of ACME BDSM. Based out of Las Vegas, but with a "satellite office" in Phoenix, ACME BDSM specializes in high quality, custom-made bondage supplies and equipment at low price and fast. He has built and provided equipment and "toys" for both Ron and Laura's playrooms. Gary also has a close circle of clients in the BDSM community and is constantly giving Ron new client referrals.

Bunny Zinfandel-Gris : Gary's wife, a craftswoman of custom-made leather body harnesses. They met at a convention in Henderson a few years back.

Bambi Gris: Bunny's sister and business partner. While she does make some of the harnesses herself, Bambi is more a model than a craftswoman.

Andy McGrawl: Former owner of a chain of computer stores in the Tucson metro area, recently opened stores in Fountain Hills and North Scottsdale.

Lindsay McGrawl-Sauvignon: Andy's bi-sexual wife. Model/sales associate at the Budget Holstein North.

Anna Adela aka 'Peaches': Former caretaker of the Whitewater Ranch, now Maya's live-in girlfriend.

Linda Holstein: Owner of Budget Holstein Leather Works, better known as Budget Holstein and co-owner of Corona de las Estrellas. She was Ron and Laura's very first client, specializing in leather S&M outfits, shoes and specialty items such as high end corsets and lingerie.

Olivia Esmeralda – Kayré's best friend from high school and co-owner of Corona de las Estrellas.

Kayré Holstein: Linda's daughter and business partner.

Kacie O'Neill: Kayré's partner.

The Unlikely Celebrations picks up where The Unlikely Reunion left off. Personal and business accomplishments which seemed improbable only a few year ago with Ron's friends and families will lead to The Unlikely Celebrations.

Chapter 1: House For Sale and Welcome to the Quail Suite

After Drew left I headed into the dining room to join the rest of the family for dinner. I reminded them, "So, don't forget where we are now. I know this will take a little time to adjust to being back here."

Andy asked, "What are you doing with the other house?"

I replied, "I'll get a hold of Marc tomorrow to get it listed to sell. Also, next Saturday Laura, Miss Kitty and Sophie will be coming up. We will do Linda's Gold Canyon store the next day."

Linda confirmed, "Yeah that will work as Dundee is going to start tomorrow and expects to be done by mid-week. My ladies will be getting the TV sometime next week and Dundee said he can mount it. I think we are going to do like we did at Scottsdale and frame it."

Wynn asked, "So they will be the first to use the Quail Suite?"

I explained, 'Yeah, Miss Kitty and Laura at least. Sophie will likely be in The Presentation Room.'

Wynn corrected me, "Or with me!" After dinner most everyone went their own way. I headed back to my office to work on a couple more jobs and once again was reminded of the time by Wynn, "I am going to bed Ron. Sara and Lindsay retired a couple hours earlier."

I looked at the clock on my PC and saw the time, "Wow, 11:00 PM already. Time sure flies when you are making money. Yeah, I should get to bed as well." I shut down my system and headed upstairs. I walked into the master and this time around the room was dark and Sara was out. After emptying my bladder and changing into my night clothes I headed to bed. Again it seemed like I had just gotten to sleep when the alarm went off. Sara was already in the bathroom getting herself ready and appeared a few minutes later in khaki skirt, white Budget Holstein Polo paired with black stockings and 5-inch sandals.

Upon seeing I was up she told me, "All yours."

After taking care of business and changing I headed downstairs to meet everyone for breakfast. I noticed Lindsay was in a similar 'uniform' as Sara except she was wearing nude fishnets. Linda came down the stairs in a grey corset and miniskirt with sheer black stockings paired with 5-inch ankle-boot heels. Her grey hair was pulled back very tightly in a ponytail. I joked, "Got a hot date."

Linda laughed, "Yeah sure. Hey I am going to be out of your hair until the weekend. I need to go back down to Oro Valley and take care of stuff with your sister and Madam Cat."

I didn't bother correcting her as it would just prove to be futile, "Um. Okay. Not that it matters to me, but Sara you okay with her taking the Road Runner down to Oro Valley."

Linda told me, "I am not taking that car. Gary is going to lend me his Eldorado."

I laughed, "Careful, you might end up wanting to buy it. That is really nice car."

Linda was unaware I knew about the car, "How you know?"

I told her, "When you were in Idaho with Marc; Andy and I were in Vegas. He lent us the car as we had flown out to Henderson. He didn't fly back with Andy and I as he had stuff to take care of with Cristina." I nearly jumped out my skin when the intercom gonged. "Oh jeez! Forgot about that, guessing Gary is at the

gates." Wynn went into the kitchen and let Gary into the rear drive.

A couple minutes later Gary came in through the kitchen. Upon seeing all of us, "Hey good morning returning neighbors! Linda..." He tossed the keys to Eldorado towards Linda who caught them left handed, "Here are the keys to the Caddy. Just make sure it comes back with the same or more gas..."

Linda joked, "Yeah, don't want you charging me \$10 a gallon for gas. Just as soon as I go upstairs and get my bag I will be out of here."

Gary told me, "Gotta go need to head over to my office." He headed out the front door and and walked back to his house.

I wasn't sure when she planned to return. We wouldn't be doing the install until Sunday anyway. Linda came back down the stairs with her laptop bag and I asked, "When are you coming back?"

Linda replied, "I will likely meet y'all over at the store sometime on Sunday. I have a lot of stuff I need to take care of this week besides your sister's partner I need to deal with my daughter and her partner. I'll give you a call Saturday and let you know when I can make it over there. My Ladies live nearby so they can be there to let y'all in when you ready to get started. I'll give you Claudia's number on Saturday, don't have it one me at the moment."

I assured her, "Okay, that works. Give me a call if anything changes or you need anything."

Linda headed out the kitchen door and got into Gary's Eldorado. Everyone else headed out leaving just Wynn and myself. Wynn told me, "Seems most of the boxes are already unpacked and broken down. I'll gather all the flattened boxes and take them over to the recycle center. I think the Cruiser will be better suited for that task. I'll stop at the market on the way back and stock up for the week."

I replied, "Yeah that works. Make sure you don't take the wardrobe boxes, paid a bloody fortune for those things and they are still in good shape. I need to get a hold of Marc and see about getting the Ashler Hills house listed. The sooner I can get that sold, the sooner I can pay off this hard money loan on this house and loan from Sara. Let me help you out getting those boxes loaded." Wynn and I spent the next hour loading flattened boxes from all around the house into the Cruiser. After Wynn left, I headed back to my office and rang Marc, "Morning Marc. So, I am ready to list the Ashler Hills house now."

Marc informed me, "I don't handle listings. Um...let's see who can I have you call...oh the lady who originally listed the house you are in now. Christina Gutierrez-Mayer with Desert Diamond Realty. This is her 'territory' so she should be able to line up a buyer for you fairly quick."

I gave Christina a call and much to my surprise she answered her cell, "Desert Diamond, Christina can I help you?"

I explained, "Yeah, so you were originally the listing agent on a property I bought many years ago over in Desert Oasis. A few years back I ended up swapping with a friend of a friend. He recently sold this property back to me and now I am looking to sell the other house."

Christina seemed to be following, "So his old house. Where in Desert Oasis was I listing the house?"

I told her, "Fairy Duster Court."

Christina started laughing, "Oh shit, I remember you know. Your wife tried to sleep with me..."

I informed her, "Ah yes, my ex-wife Martina. We divorced after I caught her screwing around with my sister. She's married to Marc Frosh now."

Christina was stunned, "Wow. Okay. I've socialized with her and Marc many time and never realized that was *her*. Anyway, where is this house you are looking for me to list."

I told her, "It is in the Ashler Hills Estates."

Christina did indeed know her territory, "Oh, so y'all didn't go very far. When did you want me to meet you there? I should be free this afternoon." We agreed to meet later that afternoon and gave her the address. After lunch I met Christina at the Ashler Hills Estates house. "Hey Ron good to see you again. So, what do we have here?"

I told her, "A house which quickly became too big once my sister-in-law, her partner and their dog moved out."

Christina commented, "Yeah, that happens a lot. Oh wow this is the Acme House, I've heard about this one...never seen it in person though. It was built long before most of this community. The fellow the Acme's bought this house from owned most of the land around here. After his death the family sold off most of the land to developers. Do love the Spanish architecture, just don't see that anymore with most of these modern tract homes. Okay, let's take a look around." Christina walked the house from top to bottom and upon arriving at the loft, "Hmm...interesting." As we headed back downstairs in to the Great Room she noticed the pool and then the cottage, "Oh this has a Casita too?" We walked over to The McGrawl's cottage and she looked around, "Does the desk convey?"

I told her, "Yeah, any remaining furniture such as the dining table and the sectional back in the main house are included. Way too big for our Desert Oasis House."

Christina understood, "Indeed those seemed like they are designed specifically for this house. So, how quickly do you or do you not need to sell this?"

I explained, "Well, I have a small hard money loan on the Desert Oasis house which comes due in November, of course I am also paying interest monthly which compounds on the 10th of each month. So ideally would like to close escrow around the 5th of the month."

Christina made notes, "Okay. So this house is valued well over a million. However, that is not out-of-line for this area and is about median. Now, houses of this value due to tend to sell a little slower than those priced around half or three-quarter million. Now, I do have a large network of potential clients that could be prospective buyers. I can do a listing at 1.25 million, however given the premium location in the development and the 'extras' we could push it to 1.33 million."

I told her, "I think we might be pushing it at 1.33 million or even 1.25 million, but then again that is listing price and the buyers can always counter."

Christina also mentioned, "Or you could end up in a bidding war, which I wouldn't be surprised given this location and all the extras. The house appears to be in great condition so it should show nicely. I'd suggest we do some staging furniture which will cost you around \$3000 per month, but could make the house sell quicker and likely even for more."

I replied, "Yeah, I do want to sell quickly as I can, but also want to get a fair price. But, looking around it is so empty. My sister-in-law had a Baby Grand Piano down here and once she moved out and took the piano with her it just made this area seem so huge, cold and empty. Whatever works best. Marc has faith in you, though knowing him..."

Christina explained, "Yeah well...Confucius says 'he who puts trust in Marc...'; I can get the paperwork generated by this evening and send you an email when it is ready. If you sign tonight and get the Escrow account with Marc setup tomorrow, we could list by Wednesday."

I told her, 'Okay, that works well for me. Let's go ahead and do this.'

Christina advised me, "Okay, I will get going on the paperwork when I get back to my office. I'll call Marc and get him to setup an Escrow account."

Later that afternoon everyone returned home from work and as we sat down for

dinner I commented, "Ah, I see everyone found their way back. So, by this time tomorrow the Ashler Hills house should be on the market." After dinner I made my way to my office and saw Christina had sent me the listing documents to e-sign.

Most of the week was quiet. Thursday night Laura called, "So we still on for this weekend?"

I told her, "Far as I know, haven't heard from Linda since she left on Monday."

Laura told me, "How odd, Miss Kitty hasn't seen her at all this week."

I added, "Well she did mention she had to take care of some matters regarding Kacie and Kayré so maybe that is the reason she hasn't been around. She's suppose to meet us there sometime on Sunday, but told me her Ladies live close by. Also mentioned she'd give me Claudia's number by Friday. So when y'all coming up on Saturday?"

Laura replied, "Late morning or so very likely early afternoon. So what time are we supposed to be there on Sunday?"

I explained, "Haven't really been given a set time. I am thinking we can be out there around 10:00 AM. Have to wait and see what Claudia tells me tomorrow."

Laura advised, "Okay, well then you can let me know when we get up there on Saturday."

Friday night Linda (much to my amazement) texted me Claudia's number. I decided I'd give her a call, "Evening Mister Merlot, Linda told me she'd give you my number."

I replied, "Ron is fine. Yeah, she just texted me your number. Is there is a specific time we should be there on Sunday?"

Claudia told me, "Doesn't matter much to me we all live so close. Linda said she would *try* to be there by early afternoon."

I laughed, "So another words she might show up before we are done."

Claudia agreed, "Sounds about right! One thing I have learned in the 30+ years I've known her she has no concept of time. So what time do y'all want to start?"

I told her, 'I am thinking around 10:00 AM. Since it will be Andy, Laura, Wynn and myself it should not take us long to get this done. The most time consuming is going to be running the drops for the Square Terminals, but even that shouldn't take more than 30 minutes."

Claudia informed me, "Okay, that works. One of the three of us will be there to let you in?"

I asked, "Three?"

Claudia told me, "Yeah either myself, Jojo or her sister Sadie...oh y'all haven't met Sadie...that's right."

After I finished with Claudia I called Laura, "Evening Laura. So Claudia is fine with 10:00 AM on Sunday. She said Linda plans on being there in the early afternoon, but who knows with Linda."

Laura advised me, "Yeah I know what you mean. She popped in earlier and spoke briefly with Miss Kitty before she took off again. Do we even need her there?"

I laughed, "To be honest, no. She kept telling me she was going to be very hands off with this location...though she had said the same thing with Scottsdale. She has her three ladies which I am guessing she has the upmost trust and competence to handle running that location. So, we won't worry about her it sound like she has enough to deal with in regards to Kayré and Kacie. Well, I'll see y'all tomorrow. Call me if you need anything."

Laura told me, "Okay, yeah see you tomorrow."

I decided I should talk to Andy and Wynn, "Andy and Wynn to my office please."

Wynn walked in and with an English accent, "You rang sir?"

I laughed, "Yeah, just waiting on Andy..." Andy walked in, "Have a seat, just want to give you a quick overview of what is going on with the Budget Holstein at Superstition Mountain. We will do a more detailed overview tomorrow evening with Laura. So, we will be starting around 10:00 AM on Sunday morning. I have no idea if Linda is going to be there or not. Claudia told me she planed on being out there in the early afternoon. Laura told me Miss Kitty hadn't even seen Linda most of this week other than briefly today. Our guess is she still busy with Kayré and Kacie. Laura and I both agree that we do not need Linda there as the operations are more going to be handled by Claudia, Jojo and her sister Sadie. Anyway, Sophie, Laura and Miss Kitty will be out sometime tomorrow."

Wynn asked, "So, if I am going with you and Andy what are we doing with Miss Kitty and Sophie?"

I told her, "Sara and Lindsay will take them out for brunch in Old Town Scottsdale."

Wynn agreed, "Okay, that will work. Any idea when we will be done?"

Andy replied, "Shouldn't take more than a 3-4 hours. There server and the PC's have already been imaged. Laura will need to work on getting the router, firewall and switch setup, but she pretty much already has the bulk of the configuration done, just needs a little tweaking."

I wondered, "Hmm...let me call Claudia real quick and make sure they did get their broadband connection established." I called Claudia back, "Hey Claudia, Ron Merlot here. Quick question, did y'all get your broadband or fiber optic Internet connected?"

Claudia advised me, "Yeah we had them out yesterday and it is live. They left a piece of paper with a user name and passwords and our IP address."

I was relieved, "Oh good, that's kind of an important. Make sure you give that information to Laura on Sunday. Thanks!" After I was finished with Claudia I explained, "Yeah, Claudia says that was installed yesterday. Well that is all I have for you two. Unless you need anything of me, I have some projects to work on. I think I am down to 4-months now. Hopefully, over the next couple months I can get close to being caught up."

Andy reminded me, "With Linda being done you shouldn't have anything else until Thirsty Cactus."

I sighed, "Yeah, well there's still the matter of Gary. He's been talking about wanting to do some upgrades at the Deer Valley office."

Andy laughed, "Deer Valley ain't that bad, least it is not Henderson."

I told Andy, "Yeah...but he had mentioned Henderson as well. I'll try to focus him on doing Deer Valley first as it is the oldest and see if we can put off doing Henderson until after Thirsty Cactus is done."

Wynn asked, "How long do you think Thirsty Cactus is going to take?"

I explained, "Not really sure. Remember, is not just The Budget Holstein. There's Andy store as well and plus Corona de las Estrellas. At least with The Budget Holstein and PC's and Things those are going to be a move where as Corona de las Estrellas. is going to be a complete new install. Ironically, the new install actually going to be simpler."

Andy told me, "Well, I've told Zina, Dunn, Doyle and Max that I am going to shut down the current Scottsdale location about two weeks prior to us opening the Thirsty Cactus location."

I laughed, "Well, that's help I know Linda won't doing anything like that. If we are lucky may be a weekend to get her moved over."

Andy and Wynn disbursed and I set to finish up a couple other projects. It was getting close to 10:00 PM and I was falling asleep. I shut down and headed upstairs to find Sara nude except for stockings and bra on bed playing with a magic wand. Her armor was on my side of the bed. Upon seeing her I asked, "Who let you out of your armor?"

Sara jumped and giggled, "I did! Want to do something about it?"

I told her, "Nah, too tired. I'm going to take a shower then head to bed."

Chapter 2: Our Very First (Official) Guests!

The next morning I woke up and noticed Sara was not in bed. After I changed, I headed downstairs to the kitchen and noticed Sara and Lindsay were not around. Wynn took notice and told me, "Sara and Lindsay headed out earlier to Prescott, they should be back this afternoon. Andy is at the Fountain Hills store as Zina needed the weekend off. Oh and your sister called, they should be up before dinner. What did you plan on for dinner?"

I explained, "I suppose I can grill some fish, chicken and brats tonight. Tomorrow, we'll likely do Vinnie's as I have no idea when we are going to be done with Linda's project. Did Sara and Lindsay take the Jeep or The Cruiser?"

Wynn replied, "They took the Jeep since it was out."

I told her, "Good, I'll take the Cruiser over and get the oil changed, tires rotated and washed. I'll likely grab me some lunch too. You okay going to the Market with the Vespa."

Wynn laughed, "It is not like I have far to go! But, I know what you are asking and I'll have plenty of room for all the groceries."

After a quick bowl of cereal I took the Cruiser over to local Kwiki Lube and Wash. A couple hours later the Cruiser was ready. I looked at the time and decided to head up to Carefree and visit the shops and grab a bite to eat. I was looking at some sliver and turquoise belt buckles, but at this point I was getting close to having more buckles than belts. After lunch I headed back to the house. Wynn was in the kitchen working on getting the vegetables cleaned up for the salad. Upon seeing me enter she told me, "Laura called about an hour and half ago and said they were on their way up."

I replied, "Good, so we have a couple hours until they get here."

Wynn continued, "So I was looking at the manifest for the job and noticed you were going to do a refurbished HP 800 G2 Mini, but I couldn't find it with the rest of the items for that job."

I had forgotten about the G2 Mini, "Oh crap, I knew there was something I needed to do. Well, it won't take very long. Just need to swap out and upgrade the RAM and put in a new hard drive. Then I can image it with Windows 7 off my server. Shouldn't take more than an hour to image. Guess I'll head down to my shop and get that taken care of." I grabbed a bottle of tea and headed out the backdoor and over to the lower level and to my shop. I was looking around on my shelves for the G2 Minis that Andy had said he brought back from the Fort McDowell store, but could not locate them.

I rang his cell, "PC's and Things...oh hey Ron what's going on?"

I told him, "So Wynn discovered I hadn't built the G2 Mini that we are using for the Budget Holstein slideshow. I went to my shop to build it, but I can not find any on the shelves."

Andy explained, "Yeah, they're in a box off to the side marked 'HP G2 Mini'. I didn't know what we were going to do with them, so I never unboxed them."

I looked around and found the box shoved into the corner, "Ah here we are." I opened the box and removed one of the units, "Geez, these things look like they just came from the factory."

Andy laughed, "I know, it is weird. I keep meaning to ask Dunn what the story was with them. Anything else Ron?"

I replied, "Not really. Laura and company should be here soon." I removed the top from the unit, "Hmm...interesting."

Andy asked, "What?"

I told him, "Oh, this unit does not have a hard drive or RAM. Not that it matters as I was going to replace those anyway."

Andy commented, "Yeah that is interesting. Wonder if the rest are that way? Next time I see Dunn, I'll try to remember to ask him about those. Gotta go have a customer."

I located a couple sticks of 4GB DDR3 SODIMM RAM along with a 7 mm 500 GB hard drive. Before I screwed the hard drive caddy back in place I wanted to test to make sure the PC would POST. I connected the video cable along with mouse, keyboard and power. Touching the power cable reminded me I needed to include a power supply for the PC. Thankfully all the HP Mini used the same 35-watt

power supplies so I had plenty of those. I connected the power cable and the PC started a sequence of short beeps with no display. I knew this meant one of the memory was either bad or not fully inserted. Since this was new old stock RAM, I had my doubts they were bad. I checked and sure enough the bottom module was not inserted fully. I tried again and this time the machine posted display '8192 KB RAM' and 'No Operating System Found'. Both of these messages were good and meant the PC was working as expected. I removed the power and connected the Ethernet cable and powered on on again. During boot up I pressed F12 to Network Boot and the system booted in my shop's Windows PE. I selected Windows 7 and watched as the machine began to image.

While I was waiting I decided to take a look and see how many units were in the box. I had gotten them all out and found there were 10-units total including the one I was imaging. I had the door to the shop open and heard Wynn come into the Great Hall, "Ron, you down here?"

I walked out my shop and saw Wynn along with Miss Kitty and Laura, "So you two snuck in while I was working in my shop."

Laura looked around and commented, "Wow, you really changed things down here. Thought the kitchen/great room was a lot to take in."

I told her, "Yeah, we have a newly designed playroom on one side of this hall and the other is the new Quail Suite."

Miss Kitty asked, "What did this used to be?"

I explained, "This was one of the 3½ car garages. Part of it had already been converted for the playroom. But when we came back here, I had Dundee redo and expand the playroom. During the construction of the new playroom I realized with Linda staying with me off and on until her Thirsty Cactus location was done, I wouldn't have any other guest rooms. Other than the old Presentation Room where I discovered Laura and Martina doing the wild thing many years ago. So I decided since we didn't need this much garage space to have Dundee build a new guest suite. I gave him free reign on this project and like everything else he has done, including my office and the McGrawl's, he outdid himself." I opened the door to the Quail Suite and told them, "Come on in this is your room." As we walked in I explained, "I'll give you a code for the outside door this door can be locked from the inside for privacy. Okay, so we have a closet over here and then around the corner is the attached bath and then the main room."

Laura made around the corner and saw the bed, "That is a big king bed!"

Wynn laughed, "Yeah it was Peaches and Maya's Alaskan King. It is a running joke that Ron had this suite built to accommodate the bed as it would not fit

anywhere else in the house.”

Miss Kitty looked around the room, “Yet, this room still looks huge.”

Wynn told them, “Well go ahead and get settled in. I am going to get dinner started soon. We'll announce over the intercom when dinner is ready. Ron, you want the grilled fired up?”

I told her, “Yeah, we can get it going shortly. Just need to touch base with Laura real quick.”

Wynn replied, “Okay, I'll get it warmed up.” She left the room.

I told Laura, “So right before y'all arrived, I got the HP 800 G2 Mini refurbished and imaging. That should be done by the time were are finished with dinner. The four of us, Andy, Wynn, you and I will go over everything after dinner. Now, if you excuse me I need to get my grill warmed up.” I headed out to the Cabana and to tend to the Big Honkin' Grill.

After dinner Laura, Andy, Wynn and I met in my office. I reviewed the project, “So this should not be too bad. The server is ready to go and I am guessing Laura has pre-configurations for the Network equipment?”

Laura commented, “Yeah, just need to get their IP address.”

I told her, “Yeah, I have that...well they have it there. The only physical ports we are going to have are up at the central checkout counter for the Square POS Terminals. However, I got to thinking...”

Andy joked, “That's never a good thing...”

Laura added, “Certainly not.”

I laughed, “Fine. Anyway, let's run a couple lines to the office so the laptop docks can be hardwired to the network.”

Andy commented, “Not a bad idea actually. Have you already imaged the laptops?”

I informed him, “Yeah the two Lenovo T-460's are already imaged. They will need to be put on the domain once we get everything up and running. Same goes for the server and the HP 800 G2 Mini. So Andy and Wynn will be working on all the wiring plus getting the AP's installed and setup. I'll be working on getting the rest of the hardware installed and setup. I'll read up on the Square POS terminals tonight. Laura you will be working on getting the Network equipment installed and configured as well as getting the end devices talking to the network. Now, *if*

everything goes smoothly..."

Laura joked, "Notice his emphasis on 'if'"

I joked, "When have we ever had a job give us issues...oh wait don't answer that! Anyway I am guessing three or four hours onsite. We'll likely break for lunch at noon then resume at one and wrap up by three. Perhaps, Miss Holstein will grace us with her presence during that time or not...doesn't much matter. Any questions?"

Wynn asked, "What exactly are we doing with the HP 800 G2 mini?"

Andy told her, "It will be connected to the TV near the checkout counter. Like we did with the Oro Valley store. Hmm...Ron have they told you what they wanted on the slideshow?"

I told them, "Kacie and I had talked about it a while back before the incident and told me she would have the a Superstition slideshow file on the central server that we would run. With everything that is going with them I have no clue. Still a couple weeks until they open so not really important right now. I'll ask Claudia, Jojo or Sadie, whomever is there tomorrow about it."

Laura suggested, "Or Linda, should she show up while we are there."

Wynn asked, "So are they supplying the TV."

I told her, "In theory, yes. Claudia said she would take care of purchasing a TV and Dundee would mount it. I haven't asked, all I do know is they have an Internet connection."

Laura giggled, "Well, that is useful!"

I reminded them, "No matter what happens, it won't be as bad as Chugwater."

Andy groaned, "Oh god, ain't that the truth! That had to be the worst job we've ever done. Almost made me rethink doing these jobs with you, one of the many things I was thinking about on that long, long trip home."

I wrapped up, "So that is it is everything. We'll be leaving at 9:00 AM. Wynn and I will get the Cruiser loaded after breakfast. If there is nothing else, enjoy the rest of your evening. I have some paperwork and administrative stuff to take care of for this job. Oh, Laura how long are y'all in town for?"

Laura replied nervously, "I think we will leave Tuesday early afternoon why?"

I told her, "Good, I want y'all to have chance to spend sometime in the new

playroom. Got some new toys recently too! Hmm, I suppose we will do *The Unlikely Cowboy* on Monday. Will have to invite Marc and Martina so we can get the 25% discount and I'll see if Maya and Peaches can make it. Maya's hospital is just down the street so shouldn't be an issue." After everyone left I have Marc a call, "Hey, Marc would you and Martina be free on Monday night for dinner at The Unlikely Cowboy?"

Marc complained, "I suppose so, but do I have to bring her?"

I laughed, "Hmm...with Laura being there..."

Marc laughed, "Good point. I'll make sure I have Martina belted just in case you can't control that sister of yours!"

I reminded him, "Hey, she is Miss Kitty's responsibility. I'll give you a call back with a time. Going to see if Maya and Peaches can make it."

Marc remembered, "Oh, yeah Maya works just down the street from there. Sounds good."

After I was done with Marc, I called Maya and Peaches. Peaches answered, "No one home!" She put the phone down and yelled out to Maya, "For you!"

Maya picked up the phone, "Hello. Who is this?"

I replied, "Your brother-in-law."

Maya laughed, "Should've known. What's up?"

I told her, "So Laura and company are in town for the weekend and I think we are going to *The Unlikely Cowboy* on Monday night. Since it is so close to your job wanted to know if you and Peaches could join us. Of course Marc and Martina will be there."

Maya laughed, "You're using Marc for his discount?"

I told her, "I resemble that remark!"

Maya giggled, "Yeah count us in. I am done at 5:00 PM and Peaches is going to pick me up anyway."

I went online and made reservations for the smaller patio for 5:00 PM on Monday. I called Marc back and informed him of the time."

Chapter 3: Brunch, Install, New Roles and an Awkward Look Back

While Laura, Wynn, Andy and I were meeting, Sara asked Miss Kitty and Sophie if they would mind having Maya and Peaches join them for brunch the next morning. Neither had an issue and Sara informed her sister and her partner. Maya had suggest they all wear their corset dresses with nude fishnets and high heel ankle boots as it would be a semi-formal brunch. They agreed to meet at the restaurant the next morning. The following morning after a light breakfast I headed out to Gold Canyon with Laura, Wynn and Andy to get started on Linda's new store. A little bit later Sara, Lindsay, Miss Kitty and Sophie head down to Old Town Scottsdale to meet up with Maya and Peaches for brunch. Everyone arrived nearly at the same time Peaches announced, "We brought friend!"

The 'Lady in Pink', Martina walked in and sat down next to Miss Kitty, "Hope this isn't too awkward. Peaches asked me last night to join y'all."

Sara assured her, "No, you're fine. Nice to see you again. Keep forgetting you and Marc live over there as well."

Maya broke the ice, "So nice of you to invite us." She then noticed Lindsay had dyed her hair black again, "Love the new look Lindsay!"

Lindsay blushed, "Thanks. This is the second time I've done this."

Sara replied, "Yeah, we can pass off as twins again! You know it is not often we get a chance to get together."

Miss Kitty asked Maya and Peaches, "So what have you two been up to? Laura has told me a couple things here and there, but not much else."

Maya explained, "Well, after I completed my Masters, Banner offered me a permanent position. I would find out when I gave my notice at Vinnie's, Diane had a plan in place for Peaches. Diane was tired of being manager and trained Peaches to be her replacement. So Diane took my old job and Peaches took over as manager at Vinnie's. While on the subject of not much details, how did you and Laura meet up? Ron had mentioned something in the past that you two knew each other from school?"

Miss Kitty laughed, "Yeah. We'd known each other for quite some time. Ron and Laura's father did not approve of our relationship. Their mother on the other hand had no issues. Obsessively since she will be getting married to Blanche when Laura and I marry in November. You know no one has really explained to me how you and Peaches met up."

Sara let out a groan and she thought this was going to be a sore subject with Maya. Maya looked over at Sara laughing and asked, "What was that all about? It's okay, I can look back now and laugh about everything. So, we met on an awkward job Ron had in Chugwater involving our father."

Sara laughed, "Awkward is an understatement. How did he even find Ron anyway? All I know is Lindsay and I had come home and there he was in the Great Room. Hadn't seen him since the wedding where he disappeared after he walked me down the aisle."

Maya told her, "Well, it was I think a project for the shoe guy...oh what the hell was his name? We met in Frisco when you and Ron picked me up."

Sara recalled, "Oh yeah...Jason Jason; Boots Leather. Still, how did he get to the house?"

Maya continued, "From what Wynn said when he talked to the guard at the front gate and he mentioned Ron's name. Wynn just assumed Ron was having a client meeting that evening and didn't even catch on to his last name. I had heard her mention Jed Rae and asked about it. Next thing I know he is at the front door. He walks in and I just ripped into him."

Sara laughed, "Yeah, well I gave him a piece of my mind that evening as well. Then he spins this absolutely bizarre tale about getting into accident the year prior while drunk and being cut a deal if he went into rehab. Then there was Tess..."

Peaches added, "Tess didn't know what was going on."

Maya added, "Yeah it became clear much later on she really wanted no part of his schemes. So anyway, he goes on this spiel about this new site he has and wants us to do the IT install. I still haven't a clue where the money he paid us with came from. I think may be Jason had fronted it to him or he laundered it through one of his pyramid schemes, not entirely sure. Somehow or another all of us, including Laura agree to do this job."

Miss Kitty was confused, "Wait! Why the hell would Laura agree to that? For that matter why was I not around?"

Sophie explained, "You were somewhere else; possibly an interview; don't recall where. Laura was offered a lot of money plus she wanted out of a convention."

Maya added, "Yeah, that was one of the first things we agreed on was a fixed guaranteed amount for Laura. They even covered her travel costs."

Miss Kitty shook her head, "Still doesn't make sense she hates flying and she hates cold."

Sophie told her, "She thought it was a way out and better option compared to The Network Admins of the West conference."

Miss Kitty laughed, "Oh, okay now it starting to make sense. Funny thing is she loved that organization when she first joined. The executive board changed and her and one of the VP's tended to butt heads. She was also pissed that they had moved it from Vegas to Reno. Yeah, Chugwater in that case I suppose would be the lesser of two evils."

Sara commented, "You know that whole job just kept getting more awkward as we went on. I recall the first day when Ron saw the site in person and was overwhelmed by the size."

Lindsay added, "Wasn't just Ron, Andy was freaking out as well. As Ron put it 'looked so much smaller on paper'! Then there was the whole flaming TV incident later that day."

Maya laughed, "Oh yes, the famous flaming TV...really should have let that place burn down!"

Miss Kitty was totally clueless, "Flaming TV?"

Sara explained, "So, Jed had a questionable UPS unit that he couldn't or wouldn't explain where it came from. I don't know if it was left on the site; he had it somewhere else; it had fallen off a truck...anyway Ron didn't like the looks of the unit. He didn't want to connect his laptop to the UPS to test it. So Jed just happen to have this ancient TV laying around that was likely older than Lindsay. Anyway, Ron connected that TV to the UPS. Maya was upstairs near the sever room, but had left to go the restroom. Not sure where I was. Ron and Andy were downstairs in the main office at the electrical panel. Ron said he had shut off only the breaker to the server room when the main breaker tripped."

Maya added, "Yeah, I was coming back from the restroom when the whole building went dark and I heard this loud bang from the server room. By that time the fire alarm was going off and when I got to the server room the TV along with the UPS were on fire."

Sara corrected her, "No, the UPS was a puddle of melted plastic by that point. So, here we are Day 1 on the job and we already had two major set backs. I guess we ended up calling it a day and headed over to The Ranch house to regroup."

Maya continued, "Yeah. So, during that time Bambi and I were a bit serious and I was really missing her. Ron had Jed and Tess sent Peaches up to check on me and the rest is history."

Peaches laughed, "You were so sad when you answered the door, but by the time I left..."

Maya giggled, "Yeah, well I wasn't missing her anymore."

Sara continued, "So, we were eventually able to get the job done. Wynn had stayed behind to visit friends down south which was good as she was able to get us some of the supplies we needed such as more CAT5 cable and a new UPS. Everything seemed to be going fairly well, until we got towards the end. The plan was for Laura to come in the early afternoon and get everything setup so the installed would run overnight. I guess the weather was bad so her connecting flight kept getting delayed."

Sophie recalled, "Yeah she was really get agitated. She didn't like the cold and really didn't want to be stuck a strange airport for hours on end. Once we got there and they got her into a room, she pretty much slept until the next morning."

Sara added, "Of course even her portion of the job had lots of odd problems which caused her to go over the amount of time we had allocated for her. Yet, Jed had no problem paying her the extra."

Maya wondered, "Still don't know how they had the money. Then it gets really awkward. Him and Tess tell me they are going to convert The Ranch into a kinky B&B and ask if Peaches and I could run it. However, they also tell me Peaches needs a 'vacation' and to take her back with us for a couple weeks and 'think it over'. Really didn't understand at the time what the hell he was doing. I would later find out The Ranch was in foreclosure, but they were hoping to avoid auction by trying to get an investor to buy the property and pay-off the loan. It just kept getting more awkward as we went on."

Lindsay added, "You want awkward? How about that last night we were there. It was around dinner time when Dunn Brooks walks into Main Ranch House."

Sara recalled, "Oh yeah, I remember that. You had asked Andy if he looked familiar. I had asked Ron and he had no clue."

Lindsay explained, "Yeah, y'all wouldn't have known him. Dunn and Andy went to vocational school together and were in business together for a while. Right after Andy and I got married, Dunn decided he wanted to do independent work and then Andy and I bought our first store. We'd have Dunn help us once in a while, if we had a complicated repair or build or needed extra help at one of our stores. Andy lost contact with him about the time we had sold the original Catalina Foothills store. We did get back in contact with him again after that incident at The Fountain Hills store..."

Sara asked, "Which incident? There has been several."

Lindsay laughed, "Yeah...true. The Glen Campbell incident!"

Lindsay and Sara both, "Like a Rhinestone Cowgirl!" Miss Kitty along with Maya and Peaches looked at Sara and Lindsay rather oddly. Seeing their confused reactions, Sara told Lindsay, "Best you explain this one."

Lindsay took a deep breath, "Yeah, guess I should. Well, Maya's right we can look back at it now and laugh. So, Andy and I had gotten a call from the Assistant Manager at the Fountain Hills store saying he had several complaints from female customers about the manager's behavior. Andy asked him if he had documented the complaints, which he had. He sent over an email with the dates and times of the incidents. So we reviewed the security footage and were a bit unsettled by what we saw. Inappropriate, yes but not to the point it would be harassment. We really weren't sure what to do. Andy had just hired this guy a couple months prior after the other manager quit and cleaned out his office overnight with no notice. The assistant manager had come in one morning to find that manager along with the contents of his office were gone. We decided we needed to do something quickly before things escalated. We decided to go out to the store the next morning. Now, remember we are living in Tucson at that time. We got up early and made out the store may be an hour or so after it had opened. It was fairly busy when we arrived and Andy said he was going to go talk to the Assistant Manager. I was going to see if I could catch the manager in the act as he had no idea who I was. Andy had hired him and we never had contact with him since. So I am looking around and he comes over and put his hand on my shoulder and asked if I need anything. I remove his hand and tell I am doing okay. He left and disappeared somewhere as I lost sight of him. I had moved over to a different part of the store and a couple minutes later I felt a hand on my ass. I turn around and it was the manager. I gave him a swift knee to the groin."

Miss Kitty cringed, "Ouch!"

Lindsay laughed, "Oh yeah, the whole store heard him scream. Andy made his way to the commotion and the manager starts going on how 'this bitch' attacked him. Andy informed him, 'this bitch' is his wife and the co-owner and he was fired. He started making a scene about wrongful termination and lawsuits until Andy reminded him we had his performances on the security footage. Andy told him to leave now and if ever showed up again he would be arrested for trespassing."

Miss Kitty laughing asked, "Did he end up causing any trouble?"

Lindsay told her, "No, he was all talk and no action. So anyway, Andy was able to reach out to Dunn Brooks about store manager position at Fountain Hills. We had already interviewed Zina earlier that afternoon, but really wanted Dunn to be the manager. He got back to us and said he likely wasn't going to be able to do it as

was about to land a new multi-month contract. He told us he'd get back to us before the end of the day. I guess I wasn't there when he called back."

Sara explained, "You were rather exhausted that evening. Ron and Andy sent me in to help you unwind. Ron took Wynn and Andy over to a wine bar. This was before Maya had moved in with us."

Lindsay recalled, "Okay, yeah that's right he told me the next morning that Dunn had accepted an offer Wyoming. Still, it was just awkward seeing him that evening."

Maya laughed, "Then more so, when he shows up with Tess later on."

Sara added, "Oh jeez, once again I was out with Lindsay when shit goes down! Guess that was when he came out and told us Tess was his girlfriend and Jed was in jail."

Miss Kitty asked, "What did they get him on?"

Maya ran through the laundry list, "Oh let's see, there was real estate fraud, wire fraud, bank fraud..."

Sara added, "Let's not forget racketeering and fraudulent schemes. He did have quite the pyramid scheme going with his various shell companies. Of course his downfall was Peaches and Tess."

Peaches laughed, "He didn't know I was home. He left to see attorney. He left his books out in open and I called Tess. She came over and made copies then told me to keep in safe place...in case of rainy day."

Maya laughed, "Oh yeah, Peaches tells me this when we are at Bio Sphere then I try to call Ron and Martina answers. That was awkward as hell trying to explain to her and Wynn what to look for when I didn't even know what they should be looking for."

Martina laughed, "Oh yeah, I remember that phone call..."

Peaches frowned, "THAT DAY! You blackmailed me into wearing chastity belt!"

Sara looked at Maya who calmly corrected Peaches, "I *challenged* you...not blackmailed."

Peaches mumbled, "Potato, Potatoe."

Martina told Peaches, "No dear, *I* was blackmailed into wearing a chastity belt by Ron. He caught me screwing around with Laura, not to mention taking advantage

of Sara. It was either keep wearing the chastity belt or divorce Ron. Of course, I did end up divorcing him after Valley Shadows closed and we ended up at the fucking amusement park...I mean 'resort' in Nevada. So hated that place. Thankfully Maya had told Marc to have something added to the contract letting us out within 90-days with no penalties. Then Ron somehow got both Marc and myself jobs at The Boulders."

Maya laughed, "Yeah, it was one of those thing I remembered from my Contract Law class I took as an elective. On the subject of chastity belts though I wear my super-max security belt nearly 24/7!"

Peaches complained, "Takes her 15-minutes to get out of damn thing before we can do anything!"

Maya teased Peaches, "Well, there is an easy solution for that. I can lock you into your belt and place both our belts keys in the key safe for a couple weeks."

Peaches shuddered at the thought of being locked-up for than her usual 2-3 days punishments, "No, I am grateful for time we can play together."

Sara giggled, "Wow, we are an odd bunch and that includes you too Lindsay!"

Lindsay looked shocked and innocently asked, "Who me? Well...yeah I am like Maya in the belt nearly 24x7, but it is not a super-max though."

Miss Kitty shifted gears, "So what's next? Laura said there is a big project involving Linda next year?"

Sara explained, "Yeah, Thirsty Cactus. It is going to be on the other side of the highway. Linda purchased three buildings; one for the new home of The Budget Holstein since we are out growing the Scottsdale location as well as a restaurant as she will be moving Corona de las Estrellas. to Scottsdale. Though with what is going on with Kacie and Kayré, that may change. We'll have to see what develops."

Miss Kitty asked, "You said three buildings, but that is only two."

Sara was expecting Lindsay to explain as she had in the past, but she remained quiet, "Um...Lindsay..."

Lindsay was lost in thought on something, "...um yeah...oh yes. The third building will be the new home for PC's and Things as we too are out growing our Scottsdale location."

Sara told Miss Kitty, "So depending on what happens, baring any delays Ron said we are looking at late spring or early summer next year."

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Due to unexpected road work on US 60 we arrived about quarter after 10:00. Jojo and another person were waiting for us. Jojo commented, "Take it you go stuck out in the construction zone out in AJ?"

I told her, "Yeah, sorry about that should've checked that before we left."

Jojo laughed, "Don't worry about it Sadie and I were so occupied with breakfast we lost track of time and just got out here a few minutes ago."

I introduced the rest of the crew, "You know Andy already. Laura, my sister and network guru. Wynn assists on these projects, but mainly project manager. Let's get everything unloaded and we'll see what we are dealing with."

Sadie told us, "Jojo and I can help unload as well, save you a trip or two." Between the six of us we were able to get everything unloaded in one trip.

Upon entering the lobby I noticed a large Toshiba flat screen TV mounted behind the POS island, "Ah good, you got a TV and it is even mounted already. That'll be the last part of this project." I also noticed on the POS island two boxes from Square, "Hmm...good the Square POS terminals arrived. Andy and I will get those setup towards the end as well. Okay, Andy and Wynn who is going into the attic?"

Wynn commented, "Andy flipped a coin earlier and he will be going up there."

I reminded him, "Shouldn't be that bad. We just need the trunk line for the AP's and four drops; two out here and two in the office. Oh, I guess I should let you know Jojo, we are going to be installing Ethernet ports in the office that your docking stations will connect to. Laura, see if you can find somewhere you can work on getting the network equipment configured. I still need to setup test this UPS and then connect the rack's power to the UPS."

Sadie advised us, "We have a folding table and chairs in the store room. Jojo and I can bring those out."

Laura replied, "Thanks that will work. Just need power."

I told Laura, "In my backpack there should be a small four outlet Tripplite power bar."

Laura told me, "Perfect that will do. Okay, I'll get started. Jojo, Ron mentioned CenturyLink left you your IP address and admin info."

Jojo replied, "Yeah, see if I can find that for you." She went to the office and returned a short time later with card and gave it to Laura, "Here you go. Sadie and I will be back with the table and chair."

I told everyone, "If you need me I'll be in the server room along with Wynn." By noon we had the network wiring done and Laura had finished with the basic configuration on the firewall, switch and router. I announced, "Okay folks let's break for lunch!"

Sadie told us, "Jojo and I will take care of lunch there is a Greasy Spoon just around the corner." We followed in the Cruiser, Jojo and Sadie to the cafe. Less than an hour later we returned.

Jojo informed us, "I have some business I need to attend to, but Sadie can take care of anything you need."

I told everyone, "Okay, just quick recap here. The network wiring is done and the AP's are installed. The network rack is connected to the UPS and is hot. Andy and Wynn go ahead and start setting up the docking stations and the laptops in the office. If you guys get done before Laura and I, go ahead start unboxing the Square POS. We will get the rack loaded and everything cabled up. Once Laura finalizes the configuration, I just need to point the sever to the domain and we should be able to start testing the laptops."

Wynn asked, "What about the TV?"

I told her, "That will be the last thing we do as that machine will be local. It only needs to go on the network to access the shared folder for the slideshow."

Sadie informed me, "Oh yeah. Kacie said she placed the file in the folder for this store. Assuming you know what that means?"

I replied, "Yeah I do. Good, I wasn't sure if she was going to get that done. Okay folks, the plan is to be done by 3:00 PM."

Andy and Wynn had he monitors, keyboards, hand scanners and mice setup for the docking stations in less than 20-minutes. They moved on to getting the Square POS units unbox and pre-staged. Laura and I made quick work of the rack. Laura told me, "Okay, just need to wait for these to boot up and run the start-up config."

I told her, "Okay, let me fire up the server that likely take just as long." By 2:00 PM we had the network up and running, including the Wi-Fi. I found Sadie in the lobby, "Sadie, you have your iPad on you?"

Sadie told me, "Yeah."

I instructed her, "Okay, see if you can access the network now. If you are prompted for username/password it is your LDAP."

Sadie looked at me confused, "My what?"

I laughed, "Sorry old habit. What you normally use to login to everything. LDAP is Lightweight Directory Access Protocol."

Sadie told me, "Okay, yeah I vaguely recall that now. My husband does freelance IT. I can get into the inventory system. Huh, Kacie hasn't setup an inventory for this store yet."

I reminded her, "Y'all weren't planing on opening another week or so right?"

Sadie replied, "Yeah, true."

Andy handed Sadie his card and told her, "If your husband is ever looking for something more stable have him contact me."

Sadie replied, "Okay will do."

I asked Sadie, "So what is going on with Kayré and Kacie, last I had heard they were going to back to Tucson, which is part of the reason I have not been able to get a hold of Linda for the last few days."

Linda walked in the door and had only heard the last part of my statement, "Well I am here now."

Sadie laughed, "Neat trick!"

I joked, "It works for telephones too, just start talking about her and she calls."

Linda played along, "Mental telepathy. So, how is it coming along?"

I told her, "About 90% done. Andy and Wynn are working on getting the Square POS terminals connected and I'll get the PC connected to the TV for the slideshow shortly. So, I was asking Sadie what was going on with Kacie and Kayré?"

Linda asked, "How much do you know?"

I reminded her, "Last I had heard they were at The Moon Goddess and did not want to return to Scottsdale."

Linda explained, "Okay, guess I haven't updated you in a while. They are home

now...well there new home. Kacie is going to be operations manager for The Budget Holstein..."

I asked Linda, "...wait what? Thought she was going to be Regional Manager for Wal Mart?"

Linda laughed, "WAS is the operative word. She lasted two days before they fired her...or do she quit?...the jury is still out on that one. She gave them a piece of her mind when they told her she would not be working out of Tucson, but rather Nogales."

I understood, "Yeah, I would be rather upset too. So what exactly is she going to be doing?"

Linda told me, "Basically, what she was before such as inventory/vendors except for three stores now instead of two. Most of it she will be able to do from home so her and Kayré won't be together 24/7. Kinda the way it is with Sara and Lindsay, they both have their own product lines they work and only see each other once in a while at work. You know, I was able to find Kacie and Kayré a really nice newly remolded 2-bedroom condo about 10-minutes from the Oro Valley store. The lease is cheaper than the place they had in Scottsdale. I'll be occupying the residence above the new store once that is done. Olivia and Lizzie will be in the one above PC's and Things."

I had finished getting the PC connected and asked, "Yeah, in the mean time you'll be occupying my Queen Suite. So, what is Kayré doing?"

Linda explained, "She is the manager of the Oro Valley store. Madam Cat..."

Wynn overhead Linda, "Madam Cat?"

Laura told her, "Linda's name for Miss Kitty..."

Linda replied, "Yeah, whatever her name is. Anyway, she is working with Kayré. I hope, this arrangement is going to work out...I think."

I booted up the PC and attempted to map to the network drive. I was prompted for a user name/password, "Hey Sadie, come see if your login works here." Sadie tried to login but could not, "Hmm...could be a permissions issue...let me remote into the sever and take a look." I was able to remote desktop into the server and checked Sadie's account, "Okay, she doesn't have full permissions. While I am here let me look at Claudia and Jojo as well. Odd, none of these accounts do. I don't recall setting up these accounts...Linda?"

Linda asked, "What? Oh no, Kacie would've have done that. What's wrong?"

I explained, "None of their accounts have permission to access the central server...hmm I wonder let me look at the objects for this store...well there's the problem. She created the accounts, but never created the objects for this store. Okay, let me get those setup real quick."

Linda explained, "She likely hadn't gotten around to getting everything setup yet."

Sadie told Linda, "True, this store doesn't have any inventory listed though we do have physical inventory."

Linda told us, "Yeah, that is intentional. Kacie knows what y'all have, but won't add it yet because if she does it will show up when customers are looking at the site. We don't want people ordering from this store yet."

I replied, "Okay, that makes sense, but I didn't think customers were able to order from a specific store."

Linda explained, "Yes and no. Some stores carry exclusive products. Like North Scottsdale carries the Bull Whips. This store will be the only one, at least until we get Thirsty Cactus done carrying Bunny's harnesses. Neither of which I am allowed to carry at Oro Valley."

Laura laughed, "I don't understand how the fuck a body harness is considered an adult item...bullwhip yes...but a harness?!"

Linda agreed, "Yeah, I am clueless on that one as well as they will let us sell corsets."

I had to reboot the sever for the new objects to take effect, "Ah, okay that explanation makes sense. Sever is done rebooting, let me give Sadie, Claudia and Jojo permission to the new objects. I'll exit out of the server and we will try this again...Sadie." Sadie tried her login and was successful, "Okay good. Now, the only time you should need to do this is if this PC reboots. I will create a short cut on the desktop to the slide show. Now let's see if Kacie did create a Superstition folder...and indeed she did. Now, lets see what is in here...well, will you look at that! Let me open this just to be sure." I double-clicked the slideshow and after associating it with an application it opened, "You won't have to do the association again, just double-click to run. You will be prompted to login if the PC has been rebooted. But let's say you close the slideshow and update it, it should start right up when you double-click it again."

Andy had been fiddling with the Square Terminals but couldn't get past the main setup, "Hey Ron. Do you have their Square admin info?"

I told him, "No, that is something they setup when they bought the service. I

don't recall us ever having to provide that though."

Andy theorized, "I think because they were running apps on their iPads which were push-installed through their admin. This is a fresh setup."

Linda suggested, "Perhaps Kacie would know?"

I asked, "Is she available?"

Linda told us, "Should be, let me give her a call....Hey Kacie. Say Andy needs to talk to you about the new Square boxes we will be using at The Superstition Mountain store. Here."

She handed the phone to Andy, "Hey Kacie. So I am trying to run the initial setup on these terminals and it is prompting me for a Square Admin user name and password."

Kacie explained, "Yeah....um let me look those up real quick. Last time I had to use them when we had redone the Oro Valley store and added the new iPads. Ah here we go..."

She relayed the info to Andy. He entered the info, "Perfect, okay it is downloading your image and from what I read this will take a while and the unit will restart a couple times. In theory when it is done, when we boot up it should be to your stores' login screen."

Kacie asked, "Any idea how long that will take?"

Andy told her, "Couple hours. One of the ladies here can try logging in tomorrow or the next time they are here."

Kacie confirmed, "Okay, sounds good. Put Linda back on please."

Andy replied, "Sure." He handed the phone back to Linda, "She wants to talk to you."

Linda headed outside. I looked at the time and it was half past three, "Well, that took longer than I expected. But, we appear to be done."

Sadie joked, "Don't suppose y'all can be here when we open?"

I told her, "We could, you could do a 'soft' grand opening where you open say that weekend, but announce the official grand opening being that Monday. Andy and I could be here say that Sunday just to take care of anything that might come up."

Andy asked, "We don't normally do that do we?"

I explained, "No, but this is a whole different animal, normally we are dealing with already established stores. I guess we did with North Scottsdale, but that was only because you guys were opening your store at the same time."

Andy recalled, "Oh yeah..."

Linda walked in and commented, "You know, there is an empty suite across the parking lot..."

Andy cringed, "Oh god no, we just went back down to two stores."

I added a little fuel to the fire, "But didn't you have four in Tucson AND Fountain Hills?"

Andy laughed, "Yeah plus The Lounge. I have the grey hairs to show for it too...although..."

Wynn and Andy loaded up the Cruiser while Laura and I talked to Linda, "You know we haven't even discussed labor barter for this job."

Linda replied, "Yeah, I know been a bit busy lately with Kayré and Kacie. What y'all have in mind?"

Laura laughed, "Well you mentioned you had bullwhips..."

I told her, "She tried to give one to Sara...I was concerned she would hurt Martina with it. Why would you want a bullwhip anyway...you know what may be it is better I don't know. I'll just make sure I don't get on your bad side when I stay with you down in Marana. Since Sara and Lindsay both work for you, it is not like they don't have everything already. If it is okay with you, I'll just bill you for the labor on my part. You can deal with Laura separately. Let me step out and print you an invoice."

As I stepped out Andy walked back in. I woke my laptop and entered the info for the job. After I had everything entered I opened the glove box and connected the USB cable from the printer to the laptop.

Andy had walked back in and asked Linda, "Do you have the contact info for the property manager here?"

Linda replied, "Yeah...you thinking about opening a store here?"

Andy told her, "I'll have it to run it by Lindsay, but looking on Google maps there is only a couple computer stores out here and they are only open limited hours."

Seems as this is a area would match up well with the demographics of our other stores. Don't say anything to Ron, if he found out before I had a chance to fully research this he'd have me committed to The Moon Goddess."

Linda giggled, "You make it sound like that would be bad thing."

I walked back in with the invoice, oblivious to Linda and Andy's conversation. I handed Linda the invoice, "When y'all can, don't need payment right now."

Linda took the invoice and asked, "Could you e-mail a copy to Kacie as she is the one who handles this type of business."

I replied, "Yeah, I can do that." I turned to Andy, "We good here, anything we should check before we leave?"

Andy told me, "No, I am ready to go."

Linda informed me, "I should be 'home' later this evening. I'm going to have dinner with my ladies here then head back."

I asked, "Do you have a visitor's pass or remote?"

Linda replied, "Gary gave me a remote."

I told her, "Ah, okay that will get you into the community just not to the back part of my property. I'll try to remember to leave the gates open, if not just use the call box and Wynn will let you in."

I estimated it would be about an hour and half before we'd be home. I called Vinnie's and Drew answered, "Vinnie's Drew."

I replied, "Hey Drew, Ron Merlot Lot 15. Say I am going to need several pizzas and wings for about 8-people."

Drew looked at our order history, "Okay, I can put something together. How's 45-minutes?"

I explained, "A bit too soon. I am thinking about an hour and half from now."

Drew acknowledged, "Okay, I can do that see you then."

We headed home and Andy was rather quiet for most of the trip. Laura and Wynn chatted in the back. A little over an hour later we made it back to the house. Sara greeted me in the kitchen, "So, how did it go?"

I told her, "Surprisingly not much issues other than some administrative stuff

that Kacie hadn't fully setup, but I was able to get that all straightened out. "

Sara asked, "Speaking of Kacie, what is going on with her and Kayré, for that matter Linda?"

I recapped, "Linda came in about an hour before we wrapped up. She will be coming back later tonight as she was going to take the staff out to dinner. Kayré is the manager at The Oro Valley store. Kacie...well she either was fired or quit Walmart when they told her she would be working out of Nogales..."

Sara asked, "I thought she was going to be based out Tucson?"

I replied, "Exactly. So, she is operations manager now for The Budget Holstein. She will be overseeing operations at all three stores and mostly from home. Linda said she would be doing inventory and working with vendors and contractors."

Sara understood, "Okay, so basically what she was doing before except from Oro Valley instead of Scottsdale."

Andy had walked into the house and headed up to their office. Lindsay was in the office reviewing the week's upcoming repairs/upgrades as well as checking sales appointments for The Budget Holstein. She saw Andy, "Everything go alright?"

Andy replied, "Yeah...um I need to talk to you about something...let me close the doors." Andy closed the doors and sat down next to Lindsay. He handed her the contact info for the Gold Canyon shopping center, "I want you to look into what they can offer us. However, for now don't say anything to Ron or Sara."

Lindsay took the info and looked it over confused, "What is this and why the secrecy?"

Andy explained, "This is the shopping center where Linda's new store is located. She said they have some empty store fronts."

Lindsay wasn't too sure of what to make of this development, "Wait....you are considering opening another store after all the crap we went through with Fort McDowell, especially since that was my fault..."

Andy corrected her, "Our fault. I should've looked around that shopping center before we did anything. I am concerned that the rent is going to be a lot higher given the area, but then again it is Pinal County and they might be offering incentives to fill in vacancies. Anyway, I don't want to say anything to Ron yet, let us do our due diligence before we jump into this. My preliminary research shows this could be a great opportunity."

Chapter 4: This means (A Bidding) War and We're Not Insane!

Drew arrived a short time later and everyone joined us for dinner. Andy was still unusually quiet during dinner, but I decided not to push him. After dinner most everyone headed to the pool while I returned to my office to see what was upcoming in my job queue. The door bell rang and I just assumed it was Linda. Wynn answered the door to find my Realtor, "Can I help you?"

Christina looked up at Wynn and replied, "Um..may be. Looking for Ron Merlot. I am Christina Mayer, his Realtor."

Wynn told her, "Okay, come on in." They walked into the Library and Wynn told her, "Have a seat and I'll get Ron." Wynn walked over to my office, knocked and told me, "Christina Mayer is here."

I told Wynn, "Ah okay. Wasn't expecting her but send her on in."

Wynn walked back out to the Library, "Madam Mayer, please come this way."

Christina walked in and I told Wynn, "Thanks Wynn." Wynn left closing the doors behind her.

Christina looked around and commented, "Sure done a lot with this place since I had first listed it many years ago. So, anyway...staging on the house took longer than expected and they wrapped up yesterday. We had open house today and I already have several offers."

I asked, "How are they?"

Christina replied, "All at or above asking. You've got yourself a bidding war! You do not have to make a decision right now, all offers are valid until 5:00 PM tomorrow. Y'all can either choose the 'best offer' for you or can ask for everyone to re-submit their 'best offer'."

I told her, "Okay, Sara and I will look over these later and I'll get back to you tomorrow with what we want to do."

Christina told me, "Sounds good." I showed her out. Lindsay happened to be in the kitchen getting another round of drinks for the ladies. I asked her, "Hey Lindsay, could you please tell Sara to come to my office?"

Lindsay told me, "Okay." She returned to the cabana and found Sara, "Ron wants to see you in his office. What did you do?"

Sara laughed, "I don't know." She headed into the house and knocked on my office door, "You wanted to see me?"

I told her, "Yes, close the door please and have a seat. So Christina was here earlier..."

Sara asked confused, "Gary's step daughter?"

I laughed, "Wrong Christina. No, Christina Mayer the Realtor who sold us this house and is listing our former Ashler Hills house."

Sara understood now, "Ah okay, that makes more sense. What's going on?"

I handed her the offers and explained, "They finished staging the house yesterday and did an open house today. We have a Bidding War. So, we either need to find an offer we like or we can ask everyone to resubmit and give us their best offer. We have until 5:00 PM tomorrow night, but would like to give Christina our decision by morning."

Sara looked through the offers, "Hmm, they are all pretty close to each other."

I told her, "Yeah, just the time frame."

Sara asked, "Time or money?"

I replied, "The hard money loan doesn't come due until late November. However, I am paying interest monthly which comes due on the 10th."

Sara looked at the offers again, "Hmm...yeah all are the standard 30-day escrow. The two larger offers are both 45-days."

I told her, "Yeah. Was really hoping there would be an investor who would submit an offer with a shorter time frame. Of course those will usually be for slightly less than asking as they are betting that the quicker escrow will be more appealing than the offer amount versus the asking price. Honestly though, an extra interest payment is not going to make or break me. As long as you don't mind waiting an extra two weeks to get your money back."

Sara laughed, "Like I really spend money...well actually I did this weekend. Paid for Lindsay's and my lunch yesterday as well as our brunch this morning. Regardless, I am fine. So what do you want to do?"

I replied, "Let me run some numbers and sleep on it. I'll discuss it with you before you leave for work tomorrow morning."

Sara left my office and happened to pass Lindsay in the kitchen who told her, "I am going to be working from home tomorrow for the first part of the day. Miss Tucker is coming in during the afternoon so I will be in for her."

Sara told Lindsay, "Okay, sounds good."

After Sara left I took a look at my job queue as well as my pending invoices. I looked at the household finances and while we were lower than I preferred, we were doing okay. I did have a couple pending invoices which I was expecting payment on soon. There was also Linda's job too, but had no idea when Kacie would get around to paying me. I headed out to the kitchen to grab a snack when Linda came in the backdoor. She saw me in the kitchen and joked, "Hope you weren't waiting up for me."

I looked at her and replied, "Not really. Just came in here to get a snack and you walked in."

Linda replied, "Well then, I am heading to bed. Been a long day and need to be at the store early tomorrow." She headed up the stairs and I grabbed a snack before returning to my office.

Around 11:00 Wynn came into my office, "In case you lost track of time it is almost 11:00 PM."

I laughed, "Me, lose track of time? As if that would ever happen...oh wait *how* late is it?"

Wynn laughed, "Yeah thought so. Sara went to bed about an hour ago. Andy and Lindsay about a half hour ago. I did check on your sister and her partner. Has Miss Holstein returned?"

I replied, "Yes she did. A couple hours ago she happened to be coming in when I was over in the kitchen grabbing a snack. She told me she was going to head to bed it had been a long day."

Wynn recalled, "True, she did drive up from Tucson this morning and then had dinner with her staff. Anyway, unless you need anything else I am going to be heading to bed. Though Sophie and I may have some fun for a little while."

I informed her, "Nope, you're good. Don't forget they are here until Tuesday. Also, we are doing dinner tomorrow night at The Unlikely Cowboy." I found a decent stopping point on what I was working on, noted the client's file and shut down for the night. Made my way upstairs and all the lights were out. Upon entering the mater I made my way to the bathroom to change for the night and to set out what I would be wearing the next day. I headed to bed and fell asleep very quickly. I woke up to find Sara was already up and had been in the shower already. I took a brief but intense shower and headed down to the kitchen. Everyone was already in the kitchen, "Wow, haven't seen this many people in kitchen during breakfast in a long time."

After breakfast Sara and I met in my office, "Okay, so I think we are okay doing a 45-day escrow. I'll tell Christina to have everyone put in their 'best offer' by 9:00 PM tonight. Hopefully, we will be back from The Unlikely Cowboy by then." Sara left for work.

A little later Laura came to my office, "Can I come in?"

Her timing was good as I had not started anything yet, just shoveling my Inbox. I replied, "Yeah sure. What's up?"

She asked me, "We are doing the wedding the week of Thanksgiving correct?"

I told her, "Yeah. The Tuesday I believe. Why?"

Laura asked me, "Do you think Linda would let us use the Ranch?"

I asked, "Weren't y'all planing on doing it at your place?"

Laura replied, "Yeah, but I realized that parking is going to be an issue and one of our neighbor's has already informed me they will be having their families from out-of-state coming that week...in their RV's."

I laughed, "Oh boy a couple land yachts hogging all the on-street parking. I am sure Linda would be okay as were are going to be out there anyway during that time. If anything it might be easier on Olivia. Let me see if I can get a hold of her."

I called Linda's cell and she answered, "What's going on Ron?"

I told her, "Got a few minutes, Laura and I need to talk to you?"

Linda surprised me, "Yeah sure. I am assuming y'all are in your office?"

I replied confused, "Yes...you still at the house?" Linda knocked on the office door and I waved for her to come in, "I'll take that as a yes. Thought you were going to get to the store early today?"

Linda laughed, "If it is before Noon it is 'early'." She turned her attention to Laura, "What can I do for you Miss Merlot?"

Laura corrected her, "Myers...anyway due to some logistical issues I am wondering if would be possible for us to hold the weddings at The Ranch?"

Linda asked, "Y'all are already going to be out there during that week correct?"

I told Linda, "We likely will come in on Sunday, and stay until that Saturday, so yes."

Linda told us, "Fine by me. Have you run it by your mother and Blanche yet or even Madam Cat?"

Laura started to correct Linda, "Miss...oh never mind. No, not yet. *Miss Kitty* wouldn't have an issue, but yeah I suppose we should confirm with our mother and Blanche."

I informed them, "I can try to get them on the horn, although at this hour on a Monday we may not be able to reach them."

Linda asked, "Still asleep?"

Laura laughed, "God no! Either out on the golf course or still having breakfast at the cafe in the Pro Shop."

Meanwhile Lindsay had the upstairs to herself and headed to her office. She felt it was still early to call the property manager so she took a look at the shopping center via Google Maps. From what she could see from the street view photos it appeared to be well occupied, which was the opposite of the Fort McDowell center. Later on she called the property manager and they informed her there were three suites available and they quoted her the terms and rates. She made notes of this information so she could compare to what they were paying in Fountain Hills, Scottsdale and the failed Fort McDowell locations. They also informed her they would be onsite the next day. After getting off the phone with the property manager she compared the rates. Much to her surprise even though the three suites were all larger square footage the rates were a lot less than what they were paying currently. She gave Andy a call, "So, I talked to the property manager earlier and they have three suites available. All of them are larger than what we have now."

Andy replied, "Yeah, it appears most of the suites in there were larger like Linda's store. Well...you weren't there with us. I'd say it was about the size of our Casa Adobes store. So, how bad are the rates?"

Lindsay told him, "Actually, less...a lot less than we are paying now. Even less than the disastrous Fort McDowell location."

Andy asked, "What do you think?"

Lindsay thought, "Not sure, what I saw on Google Maps this center is more established."

Andy told her, "Think it was built in the late 90's."

Lindsay asked, "What about staffing?"

Andy replied, "I have lead on a possible manager, husband of one Linda's friends in Gold Canyon. There are a couple other computer store out there that seem to operate on limited hours so might be able to poach someone from there...will need to do more research on that. If we go this route, I'd handle that aspect and you could take care of getting to the store leased. If you want, run it by Ron...in fact I'd *rather* you do as if he hears it from me he'd think I was insane!"

Lindsay laughed, "I don't know, I think we might both be insane for doing this. Well, when I was downstairs earlier Laura and Linda were in Ron's office. I'll check again shortly."

Back at my office Linda announced, "Well, do need to get going. See you tonight for dinner." She left my office leaving Laura and I.

I called our mother and Blanche answered, "Oh hey Ron. Your mother is still out with her golfing friends. Anything I can help you with."

Laura let her presence be known, "Blanche, I am here with Ron. Anyway, I wanted to run it by you two about changing the location of the wedding to The Holstein Ranch instead of my house. Seems parking is going to be an issue at my place. Ron already has the Ranch reserved for the week of Thanksgiving anyway."

Blanche told us, "Don't think it much matters where we have it, just as long as we have it. I'll let your mother know when she gets back."

After we wrapped up, Laura asked, "So, you have some new toys I understand?"

I replied, "Yeah we do. I'll have Wynn show you around." I paged Wynn to my office, "Hey, can you show Laura, Madam Cat and Sophie our new toys?"

Laura laughed, "Now you are calling her that!"

I realized what I had said, "I'll blame that on Linda!"

Wynn left with Laura and I was about to call Christina when Lindsay came into my office, "You busy?"

I joked, "I am always busy, but no I have a little time what's up?"

Lindsay prefaced, "We're not insane..."

I laughed, "This cain't be good!"

Lindsay explained, "So Andy and I are considering opening a store in Gold Canyon..."

I sighed, "Okay, that explains why Andy has been so quiet. Yeah, Linda planted the idea in his head."

Lindsay replied, "Well, we are doing our research this time to make sure we don't have a repeat of the Fort McDowell store. From what Andy has told me about this visit out there yesterday and what I could see on Goggle Maps this center appears to much more occupied. The problem with Fort McDowell as we were one of the first in there."

I told her, "Yeah. It is very difficult to get exposure and foot traffic if there is nothing to bring said foot traffic. Curious, how are the rates?"

Lindsay told me, "Surprisingly a lot less than we are paying now and for more square footage. Andy wants me to handle this part and he will take care of getting a manager and techs.."

My cell phone started ringing, "Oh, my mother has returned for her morning round of golf. Hello."

Lorena asked, "So Blanche mentioned you and Laura called, something about changing the location of the wedding?"

I explained, "Yeah apparently one of Laura's neighbors are going to have family from out-of-state staying in RV's. So she was concerned parking would be limited."

Lorena replied, "Ah I see. I assuming you talked to Linda about this?"

I told her, "Yeah and we already have The Ranch for that week as the family comes down for Thanksgiving anyway. She is fine and said it would be easier on Olivia too."

Lorena asked, "Olivia?"

I explained, "Yeah she is friends with Linda's daughter. Her mother and late Linda's husband used to run the Cantina. She does the event planning and being she lives at The Ranch with Linda so it would be easier for her to coordinate everything."

Lorena understood, "Okay. Well, let Laura and Miss Kitty know we are fine. As Blanche told you, we don't care where, we just want to do this."

I confirmed, "Okay. I'll let Linda know tonight. Laura is a bit tied up right now so

I'll let her know later as well." I turned my attention back to Lindsay, "So Andy want's you to handle procuring the site? Sure that is a good idea after what happened with Fort McDowell?"

Lindsay laughed, "Probably not, but we are making sure we are doing our homework this time. Speaking of which, the property managers said they will be on site tomorrow. Since you know where this center is located, would you be able to take me out there tomorrow sometime?"

I checked my schedule and told her, "Hmm, looks like Madam C...Dang it Linda...Miss Kitty and Laura will be leaving in the morning. So may be after lunch?"

Lindsay checked her tablet, "I might have a client....oh no...not until Thursday. Yeah, let me block out tomorrow afternoon."

I laughed, "Yeah I suppose I should too. Let's see how should I do this? Ah here we go: 'PC's and Things: Superstition Mountain consult'. I still think you guys are insane, but hey people called Laura and I insane for starting our own niche business many, many years ago. Look at this way, Fort McDowell was teaching moment and you learned from the mistakes made there. Insanity is doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result."

Meanwhile down in the playroom Wynn showed Laura and Sophie the spanking bench. Laura was impressed, "Nice, how did Ron get this?"

Wynn explained, "Gary called him one day asking if he would like to trade the wheel for this bench."

Miss Kitty commented, "Oh, so that is what is missing is the bondage wheel."

Wynn replied, "Never really used it much. Anyway he ended up having this shipped from New Mexico to Gary's Deer Valley store. Gary and Lulu brought it over and setup after we moved back in. So who is going to try it out first?"

Everyone was expecting Sophie would be the first 'victim' but Laura declared, "I do!"

Miss Kitty was surprised, "Okay, well I want to try out one of those hogtie trainers. So Sophie can have the honors of spanking you!"

Wynn asked Sophie, "You know how to secure her?"

Sophie looked at the restraints on the bench and replied, "Seems fairly self explanatory!"

Wynn laughed, "Okay now Madam Cat...I mean Miss Kitty, we need to get you into a body-stocking and put your hair into a ponytail."

Laura was wearing an over-bust corset paired with a long skirt and high heel sandals. Sophie informed her, "You are going to need to ditch the skirt and heels." Laura removed her skirt to reveal an elaborate twelve strap garter belt with matching thong. Sophie commented, "Now THAT is a garter belt! Okay, get on and I'll get you setup."

Wynn and Miss Kitty headed over to the toy closet. Wynn was looking around, "Still not sure where everything is..."

Miss Kitty saw a harness ball gag she liked, "Well I found myself a gag!"

Wynn commented, "There is one similar with an attached blindfold."

Miss Kitty grinned, "Oh...hmm maybe Sophie could use this for Laura." While Wynn was searching for a body-stocking Miss Kitty walked back into the main playroom and called out, "Hey Sophie! Got something here for you to use on Laura!"

Sophie had just finished securing Laura to the bench and asked, "A paddle?"

Miss Kitty laughed, "Not quite. Wynn should be able to locate one for you." She handed the gag to Sophie, "This should keep Laura somewhat muted when you take out your aggression...I mean spank her!"

Sophie took the gag from Miss Kitty, "Ah yes...this would do well. Let me go see if Wynn has a paddle."

Wynn walked out with a body-stocking still in the retail packaging, "Lynette, I found you a body-stocking The dressing rooms are around the corner."

Miss Kitty took the package and went to go change. Sophie asked Wynn, "You have paddles?"

Wynn laughed, "Those I know where they are, yes we have a wide selection." The two ladies headed to the closet where Sophie found a couple paddles to her liking. Sophie returned to Laura on the spanking bench and while showing Laura the gag and paddles commented, "This should keep things somewhat quiet while I use these on your derriere!"

Laura struggled against the restraints and in a joking fashion asked, "Is it too late for me to change my mind about this?"

Sophie placed the gag harness around Laura's head and replied, "It is!"

Miss Kitty had returned to the main playroom wearing the body-stocking and carrying her harness gag. Wynn handed Lynette an elastic band so she could put her hair into a ponytail. Next Wynn assisted Miss Kitty in getting the harness gag sans the blindfold on her head, "I'll attach the blindfold once you are in the trainer. Okay, lay down on your stomach and start crawling backwards. I'll guide you onto the dildo. Miss Kitty did as instructed and soon felt her pussy being impaled by the metal dildo. "Okay, that looks good for now. It will go deeper once you are fully 'hogtied'...now curl your legs back." Wynn placed Lynette's legs into the hops and secured the top cover. "Now, reach behind you and put your arms through the elbow loops, I'll guide you on to the wrist loops." As Wynn pulled on Lynette's arms, she felt the dildo creep deeper into her pussy. Wynn secured the top plate of the wrist restraints, "Lastly, is to attach your ponytail to the stand and attach the blindfold. Wynn had Miss Kitty secured to the hogtie trainer and told Lynette, "Will leave you here until lunchtime. Now, let me go check on your partner and maid."

Wynn walked to the other side of the room to see Laura secured on the bench. She saw Laura's garter belt and commented, "Nice garter belt...so that's where all her money goes!"

Sophie commented, "Not really, she doesn't spend big money on clothes. I believe Miss Kitty gave it for her from a Budget Holstein vendor sample."

Chapter 5: A Series of Unlikely Events and Family Dinner

I had finally had a chance to talk to Christina and told her to have everyone who was interested in the Ashler Hills property to submit their best offers. I had a couple hours after lunch that I thought I should be able to get some work done. Later that afternoon Linda came to my office, "Ron we need to chat." I looked up and replied, "About what?"

Linda laughed, "Well...a lot..so over the past few days, has been a series of Unlikely Events. Late last week the condo Kayré and Kacie were leasing flooded. Apparently the upstairs neighbor *tried* to replace their water heater. The neighbor's insurance covered the property damage and we had renter's insurance. So, until I could find another place for them they were staying at the Ranch. Now, later that day I got a call from my attorney saying there were some issues with the investor who was purchasing The Ranch and Corona de las Estrellas. From what I understand the investor was expecting funds from something he was selling which would have given the funds to do the purchases of my properties. He wanted to back out of the purchase contract for Corona de las Estrellas. but still purchase The Ranch. My attorney informed me that if he did that, technically it would be a breach of contract as the contract specifically states they must purchase both properties. So both are now off the market and I have decided not to sell either."

I replied, "Honestly, I could not see you selling The Ranch and defiantly not Corona de las Estrellas. after all you and Olivia have done after Hal's and her Mother's deaths. So what's going to happen with them?"

Linda continued, "Well...Kayré and Kacie are going to live at The Ranch. Lizzie is going to move in with them as well."

I added, "Ah okay, so until the new Corona de las Estrellas. is done."

Linda laughed, "That's not going to happen. Marc told me on Friday that Scottsdale Planning Commission was considering some changes to Thirsty Cactus. We had requested a variance for Corona de las Estrellas. to be able to operate past the 9:00/10:00 PM 'curfew' but were denied."

I was confused, "What 'curfew'?"

Linda explained, "So, with the exception of Sprouts and the restaurants, they want businesses to shut down by 6:30 PM Sunday-Friday and 7:00 PM on Saturdays. Restaurants could remain open until 9:00 PM Sunday-Thursday and 10:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays. We had planned on staying open until at least 11:30 PM most nights and 1:00 AM on weekend. Anyway, that wasn't meant to be so it works out with us being able to keep the original. I will try to find someone to lease or buy that building."

I was trying to recall who would be occupying what buildings, "Okay, so you are still going to take the residence above The Budget Holstein, but what about the residence above PC's and Things?"

Linda informed me, "But wait, there's more!"

I laughed, "Of course there is!"

Linda continued, "Since the section where PC's and Things is located is at a higher elevation than where The Budget Holstein is located those building are going to be restricted to two stories. I discussed this with the McGrawl's and since they don't want to use the residence for themselves, they'd rather have that as retail space. Plus it knocks quite a bit off the cost of the building too."

I recapped, "Okay, so let me see if I have this correct: Kayré and Kacie along with Lizzie and Olivia are going to be staying at The Ranch which you are not selling along with Corona de las Estrellas. Once Thirsty Cactus is done you will live in the residence above your store. PC's and Things is going to be retail space only. Miss anything?"

Linda told me, "No, I did though. Lizzie will be or actually I think she already

is...bar tending at the Oro Valley Corona de las Estrellas. Anyway, need to head over the Scottsdale store real quick, will meet you at The Unlikely Cowboy. Oh and it is okay if I bring Dundee?"

I told her, "Don't see why not. We have the patio reserved and I am sure Gary will bring Lulu with him since they were meeting at his home office this afternoon. They called earlier asking my thoughts on redoing the Henderson and Deer Valley offices."

Chapter 6: PC's and Things Superstition Mountain Check and 'Bambi The Bounty Hunter'.

The next morning after breakfast Laura and Miss Kitty along with Sophie left to head back home to Marana. Before they left Laura informed me, "Since we were your first guest in your new suite, we'd give it a positive review."

Miss Kitty added, "Yes, really nice. Private, but still close to the rest of the house."

Laura asked, "So we won't meet up again until the Wedding?"

I told her, "In theory yes, unless something goes wrong at Budget Holstein or Acme. I have no idea what the time line is for the PC's and Things Superstition Mountain store..."

Laura was surprised, "Wait...what?! They are going to have a store in Gold Canyon?"

Lindsay walked in and explained, "Not sure yet. Ron and I are going to check out the site today. We are not going to have a repeat of Fort McDowell, that's for sure!"

Laura commented, "Never saw your Fort McDowell location, but from what Ron and Andy have told me that center was dead. This one seemed fairly busy, even for a Sunday."

Lindsay explained, "It really wasn't that it was 'dead' it was more we were only one a of couple tenants in that center. We were in there too early."

After they left Sara and I reviewed the offers for the Ashler Hills Property. We were down to three offers this time around and we picked the one we liked the most. I called Christina and informed her, "We have decided to accept the Morrison's offer."

Christina informed me, "Actually, they withdrew their offer earlier as they were a 'back up offer' for another property which went back on the market this

morning.”

Sara and I looked at each other and I told Christina, “Well, hadn't expected that. Um, crap let us review the remaining two offers...they both still active?”

Christina laughed, “Far as I know, neither one of them were contingent or had offers on other properties. You guys have until Noon to make a choice.”

I told her, “Yeah, we'll get back to you.” After I hung up with Christina I turned to Sara, “Well that was unexpected. So, which do we go with now?”

Sara looked at the two offers, “They're both pretty much the same. 30-days and the nearly the same asking price. Do we have the submit yet another offer or we just pick-one?”

I told her, “I don't want to keep asking for them to submit offers. I guess it is coming down to flipping a coin. Head Gomez; Tails Parker.” We had Wynn flip a coin and informed Christina of our decision (though not how we arrived at said decision). Sara headed over to The Budget Holstein and after lunch Lindsay and I headed out to Gold Canyon. I commented on the way out, “Sure been going out here a lot recently.”

Lindsay told me, “I appreciate you doing this for us. Like I said we want to make sure we don't make the same mistake we did with Fort McDowell.”

I explained, “Well, it is good y'all learned from what happened there.” A little while later we made it to the center.

Lindsay explained, “They said they would meet us at suite 5-4, wherever that is.”

I laughed, “Well Linda was 3-15. As I recall, the first digit is the building number and the second is the unit. So, in theory if we find building 5 we should be able to locate it.” With a little dumb luck we found building 5 which was next to buildings 3 and 7. We located Suite 5-4 which had the name of the management company on the door, “Well, this must be the place.”

A tall and slender red-head who I swore could have been Maya's twin sister greeted us, “Hello I am Janice. Lindsay and Andy McGrawl?”

I informed Janice, “Actually I am Ron Merlot. I am a consultant and business partner for The McGrawl's.” Pointing to Lindsay, “However, you are correct this is Lindsay McGrawl.”

Janice corrected herself, “Sorry. Mister Merlot and Madam McGrawl.”

Lindsay informed Janice, "Lindsay is fine."

Janice continued, "Okay, so you have interest in opening a computer store here. How did you find out about this center?"

I explained, "I am also consultant and IT contractor for Linda Holstein."

Janice thought for a moment, "Holstein, hmm sounds familiar."

I told Janice, "Yeah, she is opening The Budget Holstein over in 3-15. Anyway, my crew was out here with Andy on Sunday to the IT install at Miss Holstein's store. Seems she talked Andy into opening a store out here. Lindsay is the one in charge of procuring the site."

Lindsay explained, "This is more of research visit. About a year-ago we had opened another store up near Fort McDowell which we ended up closing a few months later. We discovered it was too close to our existing Fountain Hills location and the center was too new for us."

Janice understood, "Well, we are quite a ways from Fountain Hills and Scottsdale. Also, this is a very well established center with direct access to/from US 60. If you are talking about the center I am thinking of, there was not direct access from AZ 87 and they shouldn't have been leasing without an anchor or to someone who wasn't already established. It would have made sense if say you were relocating your Fountain Hills location, but trying to attract new business when there isn't any doesn't work."

Lindsay laughed, "Yeah we learned that the hard way. So when I talked to you yesterday you mentioned you have three suites nearly all the same size?"

Janice told her, "Yes. They are spread out, through there is one near Miss Holstein over in building 4. That one is larger and is a free-standing building with all corner suites. That was at the upper end of the pricing I had given you."

Lindsay explained, "That pricing is well below what we were paying at Fort McDowell. Can we take a look?"

Janice told her, "Sure let me let my partner know I am going on a showing and we'll head over there." We waked over to the building and Janice continued, "Like I said is the largest, and most expensive."

We walked in and Lindsay looked around, "Wow. Reminds me of our old Tanqua Verde store."

I commented, "I don't think I ever saw that one. There was Catalina Foothills and Casa Adobes."

Lindsay explained, "Yeah that was our third store. The original Catalina Foothills was our first which we put a lot of money and work into which paid off. Casa Adobes we went to expand and discovered that the Insurance Office that had occupied the suite prior had been a Beauty Parlor sometime prior."

Janice asked, "Where were these stores?"

Lindsay explained, "Tucson. Where Andy and I are originally from. We left a couple years ago..."

I informed Lindsay, "Umm...more like 10-years ago."

Lindsay looked at me in shock, "It's been that long...jeeze. Anyway we decided to come out to the Phoenix area since we had the location in Fountain Hills."

I asked Lindsay, "How does this compare to the forthcoming Thirsty Cactus location?"

Lindsay told me, "That one is going to be smaller because of the residence above. We have not had anything out here as big as we did in Tucson."

I informed her, "Actually Linda found out that Scottsdale changed the zoning for that section of the center and the building is only going to be two stories instead of three."

Lindsay replied, "Yeah, Andy mentioned that might happen. Hmm...interesting so we are going to have more retail space as we will move the tech and inventory to the second floor."

I laughed, "Yeah well, Linda mentioned it to me yesterday along with Kayré and Kacie moving into The Ranch. Oh and I don't think I told you the wedding is going to be at The Ranch instead of Laura's place, something to do with lack of parking at her place."

Lindsay looked around a bit, "Okay. So, would need to get Dundee out here to build our tech area. We don't need this much inventory space."

I joked, "But, you can never have *too much* inventory space."

Lindsay laughed, "Yeah, that's what Kayré said about the Scottsdale Budget Holstein before we remodeled. We found all kinds of interesting stuff buried in that store room that we had no idea we even had. Of course now Kacie manages the inventory and let's us know if we have stuff we should be trying to sell or send down to Tucson. Any idea when we could get Dundee out?"

I reminded her, "He mentioned last night he was working on a large job out in Vistancia for next week or so."

Janice told us, "Take some photos and I can provide a copy of the blueprints for the suite for your contractor. This suite has been available for a couple months now and there really has not been much interest."

Lindsay replied, "Okay, that could work. Can you show us the other two suites?" Lindsay snapped a few photos and Janice took us over to the other locations. The first one was near a cluster of restaurants and there was not much open parking, "Hmm...too many food places, too little parking."

Janice told us, "Okay, yeah that is understandable. The last one is in a more retail oriented area. Couple insurance offices and a video store."

I laughed, "A video store, thought those went the way of the pay-phone!"

Janice laughed, "Yeah. Ironically they have been there since the beginning and I guess that is the reason they there are still in business."

We went over to that suite and Lindsay walked in and walked out, "Nope, too small! Got spoiled seeing that larger one we saw first."

I peeked in and observed, "Yeah! Geez this reminds me of that watch shop you guys took over at Far North Scottsdale a few years back."

Lindsay replied, "Oh yeah the tech area was that suite. Wow it has been a while. So, yeah I think we would be interested in doing the first suite you showed us. Still need to run this by Andy and hopefully Dundee can give us an idea of what it would cost us to retrofit for our needs."

Janice advised, "Okay, let's head back to the office and I'll get you the information for your contractor."

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Later that afternoon Lindsay and I returned to the house. I had plans on trying to get some work done on the current project before dinner. However, upon walking in the house Wynn informed me, "Gary's got a search party out for you! He told me to send you over to his house upon your return."

I groaned, "Oh great! Well, I suppose I best head over there before he hires a bounty hunter. Let me grab my notebook and tablet."

Wynn told me, "I think he already did!"

I walked over to the Zinfandel's and rang the door bell. Bambi answered and exclaimed, "Oh cool the \$100 bounty is mine! Come on in Gary is expecting you." I followed Bambi into Gary's war room and noticed both Lulu and Cristina were in there as well. Bambi announced, "I brought him here, where's my \$100?"

Gary told her, "Talk to your sister, she hides...I mean handles all the money." Turning his attention to me, "Nice of you to join us Ron!"

I replied, "You make it sound like I had a choice; anyway whats up?"

Gary explained, "As you might recall we had asked you yesterday your thoughts about redoing the stores..."

I firmly explained, "To which I had explained, I really didn't want to take on major projects such as this until after Thirsty Cactus. At the very least not until after the weddings in November."

Cristina told Gary, "I told you he was going too busy. You need to remember he has other clients."

Gary laughed, "But, I am a Premier Client..."

I reminded him, "No, you are not. Linda Holstein is a Premier Client you are a..."

Lulu added, "Pain in the Rear client!"

I laughed and told her, "I was going to say 'Special' client."

Bunny happened to walk in with a Dr Pepper for me and added, "Oh he is 'Special' alright! Here's a Dr Pepper for you."

Gary asked, "Okay, so I know you don't want to do anything until after the wedding, but could you and Andy come out to Henderson later this week and do a consult?"

I asked for clarification, "What exactly do you want us to 'consult' on?"

Cristina explained, "We have a list!" She handed me a two page list, mostly it was 'problem children' PC's but also a list of upgrades including a redesign of the production area.

I told them, "I can't do this now. I need to wait for Andy to get back tonight and will also want Wynn to go over this as well, she is the project coordinator for these type of things. I'll give you a call this evening when we are free, now if you excuse me I need to get back to my office, been out all afternoon."

Gary was a bit surprised, "Oh okay. Yeah, let me know..."

Lulu corrected him, "Us...Let *us* know."

Cristina added, "Yes and sorry for dragging you into this blindly Ron."

I returned back to the house and Wynn saw my look of frustration, "I take it that did not go well?"

I explained, "Yeah, seems Gary even after I told him yesterday I wanted to wait on taking on his projects is trying to push for stuff to be done at the Henderson store. He wants Andy and I to go out later this week for a 'consult'."

Wynn asked, "What the heck does he want you to 'consult' on?"

I laughed, "He had a two page list. I glanced over it, looked like mostly repairs, but then the last page was something about re-configuring the production area. I told him at that point I wasn't going to do this now, not without you and Andy."

Wynn was trying to understand, "What then would you do there?"

I explained my theory, "I am guessing look at the problem systems and determine if they were worth fixing now or later and/or replacing. Same would apply to the production area, though I didn't look into that scope of his project in all that detail. I left the laundry list there after I put my foot down. I need to get some work done before dinner been out most of the afternoon. Ask Andy to come over to my office when he gets back in." I headed over to my office to review my job queue and see if I could somehow find a way to squeeze a visit to Henderson into my already packed schedule. I looked at my email and saw a notice from PayPal of a payment from The Budget Holstein. Also had an email from a client who was I supposed to start working on their job next threatening to cancel because we were not 'staying within their agreed time frame'. I reviewed the project notes and saw Sara and I had bid on this job several months ago and they had wanted it completed about two months ago. However, there were issues with their hosting provider that they were 'trying' to resolve instead of using one of my preferred providers. The more I read the project notes, the more I was more than happy if they did indeed cancel. I got to the end of the notes and saw an entry from Wynn earlier today, apparently they had called while I was out with Lindsay. I paged Wynn to my office and commented, "I see Arrow Jammer called earlier."

Wynn laughed, "Oh yes, Miss Arrow. She was not very happy with the delays on *our* end."

I laughed, "Our end!?"

Wynn continued, "I know and yet I reminded her, their hosting provider was still not in PKI compliance. I'd suggested if their provider were still struggling to do so, that perhaps she should find a new provider. She suggested she would find another developer in which I explained if that is what they want to do, put it in writing."

I told her, "Well she did. It has been eight months since we bided on this project and there are more notes on this project than those which have been completed. This is not worth the aggravation and hell, I'll even refund their deposit. This will work as I am not scheduled to start anything for another week. So if I can wrap up this current project shortly; a consult in Henderson may not be all that bad at least scheduling wise."

Wynn confirmed, "So process a cancellation on this project and issue a full refund?"

I told Wynn, "Yep. Now let me finish this current project and I will be able to do this consult." Wynn left my office and a couple minutes later I saw an e-mail from Paypal showing we refunded the deposit for the Arrow Jammer project as well as a copy of the project cancellation email we sent to the client.

About an hour later Andy came in, "Hey Ron, Wynn said you wanted to see me?"

I saved what I was doing and explained, "Yeah, so Gary put a bounty out on me earlier while Lindsay and I were out this afternoon at Gold Canyon."

Andy laughed, "A bounty!? How much are you worth and was that dead or alive?"

I replied, "About \$100...alive, I'd be useless dead! Anyway, he wants us to go out to Henderson later this week and do a 'consult'."

Andy asked, "What exactly does he want us to 'consult' on and I thought you made him aware you were not taking on any new projects until after we were done with Thirsty Cactus."

I confirmed, "Yes, I did tell him that yesterday when he asked my thoughts. Anyway Cristina had a laundry list of 'problem children' PCs. There was something about him wanting to reconfigure the production area, but I didn't look into it that much. By that point I told him I wanted you and Wynn there and I would get back to him this evening."

Andy explained, "Well, Lindsay is working late tonight because of the visit to the Gold Canyon site and a client. So, whatever works for you and Wynn."

I replied, "We should be free after dinner. I'll have Wynn give them a call and setup a time." I paged Wynn to my office once she came in I explained, "Let Gary

know we are free after dinner to meet with him.”

Wynn acknowledged, “Okay. I processed the cancellation and refund for Arrow Jammer.”

I confirmed, “Yes, I saw the emails. Hopefully that is last we will hear of them.”

After Wynn left Andy asked, “What was Arrow Jammer.”

I laughed, “A royal pain in the rear. We bidded on that job eight-months ago and been waiting for their hosting provider to become PKI compliant. They refused to use one of my preferred providers and got tired of waiting on me to start the project so they want to go with another developer. Nice thing is my schedule is free for a week once I complete this current project.”

Wynn returned and informed me, “Talked to Bambi we are going to split your bounty 50/50. Gary, Cristina and Lulu will be back from dinner around 6:00 PM so I told her we'd be there around 6:30.”

Andy agreed, “Works for me. Lindsay won't be back until after 8:00 PM.”

Chapter 7: 'Consult' and Repairs

Later in the evening Andy, Wynn and myself went over to the Zinfandel's. Bambi answered the door, “Gary is expecting you. Wynn, Bunny has your half of the 'Bounty' on Ron.”

We walked into Gary's War Room. Cristina saw us, “Nice to see you again Ron. Sorry about my step-father's behavior earlier.”

I told her, “That's okay, just wasn't expecting to be ambushed as soon as I had returned. Okay, so Cristina can you explain for Andy and Wynn what it is you want us to do?”

Cristina explained, “I am asking for your crew to come to the Henderson site and evaluate our current IT operations including during production hours. I worry that we are putting a greater demand on the systems then they can handle. Further, as I had showed you earlier, we have several PC's which are having issues. Finally, and this kinda goes back to the first part, we are going to expanding the sales and development by adding extra headcount.”

Andy asked, “May I see the list of your 'problem children'?” Cristina handed Andy 'the list' and he reviewed, “Hmm, a lot of BSODs. Could be a bad batch of memory. Ron what were the systems we were using?”

I replied, “I don't recall of the top of my head. Wynn you have your tablet, can

you check?"

Wynn reviewed, "Appears we did custom builds on most and Deluxe 2.5 systems."

Andy laughed, "Oh wow 2.5, we are on 4.0 now. Hmm, Deluxe 2.5 would have used 4 GB stick of DDR3 RAM. I know we still have a bunch new old stock at North Scottsdale. Let's see what else we have...ah 'Operating System Not Found'...which likely means drive failure. There are few won't power on which could either be a faulty power supply or bad system board."

I asked, "Gary and/or Cristina when did you want this 'consult' done and how long did you expect us to be out there?"

Gary explained, "We would charter with Geoffrey and Norah leaving Thursday afternoon. We should be able to get to the office shortly after closing. This would give y'all a chance to review the problem children as well as see what we currently have going on."

Cristina added, "We for sure like you there during operations on Friday so you can evaluate the demand and load."

Gary concluded, "We would be back at Deer Valley by late Saturday morning."

Andy I talked for a moment, "So from what I make of this laundry list I'd say about 70% of their issues should be simple fixes; replace memory and or hard drive. I don't think we need to get too involved with the won't power on units."

Cristina explained, "We still have a couple back up PCs so we are good there if you can get the others working again."

I explained, "Okay we can do minor repairs while we are there. As Andy mentioned, that is replacing memory and hard drives. Of course for those which we replace the hard drive the system will need to re-imaged. Those take about an hour each to complete. I am hoping that everyone is using the network storage for their documents, projects and whatever?"

Cristina confirmed, "Yes, everyone knows that anything saved to their computer hard drive will not be backed up."

I continued, "Okay good. So, this sounds like it is going to be a band-aide fix until we can upgrade/replace. I need to be firm on this we can not do any type of non-repair work until after Thanksgiving."

Cristina advised, "Well I'd rather we wait on that until after the first of the year as we are going to be coming into our 'busy season' soon and rather not be making drastic changes during that time. Besides, I am still not certain what we are going

to do with the sales and development. I believe we can address that better after your consult on Friday?"

I was trying to work this out in my head as likely would have to get Laura involved. I asked, "Don't y'all usually shutdown between Christmas and New Years?"

Lulu confirmed, "Yes we do why?"

I explained, "Laura should be coming up for Christmas and she normally takes the entire week off. One of those concessions the Resort makes for her in exchange for her working/being on call at pretty much any other time they need her. Sort like this weekend she had 4-days off because they had her on a project the prior weekend. Let me give her a call and confirm." I stepped out the war room and went out to the back patio and called Laura.

Laura answered, "Checking to see if we made it back okay?"

I laughed, "Guess so. Quick questions, you going to be off from Christmas to New Years and you coming up this way for Christmas?"

Laura advised, "Well, with me taking the week of Thanksgiving off, I wasn't sure. But, they told me I have way too much vacation time and since I been doing six-day weeks they didn't have an issue with me taking the weeks of Christmas and New Years off. With those two weeks off I should eat up enough vacation time to put me halfway to the maximum allowed. Why?"

I explained, "Gary is pushing us to redo Henderson. Andy, Wynn and I will head out Thursday to try to patch up a couple dozen PC's they are having issues with. We suppose to do an evaluation on Friday to see how their IT infrastructure is performing."

Laura asked, "Are they experiencing issues or just want to see where they are?"

I told her, "I am not sure, I do know Cristina mentioned they are going to be adding more headcount, but with her wanting us there during their 'peak' time I am wondering too if they are having performance issues."

Laura advised me, "I should be able to login remotely into their Layer 3 Switch and take a look. I'll try to do so throughout the day. As always with Gary, let me know when you know more."

I laughed, "I know what you mean. Shall do."

I headed back inside and told Cristina, "So, yes Laura will be up this way during the week of Christmas. I would think this would be a good time as any for us to

do upgrades. She will also be remotely monitoring the Henderson Network on Friday. She will make recommendations of any changes that may be needed based on what she sees as well as your desire to add more head-count. So, unless Andy has conflicts we can do the consult started this Thursday afternoon."

Andy explained, "I make my own hours, just will need to make sure Doyle or Zina can cover, though shouldn't be an issue."

I told Gary, "Okay then, that takes care of Henderson. Madam Lulu, what do you have?"

Lulu was confused, "I wasn't aware we were going to do anything with Deer Valley yet."

I elaborated, "I was thinking more along the lines of if you had 'problem children' of your own. I am not so concerned with demand/load at your location as the bulk of the operational demand is out of Henderson. I figured since we will already be at Deer Valley come Saturday and have parts with us we could take care of your 'problem children'."

Lulu told us, "Yes, I do have some 'problem children' as well, mostly the same as Cristina. I'll make a list over the next couple days."

I told Gary, "Okay then. Let me know what time you want to leave on Thursday."

Andy, Wynn and I returned to the house. Upon walking into kitchen we were greeted by Sara and Lindsay having dinner. Sara asked, "So, what's Gary got you doing now?"

I explained, "For now, patching up some computers and evaluating what needs to be upgraded/replaced come the end of the year. Andy, Wynn and I will be leaving Thursday afternoon and be back sometime Saturday. We are going to also check on Deer Valley while we are out that way on Saturday."

Sara asked, "So does that mean we get to use the Quail Suite?"

I reminded her, "You two can use it anytime as a playroom as long as we don't have guests, which we won't for now until around Christmas time when Laura and Miss Kitty along with my mother and Blanche come back up."

Later that evening Linda came to my office, "Hey Ron, would you have issues if Kacie and Kayré were to stay here Friday and Saturday nights?"

I told her, "I don't think so, not too sure about Sara and Lindsay though."

Linda understood, "Yeah, Kacie did get a little hostile with Lindsay according to

Kayré. Kacie would like to make amends with both Lindsay and Sara.”

I replied, “Well, that's good. They can stay in the Presentation Room. Just beware, Andy, Wynn and I have been called out Henderson for a couple days starting Thursday afternoon. We will also be doing some work at Gary's Deer Valley office on Saturday. I expect us to be done by that afternoon, so I should be able to grill that night. Best warn, I mean I let Sara and Lindsay know.” I paged Wynn to my office and asked her to find Sara and Lindsay. A few minutes later Wynn returned with Sara and Lindsay. I told Wynn, “Stick around as you should be aware of this as well.”

Wynn asked, “Aware of what?”

I replied, “Linda...”

Linda explained, “So Kayré and Kacie are coming up with me on Friday as they have some business they need to take care of out here. Plus, Kacie wants to make amends with both you Sara and Lindsay. I do hope this will not cause troubles with you two?”

Lindsay replied, “Don't think so.”

Sara explained, “I have no issues with Kacie, Misses Bordeaux and I get along great once she got over being dumped on me by Kacie.”

Linda laughed, “That says a lot for your Sara, Misses Bordeaux is not the easiest person to get along with, especially when she gets bounced around.”

I explained, “Saturday evening we will grill.”

Sara got to thinking, “May be we should have Maya and Peaches come on out Friday night. We can do Brunch on Saturday. There's a place Maya was talking about over in DC Ranch she wanted to try out.”

Andy joked, “When the boys are away, the girls play!”

Linda informed me, “I'll be leaving tomorrow and will be in Tucson until Friday. Claudia and Sadie will be handling the unofficial grand opening next weekend.”

Andy asked Linda, “Hey, on the subject of Sadie could you ask her to have her husband give me a call. If we moved forward with the Gold Canyon store, we might be interested in hiring him if he is looking for full time work.”

Thursday morning I completed the current project and had a couple hours to get ready. That afternoon Andy, Wynn and I took the Cruiser and picked up Gary. We headed over to his Deer Valley office then over to the Helicopter Charter. I joked,

"These charter flights are going to get expensive."

Gary laughed, "That depends on how I 'pay' for them, you barter on labor, I barter on flights!"

Chapter 9: When The Boys are Away The Girls Play and Next Victim Participant!

Lindsay had been working from home up in her office most of the day was not even aware we had all left. She thought the house seemed fairly quiet which was confirmed as she passed by my empty office on her way to the kitchen for a snack. Upon coming into the kitchen she noticed Wynn was not around and finally realized she was by herself. As she munched on her bagel she was thinking of how she could prepare herself for Sara. She called Sara, "Hey when you going to be home, no one else is here?"

Sara told her, "Not for at least another couple hours, Misses Bordeaux stopped in with her youngest daughter. So I am kind of busy right now. I'll give you a call when I go to leave."

Lindsay sighed with disappointed, "Okay, I'll try to keep myself occupied."

Sara joked as she hung up, "Do try to stay out of trouble now!"

Lindsay finished her bagel and went back up to her office. She was trying to focus on putting together some outfits for her client, but her mind kept wandering. She was wearing her belt and decided before she got herself into trouble by letting herself out of her belt, she should lockup her key. Sara had bought Lindsay her own electronic key safe after they moved back to the house, though Lindsay had yet to use the safe. She retrieved her belt key from the wall safe in their office and placed it in the key safe. She set the timer for four hours as she figured they'd likely would be having dinner somewhere once Sara got back. Lindsay went back to work, but still couldn't focus. She wasn't going to be meeting the client until Saturday afternoon anyway so it was not like she needed to get this done now. She headed down to the playroom closet to take a look around. She found a simple lockable collar with leash, a set of high security handcuffs modified with an attached d-ring and set of ankle cuffs on a short chain. She found a small padlock for the collar and larger lock for the cuffs. She already had her favorite harness gag and all the locks for it up in her office desk. She grabbed the toys and headed back upstairs to her office. She looped the leash through its handle then around the foot of the chaise lounge. Next she took the gag and locks out her desk drawer and set those on the chaise along with the cuffs. She unlocked everything and placed the keys on her desk, well out of reach from the chaise. She went back to her desk and spent the next couple hours trying to work on her project.

Finally around 5:00 PM Sara called, "Hey there! Almost done, should be leaving in about 10-minutes or so. Just need to finish writing up their order."

Lindsay was getting excited, "Okay...I'll be *waiting* for you in my office!"

Sara knew what Lindsay was saying and wondering what she would find when she got home. Lindsay was not wearing much, a simple racer back cut tennis dress along with nude stocking with sandals and her belt. She removed the dress and opted to leave everything else on including the white sports bra. She put on and locked her gag, then the collar. She put the ankle cuffs on then laid down on the chaise. She reached down to the floor and picked up the leash attaching it to the collar. She then placed the larger padlock through the D-Ring on the cuffs. She cuffed her hands behind her back and then curled her legs behind her. She was flexible enough she could pull her ankles quite a ways back. She grabbed the chain of the ankle cuffs and was able to loop it through the hasp of the padlock, snapping the lock shut. Lindsay rolled over on to her side. She had trussed herself up tighter than she expected and at the same was even more horny as she waited for Sara to come home and release her.

About 20-minutes after she had called Sara came home. She headed upstairs and called out for Lindsay. Since she wasn't getting a response from Lindsay she figured Lindsay must have gagged herself. Sara headed into the McGraw's office and saw Lindsay hog-cuffed on the chaise lounge. Sara laughed, "The things you do for me!" She noticed Lindsay was in a sports bra, "Interesting choice..." but then saw the tennis dress draped over the chair, "Ah okay I understand now." She walked over and smacked Lindsay's behind a few times and then told her, "I am going to take a shower and freshen up. Shouldn't be more than an hour..don't go anywhere!" Sara left the room before Lindsay could respond (well as best as she would've being in the gag). Lindsay wasn't expecting to have to remain in the position she was in for such time. Luckily for Lindsay, Sara took a quick shower and came back into the office in her black widow corset with a high-low black skirt. Sara found the set of keys on the desk and removed the padlock connecting the two sets of cuffs and removed the cuffs from Lindsay's wrists. She handed Lindsay the keys, "You should be able to get out of the rest. I need to go find my ankle boots, they must still be in the playroom. Go ahead and get dressed then meet me downstairs." Lindsay took the keys and quickly got out of all of the bondage gear. She gathered everything up and tossed it the bottom drawer of her desk. She went across the hall into her room and found her matching skirt and black widow corset and a pair of 5-inch black ankle boots. She thought about leaving on the stockings she was wearing but decided to change into black pair. A few minutes later Lindsay came down the stairs into the Great Room and saw Sara on the sofa reading the local paper. Sara saw Lindsay, "Nice outfit! You ready?"

Lindsay blushed, "Thanks, kinda followed your lead. Where we going?"

Sara admitted "I have no idea. How about that Baja Cantina place down in DC Ranch?"

Lindsay laughed, "Works for me!" They arrived at the Baja Cantina and waited a short time for a table. Both of them ordered Margaritas along with dinner. Since Sara was driving she only drank about half of her Margarita, Lindsay however ordered herself another. After they ate their dinner Lindsay was getting quite giddy and the high tempo Mexicana music was getting to her. She grabbed Sara and told her, "Let's dance!"

Much later in the evening they made it back to the house. Lindsay was exhausted for the dancing and drinks while Sara was from her longer than expected day at work. They ended up both falling asleep on top of Lindsay's bed still in their belts and without doing anything together.

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Meanwhile Gary, Andy, Wynn and I landed in Henderson. Gary informed Geoffrey we'd be leaving Saturday morning then told us, "Cristina should be meeting us shortly." Cristina arrived shortly in her Hummer H3 and took us over to the office.

Cristina advised us, "Most everyone has left for the night. There are still a couple people over in sales, but they'll be out of there shortly. I went ahead and flagged the problem children for you! Gary and I have a meeting with our department managers, so I'll check on y'all later"

Over the next couple hours Andy and I worked on the problem children. Andy addressed the PC's with the bad memory while I replaced the failed hard drives. Luckily I had brought plenty of Windows PE USB sticks with me as there were almost a dozen units which needed to be re-imaged. Gary returned later on and asked, "So any luck?"

Andy told him, "So far so good. Replaced the memory and they seem to be booting up all the way to the LDAP login screen now."

I advised Gary, "Have about 10 machines which I replaced the hard drives. Re-imaging them now. Looks like all of them are now loading the image so the hard drives are being detected. There were a couple that the SATA cable had come loose, likely from vibration. Those booted fine was the cable was re-seated. Still going to be an hour or so for all of these to re-image"

Cristina walked in, "Well if that is the case, you don't need to babysit them anymore, how about some dinner?"

Andy replied, "Sounds good to me, I am starved."

Gary beat me to the punch line telling Andy, "You're always hungry!"

We headed over to a Caribbean restaurant for dinner. After returning to the office Andy and I checked on the re-imaged systems and all appeared to be working as expected now. Cristina told us, "We'll drop you off at the hotel. If you want breakfast tomorrow do so in the hotel restaurant as we won't have time to go somewhere before we start." Cristina dropped us off at Suites Hotel. Andy and I each took a room while Wynn slept on the sofa. The next morning we met down in the restaurant and Andy asked, "So what exactly are we doing today?"

I joked, "'Observing'....now what exactly we are observing I have no idea." I happened to check my phone and noticed a calendar invite from Cristina, "Okay...Cristina has schedule for a four-hour meeting starting at 8:00 AM. Looks like she wants to go over the expansion."

While we were waiting for Christina or Gary to get us Laura called, "Morning Ron. I remotely logged in now and so far everything seems normal."

I told her, "Good, use that as a baseline, most of the staff has yet to come in. We're not even out there yet. Cristina has us in a meeting so I likely won't be able to talk to you until this afternoon."

Laura replied, "Okay. If anything looks out-of-whack I'll let you know right away, otherwise I call this afternoon with my observations."

Cristina and Gary arrived in Cristina's Hummer. As we headed over to the office Cristina commented, "I sent you an invite for a meeting with the production and sales department heads. We're going to be discussing our plans for the future expansion for next year."

Andy and I mostly observed and took notes as Cristina and her team leads explained how they were going to be adding additional head count and some of the new projects they would be doing. About mid-way through the meeting my phone started ringing as I muted I noticed it was Laura, "Hmm...something not good as Laura is calling. Let me step out and take this..."

I stepped outside of Cristina's office and took the call, "Hey Ron, so I am noticing a lot of traffic on the R&D VLAN. Looks like they are trying to upload some large files. I am going to reallocate some bandwidth from the other VLANs to this VLAN. Looks like we will need to upgrade the switch at some point with one that has more throughput on the ports. Otherwise, things look good overall."

I told her, "Okay, I'll let them know. Send me an email so we can discuss this later."

I returned back to the office. Cristina asked, "What's going on?"

I explained, "Laura noticed R&D is uploading large amount of files and using a lot of bandwidth."

Cristina explained, "Yeah, we do a weekly backup of their projects about this time each Friday."

I told her, "Well, Laura is reallocating some of the bandwidth from other parts of the network to cover them. We will need to replace the switch with one that has a higher throughput. Otherwise, everything else seemed to be okay."

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Friday afternoon Linda returned to the house with Kayré and Kacie. Linda showed them to the presentation room, "Okay, this will be y'all's room for the next couple nights. I don't think anyone else is home right now as Ron, Andy and Wynn are all in Henderson with Gary. Sara and Lindsay should be home in a couple hours. I believe they said Maya and Peaches would be coming down and they would be bringing pizzas for dinner."

Kayré replied, "Okay. I think we are going to go hang out down at the pool."

Later that afternoon Sara and Lindsay returned home. They saw both Kayré and Kacie at the pool and went over to join them. Sara announced their presence, "Hey you two!"

Kayré replied, "Hola Senoras!"

Kacie replied, "Hello. So, I owe you two an apology. I was a bit bitchy with you two, mostly with Lindsay towards the end there. For that I am sorry. I am also sorry for pawning Misses Bordeaux on to you Sara."

Lindsay explained, "Thank you. I had been dealing with some management crap with PC's and Things that morning and really didn't need that from you at the time. But, sometimes we all are not our best."

Sara added, "You know, once Misses Bordeaux decided to give me a chance and not let her emotions of being 'passed off' to someone else everything seems to have worked out. What's done is done. But there's no use crying over spilled perfume. So anyway, Maya and Peaches will be over with pizzas in about a half hour. After dinner we will split into partners and play. Tomorrow after Brunch and until Ron and the crew get back, we can use the playroom."

Kacie headed over to the pool house. Meanwhile, Lindsay was getting excited, "Oh boy, we get to spend some time together!"

Sara joked, "We work together, we live together and we already spend plenty of time together including last night. We had dinner, we danced and then slept together. No, you will be with Peaches tonight; Kayré and I will be together; Maya will be Kacie."

Lindsay replied, "True, but we were too tired and all we did was *sleep*. Well, I sure hope Peaches won't be as skittish this time around."

Sara explained, "Don't think that will be a problem. Maya has had Peaches in her belt nearly continuous since Tuesday. She's been slacking off on doing her share of the chores around the condo, so Maya threatened to belt her. Peaches made the mistake of thinking Maya was bluffing. So she will be desperate. It was Maya's idea for you two to play and she recommended using Peaches' current situation as leverage."

Lindsay was confused at first, "How so...oh. So, if she wants to be let out she needs to please me...got it!"

Kayré laughed, "Oh this is going to be fun. I remember the first time we played around many years ago and I was so drunk I ended up wearing one of your old belts. Kacie and Maya..I am not sure what to make of that."

Lindsay offered an observation, "They're both very similar personalities, headstrong and stubborn."

Sara agreed for the most part, "Yeah, but Maya can be submissive at times too."

Kayré joked, "Oh so, Maya is basically a louder and taller version of Kacie! Well, they should get along great then."

Lindsay added, "Or kill each other..."

Sara assured everyone, "Nah, she's not as aggressive after her stay at The Moon Goddess last year."

Kayré was unaware of Maya's stay, "Wait she was at the Moon Goddess last year?"

Sara explained, "Yeah she was there for a couple weeks."

Kacie returned and asked, "Miss anything?"

Kayré explained, "Sara is going to split us all into pairs and we will 'play' tonight. You are going to be paired with her sister, Maya. Maya stayed at the Moon Goddess for a couple weeks last year."

Kacie replied, "Okay..."

Maya and Peaches came into the back drive in Maya's Daisy Duke Jeep. Sara hadn't seen the Jeep before, "So this is the famous Daisy Duke Jeep you traded with Martina's Hummer."

Maya told her, "Yep. It suits us well. Heck of a lot easier on the pocket book and to park than the Hummer. We have tons of food where shall we setup?"

Sara commented, "Well since everyone is already out here and it is nice evening why don't we eat out on the Cabana?"

Maya replied, "True, do love these October evenings. Works for me! Peaches come help me with all this." Peaches grumbled something about being in the belt. Maya reminded her, "Now dear, I told you if you were good, I'd let you out of the belt tonight. But, I don't know now, with that attitude might just have to keep you in your belt for the remainder of the weekend."

Peaches had been locked in her belt for over 3-days now and really didn't want to be in it any longer, "Sorry. Me help!"

Maya was putting on a show as she had planned on giving Lindsay the key that evening anyway, "That's better. There just may be hope for you. Now, let's eat before these pizzas get cold!"

After dinner Sara announced, "Okay, now that is done we will split into pairs for the rest of the evening. Maya and Kacie you two will be in the Quail Suite, Lindsay and Peaches you will be in Lindsay's room and Kayré and I will be in The Presentation Room. Any questions?"

Maya raised her hand and asked, "What is the Quail Suite?"

Sara realized that while they have gotten together since moving back into this house, Maya hadn't been to the house, "Oh, yeah you haven't seen the new suite Ron had built. We'll have to get to it from within the house since don't have my house keys on me. Come."

Maya and Kacie followed Sara back into the kitchen. Sara headed down the stairs to the playroom. Maya observed the new setup, "Wow, you guys really expanded this."

Sara told her, "Yeah, Ron had Dundee do a lot down here. Will be spending good chunk of time down here tomorrow after Brunch. Come." The girls headed towards the dressing rooms and went out to the great hall, "Okay, so to the right is the new entrance to Ron's shop. Down the hall to the left leads out to the drive. Ahead here is the inside entrance to the Quail Suite, there is also a door within

which leads outside." Sara opened the door and they all walked in, "Closet on the right then around the corner here is the entrance to the bathroom and the main suite."

Maya saw the bed and commented, "Oh, so Ron kept our old bed."

Sara joked, "That's the reason he had this suite built was to accommodate that Alaskan King bed since it would not fit anywhere else in the house."

Maya asked, "Seriously?"

Sara explained, "Well no. He wanted to give Lindsay and I a space where we could play as well having another guest suite. Since Linda is staying with us off and on in the Queen Suite until Thirsty Cactus is done next summer.. That too, Andy and Lindsay occupying the King Suite along with your old room. That just left the old Presentation Room...which it was never used as such when you were here. Ron had already had his office and library remodeled by the time you had moved in. Anyway, this is where you two will be for the night."

Kacie told Maya, "Hope you left a trail of bread crumbs so we can find our way back. My bag is upstairs in the room across from Miss Holstein."

Maya told her, "My bag is still in the Jeep."

Sara explained, "You can go out this door here to the drive. Kacie you can come into the kitchen then take the stairs up. Actually, since I am going to be in there with your partner, just follow me." The three of them headed out the door to the drive.

Maya grabbed her bag from the Jeep and told Kacie, "I'll be waiting." Kacie followed Sara into the main house and then up to the Presentation Room.

After Kacie grabbed her bag Sara told her, "Just go back the down the stairs into the kitchen then take the next stairs down to the playroom. Once you come into the playroom, just keep going straight to the dressing rooms and then out the doors there. The next door ahead of you will be to the Quail Suite where Maya is waiting for you."

Kacie laughed, "Okay, hopefully I can make my way back." With a little luck she managed to make her way back to the Quail Suite and found Maya, "Well that was a journey, but made it back. So you still delivering pizzas?"

Maya told her, "No. Finished my pharmacy tech program and ended up getting a job down at Banner Greyhawk not too far from here. Peaches took over as manager as the old manager took my job. So, last I had heard you were going to go back to Walmart."

Kacie laughed, "Yeah that didn't go as planned. They told me I could have the Tucson Regional Manager position; what they didn't tell me was it was Tucson 'area' and it would be based out in Nogales."

Maya commented, "Sorry, I have no idea where that is, not from around here. I only know Tucson because of Ron's family and Linda."

Kacie explained, "Nogales is on the Mexico border, about an hour south of Tucson."

Maya replied, "Well that's not very good."

Kacie laughed, "Nope. I said something that were not very 'lady like' and then tendered my resignation before they fired me. So Kayré mentioned you spent some time at The Moon Goddess?"

Maya told her, "Yeah, was dealing with a lot of crap and something to do with our father finally pushed me over the edge. So what do you want to do?"

Kacie explains, "Not sure... Kayré usually initiates."

Maya suggested, "Well we need to get you out of these clothes. Does Kayré have you in a belt?"

Kacie laughed, "Sort of, I wear it more for her, not because she makes me."

Maya removed her dress and explained, "Well, in the case of Peaches both of us wearing is a way for me to control her behavior. I can punish her by keeping myself belted as she knows I will not do anything with her as long as I am in the belt. However, she could take 'matters into her own hands' if you know what I mean. She's been in her belt since Tuesday as she was not keeping up with her share of the chores around the condo. She was giving me an excuse she was too busy with work. Problem with that is she works less hours and is closer than I do and has way less chores to do too. I think she lost track of time playing Hearthstone."

Kacie noticed Maya's belt, "Good lordly lady what the hell is that!?"

Maya laughed, "Oh this cool thing? Just my super-max security belt. Extra thick cut-resistant waistband. The secondary shield protrudes about 1/2 inch out so my labia are isolated from either me touching or being rubbed against the primary shield. The primary shield is attached to my pussy which is sealed shut with 4 button piercings and another piercing on my clit hood. All secured with a super high security pick and cut proof puck lock. Now, where did I put the key for this?"

Maya turned her back to Kacie and bent over to search for the key in her bag. Kacie noticed the tight thong back of the belt, "Can you even poo with that thing on? That cable looks fairly tight."

Maya told her, "Oh yeah, the thong cable prevents any type of anal penetration. With my diet I don't poo that much, but yes I can. Just use a wet wipe to clean up afterwards then followup with a shower."

Kacie looked at her shock and asked, "You wear this voluntarily!?"

Maya laughed, "Yeah nearly 24/7. I really only time I am not wearing it is when Peaches and I are doing the wild thing...when she is behaving, which lately has not been much...ah here's my key!" She took the special 5-pronged star key and unlocked the belt while Kacie observed as Maya slid the primary shield off the buttons."

Kacie knelt down to get a closer look, "So you have your pussy pierced closed. How do you get these off?"

Maya told her, "Just like regular piercings they unscrew on each side. Might take a little more effort this time around as haven't removed them in a few weeks and I used some Loctite on the threads too as a couple kept coming loose. Peaches tends to exaggerate about how long it takes me to get out of all this. She says it takes 15-minutes, more like 5!"

Kacie was unaware the one of the middle buttons also had an attached plug until Maya pulled it out, "Geez, you wear a plug too! Kayré had me try that one time, just drove me crazy."

Maya laughed, "That is kinda the purpose!"

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Meanwhile in Lindsay's room, Peaches was grumbling about being in the belt, "Get this thing off me!"

Lindsay let out a wicked smile, "Not so fast. You need to 'earn' your release."

Peaches whined and pouted, "Not fair!"

Maya had told Lindsay earlier what to expect from Peaches and how to use it to get what *she* wanted. "Wow, Maya was right about you. Turning into an ungrateful whiny bitch. You know she told me when she gave me your key I didn't have to let you out. Actually, I'm fine Andy and I did it a couple nights ago so we don't need to do anything. I have a key safe we can put your key in and set it for 48-hours. I'll just need to go across the hall to my office..."

Peaches was a little slow to catch on, "She said I was whiny?...wait no, no, no I do anything for you...let me out."

Lindsay told her, "Okay, let me get out my belt and then lets see how quickly you can bring me to orgasm just using your tongue. Now, where I did put those handcuffs....ah here we go. Put your hands behind your back." Peaches did as she was told and Lindsay cuffed Peaches hands. "Okay, this will be easier on you if you are on the bed." Both girls got on top of the bed and Lindsay removed her skirt and unlocked her belt. Peaches went to work on Lindsay's pussy and within a few minutes brought Lindsay to the first of several orgasms.

Lindsay told Peaches, "Not bad. Okay, let me go pee and then I'll let you out the belt." Lindsay used the bathroom and returned with the key to Peaches' belt. She unlocked and removed the belt. She noticed the belt had an attached vaginal plug. As she tossed the belt on the chaise next to her own she commented, "Man, you must have really pissed of Maya if she installed a plug into your belt!"

Peaches confessed, "It snowball. First she was mad because I was not brushing Cream daily. How was I know dog shed so much if I not brush her! Maya put belt on days later when I not cleaned all hair. Couple days ago she added plug when she discovered I not doing the laundry....she didn't have clean dresses. Told her I was busy at work, but she not buy it!" Lindsay laughed. Peaches tried to rub her pussy, but couldn't with her hands behind her in the high security cuffs, "Get these cuffs off!" Lindsay smiled and told her 'no'. Peaches responded with her trademark whine, "Not fair!"

Lindsay told her, "Okay, may be it is not. Let's fix that." Peaches had assumed that meant removing her cuffs, but instead she watched as Lindsay opened the drawer of the nightstand and pull out another set of high security handcuffs, applying them to her wrists behind her back. "Okay, now it should be 'fair'!" Peaches had a look of defeat as Lindsay had made it 'fair', just not to her liking. Lindsay told her, "Lay down on your side and face me." Peaches did as she was instructed and the two girls pleasured each other in the 69 position.

Lindsay manage to wear out Peaches and ended up falling asleep herself shortly thereafter. A couple hours later she was awoken by her full bladder and made her way to the bathroom. Lindsay coming out of the bathroom had woken up Peaches, "Angel, can you get cuffs off, my arms hurt?"

Lindsay thought for a moment, "Umm...not sure where the keys are. I think they are across the hall in my office. No one else is on this side of house so I can get over there without worrying about being seen." Lindsay opened the door to her suite and looked around just to be sure no one was around. She could see across the stairs to the other side of the house by the Presentation Room and Queen Suite. The hall was dark so she figured no one would be coming around. Lindsay

made it to her office and fumbled around with her hands still cuffed behind her back in the bottom drawer of her desk for the cuff keys. She finally found the keys and was able to get herself out of the cuffs. She walked across the hall back to her suite and found Peaches sitting on the bed. She directed Peaches, "Stand up and turn around."

Peaches did as she was instructed and Lindsay removed the cuffs from Peaches' wrists. As Lindsay put herself back in her belt, Peaches asked, "Do I put my belt on now?"

Lindsay told her, "I don't care. I am just so used to wearing my belt, I feel naked without it."

Peaches frowned, "You weird!"

Lindsay laughed in agreement, "Yeah, I am!"

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Over in the Presentation Room Kayré sat on the bed and asked, "Got any wine? Need something to unwind."

Sara told her, "Should have a bottle of something down in the kitchen, any preference?"

Kayré replied, "Don't much matter to me." Sara headed down to the kitchen and grabbed a bottle of wine out the wine fridge along with a couple glasses. She returned to the Presentation Room to see Kayré had removed her dress. She was wearing a black long line bra with attached garters holding up her black fishnet stockings. Sara opened the bottle and poured each other a glass. Kayré took the glass from Sara, "Thanks. So mother says you and Miss Bordeaux seemed to have hit it off."

Sara took a sip and replied, "Yeah. I worked with her and one of her younger daughters yesterday."

Kayré laughed, "Wow, she is actually letting you work with her daughters that's something. Even though Kacie was her personal shopper, she always insisted Mother assist her daughters."

Sara explained, "She never asked for Linda, in fact when she called yesterday morning she specifically asked for me and if my schedule was open for her."

Kayré told Sara, "Well, to be honest she never much liked Kacie. I think it was more because Kacie came off as 'I have better things to do'. As much as I hate to admit it, Kacie pawning her off to you was one of the best things she did for the

store. Just wish she would have been more graceful about it." Kayré took another sip of wine and confessed, "I do miss having you around; having someone to talk to. There are some things I rather not discuss with my mother and Olivia is not around much when I am home."

Sara asked, "So how are you and Kacie doing now?"

Kayré explained, "Better, I think. It helps that I am away from her for 8 to 10-hours a day while I am working at the store. She stays at home and works out mom's old office when she is not out with suppliers. The Moon Goddess visit confirmed what I had suspected; we were getting tired of each other. But, I do think this arrangement works well." She finished her glass of wine and told Sara, "Now lets have some fun!"

Sara was still in her armor and hadn't had a chance to grab her key, "Yeah. Um, let me go back to my room and get of this armor. I'll be back!" Sara headed into her suite then to her closet. She picked up the key safe removing the top and dug around for the key to her armor. She thought to herself, "I've got way too many chastity belts, can't find the right key! Ahh...here it is!" After removing her skirt and top, she took the key reaching behind her to unlock her armor. She placed the armor on the table along with the skirt and top in the closet. She grabbed and put on thong and bra so she wasn't completely naked, not that there was anyone else around other than Lindsay and Peaches on the other side of the house. Linda would have no reason to come out as the room she was staying in had an attached bathroom other than may be to go to the kitchen. Sara walked down the hall back to the Presentation Room.

After Sara walked back into the Presentation Room, Kayré grabbed and threw Sara on to the bed. Next thing Sara knew Kayré was sitting on her face. Kayré told Sara, "You know what to do!" Sara went about licking Kayré's pussy and clit. After a couple orgasms Kayré dismounted Sara and then removed Sara's thong and then went to work on Sara's pussy.

Sara hadn't had an orgasm in a while and she could feel a powerful orgasm building, "Oh god Kayré! I don't know if I can handle this..." As the orgasm hit Sara let out a scream and then passed out.

Kayré laughed, "Damn I've gotten good at this!" She kissed Sara, put on a pair of shorts and then hopped into the bed next to Sara.

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The next morning everyone met down in the great room. All the girls were wearing various color corset dresses and fishnets with leather high heeled ankle boots. Linda came down to the Great Room dressed similar to everyone else and asked, "Can I come along too?"

Sara told her, "That works. Maya, Peaches and Lindsay come with me. Linda you can follow with Kayré and Kacie." She then turned to Maya and asked, "Where is this place anyways?"

Maya told her, "It is close to the entrance from Thompson Peak Parkway, west side of the Safeway."

Sara was trying to recall the layout, "Okay, so it is not with the other restaurants then?"

Maya informed her, "No, it is in the same building as the Safeway. You can't miss it once you see it."

A few minutes later they arrived and the seven of them made their way inside. Everyone order their food and drinks then chatted. Sara informed everyone, "So when we get back we will spend time down in our new and improved playroom!"

Maya laughed, "Improved?! Besides the new layout how is it 'improved'?"

Sara told her, "We have a new spanking bench and for that wisecrack, I am going to put you on it!"

Maya joked, "Oh I'm really scared!"

Sara replied, "Whatever!"

Linda informed them, "I won't be staying, going to head out and spend the day with Dundee. I might end up staying the night, so don't wait up for me!"

Kayré joked, "Mother's got a boyfriend!"

Kacie added, "Told you so!"

Linda laughed, "Maybe...anyway if I do end up staying the night, I'll message you."

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After returning from Brunch, Linda headed out to see Dundee. Lindsay headed over the to Budget Holstein as she had a client later that afternoon, the one she was trying to get prepared for the other day. Meanwhile Sara had not forgotten her 'promise' to Maya. She told Maya, "You might want to change out of that dress."

Maya laughed, "Okay let me head over to the Quail Suite and change."

Sara noticed Peaches was staring at the bondage stand. She walked over and asked Peaches, "You want try that?"

Peaches was really 'just looking' but figured she give it a try, "Okay..."

Sara told her, "You will need to change out that dress as well. What else did you bring?"

Peaches replied, "Shorts and tank top."

Sara explained, "That will work. Need to find you some ballet boots." Kacie came over and tapped Sara on the shoulder causing Sara to jump backwards. She turned around and saw Kacie, "Geez, you scared me. What do you need?"

Kacie giggled, "Sorry. I want to do Kayré on the table, how do I get her setup?"

Sara was starting to sound like a broken record, "Well, she needs to get out of that dress. The straitjacket and collar are in the cabinet under the table. Gags, blindfold and cuffs in the closet by the dressing rooms."

Maya had returned wearing red capris and sleeveless top. She told Sara, "Peaches should be back her shortly. Need help getting her into the stand?"

Sara told her, "Yeah and I need to find the keys for those locks, I believe they are on the wall near by. I don't believe she knows about the wand."

Maya laughed, "Oh...payback! I'll go find one in the closet along with a gag."

Sara joked, "Oh and we should turn the stand to she can see me spanking you...in fact I think she should be able to see Kayré being serviced on the gyno table by Kacie too!" Maya went to the closet to find the supplies she needed while Sara went over to get the stand prepped. She turned the stand so Peaches had a clear view of the spanking bench and a partial view of the gyno table too.

Maya came back with the wand, gag and an extension cord. Peaches returned in shorts and tank top along with black opaque tights. Maya handed her the gag and she complained, "Really?!"

Maya taunted her, "Would you rather spend the rest of the weekend back in your plugged belt?"

Peaches grabbed the gag from Maya and replied, "Fine!" After she installed the gag Maya helped her into the stand while Sara started securing Peaches ankles and wrists.

Sara picked up the neck restraint and handed Maya a rectangular padlock, "You

do one side, I do the other. Then I will install the wand." Peaches was not aware of the wand and was not too sure if she was going to enjoy or hate it. Sara and Maya locked the neck restraint in place securing Peaches firmly into the stand. Sara looked at the Hungarian girl rigidly locked into the stand, "Man, she fit's perfectly. Here I was thinking the 5-inch boots were going to be too much."

Maya had installed the wand and commented, "She looks hot in those black tights. They won't stay dry for very long!" Maya switched on the wand and as she was to walk away slapped Peaches on the ass, "Enjoy the show!"

Kayré had returned wearing a black sleeveless top and purple capris with black fishnet stockings. Once Kayré was gagged, blindfolded on the table, Kacie helped her into the straitjacket and placed the collar around Kayré's neck. Kacie secured Kayré's feet in the stirrups and then guided her back to get the d-ring on the collar to engage the clasp. Once Kayré was secured to the table Kacie pulled back her hair and tied into a bun. She then took a pair of handcuffs and attached them to the stool then closed them behind her back.

Peaches tried to move around in the stand but found she was not able to do so. At that the moment the vibrations of the wand on her pussy were pleasing. She glanced over and saw Kacie and Kayré over at the Gyno table and she started to get excited. She again tried to shift her body to get the vibrator to hit her clit, but she was too tightly secured. Meanwhile Sara turned her attention to Maya, "Seems as I always end up being the dungeon Mistress. Anyway, everyone else is taken care of time to get you on the bench. Go ahead and remove your capris."

Maya just noticed Lindsay was not around, "What happened to Lindsay?"

Sara told her, "Oh, she has a client appointment this afternoon. She'll be back by dinner time. Let me get you secured to the table then I need to change into something more appropriate." Sara got Maya fully strapped to the bench and added a blindfold. Peaches had been watching Kacie eating Kayré's pussy while handcuffed and then glanced over and saw Maya was strapped to the bench bottomless. She was getting more turned on and the vibrations of the wand were really starting to have a negative effect on her as she was being edged, but could not get enough stimulation to push over the edge. Sara walked back in and Peaches almost cummed from seeing Sara in the outfit she had changed into, but again just not enough stimulation. Sara picked up a paddle and started whacking Maya's ass, this continued for several minutes though it seemed like an eternity for Peaches.

Kacie came over to Sara not even noticing her new outfit and asked, "Can Kayré and I use the cage?"

Sara told her, "Sure, Maya's ass could use a break."

Kacie giggled, "But it has such a nice red glow to it. Before we leave Kayré and I both need to try out this bench. So what do we need for the cage?"

Sara explained, "Depends on what you want to do."

Kacie asked, "What can we do?"

Sara smiled, "Well...since Kayré is already in a straitjacket plus gagged and blindfolded, we get you into those as well. Add wand harnesses, ankle shackles along with a couple magic wands. See who can go the longest without cumming."

Kacie laughed, "Wow, you're really something! Not sure who is kinkier you or Lindsay. Sounds like fun. What should I do?"

Sara told her, "You can release Kayré and remove the collar from her neck. You two can go sit on top of the cage and I'll bring everything over." Sara ran her nails over Maya's back and whispered to her, "I am not done with you yet..." Sara went into the toy closet to get a straitjacket for Kacie along with all the accessories they would need for their time together in the cage. Sara grabbed everything she needed and headed back into the playroom. She saw Kacie had removed Kayré from the table and they were both now sitting on top of the cage. She handed a wand harness to Kacie and instructed her, "Go ahead and put this one. I'll do Kayré." Kayré was still gagged and blindfolded. Sara grabbed her arm and told her, "I'll help you down, then I am going to undo the crotch straps on your jacket so I can put a wand harness on you." After Kayré was standing, Sara undid the crotch straps on the straitjacket and then attached the wand harness around Kayré's waist. Sara instructed the two girls, "Kacie help Kayré into the cage then come out." Kacie led Kayré into the cage and with guidance from Sara. After Kacie backed out of the cage Sara crawled in to attach the wand to Kacie's harness. Sara exited the cage and after putting Kayré into a straitjacket guided Kayré into the cage. Once in the cage Sara gagged and blindfolded Kayré and attached a wand into her harness. Sara also cuffed the two girls together at the ankles and elbows. As Sara exited the cage she told them, "The wands will be hot in a couple minutes."

Meanwhile over on the bondage stand, Peaches was still being edged by the vibrator. She watched as Sara put Kacie and Kayré into the cage and remembered her time in the cage with both Lindsay and Maya. She glanced over to the spanking bench to see Maya was still restrained and could see the redness on her behind. Once again she tried to move her body to get the vibrator to hit her clit, but found the steel unforgiving. As Sara walked by to grab an extension cord for the wands from the toy closet she could see Peaches' frustrations and laughed, "You're the one that wanted to try out the stand. I'll let you out in a little while." She glanced at the clock on the wall, "or maybe Lindsay will when she gets back home in the next hour. Anyway, after I get those two situated I'm going to spend more quality time with my sister." Peaches was not thrilled with hearing that it

could be at least another hour she would have to continue to suffer from the torment of the wand. Sara returned from the toy closet and walked up to Peaches and looked at the wand, "Hmm, this is on 'medium', let's kick it up a notch shall we!" She set the wand on high and walked back towards the cage. Peaches let out a groan as the increase in speed did add a little stimulation to her clit, but still not enough to make her cum. Sara connected the wands to the extension cord and plugged the cord into the wall. She heard the wands on Kacie and Kayré come to life and them both let out yelps. She walked over to Maya and slapped her bare ass with her hand and told her, "I'll be back to you shortly, in the words of Lindsay 'I need to pee!'"

Chapter 10: The Voyage Home and The Merlot's New Old Maid

Back in Henderson after a late breakfast Cristina took Gary, Wynn, Andy and I back to the heliport. I told Cristina, "We'll do a conference call in early November to go over everything for the project at the end of the year. Laura is going to send me a report and recommendations based on her monitoring from yesterday, I'll forward that to y'all." We landed back at Deer Valley early in the afternoon. We grabbed lunch from a Taco truck and as we walked into the Deer Valley office, I asked Andy, "Ready for the next batch?"

Andy laughed, "As if I have a choice. Shouldn't be that bad though as Lulu's list was much shorter than Cristina's."

I assured him, "Yeah, we should be in and out within a couple hours."

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Sara decided Maya had enough spanking for the day. She undid the restraints on the bench securing Maya and told her, "You are released now, need to go take care of Peaches before she goes nuts."

Maya removed the blindfold and as her eyes adjusted to the light she noticed Sara was in her old 'uniform': 5-inch high-heeled sandals, black gartered thigh-high stockings and a somewhat conservative French Maid's corset dress. Maya whistled, "Haven't seen you in that uniform in ages. What's the occasion?"

Sara giggled, "Well, Wynn is not around, so I am in the 'maid on duty'!"

Maya laughed, "Okay, whatever works. You've got a belt on under that?" Sara turned her back to Maya and bent over, exposing her chastity belted crotch, "Kinky!"

Sara replied, "It is part of the uniform, though not the part that Ron...actually Martina created."

Maya looked at Sara confused, "Martina? I thought it was Ron who had thought up the uniform."

Sara explained, "As did I, but he told me it was Martina's condition of having me as the maid. The chastity belt I added after that one evening when Martina and Laura aka Anne Marie had lot to drink and tried to take advantage of me."

Maya asked, "How did Ron take that?"

Sara laughed, "He had no issues. Of course I didn't tell him then the real reason why I choose to wear the belt. Needless to say Martina and Laura were a bit surprised the next time they tried to get their way with me. Of course it was not much later that Ron discovered the Unlikely Affair Martina was having with Laura and soon had her fitted for a chastity belt. Not sure when or how Laura ended up in one, though I know it wasn't to keep up with Martina. May be more of Miss Kitty's doing."

Maya laughed, "Well, I just had padlocks through my labia until I moved in with y'all and had Gary make me a prototype belt to take advantage of those piercings I have down there. I was really surprised when he approached me last year and said he had an upgraded 'Super Max' version for me to try out. Man, I love that belt...great way for me to punish Peaches. I suppose you influenced Lindsay..."

As luck would have it Lindsay had come into the playroom and heard the last part of the conversation, "Influenced me how?"

Maya turned around surprised to see Lindsay, "Having you wear a chastity belt."

Lindsay informed Maya, "Dear, I was wearing one when Sara and I first met down in Tucson. Andy wears a heavy duty tube and at his own freewill. Then you have Sara with her Chastity Corset Armor."

Sara explained, "Yeah, Lindsay and I could tell each of us were belted. We revealed this to Ron and Andy shortly thereafter. Now, the Chastity Corset Armor, Ron had Gary make me one when he saw Wynn's. It was Gary's wedding present for us. Maya, didn't you have one made for Peaches as well?"

Maya laughed, "Yes, but I think that would be too much for her. Though I was getting more and more to the point last week where I was tempted to put her into it. Hopefully these last few days that she has been belted and plugged have thought her a lesson."

Lindsay giggled, "Yeah, I know about the plug when I removed her belt last night."

Maya asked, "How did she do this time around?"

Lindsay told her, "She whined a lot, but she did a good job servicing me." She just noticed Sara's uniform, "What's with your old maid's uniform?"

Maya replied. "Apparently she felt obligated to dig it out and wear it being she is the 'maid on duty' since Wynn is not here. She's even got a chastity belt on underneath."

Lindsay laughed, "Of course she does!" She glanced over at a very frustrated Peaches, "How long has Peaches been there?"

Sara told her, "A while now. Maya was about to release her when you came in."

Maya laughed, "Yeah, I suppose she has had enough now."

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It only took Andy and I a little over an hour to get the bulk of Lulu's 'problem children' fixed. I had a couple systems which still needed to be re-imaged. Gary told me, "If you want to get those started we can head back home. I'll bring you back the flash drives later next week."

I agreed, "Sure that would work. I need to get my grill cleaned and prepped for tonight. If you want you can come over and bring Bambi and Bunny."

Wynn advised, "and I need to go to the market to get the food!"

Gary explained, "Well, I'll be there. The girls' are at their parents out in Wickenburg. Who else is at the house?"

I told him, "Besides Lindsay and Sara, I do believe Linda along with Kayré and Kacie are there plus Maya and Peaches."

Gary replied, "Oh Linda's girls are in town?"

I replied, "Yeah, not sure what was going on Linda didn't tell me much other to warn me they would be staying over the weekend." After dropping Gary off at his house we entered the back courtyard and I didn't see Linda's truck but noticed a Jeep I had not seen before, "Wonder who's Jeep that is?"

Wynn explained, "I believe it may be Maya's as you mentioned she traded in Martina's Hummer." After Andy and I got our bags and gear out the Jeep Wynn left for the market.

Andy and I walked into the kitchen and noticed several empty pizza and wing boxes along with soda and wine bottles on the counter. Andy joked, "Looks like

they had quite a party last night! Any idea where they are?"

I told him, "If I were a betting man, which I am not...but if I were...I'd bet they are down in the playroom."

Andy and I headed down the stairs into the playroom. We walked in and saw Sara in her old uniform talking with Maya and Lindsay, except Andy was not aware it was Sara, "Who's the new maid?"

I laughed, "Actually, that's Sara wearing the maid's uniform she used to wear before we married and hired Wynn." I walked over to Sara and jokingly scolded her, "Slacking off on the job again! The kitchen is a mess and here you are down here..."

Sara knew what I was doing, "Whatever! It was Maya's fault she brought all that food."

Maya played along, "As if! Peaches was suppose to take care of all that. But, as usual she is neglecting her chores." She pointed to Peaches on the bondage stand, "course she has been in that stand for the last couple hours being edged, so I suppose that is a suitable punishment. I *really* should release her." Peaches mumbled 'in agreement' through the gag.

I told them, "Fine. Just do me a favor and someone please get the kitchen cleaned up before Wynn gets back from the market."

Sara replied, "Well since I am the 'maid on duty' I suppose best I should go take care of that."

I grabbed her before she had a chance to run off, "Before you go who all is here, besides Lindsay, Maya and Peaches?"

Sara told me, "Kayré and Kacie are in the cage. Linda left when we got back from Brunch to go visit Dundee. She mentioned she might be staying the night out there and not to wait up for her."

I laughed, "She been telling us a lot recently 'not to wait up for her'. Okay, so Kayré and Kacie are here. How did that go?"

Lindsay told us, "Surprisingly painless. Kacie apologized to both Sara and I then we had the dinner and played until bed."

I breathed a sigh of relief, "Well that's good. I'd better get out to the cabana and get the grill ready before Wynn gets back."

Sara told us, "and I better get upstairs and get the kitchen cleaned up too before

she returns.”

Sara and I headed up the stairs and I commented, “Didn't even know you still had that uniform. Much less you would want to wear it ever again.”

Sara laughed, “Doesn't bother me, still surprised that Martina could come up with something that wasn't Pink. If I didn't know any better I think this was a turn-on for her!”

I laughed in agreement, “I wouldn't put it past her and sort got that impression when she suggested it to me as a condition of us 'hiring' you.”

We walked into the kitchen and Sara saw the mess, “Oye! I hadn't realized they brought everything back in from the Cabana and dumped in here. I totally missed this when we went to Brunch. When we got back we all headed down to the playroom and then when I went upstairs to change, I never came into that part of the kitchen. Let me get this taken care of.” She grabbed all the empty soda and wine bottles and deposited them in the recycle barrel outside and then placed the empty pizza and wing boxes in the trash barrel. I headed out to the cabana to get the 'Big Honkin' Grill' prepped.

Wynn returned a short time later from the market. I helped her bring the groceries into the house. Kayré came up the stairs and asked, “Okay if I open a bottle of wine for Kacie and I, plus whoever else?”

Wynn told her, “Help yourself, we are bit overstocked right now anyway.”

Kayré looked through the wine fridge and found a bottle of her liking. As she set the bottle on counter she told us, “Oh yeah, got a text from mother she is going to stay the night with Dundee.”

I laughed, “Okay, well then one less person, but Gary will be joining us.”

Lindsay had come into the kitchen and joked, “...and more for Andy!”

The next morning Sara and Wynn made their Spanish Omelet for breakfast. After breakfast Kacie asked, “Is there somewhere Kayré and I can setup, need to do our weekly reports for The Budget Holstein?”

Lindsay told her, “You can join Sara and I up in my office. I need to go through the repair orders for PC's and Things while Sara goes through Ron's pending jobs queue.”

Kayré and Kacie followed Lindsay and Sara into Lindsay's office. Kacie was impressed, “Wow, this much nicer than mine!”

Lindsay explained, "Thanks. Dundee converted this from Maya's old room."

Kayré commented, "Yeah, does look like his handy work. Wonder how serious him and mother are?"

Kacie was too distracted to really pay attention to Kayré, "Oh....you have chaise lounges! May I?"

Lindsay told her, "Sure, just remove your shoes the light fabric is such a royal PITA to keep clean. Kayré you can sit on the other one if you like, just remove your shoes first." She glanced at the thermometer on her desk and notice it was only in the 70's outside, "Wow, it is nice out right now, let me open these doors and get some fresh air in here."

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Sunday's were usually the day Wynn did the dusting downstairs. She decided she would need to keep herself motivated to be able to dust the entire downstairs. She went into her closet and grabbed a fiddle and time lock setting those on her bed. She looked around deeper and found one of her purple catsuits and grabbed it along with a body-stocking and pair of ankle ballet boots. As she was searching for a waist nipper she came across a pair of latex double dildo pants. She thought, "Well this could be fun!" She grabbed the dildo pants and body-stocking taking those with her into the bathroom. Wynn removed her armor and then pulled out a bottle of lube from the drawer, lubing the two dildos. It took a bit of work to get the rubber dildo worked into her holes as well as to get the pants to fit smoothly. After putting on the body-stocking she walked back into her room and felt the dildos moving around inside of her. Next was the catsuit followed the waist nipper. Bending down to put on the ballet boots proved to be a stimulating experience for Wynn. Before she placed herself into fiddle she found her favorite purple ball gag, inserting it into her mouth and buckling it behind her head. She picked up the time lock and set it for two-hours. With great skill from plenty of practice Wynn had herself locked into the fiddle in under two-minutes. She stood up and slowly walked to the kitchen to retrieve her long handled duster.

Meanwhile Andy and I were going through our notes from Gary's jobs so Wynn would be able to generate invoices later. Andy commented, "Don't think I mentioned to you, but Sadie's husband called me yesterday and said he would be willing to 'consult' with us at the Gold Canyon store, but not a permanent position. Lindsay is still waiting to hear back from Dundee about when he can get out to give us an estimate."

I replied, "Yeah, Dundee is a bit busy right now from what I have heard. Do you think it is a good idea to open a store out there? I mean it seems like it would be akin to having the Fountain Hills store while the bulk of your operations are in Tucson. "

Andy replied, "Yeah. Never realized how sprawled out the Phoenix metro area is compared to Tucson. At this point we will see what Dundee has to say."

I could see from my desk Wynn was in the library, "Oh, forgot it is Sunday."

Andy laughed, "Let me guess Wynn is dusting." He turned around and observed, "Doesn't seem too challenging. She's always in ballet boots."

I agreed, "Yeah, even the fiddle is not challenging as she has adapted to dusting while wearing it."

Andy commented, "You know she taught Lindsay how to lock herself into a fiddle."

I joked, "I know, she's such a bad influence. I should have talked to her previous employer before I hired her..."

Andy laughed, "I warned you!" As she got closer to my office Andy noticed she seemed to be a bit distracted, "Wonder what else she did, seems like she is having some difficulties walking."

Wynn made her way into my office. I told her, "Come over to Andy. He wants to know what is distracting you."

Wynn walked over slowly to Andy who removed her gag and she replied, "I am wearing double dildo pants under the catsuit and body-stocking!"

Andy chuckled as he replaced her gag, "The things you will do to motivate yourself!" As Wynn went about her duties Andy told me, "You know, I sometimes think her and Lindsay are bad influences on each other."

Somehow the image of Sara and Lindsay when we were down in Tuscon many years ago came to mind, "Yeah much like her and Sara. The first time those two were alone together!"

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Over in Lindsay's office everyone was doing there thing. Kacie was looking at the sales reports from the previous week and saw Lindsay's order from Saturday, "Whoa...Lindsay! What the..."

Lindsay looked up and asked, "What did I do now?"

Kacie laughed, "Oh sorry. Just saw the order you did yesterday for Miss Davis. Nice work!"

Kayré commented, "Did you see the one Sara did for Miss Bordeaux?"

Kacie replied, "Haven't gotten that far yet...oh wow!"

Sara commented, "Should be seeing more from her soon. She was talking about having all her daughter out for a celebration. Something about the middle one is going to be getting married soon."

Kayré asked, "All *five* of her daughters?"

Kacie was unaware, "Wait, she has five daughter? Thought she only had four."

Sara explained, "Only four are in Arizona, the middle daughter lives somewhere in the New England area."

Kayré commented, "You know Kacie as much as I hate to admit it, having Sara handle the Bordeaux account was one of the best things you did."

Kacie laughed, "Well, her and I didn't get along well. I suppose because I was not patient enough with her."

Chapter 11: The Unlikely Conclusion and It Is Only For a Couple More Days

Lindsay told Kayré, "You know I really appreciate you and Kacie bringing me on."

Kacie told her, "Well, I didn't have anything to do with it."

Kayré added, "Yeah, it was Andy who talked Mother into bring you on."

Lindsay commented, "Well regardless, I enjoy this much better than dealing with PC's and Things. I don't mind the administrative stuff like I am doing now, but when management stuff not so much. We came very close to losing Max and didn't even know it. Had I not gone out to Fountain Hills that day..." Her phone started ringing, "Odd, who would be calling me on a Sunday..."

Turns out it was Dundee, "Hey, Lindsay. I don't have Andy's number handy so I am calling you instead." Lindsay stepped out on to the balcony as Dundee continued, "I haven't forgotten about you two, but I am so busy right now with multiple jobs in Vistancia and other business; So it is going to be a about a month or so before I can get out there to do an estimate. Then depending on the scope of the project another month or so thereafter before I can get started."

In reality, Lindsay wasn't that upset as like Andy, she too was having second thoughts on doing this store location, "I see. Okay, not a big deal. Andy and I will get back to you." After she wrapped up the call, she excused herself, "I'll be back

need to talk to Andy." She headed downstairs and came across Wynn dusting in the Great Room. She asked Wynn, "Know where Andy is?" Wynn turned and pointed her duster to my office. "Got it thanks! Nice outfit by the way."

Lindsay walked into the library and knocked on my office door. I looked up, "Oh come in Lindsay what's up?"

Lindsay explained, "So, just heard from Dundee. He says it would be about a month before he could give us an estimate and another month or so before he might be able to start."

Andy asked, "So what do you want to do?"

Lindsay admitted, "Honestly, I rather not go through with this. I know a third store would be nice and give us more money, but is it worth the time and commitment?"

Andy acknowledged her and was a bit relieved, "Yeah, Ron and I were just discussing this. If we took on this store it would be like us in Tucson all over again with Fountain Hills. Too sprawled out. Even if we could get a full time manager and the store operational it could be months before we recouped our expenses. I have to agree with you on this one. Besides, we need to be focusing our efforts on moving to Thirsty Cactus next summer."

Lindsay breathed a sigh of relief, "Glad you agree. Though, I rather be spending my time with The Budget Holstein."

Andy agreed, "Most defiantly and I fully support your choice. Hell, your commission checks alone are covering the 'rent' we owe to Ron. Which is good as I know that Linda is expecting us to pay 50% of the interior construction costs for the Thirsty Cactus store. Fountain Hills is doing well, both operational..."

I joked, "That's unusual!"

Lindsay added, "I know, right!"

Andy continued, "and financially. Well, it helps to have a manager that isn't groping the customers..."

I added, "Or disappears during the night leaving behind an empty office."

Andy laughed, "Yeah that too!"

Lindsay told us, "I need to get back to doing my weekly's for the Budget Holstein and then workout the repair schedule for this week."

Andy confirmed, "Yeah, Ron and I need to finish going through our notes on the Acme jobs we just did."

Lindsay returned to her office. Upon walking in Kacie called her over, "Hey Lindsay, come over here we want your opinion on something!"

Lindsay laughed, "Great, what now?!"

Kayré assured her, "No, were serious. There is a line of dresses we are considering carrying and want to know what you think."

Lindsay walked over to Kacie and looked at her computer, "Oh wow! Gypsy style, those are neat. Reminds me of Stevie Nicks!"

Kacie asked, "Who?"

Sara laughed, "I think Kacie is a bit too young to know how she is. So, Stevie Nicks was at one time married to Lindsey Buckingham and they were both...guess they still are...part of the rock group Fleetwood Mac, though she has had quite a successful solo career. Anyway, her trademark style includes those dresses usually paired with platform boots. I could so see Lindsay pulling off that look, may be not with the platform boots as she would tower over me then."

Kacie replied not amused, "Okay, that was interesting bit of trivia. I'll go ahead and order a couple in Lindsay's size so she can model them."

Sara commented, "You know, Misses Bordeaux younger daughter is into the style as well."

Kacie added, "Well, I'll order some in her size as well. If she doesn't want them, I am sure someone else will buy them."

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A little later in the day Maya and Peaches came into my office. Maya asked, "Could you get in touch with Marc? Diane is looking to relocate Vinnie's by next summer."

I asked, "Why is she looking to relocate?"

Maya replied, "The owner of the market is selling the property in the fall and will not renew their lease."

I thought back to the conversation Linda and I had earlier, "Actually, I might be able to help you out. Let me ask y'all this; how late does Vinnie's stay open?"

Peaches replied, "9:00 Sunday through Thursday and 10:00 on Friday and Saturday."

I explained, "This might work. So, I don't think I told you Linda is not going to relocate Corona de la Estrellas due to the City of Scottsdale imposing restrictions on how late restaurants can remain open in Thirsty Cactus. Now, your hours fall within the allowed time frame although I do believe they can remain open until 10:00 PM on Sundays as well. So, she will have this empty restaurant building she is looking to lease or sell. I also believe there will be a residence above as well."

Maya was intrigued, "Hmm...that could work. Even more so if it will have a residence. Have Linda get in contact with Dianne, we might be able to work something out. Well, we are going to be heading out soon. Any idea where Sara is?"

I told her, "I believe she is with Lindsay, Kayré and Kacie up in Lindsay's office...your old room."

Maya replied, "I see. Guess we will head up there." Maya and Peaches left my office and headed upstairs. They made their way to Maya's old room which was now the McGrawl's office as approached she called out, "Knock! Knock!"

Sara looked over and asked, "You two heading out?"

Maya walked in and replied, "Yeah, need to head back home." Pointing to Peaches, "This one needs to get her chores done, specially cleaning up all the dog hair before Martina brings Cream back tonight. Otherwise, she is going to be spending the beginning of the work week locked in her belt again!" Peaches was about to say something, but knew better not to tempt fate with Maya. Maya looked around and commented, "Wow, Dundee really out did himself in here. I miss this house, it was my first 'home' after Dirk and it was Peaches' as well after being deceived by our father. Oh well what's done is done. Anyway, nice seeing y'all again Kacie and Kayré, next time y'all are in town hit us up."

Kacie replied, "Will do, I think we might be up this way about a once a month or so."

Kayré explained, "Yeah, we like to check up on our stores. We'll likely stop at Gold Canyon first then Scottsdale."

Maya replied, "Cool. Just let us know, I don't work weekends and Peaches usually works the afternoon/evening shift."

Maya and Peaches left. Kacie commented, "I sense Maya has been through a lot."

Sara replied, 'Yeah she has. Between Dirk and our father she was getting into a really dark place. Luckily Peaches stumbled into her life and I firmly believe saved her. Even if she did end up at the Moon Goddess for a couple weeks, it would have been a lot worse if she didn't have Peaches to help keep her grounded...or someone to dominate.'

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Sadie called me from Gold Canyon, "Hey Ron, we are having issues at the store we can't seem to access the network or Internet."

I pulled up their information and opened a command prompt, "Well, let me start pinging and see how far into your network I can get." I tried the main router but wasn't getting response back, "Hmm, cain't connect to the main router, let me try your DSL Modem." I was not getting a response from the modem either, "Okay, no response from the modem. Either Century Link is having an outage or there is an issue with your DSL Modem. You will want to contact Century Link and have them see what is going on. Do let me know what you find out." After I got off the phone with her I told Andy, "Linda's Gold Canyon store. Sounds like there is a problem with the Century Link service or the modem. Sadie is going to call Century Link and have them check out things on their side. "

Andy and I were wrapping up when Wynn announced, "Ron, Linda Holstein is holding for you."

I picked up my office line, "Hey Linda, what's up?"

Linda explained, "I cain't get a hold of Kayré or Kacie. Wanted to let them to know Dundee and I are going to head over to Havasu for a couple days. We should be back mid-week."

I replied, "Yeah, they might be out at the pool or down in the playroom. I'll let them know. By the way Sadie called earlier they are having issues with the network at the store. From what I can determine it seems to be on the Century Link side. I told her to contact them and let me know."

Linda was about to wrap up, "Yeah, talked to her earlier and told her to call you. We likely delay the Grand Opening until we can get this resolved. Anyway. I'll see you mid-week then.."

I interrupted her, "Hey before you go...do you remember Diane Austine from Vinnie's?"

Linda told me, "Somewhat, might have met once. Why?"

I explained, "So Maya informed me that Vinnie's will need to vacate their current location in the Market by the end of summer. Something about a new owner

coming next fall and they don't want to sell the property with tenants. Anyway, their operating hours are within the allowed time at Thirsty Cactus so they may be interested in the building you had planned for Corona de las Estrellas."

Linda replied, "That could work. What about the residence?"

I told her, "Maya seemed to be interested, not sure why. May be for Diane as her and Peaches already have a condo down by Marc and Martina over by where Kayré and Kacie were. I'll have Maya send you Diane's contact info."

Chapter 12: Making Lemonade out of Lemons

After I wrapped up with Linda I headed over to the kitchen to inform Wynn. Wynn was making drinks when I came in. She saw me and asked, "Want anything?"

I replied, "Not now. Hey have you seen Kayré and Kacie?"

Wynn told me, "They are out at the pool with Sara and Lindsay."

I told her, "Ah okay, that explains why Linda couldn't get a hold of them. So Linda and Dundee are going to be in Havasu for a couple days so seems Kayré and Kacie are going to be here a bit longer."

Wynn explained, "Okay. I have dinner covered tonight. I can go to the market tomorrow and get some more food. I better get these drinks out to them before the ice melts."

After getting the door from the kitchen for her, I followed Wynn out to the Cabana. Lindsay, Sara, Kayré and Kacie were actually in the pool on floats. After Wynn handed them their drinks I informed them all, "Kayré your mother was trying to get a hold of you or Kacie earlier."

Kayré joked, "Let me guess she is going to spend another night with Dundee?!"

I laughed, "Actually, you are sort of correct. Apparently they are going to spend a couple days out in Havasu. She said she'd be back mid-week."

Kacie told Kayré, "Here you thought I was joking about them being serious."

Kayré sighed, "Well, I am not in a big hurry to get back to Tucson. It is kind of nice to be able to spend time with Lindsay and Sara."

Kacie added, "Peaches and Maya were fun too. Hmm, I really only packed enough clothes for a couple days."

Wynn assured them, "Whatever you need washed just set in the laundry room

after dinner.”

Sara floated over and commented, “You know this could work. Miss Bordeaux is coming in Tuesday afternoon with all her daughters and Lindsay and I could use some assistance.”

Kayré commented, “Yeah, I am sure Kacie and I can help you out.”

Kacie gave a nervous laugh, “Not too sure, how she is going to react seeing me. Her and I didn't exactly get a along.”

Sara told her, “Don't worry about it. You can help us out by retrieving items from the stock room.”

Kacie commented, “Okay. Oh those gypsy dresses we ordered should be in by tomorrow afternoon. Hmm...our extended stay could work out as I still haven't had a chance to put Kayré on that spanking bench yet! Also wanted to try out that fucking machine too.”

Wynn informed them, “You can do that after dinner. Speaking of which, I need to get that going; the lasagna takes quite a while to bake.”

Before Wynn left I asked, “Is the Quail Suite clean?”

Wynn replied, “Yeah, did it earlier. Did you want to move Kayré and Kacie down there?”

I told her, “Yeah, give them more room, privacy and quick access to the playroom.”

Wynn acknowledged, “That can work I'll get them moved then start on dinner which should be ready in another hour or so.” She headed back to the kitchen.

Turning my attention to Kacie, “Kacie, Sadie is having some difficulties at the Gold Canyon store. I believe the issue with Century Link so she is going to call them and find out what is going wrong.”

Kacie replied, “Hmm...well sounds like we may need to delay the Grand Opening. Any idea how long this is going to take?”

I replied, “Not really. It could be just an area outage or could be equipment failure. If it is the latter, you are leasing the modem so if anything goes wrong they will replace it at no cost.”

Kacie sighed, “Just once I would like things to go smoothly with this location. It took me over a month to negotiate the lease agreement. That management

company was a pain in the rear to work with.”

Lindsay had overheard the last part of the conversation and was surprised, “Really?! They seemed fairly easy to deal with when Ron and I were out there last week.”

Kacie informed Lindsay, “Yeah, the property owner changed management companies right after we signed the lease. The old company was not on site, believe they were in Indiana.”

I headed back to my office to call Maya. Peaches answered, “No one home.” She set the phone down and yelled for Maya, “It's for you!”

Maya picked up the phone, “What's up Ron?”

I asked, “How you know it was me?”

Maya laughed, “Lucky guess? Besides, you're the only one she does this to.”

I told her, “Okay then I suppose I should be honored? So, had a chance to talk to Linda when she called earlier and I told her you would send her Diane's contact info.”

Maya replied, “Okay great I'll message her this evening once I've talked to Diane. Thanks Ron.”

About an hour later everyone gathered around the table. Wynn brought out a super-sized lasagna and an extra large salad. Kayré went over to the wine fridge and grabbed a bottle to go with the dinner. As we sat down Kacie told us, “Thank you Ron and Sara for allowing us to stay here for the past couple nights.”

Kayré added, “Yes..and the next couple as well. I know mother really didn't give you advanced notice.”

I laughed, “I am used to Linda and her 'no notice', believe me!”

Wynn assured them, “Quite alright, it is nice to have people over once in a while. We really don't entertain that much as we are all so busy.”

I looked around, “You know even though this house is a bit smaller than the Ashler Hills, this dining room doesn't feel all that crowded.”

After dinner Sara and Lindsay accompanied Kayré and Kacie down to the playroom. Meanwhile Andy and I went out the pool to relax. Wynn came out with some fresh towels and a couple beers for Andy and I. As Andy drank his beer he commented, “We haven't used the pool in quite some time. I know Sara and

Lindsay do often."

I agreed, "Yeah, seems like we are so busy with everything. These last few days have been crazy with me staying up to almost midnight to get projects done ahead of us going out to Nevada for ACME. Arrow Jammer canceling on me was a blessing, that project would have been a major pain and not worth what we had bid." "

Andy laughed, "I can relate. I am so glad we are not going to do a Gold Canyon store. It sounded good and even looked good on paper, but the more Lindsay and I discussed it the more we realized it wasn't such a good idea for us to handle. Like you said it would be Tucson/Fountain Hills all over again. Really didn't need that drama."

I asked him, "How's Lindsay doing?"

Andy told me, "Remarkably well. She told me she really enjoyed hanging out with Maya, Peaches, Miss Kitty and even Martina at Brunch the other weekend. Her and Kacie seem to be getting along nicely too. We really appreciate you allowing us to stay with y'all, had no idea it would be this long."

I laughed, "Yeah, about that. When Lindsay and I were out at Gold Canyon last week, we were talking with the leasing agent and Lindsay had commented that y'all had relocated a couple years ago from Tucson. Had to remind her it has been closer to 10-years now. But, hey it works. We have this giant house so why not take advantage of it. Besides as I have said in the past it allows me to keep Wynn, even if she is a bad influence on Sara...oh wait that's Lindsay."

Andy laughed, "Yeah, but there is no way in hell we could ever separate those two now after being together this long."

I assured him, "They're okay, they balance each other. Yin and Yang, much like Maya and Peaches. The important thing is Lindsay in a good and stable place now."

Andy shuddered thinking back, "Yeah for sure. That was a dark time for us. Just amazes me how much damage he did selling us that store."

I quoted Elton John's *Empty Garden*, "It's funny how one insect can damage so much grain."

Andy laughed, "That's for sure. I am so glad we met you two at the hotel many years back."

I laughed, "Yeah, Lindsay really got Sara to open up and that was not a bad thing."

Andy sipped his beer and asked, "So what's next?"

I told him, "At this point really nothing until after the wedding. Guess we will be back out in Nevada between Christmas and New Years. I know Laura and Madam Cat...Miss Kitty will be up this way. She is taking both Christmas and New Years' weeks off. Not sure how long they will be out here."

Andy was surprised, "They are letting her take that much time off with her taking Thanksgiving week off?"

I explained, "Yeah, from what I understand she is still working 6-days a week and they told her she has accumulation of too much vacation time and to use up some. She put in the request for those two weeks not expecting to get it approved. She said her manager called her in and told her the only reason they were going to approve this was because of the fact she has been doing the six-day weeks. So, after Cristina's job we should have a few months before Thirsty Cactus."

Andy commented, "So Linda has mentioned the PC's and Things building would only be two levels and without a residence. She also mentioned something about not moving Corona de las Estrellas?"

I confirmed, "So apparently the investor how was purchasing The Ranch and Corona de las Estrellas could not come up with enough cash to purchase both, so the deal fell through. However, Maya told me earlier that Vinnie's needs to be out of the market by the end of next summer. Apparently the current owner of the market is selling in the Fall and wants to do such without a tenant. Maya was going to have Diane get in contact with Linda and see about leasing or purchasing that building to relocate Vinnie's. So, we might still be doing three buildings in Thirsty Cactus."

Andy laughed, "So what you are saying is we are going to be busy next year."

I reminded him, "That doesn't count Acme Deer Valley, I know Gary still wants stuff done over there. Heck, I don't even yet know the scope of the Henderson project. We should be meeting with Cristina prior to the weddings to discuss what her plans are."

Andy asked, "Will that be in Henderson or is Cristina coming out here?"

I replied, "Have no clue. I am thinking it is going to be in Henderson as we are talking about re-configuring the layout, not just updating their systems."

Andy recalled, "Yeah, they are using what was it, Deluxe 2.5 systems besides their customs?"

I confirmed, "Yep. Those 'Act of Congress' systems we built for them back then are almost out-dated now."

Andy laughed, "Totally forgot about those. Max had his contact with AMD and was able to get us those processors. I still don't know to this day how he managed to do that...and may be it is best that I don't! At least this time around, it should be much easier to get what we need."

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Down in the playroom, Lindsay had Sara on the table eating out her pussy. Kacie strapped Kayré down on the spanking bench went to work on her partner's ass. Later on they switched places with Kacie on the bench and Kayré spanking her. Around 10 that evening everyone headed to bed. Kayré and Kacie headed into the Quail Suite. Kacie had spent a night in there earlier with Maya, but this was Kayré's first time. As she look around the suite she commented, "Wow, this a big room."

Kacie giggled and pointed to the Alaskan King bed, "...and that is a big bed."

Kayré saw the bed, "Holly fuck that is huge!" She noticed their laundered and folded clothes sitting atop the wide dresser across from the bed, "Ah, nice we get laundry service too!"

Kacie still giggling, "Plus complimentary meals. I know, we need to stay here more often!"

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As I walked into the master I saw Sara on the bed wearing garter stockings with a black long line bra and in her original chastity belt. She held up a bottle of lube and glass dildo, "It has been far too long since I have given you a proper milking and blowjob. What say you?"

I replied, "Well, I would need to go back down to my office to get the key for my chastity device."

Sara replied, "Okay, I suppose I should get some towels as well..." I went down to my office safe and found the keys to my chastity device. Upon returning to the master suite I found Sara had laid out a couple towels atop the bed.

I asked her, "Are you going to remove your belt?"

Sara replied, "I can't. I got distracted by Lindsay earlier after we were done in the playroom. I had locked this belt on and put the key in my safe. While she was

talking to me, I put the top on and pressed the button to lock with default time of 24-hours. Luckily, I had not install the plugs in this belt. May be it was a sign: I've been spending so much time with Lindsay and neglecting you."

I laughed, "Sure, I'll buy that. Let me take a quick shower and then you can milk me." After a very quick shower I returned wearing nothing by my chastity device under my robe. I had the key in the pocket and handed it to Sara. She handed me a blindfold which I put on after removing the robe and then laid down on my back on the bed.

Sara went to work; she globed some lube on her finger then inserting it into my ass, "Going to relax you first before I use the dildo." My cock was already getting hard just from the stimulation of my prostate with her finger. She then took my cock into her mouth and started slowly licking and sucking. Sara had done this many times before and knew how to keep me on edge. She then interested two fingers into my ass and declared, "You are loose enough now, time for the dildo!" After lubing the dildo she carefully worked it into my ass and then went back to sucking my cock. Between the blindfold and the relaxing massage I was drifting in and out of sleep. I awoke shortly to Sara becoming more aggressive with both her sucking my cock and rubbing my prostate with the dildo. I felt the orgasm building and let out a moan as I begun to cum and felt the sensational of my muscles clinching tightly around the glass dildo as I ejaculated into Sara's mouth. Sara did not stop, instead she slowed down the tempo of massaging my prostate and kept the same pace of sucking my cock. She was well aware of what she was doing as I had several orgasms before finally cumming again. She gave my cock a couple more licks and declared, "Well, you've been thoroughly milked. Enjoy that?" She leaned over and kissed me deeply.

The next morning everyone was gathered at the table for breakfast when Sara and I came into the kitchen. Sara commented, "So odd seeing this many people in the kitchen."

Wynn replied, "Nice change isn't it. Gives me a chance to make some larger meals such as these blueberry pancakes. Of course, with that comes having to go the market more often. Oh speaking of which when I was at Safeway saw a flier on the community bulletin board of grand opening of some new shops on the south side. Looks like the original location of Vinnie's and the KFC have been converted. There's a Subway, Pastries Shop, Thai Take Out and a Skate Shop."

I added, "Yeah, the original Vinnie's location has been sitting empty for years. Was wondering if anything was ever going to become of it."

Sara commented, "Do recall Maya mentioning something a while back about the KFC closing. Lindsay and I tried to eat there sometime last year, but we ended up walking out after waiting at the counter for several minutes with no one coming to take our order."

Lindsay added, "Yes, and the place was empty too, not like they were so busy making orders. May be they were out back plucking the chickens! You said there is a skate shop?"

Wynn confirmed, "Yes."

Lindsay was getting excited, "Wow, it has been years since I've been on a long board. Guess, we didn't bring my long board when came up here. Pitty."

Andy laughed, "Well, we had other things on our mind at that time."

Sara hadn't really been paying attention to the conversation as she was devouring the blueberry pancakes, "Wait...what? Lindsay you had a long board? You never told me that. I too had one, but I must have left it behind in Nevada. Wouldn't it be fun for us to get a couple long boards and terrorize the neighborhood. Why don't we stop there after work tonight?"

Kacie laughed, "You two are always finding ways to get in trouble!"

Kayré reminded her, "As if we're so innocent. While on the subject of work, since we don't have a car currently could you give us a ride to and from the Budget Holstein the next couple days?"

Lindsay told them, "Sure, we can all cram into my Mini!"

After breakfast I headed back to my office. I decided I should give Laura a call and find out when she was going to have a long weekend again before the weddings. I knew at some point we would have to go back out to Henderson to meet with Cristina to discuss the plans for the expansion and upgrades. Sophie answered Laura's cell, "Hey Ron, Laura is in the shower anything I can help you with?"

I told her, "I need to find out when her next long weekend before the weddings is going to be. We will need to go out to Henderson for the ACME consult."

Sophie told me, "Funny we were talking about this the other night as she figured it would be an onsite consult. Her next long weekend is before the weddings. She was going to have the Friday through Sunday off and take vacation the Monday through Saturday that week. How would you want to play this?"

I replied, "If Gary is going to use the charter helicopter service then we could fly there and back the same day as I would expect the consult to only take a couple hours. If she wants to drive up this way on the Friday then we could get out there that Saturday. We will be leaving for the Holstein Ranch that Sunday. The wedding is supposed to be that Tuesday..."

Sophie interrupted me, "Actually, she talked to your mother and Blanche and they decided since it was going to be at the Holstein Ranch they'd do it on Thanksgiving instead."

I was surprised, "Um...okay. Has anyone talked to Olivia?"

Apparently Sophie had no idea who that was, "Who?"

I explained, "Olivia she is friends with Linda's daughter. She does event coordinating/catering and is doing the weddings. I'll give her a call and let her know the date has changed. How about Gary as he is the one officiating the wedding?"

Sophie replied, "Far as I know they haven't told anyone else."

I sighed, "Okay. Um, well have her give me a call when she is free."

Sophie told me, "Actually here she is...it's your brother"

Laura came on the phone, "What's going on Ron?"

I explained, "I was calling to find out when your next long weekend is. Sophie told me it is the weekend before the weddings. She also told me that you and Mother have changed the wedding to be on Thanksgiving day and not the Tuesday before?"

Laura laughed nervously, "Yeah...since it is not going to be at my place we decided to to it on Thanksgiving. Is that going to be an issue?"

I told her, "I not sure...I will need to talk to Olivia and also Gary."

Laura informed me, "We already talked to Gary and he is fine with that as is Martina. Guess they all going to come down this way anyway. Anyway, I am off starting the Friday before the week of the wedding and will be coming back to work the Sunday after. How are we doing this?"

I explained, "Will need to check with Gary, but assuming we do the helicopter charter to Henderson. So if you can come to Scottsdale on the Friday, we should be able to do the consult on the following day and be back that afternoon. Not sure when you wanted to return, we all will be leaving for The Holstein Ranch that Sunday."

Laura told me, "Should work. There's something else I meant to tell you, but can't recall at this time. Oh well, if I think of it I'll call or text you."

After I wrapped up with Laura, I headed back to the kitchen to see that everyone had left. I headed back to my office and found Kayré's cell number, "Budget Holstein, Kayré."

I replied, "Hey Kayré, Ron. So, just found out from Laura that her and our mother moved the weddings back to Thursday."

Kayré laughed, "Nice of them to tell us. So they are going to do it on Thanksgiving day?"

I told her, "I know. They would tell Gary and Martina, but never bother to tell me or Olivia."

Kayré sighed, "Okay, I'll let Olivia know. Not really a big deal as we're not doing anything fancy this time around."

Wynn came over the intercom, "Ron. Sadie is holding on your office line."

I told Kayré, "I got take this." I picked up my office line, "What's going on Sadie?"

Sadie explained, "So Century Link came out and replaced the DSL modem. Now, we can access the Internet, but we can not connect to the stores."

I replied, "That's odd. So, if you have Internet access then it is something on our end. Well, let me fire up my PC and see if can ping your modem." After my PC woke up, I opened a command prompt and attempted to Ping the IP address I had for their modem, "Hmm...no reply. Very strange. You can access the Internet, but I can't ping your modem...that makes no sense."

Sadie added, "They left me another card with our information."

It dawned on me, "I wonder if they changed your IP address and then left the modem with default settings to do DHCP? Can you snap a picture of the card and send it to my email."

Sadie told me, "Sure, one moment. Jojo can you go take a picture of that card Century Link gave us yesterday and send it to Ron's email?" A couple minutes later, "On its way."

The email came in and upon reviewing my suspicions were correct, "Yep, they set you up with a new IP address. Well, since I can't remote in I'll need to come out there and clean up their mess. Let me look at my schedule...."

Chapter 13: When it Rains, it Pours and The Fashionable Terrors of Desert Oasis Parkway

I opened Thunderbird and looked at my calendar, "Hmm, nothing really going on today. Odd...oh I know why because of that project cancellation. I can be out there this afternoon if that works?"

Sadie informed me, "I won't be here but Jojo can be."

I added the appointment for the Budget Holstein Gold Canyon to my calendar and confirmed, "Okay, that shall work." I tried to call Cristina at ACME Henderson, but got her voicemail, "Hey Cristina, Ron Merlot with AZ Outback Consulting. I need to talk to you and your step-father about when we are doing the onsite consult. I have a date in mind based on Laura's availability, but need to make sure it work for you two. Call me back please."

Later that afternoon I arrived at the Budget Holstein Gold Canyon and knocked on the front door; Jojo answered, "Ah Ron, Sadie did say to expect you."

I told her, "Well, that's good. I likely won't be very long as I just need to make some adjustments to your 'startup config' file." I had connected my notebook to the router and was working on making some adjustments when I had an admin console message from the switch of a 'fan failure', "What the heck? This switch is brand new shouldn't have a failed fan. Let me power cycle it and see if that clears the error. While I am waiting on that let me get into your DSL modem and disable DHCP as we want your gateway router handling DHCP." By the time I was done with the DSL Modem the switch had rebooted and immediately received admin console message from the switch of a 'fan failure', "Well that ain't good!"

Jojo asked, "What can you do?"

I told her, "Let me call Andy and see if he has another in stock. Downside is I am going to have to make another trip out here as if he does have one Road Runner won't get it here until tomorrow." I called Andy, "Hey Andy, Ron here. So, I am at the Budget Holstein Gold Canyon cleaning up a mess created by Century Link. They replaced the DSL modem over the weekend and not only did they issue them a new IP address, but they left the modem set to handle DHCP. So, I had consoled into the Router to make some changes and am getting an admin console message from their 2960 switch of a 'fan failure'. I power cycled the switch to see if that would clear the error, which it did not. Ran a show inventory and that shows fan #2 has failed. Do you have anymore in stock anywhere?"

Andy told me, "I'm at Fountain Hills as Max needed to go home early. I think we might have one here, let me go take a look in the stock room. It will be a few minutes so I'll call you back."

I replied, "Sounds good, I need to call Laura anyway and let her know of the IP address change. Oh, speaking of Laura...did you know that her and our mother changed the day of the wedding to Thanksgiving Day?"

Andy told me, "Nope. Who else didn't she tell?"

I laughed, "Beside myself, Olivia. Anyway, not a big deal we are out there anywhere. Oh and Laura is supposed to be off starting the Thursday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday after Thanksgiving. So, at this point I plan on doing the ACME consult the Friday before Thanksgiving. Still need to confirm with Cristina and Gary."

Andy replied, "Okay sounds good."

I told Jojo, "Andy is at the Fountain Hills store and he may have one of these switches in stock. He'll give me a call back and let me know. Now, I need to give my sister a call and let her know of the new IP address."

I called Laura and was greeted by her 'Mini Pearl Howdy', "What's up Ron, sure calling me a lot!"

I laughed, "Needed to let you know when Century Link replaced the DSL Modem over the Budget Holstein Gold Canyon store they issued them a new IP address and left the modem to defaults. So, since I couldn't remote in to make the changes I had to come to the store."

Laura asked, "So they have new IP address. Did you updated their config?"

I replied, "Yes and uploaded to my TFTP server. However, while I was in the router I was getting admin console message from the switch of a 'fan failure'..."

Laura interrupted me, "Oh..fucking shit!" THAT'S what I meant to tell you."

I teased her, "Do hope no one else was around to hear *that!*"

Laura replied, "Yeah...Good thing I'm in my office. Anyway I had gotten an alert the other day, but got distracted by Martina..." I was about to ask how Martina would have distracted her in Marana, but quickly came to the conclusion it would be best I didn't open that can of worms. "So, what you doing about it?"

I explained, "Waiting for Andy to call me back. He is at Fountain Hills and see if he has one in stock. Otherwise we'll have to have on sent via Road Runner from our suppliers."

Laura understood, "Okay well, let me know. Hey, did you confirm with Gary yet about the date for the ACME consult?"

I replied, "No, still waiting to hear back from Cristina. Left her a message earlier. I'll try them when I get back home later this afternoon...." My phone beeped of an

incoming call, "Andy is calling me back." I switched over, "What's the good word sir?"

Andy laughed, "Found it! I knew there was an extra here, just had no idea where. It was in assistant manager's office, haven't a clue why. Anyway, do you want me to bring it out to you there now or bring it home with me?"

I asked Andy, "How long do you think it would take you to get out here?"

Andy replied, "If I leave like right now, be about an hour. If leave not much later, a lot longer."

I told him, "Let me go find Jojo." I found Jojo in the office and knocked on the door and asked, "How long you going to be out here?"

Jojo asked, "How long do you need me out here?"

I explained, "Andy can bring a switch here from Fountain Hills in about an hour. Swapping and configuring another 20-30 minutes....actually less if I start get everything disconnected and tagged before he arrives." Jojo advised she could wait and I relayed to Andy, "Yeah, come on out. I'll go ahead and start getting the failed one disconnected and everything tagged. I can pull down the config from my TFTP sever once the new one is connected."

Andy told me, "Okay. One of our techs live out that way so, I'll have them drive me out there. We are leaving right now see you in about an hour then."

I walked back to the office and told Jojo, "He is on his way out. I am going back out my Jeep, need to get some cable tags." I headed back out the Jeep and dug through my toolkit for the cable tags and a Sharpie. My phone started ringing with a Nevada number, "AZ Outback Ron."

Cristina replied, "Ron, Cristina Spears calling you back from ACME. You mentioned about a possible consult date?"

I told her, "Yes. So based on Laura's schedule and the weddings we could be out there the Saturday before Thanksgiving."

Cristina told me, "Should work. Would y'all be staying in town?"

I explained, "No, hadn't planned on it. Hopefully your step-father can get us a charter flight out your way that day and we would be on site for couple hours and return to Phoenix the same day. I kinda wanted to talk to both of you at once though."

Cristina laughed, "Good luck with that, you know my step-father has no concept

of such things. I'll work everything out with him and have him give you call."

I laughed too, "Yeah, I've worked with him for many, many years. If you could, try to wait until this evening for him to call me so I can be at home. Out in Gold Canyon fixing a mess caused by client's ISP and a hardware failure at a previous install."

Cristina told me, "Okay will do. Thank you for taking the time to do this."

I headed back inside and got to work on disconnecting the failed switch.

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Sara and Lindsay along with Kayré and Kacie left the Budget Holstein. Lindsay was driving the car pool and asked of Kacie and Kayré, "Sara and I are going to check out that new Skate Shop, shall I drop you two off at the house?"

Kacie replied, "We can come. I'd been looking to get a new board as my old one is getting worn out."

Kayré joked, "Or you can keep one at Ron's place for when we come out."

Kacie told her, "Not a bad idea dear. How about you?"

Kayré wasn't expecting Kacie to take the suggestion seriously, "Oh well...um...gee...I suppose I could too. Hopefully Ron won't mind us storing our boards at his place."

Sara laughed, "Like he'd even notice, with how little space those would take up in the garage."

An hour later all four girls left with new long boards and neon shorts.

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Andy arrived with the replacement switch. He asked, "Get everything ready?"

I told him, "Barely, Cristina called me after I got off the phone with you. I told her the date I suggested to do the consult and she said she would work the details out with Gary and him call me this evening." We installed the new switch into the rack, reconnecting the trunk lines to the Wireless access points as well as the four LAN ports and the connection the router. "Okay, let's fire this puppy up and hopefully we can be done here shortly." What seemed like an eternity the switch finally finished starting. I had already pulled down their config from my TFTP server on to my notebook so it was just a matter of copying and pasting into the startup-config. "Let me save this, do a reload and see what happens." Again, an

eternity later the switch finally finished starting and everything seemed to be working as normal. I was able to Ping the main store down in Oro Valley as well the store in Scottsdale. I headed over to the office and found Jojo, "You are up, make sure you can connect to the server."

Jojo attempted to connect to the sever which took a little longer than usual, "Hmm...nothing happening...oh here we go. A tad bit slow."

I explained, "That's normal, everything needs to be re-cached. Your first visit or connection is going to be slow, but should be back to normal thereafter."

She asked, "So what do we owe you for the switch so I can have Kacie remit you a payment?"

Andy explained, "The switch is under warranty, I'll deal with our supplier on that matter so there is no charge. The labor is covered under the annual maintenance contract Linda has with us for this store."

I added, "That also covers all the troubleshooting we did the last couple days. Should anything else come up let us know."

Andy and I headed back to the house. Since Andy was dropped off at the store he rode back with me allowing us to use the HOV lane. We turned into the cul-de-sac and noticed four girls riding around on long boards wearing sports bras along with black and neon green/pink shorts and black pantyhose with high top Converse shoes. Andy asked, "Is that Sara and Lindsay?"

I replied, "Yep and looks like Kayré and Kacie as well." As we drove down into the back drive Sara and Lindsay followed. I noticed Sara was wearing fishnets, "What are you four up to?"

Lindsay smiled and laughed, "Just terrorizing the neighborhood."

Andy replied, "Well, at least you are doing it fashionably!"

I added, "Yes, great style. Love the contrast of the black stockings with the neon!"

As Kayré and Kacie came over Sara asked, "So Kayré and Kacie bought boards as well, can they keep them here for when they come out?"

I replied, "Yeah, there's plenty of room in the garage where Wynn parks her Vespa and our bikes." We walked into the kitchen and noticed Wynn was not around, "Speaking of Wynn, where is she?"

A few moments later, Wynn walked in the back door with a platter of grilled

chicken wrapped in foil. She saw Andy and I, "You two are back, dinner should be ready shortly! Just need to herd everyone into the dining room."

I told the girls, 'Just leave your boards by the back door, we'll make room in the garage after dinner.'

After dinner I cleared some space in the other garage where Wynn parked her Vespa for the girls' four long boards. Gary *and* Cristina called that evening and confirmed the Saturday before Thanksgiving would work fine for them and Gary would have his charter helicopter service do a round-trip that Friday to/from Vegas. I called Laura and spoke to Sophie who advised her and Miss Kitty were out to dinner, but she would relay the information to Laura. In reality since Sophie handles Laura schedule this worked out better.

Later in the week Linda called once again, "Say Ron, can we use your library to meet when I get back on Sunday?"

I was wondering what she wanted to use the Library for, but then I caught the end of her question, "Sure, what do you....wait Sunday?"

Linda laughed, "Yeah Dundee has a job up in Bull Head City, we are heading that way tomorrow. Anyway..um Diane, Maya and Peaches are going to meet to discuss buying my building to move Vinnie's."

I replied, "Okay that works. I suppose Andy, Wynn and I should be involved as well. If needed I could conference in Laura."

Linda confirmed, "Dundee and I will be back Saturday evening, so may be later morning or early afternoon. Need to see what will work for Maya and Peaches."

I asked, "Have you talked to Kayré or Kacie?"

She replied, "Nope, I got to go see you Sunday."

I found Wynn and asked, "Is Andy around?"

Wynn told me, "Nope he left with Lindsay this morning for the Fountain Hills store since he said his car was there."

I replied, "Ah okay. Well, we have a 'consult' on Sunday either in the late morning or early afternoon. Guess Diane is going to go forward with moving Vinnie's to Linda's building. Linda, Maya, Peaches and Dianne are going to meet here to discuss. Might end up conferencing Laura in as well."

Wynn asked, "So did she say when she was going to be back?"

I laughed, "Yeah, late Saturday, but I think she meant back at Dundee's place. Her and Dundee are heading to Bull Head City as he has a small job out there for a couple days. Plus, she did not say anything to Kayré or Kacie."

Earlier that morning I came down to the kitchen to find Sara cooking breakfast wearing her black widow corset, short skirt, sheer black stockings and combat boots. I joked, "Hey, what are you doing wearing my army boots?"

Sara laughed, "As if you won that hubcap you call a belt buckle in a rodeo! Got these at Goodwill, they go great with this outfit." Lindsay came down the stairs in one of the new gypsy dresses, "Wow Lindsay that dress is so you."

Wynn came out of the laundry room and noticed Lindsay, "Don't believe I've seen you in that kind of a dress. Suits you well."

Kacie and Kayré came down the stairs and saw Sara. Kacie laughed, "Now that is an interesting outfit..."

Sara explained, "It is a style I learned of from Misses Bordeaux younger daughter."

Kacie cringed, "Oh that is today isn't it? May be I should work remotely today."

Kayré laughed, "Nonsense. You'll be fine. Sara, Lindsay and I will be working with her and her daughters directly, you'll just be helping to get stock."

Sara announced, "Okay everyone grab a plate and serve your self. Veggie omelet and home fries. The English Muffins are in the toaster oven and should be done shortly." She turned her attention to Kacie, "Don't make me come over there and kick you in the ass with these combat boots!"

Kacie wasn't sure if Sara was being serious or not. Kayré didn't help matters, "Yeah, she does need a swift kick in the rear sometimes..."

After breakfast the four of them headed over to The Budget Holstein.

Chapter 14: She Won't Back Down & Oh What A Night!

Since Maya and Peaches were going to be coming out on Sunday for the meeting with Diane and Linda, Sara invited them to come out Friday after work to spend another weekend at the mansion. Friday afternoon Sara and Lindsay returned with Kayré and Kacie. Sara told them, "Maya and Peaches should be here shortly with dinner. I kicked out Ron and Andy until tomorrow afternoon." Andy and I went over to the Zinfandel's as Gary and Lulu had some projects they needed us to work on at the Acme Deer Valley office that Saturday. This allowed the girl's to have the house to themselves on Friday night and most of the day Saturday.

Wynn would pick us up after Brunch and we would be working at Gary's office most of Saturday. A few moments later the intercom gonged and Wynn let Maya and Peaches into the back. Wynn headed out to help them bring in all the food.

During dinner Sara announced, "As we did last week, we will spend some time playing. Same partners, same rooms as last week, expect Kayré and I will be in my suite since Ron will be away until tomorrow."

Maya and Kacie met down in the Quail Suite. Kacie joked, "Ah, we meet again!"

Maya laughed, "Yep..." Before she knew what was going on Kacie had pounced on her and started kissing Maya deeply while rubbing her tits.

Kacie worked her way down and discovered as she went to go after Maya's pussy, Maya was once again belted. This was further confirmed when Kacie removed Maya's long skirt revealing nude stockings and her 'super max' belt, "Geez woman, you wear this thing all the time?"

Maya laughed, "Yes, I do! Let me find my key; it should be somewhere in my bag; unless Peaches didn't pack it."

She turned around bent down as she dug through her bag. Kacie noticed something look different, "What the hell! Do you have an anal plug on that thing now?"

Maya sighed, "Yeah...not my choice...well it was my choice...just didn't expect her to go through with it."

Kacie was laughing, "Wait, did Peaches get the better of you?"

Maya found her key and decided before should told the tale of the events from earlier that week, she'd pour a glass of wine for Kacie and herself. She handed a glass to Kacie then explained, "Well, I'll say this; she won't back down from a challenge. I learned that couple years ago when I was at the Moon Goddess. Except at that time I used it to *my* advantage. I was able to challenge her to not only wear, but stay in a belt 24/7 until shortly before Christmas that year. This time around I decided to challenge her again and yet was secretly hoping she *would* back down."

Kacie took a sip of wine asking, "So, what happened?"

Maya laughed, "Well, a while back Gary had made her a chastity armor like that Wynn and Sara wear. The only time she wore it was the night Gary brought it over for fitting. Otherwise, it has been sitting in the closets at this house, the Ashler Hills house and then at our condo when we moved there. So the other night I mentioned the armor to her. She didn't want anything to do with it. I kept

going on about it and jokingly I told her I'd add the anal plug to my belt and let her hold on to the key, if she would wear the armor and let me hold on to the key..."

Kacie was laughing, "Let me guess, she accepted."

Maya nodded, "Yeah, which wasn't that bad...at first. So, I was expecting her to wear the chastity armor for a couple hours, may be over-night max. Figured she would get tired of wearing and demand her key back. Four days later here we are."

Kacie still laughing, "What went wrong?"

Maya laughed, "She loves wearing the fucking armor. I'd thought she would get tired of it and beg for her key back. Nope! She says it makes her feel like a 'super hero!'"

Kacie almost choked on her wine, "Oh wow! So you have a Super Peaches!"

Maya added, "and a super frustrated Maya...at least she allow me to have my key back for the weekend."

Kacie took the key from her and unlocked Maya's belt laughing, "Hmm...who's dominating who? Well, then let's not waste anymore time shall we!"

Maya removed the shield from her pussy and tossed the belt on the floor. She walked over to desk chair and sat down to remove the buttons from her pussy, setting those on the desk. As she stood up and walked towards the bed Kacie pushed her on to the bed then dove into Maya's pussy and quickly brought here to one of what would be countless orgasms that evening.

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Meanwhile over in Lindsay's suite, Lindsay had plans for her and Peaches which would eventually involve them 'relaxing' until the morning. She had already setup the two person Sequifix restraint system on her bed. Peaches came in and noticed the bed then asked, "What we doing Angel?"

Lindsay smiled, "Well first we are going to have some fun and then at the end of the night we will 'relax'." She pulled out two pairs of high security cuffs from her skirt handing one to Peaches and directing her, "Remove your dress and belt, then put these on behind your back as we did last weekend." After Peaches took the cuffs Lindsay had turned around to sit down to remove her sandals along with the rest of the clothes except her white fishnet stockings. After she had undressed she cuffed her hands behind her back and stood up and turned to face Peaches, "Get on the bed..." She noticed Peaches was wearing her armor, "...wow I forgot

you had one of those. What did you do?"

Peaches replied, "Me? I not do anything wrong, Maya did! Maya challenged me and I made good for me!"

Lindsay was impressed, "Wow, you conned Maya? I'm impressed!" She sat down on the edge of the bed with her hands still cuffed behind her. As she waited for Peaches to remove her armor she told Peaches, "Do tell!"

Peaches removed her armor and laughed, "She kept telling me I never wear this thing. She joked she would add butt plug to her belt and give me key if I wore this and gave her my key. I accepted!"

Lindsay laughed, "That'll teach her. How long?"

Peaches had removed her armor and was cuffing her hands behind her back, "She didn't give time. That was Monday night. I like armor, makes me feel like Super Hero! Let's do this, me on top or bottom?"

Lindsay was too distracted by the 'super hero' statement to hear Peaches question. Peaches didn't bother waiting for an answer and ended up pushing Lindsay on to the bed (much the way she did with Maya back in Chugwater) then getting on top of her into 69 position. Lindsay was further caught off guard by how aggressive Peaches was with eating her pussy, especially when the first of many orgasms hit Lindsay. Lindsay was enjoying Peaches' tongue on her clit and pussy, then she suddenly felt Peaches' tongue push deep into her asshole. Lindsay let out a moan, "Oh god yes!"

Peaches laughed, "Heard it from a friend who, heard it from a friend who, heard it from another you like be rimmed."

Lindsay was trying to figure out who Peaches was talking about with her REO Speedwagon reference, but she couldn't really focus that much. She was having a hard enough time just keeping focused on trying pleasure Peaches. After another 20-minutes or so Lindsay informed Peaches, "I need to pee!" Peaches rolled over and Lindsay flopped off the bed and darted to the bathroom with her hands still cuffed behind her. She reemerge a few minutes later still out of breath, "Wow, you got a lot of energy tonight."

Peaches joked, "Armor gives me super powers!"

Lindsay added, "More like makes you super horny!" She needed a break before they went on. She walked over to the desk chair with her robe draped over the back and remove the cuff keys from the pocket. After she undid her cuffs she removed Peaches, placing the cuffs in the nightstand drawer next to her side of the bed. She put on her robe and told Peaches, "I am gong to go down to the

kitchen and grab a bottle of wine and some ice cream for us. Be back soon.” Peaches decided she should visit the little girls room while waiting for Lindsay to return. Lindsay made her way down to the kitchen and found a small basket in the pantry. She placed a corkscrew, some napkins, couple spoons, wine glasses and one-pint containers of ice cream in the basket. She grabbed a bottle of wine from the fridge and made her way back up to her room. After pouring them each a glass of wine she handed Peaches an ice cream and spoon.

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Over at the Zinfandel's Bambi was in the kitchen cooking dinner. Bunny had given Gary, Andy and I each a beer while she poured her and Bambi a glass of wine. She asked, “So what are y'all doing tomorrow?”

Andy told her, “Have no clue.”

I added, “Yeah, all I know is Gary asked me if were free Saturday to help him and Lulu at the Acme Office.”

Bunny commented, “Hmm...interesting. Oh well, nice having you over here.”

Bambi added, “Yeah, seems like I am always over there so this is a nice change. Gives me a chance to make my famous Chicken Enchiladas!”

Bunny joked, “By famous she means you need to sign a waiver before you can eat them!”

Gary had walked back into the kitchen and explained, “So, Lulu and I did a top-to-bottom inspection of the office after your crew left last weekend. There are many little repairs and fixes that need to be done and since Sara and Lindsay were looking for a reason to kick you two out of the house for their 'girls weekend'...”

I commented, “The funny thing is, they had a 'girls weekend' last weekend when we were in Henderson.”

After dinner Gary had his weekly conference call with Cristina so the rest of us headed up to the play loft Bunny of course wanted to spend some time in the hogtie trainer, so Bambi got her setup. She turned her attention to Andy and I, “Okay, who is going to be the first participant...”

Andy asked, “For what?”

I knew what she was referring to and told Andy, “Gary's ultimate male milking machine. Been there; done that; didn't get a t-shirt; but had quite the erotic experience nonetheless.”

Andy laughed, "Well gee, I left the key to my device at the house..."

Bambi pulled out a key from her skirt pocket, "This key?"

Andy look at the key and told her 'no' and then I noticed it was the key for my device, "Actually that is mine...how?"

Bambi pulled out another key and asked, "Is *this your* key?". Andy confirmed and she explained, "Wynn brought them over earlier in the day. Come along Master McGrawl, you are about to get the Ultimate Male Milking." As she started to walk away she paused and handed me a cat-of-nine-tails and told me, "Why don't you make yourself useful and play with my sister for a while!"

Bunny heard what Bambi had said and even though she was gagged we could clearly make out her "Oh fuck!"

Bambi let out an evil laugh, "I heard that!" She walked back towards me and whispered, "Don't worry that was an 'oh fuck' of *excitement*, not fear! Have fun with her."

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Sara and Kayré were still in the kitchen. Before they headed upstairs Sara asked Kayré, "Choose a bottle of wine of your liking. I'll grab the glasses." Kayré looked through the wine fridge and found a bottle of Pinot Gris then followed Sara to the master suite. Sara opened the bottle and poured them each a glass. Sara commented, "Not a bad week. Misses Bordeaux and company took longer than expected but went well overall."

Kayré agreed, "Yeah, Misses Bordeaux never said anything to or about Kacie. Kacie is happy with the amount of money the store has made from them...and not being called out by any of them. So what do you have planned for us tonight?"

Sara laughed, "Not really sure. Been so busy and then having Ron and Andy stay next door was a last minute thing, so never really planned anything. Hmm....what to do, what to do....oh I have an idea. Let me see, where did I put those scarves?" Sara walked over to the dresser and started looking through the drawers, "...ah here we are!" She pulled out two black scarves and handed one to Kayré and explained, "fold it over as such three times. Remove your shoes then get on the bed. Sit on the bed and then wrap the scarf around your head over your eyes."

Kayré took the scarf, removed her shoes, got on the bed and after folding the scarf as Sara directed asked, "Now what?"

Sara hopped on top of the bed facing Kayré and placed the folded scarf around her head over her eyes then reached out putting her arms around Kayré's neck, "Now, we make out! We have all night, so no hurry!" After kissing Kayré a bit she reached over and started fondling Kayré's tits. Kayré followed suit and over the next couple hours the girls got quite 'hands on' with each other with each of them ending up only in their stockings. Both ended up having powerful orgasms causing them to fall asleep for a short time on top of the bed. Kayré woke up to feel Sara sucking on her left tit while fingering her pussy and rubbing her clit. Kayré moaned and Sara giggled, "Ah you're awake!"

Kayré laughed, "Yes I am. What time is it?"

Sara replied, "Haven't a fucking clue, still have this scarf on my head. Let me remove it and see..." Sara removed the scarf from her head and realized the lights were still on in the room, "Oh wow, it is bright in here!" Her eyes slowly adjusted and she was able to see the clock, "Hmm, it appears to be a little before 11:00. I'm hungry, we have ice cream down in the kitchen. I'll run down and grab a couple pints."

Kayré told her, "More wine too please!"

Sara laughed, "I don't know we might get our selves into trouble."

Kayré laughed, "Yeah sure! What's the worst that couple happen?!"

Sara joked, "We could end up restrained to the bed with wands strapped to our pussies with no way out until morning!"

Kayré was still horny and replied, "What's wrong with that?"

Sara giggled, "Well...actually...nothing! Let me head downstairs and see if Wynn is still up." Sara put on a long t-shirt made her way downstairs to the kitchen. She was startled to see Wynn was up and in the kitchen, "Oh, wasn't expecting you in here."

Wynn had been washing dishes, "Yeah I had gone upstairs to see if Lindsay and Peaches had put their dishes out from earlier." She turned to Sara and noticed her outfit, "Interesting look Miss Raye..."

Sara laughed, "Hey, I am being modest! I could've just come down in my stockings only. Not that I suppose it would much matter as Andy and Ron or Linda are not around. Anyway, since I am down here I was going to grab some ice cream for Kayré and I."

Wynn handed her two spoons, "Well, you can take these spoons, freshly washed!"

Sara took the spoons and then went over to the fridge and opened the freezer drawer retrieving two containers of ice cream. Wynn asked, "Was there anything else Misses Merlot?"

Sara replied, "Well, Kayré is rather horny and drunk. I had suggested we should 'relax' for the rest of the evening."

Wynn laughed, "Perfect! That is a good idea, keep you two contained to your room. We don't want either of you two running off and get into trouble with or disturbing the other guests. I'll get all the supplies from the play room and be up to your room to setup in a few minutes."

Sara told Wynn, "Okay thanks. Oh while you are down there grab Kayré's leotard and a pair of tights for her please."

Wynn replied, "Will do. Be up there in a few minutes." She headed down the kitchen stairs to the lower level and went to gather everything from the toy closet.

Sara headed back upstairs to her suite. Upon entering she didn't see Kayré, but noticed the door to the bathroom was partially closed. Sara set the two ice creams and spoons on top of the dresser. While she was waiting for Kayré she retrieved her long sleeve leotard and a pair of sheer black pantyhose. Kayré was still doing her business so Sara removed the t-shirt and stockings and proceeded to put on the pantyhose and leotard. Kayré came out the bathroom and noticed Sara, "Nice outfit!"

Sara told her, "It is my 'relaxing' outfit. Wynn is going to be up shortly to get the bed setup. She will also bring up your leotard as well as some tights. Now, let's eat this ice cream while we are waiting." Sara handed her the pint of ice cream along with a spoon.

Kayré took the ice cream and spoon from Sara and commented, "Oh yeah, forgot I do have a leotard here don't I!"

Sara giggled, "Among other stuff..."

Wynn knocked on the door, "Room service!" Sara opened the door and Wynn in with an armful of gear, "Okay, we got wands, cuffs, panel gags, blindfolds, wand harnesses and this new toy from Gary." Wynn set everything on the bed and then told the girls, "I'll be back need to grab Kayré's leotard and some tights."

After Wynn left Sara examined the 'new toy' from Gary. What she could make of it, it looked like a power strip. However, it did appear to have a touch screen. Kayré came over and looked at it as well, "What is that?"

Sara explained, "Not too sure. Looks like a power strip, but then it has a touch screen interface. We'll wait for Wynn to come back."

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Meanwhile down the hall over in the McGrawl's (King) suite Peaches was still horny. Lindsay looked at the time and told her, "Why don't we go change into our leotard and tights. The bed is ready to go, I just need to get the wands setup." Peaches took her leotard and tights and headed into the bathroom to change. Meanwhile Lindsay looked through the bottom drawer of her nightstand and found her favorite gag as well as one for Peaches along with a couple blindfolds. She had the Sequfix magnetic key attached to the base of the lamp. Peaches had returned in sleeveless yellow mid-thigh biketard along with suntan pantyhose. Lindsay handed her a wand harness and instructed her, "Put this on and the gag I set out for you too. There is a blindfold, but wait on that until the end." Lindsay headed to her closet to find her leotard and tights. She found what she was looking for and sat on the stool in her closet and changed into the gold leotard and white tights.

Lindsay returned to the main suite and saw Peaches had attached the wand harness and was wearing the gag as well. Lindsay told her, "Get on the bed and I'll get the wand attached." Peaches jumped on the bed while Lindsay walked over to the chair and picked up two wands bring them to the bed. She also picked up the extension cord connected to the timer and brought that over to the foot of the bed. She plugged in both wands and then asked Peaches, "Medium or High?" Peaches grunted something through her gag that Lindsay was not able to make out. She just assumed, "Okay, 'high' it is then!" She set both wands to high and attached one wand to Peaches' harness. Lindsay did one last check of the setup and hoped up on to the bed next to Peaches. She told Peaches, "Go ahead and lay down and I'll start getting you secured to the bed." Peaches did as she was told. Lindsay started with Peaches ankles and worked her way up. She only attached Peaches' left wrist as she would be able to attach Peaches' right wrist using her left hand as Peaches would be able to secure Lindsay's left with her right hand. Lindsay then attached the shoulder and forehead straps. She checked everything and saw there was no way Peaches was going to be able to go anywhere. She handed Peaches the strap for Lindsay's wrist along with a magnetic lock explaining to Peaches, "Hold on to these until I tell you. If you feel with your right hand slightly to the right, you will feel the post. When I tell you pull the strap and loop the hole through the post and attach the magnet with the key. That will secure my left wrist. I'll be doing the same with your right wrist right before I tell you. When you have the magnetic lock in place just throw the key and we will not be able to get out until Wynn comes in the morning!"

Peaches grunted something through her gag. Lindsay giggled, "Yes it is erotic! Go ahead and pull down your blindfold. Okay, let me start getting myself secured." Lindsay did her ankles and waist. Lindsay realized since she needed to instruct

Peaches, she would not be able to wear her gag. Lindsay put on her blindfold and laid down then reached up and attached the forehead strap and then the shoulder straps. She secured her right wrist and then carefully transferred the key from her right to left hand. She grabbed a hold of the strap for Peaches' right wrist and tugged until it would go no more. The straps were pre-setup to a set diameter preventing them from being over-tightened. She found the locking post and slid the strap in and attached the magnetic lock. Finally, she placed her left wrist through the loop and passed the key over to Peaches and told her, "Now!" Lindsay felt Peaches grab a hold of the key and then felt Peaches pulling the wrist strap tight. It was quiet enough Lindsay could hear the click of the magnetic lock being attached to the post. She then heard a slight clank from across the room as Peaches tossed the key. Now was the worst part, waiting for the timer on the wands to kick on. Fortunately, Lindsay and Peaches didn't have to wait long as their wands came to life. Both Lindsay and Peaches were moaning. About half hour into their relaxation session Peaches had her first big orgasm and let out a muffled banshee scream. Lindsay had a big orgasm not too soon after and then ended up relaxing enough to have the vibrations on her pussy and clit to put her to sleep.

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Wynn returned with Kayré's leotard along with some tights. Sara asked about the toy, "What is this, looks like a power strip?"

Wynn told her, "Well, it is. But it is more than that. It is a timer, but you can control each of the four individual outlets independently. I will setup these up to be completely random. So Kayré's wand will kick on at a different time and duration than yours. The duration can be anywhere from a few minutes to a couple hours with a few minutes off then starting up again randomly. Now, give me a few minutes to get the bed setup. Once you are in your leotards put on the wand harness and attach your wands." Wynn made quick work of the bed as this setup was much simpler with a couple spreader bars for their ankles and then wrist cuffs to keep their hands above their heads. Wynn told Kayré, "Get on to the bed and attach your ankles to the spreader bar. You will want to put on your gag and blindfold *before* you attach your wrists. Kayré did as she was instructed. Wynn took the cord for Kayré's wand and connected it to the timer box. She turned to Sara, "Okay, you know what to do." Sara climbed up on the bed attaching her ankles to the spreader bar.

As Wynn took the cord for Sara's wand Sara told Kayré, "Go ahead and put on your gag and blindfold. Once you've done that reach over and connect your left wrist using the cuffs on the post. I'll connect your right wrist to my left once I get my gag and blindfold on." Kayré put on her gag and blindfold then reached over and cuffed her left wrist. Sara told her, "Looks good. Let me get myself setup and I'll attach us shortly." Sara put on her gag and blindfold then cuffed her right wrist to the bed post. She felt with her left hand between them and found the chain

with a set of cuffs attached. She took the left cuff and attached it around Kayré's wrist. She then placed the right cuff around her own.

Wynn walked over and tightened the cuffs and told them, "Okay, you two are all set. Wands should be kicking on shortly though not at the same time. I'll be back in the morning to let you two out."

Wynn turned off the light and left the room. Not too much later Sara heard a click, but it was from Kayré's wand. A couple minutes later she heard another click and felt her wand come to life on her pussy and clit. Sara squirmed around to get the wand to hit just the right spot. It took a little trial and error but Sara finally found the perfect spot and was enjoying the sensations when her wand clicked off. Sara groaned in frustration though the edging would prolong the experience. A couple minutes later her wand kicked on again and just as she got close to her first orgasm the wand kicked off. It was going to be a long night. She had drifted off to sleep when she was awoken by Kayré squeezing her hand and moaning very loudly. She felt Kayré's grip loosen as she rode out the orgasm. Sara's wand kicked back on and now the vibrations seemed so much more intensified, perhaps because she was so relaxed now. She could feel the orgasm building and was secretly praying the wand would not kick off before it came over her. As the orgasm kept building Sara tensed and was now wishing the wand would turn off as she was not sure she was going to be able to withstand the intensity of her forthcoming orgasm. Luckily (or unluckily) for Sara, her wand remained on and in the next couple minutes felt one of the most powerful orgasms she has had in a long time. She held on best as she could and felt the wave of pleasure hit her as she passed out for the evening.

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I walked over to Bunny in the hogtie trainer with the cat-o-nine-tails. After removing her gag, I commented to her, "I thought Bambi was the submissive of the family? At least she was when she was with Maya." I gave her couple whacks with the 'cat' on her ass.

Bunny moaned, "Oh yeah! Bambi prefers to be a bottom, but when given the opportunity such as tonight she can switch and be a top. Now, don't just stand there..." I resumed using the 'cat' on Bunny's ass and back.

Andy had followed Bambi over to the far corner of the play loft where the milker/fucker setup was located. She told Andy to remove his shorts and briefs. After Andy stripped from the waist down Bambi knelt down beside him and unlocked his device and commented as she removed it, "Oh, you have the 'deluxe' high security model." After Bambi removed the tube, Andy's cock immediately gained girth, "Wow, how do you even fit your dick in there?!"

Andy laughed, "Lots of lube and an ice pack."

Bambi chuckled and handed Andy a set of leather wrist and ankle cuffs, "Okay, then...whatever works. Go ahead and put on these cuffs and then hop into the sling. I'll get you positioned correctly and secure your limbs once you are on there." Andy took the cuffs attaching them to his wrists and ankles. He hopped into the sling and Bambi directed him, "Grab a hold of the chains above/behind your head and I'll position you correctly." Andy grabbed the chains and Bambi grabbed his leg pulling him so his ass was at the edge of the sling chair. Bambi attached his ankles and then walked over and grabbed his arms clipping the wrists to the chains above his head. Bambi explained, "Now, this is something Gary Frankensteined one night when we were still in Nevada. He got this wild idea: why not take a butt (fucking) machine and Venus (penis) milker and put them together."

Andy laughed, "Why wouldn't you?!"

Bambi agreed, "Yeah why not. However, it was Bunny that added the third component, the nipple milkers. We already had this setup going for us ladies with the same fucking machine and the nipple milkers...so she suggested Gary give it a try a couple months after we had moved in here. He did and boy we never seen him cum as hard as he did that night. Anyway, let me grab some lube and I will get you setup and acclimated. Oh, almost forgot you need a blindfold...it kicks the whole experience up a notch. Of course so does a gag, but since this is your first time we'll not do the gag." After getting and putting a blindfold on Andy, Bambi grabbed the lube can and lubed the dildo on the butt machine. She put on a latex glove on her left hand then globed lube on to her gloved hand, "Since I don't know where your ass has been I best wear a glove."

Andy replied, "It has been with me my whole life..."

Bambi laughed, "True." She slowly worked one finger in Andy's asshole, "A bit tight, going to have to give Lindsay some tips on how to loosen you up." She kept massaging his asshole for a couple of minutes slowly working up to getting three fingers in his hole, "Ah okay, that's more like it." She adjusted the fucking machine the dildo was ever so slightly penetrating Andy's ass. She warned him, "Okay going to start the fucking machine now, just on low." Bambi turned on the machine and Andy moaned in pleasure as the dildo rubbed against his prostate. "Doing okay?" Andy nodded. "Okay, then let's kick up the tempo now." She increase the speed and Andy moaned again. Bambi noticed Andy's cock was getting rock hard, "Oh my, you're really enjoying this! Time for the Venus." She placed the receiver over Andy's cock and started the pump, "Again, we'll start slow..." As she increased the speed of the Venus she advised Andy, "If it becomes too much let me know. Gary can take this thing full blast and still takes him a good twenty minutes plus to cum." Bambi observed Andy over the next couple minutes as she slowly increased the speed of both the fucking machine as well the Venus. She could tell Andy was enjoying himself and it was time to complete

the trifecta, "Now for the third and final piece, the nipple milkers. This may be a bit over powering at first, so I'll keep the suction to a minimum and slowly work our way up." She attached the milkers to Andy's nipple and started the secondary pump on the slowest speed. After another 10-minutes Bambi had everything going at full speed and Andy was breathing and moaning heavily, "Okay then, I'll leave you here for a bit to enjoy your experience. I am going to go check on my sister and Ron." Just as Bambi walked away Andy had the first of several orgasms.

The next morning at The Zinfandel's Andy and I headed down to the kitchen. Bambi was making an omelet with green chilies and chorizo. Gary came in the kitchen and commented, "Ah, I love the small of Chorizo in the morning! Bet you didn't know that Bambi spent sometime down in Mexico."

Well, that would certainly explain how she learned to cook these Latin American dishes. Bambi explained, "It was part of a church group, we did a three-month missionary trip back in the mid 90's."

After breakfast Gary handed Andy and I a copy of an 'inspection report', he explained, "This is everything we came across when we did the inspection last week. I also forwarded a copy to Wynn so she should have everything you need when she comes to get us."

Andy was looking at the report, "Hmm, I thought we fixed all the PC's when we were out last weekend?"

I replied, "Yeah, there were about half dozen. Which reminds me, you never did bring back my USB imaging sticks."

Gary explained, "They are in Lulu's office, kept meaning to bring them back home with me. Anyway Lulu sent out an email asking if anyone was having issues and that is why there are a couple more PC's needing repair."

Andy was still skimming the list, "Purple haze?"

I replied, "What was the second single by *The Jimi Hendrix Experience*? However, I don't think that's what they mean. Let me guess a 23-inch E-Series HP monitor?"

Andy replied, "They don't say what kind of monitor other than it has a 'purple haze'."

I told him, "Yeah, sounds like one of those HP monitor to me. I don't recall though using any of those on the ACME job. Far as I knew we stayed with our default 22-inch. I'll take a look when we are there. What else is there?"

Andy observed, "Boy they are sure rough on patch cables, got a about dozen with broken clips. Other than that nothing too major. Oh wait what the...'customer spilled coffee on the customer service computer!'"

I laughed, "Darn customers. That sounds like it might be a full replacement."

Gary added, "Too bad it wasn't Red Bull, could've had a flying computer!"

Andy replied, "No you wouldn't! Red Bull may give *you* wings, but it will destroy your computer. We used to see a computer that took a bath in Red Bull, at least once every couple months at the Casa Adobes store. We had a junior law firm across the way in the center and they always seemed to be spilling Red Bull and other energy beverages on their computers. Finally switched to mini's mounted to the back of their monitors."

Chapter 15: ACME and One More Last Night

Wynn's internal alarm kicked in...albeit a few minutes early. She got out bed wearing only her armor and the fishnet pantyhose. She headed to the closet and found her French Maid's uniform. She grabbed her master key ring and headed upstairs to release Sara and Kayré. She knocked on the door in her French accent announced, "Service de chambre!" She walked into the room and undid the outer cuffs and then tossed the keys for the inner cuffs between Sara and Kayré.

Sara with her one free hand managed to remove her blindfold and then looked to her side and found the keys. She took the keys and undid the cuff connected to the girls' inner wrists then the cuff around her left wrist. With both her hands free she was able to remove her gag, "Ah Fife, how nice of you to wake us this morning."

Wynn giggled then told them, "Still need to do Lindsay and Peaches then I'll go check on Maya and Kacie. Just throw everything in the chair and I'll get it when we get back from Brunch. Meet down in the Great Room when you are ready." Wynn left and headed down the hall to Lindsay's room. As she did earlier, she knocked on the door in her French accent announced, "Service de chambre!" Peaches was awoken by Wynn entering the room and did not realize she was gagged, blindfold and secure to the bed. Peaches started to panic as she did not quite remember the events of the past evening. Wynn came over and placed a hand on Peaches' shoulder, "Okay Madam Adela! I'll have you two out in a couple minutes." She jokingly added, "and I am sure Lindsay needs to pee."

Since Lindsay never put her gag in she could reply to Wynn, "Yes, yes I do!" Wynn came over with her universal magnetic Sequfix key and released Lindsay's wrists. Lindsay removed her blindfold and saw Wynn as Fife, "Oh it's Wynn's distant cousin from France!"

Wynn replied, "Wi! Wi!"

Lindsay giggled and then informed her, "So our key should be somewhere over by the TV wall. Of course Peaches was blindfolded when she threw it so it could've ended up anywhere."

Wynn told her, "Well, I might attract it with these metal stiletto heels. That is what happened when you and Sara had played with these at the other house." She walked back around to release Peaches when she heard the clink of the key being attracted to her heel, "Well, there you go! I told you that would work." She curled her leg upward and pulled the key off her heel tossing it to Lindsay, "Here you can start releasing yourself while I work on Peaches. Just leave everything in the chair and I'll come back up after we return from Brunch and collect everything." Once Wynn had Peaches fully release she told them, "I need to go check on Kacie and Maya. Just meet in the Great Room when y'all are ready."

Wynn headed down the center stairs into to the Great Room then back to her suite to deposit her master set of keys. She then headed downstairs to the playroom then over to the Quail Suite. She knocked on the door and entered into the hall of the suite. As she got near the bathroom she announced in her French accent, "Bonjour mes demoiselles."

Maya was already awake and turned on the light. She smiled when she saw Wynn as Fife; Kacie was not quite awake and mumbled, "Where the fuck are we?!" Maya gave Kacie a firm, but gentle kick in the ass. Kacie let out a yelp, "Ow! What the hell!?"

Maya laughed, "Time to wake up."

Kacie was still half asleep, "Geez, if Kayré did that to me..." She then noticed Wynn, "Interesting outfit."

Maya giggled, "I could've kicked you right out of the bed."

Kacie agreed and opted to make sure Maya did not prove her point, "Oh I am sure you could have. I'm up now."

Maya pointing to Wynn/Fife, "This is Wynn's distant cousin from France."

Kacie laughed, "Okay, if you say so."

Wynn replied, "When you two are ready meet up in the Great Room and we will head out to brunch."

Maya asked, "You going dressed like that?"

Wynn laughed, "No, I'll find something less flirty to wear." She left the suite and headed back to her suite to change. She found a purple corset and long skirt to wear with the black fishnets and the stiletto ankle boots." She returned a few minutes later to find everyone in the Great Room. She asked, "So where are we going this morning?"

Maya commented, "Well, last week we went to that place over in DC Ranch."

Sara added, "Yeah, prior to that was in Old Town Scottsdale with Miss Kitty and Martina. Did you have someplace in mind?"

Wynn thought for a moment, "You know what, there is a small Cafe over in Carefree near that chuck wagon place Ron likes. Be warned, it is one of those places you can not judge the food by the outside. Lindsay and Sara with me in our Jeep. Kacie and Kayré can ride with Maya and Peaches who follow us in their Jeep."

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The girls returned from Brunch and changed into something more playful. They all headed down the stairs to the playroom until we would have returned later that afternoon. Wynn made her third outfit change since getting up that morning and then called me, "I'm on my way over, you three ready?"

I replied, "Yeah, we'll meet you up front." I knew it would only take Wynn a minute to get over so I told Andy and Gary, "She's ready and should be out front shortly."

We just walked out the front door then we saw Wynn pulling up in the Cruiser. I sat up front and asked, "Everything go alright last night?"

Wynn yawned and laughed, "Yeah...I didn't get to bed until almost midnight. Kayré and Sara had a bit much wine and decided they should 'relax' for the night. So had to get their room setup. Of course I was still up since Lindsay and Peaches had invited me to an ice cream and wine party in Lindsay's room earlier. Maya and Kacie pretty much kept to themselves down in the Quail Suite. So you and Andy have a chance to review Gary and Lulu's list?"

Andy replied, "Yes we did."

I added, "Doesn't seem like it is too bad. But, we won't know until we dive into this deeper." I then noticed Wynn was wearing a purple corset with black booty shorts and the fishnets paired with stiletto ankle boots. I asked, "Come from Brunch dressed like that?"

Wynn laughed, "Oh God no! Was wearing a long skirt then, but didn't think that

was going to work very well for what we would be doing. Then prior to brunch I was dressed as Fife"

A little later we arrived at Gary's office and he noticed, "Oh, Lulu's here. She did mention to me yesterday she might come in. We should be fine, unless she has a whip..."

Andy added, "and dressed in all Leather?"

Gary laughed, "That would be an interesting sight...or actually more like scary!" After Wynn parked Andy and I got out and went to the rear of the Cruiser to get everything we were going to need for this project. Wynn had followed Gary into the office. He called out, "Lulu!"

Lulu walked in from her office and commented upon seeing Wynn, "Cool outfit. Rocker chick?"

Gary and I walked in and saw Lulu in her all pink attire. I joked, "Oh great she invited Martina, we're never going to get anything done!"

Over the course of the next couple hours we had most of the issues resolved. There were a couple systems which were re-imaging that would take a couple hours to complete. I had located the 'Purple Haze' monitor and told Gary, "Yep, this is the model of monitor I was thinking of."

Andy came over and observed, "That is not one of ours, not sure where that came from, but certainly not from us."

I told Gary, "We'll go ahead and replace it. Just bill you for a new monitor. Wynn will add it to your tab from last week."

Wynn made note and asked Gary, "Did you want me to bill you for last week's services; both stores together or separate?"

Lulu replied, "Separate please. Send me the bill for Deer Valley and Cristina the bill for Henderson. Now, if y'all can find a breaking point soon, we should be thinking about lunch."

Without missing a beat, Andy commented, "Been thinking about that all morning!"

I laughed, "I don't doubt that. Let us swap out this Jimi Hendrix monitor and we can go to lunch." After we had returned from lunch I checked on the systems we were re-imaging. All of them had successfully completed and booted to the Acme's Windows NT login screen. I told Lulu, "Okay, Martina everything looks good here give us a few minutes to pack up and we will be out of your hair!"

Lulu laughed, "Very funny Ron! Seriously though, nice of y'all to be able to do take time out on a Saturday to get this done."

I told her, "Well, I believe it Sara and Lindsay you should thank as they wanted Andy and I out of the house for some reason."

We had finished packing and cleaning up when Gary advised us, "Lulu will drop me off at the house. We still need to take care of somethings over here."

We returned to the house; Andy needed to go over the Scottsdale store, but said he would be back for dinner. Wynn and I walked into the kitchen and found a note taped to the refrigerator: 'See Kayré'. I took the note off the fridge and headed down to the playroom with Wynn. We found Kayré in one of the hogtie trainers. Wynn removed Kayré's gag and I asked showing her the note, "I see you, now what?"

Kayré giggled, "Mother called. She says Dianne will meet tomorrow here around 2:00 PM."

I asked, "Do Maya and Peaches know...of course it doesn't much matter as they are already here..."

Kayré told me, "Yes since Dianne told Maya once Linda contacted her."

I replied, "Okay. Hmm....best I call Laura and see if she is going to be available tomorrow afternoon." I told Wynn, "I'll be up in my office."

She looked at the clock on the wall and told me, "Still about an hour and half hour until we should start dinner."

I asked, "What is dinner?"

Wynn replied, "The meal after lunch, but that's not important."

I groaned, "Okay, walked into to that one. What is *for* dinner?"

Wynn laughed, "Um...well...I thought you were going to grill."

I replied, "News to me. I can grill, but what I am grilling?"

Wynn laughed, "Um...fish?"

I told her, "And what crimes is said fish accused of? Sounds good to me. I suppose you will need to get said fish?"

Wynn sighed, "Yeah, I suppose I would need to do that. I also should get some potatoes too. Well guess, I better head to the market."

Kayré asked, "Dressed like that?"

I laughed, "What's the matter with the way she is dressed?"

Kayré giggled, "Nothing really. I keep forgetting where we are, wouldn't see that down in Oro Valley!"

I headed up to my office while Wynn headed to the market. I called Laura and Miss Kitty answered, "Afternoon Ron. Need to talk to your sister?"

I replied, "Yeah, if she is free."

Miss Kitty informed me, "Oh she is free, I can't say the same about Sophie though. Give me a moment and I'll give her the phone." She walked over to their playroom and handing the phone to Laura, "Your brother."

Laura replied, "Well fuck, I had Sophie just where I wanted her...oh well she can wait..." She took the phone from Miss Kitty, "What's up Ron?"

I told her, "Just a quick call to see if you are free tomorrow afternoon around 2:00 for a conference call?"

Laura told me, "Should be...with whom?"

I replied, "Linda Holstein and Diane Austine, regarding the future of Vinnie's."

Laura replied, "Oh. Vinnie's 3.0, what exactly are we doing with that?"

I told her, "We'll find out tomorrow. So far all I know is she plans on using the building Linda was going to use Corona de las Estrellas before Scottsdale denied her special use permit."

Laura confirmed, "Okay, then I'll be expecting your call around 2:00 tomorrow."

I was adding the consult to my calendar when my office line rang. Looking at the caller ID I saw it was Linda's cell, "AZ Outback, Ron."

Linda laughed, "Wow, you answer your own business line!"

I explained, "Well, since Wynn is out getting food for tonight I kinda had too. What can I do for you?"

Linda explained, "Not sure if Kayré told you or not, but Dianne and I are meeting

tomorrow around 2:00 with Peaches and Maya in your library. I also will taking Kacie and Kayré back with me when I leave for Tucson on Monday."

I told her, "Yes, Kayré did mention that. Hmm...not sure they are going to want to leave here, been rather spoiled staying with us for the past week while you and your boyfriend were out west!"

Linda laughed, "Dundee is not my boyfriend...."

I joked, "Sure he's not...you just like spending every free moment with him...anyway that is fine. We'll see you tomorrow then."

Wynn returned later with the fish and potatoes. While she was getting the fish prepped, I headed out to the Cabana to get my big honking grill fired up. A few minutes later most of the girls came out of the house and into the pool. Sara came over and asked, "We decided we needed to cool off. How long until dinner?"

I replied, "Still getting the grilled warmed up and waiting on Wynn to bring the fish and potatoes out. I'd say around an hour." Wynn came over with the fish and I placed it on the grill. A little later Andy returned to find all us outside.

After he parked the Lexus he walked over and asked, "Miss anything?"

I replied, "Don't think so."

Wynn asked, "Does he know about tomorrow?"

Andy asked nervously, "What about tomorrow?"

I told him, "Oh that's right you already left. We have a consult with Linda, Dianne along Maya and Peaches for Vinnie's 3.0 as Laura is calling it."

Andy commented, "So Linda will finally come back; when tomorrow?"

I replied, "In theory around 2:00 PM." I checked on the fish and asked Wynn, "Seems nice enough out here tonight wanna setup for dinner here in the Cabana?"

Wynn replied, "Yeah and since all the girls are already out here anyway. I'll get the outdoor tableware setup." She yelled out to the girls in the pool, "Someone want to go into the house to pick a bottle of wine to go with this fish?"

Sara replied, "Yeah Lindsay will!"

Lindsay whined, "Why me?"

Sara laughed, "Because Kayré and I have been choosing the same wine all week so figured you would want something different?"

Lindsay giggled, "Okay makes sense. So are we eating out here then?"

Wynn told her, "Yes, we are since y'all are already out here. We should be serving in a few minutes so go to the pool house and get cleaned up."

One by one the girls exited the pool, grabbed towels, stopped at the outdoor showers then headed over to the pool house to change and get cleaned up. Wynn and I just about all the food out when the girls returned wearing shorts/skirts and tanks/t-shirts. Wynn opened the two bottles of wine Lindsay had selected and poured everyone a glass. As we sat down I announced, "So, this will likely be our last big dinner for a while. Maya and Peaches will be going back home tomorrow afternoon after the meeting with Dianne and Linda. Though Kayré and Kacie will still join us along with Linda tomorrow night. Speaking of which, do you have something planned Wynn?"

Wynn replied, "I'll do like last Sunday and just throw a couple 'family size' lasagnas in the oven along with making a jumbo salad. Oh Maya and Peaches, your bags are in the Presentation Room."

Maya replied, "Oh okay, don't know why I thought we were down in the Quail Suite."

I explained, "When you two left last weekend and after Linda said she was going to be gone a *couple* days we moved Kayré and Kacie down there."

Maya understood, "Yeah, it is more comfortable for an extend stay." The sun was setting as we finished dinner, "Wow, nice sunset tonight."

Peaches replied, "Yes. Don't see this often."

Lindsay commented, "So true, we all are so busy with our lives we miss out on this. Been neat having y'all out these past couple weekends give us a break from the usual grind."

We chatted into the later evening. Wynn came out, "I have ice cream for everyone."

Once everyone started finishing their ice cream they headed back to the house and to bed. Kacie had already gone back into the house when Kayré walked over to Sara and I, "Hey Sara, do you have more of those scarves, I'd like to have Kacie experience *that* tonight?"

Sara got up and replied, "Yeah, come with me."

It was just Wynn, Andy and myself on the cabana. Andy told me, "Well, I am rather tired from all we did today, plus Bambi really worked me over good last night on Gary's machine."

I laughed, "Yeah, that can be quite draining, but damn fun. Have a good night sir."

Wynn informed me, "I am going to go check on the pool house and then head to bed as well. Had a late night last night."

I bided her a good night and headed into the house myself. I passed Sara on the center stairs and she informed me, "Going to bring these scarves down to Kayré and Kacie. What to do anything tonight?"

I laughed, "Not really, rather tired and somewhat sore tonight from Gary's job earlier."

Sara told me, "Yeah, I am bit tired too. Kayré and I stayed up way late last night." Sara went into the kitchen and then downstairs to the Quail Suite. Sara knocked on the interior door and Kayré open the door. Sara handed her the scarves, "Here you go, you two have fun and don't stay up too late."

Kayré took the scarves from Sara and replied with a laugh, "Yes mother!" Sara laughed and then headed back to her suite. Kacie was still in the bathroom so Kayré started folding the scarves in preparation for her partner's return. Kacie came out of the bathroom and Kayré told her, "Come get on the bed with me, we will have a little fun tonight before we retire for the night."

Kacie was intrigued, "What kind of fun?"

Kayré told her, "Come up here and face me." Kacie hopped on the bed and faced Kayré, "Okay, so Sara and I did this the other night. Quite simple and yet quite erotic too." She handed Kacie a scarf, "Put this around my eyes and I will do the same with you."

Kacie took the scarf, though not sure what to do, "Okay...then what?"

Kayré laughed, "Now we make out. Let's just start with exploring each other's bodies with our hands and go from there."

Kacie was still unsure, but figured Kayré knew what she was doing. Kayré started feeling Kacie up. Kayré's hand brushed against Kacie's nipple and Kacie had shiver and tingle run down her body, a reaction which caught her completely off guard, "Whoa!"

Kayré responded, "Told ya!" Over the course of the next hour the two of them progressed from fondling each other to eating and fingering each other's pussies. Both girls eventually collapsed in sheer exhaustion from their countless orgasms.

Kacie out of breath told Kayré, "Wow, that was intense!"

Kayré explained, "Yes it is. Found that out last night with Sara. Now, before you try to remove the scarf, let me turn off the light so we are not blinded. Of course, that is provided I can figure out where I am on this giant bed." She felt around and found an edge of the mattress, but no pillows. She changed course and followed the edge and felt pillows on her left side. She then started feeling around in front of her and found the edge of the nightstand. Reaching out a little further, she found the remote for the fan and clicked the button to turn off the light. Kayré carefully removed her blindfold to reveal a mostly dark room other than the night light in the en-suite bathroom, "Okay, it is now safe to remove your scarf!"

Kacie reached up and removed the scarf from around her eyes, "It's dark in here!" She wasn't sure where Kayré was, "Where are you?"

Kayré reached over and grabbed Kacie's arm, "Over here on my side of the bed." Both girls used the bathroom and then ended up in bed.

Kacie asked, "So is this our last night here?"

Kayré replied, "I don't think so. From what I understood, we will leave with Mother on Monday. She is supposed to be back here tomorrow afternoon."

Kacie sighed, "Well, it will be good to be back home...if you can call it that. Sure going to miss this. Was nice to get away for the past week."

Kayré assured her, "We will be back out in a few weeks, though likely not as long though. Just a weekend."

Both girls drifted off to sleep.

Chapter 16: The Woman with the Plan

Sunday morning Wynn and Sara met down in the kitchen, both in their respective maid's uniforms and went to work on getting breakfast prepared. Wynn was making the omelet while Sara worked on the home fries and toasting the English Muffins. Lindsay and Andy came down the stairs and Lindsay saw Sara in her old uniform, "I forgotten how hot you look in that uniform. Ron made a good choice."

Sara told her, "Actually it was Martina, not Ron...he was just the messenger."

Maya and Peaches came down the stairs into the kitchen and heard the

conversation. Maya added, "Yet, it is not Pink!"

I came down the stairs and grabbed a Dr Pepper out the fridge. Meanwhile everyone poured themselves a cup of coffee. Wynn looked around the kitchen and Great Room asking, "Who are we missing?"

Sara replied, "Kayré and Kacie. I'll go down and get them." Sara headed down the stairs to the playroom. As she reached the landing Kacie and Kayré were coming out the playroom, "Goody, was coming to get you two. Wanted to make sure you two got something to eat before Andy and his tapeworm devoured it all!"

Kacie giggled, "Yeah, yeah were coming!"

The three of them head up the stairs into the kitchen. Sara instructed them, "Grab a plate and help yourself. We are doing this buffet style!"

During breakfast I asked, "Who has what plans today?"

Wynn replied, "My usual cleaning of the downstairs. Gary lent me a new toy to demo. I'll see how I do with it."

I joked, "I really need to have a talk with him about us 'beta testing' his toys."

Sara asked, "Why? We've gotten so much cool stuff from him."

I clarified, "I was joking, though he should be paying us to test his toys!"

Maya added, "Well, he sort of does with allowing us to keep them for free...like my Super Max belt!"

Peaches added, "My super hero armor too!"

I concurred "True!"

Maya continued, "With that said, Peaches and I will be down in the playroom."

Peaches added, "I want do spank bench!"

Sara replied, "Lindsay and I might join you later once we get our usual Sunday work done." Maya and Peaches headed downstairs to the playroom.

Kacie asked, "May Kayré and I join you two again in your fabulous office?"

Lindsay giggled, "Oh we have a 'fabulous office'...sure!"

Kayré laughed, "Well, compared to what she has at The Ranch, which was

Mother's."

I reminded them, "So Linda and Dianne are supposed to be meeting around 2:00 PM. That really just pertains to Maya and Peaches beside Andy, Wynn and myself."

Everyone deposited their dirty dishes near the sink. Sara told Lindsay, "I'll catch up with you later, going to help Wynn clean up."

Lindsay nodded, "Okie dookie!" She turned her attention to Kacie and Kayré, "You two ready?"

Kacie replied, "We just need to grab our laptops. We should be able to find our way there."

Kayré and Kacie went back down to the Quail Suite to get their computers while Lindsay headed up to her office. A few minutes later Kacie and Kayré meet Lindsay in her office. Sara and Wynn finished with the breakfast dishes. Sara headed up to join Lindsay and Linda's girls in Lindsay's office. Wynn returned to her suite to get herself prepped for this week's house cleaning. She went to her closet and found her purple catsuit, a waist nipper, ballet boots and a black body-stocking She took off her uniform and then removed her armor and the fishnet pantyhose. She put on the body-stocking then the catsuit. After putting on and tightening the waist nipper she grabbed the ballet boots and walked back to her bed. Sitting on the edge of the bed she put on the ballet boots. She headed back to the closet and found her favorite gag, placing it in her mouth and securing it. Next she pulled out Gary's toy she was 'testing', a portable backpack style fucking machine. She put the machine on her back then unzipped the crotch of her catsuit and positioned the dildo. She decided before she committed herself by locking herself into the fiddle, she should try it out first. She wanted to make sure it would be possible for her to walk and be fucked (much less clean) at the same time. She turned on the machine and walked out of the closet to the full length mirror in the corner of the retreat and admired herself. She walked around a little bit more and determined while it was distracting, she could tolerate the machine and be able to get her chores done. Wynn walked back to her closet and returned to her suite where she proceeded to lock herself in to the fiddle. She set the timer lock for two-hours and snapped it shut securing the locking pin in place on the fiddle. She made her way to the laundry room and grabbed her long handled duster.

Meanwhile Andy and I were going through out notes from Gary's job from yesterday. Andy joked, "Didn't we just do this last Sunday?"

I laughed, "Yep. Hey, it is extra money coming in. Which is nice after I canceled the contract with Arrow Jammer."

Andy asked, "So to confirm what is the plan for Acme Henderson?"

I reviewed, "As far as I know Laura and Madam...Miss Kitty are suppose to be coming up the Friday before Thanksgiving. We will fly out the next morning and should only be out there a couple hours to go over the consult with Cristina. The actual install should be sometime between Christmas and New Years and they will be shutting down the for the holidays and Laura is suppose to be off plus up this way anyway..." I had glanced out to the library and saw Wynn, "...what in the world?!"

Andy asked, "What?!"

I replied, "Turn around, it's Wynn."

Andy laughed, "Oh boy what is she got herself into now?" Andy observed Wynn, "Is that a fucking machine she is *wearing*?"

I stared in disbelief, "I think so..."

Andy commented, "Geez, don't let Lindsay see that..."

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Up in Lindsay's office Kacie was going through the past week's numbers, "Wow, we had a good week last week. Misses Bordeaux and her daughters spent a lot of money."

Sara corrected her, "I think it was all Misses Bordeaux as I don't think she allowed her daughters to spend any of their own money."

Kacie laughed, "Okay, whatever....it was a good week."

Kayré added, "It would be better if we could get Gold Canyon online, hopefully this weekend."

Kacie asked, "Did Ron and Andy invoice us yet for the issues over there last week?"

Lindsay explained, "You won't get an invoice. The switch was under warranty, so we will deal with our vendor on that cost. The modem you leased from Century Link, so no charge to you if it fails. As far as the labor for what Andy and Ron did on site, Linda purchased an annual maintenance contract for that store, so all the labor was covered."

Kacie replied, "Okay, good to know. Out of curiosity, what would not be covered?"

Lindsay told her, "Upgrades or replacement of items not in warranty."

Kayré was looking at the stock and commented, 'Wow, we are completely sold out of the Gypsy dresses and have several pending back order.'

Sara told them, "Yeah, what Misses Bordeaux didn't buy we sold later that day because Lindsay was still wearing/modeling the dress all during that day."

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Down in the playroom, Peaches was back in her black opaque tights and booty shorts. Maya had secured her to the spanking bench and placed the combo blindfold gag on Peaches. Maya started off slow with Peaches and over time started spanking her harder and faster. Since Peaches was out her armor, Maya had access to Peaches' pussy and was able to edge her at the same time. A little while later the four girls up in Lindsay's office had wrapped up with their weekly tasks and headed down to the playroom. Kacie wanted to try out the hogtie trainer while Kayré got setup on the bondage stand. Sara turned to Lindsay and asked, "Would you like to do me on the gyno table?"

Lindsay got excited, "Wow, it has been a while...sure!"

Sara advised her, "We do need to do something with Peaches and Maya...keep them out of trouble, at least until Linda returns."

Lindsay suggested, "Put them in the cage."

Sara let out an evil laugh, "Excellent! Help me get them into straitjackets and wand harnesses."

Sara and Lindsay put Maya and Peaches into straitjackets, gagged as well as attaching wand harnesses to each of them. Lindsay led Peaches into the cage and instructed her, "Go all the way back." Sara attached a wand to Peaches' harness and threaded the cord through the bars. Lindsay then led Maya into the cage and told her, "Go up to Peaches for now, once I close the door you two can spread out." With both Maya and Peaches now in the cage Lindsay shut and locked the door. Sara came over and attached a wand into Maya's harness while threading the cord through the bars.

Sara explained, "So the wands are going to plug into this new toy Gary gave us. Kayré and I used it the other night. It is power strip with timer, but each outlet can be controlled individually. They will both be set to random meaning they will be hot at different time and for different lengths of time too." She glanced at the clock it was about half past noon, "I'll set this for about an hour. Enjoy!" Sara then turned to Lindsay, "Well then, they are taken care of, let's have some fun. I do need to go upstairs to get out my belt though."

Lindsay replied, "Yeah and I need to grab a set of my favorite high security cuffs!"

The two of them walked out of the playroom and headed over to their rooms. Sara went into her closet to get the key for her belt and decided she should change into a simple dress. After she unlocked and removed her belt, Sara removed her tank and shorts then changed in a dress. Sara made her way back to the playroom and saw Lindsay had already gotten the straitjacket, collar and gag out.

She saw Sara and joked, "What took you so long?!"

Sara told her, "Well besides from removing my belt, I decided it would be easier for me to just change into a dress." She then unzipped her dress and allowed it to fall to the floor leaving Sara in her long line corset bra with attached stockings. Lindsay handed her a straitjacket and gag. Sara pulled the straitjacket over her head. Lindsay had walked over to start securing Sara's arms, but Sara stopped her, "Wait...let me get onto the table first." Sara hopped on to the table and Lindsay walked around to Sara's back and grabbed her arm and securing them into place. Lindsay placed the blindfold and gag on Sara then secured the collar around Sara's neck. She then grabbed Sara's legs and spun her so she was parallel with the table.

Lindsay instructed Sara, "Okay, looks like you are lined up, go ahead and lean back." Sara laid down and she heard the click as the ring of the collar caught the latch. Lindsay admired her skill, "Wow! First attempt. Okay let me get your feet strapped in and then I'll be ready. Oh and I have a little something to keep me wet!" Lindsay secured Sara's feet into the stirrups and then attached her cuffs to the stool. While she had been waiting for Sara to return, Lindsay had gotten a wireless vibrating egg from the playroom closet and had inserted it into her pussy under her belt. Lindsay 'checked' Sara's pussy and found Sara was already well primed, "Oh, you're already wet!" Lindsay sat down on the stool, put her blindfold on and then pulled out the remote from her pocket. She cycled through the various settings until she found one she liked. With the egg humming in her pussy, she reached behind her and secured the cuffs around her wrists. It was only then she realized she once again 'put the horse before the cart' in securing herself. Since Kayré was secured to the bondage stand, Kacie in a hogtie trainer plus Maya and Peaches were locked inside the cage and Sara on the table there as no one around to let her out. "Oops, I did it again!" She then recalled Maya and Peaches would be meeting with Linda later so Wynn would be coming down for them later, "Well Wynn will be down a little later to get Maya and Peaches". The feeling of being helplessly trapped for the next hour with the vibrating egg were really turning Lindsay on. She dived into Sara's pussy and went to work.

About half past one Wynn came into the playroom looking for Maya and Peaches, "Maya? Peaches y'all down here?"

Lindsay still had her head between Sara's legs plus the buzzing of the egg in her pussy, but she faintly heard Wynn and then yelled out for Wynn. Wynn heard her name and looked around she saw Kacie and Kayré gagged in the bondage stand and hogtie trainer so she knew it was not one of them calling her. She walked further into the room and saw Sara on the Gyno table and Lindsay attached to the stool. Wynn walked over and asked, "Seen Maya and Peaches?"

Lindsay was squirming between her full bladder and the vibrations of the egg, "They...they...are in cage. Can you...let me out? I need to pee!"

Wynn laughed, "You do this to yourself all the time. Let me get Peaches and Maya out the cage so they can get cleaned up before their meeting then I'll be back for you." Wynn walked over to the cage and sighed, "Oh boy, she didn't say they were being edged..." She walked over to the timer box and shut off the power to all the outlets then unplugged both wands. She told Maya and Peaches, "I'll have you out of there shortly. You still have a bit of time to get cleaned up before Dianne and Linda get her." She walked over and removed the wands from their harnesses and threw the wands on top of the cage. Wynn walked over to the side and opened the door and pulled Maya out of the cage then removed her straitjacket and wand harness. After removing Maya's gag, she asked, "Can you get Peaches out there and out of the jacket and harness? Just leave everything on top of the cage and I'll take care of it later. I need to release Lindsay before she pee's all over the floor!"

Maya laughed, "Here I thought she was house broken. Yeah, I'll get Peaches out. We should have enough time to run upstairs and change into dry clothes." Maya yanked Peaches out the cage and removed her straitjacket and wand harness throwing them on top of the cage. She removed Peaches' gag and asked, "Have fun?"

Peaches smiled, "Yes...butt hurts!"

Maya reminded her, "You're the one that wanted to do the spanking bench. We need to head upstairs and get cleaned up before Dianne and Linda get here."

Wynn went into the playroom closet to the key box and found a key for the high security cuffs Lindsay was using. She walked over to Lindsay and released the cuffs from her wrists. With her hands free Lindsay, removed her blindfold and gag. Wynn noticed Sara was quiet, pointing to Sara asked, "She asleep?"

Lindsay laughed, "Yeah. I'll take care of her after I visit the little girls room. I know you are expecting company."

Wynn made her way upstairs to discover the house line was ringing. She noticed the caller ID was Linda's cell, "Hey, I should be there in about twenty-five minutes just passing Highway 51."

Wynn told her, "Okay, Dianne is not here yet. Maya and Peaches are but they've been here all weekend." After she hung up the phone the door bells chimed. Wynn made her way to the front door and saw Dianne in purple Vinnie's polo, black shorts, sheer black pantyhose and 5-inch stiletto sandals, "Ah Miss Austine, welcome. Come on in."

Dianne observed Wynn in her corset bodysuit and black fishnets and high heel ankle boots, "Ah, so you're the famous Wynn that Maya and Anna have talked about. Nice outfit!"

Wynn laughed, "Whatever they said it ain't true! Anyway, Miss Holstein is on her way in should be about another 20-minutes. Maya and Peaches are freshening up, but should be down shortly. Let's head over to the library and I'll let Ron and Andy know you are here. Follow me." Wynn lead Dianne into the library and told her, "Have a seat or feel free to look through our collections." Wynn walked over to my office and knocked on the door, "Ron, Andy...Miss Austine has arrived. Linda called should be here in about 20-minutes. I just retrieved Maya and Peaches, Sara and Lindsay had them in the cage being edged. They were going to change and head down."

I told her, "Okay, thanks. We'll head in there shortly." Andy and I wrapped up what we were working on headed into the Library. "Howdy Dianne!"

Dianne was looking through a mid 90's Penthouse magazine, "Wow, amazing how risque this would be now."

I laughed, "Yeah, everything just seems so watered down now. So, we are waiting on Linda, did you have any questions before we begin?"

Dianne set the magazine back and came over to the table, "Well, Maya wasn't exactly clear on lot of the details. So I am guessing this is new construction?"

I explained, "So, yes this is going to be in the future Thirsty Cactus project across the Pima Highway. Linda purchased PADs for three buildings, one which would be the new Scottsdale location of her Budget Holstein store, another which is going to be the new location of The McGrawl's PC's & Things Scottsdale store, both of which are currently in the same center as the Target on Scottsdale and Ashler Hills. She had also purchased a PAD for the restaurant she co-owns. Her late husband and her daughter's friend's mother worked there. After they passed about 15-years ago, Linda, her daughter and her friend took over. Linda is currently based out in Oro Valley outside of Tucson and is going to relocate out here leaving the Oro Valley Budget Holstein to her daughter and my sister's partner. She has a property out in Oro Valley which she was going to sell off to an investor along with the restaurant. Something happened and the investor could not come up with the cash to purchase both properties. About that time City of

Scottsdale changed the rules on how late certain establishments could operate in Thirsty Cactus. She applied and was denied for a variance. Since she wasn't able to sell the properties in Oro Valley she decided not to relocate the restaurant so that is how she ended up with this building."

Dianne replied, "Okay, that explains a lot. Do we know when this is supposed to be completed?"

I told her, "That you will need to ask Linda about. I do believe they have broken ground already..." My cell phone was ringing, "Ah Laura...let me take this real quick. Hey Laura, waiting on Linda to get here, I'll call you from the library once she arrives in the next 15-minutes or so."

Laura replied, "Okay. Sounds good."

Maya entered the library wearing a red corset dress and suntan pantyhose along with Peaches in a sleeveless top, booty shorts and super blackout opaque tights. Peaches walked over and hugged Dianne, "Good see you again!"

Maya was confused, "Don't you see her every day?"

Dianne explained, "I am working in the mornings since Drew is at school until early afternoon. So I am usually gone by the time she comes in."

Maya understood, "Okay, makes sense. Good to see you as well. So what's the word on Linda?"

Wynn told her, "She should be here in about 10-minutes or so."

A short time later Linda in her rodeo queen outfit came into my office carrying various sketches and plans, "Sorry, didn't realize how far Vistancia was from here." Turning her attention to Dianne, "Hi, Linda Holstein."

Dianne shook Linda's hand, "Dianne Austine."

Linda set down the plans and explained, "So this was the plans I had drawn up last year for Corona de la Estrellas. It gives you an idea of the foot print of the building. Obviously, we can make changes as I am sure an Italian Bistro is going to be laid out differently than a Mexican Cantina."

Maya commented, "Love how she calls it a Bistro."

Peaches laughed, "It pizza place crammed into old Fishy Chips place!"

Dianne advised, "But it could be a Bistro, but more likely just a Pizzeria."

Linda explained, "So you have the kitchen over in the rear, bar area across..."

Maya commented, "We won't have bar. We are 'Family Friendly' so no alcohol."

Linda was surprised, "Oh okay, then we won't need to worry about applying for a liquor permit. Well we can use that area for more dining room space."

Maya looked at the plan, "Actually, if we reconfigure this area a little we can put the piano there."

I had wondered what happened to the piano after they moved and asked, "Say, where is the piano now?"

Maya replied, "Storage. Wouldn't fit in the condo."

I told her, "In that case you should've just left it at the Ashler Hills house, the room was so empty when you took it with you...except you would have had to do something with it once we sold the house. Umm...let's talk about the IT side of things and let me get Laura conference in."

Wynn called Laura, "Madam Merlot?"

Laura corrected her, "That's Myers! I'm here."

I asked, "So what are y'all plan on keeping to bring over to the new location?"

Diane explained, "We are going all new on everything. Ovens, tables, chairs, booths, TV's etc."

Maya added, "Technically the table, chairs and booths didn't belong to us anyways as those were there from the Fish place when they left. Everything else that we do own we are going to sell."

Peaches asked, "We be looking for new POS...suggestions?"

Linda commented, "Kacie has been quite happy with Square."

Peaches was not familiar with the product, "What Square?"

Linda explained, "They started out as mobile payment processor, but have developed their own POS. Kacie would be better able to explain it...is she around?"

Wynn told her, "She was a bit 'occupied' earlier, but I'll go down and she if she is *free*." Wynn exited the library and headed down to the playroom.

Laura was making note, "Going new might just be better of as I am sure whatever network equipment we are using is going to be fairly outdated."

Maya laughed, "As it is they are not using much."

I reminded her, "Yeah, except they are for WiFi..."

Maya informed me, "Nope, they're not in the 21st Century in that regards!"

Laura laughed, "Wow and they are still in business!"

Dianne commented, "Actually, we've gotten a lot of praise for not having WiFi as forces our patrons to actually verbally interact with their party. Honestly, I don't think we are going to add it to the new location. Keep up with our Family Friendly theme..."

Andy joked, "Hmm...no alcohol and no WiFi...actually sounds quite nice."

Laura commented, "Well, that would make installation a lot simpler and cheaper."

Wynn entered the playroom and found Kacie was servicing Lindsay on the gyno table. She walked over and tapped Kacie's shoulder, "Madam O'Neil, Miss Holstein requests your presence in the library."

Kacie was confused, "Why?"

Wynn told her, "Something about she wants you to tell Dianne and Peaches about Square since they are considering going with a new POS system for the new restaurant."

Kacie replied, "I see. Well, I suppose Sara can take over from here. Lead the way as I have no idea where this library is." Kacie followed Wynn up the stairs into the library.

Linda introduced her, "This is Kacie, my daughter's business and life partner. She oversees the operations of my three stores and has been using Square for a while now."

Kacie explained, "Yes it has been a few years now. Mainly we've been using their app on iPads, but did recently get a couple of their all-in-one terminals for our new Gold Canyon store. We haven't used those much yet as we are still in the process of getting that store fully operational. Customer support is great and the transaction fees are quite reasonable. There is a monthly fee for the service with multiple tiers which are not based on amount of transactions, but rather the type of setup you are using. At Tuscon and Scottsdale our fee is less than the new Golden Canyon store as we are only using their app on the iPads. There is a bit of

a learning curve in getting things setup, but that's where the excellent customer support comes in. There is a lot of cool stuff you can do from inventory, reports and even forecasting. Once it is all setup though, it is very easy to use. I login to our back office every Sunday in a matter of few clicks and a couple minutes I can generate sales and inventory reports. Of course being a restaurant your adaptation is going to be a little different than us being a clothing boutique."

Dianne asked, "How does it work on iPad, can we accept payments?"

Kacie told her, "You will have a special card reader which plugs into the headphone jack. So your servers could process a card right at the table or if you prefer you can have a central or satellite stations. If you go the later route than the all-in-one terminals would be a better option. Especially since you would likely handle more cash than we do."

Peaches inquired, "Could we do both way?"

Kacie replied, "Yes. For those customers paying with a card you can run their card right at the table using an iPad. Those paying cash can either go to a cashier with all-in-one terminal or the server can process at that station. It is a very flexible system and you will not out grow it."

Laura commented, "So we would need WiFi for the iPads, but we can make it private so the customers can not access it. Which is typically what we do anyway as we have a separate WiFi VLAN (network) for customers. Now, if you do go with the all-in-one terminals, we would need to drop cables for those as they should be on hardwired network connection."

Andy added, "Which is not a big deal, but when we go to do the install we would need to know where you plan on placing said terminals. However, that is something that you will do anyway once you get your interior layout figured out."

Linda advised them, "If you want to go forward with this you would need to submit your interior layout it the next 45-days. Exterior framing should begin within the next couple weeks, but then there is still about two to three week delay for inspections before they will start on the interior. You can work with my architect for the interior layout and I will cover those costs since I having to retrofit the building for something different than I had initially planned on."

Dianne asked, "Curious, when is the expect completion?"

Linda told her, "If there are not any major delays due to weather, inspection or supply issues we should get approval to start interior work by start of the next year. I'd say may be April or May."

Peaches advised, "We need out by end July."

Linda replied, "Yeah...shouldn't be an issue. Now, this building also includes a residence on the top level."

Maya explained, "Yes, so we will be selling our condo to Dianne and we will lease the residence from her or Linda, depending on who owns the building."

Linda explained, "That is something Dianne and I will discuss after we are done with this portion of the consult. Though I do need to discuss something further with Ron and his crew."

Laura asked, "Does that pertain me, otherwise I'll drop off."

Linda replied, "Don't go Abigail this pertains to you as well!"

Much to my surprise Laura did not react adversely to Linda calling her by her real name, "Yes ma'am, I'll stay on." Andy, Wynn and I all looked at each other in disbelief as to what had just occurred.

Linda continued, "So, last week I had an opportunity to have a conference call with The Corona de la Estrellas. management, that being Olivia and Lizzie. Since we are not moving we want to improve the existing location. They are considering switching from their existing POS/ordering software to Square. Questions I have is would it be possible to switch over and if so how complicated or not would it be?"

Laura advised Linda, "Give me minute, let me pull up the file for Corona de la Estrellas. and take a look at what we have."

Wynn told her, "I know they have quite a large mesh WiFi as we replaced many of the AP's a while back and upgraded their switches."

Laura recalled, "Yeah, I do remember that. Well, it appears y'all are running mostly iPads with a couple cash out stations. So, basically it would be the same as we would be doing for Vinnie's. The cash out stations are already hardwired so it would just be a matter of getting Square terminals and installing the App on their iPads."

Kacie advised, "Yeah, but that just the hardware side. Like Vinnie's they are going to need to sign up for Square service and then get everything customized for their offerings."

Linda asked, "Would that be something you could help them out with?"

Kacie replied, "I could, I've gotten fairly familiar with the software. However, this is going to be vastly different from what we do at The Budget Holstein."

Laura commented, "If I recall correctly, don't they have 'templates'?"

Kacie recalled, "You know it has been so long since I've did the setup for Budget Holstein, but yes I do somewhat recall they have different templates for the type of industry. Since this would be out in Oro Valley wouldn't be that big of a deal."

Linda replied, "Okay that is good. How long do you think it would take?"

Andy asked, "To do the install or get things setup?"

Linda laughed, "Well...both actually."

Laura told them, "Hardware install would be few hours tops, including unboxing and connecting the units. Have no idea how long it takes to install the image. Also, not sure about the iPads."

Kacie replied, "When we did Gold Canyon, the image took about three or four hours to download and install. Could be longer or shorter depending on the size, which is going to be determined by how many product you have and of course network speed. I would imagine theirs would likely be less given they wouldn't have as much product. As far as the iPads go once they are all registered on their square profile, Square will push the app out to all the registered devices."

Linda seemed to understand, "So the bulk of the time is going to be getting the software setup."

Laura added, "And registering the iPads."

Kacie explained, "You can import a CSV file or enter them in manually."

Wynn advised, "We record all the information including the ESN, MAC and if applicable MEID for each device we install. So it shouldn't be very difficult to generate a CSV file, just would need to know what order of the fields would be."

Linda told us, "Great, I will pass this information along to Olivia and Lizzie then get back to y'all once we have decided. Unless anyone else has other questions that is everything I need from AZOutback. Miss Austine and I still need to discuss some legal/real estate details."

Wynn confirmed, "I do think we are all good on our end. How about you Miss Merlot?"

Laura reminded Wynn, "That's Myers! I'm good."

Andy advised, "I'm good, going to go find Lindsay."

Maya told us, "Peaches and I are going to head out. Need to stop over at Marc and Martina's to pickup Cream. Kacie, let me know when you and Kayré will be back out again and we will get together. Otherwise, I guess we will see you at the wedding next month."

Kacie confirmed, "Yes, we will. I think Kayré mentioned we are due out the weekend before."

Andy told Maya, "I'll walk out with you two."

I advised, "That Saturday 'the crew' has a consult in Henderson for Acme. We are going to fly out that morning and should be back in the afternoon. Then we will be heading down to Oro Valley that Sunday. Oh, Linda are you taking Kayré and Kacie back with you tomorrow or you going to end up spending more time with your boyfriend?"

Linda laughed nervously, "He's not my boyfriend. We will be leaving tomorrow. I'll be back may be Thursday if we do open the Gold Canyon store this coming weekend."

Wynn told us, "It is almost four in the afternoon, I am going to get the Lasagnas going which will take about an hour to cook. I could use some assistance in the kitchen with prepping the salads."

Kacie volunteered herself and Kayré, "Kayré and I can help, least we can do for allowing us to stay here."

Wynn thanked them, "Nice of you. Meet me in the kitchen in about 15-minutes or so. Miss Austine are you going to join us for dinner?"

Dianne explained, "I am not sure. Had not planned on it, but since Miss Holstein and I still need to discuss some business I suppose I can, if you have enough."

Wynn laughed, "There will be plenty, even more than Andy and his tapeworm can handle!"

Maya and Peaches walked out with Andy. Wynn headed to the kitchen to start preheating the oven. I went back to my office to take a look at my job queue trying to see what I had upcoming. Kacie left and headed back to the play room to find Kayré and inform her of their upcoming KP Duty. Kacie entered the play room and saw Lindsay spanking Sara, but did not see Kayré. Lindsay saw Kacie looking about, "Looking for Kayré?"

Kacie turned around surprised, "Oh...yeah."

Lindsay replied, "She's not over here anymore. I believe she went back to your suite to shower. Are they done up there?"

Kacie explained, "Most part. Maya and Peaches were leaving, your husband was walking them out. Linda and the lady from Vinnie's are still there discussing somethings. I know she is staying for dinner."

Lindsay had lost track of time, "Wow, is it that late already?"

Kacie laughed, "Yeah, time tends to fly when you are dominating! Wynn didn't give an exact time, but sound like around 5 o'clock. Kayré and I are going to help her with the salad. Figured we should do contribute something, I'll go see if she is out the shower. Thanks."

Lindsay giggled, "Okay. Suppose Sara and I should freshen up as well. See you two for dinner."

Kacie went into the Quail Suite and found Kayré on the bed putting on her stockings. Kacie sat on the bed next to her and Kayré asked, "So what did Linda want?"

Kacie explained, "Oh, um she want me to tell the lady from Vinnie's along with Maya and Peaches about Square. Say, I volunteered us to help Wynn with the salad for dinner."

Kayré replied, "Yeah, I suppose we really should be helping out. Let me find my heels and we'll head up there." A short while later Kacie and Kayré came into the kitchen. Kayré asked, "So what should we do?"

Wynn was washing a bushel of vegetables in the sink, "Grab a couple of the large wooden salad serving bowls and then start filling them. I will be done with the lettuce shortly. Two heads per bowl and then I'll start washing the vegetables and hand those over to you two to cut and add." Kacie and Kayré started tearing apart the lettuce and Wynn finished washing the vegetables. She divided them between Kayré and Kacie to cut and add to the salads. The oven beeped and Wynn commented, "Ah the oven is ready to accept my lasagnas." She placed the two 'family size' lasagnas in the oven and set the cook timer. Wynn asked, "Okay so Maya and Peaches left, but Dianne is staying for dinner plus Linda...how many do we have then?"

Kacie did the math in her head, "Well, Miss Holstein and Dianne are two; Sara, Lindsay, Ron and Andy are another four; Myself and Kayré plus you; so nine?"

Wynn confirmed, "Sounds about right...though you didn't count Andy's tapeworm."

Kacie was confused, "His what?"

Wynn laughed, "Sorry, running joke. Andy is so skinny and yet eats so much."

Kacie understood, "Ah okay, I get it now."

Wynn advised, "Okay, I am going to shut up now and go set the table."

Sara and Lindsay came up through the kitchen from the playroom. Lindsay continued to her suite while Sara walked into the kitchen. She spotted Kayré and Kacie, "So Wynn, did put you two to work! Speaking of Wynn, where is she?"

Kayré told her, "She went to set the table."

Sara replied, "Ah okay." She walked out to the dining room to see Wynn was setting the table. Sara asked, "Anything you need?"

Wynn explained, "I am good here. Kayré and Kacie are making the salads. You could go pick out some wine if you like."

Sara giggled, "Yeah, I suppose I could do that!" Sara went back to kitchen and looked in the wine fridge for a couple bottles to pair with the lasagna.

Wynn had finished setting the table and returned to the kitchen. She check on the lasagnas noticing there was only a few minutes left. She walked over to the intercom and announced, "Dinner is going to be ready shortly!"

Linda and Dianne were still discussing details in the library when they heard Wynn's announcement. Linda advised Dianne, "We will need to pick this up after dinner."

Dianne asked, "Is there a restroom around here, I can use to freshen up?"

Linda told her, "Yes, over in the circular foyer there is a powder room you can use."

Dianne made her way to the powder room and Linda headed to the dining room. Andy and Lindsay came down the stairs and sat at the table after each grabbing a plate. Wynn pulled the lasagnas out of the oven and cut them. She grabbed a couple trivets and spatulas, bringing those into the dining room along with the lasagnas. Kacie and Kayré each brought out a salad and also set those on the table. Kayré walked over to Sara and helped her pour and distribute the wine. Dianne returned and asked, "Any where specific I should sit?"

I told her, "Where ever you like, we're all friendly." Dianne took a seat next to Kacie who was seated next to Kayré who was next to Linda.

Dianne commented, "Nice of you to allow me stay for dinner."

Wynn reminded her, "No problem. As I said earlier plenty of food to go around."

I added, "Plus, we don't really use this room that often. Especially once Linda and her girls go back to Oro Valley."

After dinner was through Andy, Lindsay, Sara and I headed out to the pool. Dianne and Linda went back to the library to further discuss their business. Kayré and Kacie helped Wynn clean up and then joined the others out at the pool. Later that evening Dianne and Linda wrapped up their business. Wynn showed Dianne out and Linda announced she was going to bed soon. Sara and Lindsay returned to the main house and went their own ways to get ready for bed. Kacie and Kayré were in the pool house leaving Andy and I. Andy commented, "So sounds like we might have another job with Corona de las Estrellas."

I told him, "Yeah, just wish it was more local."

Andy joked, "Well, compared to Henderson..."

I laughed, "When you put it that way. I suppose on the plus side, it will be easy to get Laura to come out to do her part being it will be down in Oro Valley."

Andy added, "Plus allows Linda to get more use out of her ranch house."

Chapter 17: Budget Holstein Superstition Mountain Prep and We Just Don't Want To Leave Here!

Monday morning most everyone were already in the dining room and kitchen with the exception of Linda. Kacie commented, "Well, I guess we are finally going home today. Been really nice staying here."

Kayré concurred, "Indeed. I suppose all good things must come to an end at some point. Pity we're really been enjoying it here..."

Linda came down the stairs and told them, "Not necessarily..."

Kayré asked, "What is that suppose to mean?"

Linda hesitated for a moment, "Um well....I hate to be a pest Ron, but can they stay here a little while longer?"

I asked with a straight face, "Need to spend more time with your boyfriend?"

Linda gave a nervous laugh, "He is not my boyfriend. Um...so Claudia called this

morning and she wants to have the Gold Canyon store operational by mid-week. Kacie, can you and Lindsay help her out? Kayré and I are supposed to meet with some perspective vendors over the next couple days down at the Oro Valley store."

Kayré added, "Plus Lynette and I are suppose to interview a new sales lady on Thursday."

Linda asked, "Who's Lynette?"

I replied, "Laura's partner, Miss Kitty or Madam Cat as you are always calling her."

Linda replied, "Oh, I forgot her real name."

Sara joked, "Are you sure this is a good idea Lindsay?"

Lindsay was confused, "What?"

Sara replied, "You and Kacie working 1-on-1?"

Linda was puzzled by Sara's question as well, "Do *you* have a problem with them working together?"

Sara quickly realized her motives could be misunderstood by some, "No...No. Sorry, I was joking."

Linda was still confused, "I don't get it?"

Lindsay replied laughing, "I think what she is getting at was a couple months ago Kacie and I were not getting along very well. Sara was concerned we might try to kill each other."

Kacie laughed, "Okay. Yeah, I did bite her head off shortly before Kayré and I ended up at Moon Goddess. I don't have a problem, what about you Lindsay?"

Lindsay told her, "Nope. I'm okay, though I am not sure why you want me?"

Kayré explained, "You've been slowly re-doing the layout at the Scottsdale store over the past few months. You have a good eye as to what should be where to improve the flow. Plus you can help out with the Grand Opening with modeling."

Linda added, "Yeah and Kacie needs to make sure everything we ordered for that store is there."

Kacie explained, "True, just because the packages show delivered does not mean everything we ordered is in said packages."

Wynn assured them, "We have no issues with Kacie staying with us a couple more days."

Linda explained, "Well, likely through next Monday. Kayré and I should be back up on Thursday or Friday and will attend to the grand opening. Any chance Ron and Andy you could be there was well?"

I asked, "On the Grand Opening this weekend?"

Linda advised, "The official Grand Opening is Friday, but we will do a soft opening Wednesday."

Andy replied, "That's good, weed out any issues at the soft opening before the main event."

Kayré advised Kacie, "We have kind of mixed our clothes together in the two bags."

Wynn told her, "Since Kayré will be back later in the week, just leave everything here. Anything you need washed just set in the laundry room and I'll bring it to you once done. Do you want to continue to stay down in the Quail Suite by yourself or would you prefer to be up in The Presentation Room?"

Kacie asked, "What is The Presentation Room?"

I told, "It was the room I used to do vendor presentations in until Linda's boyfriend remodeled many years ago to build my office/library..." Linda made yet another statement on how Dundee was not her boyfriend. I continued, "Anyway, it is the room where you two were staying before we move you two downstairs. This way you are not by yourself down there. Only drawback is no en-suite bathroom."

Kacie agreed, "Yes, I think Presentation Room would be fine until Kayré returns end of this week."

After breakfast Kayré left with Linda back to Tucson in Gary's El Dorado while Kacie and Lindsay headed out the Gold Canyon Budget Holstein in Lindsay's Mini Cooper. On their way out Kacie told Lindsay, "I know I already told you this earlier, but still...I am truly sorry for the way I behaved towards you that particular day. That was so uncharacteristic of me and not who I am as a person."

Lindsay assured her, "That's okay. Shit happens. I've had my moments such as that night we arrived in Scottsdale after the 'Glen Campbell' incident at our Fountain Hills store. Then there was that weird misunderstanding Sara and I had around Easter a few years back. Ended up spending a night in city lock-up for

that.”

Kacie asked, “Why?”

Lindsay explained, “Well, I kind of pushed...well may be more liked tackled...Wynn through the glass doors between Ron's office and the Library/ She ended up with a broken leg. Guess my linebacker instincts took over as I was just trying to get out of that room...and well she happened to be between me and the door. She opted not to file assault charges. I had a bit too much to drink that night and let a rift between Sara and myself get way out of hand. Not my best moment, especially after all she did for me after the Glen Campbell incident. Even more so after all Ron and her did for us after we lost our Tucson stores to that a-hole of a friend who stabbed us in the back.”

Kacie asked, “How long have you and Sara been...well...uh...”

Lindsay laughed, “Friends? I'd say almost 10-years now. We met when Ron and her were on a repair job down in Oro Valley for Linda. Andy and I happened to be staying at the same hotel as they were. I saw Ron and Sara during breakfast and decided we should join them. The four of us hit it off right away. How about you and Kayré?”

Kacie replied, “Pretty much from high school. That was after being kicked out of military school. Though we were never really serious until the last few years. The counselor at Moon Goddess told us part of our issues were we were together nearly 24/7 so were getting annoyed with each other.”

Lindsay told her, “Yeah, I can understand. Even though Sara and I work together we don't really interact that much while at the Budget Holstein. Other than lunch, we might work a customer together. Then once we get home most of the time we go our own ways. Sometimes we will do stuff together after dinner if Ron and Andy are working on a project. Other times I have stuff to do with PC's and Things as Sara does with Ron's business. So, I thought you were going to be working for Walmart?”

Kacie explained, “Well...when we first came this way I was going to transfer to the store in Scottsdale, but Miss Holstein offered me a position at the Scottsdale store. After few years it was starting to become an issue as you unwilling found out. So after we returned to Tucson and did my time at the Moon Goddess I asked Walmart about the Tucson Regional Manager position. They told me to apply and interview which I did. What they didn't tell me was while the training would take place in Tucson I would be based out of stores down in Nogales.”

Lindsay understood, “Nope, that wouldn't work. Kinda be like Andy and I operating our Fountain Hills and Scottsdale stores while still living down in Tucson.”

A short time later they arrived at the Gold Canyon store. Kacie and Lindsay walked in. Kacie commented, "Wonder if anyone is here. Claudia; Jojo; Sadie? Anyone here?"

Claudia came out and was surprised to see Kacie, "Miss O'Neil what are you doing here?"

Kacie laughed, "Let me guess Miss Holstein didn't say anything to you. She told me this morning you wanted to get this store operational by Wednesday."

Claudia sighed, "No, she did not. I wasn't expecting her to actually do something."

Kacie commented, "Well, not surprising except that she actually did do something. She hasn't been very forthcoming lately."

Lindsay joked, "I think she is distracted with Dundee!"

Kacie giggled, "Notice how she keeps denying there is anything between the two of them. Anyway we are going to help you, Sadie and Jojo get everything setup so you can do a soft opening on Wednesday."

Lindsay told her, "Andy and Ron will be out here on Wednesday and possibly the following days to address any IT issues that may come up. We doubt there will be any, but you never know."

Claudia inquired, "Not to be rude here, but who are you?"

Kacie slapped her face, "Ah shit, my bad. Sorry, this is Lindsay McGrawl, Andy's wife and Operations Manager for the Scottsdale location."

Lindsay was surprised, "Operations Manager? That's news to me!"

Kacie sighed, "What? I really need to have a talk with her. Miss Holstein should have told you or the very least Kayré should have...of course if Miss Holstein never said anything to her either..."

Claudia laughed, "Yeah, that sounds like Linda. So what are we doing?"

Kacie told her, "Well, I am going to be in the stock room and start opening boxes and make sure we have everything we should have. You and Misses McGrawl..."

Lindsay informed her, "It's just Lindsay."

Kacie laughed, "Yeah...sorry sometimes I get into a 'formal rut'; blame it on the

dang military school....You and *Lindsay* will be working on getting the sales floor setup. She has been working on improving the flow/layout at the Scottsdale location. Um are Jojo and Sadie coming in?"

Claudia told her, "No, but they could."

Kacie asked, "Sorry for asking this, I should know this but, which one of you is the manager?"

Claudia replied, "Far as I know, I am."

Kacie muttered, "'Far as I know'...great well then I suppose you are the manager then. I really need to have a talk with Miss Holstein..."

Claudia laughed, "Good luck with that!"

Kacie sighed, "Yeah I know. I think I am understanding why she was so willing to make me the COO. Okay, I think for now the three of us can handle things. Maybe after lunch once I have a better idea of what your stock looks like as well as you and Lindsay have an idea of the layout we might ask for Jojo and Sadie to come in."

Over the next couple hours Lindsay and Claudia worked on getting the displays arranged. Kacie had been in the stock room opening boxes. She came across a box which she could not find any paperwork for. She opened the box and discovered latex catsuits. She took one of the catsuits and went out to the sales floor, "Hey Lindsay, have you seen these before?"

Lindsay walked over and examined the catsuit, "Nice. New product?"

Kacie laughed, "Have no idea, not finding any paperwork for these. Eh...I'll text Kayré and see what she has to say. Still got another few dozen boxes to go through."

As the afternoon drew on Lindsay went into the stock room to find out when Kacie wanted to head back, "Hey, it is getting close to 4:00 PM we should start heading back soon."

Kacie was texting Kayré, "Um...what...oh yeah we can head back."

Lindsay asked, "Everything okay?"

Kacie assured her, "Oh yeah, just a lot going on. Give me a couple minutes to use the loo before we head out."

Lindsay went back out to the sales floor to talk to Claudia, "I guess we are going

to be leaving soon, long drive back to north Scottsdale. We got a lot done here today. Hopefully, tomorrow we can start putting product out on these displays."

Claudia laughed, "Well, if we plan on opening on Wednesday then we better."

Lindsay agreed, "Suppose so."

Kacie came out and noticed what had transpired while she spent most of the day in the stock room, "Wow, starting to look like a retail store now instead of a big open space. Nice job Misses McGrawl...I mean Lindsay. You too Claudia. You ready Lindsay?"

Lindsay confirmed, "Yep."

Claudia let them out, "See you two tomorrow and I'll have Jojo and Sadie here as well."

Kacie told her, "Sound good." On their way home Kacie was still in contact with Kayré.

Lindsay observed and commented, "I don't think I've ever seen you text this much."

Kacie sent a final text to Kayré and shut off her phone, "Yeah sorry about that. Can I ask you something?"

Lindsay replied, "Yeah sure. What's on your mind?"

Kacie hesitated a bit then asked, "How did you and Andy...um...when the time came to stay with Ron? How did you approach him?"

Lindsay recalled, "Well, it was a peculiar situation. Something was going on at Fountain Hills and it was after the Glen Campbell incident. At the same time we had been served by the Arizona Department of Revenue over former friend's sale/transfer of one of the Tucson stores to us. At that time we didn't know exactly what was going to happen. So when we first arrived we had told Ron, it would be for a few days. Then as it became more apparent we were going to have our business licenses revoked in Tucson things changed. At that time the only other store we had was Fountain Hills. It also quickly became apparent we would need to relocate as it would not be practical trying to operate the Fountain Hills store while in Tucson."

Kacie added, "Yeah, like I said this morning the same with myself and Wal Mart. Which was the whole fucking reason we moved back to Tucson."

Lindsay was shocked and laughed, "Kacie! Such language."

Kacie laughed, "Oh you should have heard me when I told the regional recruiting manager over the phone what I thought of their offer in Nogales. Kayré said it sound like I was channeling Ron's sister. Anyway, so you got kicked out of Tucson and still had Fountain Hills store.."

Lindsay continued, "Yeah, so once we settled with the Department of Revenue and closed all the stores and the club in Tucson things moved very quickly. Marc was able to find buyers for the stores as well as our club. So Ron ended up selling us an extra parcel of land he owned. Apparently he had also owned the parcel where the Zinfandel's have their house. Guess he owned all three lots on the north side of the circle. The plan was for us to stay with him until we had our house built."

Kacie asked, "So you were having a house built, but you ended up staying. What happened."

Lindsay replied, "Chugwater. That nightmare project really took a toll on us. We made good money off it because 90% of the equipment we installed had been written off when we shuttered the Tucson stores the year prior. Andy was concerned that the housing market was starting to head downward and we were not sure what we were going to do. Again, this was before any of us were operating in Scottsdale. So Andy talked to Ron and worked out a deal for us to stay while we got back on our feet. However, at some point I guess we all decided this was going to be long term. Ron ended up getting the ACME house over in Ashler Hills to the north of where we are now. We had our own private dwelling unit, but most of the time we spent in the main house. A few months ago, the house we were having built went on the market and the Acme's wanted to downsize so they bought that house. Zac Acme offered to sell Ron back the current house. We had Dundee come out and built our 'fabulous office' as well as gutting the entire lower level on the left side of the main drive for the new play room and that suite."

Kacie commented, "Hmm...interesting...are you guys paying rent or...?"

Lindsay replied and wondered, "Yeah we do...where is this going?"

Kacie explained, "Okay, so Kayré and I've been texting all morning since I came across those catsuits, which we still haven't a clue where they came from. Anyway, come to find out they interviewed a sales person today and suppose to do the other on Thursday. Kayré really didn't want to go back to Tucson..I mean she didn't mind as she figured she could spend time with Olivia. But Olivia is so busy with the Cantina they haven't really spent much time. We liked the condo we had in Scottsdale, but we just were spending too much time together and got on each other's nerves. I preferred it up here in Scottsdale, seems calmer than

Tucson.”

Lindsay objected, “Not sure if calmer is true. But, it does seem like things are easier up here. So you guys want to move in with us?”

Kacie told her, “Well, I think so if Ron would allow us.”

Lindsay explained, “He was actually thrilled when opted to stay. Gave him a reason to be able to keep Wynn, especially after Maya and Peaches had moved out. I can 'break the ice' with him if you like when we get back.”

Kacie replied, “Yes, I'd appreciate that.”

By this time they were exiting onto the Pima Highway. Lindsay observed, “Hmm, not too bad time wise. We left at a good time so we missed a lot of the traffic. So how much do you have left to unbox?”

Kacie told her, “About another dozen or so. But, Kayré said she is going to bringing more over when her and Misses Holstein come back towards the end of the week.”

They made it back to the house and Lindsay parked her Mini Copper in the garage she observed, “Andy is not back yet.”

As they walked towards the stairs to the kitchen Kacie told Lindsay, “Let me use the Loo and then you can assist me with Ron.”

Lindsay told her, “Yeah, no problem. I need to go as well.”

Wynn and I were in my office going over some upcoming projects. Lindsay knocked on the door to my office and I motioned for her to come in. Lindsay asked, “Do you have a few minutes for Kacie?”

I was a bit confused as to why Lindsay was suddenly representing Kacie, “Um sure. Does Wynn need to leave?”

Kacie walked in and replied, “No, she can stay. So first off, Kayré and I really do appreciate you allowing us to stay here while Misses Holstein was well...you know. Anyway, we made a rush decision to return to Tucson, mainly because I *thought* I could have the Regional Manager position for Wal Mart. However, we all know how that turned out. Kayré wasn't that happy about returning to Tucson and looking back, neither was I. More so after Wal Mart opportunity blew up in my face. Kayré and I have been texting most of the day and we are wondering if you would allow us to stay here long-term. Sort like you have with The McGrawl's.”

I asked, "You do understand the McGraw's do pay 'rent' and contribute as well."

Kacie was confused, "Contribute?"

Lindsay explained, "We will buy food for and help out with a couple meals on a weekend. And other stuff."

I added, "Yeah, you bought all that Ice Cream we had last weekend. Andy keeps buying me these really funky exotic beers..."

Lindsay giggled, "Yeah, that's what happens when you leave him unattended in a Trader Joe's!"

Kacie replied, "I understand. That was the reason I enlisted Kayré and I to help Wynn last night."

Wynn added, "That was wonderful and helped me out a lot. Especially since I had Miss Austine and Holstein to deal with."

I asked, "So are you two really serious about this and have either of you talked to Linda?"

Kacie told me, "We are fairly serious. Um...as far as Miss Holstein goes, not sure. I am going to leave that to Kayré. We have no issue paying rent and contributing."

Wynn suggested, "Perhaps we should kick Linda out of the Queen Suite and put her in the Presentation Room."

I agreed, "Yeah, it would be easier on them to have their own private bathroom. Linda does not need that for how little she is actually here."

Kacie asked, "What about the suite downstairs?"

I explained, "That is for when Laura and Miss Kitty or my mother and Blanche when they come up this way...though usually when my mother and Blanche are here so are Laura and Miss Kitty. Given the lack of space, usually end up having my mother and Blanche stay next door at the Zinfandel's."

Wynn added, "Not to mention Maya and Peaches."

I laughed, "Yeah them too."

Kacie commented, "The only thing I am uncertain about is where I can work when I am remote. Suppose I could setup over there in the library."

Lindsay suggested, "You know Andy rarely uses our 'fabulous office' anymore as most of the time he is working at either the Scottsdale or Fountain Hills store. We can share."

I added, "Last couple Sundays he has been down here with me as we were going over installs."

Kacie hugged Lindsay, "Thank you Misses McGraw!"

Lindsay was taken aback by Kacie's affection, "You can call me Lindsay and your welcome."

Kacie replied, "Sorry, Military School."

I realized I was going to need to have my landscaper lay more pavers to expand the parking. "Do you have a car?"

Kacie replied, "No. Kayré has her truck. When I was at The Ranch I usually took Miss Holstein's or Olivia's. Not sure what I'll do here."

I recalled the first time Linda and Kayré came out, "Oh yeah I do remember that truck, she was pulling that giant horse trailer.

Kacie was confused, "Horse trailer? Oh yeah, the mobile storefront. Yeah, wonder what she plans on doing with that?"

I told her, "Well, I don't have room back there for her to stash it here."

Kacie guessed, "She'll likely just keep it at the Ranch until she moves to the new store, where ever that is going to be."

Lindsay replied, "Just across the highway. Our store is going to be further west and will only be two levels without a residence."

I told Kacie, "If she needs to keep it out this way I am sure Gary won't have an issue with her storing at his place. The garages are occupied with the McGraw's cars, The Cruiser and Sara's Road Runner. Anyway, like I told The McGraw's the more people we have here the more justification I have for keeping Wynn.. Of course, she is my project manager as Sara has been getting less and less involved the AZ Outback side of things and more focused on the Budget Holstein. Much like Lindsay has been slowly moving away from PC's and Things and putting more focus on The Budget Holstein as well."

Lindsay bragged, "Yeah and I am Operations Manager at the Scottsdale store!"

Kacie laughed, "Except neither Kayré or Miss Holstein told her. Speaking of Kayré,

I should give her call. How long until dinner?"

Wynn explained, "Andy said he was staying until about 5:30. So you have about half hour or so."

Kacie replied, "Okay I'll give her a call." She headed out toward the library and then stopped, turning around, "Um...where is my stuff?"

Wynn told her, "Both your and Kayré's clothes are in the Presentation Room."

Kacie understood, "Okay then. Thank you Miss...."

Wynn replied, "Lee...but just call me Wynn."

Kacie acknowledged, "Okay, sorry tend to be a bit formal at times because of that fucking 10-years of Military School." She headed up the stairs and found her way to The Presentation Room; she walked in and found their clothes folded atop of the bed. She called Kayré.

Kayré answered, "Hey, was wondering what happened to you."

Kacie explained, "Sorry, Lindsay and I had a lot to talk about on the way back here."

Kayré understood, "Ah...okay so you didn't kill her that's good! Mother wouldn't been too happy trying to bail you out."

Kacie laughed, "Oh have a little faith. We are getting along great. She's like a sister, I never had!"

Kayré told her, "Yeah what are the odds: out of nine kids you were the only girl. So did you talk to Ron?"

Kacie explained, "I know and the only one to get kicked out of military school! Yes I did. He seems to be willing to allow us to stay. We would need to pay rent and contribute towards meals, kind of as we did last night. Have you talked to your mother?"

Kayré sighed, "Not yet. Been very busy today. When we were done with the interview she spent most of the afternoon with Lynette and the vendors. She's still at the store, I ended up having Olivia stop over at the store and take me back to The Ranch. So may be when she comes home later this evening. So, you for certain you want to do this?"

Kacie told her, "I think so, don't you think it is best."

Kayré laughed, "Asked me that a couple weeks ago and I would've disagreed. I know neither one of us really wanted to come back to Tucson. I see the Oro Valley store changing, evolving. Lynette is doing an excellent job and I really liked the lady we interviewed today. Thursday's sounds promising as well, so we could hire both if I end up coming back to Scottsdale."

Wynn announced over the intercom, "Dinner in a 10-minutes!"

Kacie informed Kayré, "Got go, time for dinner. Let me know how it goes." Kayré assured her she would. Kacie headed downstairs to the kitchen and upon arriving asked Wynn, "Anything I can help with?"

Wynn looked around, "Um...looks like most everything is ready...you can pick out some wine if you like." Kacie headed to the wine fridge and selected a couple bottles and got them prepped.

Sara walked into the dining room and had forgotten about Kacie staying, "Oh Kacie, forgot you were staying a little longer. Say I haven't seen Lindsay this evening..."

Lindsay walked into the room and commented firmly, "I'm here..."

Sara was taken aback by Lindsay's reply and decided to drop the subject, "Oh okay. So how did it go today at The Superstition Mountain store?"

Lindsay replied, "Slowly getting the sales floor setup and Kacie spent most of the day unboxing product."

Kacie added, "Yeah and came across a box of latex catsuits that I can not find any paperwork on. Kayré didn't seem to know either."

Sara theorized, "Vendor sample may be?"

Kacie wondered, "May be, but seems odd that they were sent to the Superstition Mountain Store...we'll get to the bottom of them eventually. Have some wine y'all."

Lindsay and I had been in the dining room for most of the conversation with Sara and Kacie; since Kacie made no mention of the possibility of her a Kayré coming back, we didn't say anything. After dinner Kacie asked Sara and Lindsay if they'd like to go out on their long boards with her. The three of them went upstairs to change then headed over to the cookie shop in the Market Place.

One of the things I still have not gotten used to since coming back to Arizona many years ago is how literally the seasons can change overnight. The following morning during breakfast I told everyone, "So FYI, Fall arrived overnight. It is in

the low 40's right now, though still should reach mid 80's this afternoon."

Lindsay was wearing a corset paired with a short skirt and stockings, "Hmm...well I suppose I should adapt. I'll change before Kacie and I head out."

Sara commented, "Yeah you might be a bit cold in that corset. Come to think of it, I suppose I should layer as well."

Kacie was wearing a long sleeve t-shirt with Capri's and stocking, "I think I am fine, I'll use the Loo and then wait for you in the Great Room"

Sara went upstairs and change into tights and put on a denim over-shirt. Lindsay changed out of stockings into tights as well and added a flannel shirt. She found Kacie in the Great Room and they headed out. After they left the Ranch, Lindsay asked, "So, you haven't mentioned anything more about you and Kayré..."

Kacie explained, "Yeah...um waiting on Kayré who was going to talk to Linda last night, but apparently Linda ended up having dinner and drinks over with Miss Kitty and her partner. She ended up staying the night over there. So hopefully Kayré will get an opportunity to talk to her today. I do appreciate that y'all haven't said anything to anyone else." They arrived at the Superstition Mountain store and found Claudia was there along with Sadie and Jojo. Kacie gathered everyone on the sales floor for a huddle, "Good morning everyone." Pointing to Lindsay, "For those who don't know her, this is Lindsay McGrawl. She is the Operations Manager for the Scottsdale location."

Claudia added, "and Andy's wife..."

Kacie laughed, "Yeah that too. Anyway, she is coordinating the layout of the sales floor. Claudia and her got quite a bit done yesterday. Today, we finish setting up the displays and will also start putting product out on the floor. I spent all-day yesterday opening boxes and seeing what we have. So far, we're looking good. Short on a couple items, but we might be getting those later this week when Misses Holstein comes up this way. Did end up with a couple mystery products..."

Claudia commented, "Oh, those catsuits were a vendor sample and Linda had the vendor send them to us since she wasn't sure if they were allowed at the Oro Valley location."

Kacie was confused, "Why the f--- would they not be allowed?"

Lindsay commented, "It's Pima County and she doesn't currently have an adult oriented items permit."

Kacie was flabbergasted, "Why the f--- would catsuits be considered...oh never mind."

JoJo commented, "The same reason body harnesses are considered adult oriented items."

Lindsay giggled, "Yeah, I know. That was why we lost the club, of course we were kind of flying under the radar with that and knew it would only be a matter of time before we got caught. They shut that down when they shut down our stores."

Sadie added, "I do believe Linda is going to go ahead and get the permit for the Oro Valley store. When we met with the vendors yesterday Madam Cat mentioned she was working on getting a permit secured. They would try it out for a year and see if they could make enough revenue from those products to cover the annual permit fees."

Lindsay asked, "Madam Cat?"

Kacie laughed, "Miss Kitty. Miss Holstein keeps calling her that. Well, at least we don't have to deal with that crap at this location or Scottsdale. So, at this point I am going to turn it over the Lindsay..."

Lindsay bowed, "Thank you madam O'Neil! Okay, I've made a diagram of the sales floor layout for y'all. Hopefully you can read my chicken scratch. Claudia and I are going to work on getting the remaining displays setup. Sadie and Jojo, work with Kacie in getting what she has already unboxed and added into inventory added to the sales floor."

Kacie added, "Oh one more thing...our goal is to be done today as we want to have the soft opening tomorrow."

Lindsay also added, "Ron and Andy should be out here at last part of the day tomorrow in case any issues crop up."

By lunch time a good portion of the retail floor had been filled with product. Everyone headed over to the greasy spoon for lunch. Upon returning Kacie informed us, "Down to the last few boxes. Still missing some items, but Miss Holstein should be bringing some of those to us on Thursday or Friday when she comes up this way."

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Later that morning I was thinking about the conversation Kacie had with myself, Lindsay and Wynn the night before. May be having them in the Quail Suite wouldn't be such a bad idea. I paged Wynn to my office. She came in a couple minutes later, "What do you need Ron?"

I explained, "So in regards to Kayré and Kacie, may be it would be better for them to be in the Quail Suite after all. More of a private location."

Wynn added, "Especially when Linda is staying with us. It is not like you have non-family as guests that you would not want upstairs."

I added, "Well, they technically are not family...however, it is not upstairs I would be concerned about non-family being."

Wynn was confused by my statement at first, "How would upstairs be different from the lower level...oh...the playroom. Yeah, that does make sense."

I asked, "Is it a burden for you though to have to go down there to service that suite on a regular basis versus the Queen Suite or Presentation Room?"

Wynn thought for a moment, "In a way yes, but no. I don't need to do that suite at the same time as the rest of the house. Plus, I usually down on that level anyway several times a week anyway to service the playroom area. Have they confirmed they are relocating?"

I told her, "I have not heard anything yet. I didn't say anything last night or this morning as not everyone knows. Sara and Andy are the only ones here that don't know."

Wynn commented, "Unless Lindsay told them..."

I replied, "Yeah, possible but may be not. So, then if they do decide they are going to relocate then, we can have them stay in the Quail Suite. Laura and Miss Kitty will have to make do with the Queen Suite when they are here next. Christmas will have Mother and Blanche at Gary's which is what we usually end up doing anyway. May be next year, they will be able to stay in the Presentation Room as by then Linda should be in her residence at Thirsty Cactus. Well wait and see what develops, things never go as they planned or seem."

Wynn laughed, "So true. Was there anything else you needed before I return to...ironically cleaning the Quail Suite and Playroom?"

I told her, "Don't think so...oh wait...yes tomorrow and Thursday, Andy and I are supposed to be at the Superstition Mountain Budget Holstein for the soft opening. Not sure when or how long we will be out there, will need to talk to Claudia about that."

Wynn had left my office and I continued to work on the current project. My office line rang and since I knew Wynn was downstairs I answered, "AZ Outback Consulting, Ron."

Linda replied, "Second time now you have answered your own phone."

I reminded her, "You do know, Wynn has other responsibilities besides being my secretary. What can I do for you this morning?"

Linda calmly asked, "Were you aware my daughter and her partner want to move back to Scottsdale and stay with you and Sara?"

Well I guess Kayré finally had a chance to talk to her, "Plus Andy and Lindsay. Yes, it was brought to my attention last night. Is that going to be a problem?"

Linda replied, "Not on my end. You okay with this?"

I told her, "I am fine, they understand like the McGrawl's they are expected to contribute and pay a monthly 'boarding fee'...I was wondering though if it would be an issue for the Oro Valley store seeing as Kayré has been working out of there."

Linda explained, "You know, since Miss Kitty..." I was shocked she actually got her name correct for once, "...has taken over as manager the store is doing well. We are going to be hiring a couple new sales people. So I think it will work out okay. Kayré is more comfortable with the Scottsdale store too, she knows most of the customers. So, I am okay with them staying with you and Sara. After all, they are adults...plus my role will be changing in the future. So, I'll give Kayré my blessing when she gets back this evening. She's out in Green Valley schmoozing...I mean negotiating with the corset maker."

I laughed, "Next time I need to buy a car, I should bring her along. So anyway, sometime tomorrow and Thursday, Andy and I will be out at the Gold Canyon store to address anything that might come up."

Linda told me, "I thinking Kayré and I should be out there Thursday afternoon. The interview for the other sales person is in the morning so...well I'll let you know. I need to go. Bye!"

I decided it was a good breaking point and headed out to lunch at the local Dairy Queen. Upon returning I found Wynn in the kitchen, "Hey Wynn. So, Linda called earlier asking if I knew about Kayré and Kacie."

Wynn replied, "Ah so, what did she have to say about it?"

I explained, "Surprisingly, she seemed to be fine. She said that Miss Kitty is managing the Oro Valley store well and with the new people they are hiring it wouldn't really be an issue not having Kayré there. She also commented, that Kayré is more comfortable with the Scottsdale store. She said she would give Kayré 'her blessing' tonight when Kayré gets back in."

Wynn asked, "So have you decided where they would stay?"

I replied, "The Quail Suite should be fine. Not, exactly what I had planned on using it for, but still works."

Wynn wondered, "What were you planing on using it for other than a guest room for Laura and Miss Kitty or whichever family would stay?"

I told her, "Yeah that was the secondary plan. The main reason was a place for Sara and Lindsay to play outside of their rooms."

Wynn joked, "Oh such as the Hi InFidelity suite at the Ashler Hills house!"

I laughed, "Yeah. But, they can use the Presentation Room. Might as well keep Linda where she is now. Anyway, when Lindsay and Kacie get back send Kacie my way please."

Chapter 18: Moving on Up and AZ Outback at Work

Back at the Superstition Mountain store, Lindsay and the staff had the sales floor setup nearly completed. Kacie handed JoJo the mystery catsuits and told her, "Well, this is the last of everything for now until Miss Holstein and her daughter come up later this week. Not sure where you want to put these as they were not part of the master plan."

JoJo took the catsuits and remarked, "Wow these are nice. So these were the vendor samples Claudia was talking about this morning? I'll give these to Lindsay and let her work her magic on integrating these onto the sales floor."

Kacie looked around the stock room with a sense of accomplishment, "Wow, spent nearly all of the last two days in here. Now, I need to see what Lindsay and y'all have done with the sales floor." JoJo grabbed Kacie's hand and took her out to the sales floor. Kacie stood in stunned silence, "Oh my....Lindsay this is incredible. I am so glad Miss Holstein had me bring you out here. The transformation of our store in the last couple days. I can't see me being able to pull something off like this. Kayré likely could, but she has been tied up with the Oro Valley store."

Lindsay bowed, "Thank you! Thank you! As much as I hate to cut this celebration short, we really need to start heading back otherwise we'll be late for dinner."

Claudia joked, "Oh god no! We cain't have that. You two get going. I'll see you two tomorrow. I need to call Ron and let him know when he should be out."

Lindsay and Kacie exited and headed back towards Scottsdale. Lindsay asked Kacie, "Heard anything from Kayré?"

Kacie explained, "Sort of. She had a chance to talk to Miss Holstein this morning before she headed out to the corset and other vendors out in Green Valley. But, I don't know much else, haven't heard from her since lunch time."

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Gary had stopped by briefly to confirm that we were still scheduled to do the consult in Henderson that weekend. I had checked with Laura earlier in the week and she was still planning on coming up here on Friday. Wynn paged me, "Ron, Claudia from The Budget Holstein at Superstition Mountain is holding for you."

Gary laughed, "Wow, that's a mouthful. May be I ought to do that with my stores. Acme at Deer Valley Airpark...Acme at Henderson."

I thought about that for a second, "That last one, just doesn't work. May be Acme of Henderson? Anyway, I need to take this." Gary laughed and headed out of my office and back to his house. I picked up my office line, "AZ Outback Ron."

Claudia informed me, "So everything is looking good for the soft opening tomorrow. We won't open until about 11:00 so may be you and Andy can come out around 10:00 just to go over everything with us."

I reminded her, "Yes. However, Kacie is the one that you should be talking to in regards to the usage of Square."

Claudia confirmed, "Yes, she is already set to give us a tutorial first thing tomorrow morning. So, we'll see you two around 10:00 tomorrow."

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Lindsay and Kacie had returned as they came into the kitchen they saw Wynn working on dinner. Lindsay asked, "Anything you need help with?"

Wynn was elbow deep in meat loaf, "Yeah. I'm still working on getting the Meat Loaf spiced, so may be you two can get make the salad. However, madam O'Neil; Ron would like to talk to you in his office."

Kacie wasn't too sure what to make of that and of course Lindsay did not help, "Oh boy, you're in trouble now!"

Kacie knew Lindsay was joking, at least she thought Lindsay was, "Can't imagine what I have done...oh well...off to the principal's office for me!"

Kacie made her way to my office and knocked on the door separating my office from the Library. I motioned her to come in and sit down. I asked, "So have you

heard anything from Kayré?"

Kacie explained, "Not since this morning when she said she had talked to her mother. She's been rather busy today."

I laughed, "Yeah, I heard earlier she was 'schmoozing' the corset maker."

Kacie laughed, "So you talked to Miss Holstein then."

I told her, "Yes and she told me she is fine with you two staying here as long as I am. Also, she is fine with Kayré running the Scottsdale store as that store is more 'home' to her. Linda did mention something about her role changing soon, but didn't elaborate on such."

Kacie was not surprised, but still puzzled, "Hmm..interesting. Wonder if it has anything to do with Dundee?"

I wondered the same myself, "May be, though she has been very attainment that there is nothing between them. Anyway, let me know when you have had a chance to talk to Kayré."

Kacie replied, "Okay. I better get back to the kitchen, Lindsay and I are helping Wynn with dinner."

I added, "Yeah, Andy just called to let us know he is on his way home."

Kacie returned to the kitchen and assisted Lindsay with the salad. Once they finished Wynn told them, "Once one of you set the table, we will be waiting on Andy."

Kacie asked Lindsay, "Would you mind taking care of that, I need to call Kayré?"

Lindsay understood, "No problem, you just owe me..."

Kacie laughed, "I suppose I will." She headed upstairs to the presentation room and called Kayré.

Kayré answered, "Hey, almost back at The Ranch. Just left the store. So mother seems to be fine with us coming back to Scottsdale."

Kacie replied, "I know, she talked to Ron earlier."

Kayré told her, "Yeah, she mentioned that. How goes the Superstition Mountain store?"

Kacie explained, "Lindsay, Claudia, Jojo and Sadie all did a great job getting

everything setup. Ron and Andy are supposed to be out there tomorrow and Thursday. I think Lindsay will be too. So, we are all set for our soft opening tomorrow."

Kayré was a bit sad, "Wow and I won't be there for this one. I was there when we opened Scottsdale and of course when mother opened the original Oro Valley store way, way back when. Oh well, we'll be up there on Thursday. Got a few more boxes for you, mostly corsets and stockings, oh and some boots too. Well, I am back at the Ranch, but want to take a quick shower before I head out to dinner with Lizzie and Olivia. You stay out of trouble now."

Kacie laughed, "Can't make any promises. See you on Thursday."

Wynn announced over the intercom, "Diner is served!"

Kacie made her way down to the dining room and took her seat next to Lindsay. She commented, "I talked to Kayré, she has more goodies for us when her and Miss Holstein come out on Thursday."

I asked, "So she mentioned that Linda was okay with everything?"

Kacie replied, "Yes, she did."

Sara was confused, "She is okay about what?"

Kacie explained, "Well, I think only you and Andy are the only one's here who don't know. So Kayré and I are going to stay here in Scottsdale."

Sara asked, "You taking the residence above the new store?"

Kacie replied, "No, far as I know Miss Holstein still plans on living there. Um, so we will be staying here."

I added, "So let me expand on that. We had talked earlier about you two taking the Queen Suite and putting Linda in the Presentation Room, however Wynn and I got to talking and think it would work better for you two to be down in the Quail Suite."

Lindsay added, "But you can still use my 'fabulous' office when you are working remote."

Andy told her, "Yeah, seems I never really use it anymore being I'm usually working at either the Scottsdale or Fountain Hills stores."

Sara joked, "If we known they would move in with us, we shouldn't have sold the Ashler Hills house."

Lindsay objected, "But I like this house so much better. We felt so 'disconnected' at the other house with the Casita. Plus we have this 'fabulous' office as Kacie calls it."

I added, "Plus my office over there was not nearly as nice."

Sara understood, "True or had the view! This was my first long-term home since I left Dirk."

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The next morning Lindsay and Kacie headed out to the Superstition Mountain store. Andy came into my office a little later and asked, "Anything else we should bring beside our basic on-site kits?"

I told him, "Don't think so. I doubt we will even need those Laura is on standby if we have any network difficulties. Though she is rather busy trying to get everything taken care of before she takes the long weekend. I suppose we should be heading ourselves soon."

Andy asked about Saturday, "So how are we doing this on Saturday?"

I told him, "From what Gary said, Cristina will meet us and treat us to brunch before we have the consult. Hopefully we will be back by early afternoon as we will be heading down to Tucson for the week on Sunday."

Andy replied, "Well, let me grab my phone and bag; meet you downstairs." An hour later we arrived at the store and were shocked at the transformation, "Sure has changed since we were last out here."

I replied, "Yeah, when we replaced that failed switch."

Over the next few hours there were occasional customers coming in. For once everything seemed to be working as expected. Claudia came over and told us, "Sorry for dragging you out here, seems everything is going smoothly."

Andy replied, "But, if we were not here then you would have problems."

Claudia laughed, "Sounds about right. If you two want to head out I think were good. We likely will be closing soon anyway. Did you want to come out tomorrow?"

I told her, "If it weren't for me telling Linda we would be here tomorrow, I'd say no. We might come out a little later tomorrow as I understand she won't be here until late morning or after lunch."

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Thursday morning Laura called, "Hey I haven't heard anything from y'all so I am guessing everything is going alright?"

I replied, "Yeah, yesterday was fairly quiet. We had some minor issues with one of the access points, but discovered the PoE cable was loose. Other than that nothing has really come up. We are headed back over a little later, just so we are there when Linda shows up."

Laura told me, "Okay sound good. I'm out here at Noon..."

I joked, "Sneaking out early before your long weekend?"

Laura laughed, "Sure, actually my manager told me to leave early as I am already way over on hours. I am thinking we will be out your way sometime after lunch. We are going to stop in Tempe and have lunch at that famous burger place by ASU."

I replied, "Chuck Box, been years since I been there. There is a similar place though not as good up in Carefree. Oh by the way, Kayré and Kacie are moving in with us. So you and Miss Kitty will be in The Presentation Room."

Laura replied, "Yeah, I had heard something about that from Miss Kitty. Where will Sophie be though?"

I explained, "She usually bunks with Wynn."

Laura understood, "Ah yes that's right. Okay, well I need to get back to work as got a lot to do before I leave."

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Shortly before lunch Andy and I arrived back the Budget Holstein. We walked in and Sadie came over, "Ah good you're here. Jojo can not access the inventory on her iPad. She can with her laptop."

I explained, "Sounds like a permissions issue. Give me a few minutes to get setup and I'll take a look. More than likely her iPad just never got added."

Sadie added, "Well, her first one had a battery issue so Kacie set her up with a new one."

I replied, "Okay, that would explain it. Not a big deal, just have her bring her new iPad over."

Sadie went back to the office and brought Jojo over, "Hey Ron. Sadie says you need to see my iPad?"

I took out my phone and explained, "Yep. Just need to take a picture of the back. I'll send that info over to Wynn to have her add it to your client file. Then I'll add the MAC address to the ALLOWED list of the ACL on the switch. For security reasons only authorized devices can connect into the main sever. So if someone manages to figure out the IP address of the sever or connects their own device into the network they still can not access. Give me a few minutes to get this taken care of." I sent the photo to Wynn and then went into the sever room to console into the switch to make the needed changes. About 15 minutes later after the switch rebooted I headed back out to the sales floor and found Jojo, "Go ahead and try to access the inventory now."

Jojo tapped on her tablet for a few seconds, "Ah, here we are! Thanks Ron."

After lunch Linda came in wearing an interesting outfit all white outfit of a corset, capris paired with a top hat and nude fishnets. She saw me and asked, "Everything going alright?"

I told her, "A couple minor issues, nothing major."

She was busy looking around and replied, "Good, good. Wow the girls did a great job on this store. So you will be down our way on Sunday?"

I told her, "Yeah, we plan on leaving Sunday after breakfast."

Linda replied, "Okay then. I am going to be heading back to Oro Valley tonight. Kayré will ride back with y'all. I need to talk to Claudia, see you Sunday."

I wasn't sure who Kayré would be riding back with tonight, be it Andy and myself or Kacie and Lindsay. I looked around and found Kayré was with Kacie, "Hey so Linda said she is going back to Oro Valley tonight and Kayré is coming back with us?"

Kayré explained, "Yes, Madam Cat is not working tomorrow so Linda is going to fill in. The new hires start after Thanksgiving. Oh and as and far as Corona de las Estrellas goes, we won't do anything until after the first of the year. Olivia is still researching Square and then too still takes a couple weeks to get the equipment. Anyway, I'll go back with Kacie and Lindsay tonight."

I told her, "Okay works for me. Oh and Wynn is moving you two back down to the Quail Suite."

Kayré asked, "So I know we are going back down to Oro Valley this weekend, we

would like to bring back the rest of our clothes. Any ideas?"

I explained, "I have a few wardrobe boxes you can use. Though, I don't think they will fit in the Cruiser."

Kayré added, "Well, when we come back I'll be bringing my truck. We'd also like to bring that swing you bought us too."

I told her, "Yeah, that would work. Where are you going to be tomorrow?"

Kayré told me, "Since it is the opening weekend I'll be here. Lindsay is still going to be here as she has been modeling. So I'll ride with them tomorrow."

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Andy and I headed back to the house. Gary saw us coming into the circle and met us in the court yard, "Glad I caught you two. So, I'll will be here a bit after seven on Saturday. Need to meet Geoffrey and Nora by eight. Cristina is going to take us to brunch before the consult. Expect to return to Deer Valley around two or three that afternoon."

I told him, "Okay good to know. See you then." Gary headed back to house while Andy and I headed up the stairs into the kitchen.

That evening Kayré, Kacie and Lindsay returned. After freshening up the three of them helped Wynn with dinner. During dinner I informed everyone, "Okay, since tomorrow is going to be a little off with Laura, Miss Kitty and Sophie being here, we'll just do Vinnie's. Saturday Andy, Laura, Wynn and I have a consult in Henderson in the morning. We should be back in the early afternoon. Gary wants us to leave around seven so Sara and Lindsay you can take Miss Kitty and Sophie along Kayré and Kacie out to brunch."

After dinner Wynn helped Kayré and Kacie relocated back to the Quail Suite. Sara came into my office, "How goes everything?"

I sighed, "Crazy as usual. At least after next weekend, thing should quiet down for a bit. We have the Acme Henderson install between Christmas and New Years. Then sometime this coming Spring the three projects for Thirsty Cactus."

Sara asked, "How involved is Acme going to be?"

I explained, "We'll find out this weekend. Cristina and Gary have not said anything to us. Least you will get to spend some time with Lindsay on Saturday."

Sara told me, "Yeah, it is so odd not having her at the store this week. Say, should I bring my armor key with me next week?"

I told her, "Well, unless you plan on wearing it under your bridesmaid dress..."

Sara laughed, "Oh yeah, that could be an issue. Good thinking. Well I am heading to bed soon, want a milking?"

I looked at the time and figured since I wasn't really working on anything at the moment, "Sure! Sounds like fun. Let me head down and check on Kayré and Kacie then I'll be up there."

Sara headed up to our suite to get things prepped. After shutting down, I headed down to the Quail Suite and knocked on the interior door. Was surprised when Wynn opened the door, "Oh hey Ron. Did you need to talk to them?"

I informed her, "Not really, was just going to check on them before I retired for the night."

Wynn looked at her watch, "Bit early, but okay. They're doing okay. They'll be better when they can bring the rest of their clothes back next week."

I explained, "Yeah Kayré and I discussed that earlier. They'll be able to use the wardrobe boxes we have and put them in her truck. She also wants to bring back the swing I had bought for them. Not sure where we are going to put it since there is not a deck."

Wynn suggested, "You can always put it over by the giant Palo Brea tree by the Cabana and your grill."

I told her, "That could work. Anyway, Sara is waiting to milk me so I need to head up."

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Friday morning after breakfast Lindsay, Kacie and Kayré left for the Superstition Mountain store. I resumed working on a couple projects that I would hope to wrap up later that day. While I was waiting for the database to backup I checked my pending queue. Current estimates put me about a month out, however I would not be working any jobs while down in Tucson during the coming week or however long we would be Henderson at the end of December. This was a normally slow period too, but canceling Arrow Jammer allowed me to complete quite a few jobs a couple weeks earlier than I had planned. After lunch Wynn had gone to the market to get food for tomorrow night and upon returning was getting the Presentation Room prepped for Laura and Miss Kitty plus her suite for Sophie. The guard house called informing me Laura and company had arrived. A few minutes after I allowed them in the intercom gonged. Before opening the gates I told them, "Park on the right side near the pool house." I headed to the

kitchen and was met by Wynn.

A couple minutes later Sophie came in with a couple bags and Wynn told her, "Let me help you with those."

Sophie commented, "These are just Laura's. Lynette only packed a small bag and is she is carrying her own bag too."

I joked, "She does know we are leaving on Sunday?"

Sophie laughed, "Yeah, had it been any longer she'd brought her Steamer Trunks!"

After they were settled in Laura and Miss Kitty along with Sophie headed out to the pool. I called over to Vinnie's to order dinner for the ten of us. I scheduled the delivery for around the time Andy has usually been coming home as I knew Kayré, Kacie and Lindsay would be back before him. Sara arrived home earlier and saw Laura and company in the pool and decided to join them. Later on they were joined by Lindsay while Kayré and Kacie just sat at the edge of the deck. Wynn came into my office and asked, "Since everyone is out in the pool, should be eat outside tonight?"

I looked the thermometer and it was in the low 80's with another hour or so before sun down, "Yeah, shouldn't get too cold until later in the evening. When Drew arrives at the gates I'll tell him to park by the pool house."

Andy came in around five and shortly thereafter the intercom gonged; Drew announced, "Pizza Guy!"

I instructed him, "Okay Drew. Come in and go to the right; park by the pool house. Someone will help you unload."

Early the next morning Gary met Wynn, Laura, Andy and myself and we headed over to the Deer Valley Aipark. A couple hours later we arrived at the heliport in Henderson with Cristina waiting for us. As promised, Cristina treated us to brunch. She remarked, "Do appreciate y'all coming out here, it will be much easier to 'show *and* tell!'"

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Back the house Lindsay and Sara were already down in the kitchen. Lindsay asked, "So where are we going for brunch?"

Sara replied, "Likely the place down at DC Ranch since it is closer and we won't have as much time today." Miss Kitty and Sophie joined them in the kitchen. Sara told them, "Just waiting on Kayré and Kacie then we can head out." A few minutes

later Kayré and Kacie came into the kitchen. Sara explained, "Okay there are six of us...so I suppose Miss Kitty and Sophie can ride with me in the Cruiser and Kayré and Kacie can go with Lindsay in her Mini. Yeah that would work. Lindsay, just follow me."

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After brunch Cristina took us over to the site. She explained, "So we are expanding production and already started work on that section. Should be fully completed by mid-January. By the time you all are out here in December should be at stage where you can do what you need to do."

Andy asked, "So you are redoing an existing section?"

Cristina replied, "No, as I said earlier this is why I wanted y'all out here so I can show you." She led us towards the rear of the building then into a whole section we had never seen before, "So this entire area is 'new'. This was one of the reasons I really liked this building as I knew we would have room to grow when the time came." As we entered the new section we saw framing for new rooms and the ceiling was still exposed. "I'll give you a diagram with the layout and measurements. I also will provide you with a spec sheet of what we plan on doing with this area." Over the next hour Cristina explained in detail what was going to be happening in each section of this new area. Wynn and Laura were making notes while Andy and I took plenty of photos."

Shortly before noon Cristina took us back to the heliport. I told her, "We should have an estimate ready by Monday and we can start a couple days after Christmas. Roughly, I want to say 3 to 4 days for us to get this completed. The bulk of that is going to be running the new wiring as well as getting a satellite rack setup in that area as well."

Cristina replied, "Okay, that works. I'll make arrangements for accommodating for you Andy, Laura and Wynn. Will you be flying in again?"

I told her, "Likely not, as we are going to have a lot of supplies and equipment. We could drop ship, but the project cost would go way up as well as I am not certain everything would arrive in time given this time of year."

Cristina understood, "Yeah, that makes sense. Well, I'll expect to hear from y'all on Monday..."

I had just realized we would be in Oro Valley, "...well I'll send you an email quote. We are going to be out-of-town for the next week. We can go over anything with you in more detail once we get back."

Cristina told us, "Okay, that works."

Around two that afternoon we returned to the house. After freshening up, the four of us met in the Library to discuss the project further. I commented, "Well, this turned out to be bigger than I thought it would be. Let me setup a folder on my Google Drive for this project and give y'all access. I'll upload the documents Cristina gave us. Plus Andy and I can upload the photos we took."

Laura commented, "Sounds good. You know, since we are going to be spending so much time out there and they need upgrades on the bulk of their equipment, we may be better off just doing all new equipment."

Wynn advised, "You are aware that they are currently running 95% Juniper?"

Laura laughed, "Yeah. I will be a pain to convert the configs to Cisco, but then again everything is going to have to be redone anyway, so might as well start from scratch. The only thing we really won't need to touch is the gateway router as what they have now works fine and will continue to do so."

Over the next couple hours we figured out what equipment we needed and approximately how much cable would be needed. It was getting close to dinner time and luckily Wynn had gone to the market yesterday and bought everything we would need for me to grill tonight. Wynn paged Lindsay, Kayré and Kacie to the kitchen while I headed out to get the grill prepped. After dinner Andy and I worked on getting the quote prepared.

Chapter 19: A Joyous Occasion and What?

The next morning we had breakfast. Kayré informed me, "By the way Linda left back for Oro Valley yesterday afternoon to help Olivia get The Ranch ready."

We had been so busy yesterday since we had returned from Henderson I had forgotten she was not at the house, "Oh yeah, she had mentioned she would be returning since Madam...Miss Kitty was not working Friday."

Wynn told me, "Gary called last night while you and Andy were working on the quote. Since the wedding won't be until Friday him and his girls will be heading down towards mid-week. They will be bringing the Acme truck."

I replied, "Friday? Thought it was Thursday. Well, whatever we are there all week. Acme Truck, good that way Kayré and Kacie can bring back the rest of their clothes, the swing and whatever else they need. Wasn't sure if they could cram everything into Kayré's truck."

By late afternoon we arrived at The Holstein Ranch. Olivia showed Sara and I our room and then Andy and Lindsay as well as Wynn to their rooms. Sunday evening I sent the ACME Henderson quote out to Cristina and Gary. Monday Sara and I

met up with my mother and Blanche for brunch. Olivia was working on getting the back courtyard of the Holstein Ranch setup for the wedding. Wednesday afternoon Gary and Bunny arrived on their motorcycles. He informed us, "Bambi is on her way down with the ACME Truck, should be here in the next couple hours."

Thanksgiving Day, Olivia and Kayré spent most of the day in the kitchen. Kacie, Lindsay and Sara helped them out for a while. Later that morning, Maya, Peaches and Martina arrived. Maya and Peaches would be in their own room while Martina and Wynn would share a room. Marc had to work and would be down the next morning.

Friday morning after breakfast everyone got prepared for the wedding. I walked out the courtyard and was amazed at the transformation Olivia had performed. I noticed off to the side a piano along with several propane heaters. A little before sunset everyone took their seat. Maya dressed her 'piano player outfit' a tuxedo style corset with booty shorts and black tights. Another person dressed the same walked over to the piano, the other person I finally figure out was Lizzie and she had a fiddle. They took their places and began to play Canon in D by Pachelbel. Laura and Miss Kitty with their Maids of Honor came down the aisle first towards Gary at the altar. Both of them we wearing white corset dresses with white stockings and ankle boots. Our mother and Blanche came out next dressed similar to Laura and Miss Kitty but in an Ivory colored corset dress and stockings and boots. As the two couples stood in front of the altar Marc came over and took several photos.

Maya and Lizzie wrapped up and Gary began the service, "Dearly beloved we are gathered here today to join these two wonderful couples in holy matrimony." He turned towards Lorena and Blanche, "Lorena Merlot, do you take Blanche Haack to be your partner?" Lorena replied, "I do!" Gary continued, "Do you Blanche Haack, take Lorena Merlot to be your partner?" Blanche replied "I do!" as well. Gary went on, "Great. Now...Abigail Laura Merlot do you take Lynette Myers as your partner?" Laura cringed when she heard 'Abigail' and Miss Kitty laughed at her reaction. After regaining herself she replied, "I do!" Gary continued, "Finally, do you Lynette Myers take Abigail Laura Merlot to be your partner?" Lynette replied, "I do!"

Gary wrapped up, "Great! Then, by the power vested in me by the State of Arizona and Anozira e-Ordain Services, I now pronounce you legally wedded partners! You may now kiss your partners!"

Everyone applauded and Marc snapped more photos. Maya and Lizzie played festive music. After the ceremony Olivia announced, "The buffet is now open. Please form single line and in orderly fashion."

During dinner my mother came over, "Thank you Ron and Sara for your support

of Lorena and I. This means so much to us.”

I replied, “Well, you really need to thank Abigail and Miss Kitty as they have been a big support for you two and am sure a motivation as well.”

The following Sunday, Kayré and Kacie packed their remaining clothes in the wardrobe boxes. Bambi told them, “Just set those in the garage as you finish packing and I’ll load them. I already have your swing in the truck plus the handful of other boxes you two have.”

Before we headed back for Scottsdale, I found Linda and told her, “We are going to be leaving shortly. When might we expect you back at the Manson?”

Linda replied, “Not for a while. I am going to be staying down here for the next couple weeks. Going to get our two new sales people for the Oro Valley store trained. So, right about Christmas time, I’ll call to warn you!”

I joked, “Are you going to be bringing your boyfriend over for Christmas dinner?”

Linda replied, “He’s not...”

I laughed, “I know...he’s not your boyfriend.”

Linda continued, “Correct, he is my fiancé...”

To Be Continued in The Unlikely Announcements.