

The Unlikely Changes

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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 associated 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 Estrella's. She was Ron & 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 Estrella's.

Kayré Holstein: Linda's daughter and business partner.

Kacie O'Neill: Kayré's partner.

The *Unlikely Changes* is the next part of The *Unlikely Stories* series by AZOutback and picks up where *the Unlikely Offers* ended. Ron thinks he knows how everything is going to workout. However, as he should have learned by now; nothing every goes as planned and the end result leads to some *Unlikely Changes*.

Chapter 1: An Unlikely Meeting at the Vinnie's 2.0 Grand Opening!

The next day I had returned from having lunch, Wynn was heading out. She told me Andy had called on the office line and she would be back in a couple hours. I headed over to my office and called Andy who explained, "Hey Ron. We all are meeting over at Vinnie's after work tonight, can you make it?"

I asked, "Who is 'we all' and does this have to do with Maya and Peaches?"

Andy explained, "Not really. It would be Lindsay, Zina, Doyle, Max, Dunn and myself. This is going to be a business meeting in regards to the future of PC's & Things. I want your input as a 'somewhat' independent party."

I inquired, "Anything you can tell me about now?"

Andy advised, "Not really. Other than to say I am darn glad we didn't do the house over in Desert Oasis. See you around 5:30 over at Vinnie's."

I confirmed, "Okay, 5:30 it will be."

Wynn came home later that afternoon and came into my office asking, "When should I make dinner?"

I told her, "Don't. Andy is going to be having a business meeting at Vinnie's around 5:30. Have no idea what is going on, but he wants me there as well."

Wynn was puzzled, "Doesn't make sense. They can't be hurting as they just opened Fort McDowell. Unless they've found themselves in legal troubles with that store..."

I advised Wynn, "Don't know, will find out later." I headed over to Vinnie's to find no one had showed up yet.

Peaches walked over, "Checking on me?"

I told her, "Not really. Suppose to meet Andy and the PC's & Things staff here for a meeting."

Peaches nodded, "Ah okay. Come back. Andy reserved." She lead me to an area off to the side which was used for larger parties. Before she left Peaches asked, "Anything you need?"

I replied, "A Dr. Pepper would be good." Peaches bowed and headed to the kitchen, quickly returning with a Dr. Pepper.

Diane called out, "Peaches!"

Peaches headed to the front and then came back with Andy and the rest of the PC's & Thing staff in tow. As they were being seated she advised, "We will have your pizzas out in about 20 minutes. What do you alls want to drink?" Everyone gave their drink orders to Peaches and she left.

Andy spoke up, "Ladies and Gentlemen! Let us begin. First off, I invited Ron Merlot here tonight as an independent third party, though I am not sure if I can really call him that as he is somewhat of a business partner. Anyway, as I am sure you know by now the economy is not what it use to be. While it has had a bit on an impact on PC's & Things, it hasn't been all that bad. It has though, made Lindsay and I rethink the way we are doing business."

Peaches returned with everyone's drinks and asked, "Anything else yous

alls need?" Everyone was good and she left to tend to her other customers.

Andy continued, "So with that said, I started looking at some other options. I've been wanting to buy out the Fountain Hills store building and the timing would be good as our lease is up in June. The property owners had already presented me with a renewal offer, unfortunately they have opted to strip out any incentives we had in the past."

Lindsay asked, "What does that mean?"

Andy explained, "When we did the lease last year, we did a one-year lease and we were given two months free. However, we are not going to get the free months this time around and the rate is going up by 15%. The property owner seems to think that this location is immune from the bad economy."

Zina commented, "That would explain the sudden surge in vacancies. What idiots."

Andy explained, "Doesn't help they are out-of-state as well."

I asked Andy, "So what about buying the property?"

Andy replied, "Not realistic, they gave me a number and truth be told it would be cheaper to rent for the next 20-years than it would be to buy. Now, Fort McDowell is only a couple miles away from the Fountain Hills location which we really didn't plan that well. However, I choose the location of the Fort McDowell store because it has a larger tech area for upgrades and repairs. Though we have only been open for a little under a week, I noticed that the bulk of the business has been repairs and upgrades. Zina has confirmed the same thing at Fountain Hills."

Zina added, "The Fountain Hills location is not well designed for upgrades and repairs."

Andy explained, "True, when we opened the store last year the bulk of our business was new sales. Doyle, what have you seen at Far North Scottsdale?"

Doyle replied, "You know, now that you mention it... the same thing is happening. People are not replacing their computers every 6-12 months. Again, a lot of repairs and upgrades. Lot's of people wanting to stretch another few months or years out of their systems. In fact we are getting more repairs and upgrades than we can handle."

Max confirmed, "Sales of new systems haven't been all that great, but been selling a lot of upgrades. Now, trying to do these upgrades is another matter. There are times we ended up doing them on the sales counter."

Andy was making notes and commented, "Okay, this very interesting. Thank you

for the reports. It has been hard for Lindsay and I to know what is going on. We've been busy with other projects such as the one in Chugwater and then getting the Fort McDowell store up and running. Plus, Lindsay also working at the Budget Holstein North and isn't around that much either. So, we need to consider doing a bit of a reorganization."

Zina knew what was coming and asked, "Does that involve letting any of us go?"

Lindsay replied, "No. We want to keep all the staff we have now and if we go forward with these plans add another tech at Fort McDowell and at least two more at Far North Scottsdale."

Zina was trying to get either Lindsay or Andy to confirm what she was thinking, "What about Fountain Hills?"

Andy explained, "We would close the Fountain Hills store by mid June."

Zina replied nervously, "So what does that mean for me and my staff?"

Lindsay told her, "Means, if you choose to, you would become store manager at the Far North Scottsdale store. Your staff have the option to relocate to Fort McDowell or The Far North Scottsdale locations."

Zina was relieved, "Okay...that would explain why my senior tech was asking about relocating to the Fort McDowell store. I am fine, but wonder what does this mean for my pay and benefits?"

Lindsay continued, "There would be no change to benefits or your pay. You are just being relocated to a different store."

Zina laughed, "A store about 15 miles closer to where I live."

Andy explained, "Doyle and Max will keep their same positions, though Doyle will be at the Fort McDowell store on some days and at the Far North Scottsdale store other days. On the days Doyle is over I will be as well. Lindsay will be assisting at the Far North Scottsdale store when I am not there while also working at The Budget Holstein North."

Our food arrived and Andy advised, "Once we are done eating, I have more news." A half hour or so later everyone had finished eating. Peaches and Diane came over and cleared off the tables.

Peaches let everyone now, "Dessert Pizzas are going in the oven, will be done in another 20-minutes."

Andy thanked Peaches and continues, "Okay, that should be enough time to get

through this next part. This is why I brought you here Ron."

I was beginning to wonder why I was here, "What would that be?"

Andy went into his pitch, "Okay, so now we will be saving ourselves \$1500-\$2000 a month by dropping the Fountain Hills store we want to expand the Far North Scottsdale location."

I asked, "Aren't you already on the corner and have something next to you?"

Lindsay explained, "Yes, we are on the corner and yes there is a Watch and Jewelry Repair shop next to us. However, they are leaving at the end of this month. So we are thinking of leasing their suite as well."

I asked, "Okay...and what would that lease run? Also, do you plan on expanding into that suite or leaving it as separate access?"

Andy explained, "Unlike the Fountain Hills property managers, the manager at Far North Scottsdale is more than willing to work with us. He was so distraught when the watch shop announced they would not be renewing their lease. That suite is a bit on the small side and would be very difficult for him to lease. He is willing to let us have it for another \$500 a month."

I liked what I had heard so far, "Sounds good so far. What about access?"

Andy replied, "So, at first he was not keen about us knocking a hole in the wall to connect the two suites. However, I reminded him that I had referred the Budget Holstein North. He was especially grateful for that as apparently Linda signed a 5-year lease. I made him an offer and he said he would accept it if we want to go forward with this."

I asked, "What was the offer?"

Andy explained, "If we sign a 3-year lease, he would allow us to expand and lock-in our rate on both suites for the entire term. However, should we terminate before the 3-years are up we would have to pay \$500 for each month remaining plus a buy-out fee of 2-months rent."

I thought for a moment, "That is a good deal...but let me ask you this...do you see yourselves still being there in three years?"

Lindsay laughed, "No! Heck, we thought a few years back we'd still be in Tucson by this time. Looked how that turned out." Turning her attention to her notebook, "But, looking at the numbers I see the trend Andy is talking about. It is a bit of shift in our revenue source coming from repairs and upgrades. We have seen a big drop in new sales, but the repairs and upgrades are covering

that plus some.”

Andy concurred, "Same here. Ask me a year ago and I would have said 'no way'. I thought Fountain Hills was going to be the premier store...."

Lindsay mumbled under her breath, "More like *problematic* store!"

Andy laughed, "I heard that Lindsay and you are right. Ron can vouch for that!"

I laughed, "Yea. There were a couple times you showed up and sometimes without warning. Like the famous Glen Campbell night."

Lindsay giggled, "Like a Rhinestone Cowgirl!"

Everyone outside of the family was rather confused and Zina commented, "What the hell?"

Andy explained, "Kind of an inside joke and the reason we hired you, Zina. But, yes I am not all that unhappy to depart with Fountain Hills. Fort McDowell seems to be going well and I am so glad we were able to get Dunn Brooks this time around."

Dunn replied, "Pleasure. Wish I had taken your offer earlier. Someone had made me an offer I *should* have refused. But then you wouldn't have gotten the beautiful and talented Zina, so I suppose it works out."

Andy continued, "That it did! So to answer your question Ron, I think so. I think we can make it another 3-years at this location once we expand. If not, you can bail us out...again."

I replied, "Hmm....Ron Merlot, Loan Shark....has an interestingly nice ring to it!"

Lindsay declared, "I too would be more than joyful if we dropped the Fountain Hills store. Nothing but a royal pain in the behind. Though, since Zina took over things have gotten a lot better." She turned to Zina, "Thank you for all you have done. I am so glad, as I am sure that Ron and Sara are as well, that you accepted our offer."

Zina blushed and still not understanding what Sara and I had to do with anything, "Um ...Thank you Lindsay. I am honored and I was thrilled that you allowed me this chance. So, when do you decide what you are going to do?"

Andy explained, "Actually, you would be involved in the decision along with Dunn, Max, Doyle and Lindsay. So...all those in favor of closing the Fountain Hills store..." All six of the management members raised their hands. Andy looked around, "Guess I don't need to ask about those opposed then. Okay, that was better than I expected. Now, the next piece of business, expanding Far North

Scottsdale. Keep in mind if we don't expand we still will not cut anyone, but I think it would constrict our growth and could negatively hurt us."

Zina asked, "Max how bad is it?"

Max explained, "As I said earlier, trying to find a space to do a quick upgrade has been easier said than done. It hasn't hurt us yet, but it only takes one bad incident to tarnish our reputation."

Doyle asked, "How long would it take to do the renovations and when would be able to start for that matter?"

Andy explained, "The watch shop is leaving at the end of the month. Oh, forgot to mention since our new lease wouldn't start until July, if we did expand into the next suite we would get it free during the month of June. That being said, I would need to talk to our contractor and see what his schedule is like. There really isn't much we would need to do to the suite itself. The prior tenant is getting out of the business and is leaving the suite as is. So all the displays and fixtures would either have to go or we can keep them. I had already told the property manager we would keep them."

I asked, "What about Fountain Hills?"

Lindsay explained, "Those came with the store and the property owner expects those to remain. Far North Scottsdale we used the fixtures from the defunct Tucson area stores. No wonder, the Far North Scottsdale manager is so willing to work with us."

Andy added, "Yea, that was the reason he threw in the free month. He figured it would cost him as much as the rent if not more to get the stuff out of there and then store it until he could sell it all off. So, I will need to talk to Dundee and see when he can start getting the two units connected. Otherwise, we can move in on June 1st. Anyone else have questions before we vote?" No one said anything and Andy asked, "Those in favor of expanding Far North Scottsdale..." Everyone except Lindsay raised their hands. Andy asked, "Opposed?" No one raised their hands, "Um okay 5 to 0 with 1 absenting."

Lindsay explained, "To me it does not make a difference either way so I can not really vote."

Andy assured her, "That's fine. Okay then....wow...so we will close Fountain Hills on June 14th and start expanding Far North Scottsdale as soon as possible. Now, where is that dessert pizza Peaches promised me?"

Peaches walked over and reminded Andy, "Pizzas....more than one. You share with everyone else."

Lindsay giggled, "She knows him far too well!"

Peaches turned to Lindsay and bowed, "Thank you Lady Lindsay. Dessert *Pizzas* will be out shortly." She went about her way to check on the rest of her customers.

I noticed throughout the meeting Lindsay seemed a bit tense, "You doing alright over there Lindsay?"

Lindsay sighed, "I'm okay, just be glad when this is all over."

Peaches brought over the dessert *pizzas* and sat down along with Maya to join us. Maya asked, "So, how did your first big night go Peaches?"

Peaches replied, "Not too bad, though I could use a drink to unwind."

Maya giggled, "I hear you, these big parties can be tough." She points to us, "Especially when these folks are involved."

Lindsay added, "I'll join you..."

Chapter 2: Just Like the 'Glen Campbell' Night & Lindsay's not so Tough Choice

After we finished the pizzas Doyle went up front to take care of the tab. As everyone was leaving I grabbed Andy's arm, "Hey I'll give you a ride back, I want to chat with you a bit."

Andy told Lindsay, "Go ahead and go back with Maya and Peaches. Ron and I need to take care of a couple things first." Lindsay nodded and followed Maya and Peaches out the door. "What's up Ron?"

I asked, "Is Lindsay okay? She looks like hell, much like the 'Glen Campbell' night."

Andy replied, "She has been rather tense lately. So much going on with the stores. Plus she is trying to juggle that along with the Budget Holstein North."

I thought back to Thanksgiving, "Why? Why is she still working both?"

Andy asked, "What do you mean?"

I reminded him, "When Linda and you purposed the Budget Holstein North, it would be Kayré, Sara and Lindsay working the store. I thought Lindsay

didn't want to be involved with PC's & Things anymore.”

Andy thought, "Not sure. I guess since Kacie ended up working with Kayré she felt she wasn't needed."

I informed him, "Kayré is still struggling to keep the store staffed at times. I would see no problem with Lindsay being able to work there."

Andy told me, "I know, I think she believes she still needs to be part of PC's & Things, especially with the opening of the Fort McDowell location. However, now that we are doing away with Fountain Hills she really doesn't need to be working the stores. I'll try to talk to her tonight about it."

I was blunt, "Not a good idea!"

Andy looked at me oddly, "How so?"

I explained, "She is not in the mood to be reasonable right now. I think we need another 'Glen Campbell' night out. Put her and Sara together, let them spend the night together in the Copper Queen suite. The rest of us, which would be Wynn, Maya, Peaches, yourself and I will go down to *Sacred Ground*. Now, would you have an issue giving Lindsay the day off tomorrow?"

Andy reminded me, "I wouldn't have an issue, but she will likely have an issue 'giving herself' the day off....dang you are right she is getting too dedicated to the stores."

I told him, "Okay then...let me call Kayré real quick." I called Kayré's cell and asked, "Hey, Kayré quick couple questions. One, would you have enough work for Lindsay if she were to work at the store full time? Second, would it be okay if Sara had the day off tomorrow?"

Kayré replied, "Given how busy we get at times, having an extra person would be very beneficial. I had kinda wondered what had happened with her as the plan was for her to work with us. As for Sara having the day off, she works her own schedule, so if she needs the day off she can have it."

I explained, "Andy and I seem to think that Kacie choosing to work with you complicated things. Nonetheless, Andy and I really feel that Lindsay needs to get away from the computer stores and would be much more happier and relaxed working with y'all at the Budget Holstein."

Kayré told me, "There would be plenty for her to do here so if she wants to she can join Kacie, Sara and I."

I told her, "Let you know in a couple days. Thanks for your understanding." I tuned to Andy and explained, "Kayré, says that there would be plenty for Lindsay

to do at The Budget Holstein North."

Andy asked, "So you want Sara and Lindsay to have a night together then? Have they since the incident?"

I thought for a moment, "Nothing one-on-one, I think they did a little bit in the play loft over the weekend. Well, let's get back to the house and let everyone know."

Andy told me, "Lindsay will likely be in the cottage so I will let her know and send her over in a little bit."

I replied, "That will work." We arrived back at the house just as Kayré dropped off Sara. Andy headed back to his cottage and I grabbed Sara, "Hey, Andy is going to send Lindsay over in a bit. The rest of us will take off for Sacred Ground. You two can have a nice night together like the Glen Campbell night, just without the drama...well most of it."

Sara was confused, "What now?"

Since I was short on time I explained, "Long story short, PC's & Things had a management meeting earlier tonight. They decided to close the Fountain Hills store and focus on improving the Fort McDowell or Far North Scottsdale locations. Also, they will be expanding the Far North Scottsdale store to accommodate more repairs and upgrades. Andy doesn't think Lindsay is all that happy working at the PC's and Things stores whilst trying to juggle the Budget Holstein North."

Sara asked, "Wasn't the plan last year suppose to be that she would work Kayré and myself at the Budget Holstein North?"

I told her, "Yes, but Kacie joining Kayré complicated things slightly. Anyway, Lindsay has been a bit tense lately, so Andy and I think you both need some time together alone. So, you two can spend the night and have tomorrow together. I'll have Wynn get the Copper Queen Suite ready for you two before we leave."

Sara seemed nervous, "Okay...but...this will be our first night together since the 'incident' around Easter."

I assured her, "All the more reason for you two have some time together. Just put it behind you and have fun like you two use to have."

Sara smiled, "I think we can do that. How much time do I have before

she arrives?"

I told her, "I say about 10 minutes."

Sara took off upstairs to get ready. Meanwhile I found Wynn in the kitchen, "Hey, can you please get the Copper Queen suite prepped for Sara and Lindsay? I would suggest a bottle of wine and couple glasses as well. Then when you are done, we will be going to Sacred Ground along with Maya and Peaches."

Wynn asked, "Any preference on the wine?"

I told her, "I know Lindsay likes Pinto Gris and Sara will drink just about anything."

Wynn nodded, "Okay, I'll grab a wine bucket along with a couple glass and a bottle of Pinto Gris."

I thanked her and headed into the Great Room to find Maya was at the piano and everyone else sitting around. "Good evening everyone. Tonight we are going out to celebrate the continued success of PC's & Things. We will be heading over to Sacred Ground for appetizers and drinks very soon."

Peaches asked, "What Sacred Ground?"

Maya look up from her piano and wondered as well, "I've heard of it, but never been there. What is it?"

I explained, "It is a wine bar. Very good sandwiches and nice selection of drinks. We will take the Hummer, Wynn and Andy will be joining us shortly."

Maya asked, "Ah so, Sara and Lindsay are having a night together?"

I told her, "Yes, there first since the incident from back around Easter."

Maya wondered, "You concerned?"

I replied, "Somewhat, but I think they will be fine."

Maya and Peaches headed to the garage passing Wynn along the way. Wynn advised me, "Okay the Copper Queen suite has a bucket with a bottle of Pinto Gris. I dimmed the lights and lit a couple lavender scented candles. Also restocked the bathroom with fresh towels. I was thinking Fife could make a return visit tomorrow morning and serve them a breakfast in bed."

I thanked her, "Great, that would be wonderful. Go ahead and join Maya and Peaches in the garage, I am just waiting for Andy and then we can go."

Sara came down the stairs in the turquoise corset she had bought in Lake Havasu along with tan stockings and a mid-thigh length white skirt. She walked over and explained, "Decided to change things up a little."

I told her, "You look hot, Lindsay will be drooling over you in no time. Anyway, Wynn has left a wine bucket with a bottle of Pinto Gris in the Copper Queen suite. She says she also lit some candles and added more towels for the bathroom. We will be back late. You two have a good time and don't worry about breakfast, I've heard Fife will be making a return visit tomorrow morning."

Sara giggled, "Oh my, Lindsay will like that. We'll have to make sure to keep it as a surprise." She headed over to the Copper Queen suite to wait for Lindsay to join her.

A few minutes later Andy and Lindsay came in off the Cabana. Lindsay was wearing an outfit similar to the night of the Fountain Hills Store Grand Opening party we had at the other house. She had on an ivory mini-skirt and matching sleeveless blouse along with 5-inch silver stiletto sandals and ivory thigh-highs."

I looked at her, "I remember that outfit from the first party at the other house."

Lindsay giggled, "Hopefully, we will have just as good of time as we did then. Now, where do I need to go?"

I directed her, "The Copper Queen suite is by the kitchen. Hang a right before the kitchen and it will be the first door on the left. Sara is already waiting for you. You two are to spend the night together, not kill each other and have fun."

Lindsay laughed, "Not sure about that middle condition but everything else sounds reasonable. Okay, I think we can manage not to kill each other. We are over our *little* conflict from a couple months ago."

Andy and I both at the same time, "*Little?*"

Lindsay replied, "Whatever. You boys have fun over at Sacred Ground." We headed towards the kitchen and Lindsay made her way towards the the Copper Queen Suite. She knocked on the door, "Sara?"

Sara opened the door and her jaw dropped when she saw Lindsay, "Oh wow! I remember that outfit for our first party last year. Looks a little different with your dark hair, but you still look hot!"

Lindsay was racking her brain, "I know I've seen you in that corset before, but don't recall where. Sorry."

Sara grabbed Lindsay, "Don't apologize as Gibbs would say 'It is a sign of weakness'. Anyway, I don't think you have ever seen me in this one. I bought it whilst Ron and I were in Lake Havasu on our honeymoon. Now, come and

let's get started on this bottle of wine."

Lindsay walked over to the table by the bed and pulled out of the bottle on wine chilling in the bucket, "Pinto Gris! My favorite." She poured herself and Sara each a glass. Sara took the glass from Lindsay and sat down in a nearby chair. Lindsay stood there as she drank from her glass. She glanced over at Sara who seemed 'distant' and asked, "What's on your mind dear?"

Sara took a drink and sighed, "I keep thinking about Easter weekend. Where the hell did we go wrong?"

Lindsay walked over and put her hand on Sara's shoulder, "I'm not really sure. I kinda wish we could forget about what happened...."

Sara was trembling, which was very unusual for her, "I...I do....too. But...the way you reacted....towards me....I never seen that from you...you scared the shit out of me..."

Lindsay sat down on the bed for a moment to take in what Sara said, "You're right. I scared the shit out of myself as well. That is a side you have never seen of me and I wish you never had. The rage that was built up in me, was like that from the Glenn Campbell incident. At least that night, I kept it under control. I am so sorry I lashed out at you. I should have never let me emotions cloud my judgment, I should have trusted and believed you."

Sara stood up which startled Lindsay who also stood up as if she was preparing to defend herself, "Lindsay...."

Lindsay looked Sara in the eye, "Yes...?"

Sara replied, "Come here...please..." Lindsay wasn't sure what to do, she was rather confused and was wondering if Sara was angry enough to physically hurt her. But she never knew Sara to be hostile, except towards her father earlier this year and given the circumstances he deserved what he got. Lindsay slowly walked towards Sara, hoping she would say something. Instead Sara reached out and grabbed Lindsay's left hand and pulled her towards herself. Lindsay tensed up and tried to pull away from Sara. Sara was a bit surprised by Lindsay's reaction and let go of Lindsay's hand causing Lindsay to stumble backwards. Given she was unbalance with the stiletto sandals on, she fell on to the bed and then slid down on to the floor. Sara stood there not sure what to do, "You okay?"

Lindsay looked up at Sara and just started giggling uncontrollably. She regained control of herself and replied, "I don't know. *Am I?*"

Sara with a laugh, "How the hell should I know?" She walked over to the bed and sat down on the floor next to Lindsay, "I was only trying to give you a kiss, sorry if you felt threatened."

Lindsay turned red, "I know. I have no idea why I interpreted your actions as hostile."

Sara asked, "Have I ever been hostile to you or anyone else?"

Lindsay replied, "Once."

Sara was puzzled and a bit shocked, "I was hostile to you once? When?"

Lindsay was still uncertain and hope Sara was going to become angry with her, "No, not me....your father, earlier this year....but then he did deserve it."

Sara shook her head, "That fucking, worthless, lying son of a bitch deserved a hell of lot more than he got from me. He's dang lucky Maya showed restraint at the end. I suppose that was because Peaches was with her. Maya could have easily hurt him and I likely would have had to have Ron bail her out of jail." She leaned over and kissed Lindsay deeply and passionately on the lips. She stared at Lindsay for a moment and commented, "I do love the dark hair on you, that was a great idea of yours."

Lindsay laughed, "It has been one of those things I've been wanting to try but never had the nerve to do it."

Sara laughed too, "Well, glad you did you looked really cute. Now, how about we put this baggage behind us and enjoy this night together."

Lindsay yawned, "Sorry. I am really tense lately, don't know why."

Sara decided this would be a good time for an intervention, "I think I do dear." Lindsay sat there silent and Sara continued, "You've been trying to juggle PC's & Things along with the Budget Holstein."

Lindsay sighed, "I know, but I don't want to disappoint Andy."

Sara reminded Lindsay, "But Andy was the one who setup everything with Kayré so that you could work/model for the Budget Holstein. He knows, that you don't really want to be involved with the stores. Much like when you were in Tucson when you spent most of your time at *The Pussycat Lounge*."

Hearing the name *Pussycat Lounge* brought back a flood of memories to Lindsay, "I know, I so do miss performing there, I had so much fun. Also learned some bad habits there too. Things were going well until we got the Fountain Hills store which has been an unmitigated disaster. Then there was the whole mess with the Tucson stores."

Sara explained, "Which is why you really don't need to be doing so much with the stores. You could be working with Kayré and I over at the Budget Holstein."

Lindsay wondered, "But, with Kacie also working would there be anything for me to do?"

Sara informed Lindsay, "Ron talked to Kayré this afternoon. Kayré is barely around at times as she is working with vendors and suppliers or when she is there she is stuck on the phone. We get busy at times and it is difficult for Kacie and I to help everyone. So, yes we could really use your help."

Lindsay was still being loyal to Andy, "But what about Andy? It is going to be difficult for him to manage three stores and take care of everything else."

Sara reminded her, "First off, it will soon be two stores as Ron told me about y'all choosing to close Fountain Hills. Second, there are other management staff besides Andy. Third, Andy was the one who originally suggested you do The Budget Holstein."

Lindsay seemed relieved, "You're right I keeping forgetting that Andy has other staff such as Doyle, Zina and Dunn to help him with the stores." She grabbed Sara's hand, "Plus, we will get to spend more time together. Just hope we won't get sick of each other..."

Sara commented, "We are going to be so busy we really won't have much time together while at the store."

Lindsay yawned, "So true. Thank you Sara. I don't know if it is the lack of sleep or the wine, but I am rather tired."

Sara suggested, "Well, why don't we get into bed. We can at least snuggle for a bit and if you happen to get a second wind then we can do more." She got up and headed over to bed. Lindsay picked herself up off the floor, removed her sandals along with her skirt and crawled into bed with Sara. Sara turned off the lamp then reached over sliding her hand under Lindsay's panties and started rubbing Lindsay's pussy and clit.

Lindsay let out a moan, "That feels so good..."

Sara told her, "Just relax, don't worry about trying to return the favor right now." She continued massaging Lindsay's pussy, inserting a finger occasionally. Lindsay continued to moan and eventually feel asleep. Sara leaned over and kissed Lindsay, "Good night dear!" and feel asleep a couple minutes later.

Chapter 3: Business Calls and Hypothetically Speaking...That Is An Odd

Question

Meanwhile over at Sacred Ground, we were having a sandwich platter and some wine. My cell phone rang, I looked at the caller ID and saw it was Gary. I excused myself and took the call, "Hey Ron, sorry to bother you but Cristina has a crisis on her hands. Not sure what is going on but she is asking for you, Andy and Laura to come out as soon as possible. She wants me there as well, which is horrible timing with Bunny still out of town."

I asked, "Can she at least wait until tomorrow afternoon? I so really don't feel like driving out to Vegas tonight. Further, Laura and Miss Kitty just flew back home yesterday."

Gary assured me, "I already told her you and I would not be able to leave until tomorrow morning. Is it okay if Bambi stays with y'all while we are gone."

I joked, "Oh that is going to go over well with Peaches."

Gary asked, "Is Peaches jealous of Bambi?"

I told him, "Haven't a clue. Nonetheless, Bambi can stay in the girls' party room. I suppose if we are going to be out there tomorrow, we'd better get an early start. Let's shoot to leave by 6:00 AM."

Gary confirmed, "Will do, is it okay to send Bambi over now?"

I reminded him, "Besides the fact we are not home right now, there is the matter we don't live next to you any more."

Gary replied, "Oh yeah, kind of forgot about that."

I laughed, "How could you have forgotten about our move? You are the one who unloaded that house on me. Anyway, we are down at *Sacred Ground*, we'll swing by on the way home and pick her up. I will give you a call when we get near."

I headed back to the main part of the restaurant and found Andy, "Hey, I am going to need you to come with me tomorrow along with Gary to Vegas."

Andy looked at me blankly, "Huh?"

I explained, "All I know is Cristina is requesting, you, Laura, Gary and I to the main ACME office ASAP. Some type of 'crisis' but don't know what."

Andy sighed, "Great, I was really hoping to get things going with PC's and Things this week. I will need to call Doyle, Dunn and Zina let them I won't be around the next couple days. What time are we leaving?"

I informed him, "Preferably around 6:00 AM."

Andy told me, "Well, I suppose Sara and Lindsay will be spending a lot more time together. Hopefully, they got along okay tonight. Okay, let me make some phone calls."

I left Andy to make his frantic calls and decided I should warn Laura. I tried their home number and got Sophie, "Hey Sophie, Ron here. Are my sister and Miss Kitty home from work yet?"

Sophie replied, "Yes, they are and Laura wants to talk to you..."

I was rather confused when Laura came on the line, "Hey, Ron good timing. Say, hypothetically speaking...if we were to relocate to the Tucson area, do you think Miss Kitty could work at the Budget Holstein?"

I wasn't sure what the heck she asked, "Uh....what? Tucson?...Miss Kitty?...Budget Holstein?"

Laura replied, "Yeah. She does have modeling and sales experience beside being an entertainer and cocktail waitress."

I was still confused as heck but told her, "I'll ask Linda when I talk to her next. Never got a chance today with the reorganization meeting for PC's and Things."

Laura told me, "Okay, kinda need to know very soon...a bit time sensitive. Hey, why did you call anyway?"

I had forgotten that I had called her, "Oh yeah....I'll....well Gary, Andy and I will be out in Vegas tomorrow and not for sure how long. You available tomorrow?"

Laura complained, "We just got back home yesterday, what is going on?"

I told her, "Don't know Gary called me after Cristina called him and said she had a 'crisis' and needs us at the ACME Las Vegas office ASAP. The three of us are leaving tomorrow morning around 6:00 AM. I suspect we should be in Vegas by mid-afternoon."

Laura told me, "Okay, let me know when you get into town and we can figure out what is going on. Do you need a place to stay?"

I told her, "Don't know yet, will let you know."

Laura confirmed, "If you do, I have the guest room."

I bided Laura a good night and went off to find Maya, Peaches and Wynn. They were at the bar, "Ladies, we need to talk."

Maya and Wynn pointed to Peaches and Maya declared, "It is her fault."

Peaches replied confused, "What I do?"

I ignored their silliness, "Yeah I am sure it is. Anyways, I need to leave early tomorrow morning. Plus Andy and Gary are going with me. So, that means Bambi is going to be staying over while I am gone. I assume Maya and Peaches, the three of you can get along..."

Maya replied, "Yes, we can in fact, I thinking the three of us can have some fun...provided she either is not wearing her belt or Gary gives you the key."

I told her, "You can ask him tonight, when we pick her up on the way home."

Wynn asked, "What about Sara and Lindsay?"

I explained, "They will get to spend some more time together while Andy and I are gone. You will need to let them know in the morning what is going on when Fife makes her return appearance. The three of us plan on leaving around 6:00 AM."

Andy came back, "Okay, I was able to get Dunn and Doyle to cover for me at Far North Scottsdale and Fort McDowell. Zina will get some time off until I can return and help her start moving the Fountain Hills store."

I announced, "As much as I hate to cut this short, we better get going."

We left Sacred Ground and headed back home. As I turned on to Desert Oasis Parkway, Maya rang Gary and let him know we were near. We stopped over at the Zinfandel's and I sent Maya up to get Bambi. She rang the front bell and Bambi answered. Maya asked, "You ready and do you have your belt key?"

Bambi yelled back into the house, "GARY! Maya wants my belt key."

Gary emerged shortly with the key and handed it to Maya, "I trust you will keep her in line."

Maya joked, "If she gets out of line, she will end up like Peaches last night...in jail cell belted and restrained in a rigid fiddle."

Gary smiled, "Very good! Tell Ron to call me when he gets ready to pick me

up tomorrow."

Maya took Bambi's belt key and replied, "Shall do. Have a good night." Turning to Bambi, "You ready?"

Bambi nodded and they walked back to the Hummer. Upon getting in Maya sat next to Peaches and told her, "I got her key! We are going to have lots of fun!"

Upon returning to the house Maya and Peaches showed Bambi to their 'party room' where she would be spending the next couple nights. Meanwhile, I checked in on Sara and Lindsay and found them both asleep peacefully. I met up with Wynn out in the hall, "They are both asleep and both appear to be alive. Anyway, Bambi is getting settled in and I should try to get some sleep before leaving in the morning. But first, I better grab my laptop and triage kit." After putting my laptop along with a basic triage/repair kit in the Jeep I headed upstairs to get some sleep. 5:30, my alarm sounded and I jumped into the shower for a quick wake up. After drying off and getting dressed, I called Gary, "On my way down, be ready." Andy met me in the kitchen and we headed out in the Jeep to get Gary.

A couple hours later Wynn, as Fife in her French Maid's uniform and black fishnets knocked on the door of the Copper Queen Suite, "Room service!"

Sara got up and realized while she was only in her stockings and corset. Some time during the night she removed her panties. She found her panties on the floor and quickly pulled them on while walking to the door. She opened the door and Fife wheeled in the cart. Sara jumped back in bed and nudged Lindsay, "Wake up dear! Breakfast is here!"

Lindsay was not quite awake yet and asked, "What...Here?"

Sara giggled, "Roll over and sit up, you will see."

Lindsay sat up rubbing her eyes and saw Wynn, "Oh boy Fife has returned!"

Wynn set the trays and placed the plates of eggs, waffles with strawberries and sausage on top of each tray along with a glass of juice. As she pushed the cart of to the side of the room she explained, "Ladies Merlot and McGrawl, your husbands had an urgent business matter they had to attend to in Vegas today. They left a couple hours ago and will be back in a few days. Also, Lady Gris is staying with us as Mister Zinfandel needed to accompany your husbands' on this urgent business matter and Lady Zinfandel is currently away as well."

Sara asked, "So Lindsay and I get to spend some more time together?"

Wynn confirmed, "Yes. Anything else you ladies need?"

Lindsay was still trying to understand what was going and wanted to talk to Sara alone, "No, we are good. Please be gone." Wynn left and she asked Sara, "Did you know anything about Ron and Andy leaving early?"

Sara replied confused, "Um not really. I'll try giving him a call a little later or they might call us. Let's eat."

The three of us stopped off in Wickenburg for breakfast. I figured the girls would be up so I *phoned home*. Wynn answered, "Wynn, are they up yet and how did they take it?"

Wynn explained, "They are up. Not sure how they took it, Lindsay kicked me out...I am assuming so she could talk to Sara. Want to talk to Sara?" I told her yes. Wynn went upstairs with the phone and knocked on the door, "Lady Rae, you have a phone call."

Wynn handed the phone to Sara who asked, "Okay, so what is so urgent you had to leave without telling us?"

I replied, "Good morning to you too. Anyway, I don't know much other than Cristina called Gary last night, who called me while we were down at Sacred Ground. Cristina has a 'crisis' and wants Gary, Andy, Laura and I at her office today. Once I know more I'll let you know. Anyway, take this time to have some fun with Lindsay."

Sara acknowledged, "Okay, dokie shall do." She handed the phone back to Wynn, "Thank you Fife." She looked over and noticed Lindsay had already finished her meal. Sara wasn't all that hungry, "Fife, you can take our plates now. We are done." After Wynn left, Sara jumped out of bed and removed the covers exposing Lindsay in her bra and stockings. Sara directed Lindsay, "Move over towards the center of the bed." Lindsay did as she was told and Sara jumped up on the bed. She spread Lindsay's legs apart and went to work on Lindsay's pussy.

Chapter 4: Clean Up...ACME Las Vegas!

We arrived in Henderson in the early afternoon. Gary called Cristina who confirmed she was at the office while I called Laura to inform her we were on our way to get her. A few minutes later we arrived at Laura and Miss Kitty's condo. Laura came out and got into the Jeep. As we left she asked, "Have you had a chance to talk to Linda yet?"

I told her, "No, not yet. Been on the road since 6:00 AM. I'll try to call her later this afternoon once we get an assessment as to what this here crisis is we are dealing with."

She apologized, "Sorry. Okay, let her know it would be end of June. That is all I can tell you right now."

Gary's cell phone started ringing. He looked at the caller ID, "Odd, it is Lulu. I already told her I wouldn't be in today."

He answered the phone and Lulu explained, "Hey Gary. Production has informed me they have not been able to access the network. I just checked and tried to get into inventory but nothing is working. Website is up though."

Gary informed her, "Likely related to what Cristina is calling us out for. I'll let you know, once we know." After getting off the phone with her he explained to us, "Lulu says production can not access the network and inventory doesn't appear to be working either. She says the website is working though which is odd."

I told Gary, "No it is not, I host the website on my private server. So it would be unaffected by whatever is going on at the Vegas office. Least now we have a general idea of what is going on."

An hour later we arrived at ACME Las Vegas. After getting our gear out of the back we walked in the front door not quite sure what to expect. First thing we noticed was the place was empty and dark. Gary called out, "Cristina?!"

Cristina walked out wearing capris and t- shirt with no shoes, "Ah you made it. Follow me and watch your step it is a bit messy in here." As we followed her over to the server/file room we heard the roar of an industrial fan getting louder as we neared. She explained yelling, "The alarm company called last night saying the motion sensor in the file room had been tripped. The police got here before I did and said they heard dripping water and the entire place was dark. They walked in here to find a water fall and called the Fire Department." We walked into the room to see an industrial fan and work lights were setup in the room, connected to an extension cord running down the hall. There was a gaping hole in the ceiling and a couple inches of standing water. Cristina explained, "The water was a good foot or so deep earlier as you can see by the stains on the wall."

Gary asked, "Any idea what happened?"

Cristina explained, "We've had a couple cold nights this week. Yesterday I had a couple people tell me the water pressure seemed to be low. The fire department thinks that the pipe didn't fully burst, but rather the joint gave out and slowly leaked. The water kept pooling on top of the ceiling tiles until the weight finally caused the ceiling to cave in. The standing water shorted out everything in here and in the break room."

I looked over and saw the server rack had been partially submerged, "Well, it doesn't appear the water made it high enough to expose the equipment. However, the surge protector is still completely submerged. Has power been

shutoff to this part of the building?"

Cristina told me, "Power is off to the entire building right now. The fan and lights are plugged into a CAT generator sitting outside of the warehouse."

I asked her, "Take me to the generator."

Cristina seemed a little confused but lead the way, "Okay...follow me."

We exited the warehouse and saw a small CAT generator with several extension cords running back into the warehouse. I turned to Andy, "In the Jeep should be a 20-foot orange extension cord. Go get it along with my toolbox." Upon walking back in, I turned to Cristina, "Can you clear off a table so we can setup?"

Cristina replied pointing to a relatively empty table, "Sure, will over there work?"

I looked and told her yes. Andy had returned with the extension cord and my toolbox. I told Andy, "Go ahead and set the extension cord over here. You and Gary head over to the server room and start removing the routers and switches off the rack. Bring them in here and Laura and I will see if they still work."

Cristina asked, "Anything I can do?"

As I located an unused power strip I told Christina, "Yes, I need the wiring diagrams that I did up last year when your step-father redid the place."

Cristina replied, "Those are in my office, I'll go get them."

She left leaving Laura and I. Laura asked, "So, how bad do you think it is?"

I told her, "May not be good. Seeing as the surge suppressor was on the floor and now under water. I should have noticed that when we installed the new switches last year. Oh well, not much we can do about it now."

Laura wondered, "So how are we going to test the equipment?"

I told her, "We should be able to plug in the router and switches in here and then console into the devices and see if they boot."

Gary walked in with the router, "Where do you want this?" I told him to set it down next to my laptop.

I dug through my triage bag and found a couple console cables, plugging the

serial connector end into a converter then into the USB port of my laptop with the other end into the console port of the router. I plugged the power strip on the table into the extension cord connected to the generator. I fired up Tera Term on the laptop and then powered up the router. I waited a bit and saw the boot sequence, "Okay good, the router appears to still work."

Andy walked in with the two switches. He commented, "This top one smells like it may have gotten fried."

I told him to set it on top of the router and to give Laura the other switch. Cristina walked in with the wiring diagrams, "Here you go Ron, hope this helps."

I placed the diagrams on the table behind me and told her, "Thanks, I'll take a look at those shortly. Okay Laura see if you can console into that switch, and I'll try this one."

Laura was able to console into the switch, "Looks like it is working. How about yours?"

I removed the console cable from the router and connected it into the console port on the switch. I plugged in the switch, but nothing happened, "This not good."

Cristina asked, "Don't you have to turn it on?"

I explained, "Most switches, such as this one don't have a power switch. You just plug it in and it is on. Looks like Andy is right about this one."

Cristina asked, "So, what does that mean?"

I told her, "That means until we can get this replaced we can only have 24 computers in operation."

Laura was studying the running config on the working switch, "Yea, but there are VLANS with trunking involved, which really won't work until we can get the second switch operational. Good news is the startup config is backed up on Ron's TFTP server."

Cristina wondered, "Can I get away just using one switch?"

Laura explained, "We could, but I rather not as the configuration is going to be a nightmare. I suppose it depends on how long it will take to get a replacement."

Andy commented, "This is a fairly common, Cisco 2960 switch, so we should be able to get one over here fairly quickly via Road Runner. Let me call over to my stores and see if we have any in stock."

I told Andy, "While you are doing that I am going to look at this wiring

diagram and see if we can relocate the rack. Need to find where the D-Point is located.”

Cristina inquired, “D-Point?”

I explained, "Demarcation point. It is the point where we connect to the ISP to get outside of our own network or to the Internet. It is also the point where responsibility for the equipment is decided." I looked over the diagram but still couldn't find it. I walked back to the server room and saw a serial cable hanging from the ceiling and another that had been hung over the rack. Pointing to the cable hanging from above, "Need to figure out where that goes to, it should be connected to the demarcation point device likely a DSL modem."

Cristina told Gary, "Give me a boost and I should be able to stand on top of the filing cabinet and take a look."

Gary gave her a lift while I held on to the file cabinet as Cristina hopped on top. I handed her my high powered flash light and she stuck her head into the ceiling, "Looks like it runs out towards the lobby."

I asked her, "The lobby? Are you, sure that doesn't make much sense."

Gary commented, "The warehouse wraps around the lobby along the south side of the building to the southwest corner."

I was trying to wrap my head around the way this was setup, "Why would the demarcation point be over there. I would have thought it would have been in the rear by the warehouse bay door."

Cristina hopped off the file cabinet, "I think I know where it goes, follow me." We followed Cristina back into the warehouse and she lead us around towards the front to a door, "This use to be another suite at one time. You can see there is an outside door."

Gary confirmed, "Yeah, I remember that when I bought this building and thought it was odd they didn't just knock out the wall instead of putting in a passage door."

I shined my flashlight around the room and found the demarcation point on the south wall, "Well, I'll be. So when the previous tenant was in here they tied in over here. Okay, so that is good to know. Let's head back to the other part of the building so I can take a look at the diagrams again."

I had noticed Andy had not followed us and sure enough he was still in the main warehouse on his phone. He informed us, "Zina says she has one over at Fountain Hills and can get it out tomorrow. This means we won't get it until Thursday since it is already after 4:30 PM the cut-off for overnight."

Cristina sighed, "Well, I suppose that will have to do. I am guessing this is

not something that we can pickup at a Best Buy or Radio Shack?"

I laughed, "No, only authorized vendors sell these and most retail locations don't usually sell these. We could try to get one off of eBay, but still wouldn't get here quick enough."

Cristina was frustrated, "I so dislike this building, but it would be a bigger pain to move...everything...everyone."

I assured her, "I know. We will make sure wherever we end up putting the equipment that it will be as such so that if it does flood again it won't be affected. Gary, we are going to need to get an electrician in here to drop a conduit from the ceiling and install a plug about four feet off the ground. I think you and Andy can handle building the closet. Just need to figure out where, so we don't have to rewire the entire building...again."

Gary confirmed, "Yeah I can handle basic carpentry, I replaced your office doors at the other house after the Lindsay/Wynn incident."

I laughed, "That you did. How about getting an electrician in here?"

Cristina raised her hand, "My ex-boyfriend is a licensed electrician. And before you ask, he is ex only because he wanted to devote his time to getting his license. We are still on good terms so I can call him later."

I was still studying the plans, "Okay, so we ran this section here and the upstairs is connected to another switch...via gigabit lines."

Laura commented, "Likely into that switch which is fried."

I looked at my phone and noticed it was almost 5:00 PM and announced, "Well there is not much if anything we can really do tonight."

Cristina confirmed, "True, the water extraction people are suppose to be here soon."

Gary asked Cristina, "I will need to borrow your H3 tomorrow so Andy and I can get over to Home Depot."

I asked, "Gary are you going to be staying in town?"

Cristina commented, "Gary you can stay at my place. I have room for one more..."

I told Andy, "You go ahead, I'll stay with Laura. So, let's reconvene tomorrow, except for Laura as there is nothing you will need to do until we get the switch on Thursday." Gary and Andy stayed for a bit and would hitch a ride with Cristina. I walked out and handing Laura they keys, "Here you drive, I need to

make a phone call." While Laura drove us back to her place, I called Linda, "Hey Linda, Ron here. Say, I have a couple questions for you."

Linda replied, "Okay, may be I'll have a couple answers for you."

I asked, "First off, can I rent The Ranch out for 4th of July week. We would bring Kayré and Kacie down with us along with the McGrawl's."

Linda asked, "The whole week?"

I told her, "Since the 4th is on a Wednesday this year...we we're thinking coming in on Monday and leaving on Friday."

Linda replied, "Sure, I was kind of hoping Kayré and Kacie would come down so I kept that time blocked. So, what else do you have?"

I replied, "Hypothetically speaking...should Laura and Miss Kitty end up in the Tucson area, would Miss Kitty be able to work at The Budget Holstein?"

Linda was confused, "Um...what?"

I told her, "Gee, that was my response as well."

Laura told me, "Put her on speaker."

I relayed to Linda, "Laura is driving, so I'll put you on speaker."

Laura explained, "Heya Linda. Miss Kitty has retail/modeling experience besides being a performer and cocktail waitress. Hypothetically, if this were to happen it would be around the end of June. I am just not obligated to say anymore than that."

Linda replied, "I see. Um...well...sure, I could always use the help and having someone her...um...well..."

Laura answered, "Age? Heck you could almost call her a MILF!"

Linda laughed, "I was going to say maturity, but yes. Let us know, when you can tell me more."

I added, "Yes Abigail, do let us know."

Laura responded with a laugh, "Watch it Francis, I am the one who is driving..."

Linda joked, "Typical brother and sister!"

Laura giggled, "Gee, I didn't think we were typical. Thanks Linda."

Chapter 5: Make it Right and Laura's Unlikely Announcement

We returned back to Laura and Miss Kitty's condo. I got my bags out of the Jeep and upon walking in Sophie told me, "I'll take those for you Mister Merlot."

I thanked and reminded her, "Thanks, and just call me Ron, please Sophie."

After getting settled in Laura told me dinner would be an hour. She did ask, "Just to confirm you said you did not need me tomorrow correct?"

I confirmed, "Yes, not until the switch comes in on Thursday. Somewhere you need to be?"

Laura grinned, "Yes, but I can't tell you much else."

I replied, "Okay...anyway let me give Sara call and see how things are at the homestead."

I phoned home and Maya answered, "Oh, hey Ron. Bambi is still alive...that is if you were calling to check. Wanna to speak to Sara?"

I laughed at her comment, "Good to know. Yes, please put your sister on."

Sara came on, "How's it going?"

I explained, "A bit underwater, literally. It is a mess. A pipe broke and flooded the ceiling which caved-in into the file/server room. The room is a mess, but the majority of the network equipment survived. We did lose a switch which connects to the switch for the upper level. We are going to have one Road Runner over, but it won't come until Thursday. Just as well, Gary and Andy need to build a new network closet and Laura got something going on tomorrow. Might have to do with her hypothetical question about Miss Kitty."

Sara replied, "Geez, what a mess. What hypothetical question about Miss Kitty?"

I told her, "Laura had me ask Linda hypothetically if they ended up in/around Tucson would Miss Kitty be able to work at the main Budget Holstein. She apparently has been a model and has sales experience, besides being an entertainer and cocktail waitress."

Sara was puzzled, "Uh...what?"

I laughed, "That was pretty much my response as well as Linda's. I don't know, Laura won't say much else. Anyway, we do have the Holstein Ranch for the 4th of July week. Anything exciting on your end?"

Sara replied, "Not really. Lindsay and I didn't get to do much last night, she was rather exhausted. She is looking forward to not having to work the computer stores. Well, I need to get going, I am chaperoning Bambi, Maya and Peaches."

Dinner was a chicken stir-fry. After diner, I fired up the laptop to check my email and news feeds. Sophie knocked on my door a couple hours later, "Ron, do you want to join myself, your sister and Miss Kitty for ice cream and a night cap?" I followed Sophie into the kitchen. We had our ice cream and night cap, talking amongst ourselves for the next hour or so. I thought Laura might mention something or drop a clue as to this hypothetical question. However, she didn't really say much and seemed to be falling asleep. Before we went to bed Sophie asked, "What time did you want to be awoken tomorrow, Ron?"

I replied with a yawn, "Being that I did not get much sleep last night, I would like to sleep in. Can I just get up whenever?"

Sophie laughed, "Sure, but you will be on your own for breakfast."

I told her, "That's fine, I'll just stop at a Chick-fil-A on the way over to ACME Las Vegas." I headed off to bed and went to sleep. It was about 8:00 AM when I woke up. It took me a couple minutes to figure out I was at Laura's. I got dressed and headed out towards the kitchen. I saw the door to Laura's room was open and she was not in there or anywhere else in the condo.

Sophie saw me, "Morning Ron, want some coffee?"

I told her, "Not really much of a coffee drinker. Got Dr. Pepper?"

Sophie went to fridge and retrieved a bottle. Something looked different about the bottle and when I took a drink I noticed something really different, "Wow, this has real sugar in it!"

Sophie replied, "This is from your sister's stash she got when we were down in Mexico over the Easter weekend."

I wondered if Sophie knew anything, "Speaking of Laura, happen to know where she disappeared to so early in the morning?"

Sophie told me, "She had a follow-up interview at the Cosmopolitan. By the way, since you are here do you know what a CCNP is?"

I told her, "In networking it is Cisco Certified Network Professional...why?" Sophie handed me a certificate from Cisco showing Laura had passed the final CCNP exam. "Holy shit! Wow and here I thought I was ahead of the game having a

CCENT, A+ and Net+. Had no idea she already had gotten her CCNA, I really need to give her more credit. Well, I need to get going Gary and Andy are going to need me."

Sophie asked, "What time do you plan on being back? Dinner is going to be around 6:00 PM"

I told her, "Then I will make it back in time for dinner." 45-minutes later I arrived over at Acme Las Vegas after a quick breakfast stop at Chick-fil-A. I found Cristina in her office, "How's it going?"

She looked up and told me, "Be better if we were online. Deer Valley is off-line as well. This is not a good time, but it could've been a worse time."

I told her, "We will make sure we make it right this time. We'll get this setup correctly so we can prevent this from happening again. Did Gary and Andy already take off?"

Cristina replied, "Yea they left about an hour ago for Home Depot. The electrician should be here shortly. The water extraction people did a wonderful job, just need to replace the Sheetrock in that room."

Later on Gary and Andy returned and the electrician had arrived around the same time. Gary and Andy quickly got the framing for the new server closet built. While the electrician was dropping in a new conduit and plug on a dedicated circuit, Gary and Andy replaced the Sheetrock in the file room as well. Once the electrician was done Gary and Andy added the Sheetrock and door for the new server closet. I went ahead and mounted the rack in the new closet then added the main router along with the working switch. When I had wired up Gary's office last year and also when Cristina took over, I had made sure all the cables were labeled for their respective ports. This made the process a lot easier in getting the devices cabled up. Around 4:30, Zina called to let me know Road Runner had picked up the switch and we should have it tomorrow morning before 10:00. The three of us did some minor cleanup before heading our separate ways.

I headed back to Laura's condo and arrived around 5:30. Her and Miss Kitty along with Sophie were in kitchen. Laura announced, "Hey, I have some big news."

I told her, "I know...congratulations on completing the CCNP certifications."

Laura was caught off guard by that, "Um...thanks. That's not my news though...I got a job at the Ritz-Carlton at Dove Mountain as their in-house network admin."

I replied, "Great! Odd, Sophie told me this morning you had a follow up interview at The Cosmopolitan."

Laura explained, "Yes, The Cosmopolitan is like a sister property of theirs."

I asked, "So where is Dove Mountain and when would you start?"

She told me, "I'd be starting beginning of July. It is in Marana."

I replied, "Marana? That's out by Tucson not far from Davis Mothan AFB."

Laura informed me, "It is just west of Oro Valley on Tangerine Road."

Okay, now things were starting to make a little more sense, "Ah this is why you were asking about Miss Kitty and The Budget Holstein. Not too far from the Oro Valley Marketplace then. Have you told Linda yet?"

Miss Kitty replied, "Nope, kinda hoping you would..."

I was surprised by her reply but told her, "Okay, let me call her." It took a couple attempts but I was able to reach Linda, "Hey Linda, Ron again. Okay, remember that *hypothetical* conversation we had last night involving Miss Kitty and the main Budget Holstein?"

Linda laughed, "Yes, that was rather odd."

I put the phone on speaker and explained, "Okay, so Laura had a follow up interview with The Cosmopolitan this morning..."

Before I could even continue Linda asked, "Wait did she get the job at The Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain in Marana?"

Laura asked, "How the heck did you know?"

Linda replied, "I know most if not all the hotels in this area and their job postings. As soon as Ron said Cosmopolitan, it all came together. Well, that and I saw they've been looking for an in-house Network Operations person for a while now. So, when do you start?"

Laura replied, "Beginning of July."

Linda told her, "Congrats. So Miss Kitty wants to work at my store, this is a win-win for both of us. I could use the help. I need to get going, suppose to meet Olivia for dinner."

I asked Laura, "So where are you going to live?"

Laura explained, "There are lots of new homes going up in the Dove Mountain area and the resort says they have a few on reserve that I can

choose from.”

I commented, "Well, you will be a lot closer to our mother and Blanche. I suppose you will be closer to me as well."

Laura informed me, "I think we are going to need to drop doing jobs in Vegas...with the exception of Cristina. Speaking of Cristina, how did it go today over there?"

I informed her, "Gary and Andy built the new server closet and the electrician ran a new dedicated circuit to the closet. Zina called earlier and told me the switch is on its way and should be here around 10:00 tomorrow morning. All we would need to do is reconnect the Gigabit lines from the main switch as well the upstairs switch."

Laura added, "That and retrieve and load up the startup config off your TFTP server."

I confirmed, "So, if everything is done up correctly we should have her back online by lunch time. I am going to phone home again and make sure everything is good." I headed back to my room and phoned Sara.

Wynn answered, "Hey Ron, quick question does Peaches sound more like a banshee or a hyena when she is having an orgasm?"

I was a bit perplexed by the question, "Umm...what?! Well...not having actually heard either one in person, I can not say one way or another. What an odd question. Anyway, is Sara around?"

Wynn explained, "She is a bit 'tied up' right now."

I laughed at Wynn's pun, "Okay..."

Wynn continued, "If I didn't know any better I'd say Bambi and Maya are in control."

I wondered, "How so?"

Wynn told me, "Seems, Sara and Lindsay are in the cage wearing straitjackets and Peaches, well, she is on the fucking machine...hence my question. Funny thing is Sara and Lindsay seem to be enjoying themselves though. They have enough room they can stretch out and rub their pussies together."

I told her, "Ah, tribalism in straitjackets, would have loved to see that. Well as long as Maya and Bambi are being responsible I am fine with them dominating the room. Let them know we should be back tomorrow evening. As long as the

switch is good and nothing else was damaged in the flood, we should be good.”

The next morning Roadrunner arrived with the switch. I advised, "Before we mount this thing, let's make sure it works and we can get the startup config uploaded." Over the next half hour we had the switch cabled and the config file was uploaded. After checking to be sure I was able to ping the other devices on the local network as well at the Deer Valley office I announced, "We are good!"

Gary and Andy went about getting the switch mounted on the rack. Laura asked, "You taking off soon?"

I told her, "Still need to talk to Cristina, but yeah we will likely be heading out soon."

Laura asked, "Could you guys at least stick around for lunch, I did want to talk to you all about my new job and move."

I assured her, "I am sure Gary is willing to spend a little extra time out here, especially if it involves food. Let me go settle everything with Cristina and then we'll figure out what to do about lunch." I headed over to Cristina's office and knocked on her door.

She looked up and replied, "I see we are back up again. I take it everything went smoothly."

I replied, "Yes, things went very well. Let me show you what we did." Christina followed me over to the wiring closet, "We have moved all the network equipment into its own room. By the way is a good security measure as now the equipment is not out in the open where anyone can get to it. Now, we have made sure that in the event that there is a flood, the equipment is far enough off the ground that it will not be affected. That and located your server closet away from over head water pipes."

Cristina came over and hugged me, "You don't know how much I appreciate this, so glad you were able to come out and get this fixed."

I mentioned, "About that... because of Laura's upcoming relocation we will no longer be servicing the Las Vegas area. However, because of your relationship with Gary and you are the hub of the ACME Network, we will continue to provide service for you as part of the Service Agreement your step-father had purchased with us."

Cristina commented, "Good to know. I do hope I don't have to have you come out again anytime soon. This has been disastrous enough as it is."

Chapter 6: Location, Location, Location

Gary walked in during mid conversation and asked, "Laura is relocating?"

Cristina advised, "I'll be in my office, need to call Lulu to let her know we are back up and running."

I told him, "Yes, she is starting a new job in July. She will explain it all to us over lunch before we head out. You about ready?"

Gary replied, "Just about, want to make sure everything is good with my step-daughter." Gary started to walk back towards Cristina's office, but stopped, "Oh Ron. While I was here in Vegas, I stopped over and saw the 'Armor Guy'. Gave him the specifications for Lindsay and Peaches armor, he said they should be ready in a couple weeks. He'll ship them to over to the Deer Valley office when they are done."

I let out an evil laugh, "Excellent!"

Gary headed back to Cristina's office and a short while later, he met Andy, Laura and I in the warehouse, "Okay, I'm ready."

Laura took us over to a Mexican buffet for lunch. After we had gotten our food and sat down she explained, "Okay, so I don't know how much Ron has told you, but I got a new job out in Tucson. I'll be the Network Admin for the Ritz Carlton at Dove Mountain in Marana. Miss Kitty is going to be joining me and she will be working part time at the Budget Holstein in Oro Valley."

I asked, "How about Sophie?"

Laura asked, "What about her?"

I rephrased my question, "Is she coming with you?"

Laura laughed, "Hell yes! I would be so lost without her. She helped me get this job, which is why I left her off easy for giving you a Dr. Pepper out of my secret stash!"

I chuckled, "Well, let her know it was worth it."

Laura added, "Good stuff ain't it! Next time we are down in Mexico, I'll pick you up some as well. Anyway, yes she will be joining Miss Kitty and myself out there in Tucson. We should be moved out there by mid June." She turned her attention to me, "We do however, need to go out there and pick out a house. I need to get this done in the next couple weeks so it will ready for us in time."

I told her, "Okay, well just let me know when and I can meet you all down there."

Laura told me, "Good, I'll let you know when I have more info. So, since I will be in Tucson now we will no longer be servicing the Las Vegas market."

I joked, "and Chugwater for that matter."

Laura commented, "Don't even get me started on that mess, though I do have to admit I made some good money on that project. Enough for me to take the last CCNP certification exam."

I commented, "You know, I had no idea you had even done the first two. You're a lot further ahead than I am."

Laura blushed and asked, "But, don't you have a CCNA in Security and Voice?"

I told her, "Just security, never really gotten into the voice side of the network. That is a whole another animal which I really don't want to deal with. I do have the Comptia A+ and Net+ though."

Laura commented, "Didn't Diane with Vinnie's mention she wanted to VoIP?"

I reminded her, "Look at how long it took her to get into the 21st century. When hell freezes over....I mean she wants to add VoIP, I'll study up on it."

We wrapped up lunch and headed back to Laura's place. We headed inside to use the restroom before hitting to road back to Arizona. As we were getting ready to leave Laura informed me, "Since it would be one less thing for us to pack and bring with us, here is a case of Dr. Pepper from my 'stash'. Look at it as compensation for putting up with me for this past week."

I decided to egg her on, "Just this week?"

Sophie happened to be in the room, "I don't think she has enough Dr. Pepper to make up for all she has put you through!"

Laura turned around, "Hey! Remember who provides you with a job and a place to live!"

Sophie reminded Laura, "Remember who keeps all your affairs in order!"

Laura laughed, "Damn! Well, you got me there. Yea, you're right I'd be pretty much a mess without you." Turning her attention to me, "Well, don't let us keep you. I'll call or email you once I know when we will be out to choose a house. Thanks for putting up with me!"

I was rather surprised at Laura's mood, may be the prospects of the new job was what had placed her in such a good mood. I hugged and told her, "Your welcome. You take care of yourself now and I'll see you in a couple weeks."

As we were diving back I informed Andy, "So Gary has informed me has ordered the armor for Peaches and Lindsay and should be arriving in the next couple weeks."

Gary advised, "Those two still do need to get their tits pierced. Should I schedule an appointment for them with Louise?"

I told Gary, "Lindsay is working days and Peaches tends to work at night, so I am not sure when we get both in at the same time."

A couple hours later were back in Arizona and Gary asked, "If it is not too much can we stop over at my office, do want to make sure everything is going okay with Lulu."

I told him, "Sure. While on the subject of offices is Cristina still considering redoing the lower level?"

Gary replied, "She really wants to, but we are trying to figure out a way to minimize the disruption to the production department. We've tossed around the idea of shutting down the Vegas office for a couple weeks while the main level is gutted. Just give everybody 2-weeks paid time off. It is expensive, but it *should* pay off in the future with the greater efficiency. However, it is going to make keeping our inventory well stocked a mess. Of course after this whole disaster I am not sure if she is going to be willing to stay there."

Andy asked, "Have you considered just moving into a another building?"

Gary explained, "I've thought about that as had Cristina but it seems it would be more trouble than it is worth."

I told him, "May be not. Assuming you stay close by, you might only need to shut down for a weekend to make the move. Less disruption to your production department"

Andy added, "Plus you will be working with a blank slate and can setup things better. That is what we did with Fort McDowell, which is a lot better layout than Fountain Hills. We were lucky with Far North Scottsdale with the watch shop leaving so we could expand."

I added, "That and a building manager that is willing to work with you."

Andy agreed, "Oh yeah, that makes a huge difference."

Gary replied, "I suppose it is something to consider. I'll run it by Lulu when we get

over there. I know Cristina is not real happy with that building. Of course she would never admit it to me. It was something she worked hard to get, so she doesn't want to seem like she is ungrateful."

Andy asked, "What are her issues with the building?"

Gary explained, "Well besides the age, which we saw the effects of that this week. The downstairs is a mess. There are old offices that are being used for storage since sales and development are all upstairs now. Plus you saw how funky that warehouse is, we are not even using that section where the 'D-Point' is located. One of our ideas was to turn that area into the new lobby and then gut out everything else downstairs to open it up for production."

I asked, "Have you had anything bids or surveys done? I would be concerned about load bearing walls?"

Gary replied, "Not really. But, I know what you mean they would likely have to put in some new header beams and support columns. Then god knows what else once they do start demo."

I warned him, "Yea, you could be opening up a Pandora's box there. You may need to get the plumbing, electrical and HVAC up to code which could cost a lot."

Gary added, "More concerned about time than I would be monetary costs. It costs me a lot just to be shut down. The more we discuss this, the more I am beginning to think new construction might not be so bad."

We arrived at the Deer Valley office. Gary headed inside and we caught up with him in the lobby. He asked Lulu, "Since you use to work for a contractor in past and been through remodels and moves...what would be your thoughts about our Las Vegas office?"

Lulu thought for a moment, "Having only been out there a couple times it is hard for me to recall the layout. It seemed to me it was bit of a maze and you had areas that were not even usable. You considering a remodel or move?"

Gary explained, "Cristina doesn't really want to move, as much as she hates that building..."

Lulu mumbled, "...Cain't say I blame her."

Gary laughed, "Well you have a new building here. But, it worked for us a long time back in the days when we were still GZ Fetishes. Then with the Acme merger we took on new products and new people. There are still a couple designers that have been there since The Zac Acme Era. I just have a hard time

trying to justify the cost of not only getting a new building, but getting it setup then moving

everything and everyone.”

Lulu reminded him, “But, what happens when you shut down the site to start demo and suddenly two weeks has turned into two months? Think about what that is going to do to our inventory and our sales. Plus, you would have to keep paying everyone too, even though they are not working.”

I added, “You never know what you are going to find when you start demo. Hell, Linda can vouch for that. She discovered all kinds of surprises when they started gutting for the expansion of the Budget Holstein Oro Valley. There were additions made that were not done to code, or when they were done minimum code requirements were different back then.”

Gary replied, “But there is the possibility that it could all go smoothly, right?”

Lulu objected, “Not in bloody hell! I kid you not, every remodel I was ever involved in there was ALWAYS something that bit us in the ass and throws you for a loop.”

Andy added, “Way back when we had wanted to expand the Casa Adobes store. We bought the suite next door and Lindsay and I tried to save money by doing the demo ourselves. We started ripping out the dry wall and discovered capped off water and sewer lines in the wall. Turns out a long time ago the place used to be beauty salon. Someone else had come in before we had moved over there and had converted it into an insurance agency. It cost us an extra week and \$500 to have those water and sewer lines relocated.”

I joked, “Hope you don't find those again when you do the Far North Scottsdale store!”

Andy explained, “No, the property manager assures me that the suite has always been a watch shop so there are no water or sewer lines except in the very rear. We might have some electrical we will need to reroute but that is fairly simple.”

I added, “Even with the new house Dundee had to get creative with the hall for the dressing rooms and powder room. He had planned on taking out a column only to discover there was a sewer vent stack pipe in there along with an HVAC run.”

Gary laughed, “So what y'all are telling me, in a long about way is I am better off going new.”

Lulu agreed, “Let the space work for you, instead of trying to work against the space. I'd say that even though in the end they were happy with the

remodel, they would have had opted to start new had they known.”

Gary asked, "How long do we have before Laura comes to Arizona?"

I told him, "Seeing as she starts the new job in July, I'd say we have about a month left. Why?"

Gary replied, "I know someone who's daughter is a commercial real estate agent."

Chapter 7: Wait, I need to PAY for this?

We arrived back home to discover both Peaches and Maya were home. I asked them, "You two off tonight?"

Maya replied, "Yes, why?"

I told her, "Good, then Peaches needs to come with me and Lindsay down to Louise's shop to get her nipples pierced. Her armor should be arriving in the next couple week."

The three of us headed over to Louise's shop. Upon walking in Louise remembered me, "Mister Merlot, good to see you again. Who are these two lovely ladies?"

I introduced Lindsay and Peaches, "This is Lindsay and Maya's partner, Peaches. Maya, is Sara's older sister."

Lindsay corrected me, "*Younger*, Sara is 3-years older than Maya."

I was a bit surprised, "Ah...okay, why did I keep thinking Maya is older? Anyway, they need to get their nipples pierced, for one of Gary's 'creations'."

Louise understood, "Okay, then I know what size they need."

I told Louise, "I'll just step out into the lobby...", my cell phone started ringing, "...and take this call." I looked at the caller ID, "...from Gary?!"

Gary informed me, "I found a new location for our Vegas office."

I laughed, "Wait? What? Gary, we've been back may be a couple hours...how the hell did you already find an office?"

Gary laughed, "Like I said, I know someone who's daughter is a commercial real estate agent. Anyway, I haven't signed off on anything yet. Christina and I will take a look at it over the weekend. Can you come out with me?"

I told Gary, "I suppose, not sure how happy Sara is going to be with me leaving her again. What about Bunny?"

Gary explained, "Bunny won't be back until Monday anyway, so Bambi can stay with y'all. She is still alive, right?"

I joked, "Haven't a clue. I am over at Louise's shop with Lindsay and Peaches right now. I came home and found them both home since Peaches had the night off. I do believe if anything had gone wrong, Wynn would have let me know. Come to think of it though, I didn't see Wynn around. Anyway, we leave Saturday then and come back Sunday night?"

Gary replied, "Yeah, if that is good with you?"

I told him, "If Sara doesn't hurt me, we should be good. Just need to run this by Laura..." My phone beeped that I had another call coming in...Laura, "Speaking of the demoness...I'll call you back later....Laura, we were just talking about you..."

Laura asked, "Should I be worried and who?"

I explained, "Gary and no nothing to worry about. Anyway, looks like we are going to back in Vegas this weekend. Gary says he has found a new building for Cristina for the ACME Las Vegas office."

Laura commented, "Didn't know he was in the market."

I ran through our discussion earlier, "Well, we had a chat on our way home and he also ran it by Lulu who use to work in the construction business. Cristina is not thrilled with that location and had consider doing an expansion. Like I mentioned before, we were talking about it prior to the incident this week. He thought it would be cheaper and easier just to expand what they had now."

Laura added, "But, yet I can understand his reservations after what happened this week."

I added, "Yep. Further both Andy and Lulu mentioned that there is *always* going to be some kind of a surprise when you try to do a remodel. Anyway, he knows someone who's daughter is a commercial real estate agent and apparently, she already has something in mind for him."

Laura asked, "So, how long are you going to be out?"

I told her, "We will leave Arizona Saturday morning. Hope to get into town that afternoon. We will look at the site on Sunday morning and then head back."

Laura pounced, "Well...since you are going to be out here anyways...can

you bring Miss Kitty, Sofie and myself back with you?"

I asked, "I suppose, why?"

Laura explained, "I need to select my...I mean *our* house next week."

I told her, "Okay...Sara is really going to hurt me..."

Laura asked, "Why?"

I explained, "Because I'll been gone for so long."

Laura told me, "Bring her with us, I get comped Casitas at the Ritz."

I asked, "But, don't you have to be working for them first?"

Laura explained, "Nope. I told them I would have my brother assist me with my home search and they told me I could get two Casitas comped for up to three nights. Plus, this way too Miss Kitty and Linda can take care of the formalities of her employment. Anyway, may be Sara and Sophie can have some fun together while the three of us are out."

I wondered, "Hmm...I don't think those two have ever played together. Is she belted?"

Laura replied, "No, not really her thing, she prefers to dominate than be dominated."

I replied, "Ah I see...Okay, so how do you want to do this then?"

Laura told me, "Why don't we leave on Tuesday and come back on Friday? That way, we can rest on Monday from Gary's adventure."

I told her, "Well, that should work. I'll need to run this by Sara who I have not even seen yet. I am out with Lindsay and Peaches right now."

Laura assured me, "You can call me tomorrow."

Peaches had walked into the lobby and sat down near me. I told Laura, "Okay, will do." After ending the call I turned my attention to Peaches, "How was it?"

She paused for a moment and then replied, "Not bad as I thought. Lindsay should be done soon."

I nodded, "Okay then. Oh, I should ask..is Bambi still alive?"

Peaches laughed, "Bambi mean! She spanked me."

Part of me wondered and yet another part of me felt it was best I not know what that was all about. I did warn her, "Be glad she didn't have a cane..."

Lindsay walked out in mid conversation and explained, "Didn't I warn you Peaches, not to cross her. Will you ever learn?"

I told Lindsay, "Well, may be she will over the weekend. Seems I am going back to Vegas with Gary and Andy this weekend."

Lindsay joked, "You know Sara is not going to be very happy with you all being gone so much, but then *I* am happy as I get to spend time with her."

I added, "I know, then next week I'll be down in Tucson with Laura and Miss Kitty. However, during that time I will have Sara with me and we will be staying at the Ritz in our own casita."

Peaches asked, "Bribing her?"

I joked, "More of an apology. Nah, Laura's idea."

Peaches commented, "I like Laura...and Martina."

I laughed and reminded her, "Don't say that around Sara. Anyway, are we done here?"

Louise made her presence known, "There is the little matter of my payment..."

I was shocked, "Wait! What? Gary is not paying for this?"

Louise asked, "No, was he?"

I handed her my Plutonium card, "I was joking, though it is rare for Gary to actually allow me to pay for anything..."

We headed back to the house. This time around Sara was waiting for me, "You could have at least said 'hi' when you came home the first time."

I told her, "Well, being as I didn't see you around and these two were free...anyway we need to talk."

Sara replied, "Lindsay is fine...honestly..."

I grabbed her arm and lead her to my office, "I know, she was with me and Peaches. Now, come with me..." Once in my office I explained, "Okay, hear me out. Gary, Andy and I are going back to Vegas over the weekend for

business. Then, we are going to be bringing Laura, Miss Kitty and Sophie back with us. On Tuesday, we will be going down to Tucson and be back on Friday..."

Sara complained, "Come on, we barely had anytime together recently."

I continued, "I know and you will be coming with us when we go down to Tucson. Laura gets two Casitas comped...one for her, Sophie and Miss Kitty and one for you and I."

Sara got excited, "We get our own casita? Nice! But what I to do while y'all are out doing your things"

I told her, "Well, Laura suggested that you and Sophie could have some 'fun' together' while we are gone during the day. Before you ask, she is not belted."

Sara thought for a moment, "Interesting..."

Chapter 8: Deja Vu Vegas Style and Rebuilding Trust

The next morning I called Laura and informed her we should be in town by that evening. She invited us to dinner at *Holstein's* at *The Cosmopolitan* for the following night. Since we would be bringing Laura, Miss Kitty and Sophie back with us we took the Hummer. As we were heading west on the Carefree Highway en-route to US-60 and US-93, Gary asked, "Didn't we just do this earlier this week?"

I laughed, "Yeah, we certainly did....you know your step-daughter better appreciate the sacrifices we are making to come back out here..."

Gary told me, "Need I remind you that I am giving you two armors, a hogtie trainer and a bondage stand for free?"

I wondered, "Okay, I know what the hogtie trainer is, what is this bondage stand?"

Gary explained, "Oh, it is from the same guy who did the hogtie trainers. It is a long stand that your subject stands in ideally while wearing ballet boots. They will step through two closed thigh loops, then like the hogtie trainer the ankles and wrists are secured with hex bolt into the loops. There is also a neck loop which is secured by two rectangular padlocks. The subject is secured in such a way they can not move, much less touch themselves."

Andy joked, "Sounds like something I could use on Lindsay when she misbehaves!"

I joked, "Lindsay misbehaves?"

We arrived in Vegas later that afternoon. I dropped off Gary and Andy at Cristina's condo and then headed over to Laura's condo right about sunset. Sophie greeted me at the door in black shorts and black stockings along with a tank top sans a bra, "Evening Ron! Your sister is a bit 'tied up' right now in her bathroom with Miss Kitty. Do come in."

I walked in and asked, "So did Miss Kitty tie up Laura or is she 'tied up' as well?"

Sophie giggled, "No, she tied up Laura. Go ahead and set your bag in your

room. If you would like I can tease/massage your cock while you are on the cross."

As I placed my bag in my room I laughed, "Here I thought you were all sweet and innocent..."

We headed up to Laura's play loft and Sophie replied, "Well, your sister has a way of corrupting people..."

Miss Kitty saw me, "Hey Ron. Sophie's right you know, she was 'normal' until she started working for Laura."

I recall back to the conversation Sophie had with Sara and I, "Nah...she was far from normal, I know about her 'extra circular activities' in Boston *before* she met Laura..."

Miss Kitty laughed, "Well, drat! Okay, strip and I'll get you strapped to the cross so Sophie can tease you."

After I had stripped Miss Kitty and Sophie secured me to The St. Andrew's Cross and for a good forty-five minutes Sophie did a very job of keeping me on edge. Finally, she knelt down and started sucking my cock very aggressively. I warned her, "Hey, I'm going to cum!" Instead of pulling her head way from cock she wrapped her arms around me, pulling my cock deeper into her mouth."

Miss Kitty reminded me, "She loves the taste of cum and is going to make sure you cum in her mouth." Within a few seconds of Miss Kitty mentioning this, I felt the pressure build and ejaculated into Sophie's mouth. Even after I cummed, Sophie continue sucking my cock.

She finally stopped, licked her lips and replied, "That was nice! It is hard to fulfill my taste of 'man cum' in a house full of women!"

Meanwhile, over at The Budget Holstein North, Lindsay told Sara, "Hey I am going to be heading back to the house early, need to take care of a couple things."

Sara informed Lindsay, "Okay. I can catch a ride with Kayré."

Lindsay head back to the house and upon walking into the kitchen she found Wynn getting dinner prepped. She asked, "Hey Wynn, when you get a free moment can you setup a single person medical restraints on the bed in the Copper Queen Suite?"

Wynn laughed, "Oh my! What are you going to be doing to poor Sara?!"

Lindsay giggled, "Well, for sure a massage....it may be lead to more or it

may not, depends on how things go. I am trying to rebuild Sara's trust in me."

Wynn nodded, "Yeah...I know you two are having a hard time. However, I am glad to see you two spending time together. Whilst the recent events with ACME Las Vegas have been driving Andy and Ron nuts, they have least given you and Sara a chance to be together."

Lindsay asked, "When are Ron and Andy suppose to be back anyway?"

Wynn replied, "I think late tomorrow, but they are bringing Laura, Miss Kitty and Sophie back with them. Then Ron and Sara are suppose to go down to Marana with them for a couple days. Anyway, I'll get the bed setup in a few minutes."

Lindsay smiled and replied, "Okay. I need to go find something to wear for tonight." She headed over to the cottage and into the master closet or as Andy called it 'Lindsay's room'. She looked at her vast collection of outfits trying to find something that was seductive, but not overly dominate. She found a silver strapless mini-dress that would go great with her silver sandals. She grabbed the dress and sandals throwing them on the bed. She rummaged through a couple drawers until she found a white strapless long- line bra with attached suspenders. She threw that on the bed with the rest of her outfit as she searched for some stockings. She found her white fishnets she had worn the day she had modeled for Zac Acme and his family.

Lindsay wanted to focus her attention on pleasing Sara tonight and not have Sara worrying about trying to please her in return. She figured the best way to accomplish this would be to put herself into her belt. She went back to the closet and retrieved her light security belt which was similar to her other belts except instead of a radial lock, it was secured with padlocks and did not have a secondary shield. She grabbed a couple padlocks and put the keys in her skirt pocket. After gathering up all the clothes from the bed along with her belt she headed back to the main house. She glanced at the clock on the way out and saw Sara would be leaving work about now, so Lindsay knew she had enough time to get back to the main house and stash the outfit and her belt in the Copper Queen Suite.

Upon walking into the Copper Queen Suite, Lindsay saw Wynn was getting the bed setup. Wynn noticed Lindsay, "Find something to wear?"

Lindsay replied showing Wynn the dress, "Yep. Pair this with the silver sandals and white fishnets."

Wynn laughed, "That should get Sara excited."

Lindsay giggled, "Yes. Yes it should." She reached into her skirt pocket and pulled out the keys, "One more thing, since tonight is going to be about Sara and I don't want her to be worrying about try to please me, I am going to be in my belt." She handed the keys to Wynn, "Can you please put these in Ron's safe?"

Wynn confirmed with Lindsay, "Okay, I can do that but you do know you will need to wait for Ron to come back in order to get the keys out."

Lindsay smiled, "That's the plan."

Wynn took the keys from Lindsay and finished getting the bed ready. She asked, "I assume you want this to be setup so her legs are spread?"

Lindsay nodded, "Yes, that would be great."

Wynn finished up, "Okay. That should do it." Lindsay was getting excited seeing the medical restraints setup on the bed, as if Wynn could read her mind, "Did you want to try this out real quick...you know just to make sure it is setup as you would like?"

Lindsay could hardly contain herself, "Yes! That would be great."

Wynn giggled, "Okay then...go ahead and lay down. This way too you can see how everything works." Lindsay laid down on the bed and Wynn explained, "Okay, so to make things a little more flexible I setup the ankle and wrist cuffs on tethers so you can adjust them as needed. The waist restraint is fixed, but can be used with having her face-up or face down." Wynn attached the belt around Lindsay's waist, "You will notice this restricts a lot of movement as it is." She then placed Lindsay's ankles in the cuffs, "You may need to adjust these slightly as Sara is a little longer than you." She moved up and placed Lindsay's wrists in the cuffs. She stepped away from the bed, "Okay, now try to get out."

Lindsay struggled for a bit and quickly determined that not only was there no way she was getting out, she could barely move. Lindsay told Wynn, "Okay, this will work, now let me out."

Wynn laughed, "Okay..." Wynn removed Lindsay's left wrist from the cuff and handed her the key for the restraints, "See if you can get yourself out of the rest. That way you know you can get Sara out as well..."

Lindsay commented, "Would have been easier if my right hand was free...however, I think I can still manage to escape." It took her a couple of minutes of fumbling with her left hand but she managed to get her right wrist free and proceeded to remove the rest of the restraints. Lindsay laughed, "Wow, haven't done an escape act in a while. Use to do those a lot when I was at *The Pussy Cat Lounge*."

Lindsay sat on the bed for a few seconds lost in thought. Wynn sat down next to her and put her arm around Lindsay, "You miss it don't you?"

Lindsay looked up to Wynn and replied, "Yes, I do. Things were so much simpler back then. We didn't have the Fountain Hills store to deal with and things were

going great with the Tucson area stores. Kinda wish we could go back in time and not make that deal with Gerald to get the other store...oh well, everything happens for a reason."

Wynn assured Lindsay, "Yes, it does. Besides, you guys are getting rid of Fountain Hills and you are spending most of your time at *The Budget Holstein North*."

Lindsay replied, "True and it is nice not having to deal with the computer stores."

Wynn told her, "Well, dinner is almost ready. Are you going to change now or after dinner?"

Lindsay explained, "I'll change after dinner. I want to get Sara relaxed first. Is Maya going to be home..." before she could finish her question the sound of the Grand Piano resonated through the house, "...guess she is. Okay after dinner, we can have some drinks while Maya plays the piano. I will tell Sara I am going to change into something more comfortable and come back in here to change and put my belt on."

Wynn asked Lindsay, "Anything else you would need?"

Lindsay looked around, "Got a CD player? I have some relaxation CD's I would like to play."

Wynn joked, "Nothing like a little *Hi Infidelity* to set the mood. Yes, we have a mini-shelf radio/CD and cassette player I can setup in here."

Lindsay laughed at Wynn's pun, "Well, it seems to be a common theme with Sara. Just look at her and Ron...of course it was Martina's idea to have those two get together, she was too busy messing around with his sister." Lindsay headed out to the great room to chat with Maya and wait for Sara to come home.

Lindsay walked into the great room and saw Maya sitting at the piano and then she noticed Peaches standing at the front of the piano leaning over watching Maya play. Peaches saw Lindsay and commented, "I not know she could play."

Lindsay commented, "Oh yea, you weren't with us yet during Halloween. That was when I found out she could play the piano."

Bambi walked in and added, "That's right when we had our Wild West themed party at the other house. She was playing the piano in the saloon."

Peaches was too entranced by Maya to really pay attention to what Lindsay and Bambi were saying to her, "She hot even playing piano..."

Lindsay giggled and sat down on the sectional. Maya finished the current song she was playing. She looked up and noticed Peaches... "PEACHES!"

Peaches came back to reality, "WHAT?"

Maya giggled, "You're drooling on my piano..."

Sara walked in mid conversation and asked laughing, "Who is drooling on your piano?"

Bambi laughed, "Peaches is..."

Wynn walked in, "Okay, dinner is ready....Hmm...I think this is the first time all five of us and Bambi have been home for dinner at the same time."

Maya commented, "Yeah, kinda weird isn't it. For whatever reason Drew wanted to work evenings this week so I am doing his day runs."

The six of them ate dinner and afterward Wynn suggested, "Why don't we sit for a bit in the great room and have Maya entertain us on the piano. I'll get us some wine so we can relax." Lindsay, Sara, Bambi and Peaches sat over on the sectional while Maya positioned herself in front of her piano."

Before she started she turned to Sara, "You know Sara, I can't thank you enough for this. All the crap I put you through when I was younger and even recently..."

Sara told her, "I knew how much the piano meant to you and besides we needed something to fill in this great room."

Wynn walked in with the wine and commented, "Yes, it does fill in the room rather nicely."

Maya played a couple songs and Lindsay had noticed Sara was almost done with her wine. She announced, "I am going to change into something a little more comfortable. Be back in a bit."

Sara commented, "Same here, really want to get out of this corset." Sara headed up to her room to change while Lindsay headed over to the Copper Queen suite. While Lindsay had a shorter distance to cover than Sara, her outfit was going to be a little time consuming to put on, especially since she was going to put herself into her belt as well."

Lindsay quickly stripped and put herself into her belt. As she was locking on the front shield she thought to herself, "Sure hope Andy and Ron do come back tomorrow, hate to be in this thing any longer than I have to." Lindsay secured

the padlocks thus locking her pussy away until Andy and Ron returned. She put on the long-line bra, attaching the stockings to the suspenders. After putting on the sandals she pulled the dress over her head and then walked over to the mirror. The dress fit perfectly and was loose enough not to show the outline of her belt. She headed back to the great room and her jaw dropped when she saw Sara. Sara was in a fairly simple outfit, white short-shorts a red t-shirt, but she was wearing nude pantyhose along with black high heel sandals. Lindsay complimented Sara, "Oh my god! Love that outfit."

Sara replied, "Thank you..." she then noticed Lindsay's outfit, "...yours too. That is more comfortable?"

Lindsay giggled, "Well, sort of. Anyway why don't you come with me. Let's spend some quality time together."

Sara smiled, "Well, since Ron and Andy are still away." She looked over to Wynn and Maya.

Maya assured her, "Go ahead, the four of us will likely be up in the play loft for most the evening."

Lindsay grabbed Sara's hand and told her, "Tonight, it is all about you..."

Sara wasn't sure what that meant, "Huh?"

Lindsay and Sara walked into the Copper Queen Suite and Lindsay explained, "You have been doing so much for me these past few nights, now it is my turn. Now, remove your sandals and lay down on the bed face down."

Sara removed her sandals and laid down on the bed face down. Lindsay came over and fastened the waist belt restraint and then put Sara's ankles in the cuffs. Before Lindsay moved up to Sara's wrists she turned on the stereo and started her relaxation CD. She then proceeded to put Sara's wrists into the cuffs. Sara warned her, "If you get me too relaxed, I might just fall asleep on you."

Lindsay laughed, "That's okay, I'll make sure you stay awake." She went to work on massaging Sara still fully clothed and being careful to avoid Sara's pussy... for now. About 40- minutes later the first CD ended and Lindsay told Sara, "Okay, let me change the CD then I am going to flip you over and give you a bit of a surprise."

As Lindsay changed CD's Sara asked, "What kind of surprise?"

Lindsay laughed as she stated the next CD, "Wouldn't be much of a surprise if I told you, now would it. Okay, let me get you flipped over." Lindsay undid all the cuffs and the waist restraint and told Sara, "Roll over."

Sara joked, "What am I, a dog?"

Lindsay playing along replied, "I said 'roll-over' not 'speak'!"

Sara rolled over on to her back and Lindsay reattached the wrist cuffs and the waist restraint. Before putting Sara's ankles in the cuffs Lindsay advised, "Need to get you out of those shorts..." Sara was going to ask why, but figured this must be part of Lindsay's surprise. Lindsay removed Sara's short and then ran her hand over Sara's pantyhose covered smooth pussy. She then secured Sara's ankles into the cuffs. Lindsay decided it was time to spice things up a little, "Boy it is sure warm in here, think I'll get out of this dress."

She reached back and unzipped the dress, pulling it over her head to reveal the strapless long-line bra with the attached suspenders holding up the fishnet stockings. Sara looked over, "Oh wow! You look really hot now." She noticed the fishnet stockings and commented, "Thought you didn't care for fishnet stockings?"

Lindsay explained, "Black fishnets, they just look too pornish or hooker like. I do like white fishnets. As you may recall, I wore these the day Ron showed the house to Zac Acme and his family. "

Sara recalled, "Oh yeah and I remember now..." She then noticed Lindsay was wearing a belt, "Um, why are you in your belt and do you plan on taking it off later?"

Lindsay told Sara, "I said earlier, tonight is all about you. I don't want you having to think about or trying to please me. So to keep you focused on me pleasing you, I put myself in belt. No, I am not going to take it off, can't anyways as the keys are in Ron's safe. Now, let's have some fun here..." Lindsay placed a blindfold over Sara's eyes. She headed into the closet and returned with an extension cord and a Hitachi Magic Wand. She plugged in the extension cord into the wall then attached the power cord on the wand into the other end of the extension cord. Lindsay removed her sandals and hopped up on the bed. She turned on the wand and placed it up against Sara's pantyhosed pussy. It was not long before Sara had her first orgasm. Over the course of the next hour Lindsay kept Sara on edge not only to deny her anymore orgasms but to also keep Sara awake. Finally Lindsay let Sara have one final intense orgasm. The orgasm was so intense that Sara drifted off to sleep for a few minutes. This gave Lindsay a chance to clean up the room and release Sara.

Lindsay headed back to the closet and placed the extension cord and Hitachi wand on the shelf. While she was in the closet she grabbed a pair of shorts and t-shirt for herself. Upon returning to the room, she noticed Sara was coming to, "Hey there! Did you enjoy that?"

Sara yawned and stretched, "Yes, I really did. Boy, I really need to pee now..." She picked up her shorts and headed into the bathroom. Lindsay removed the last of the restraints and got the bed ready for the two of them. Lindsay was already in bed when Sara returned, "I am rather tired too. Thank you for a wonderful evening. It has been such a long time since we have had a quality night together."

Lindsay told Sara, "You're welcome. I wanted us to have a chance to rebuild our trust. I know things have been shaky since our 'incident' a couple months ago."

Sara climbed into bed and out of habit tried to rub Lindsay's pussy, "I know, but I think we are doing better...dang....forgot you had your belt on. You sure, you can't remove it?"

Lindsay giggled, "Nope, not coming off until Ron and Andy get back which hopefully will be late tomorrow." She leaned over and kissed Sara, "Now, let's get some sleep."

The two girls were asleep in each others arms when Wynn came in later that evening to check on them. She pulled the covers up over them and quietly left the room. She met Maya out in the hall who asked, "So, they still alive?"

Wynn replied, "Yes and they both appear to peacefully asleep."

Maya breathed a sigh of relief, "Good. Those two have such a special bond and I hated seeing them so mad at each other."

Chapter 9: 'Yeah...' and This Building is Driving me Crazy!

Back at Laura's condo the four of us got cleaned up then after the night cap headed to bed. The next morning Laura and I met up with Andy and Gary at his old office along with Cristina. Gary and Andy got into the Pink Monster and Gary directed us to follow Cristina. We arrived a few minutes later at what appeared from the outside to be a brand new building. I walked over to Gary and told him, "This looks like it is brand new."

Gary replied, "Nope, it is pre-owned. From what the agent told me it is ready to go. Ah, here she comes now. Charlotte!"

Charlotte walked over and spoke in a very thick Texas accent which made Maya's seem tame, "Yeah...Mister Zinfandel!"

Gary hugged Charlotte and introduced us, "This is my step-daughter Cristina Spears, my business partner Ron Merlot, his sister Laura Merlot... I mean Myers and their business partner Andy McGrawl. Lets take a look inside, from what

you told me over the phone this place is got a lot to it.”

Charlotte explained, "Yeah...see...something or another happened and the business didn't pan out. Yeah...they just left everything and walked away."

We walked inside and saw what Charlotte was talking about. The inside of the building was completely finished and furnished. I saw some computers and asked Charlotte, "Do you know if there is any networking equipment in here?"

Charlotte replied, "Yeah...come with me." She led us to a closet in the far corner of the building, "Yeah....now I know one of these here keys unlocks this here door." After fumbling through the keys for a few minutes she found the one that unlocked the door, "Yeah...here we are."

I walked in up a ramp and saw the server rack on the wall, I looked over to Laura who was just standing there with her mouth open. I asked, "Well, what do you think Laura?" Laura just stood their silent, "Laura? Laura?" Nothing, so I decided to shake things up a little, "Abigale?!"

That got her attention, "What Francis?! Wow, this is some high end equipment. Thing is it is Juniper and Palo Alto not Cisco."

Gary asked, "That going to be a problem?"

Laura replied, "Not really, the equipment is fairly similar just going to take a little tweaking on the software side to get things setup. I'd have to modify your running configs a bit before I could import them."

I advised Laura, "First off, I know the hardware is fairly similar, but I am not really familiar with Juniper or Palo Alto software. However, I think Gary will want to keep the other office online anyway during the transition."

Laura breathed a sigh of relief, "Ah good. That means we can just build his configs from scratch. Now, let's take a look at how things are setup in the office. Looks like there are couple access switches somewhere as I see gigabit cables running from this switch up the conduit."

Cristina asked, "Is this equipment safe from flooding?"

Charlotte explained, "Yeah...There are no water pipes in this area so you be safe."

I added, "Plus this floor is elevated so if there is flood outside, less chance of the water reaching the equipment." We looked around and saw that everything appeared to be setup already. Neither of us brought our laptops, so we could not console into the switches or routers to see if they had been setup.

Laura asked Charlotte, "Do you know if they already have a T1 line connected?"

Charlotte shuffled through her papers, "Yeah...here we go...yeah...a T1 line is already active and looks like they have already been allocated a Class B IP address too."

Gary and Cristina had disappeared along with Andy looking around. I asked Charlotte, "What are the terms of this?"

Charlotte explained, "Yeah...Lease- purchase. Yeah...they have to lease a minimum of 90-days then they can offer to purchase. Yeah...should work for him as he wants to sell his old building."

I clarified, "Okay, what would it take for him to get into a lease?"

Charlotte told me, "Yeah...he would need to pay 3-months rent."

Gary, Cristina and Andy returned. Gary informed me, "Well, this looks like it could work for us. How much work do you think it is going to be Laura?"

Laura explained, "Shouldn't be too bad. Ron and Andy will have to do some network mapping unless the prior tenant happened to leave a topology map."

Charlotte shuffled through her papers again, "Yeah...something like this?" She pulled out topology map and wiring diagram.

Laura took the papers from her and reviewed, "Well, I'll be this is going to make things a lot easier." She turned to Gary, "Shouldn't be too bad...allow a couple days to get everything configured. Now, keep in mind, I am going to be in Tucson most of next week with Ron. So, I'll take a look at this when we get back here to Vegas. When did you plan on moving, I would like to get this done before I relocate to Marana."

Gary assured Laura, "I will make sure we are done before your move. It is going to take a couple weeks for all the paper work to be done, before I can take possession. At that point Cristina and I will go through here and figure out how we are going to setup things in here. So I hope within the next month we can get moved over."

Cristina commented, "I hope so too, before something else goes wrong with the old site."

I asked Gary, "Do you own that building or does Zac still own it?"

Gary explained, "Zac signed it over to me and Cristina after he retired, about the time I opened the Deer Valley location. Cristina and I own the building jointly."

So, what does y'all's schedules look like in a about a month?"

I replied, "Don't know, don't have my laptop with me so hard to check my calendar. I suppose I can check when I get back to Laura's."

Andy asked, "We about done here, I am getting hungry."

Laura, Gary and I all replied, "You are always hungry!"

Cristina laughed, "Wow, nothing like ganging up on the poor lad!"

Gary laughed, "Yes, I think we are done here."

I explained, "Inside joke, much like Marc and Martina's relationship."

As we walked out Gary advised Charlotte, "We will be in touch with you on Tuesday when get back to Phoenix."

Charlotte relied, "Yeah....that will work, thanks for coming." She took off in her Buick Enclave.

Gary turned to us, "Okay, she is gone. I should have warned y'all about her."

Laura laughed, "Yeah...you should have! She reminds me of the boss from *Office Space*, at least she didn't mention anything about the lack of cover sheets on my TPS reports. Okay, let's head over to *Holstein's*. Can you join us Cristina?"

Cristina replied surprised, "Sure, I wasn't expecting y'all to invite me."

Laura explained, "You and Gary are a major client, this way too I can write off this dinner!"

During dinner we talked about next week. Laura explained, "Wednesday we will look at the houses, they say they have about a dozen I can choose from. While we are doing that Miss Kitty can meet with Linda and get that all setup."

I mentioned, "Sara seems excited to spend some time with Sophie. Anything I should know about her, that I don't already?"

Miss Kitty laughed, "Well, she can massage pussy like no other girl I've met. I can't explain it, but she has this 'magic touch' that will make a girl cum in an instance."

Andy laughed, "Sorta like Wynn's kiss!"

Laura did warn me, "She does tend to get a bit rough, of course that is the way

I liked it."

I reminded her, "Much like when you 'initiated' her."

Laura blushed, "Well...yeah...anyway if things get too rough for Sara she can tell Sophie to ease back."

I asked, "Anything else? Special instructions such as don't expose her to bright light, get her wet or feed her after midnight..."

Miss Kitty joked, "She's not a Gremlin!"

After dinner and a night cap we headed to bed. The next morning Sophie asked me, "Should I bring any toys with me?"

I told her, "I think we have most everything and I will make sure Sara packs a toy bag to take with you guys down to Marana."

Sophie explained, "Well I do have this special double-ended dildo gag for 69. One end curves upward and lays against her clit. Any moment on the other end either in my pussy or mouth will brush against her clit..."

I told her, "Go ahead and bring that, sounds like it could be quite fun for Sara."

We arrived back at the house in Scottsdale late Sunday night. Wynn got Miss Kitty and Laura settled into their guest room and Sophie down in the Copper Queen Suite. Monday was suppose to be a day I could take a break before the next big adventure. However, Gary called me in the late morning, "Hey Ron can you and Laura come over for a bit? Cristina and I have some things we like to go over with you."

I checked with Laura and told Gary, "We can after lunch, you going to have Cristina on the phone."

Gary explained, "Um, no she flew in this morning. She said she needed to get away from that building before she went crazy."

I informed Gary, "Okay we will see you then." I headed down to the kitchen to find Laura was chatting with Wynn, "Hey. So, Cristina flew in this morning apparently she had to get out that building before she went crazy. So the four of us will be meeting after lunch at Gary's."

Laura asked, "Gary still have that house next to your old house?"

I confirmed, "Yeah he is next to Zac Acme." After lunch we headed down to Gary's place. Upon ringing the doorbell we were greeted by Bunny, "Oh hey Bunny, haven't seen you in a while."

Bunny explained, "True, been busy with conventions. Ya know, who knew bondage harnesses could be so popular. Anyway Gary is in his war room with Cristina and Lulu."

Laura asked, "Lulu?"

It took me a minute to think back, but I knew they had met, "Yeah...she's the office manager at Deer Valley. Martina's twin at the Christmas party last year."

Laura recalled, "Oh okay. I know who you are talking about, but don't know her."

Bunny walked us over to Gary's conference room, "Gary...Ron and Laura have arrived."

Gary looked up and told us, "Take a seat, we are planning the layout of the new building. Oh and I may have to step out occasionally, I am trying to work with Charlotte on pushing up our move in date."

Cristina explained, "We lost power last night and they don't expect to have it restored until mid week. Something about birds shorting out a transformer which services the business park the office is located within."

Lulu added, "It is not that far fetched. We had something similar happen out here in the summer of 2004. Took a couple weeks to get a new transformer shipped and that affected the entire Phoenix Metro area."

We spent the next few hours discussing and planning the layout. I asked Gary, "Since we are talking about layout, are you going to be adding new people?"

Cristina explained, "Not at this point but we may had a couple more to production in the coming months why?"

Laura told her, "More just for our general understanding so when I plan out the network I know to make sure I have allotted enough resources to the production department's VLAN."

Wynn called me phone, "Hey Ron, just wanted to let you know Maya and Peaches are working late shift tonight. Andy is working late getting the Fountain Hills store decommissioned. Sara wants to know if her Lindsay can go out, if you are going to be at Gary's for a while. "

I told her, "Have no idea how long I am going to be, but tell Sara she can go out."

Bunny walked in and asked, "If y'all are going to be here for a while, how about I order some pizzas from Vinnie's?"

Gary commented, "Ron? Laura?"

Laura explained, "Well, since the five of us are here now we might as well get this done. Besides we're not suppose to down in Marana until late tomorrow afternoon anyway. Guess I should call Miss Kitty, let her and Sophie know I won't be back for a bit."

Bunny suggested, "Invite them on over, I am sure they can have some fun with me and Bambi in our play loft while the rest of you finish your planning."

I told Bunny, "That could work, I could have Wynn bring them on down. The rest of the girls are out for the night or in the case of Maya and Peaches working."

Bunny confirmed, "Sure, tell them to 'come on down!'"

I called Wynn, "Hey, don't worry about dinner. Go ahead and come over to Gary's and bring Miss Kitty and Sophie with you."

15 minutes later Wynn along with Miss Kitty and Sophie arrived. Gary announced, "Why don't we take a break for a bit until after dinner. We can get some use out my play loft."

I commented, "You know...we should put Laura on your fucking/milking bondage machine..."

Gary added, "Provided Bunny is not using it..."

Laura wondered, "What the fuck?"

Gary laughed, "You'll find out soon." We headed into the living room and met up with Wynn, Miss Kitty and Sophie. Gary announced, "Cum ladies, we are going to head over to the Zinfandel Play Loft.

We headed up to the play loft and saw the new bondage stand he was talking about, "That new?"

Gary replied, "Yeah, it fits Bunny perfectly too. Perhaps she will demonstrate...Bunny?!"

Bunny walked in wearing an over-bust corset, black pantyhose and short black shorts along with ballet boots, "You know I can't past up an opportunity to get secured into this thing."

Bambi walked in and pointed to the hog tie trainer and commented, "And, yet

you won't try this out."

Bunny laughed, "It's your toy..."

Bambi added, "But I am willing to share..."

Sophie asked, "Well, if you're sharing...can I try it?"

Bambi looked over to Sophie who was in boots, a skirt with stocking and a sleeveless top, "Well, we would need to get you into a bodystocking and put your hair into a ponytail...but yes you can. Come with me and I'll fetch you a bodystocking."

I asked Laura, "Pantyhose or stockings?"

Laura replied, "Stockings, why?"

I told her, "Perfect. Remove your shorts and t-shirt then come with Gary and I." Laura was a bit hesitant, but she trusted me (against her better judgment). She took off her shorts along with t-shirt. I told her, "Bra and panties too.." Laura complied and was standing there in her high heel sandals and white stockings. I guided her over to Gary's machine, "Trust me, you will enjoy this." Gary and I worked on getting Laura strapped into the chair. Gary then positioned the fucking dildo and took his oil can of lube and squirted some on the dildo as well as Laura's pussy. He started up the fucking machine and Laura was already getting quite turned on. Bunny came over and started the milking pump and applied the pumps to Laura's tits.

Bunny then asked Gary, "Okay, we've got her settled in how about getting me into that bondage stand?"

Gary walked over to help Bunny step into the bondage stand then secured her ankles, wrists and finally her neck, "Okay she is not going anywhere now. Let me add this panel gag..."

Miss Kitty walked over and took a look at Bunny's predicament, "Hmm, she really can't move much now can she?"

Gary laughed and told her, "Nope, so you can pretty much do whatever you want to her and she can't do a damn thing about it. The less in control she is, the more turned on she gets!"

Miss Kitty let out an evil laugh, "Well is that so....I know just the thing for her... turn her so she faces the wall. I'll be right back." She headed towards the back of the loft just as Bambi was bringing Sophie in, "Hey Bambi, does Gary have a magic wand?"

Bambi replied, "He has many, in all shapes and sizes, go into the closet over there and help yourself. I need to get your maid into the hogtie trainer."

Miss Kitty walked into the closet and was amazed at the amount of toys Gary had. She found a magic wand that was long and skinny enough that she could wedge it in between Bunny's legs. She returned to the main loft with her instrument of torture. Gary saw what she had and commented, "Oh, yeah that will work well. Nice choice!"

Miss Kitty giggled, "You had so many to choose from too."

Gary informed her, "Well, I do own a company that produces and sells fetish toys..."

Miss Kitty managed to wedge the magic wand between Bunny's tightly bound legs then connect the plug to an extension cord. She ran her hand over Bunny's body and as she turned on the wand she whispered, "Hope you enjoy having orgasms!"

Meanwhile Bambi had just applied a fresh condom to the dildo on the hogtie trainer and instructed Sophie, "Okay get on your knees with your back to the dildo. Now, lay down on your stomach and slowly start crawling backwards and I'll get the dildo lined up with your pussy. A little bit more....keep coming....okay perfect." Gary took the short cord and tied one end around Sophie's ponytail and the other end to the hogtie trainer frame. Bambi told Sophie, "Okay curl your legs up behind you and then reach behind you and put your arms through the loops." Sophie did as she was instructed. Gary and Bambi attached the wrist and ankle restraints securing Sophie to the hogtie trainer with the dildo impaled deep inside of her. Bambi asked Sophie, "So what da ya think?"

Sophie struggled to move but there was no where for her to go, "I can't move."

Bambi laughed, "Well that is the point." She stuffed a ball gag in Sophie's mouth and advised her, "You do have a little movement, just enough to fuck yourself with the dildo...have fun!"

The "fun" continued for about another 45-minutes when Maya came to the door with several pizzas. Bambi helped Maya bring in all the pizzas and drinks. While Bambi and I were getting dinner setup Gary and Miss Kitty released everyone in the play loft so that they could get cleaned up and changed for dinner. After dinner it was back to the War Room and in the course of the next couple hours we had the layout figured out for the new Acme Las Vegas office. There was still a lot of work for Laura and I to do in regards to trying to get his network setup. Thankfully, since the infrastructure was already in place it was mostly configuration that we still had to work out.

Chapter 10: Sophie's New Pet and Oh I've Should've Mentioned...

Since we were only heading down to Marana to check-in, it didn't much matter that we were not able to get going until early afternoon. Sara packed a toy bag the night before and included her light security belt. She wasn't really sure what Sophie was into, so she just grabbed some stuff at random. We made it over to the Ritz Carlton shortly after check-in had begun. This was the first time I had seen this place, "Wow, what a location."

Laura nodded, "Yes it is. Let me go get the keys for the two casitas, be back shortly."

Miss Kitty commented, "Doesn't seem as barren as Vegas. Was under the impression the Tucson area was like Vegas."

I told her, "Not really. It is more mountainous out here, which in turn keeps the temperatures down. Always loved the Tucson area."

Laura returned with the keys, "Well, we are not next to each other like I had hoped."

I replied, "Don't think it really matters. Sophie will play with Sara tomorrow in our casita, so just drop her off when you come to get me."

The next morning Sophie came to the door dressed in purple and black. She had long black sleeveless t-shirt and purple shorts with black stockings and sandals. She announced, "Laura is waiting..."

I told her, "Okay, you have fun with Sara."

Sophie smiled and replied, "I'll try."

Now, Sophie has never really spent time with Sara so she was a little nervous. Sara sensed Sophie's nervousness and decided to take things slow. Sara was wearing a long beige tank top with white shorts and tan stockings and sandals. The girls talked for a bit, trying to gauge each others comfort levels. Sara reached over and removed Sophie's t-shirt and began sucking on Sophie tits. Sophie reached under Sara's tank top and was massaging Sara's breasts. Sara removed her shorts and started rubbing her clit. Sophie removed her shorts as well and then brought out her special toy. It was a double ended penis gag, but on the "business side" there was also a clit simulator. Sara dug through the toy bag and found a vibrator. The girls laid out on the floor in a 69-position and went to work on each others pussies. Sara was licking Sophie's pussy while using the vibrator on her clit.

One minor detail Laura or I should have warned Sophie about in regards to Sara was her tendency to pass out from over stimulation or an intense orgasm. Sophie was laying on her back with Sara on top of her. Both girls were

ferociously attacking each others pussy. Sophie wanted to give Sara an orgasm she soon would not forget. She didn't care about herself in this instance since she was giving someone else pleasure. Sophie started pounding Sara's pussy harder and faster with her strap-on gag. Sara's body tensed and she let out a very loud scream as she had a massive orgasm and then she was out.

Sophie was giggling as she removed the dildo gag, "Did you enjoy that Sara?" No response. "Sara?" Though Sara was a bit bigger than her, Sophie managed to get Sara off from of on top of her. Once again Sophie called out, "Sara?" Still nothing. Sophie was starting to panic...nothing like killing your boss's sister in-law. Sophie thought about calling 9-1-1 but wasn't sure if that was such a good idea. She decided she better call Laura.

Laura and I had lost track of how many models we had looked at and decided it might be a good time to break for lunch. Laura suggested, "How about we have lunch at Cayton's Burger Bistro in the resort?" I was about to answer her when her cell phone started ringing, "What the fuck? No one has this number, except for you and Miss Kitty..." She looked at the caller id, "Oh and Sophie." She answered the phone, "What's going on Sophie?"

Sophie replied almost sobbing, "I think I killed her!"

Laura was having a hard time understanding her, "You what? With who? Take a deep breath dear and explain yourself"

Sophie took a deep breath which was now causing her to hyperventilate, "Sara...I think I killed her. She passed out and won't respond to me. So sorry!"

Laura was confused, "Wait what? What you mean she is out?"

I wasn't really paying attention to the conversation but then I put two and two together, "Oh shit! We forgot to warn her about what happens when Sara gets over stimulated. Let me talk to her."

Laura explained before she handed the phone to me, "Here Ron wants to talk to you."

I took the phone from Laura, but before I could say anything Sophie was rambling in her Boston accent, "Sorry, didn't mean to do it. I don't understand. Please don't have me arrested...."

I wanted to talk to her, "SOPHIE! Shush!" That seemed to have gotten her attention and I explained, "Okay, Sara is not dead. We forgot to warn you...she will pass out for a bit if she becomes over stimulated or has a very intense orgasm. She will come to in a few minutes and likely want to use the

bathroom. She should be fine, don't worry. Here talk to Laura."

I handed the phone back to Laura, "Sophie dear, she will be fine. The same thing happened to her when Martina and I fucked her at Ron's pool party earlier this year. Let her rest. Is she on the bed?"

Sophie told her, "No we were on the floor, she was on top of me."

Laura turned to me, "Should Sophie leave Sara on the floor or put her on the bed?" I explained to Laura that Sophie could leave Sara on the floor as would likely be too difficult for Sophie to handle. "Sophie dear, just leave her where she is."

Sophie was a lot calmer now, "Okay. You sure she is okay."

Laura assured her, "Yes, she will be fine. Now, Ron and I want to go eat lunch. We will be back in a few hours."

Sophie ended the call and placed her phone back in her purse. As she was returning to the bedroom Sara was starting to come to. Sophie saw Sara sitting up and exclaimed, "Sara! You're alive!"

Sara was a little confused and asked Sophie, "Yeah. Why did you think I wasn't....oh wait did Ron and Laura forget to tell you what happens to me when I massive orgasm?" Sophie came over and knelt in front of Sara and gave her a big hug. Out of instinct Sara returned the hug and also deep kissed Sophie. Though they had been playing all morning, neither girl had kissed the other. Sophie froze and Sara asked, "You okay?"

Sophie replied, "Um...yeah."

Sara told Sophie, "I need to use the bathroom, could you kindly help me off this here floor?"

Sophie was still in a trance from Sara's kiss, "Um...yeah. Oh, sorry. Yes, here let me help you." She stood up and grabbed Sara's arm.

After Sara stood up she told Sophie, "Hey, sorry if I scared you. Guess one of us should have warned you."

Sophie told Sara, "Ron and Laura did after I called Laura when I freaked. Both said you would be okay and Laura wanted to eat lunch."

Sara laughed, "Well, now you know. Tell you what, if they are having lunch we still have some time together. Let me go to the bathroom and then we can cuddle on the bed." She reached over and pulled Sophie towards her and once

again gave her a deep kiss. Sophie froze for a second and then stumbled backwards before regaining herself. Sara giggled, "Hmm...I think I found your weakness. I'll have to test my theory after I am done in the bathroom."

After Sara finished in the bathroom she returned to the bedroom and took Sophie's hand, "Come with me..." Sara lead Sophie to the bedroom and the two girls got into the king size bed. Sara commented, "You know Sophie, it is time I returned the favor. You've been so focused on me all morning, you should have fun too."

Sophie explained, "I am so use to pleasing others, I don't really expect much in return. Laura keeps telling me I need to enjoy myself more."

Sara thought back to earlier with Lindsay making sure Sara would focus on being pampered instead of trying to return the favor back to Lindsay, "Yeah, I guess I am somewhat the same way. Lindsay made me aware of that recently and took actions to ensure I would focus on enjoying myself instead of trying to please her back. Hmm...may be that would work. Be right back." Sara knew she had brought her belt as she has gotten to the point where she felt naked without it. She went over into the living room and dug through the toy bag locating her belt. She locked the belt on and threw the key in the toy bag. She returned the bedroom and told Sophie, "Okay, this should help you concentrate on yourself."

Sophie looked over and saw Sara belted, "You have one of those as well! Why?"

Sara explained, "Well, after a drunk Martina and Laura tried to have their way with me a couple years back..."

Sophie giggled, "Ah yeah...Martina...you need not say more!" Sara jumped up into the king size bed and pinned down Sophie. She started deeply kissing Sophie and reached down with her right hand to masturbate Sophie. Though intoxicated by Sara's kisses Sophie tried out of habit to get to Sara's pussy. Her hand was met with cold hard steel no matter how she tried to get Sara's pussy. She vented her frustrations in her Boston accent, "Dang...this bloody thing completely covers your pussy!"

Sara laughed, "Keep forgetting about your time in Boston. Anyway, yes it completely seals off my pussy from anything including your fingers. Now, just relax and enjoy this." Sara went back to kissing Sophie and working her pussy. After a couple hours the girls had worn each other out and were falling asleep. Sara looked over at the clock and saw it was mid afternoon. She looked over to Sophie who was rather relaxed and about ready to fall asleep, "We have a couple hours before Ron and Laura return. I think we all are going out tonight so may be we should get some rest. I'll go lay down on the couch in the living room and you can have the bed to yourself."

Sara was starting to get of the bed when Sophie pulled her back, "No! Please stay with me."

Sara replied, "Okay, well let me at least put my tank top back on then I can join you." While Sara was looking for her tank top she found Sophie's panties and tossed them on the bed, "Well, I found your panties...ah there is my tank top." Sara put the tank top on and Sophie put on her panties and her sleeveless t-shirt. The two girls snuggled up to one another and feel asleep.

Laura and I had looked at the last of the models and I asked, "So, you have any in mind."

Laura replied, "Haven't a clue by the 4th model they all started looking the same. Will have to sit down with Miss Kitty and Sophie to review the plans. Speaking of Sophie, I am guessing since she hasn't called us back all is well with her and Sara."

I told her, "Well, we will find out shortly." We returned to my casita and upon walking in we noticed it was rather quiet.

Laura walked back to the bedroom and called out to me in a low voice, "Hey Ron! Come take a look at this." I walked over the bedroom door and peered in to see Sara and Sophie peacefully asleep next to each other. "Looks like they wore themselves out. Is Sara in her chastity belt?"

I took a closer look and while Sara's long tank top cover most of her body I could make out the distinctive steel band between her legs, "Yeah...she is. Sophie must not have been laying off of on her."

Laura added, "Or else Sara was trying to focus Sophie on enjoying herself instead of trying to please Sara. Well, we still have about an hour before Miss Kitty is suppose to be back so they can sleep some more."

Later that afternoon Sara and Sophie came out to the living room after their nap together. Laura asked, "You two have fun?"

Sophie grabbed on to Sara's arm and asked, "Can I keep her?"

Laura laughed, "She's married you know."

I added, "Well we will be closer now so may be once in a while when we come down or y'all come up, you and Sara can have some fun together."

Miss Kitty called Laura and informed her she was on her way back. Laura let us know, "Okay Miss Kitty is heading back, suppose Sophie and I should head back to our casita to freshen up. We'll pick you up in about an hour for dinner."

During dinner Laura toasted, "Here to a new life in Arizona. Funny, I didn't think I would ever come back here given my past. But, since our dad's death and our mother finding Blanche things have changed."

I asked, "Have you talked to mom lately to let her know you will be moving out here?"

Laura explained, "No, not yet. Was thinking might surprise her over the 4th of July. Lead her to believe I got called out to a project in Reno and won't be able to make it out."

I laughed, "Reno?! Guess mother doesn't know how much you 'love' Reno?"

Laura laughed as well, "Yeah I love to hate that place. As much as a pain Chugwater was, it kept me out of Reno."

I reminded her, "and help fund the CCNP T-Shoot exam."

Laura concurred, "Yeah, the bonus they paid me for the 'issues' was nice and so was the Leer jet they flew me out on."

Chapter 11: Peaches' Pet and An Uneventful Week in Their New Armor

We left in the mid afternoon the next day as Linda wanted to go over some final details with Miss Kitty, including her uniform, which was basically anything that the Budget Holstein sold. We ended up having lunch in Oro Valley before heading back to Scottsdale. Upon our return Peaches came over and ask if she could talk to me in my office. I told her I needed to get a few things taken care of, but would talk to her shortly. After getting Laura, Miss Kitty and Sophie settled in once again I went over to Peaches and Maya's room. Upon knocking on the door, Peaches yelled out, "Nobody home!" A moment later she opened the door, "Okay I lie!"

I laughed, "Actually I would have been a little disappointed had you not responded to my knock that way. Anyway, what's up?"

Peaches smiled, "I want a pet."

I joked, "A pet? But, don't you already have Maya."

Maya who was laying on the chaise lounge replied, "Hey!"

Peaches stomped her foot, "I want dog."

I looked over to Maya who had this look on her face that I was in for a losing battle, "Apparently, before we arrived in Chugwater they had a little dog at the

Ranch.”

Peaches added, "One day Jed and Tess told me my dog went to live on a farm."

I thought about explaining to Peaches just what that meant...but decided that may not be such a good idea. I asked, "Okay, so what kind of dog do you want?"

Peaches replied, "A pug."

I confirmed, "A pug for Peaches? Okay...well I do hope you plan on taking care of this dog. Walk it, feed it, bath it, etc. or you going to have Maya do that?"

Maya snapped, "Ron!" She then turned to Peaches, "He is right though, having a dog is a big responsibility. I will *help* you, but that does not mean I am going to do everything."

Peaches rolled her eye and muttered, "Yes mother!" She turned her attention to me, "So can I?"

I thought for a moment, "Hmm...where did you plan on keeping said dog? Further, you both work the same hours who is going to take said dog for a walk when it needs to do its business?"

Peaches was not happy with my questions and came to the realization that may be this was not such a good idea, "Sorry Ron. You're right this won't work."

Maya was trying to comfort Peaches, "I'm sorry dear, we should have thought this out better. Ron's right."

I left and headed over to my office, but couldn't stop thinking about the disappointment on Peaches face. But, as Maya put it I had a valid point. I tried to get some work done, but really couldn't think straight. I decided to head out to the cabana to clear my head. I quickly discovered I was not the only one out there. The McGrawl's along with Laura, Miss Kitty, Sophie and Wynn were out there as well. Miss Kitty saw me come out, "Oh hey Ron come join us." I found an empty lounge near Wynn. I was still trying to figure out if there was a way we could work out this dog issue.

Wynn asked, "What's on your mind Ron?"

I told her, "Oh...well Peaches wants to get a dog. Problem is she works and even though Maya offered to help Peaches take care of the dog, they usually work the same shift. Apparently, before we arrived in Chugwater she use to

have a pug, but then Jed and Tess told her that it 'went to live on a farm'."

Miss Kitty asked, "Um...does she know what that means?"

I laughed, "I don't think so. I know Maya does and she didn't say anything, so I kept my mouth shut."

Wynn told me, "Well, I could always help them out when they are at work."

I objected, "No, I don't want to bother you with having to take care of Peaches' dog."

Wynn assured me, "It would not be much trouble, besides it would give me an excuse to get out of the house and socialize with the neighbors."

Laura joked, "Yeah whilst Peaches' dog is doing its business on their lawns. Actually though, I've seen quite a few folks over here with dogs."

I confirmed with Wynn, "So it is not too much trouble for you then?"

Wynn nodded, "No troubles. Now, go tell the lucky girl she can have a dog."

I headed back into the house and up to Peaches and Maya's room. I knocked on the door and was expecting Peaches usual greeting, however Maya opened the door. "Oh hello Ron."

I asked, "Where's Peaches?"

Maya explained, "In the shower. What's up?"

I told her, "Here's the deal. Wynn has graciously offered to take care of Peaches' dog whilst you two are at work. Apparently, this would give her an opportunity to gossip...err socialize with the neighbors when she is out walking the dog."

Maya told me, "Okay...I'll surprise her tomorrow. We will go pick it up in the morning."

The next morning Maya and Peaches along with most of the family was downstairs in the great dining room having breakfast. Maya commented, "Peaches, Ron has something he wants to tell you."

Having kind of forgot about the conversation last night I almost choked on my waffle, "Um...I do? Oh yeah that's right. Okay Peaches, here's the deal Wynn has graciously offered to help out, you can get your dog."

Wynn confirmed, "Yes, while you and Maya are at work I can take your dog for a walk...gives me a chance to chat with the neighbors."

Peaches was thrilled, "Thank you Ron and Wynn." She turned to Maya, "When

can we get her?"

Maya replied, "Once you finish your breakfast, now eat."

Once again Peaches rolled her eyes and muttered, "Yes mother!"

Maya joked, "If you keep on making that face it is going to stay that way forever!"

Peaches let out a laugh, "Whatever!"

After breakfast we headed over to the shelter to pickup Peaches' Pug. The volunteer brought out the dog and I looked in amazement, "Ahh...she's so cute. Cain't say I've ever seen a Pug that color."

Peaches explained, "That is why I named Cream."

After we took care of all the paperwork, Peaches walked 'Cream' out of the shelter. Upon arriving home and coming into the kitchen, Wynn saw the dog, "Oh my that is one cute dog. I'll be the envy of the neighborhood!"

Peaches reminded Wynn, "She mine, you just help out."

Wynn laughed, "Okay, I promise I won't steal your dog."

Peaches joked, "Better not, I know where you live."

That afternoon Laura and Miss Kitty along with Sophie flew back to Henderson. We worked out the plan to lead our mother into thinking that Sara and the rest of the family would be at The Holstein Ranch, while poor Laura was stuck in Reno. Since we arrived back a little later than we had planned on Tuesday evening I decided we would wait until the next evening to have Lindsay and Peaches try out their armor. Wednesday afternoon Gary came over with the hogtie trainer and bondage stand. I looked at the two hogtie trainers and commented, "Hmm...may be we should hold off with the armor tonight and instead have Lindsay and Sara in these. Andy says Lindsay has been misbehaving lately so I am sure this would be a suitable way to correct her behavior."

Maya walked in on the conversation, "Well Sara hasn't been exactly well behaved lately either." Before I had a chance to ask what she meant she left the room in a hurry.

Peaches came down the stairs and saw the hogtie trainers, "What be those?"

Gary explained, "Hogtie Trainer."

Peaches nodded and replied, "Ah okay. Bambi told me." She saw the bondage stand and asked Gary, "Would Maya fit?"

Gary commented, "She might, ideally she should be wearing ballet boots."

I replied, "Don't ever recall seeing Maya wear those...Sara and Lindsay do on occasion."

Peaches smiled, "Maya has....Maya will." With that she left the room as quickly as she appeared.

Gary looked at me and commented, "One odd girl..."

I just laughed, "Welcome to my world."

Gary laughed, "Well, I think I am going to go back to mine...which I suppose is just as odd. Now get this, Bambi says she can get Bunny to try out the hogtie trainer...I have my doubts, but you never know. Hemingway, let me know how the armors workout, if they need some minor adjustments I can get that taken care of."

I told him, "Well, if we ever get around to trying them out, I will let you know. In fact you should be here for the fittings. I'll make sure Wynn and Sara are around too as they can provide helpful tips."

After dinner I announced, "We have some new toys for Sara and Lindsay to try out."

Peaches yelled out from the kitchen, "MAYA! Get over here!"

Maya was in the great room with Sara, Lindsay, Andy and I. She heard Peaches and replied, "Oh crap, I have a feeling this going to have something to do with my 'punishment'." Before I had a chance to ask, she went over to the kitchen. Peaches gave her some instructions and I watched as Maya reluctantly walked up the stairs.

Peaches came into the room, "She meet us in play loft shortly. I need to change." Peaches head up the stairs to her room.

I turned my attention to Sara and Lindsay, "Okay, Sara and Lindsay here's the deal for you two. Y'all will be trying out the hogtie trainers tonight. Put your hair in a ponytail and change into a bodystocking. Don't wear anything else including your belts as you will need to be flexible. Meet us in the play loft when done."

Sara told Lindsay, "You can borrow one of mine as I know you don't normally wear bodystockings." The two of them headed over to Sara's room to change.

I headed up the stairs to the play loft. I was getting the hogtie trainers prepped, putting a fresh condom on the dildos as well as getting the hex bolts and wrench together.

Peaches walked into the room wearing a black over-bust corset, black fishnet pantyhose along with booty shorts and very tall heels. She told me, "Maya on stand. Be here shortly. Show me."

I took her over to the bondage stand and explained, "Well first, she needs to step in these thigh loops. She is going to need to be helped into them. Once she has both legs in, put her ankles together down here. You will take this plate and line up the ends. Two hex bolts will secure the plates and her ankles. Next have her place her wrists behind her back as such and take the other plate and secure with two hex bolts. Finally, place her neck up against here and take this piece along with two rectangular padlocks to secure her neck in place."

Peaches seemed to be understanding everything I was telling her, "So she not move then?"

I laughed, "Nope, she is going to be held in pretty tight."

Peaches grinned, "Nice. You have TENS unit?"

I thought for a moment, "I don't think so...oh wait Wynn has one. Go talk to her."

Peaches disappeared to go find Wynn. Meanwhile Sara and Lindsay walked in wearing nothing but black body stockings. Andy followed them in and told me, "Gary has already given me a crash course on how to get Lindsay into this contraption."

I told him, "Okay, I saw him demonstrate the use with Bambi a few weeks ago and Sophie the other day. So, I'll get Sara in and you do Lindsay."

Lindsay looked the hogtie trainer and then turned to Sara, "What have you gotten me into this time?"

Sara giggled, "Ah...it looks fun. Bunny seems to enjoy her's."

Lindsay sighed, "The things I do for you...okay I'm ready."

As it turns out Lindsay was not quite as limber as Sara, but after a little stretching Lindsay was able to get her arms all the way behind her back. Andy placed a gag in Lindsay's mouth just as Sara asked, "Now isn't this fun?" Lindsay grunted in her gag and very likely not in agreement with Sara's assessment.

Peaches returned with Maya in tow. Maya was wearing a red catsuit with a black waist cincher. She was also gagged and wearing black ballet boots. Sara saw Maya and commented, "Wow! Never seen her in ballet boots."

Peaches explained, "Been training her. Ron help me."

I placed a gag in Sara's mouth then walked over to Peaches and Maya, grabbing a hold of Maya's arm and directing her, "Step in with your right leg first. Don't worry, Peaches and I will make sure you don't fall over." Getting her right leg in was the easy part, getting her left leg in was a bit more difficult. I told Peaches, "I'll get ankles you do her wrists." I knelt down and secured Maya's ankles to the stand while Peaches did the same for her wrists. I handed a rectangular padlock to Peaches. "Here, you do one side I will do the other." I placed the neck plate against Maya's neck and Peaches and I each locked it into place.

Peaches stood back and looked, "She be secure. Now to punish!" Peaches set the TENS unit on the floor. While grabbing one set of lead wires she unzipped the crotch of the catsuit. Maya had an electro vaginal shield in place which Peaches plugged the leads into. She zipped up the crotch of Maya's catsuit. She stood up and then unzipped the front of Maya's catsuit revealing her tits. She then placed special rubber cups over Maya's tits, attaching another set of lead wires to the cups. Once she was done she zipped up the catsuit and knelt down again to start fiddling with then TENS unit. Maya was moaning from the pleasure, but that quickly turned into muffle screams as Peaches turned up the stimulation on Maya's pussy and tits.

While Peaches was tormenting Maya I asked, "So what did she do to deserve this punishment?"

Peaches replied, "She kick Cream!"

I was flabbergasted, "She did WHAT?"

Peaches explained, "Well not really 'kick' more nudged with her foot. After this she not do again."

I headed over to the other end of the loft to check on Sara and Lindsay. Andy walked by and suggested, "How about we leave them this way overnight?"

I played along and commented, "Would be nice to get a decent night's sleep for once." Both Sara and Lindsay were protesting, as much as they could being gagged.

Andy replied, "I know the feeling...oh well, they both need to be at work tomorrow and don't think they would be able to do much showing up folded like pretzels."

I pulled out an extra Allen wrench and handed it to Andy, "Yeah, best we get

them out before they..." Maya's screams echoed through the loft "...get too sore."

Andy exclaimed, "What the hell was that?"

I replied as I was releasing Sara, "Peaches punishing Maya for kicking....er nudging Cream yesterday."

Andy laughed, "You do realize she is turning into a Dominatrix?"

I concurred, "Yeah Maya is rather submissive so I suppose she brings out the dominating side of Peaches. The incident with Bambi earlier this year really changed Maya, I kinda fell bad for her. But, at least Peaches knows to respect Maya's limits so I know there is no risk of having a similar incident."

Sara got out of the hogtie trainer and removed her gag, "I think too, a lot has to do with what happened with our father. There's a lot more to what happened that final day in Chugwater than what she has told us. Tess called me to apologize after we got back from Easter, but she didn't elaborate as to what happened. Said something about things will be better soon."

Peaches walked over carrying the TENS unit and announced, "She punished. Help me get her out."

Andy and I walked over and helped Peaches get Maya out the bondage stand. Maya removed her gag, "Shit! That thing is tight, I could not move."

I asked, "You okay? Peaches didn't hurt you did she?"

Maya laughed, "Nah, I'm fine. I can take a lot, though the electro stimulation on my tits was a bit more than I was expecting. Anyway, we will take Cream out back and let her do her thing then go to bed."

The next morning during breakfast I announced, "Lindsay and Peaches tonight you will get to try out your new armor. We've had these for a few days now, but everything has been so hectic lately." The girls left for work leaving just Wynn and I along with Cream. Later on Wynn was heading out to take Cream for a walk and I told her, "Wait up, I'll join you."

We walked around the neighborhood and Wynn commented, "Did you know there is a dog park in here?"

I replied, "Not having a dog before, didn't really notice." We headed over to the fenced park and Wynn let Cream off her leash. I watched as Cream ran across the park, "Man, she moves fast."

Wynn laughed, "Yeah, she can be a bit hard to catch. Certainly gives me my exercise."

That evening after dinner I had Gary come over and told Peaches and Lindsay to meet us in my office. Sara and Wynn joined us since they both had the armor as well and could offer tips to the girls. I handed Peaches her armor and she looked it over, "smaller than I thought, sure it will fit me?"

Gary confirmed, "Unless you've grown in the past month it should fit you perfectly." Peaches removed her clothes and Gary walked over to help her get everything lined up, "I already lubed the vaginal plug, normally that is the first thing you will want to do. Now, step into it, like you would a leotard. Okay, good. Now, pull it up..."

Wynn commented, "It may help to squat a little as you are trying to get your tits lined up with the grooves on the inside and also helps the dildo go inside easier."

Peaches squatted slightly which pushed the plug into her pussy slightly, "Oh wow...big plug!"

Sara commented, "Yeah that takes a little getting use to....especially when you close it up."

Peaches asked, "What you mean?"

Sara giggled, "You'll find out soon enough."

Gary observed Peaches had her tits lined up, "Good, now stand up and hold on to the front with your left hand. It won't fall down since it is anchored to your tits and the plug is partially in your pussy...it is more for comfort until you get it closed up."

Wynn pointed out, "It may be easier for her to sit in a chair facing the back."

Sara added, "True, I found that made it a bit easier to turn the lock until I got use to balancing while wearing it."

I pulled out a wheeled armless chair and turned it so the back was to my desk and told her, "Sit down, facing the desk."

Peaches sat down and Gary walked over, "Peaches...I am going to take your right hand and guide it behind up to the lock." He took Peaches hand and pulled it behind her and put it on the lock, "Okay, now turn it to the right...I know this is hard doing it behind your back and if it won't turn you are going the wrong direction." Peaches slowly started turning the lock and gasped as the armor started tightening around her. Gary explained, "Keep turning it until you hear it click...which will be the tension spring releasing."

Peaches was struggling, "Can't seem to turn anymore, sure this fits."

Wynn walked over and told Peaches, "You will need to stand to get it to fully closed."

Peaches carefully stood up and then reached behind her and started turning the lock again. She let out a yelp then the lock clicked as the plug in the armor fully inserted itself into her pussy. Gary walked over and told her, "The lock will spin freely in either direction now until you insert the key to re-engage the tension spring. Now, go ahead and line up the lock with the hole and gently push the lock into the hole." Peaches turned the lock a quarter turn and felt it was lined up with the hole and pushed to lock into the hole with a resounding snap.

She felt behind her and then walked over to the mirrors I had setup so she could see the backside, "Wow. The lock hidden. This is tight."

Gary walked over and told Peaches, "Yep, the lock is completely flush so it won't show under tight tops. I would recommend you wear a camisole over this then your tops if you don't want the armor to show through. Of course, you could also just wear it as a corset top...kinda of a fetish/club wear. Now, walk around and get use to the feeling of this."

Peaches commented, "Not too bad..." Then she started to walk around and the ribbed plug moved inside of her, "...oh ah...making me wet!"

Gary told her, "Well, you can always swap out that plug with a smooth plug such as when you are at work. Which we will do next, let me show you how to get out of this." He handed her the key and instructed her, "Okay, insert the key and turn it to the left one full turn. The lock will pop-out and the tension spring will be engaged. Remove the key and keep turning the lock to the left until you hear another click and the armor is fully open." Peaches did as she was instructed and had the armor fully open." Gary continued, "Okay, you might want to sit and lean forward for this part. You will push your tits out the grooves so you can remove the armor fully." Peaches sat on the chair and removed her tits from the grooves. "Perfect, now stand and guide the armor down as the plug comes out of your cunt." Peaches followed Gary's directions and stepped out the armor. "Good, now I will show you how to swap the plug. Now, put the armor on a solid flat surface, shelf, chair, desk, etc. Then reach in and push down on the plug and rotate it counter clockwise. It is spring loaded to prevent it from coming out while you are wearing it." Gary rolled over the chair to the mirrors so Peaches could remove the plug as she was instructed. She handed Gary the ribbed plug and in return, he handed her the smooth plug and some lube. "Once you have this lubed, line up the red stripes and the push and turn clockwise." Peaches lubed the plug and looked inside to see there was a red stripe to the left of the plug receptacle and then noticed a red stripe on one end of the plug. She inserted the plug, pushed in and turned it until it snapped into place."

Peaches observed, "See what you mean not come out."

Gary nodded and told her, "Okay, see if you can get into this by yourself this time."

Peaches carefully stepped into the armor, line up the plug with her pussy and pulled it up. She then sat in the chair and watched in the mirror as she pushed her tit piercings into the grooves. She reached back and started turning the lock with the armor slowly tightening its grip on her body. She stood up giving the armor a gentle tug to get the plug all the way into her and continued turning the lock. She heard the click and the tension release. Carefully turning the lock to line it up she pushed the lock in with a snap. Peaches got up and once again looked at herself in the mirrors. She walked around a bit and commented, "This plug much easier!"

Gary came over, "Okay, let me take a quick look and make sure everything fits as it should. Anything pinching?" Peaches told him no and he announced, "One down, one to go. Lindsay!"

Lindsay walked over and told Gary, "I've seen Sara get in and out of her numerous times and after watching Peaches, I think I can manage by myself."

Gary chuckled, "Very well then!" Lindsay picked up the armor and like she had always been wearing it, had herself fully encased and locked in within a minute. Gary inspected Lindsay's armor, "Looks good, anything pinching or otherwise not feel right?" Lindsay nodded her head 'no' and Gary smiled, "Once again, my armor guy has out done himself." He turned his attention to me, "You know Ron, we should get some pictures of these two in their armor. I might be offering this as part of Acme's Extreme Chastity Collection. Which includes that CBT-7500 Lindsay has Andy wearing full time!"

Lindsay clarified with a laugh, "He is wearing it by choice...mind you it is *my* choice if he gets released from it..."

Andy groaned, "Oh lordy!"

I took several pictures of both Lindsay and Peaches in their armor then uploaded the pictures to Acme's Google Drive.

Chapter 12: The New and Improved Acme Las Vegas

Over the course of the next few weeks Laura and I worked on Gary's new building. Since Laura was able to be physically at the site she was able to help me understand the network topology diagram that Charlotte had given me. I had done a little shopping on eBay since I had some credit from selling off some old bondage toys as well as rebates from recent purchases. I was able to find some

older Palo Alto and Juniper routers and switches to build a small sandbox/testing lab in my shop. I was able to setup it up as well that Laura could access it remotely so she could test some configurations.

We talked via Skype quite a bit during those few weeks trying to get things to work. Gary dropped by one night while I was on Skype with Laura. He came into my office during one of our conference calls, "Oh hey Ron...Laura. Sorry to barge in but, wanted to let you know I am leaving tomorrow to close on the new building."

Laura commented, "Okay, I think we are about ready to get this deployed. Still need to test it in a real environment. Only so much I can do in Ron's sandbox. Nice thing is since you are not going to be live at that building, if I do crash the network it won't affect you."

Gary asked, "Do you need to do anything at the Deer Valley location?"

Laura replied, "Yes, but I should be able to do it remotely."

I assured Gary, "Plus, I will be there when she does it so if anything goes wrong we can get it taken care of quickly."

Laura advised us, "I think it is best we do the changes at Deer Valley over a weekend to minimize the impact of something going astray."

Gary had confidence in us, "Well, I am sure you two know what your doing. Anyway, I'll give you a call tomorrow night once I close. Need to head back to my place, Bunny wants to spend some time in the bondage stand and Bambi wants to relax in the hogtie trainer."

Laura laughed, "You know, most people wouldn't grasp the concept of how your girls could 'relax' in those contraptions. Heck, I can't...but I know Sophie enjoyed the time she spent in it at your house."

I added, "Well your idea of relaxing is being tied spread-eagle on that platform in your bathroom."

Gary laughed and told her, "Well, since you are having to take a lot of time getting this new office setup, I might be able to persuade my 'guy' to make you one for Sophie. Consider it a house warming gift."

Laura told him, "That is nice of you, she'd like that. Oh Ron, she really misses Sara."

I laughed, "Well, everyone seems to like Sara. Lindsay, Kacie, Kayré. Not sure about Gary's girls though."

Gary thought for a moment, "Well, they really haven't spent much time together. They usually keep to themselves. I was rather surprised that Bambi was so willing to be dominated by Miss Kitty when y'all were out last. Anyway, as I said my girls are waiting."

Laura and I chatted for a bit, "Okay Ron, so I think we will be good. I hope next weekend to do the deployment. I need to get this done soon as we need to get ready for our move. We will have to work out the details on how to handle the changes at Deer Valley."

I told her, "It is on my way home so when I return with Gary we will take care of the changes then."

The following weekend Gary and I drove out to the Las Vegas location. Since there wasn't much equipment installation that needed to be done Andy stayed in Arizona. Besides, he had his work cut out for him getting everything out of the Fountain Hills store and over to the Fort McDowell and North Scottsdale locations. Gary lent him Bambi and the Acme Truck to take care of the move. That Saturday morning, Gary, Cristina, Laura and I all met for breakfast. Laura explained, "I deployed part of the setup last night just in the administration section and so far so good. Really won't know for sure until we get the changes made over at Deer Valley. But, everything seemed to be working as it should locally."

Cristina asked, "So what is the plan today?"

Laura explained, "We should be able to get the rest of the deployment out and then do some testing."

Gary asked, "Speaking of testing, have the computers been tested Cristina?"

Cristina replied, "Um no...haven't had a chance to get over here."

Laura informed us, "I fired up most of them a couple weeks ago when I discovered someone had assigned them each a fucking static IP addresses. Apparently, the previous person wasn't a fan of DHCP or didn't know how to fucking configure it. Took me a couple hours of banging my head on my desk to figure out why the fuck nothing was working as it should. So, I think they all worked...well there were a couple that didn't seem to be working right. I took a sledge hammer to those..."

Cristina asked, "You did what?!"

Laura laughed, "Okay so you were paying attention to what I was saying. No, I didn't really take a sledge hammer to them...though I was tempted. Anyway

I tagged them so Ron could take a look at them when he came out here.”

I joked, “Geez, here all I thought I was going to have to do was supervise. Now I have to do some actual work?!”

Over the course of the next few days Laura had everything setup that Cristina would need to get started. Andy and I looked at the PCs that were 'problem children' and decided since there were currently enough for Cristina to be able to start operations, we would take them back to Arizona with us. Once we got them working again, we would have Gary take them back out to Vegas so Cristina would have them available when she needed them. At the end of the week we all met for dinner.

Gary announced, “Well the easy part is done. Now comes the fun part, relocating everyone and everything.”

Cristina assured Gary, “We've been over this plenty of times, I know we will be fine.”

I added, “Well, if she is *that* confident about this then you really should be good to go!”

Chapter 13: July 4th Week

Just in time for the holiday weekend, or in this case week, PC's and Things would be having the grand opening of their newly expanded North Scottsdale location. About a week before the Acme Las Vegas switch over, I finally had a chance to visit the store. I walked in and noticed they had moved a lot around. Andy explained, “So, we moved the tech area into where the watch shop used to be. As you can see Dundee built us this nice archway connecting the two suites. Since we had the extra space, I decided to add a 'parts counter' over near the rear.”

I looked around and noticed some new displays, “I also see you added some new displays.”

Andy told me, “Yeah we are now carrying a new line of high end gaming monitors as well as sound systems.”

I asked, “So, are you done with Fountain Hills or as I like to call it the Glenn Campbell store?”

Andy laughed, “Oh hell, yes I turned in the keys last week. Funny, I was so excited when we opened that store a couple year ago and I think I was more excited to be rid of that store.”

I added, “Sort like being a boat owner, the happiest day is when you buy it

and the second happiest is when you sell the damn thing!"

Andy advised me, "Well, getting rid of that store has done wonders for Lindsay. There was a lot of baggage associated with her and that store."

I told him, "Yeah, much like our mother and the house in Nevada after our father died. She had always told us she would never wanted to leave that house as it was where she raised us kids. I don't know the full details, Laura said things between them got really bad between them after we moved out. Suppose that was why she left...and I suppose because of Blanche as well."

Andy shuddered, "Yeah sounds like Lindsay's parents. Far as I know they are both still alive but live in different states. We haven't had any contact with them in years and she is fine with that. Anyway, I think everything is set for our grand reopening next weekend. Zina and Doyle will take care of things here while the rest of us are down in Tucson next week."

I told Andy, "You two will be staying at The Holstein Ranch along with Kacie and Kayré. Laura has enough room for Peaches and Maya along with Sara and I, plus our mother and Blanche. Oh and Wynn will also be down at The Ranch with Cream."

Andy asked, "Laura not letting you bring the dog to her place?"

I replied, "I never asked her, Wynn offered to take Cream with her at The Ranch. She really loves that dog. Peaches is worried Wynn is going to 'doggie- nap' her someday! "

Over the weekend we got prepared to spend the week down in Tucson. The main reason Laura wanted to move into the new house before the week of July 4th was so the family could celebrate the 4th at her new place. That Monday we loaded up the Hummer with our bags, making sure there was still room for Kayré and Kacie's as well as their bags. The original plan which was what we told our mother, was for all of us to be staying at the Holstein Ranch. However, since Laura had her place now which had three guest rooms plus the den/office, Sara and I along with Maya and Peaches would be staying with her. Lindsay, Andy and Wynn would be staying with Kayré and Kacie over at the Holstein Ranch. Peaches wasn't too thrilled with letting Wynn keep Cream at the Ranch, but I wasn't sure how receptive Laura would be to having a dog in her new house. We had planned to surprise our mother about Laura's move. Laura called her up the prior weekend and informed her she was stuck working on a project out in Reno and likely wouldn't be out until may be the end of the week. Luckily our mother didn't know about Laura's hatred of Reno, which was right up there with 'tin-can' aircraft.

After picking up Kayré and Kacie we made our way down to Oro Valley. We

arrived at The Holstein Ranch and dropped of them along with Lindsay, Andy and Wynn. Kacie informed us, "They will have dinner with us tonight. Tomorrow morning let's all meet for breakfast here and then while you are getting your mother and Blanche we will go to Laura's." We all made plans to meet for breakfast in the morning at The Ranch. We headed over to Laura and Miss Kitty's house. Maya and Peaches offered to take care of our bags. Sara and I headed up the walk and rang the doorbell. Sara was in the same outfit she was in the night her and Lindsay rebuilt their trust. She was wearing a red t-shirt, white short-shorts along with nude pantyhose and the high heel sandals. Much to my surprise when the front door opened there was Sophie in the same outfit. I joked, "You have a twin!"

Sara laughed, "That I do..." Turning her attention to Sophie, "I see you got my message!"

Sophie giggled, "Of course! Now, come on in, Laura has been on edge to show off her new place."

In all honesty I had forgotten which plan Laura had chosen, given we had look at so many over that day and the crisis with Sophie. This plan was one of the larger layouts and featured a huge patio and yard. The kitchen was a bit smaller than the Ashler Hills house as was the living room. But, this plan was more focused on outdoor entertainment given that Oro Valley/Tucson area could be anywhere from 20-30 degrees cooler than the Phoenix/Scottsdale area. Laura gave us the grand tour and then asked which room we wanted. I suggested, "Let mother and Blanche have the largest room. Peaches and Maya should have the other King bed, Sara and I can make do with a Queen bed."

As we were shown to our rooms Sophie informed us, "Dinner is in a couple hours. There are fresh towels in the bathrooms if you wanted to refresh yourselves. Otherwise, you can join us out on the patio."

Sara commented, "I think I will go ahead and take a quick soak, if you don't mind Ron."

I told her, "Nope, that is fine. I'll be out on the patio when you are done."

After getting settled in, I headed downstairs. Upon seeing me heading out to the patio Sophie asked, "Want a Dr. Pepper?"

I told her, "Sure that would be great." I walked out on to the patio and was expecting to see a pool. Instead I saw a huge lawn area. Seeing Laura I asked, "I thought this one had a pool?"

Laura informed me, "The model did, but this house was a spec and it did not

include a pool....which is fine by me. Too much trouble as far as I am concerned."

I had to agree, "Yeah, I know what you mean. If I had my way, the Desert Oasis house would not have had a pool. But, Martina insisted ...of course she paid for it with her Google money. The Ashler Hills house already had one, but it is a lot smaller so not as much work for Wynn."

Laura added, "The sales rep kept pushing me to get a pool, saying it would be hard to sell the house without a pool."

I commented, "Yeah, they always say that to push you into buying one and increasing their commission. I think it would actually be *easier* to sell without the pool. If the new owners want a pool they can put one in."

Laura agreed, "Yep and there are a lot of buyers who are looking not to have a pool. I might have one installed in a few years, but doubt it. Anyway, I love this yard and wait until you see the sunset here!"

Sara came out along with Maya and Peaches. We talked amongst ourselves for a bit. Maya asked Laura, "So, I hear you have quite the play loft now."

Laura laughed, "Of course! Ron expanded his, so I had to out do him! We will have a chance tomorrow to 'break-it-in'."

The sun was just beginning to set when we sat down for dinner. Sara observed, "Wow, reminds me a lot of the sunsets at the old Desert Oasis house."

Peaches looked around, "It is nice here. Quiet and not too hot. I miss Cream, Wynn better take care of her."

Laura commented, "Yeah, it is very quiet here. We are a good a mile away from Tangerine Highway and it is mostly just resort guests and residents coming up here. It helps too that Dove Mountain Blvd is a dead end so there is no thru traffic." She then asked, "Why didn't you bring Cream here? I got this huge grassy yard she can run around in...though I don't recommend leaving her unattended at night given the location."

I told Peaches, "When we meet for breakfast tomorrow down at The Ranch, go ahead and bring Cream back with you."

Peaches confirmed with Laura, "Sure okay for me to bring her?"

Laura let out an evil laugh, "Yeah, just make sure she doesn't have any accidents or she may end up going to live on a farm too."

Peaches still didn't understand what that meant, "Um okay. I make sure."

I exclaimed, "Laura! Please don't torment the poor innocent Hungarian girl!"

After dinner, Laura dimmed the lights on the patio and had us move out to the sitting area on the grassy knoll. There were no other lights around so we were able to get an incredible view of the stars. Maya commented, "Wow, I never seen anything like this before."

Peaches commented, "Yeah you did, in Chugwater..."

Maya laughed, "I suppose so, I was too busy trying to keep warm."

Peaches laughed, "It was only in the 40's!"

Laura commented, "Hell anything below 70 is cold for me!"

Peaches joked, "Wimps!"

We talked for a couple more hours and Sophie headed into the house. She returned with the usual night cap. It was close to midnight when we headed inside to bed. Sara and I bided a good night to everyone and headed over to our room. As we were getting ready for bed Sara commented, "Quite the place your sister has here!"

I replied, "Yeah....seems she has outdone me...again."

Sara jokingly asked, "Why is it always a competition against you two? See who can out do the other."

I explained, "Think a lot has to do with it being a way for us to bond/connect if you would. Growing up we didn't get along that well. I think a lot of that had to do with our father."

Sara probed, "You don't really talk about him much."

I sighed, "Well, for good reasons. He lived by the bible and the bottle."

Sara commented, "Lot like Dirk, except the bible part. Dirk was not the religious type."

I told her, "Yeah, he had a rather short temper. More so when we had been drinking. Thankfully, he had not started drinking yet when Laura tried to come out of the closet. He would have beaten her up pretty bad. As much as I hate to

say it, his death was the best thing that happened to us.”

Sara put her arm around me, “I know the feeling, my father is not exactly the best role model either. Guess that is something that we have in common.”

The next morning we headed over to the Holstein Ranch for breakfast. Miss Kitty and Blanche took their own car while the rest of us piled into the Hummer. Kayré and Kacie had made a huge cowboy breakfast with enough food to have decimated a small farm. Kacie commented, “Should be enough food even with Andy here!”

Miss Kitty commented, “I don't get it, the way he eats how the hell he is so skinny.”

Lindsay joked, “Tapeworm.”

After breakfast we all helped get The Ranch cleaned up. Laura announced, “Miss Kitty and I are going to head over to The Budget Holstein to take care of a few things. Sophie will go back with you and show you around our new play loft. I have a new toy that both Ron and Andy are going to love...”

As we were heading back to Laura's place I was trying to recall just where the play loft was. I had seen most if not all of the upstairs, but then again it was hard for me to recall which plan included what. Upon returning to the house Sophie announced, “Since I will be your Loft Mistress today, I need to change into something more dominating...y'all can wait in the living room whilst I change.” A couple minutes later Sophie appeared in short and revealing leather dress along with nude pantyhose and deadly looking high heeled sandals. She was trying to keep as much of her ass covered as she could given the shortness of the dress. As she was tugging on the back hem of her dress she directed us, “Okay follow me...”

Between the sandals and the stairs there was really no way for Sophie to keep her dress from riding up. Peaches was the closest behind her and whispered to Maya, “She putting on a show!”

Maya commented, “I don't think she is trying to though...”

We made it up to the 2nd level and Sophie lead us over a door on the far end of the hall. Opening the door revealed a short stairway which lead up to the loft area. I recalled, “Oh okay, so she ended up getting the optional 3rd level loft. Explains why from the front it only looks like two levels.”

Sophie showed us around, “So you can see we brought over our old toys from Vegas and Laura bought some more. Well, cain't really she bought, more liked

she turned in favors she was owed. There is a new suspended cage that I am sure either Maya and Peaches or Sara and Lindsay would love to spend some time in."

Peaches heard her name but she already seen something she liked, "Wow, that is quite the fucking machine over there..."

Sophie laughed, "Oh yes, I've spent some quality time on that thing the other night. The top shoulder/head brace is adjustable so you will be held firmly in place with the torso harness to ensure max penetration. Your legs are wide open and strapped down too. Once the shoulder brace is in place your arms can be strapped in too, making you pretty much immobile."

Maya commented, "Saw one of these in a video once, I can go ahead and get Peaches setup on that thing. I am sure Lindsay and Sara would love to try out that bird cage."

Sophie acknowledged, "Okay then. Sara and Lindsay come on over here please."

We walked over to what literally looked like a giant round birdcage. This cage was big enough to hold at least two people and the bottom was upholster and padded. Sophie released the latch and opened the door. She advised Sara and Lindsay, "You should remove your shorts and shoes before you get in. Oh and might as well remove your panties as well while you are here." The two girls stripped down to their corsets and stocking then climbed into the cage. Sophie closed the door behind them, fastening the latch and securing it with a rectangular padlock. She stepped back for a moment and told them, "I am going to hoist this up in a bit. You will be a few feet off the ground and the cage is going to spin a little bit as it is hoisted. It will also move too when y'all are doing whatever to each other in there." Sophie walked over and started a wench, hoisting the cage slowly off the ground. A couple minutes later Sara and Lindsay were suspended up in the cage.

Sophie then asked Andy and I, "So which one of you wants to try this baby out..." She lead us to a suspended chair which had an opening towards the bottom rear.

Andy looked at it puzzled and asked, "What is it."

Sophie laughed, "The ultimate male milking/fucking machine. So, you have a butt machine that will fuck you in the ass while a Venus 2000 milks your cock dry. Guess you could call it a mechanical blowjob/prostrate milking."

Andy commented, "Well Lindsay still has me locked in my CBT-7500 so I

suppose Ron can have the honors." He looked around the room and noticed that Maya had gotten Peaches strapped into the fucking machine and commented, "Since Maya is not doing anything, I think I'll give her a good edging on the cross."

Sophie turned to me and demanded, "Strip!" I removed all my clothes with the exception of the muscle tank I was wearing. I climbed up into the chair and Sophie came over and showed me a leather hood, "This should intensify things for you." The hood had a built-in blindfold as well as penis gag. She placed the hood over my head then laced the back. After adjusting the blindfold and securing the collar around my neck she stuck the penis gag in my mouth. Next Sophie fastened some Velcro cuffs around my ankles and then put a set of leather cuffs on my wrists which she then connected to the chains on the chair. I was left there restrained for a couple minutes when Sophie returned with some lube. She emptied two lube syringes into my rectum and then inserted her fingers to spread the lube. She also applied some lube to my cock with her other hand. Sophie pushed her fingers deeper into my rectum to get to my prostate. As she was massaging my prostate and stroking my cock she commented, "Just getting you primed..." She stopped what she was doing and told me, "Okay time for the butt machine." I felt a large dildo being partially inserted into my rectum. Sophie then announced, "Okay...going to turn on the machine..."

The dildo slowly going in and out of me was an incredible feeling. I had played with prostate milkers in the past and still had a couple I used on occasion, but never seemed to do anything for me. Sophie increased the speed of the butt machine and then placed the Venus on my penis. She put her hand on my shoulder and told me, "Going to let this run for a while, let's see how many times you can cum!" I had the first orgasm within a couple minutes and was trying to yell at Sophie to shut off the Venus. However, the penis gag muffled my demands and within a couple minutes I was starting to get aroused again.

Chapter 15: Surprise! And Happy 4th of July!

Since Sara, Sophie and Lindsay all wanted to spend some more time together, I headed down to Tubac to pick up my mother and Blanche. I made a quick pit stop in Sahuarita and called up my mother to let her know I was on my way. I arrived at my mother's place and rang the bell. Blanche answered, "Hey Ron. Is Sara waiting in the car?"

I told her, "Nope, she and Lindsay are spending some quality time together. Anyway, I'll get your bags and put them in the Hummer." I took their bags and loaded them into the Hummer. Lorena and Blanche were coming down the front walk just as I was finishing. We headed back up towards Tucson.

On the way up Lorena asked, "Have you heard from Laura?"

Trying not to give away the surprise I changed the direction of the conversation, "Um ...no. She's been so busy with that major project in Reno. Last I saw of her was about a month ago when I was out in Vegas working on the new ACME Las Vegas site."

My planned worked as the conversation turned to Gary and his new building. Lorena commented, "Oh so, Gary got another site?"

I explained, "Sort of. He moved the Las Vegas operations into a new building. We were out there about a month prior when a water line above the file/sewer room sprung a leak. That was quite a mess to deal with. Cristina was already getting fed up with that building and I guess that and I shit you not, the birds shorting out the business park transformer were the last straw. Somehow or another Gary ended up getting this building that had been barley occupied. Something happened with the business and the previous owner just walked away leaving a turn-key ready building. Saved Gary a fortune and us a lot time. Cristina was more than thrilled to get out that old building."

Lorena asked, "How old was it?"

I replied, "Haven't a clue. The old building use to belong to Zac Acme. Gary and Cristina ended up buying it from him when Zac retired. From what I understand it was where Zac started ACME way back when. I do know that Zac moved to Arizona in the 1990's and ran the operations from there with a smaller operation in Vegas. Then once he retired he left the Vegas building to Gary and closed down his Arizona operations."

Blanche asked, "Have you ever met this Zac Acme?"

I reminded them "Yeah, he was the one I exchanged houses with earlier this year. Which reminds me, when you guys going to be up in Phoenix again?"

Lorena commented, "May be Thanksgiving or Christmas. Not sure yet."

By this time were in Oro Valley and we passed by the Budget Holstein along with Corona de las Estrella's. Lorena commented, "We must be getting close."

I explained, "Well, there has been a slight change in venue..."

Blanche asked, "What does that mean."

I told her, "Means, we are not staying at the Holstein Ranch as was originally planed."

Lorena wondered, "Okay...so then where are we staying?"

As we sat at the light to turn off for the Tangerine Highway, I told them, "Hold that thought." I whipped out my phone and made a quick call to Laura, "Hey, we are getting close... someone going to be around to let us in?" Laura confirmed she or someone would be waiting and I told her, "Okay should be there about 10-minutes or so..."

The light had just changed and we were heading west on the Tangerine Highway through the various dips. As we came up to the turn-off for Dove Mountain Road, Lorena noticed the sign for the Ritz-Carlton. She joked, "Are we staying at the Ritz?"

Since technically, Laura's house was part of their resort residences, "Yeah...sort of..."

Lorena asked, "What is that suppose to mean Ron?"

I informed them, "It means you will see in a few minutes." A few minutes later we pulled into the driveway. I saw Linda's truck parked on the far end, "Ah, Linda and Kayré are here." By this time Lorena and Blanche were very confused. Upon arriving I informed them, "Let me grab your bags from the back and we will head up the front walk." I got their bags and we made our way up the walk to the large wrap-around porch.

Lorena noticed the rocking chairs sitting on the porch, "Neat! Looks like this is a nice play to sit out in the evenings." I rang the doorbell, a few moments later Sophie answered the door in her usual uniform. Lorena was really confused now, "Sophie?! Wait....What are you doing here?"

Sophie ignore the question and told us, "I'll take your bags." As we walked in she announced, "Mister Merlot, his mother and her partner have arrived."

Laura walked into foyer, "Thank you Sophie, go ahead and put their bags up in the grand guest room."

Lorena let out a scream of excitement and almost tackled Laura, "Laura! Thought you were stuck in Reno? Who's place is this anyway?"

Laura explained, "Nope, not Reno. Hell, I wouldn't be caught dead there so hate that place. Anyway to answer your question, I live here."

Blanche asked, "Since when?"

Laura laughed, "Hmm...today is what Wednesday? So about a week and half ago! We sold the condo in Lake Las Vegas and came out here. I got a job as the new Network Admin for the Ritz-Carlton here in Dove Valley. Miss Kitty, well she has retired from the performance/cocktail waitress gigs and will be working for Linda as a model at the Budget Holstein. Now, follow Sophie to your room then we can chat out on the patio."

Lorena and Blanche followed Sophie up the stairs. As they walked into the room Sophie announced, "Y'all have the best room in the house, well after Laura/Miss Kitty's and mine... Anyway, once you are settled in we will be out on the patio."

A few minutes later Lorena and Blanche joined us on the patio. Peaches and Maya were in the backyard with Kayré playing with Cream. Blanche noticed the dog and asked, "You get a dog too Laura?"

Laura laughed, "Nope, that is Peaches' dog, I think his name is Cream."

Lorena asked, "Okay, so what is the deal Laura?"

Laura explained, "Well, I've been considering coming out to Arizona to be closer to Ron since he has been doing a lot of jobs out here. After the Boots Chugwater job I was able to finish my CCNP certifications and was looking at the want ads in Vegas. I came across one from The Cosmopolitan and it was for their sister property Ritz-Carlton here in Marana. So after a series of interviews I was offered the job. Miss Kitty was wrapping up her contract with Paris so it worked out well. I actually start working Monday and Miss Kitty is going to working at the Oro Valley Budget Holstein."

Blanche asked, "Doing what?"

Laura wasn't quite sure how to explain, "Um...well. Lindsay? What is it you do at the Budget Holstein North?"

Lindsay replied, "Mostly model. People come in and want to see what something is going to look like on their friend, partner, etc. Sara kinda does the same thing, but she also handles the front register as well as helps out with custom orders."

Lorena commented, "So you don't like Reno?"

Laura replied, "Hell no! Too dang far away from everything and too cold."

I added, "You know I think it was colder in Chugwater though and you choose that over Reno."

Laura laughed, "Well that was more because I didn't want have to present at the Fucking Network Admins of the West conference. Of course, given the hell I went through in Chugwater, Reno may have been better."

I reminded her, "Yeah, but then you wouldn't have been able to take the final CCNP exam."

Laura concurred, "True, I would have been paid at that conference for presenting, but nothing like I got at Chugwater. Plus, I was flown to Chugwater in a Leer Jet, that was cool." Cream came over and leaped up into Laura's lap, "What the fuck?"

Peaches came over and giggled, "Likes you."

I wasn't sure how Laura was going to react as never really seen her as an animal person. Laura started scratching Cream's head, "Ah...he's so cute!"

Maya corrected her, "She, Cream is a girl dog."

Laura picked up Cream to examine the underside and then confirmed, "Oh, so she is! Well anyway *she* is cute!"

Miss Kitty joked, "May be we can get us a dog. Could be a wedding present!"

I asked, "Wedding?"

Laura gave a stink-eye to Miss Kitty who replied, "Well, you were looking for a time to tell them, now is as good as any."

Laura sighed and explained, "Okay...well a couple things need to happen first. The biggest is Arizona to legalize same sex marriages, which I hear is in the works. Once that happens Miss Kitty will get our license and get married right away."

I joked, "Here I thought you would want a big lavish wedding!"

Laura informed me, "Oh yes I do. Though *small* and lavish. But, we want to get the formalities taken care of and finalized first."

Maya asked, "So is this why you opted to come to Arizona?"

Laura laughed, "Sort of. The job was the biggest reason, but I knew that Arizona would likely legalize same sex marriages before Nevada. Heck, y'all already legalized pot."

Maya corrected Laura, "Medical pot only. I think Colorado and Washington state have legalized recreational pot."

Laura replied, "Well whatever...hey come back here. Don't leave!" Cream had jumped off Laura's lap and headed out to the grassy knoll.

Peaches explained, "Think she doing business. I'd go get her and pick up."

Miss Kitty warned Peaches, "Yeah, don't let her get too far from you, wouldn't want her to end up as coyote snack."

Peaches ran off to the knoll to retrieve Cream and pick up her waste. A short time later they both returned and Peaches set Cream down on the ground. We watched as Cream looked around then jumped back on to Laura's lap.

Peaches commented, "She really like you. Remember she is *my* dog!"

Laura laughed, "Don't worry dear, I am not going to steal your dog...even if she is so cute. So anyway, Miss Kitty and I have already planned out the ceremony once everything else is taken care of. It would be just family, so we could have it fairly soon after everything else is done."

I had noticed during this conversation, my mother and Blanche had been talking occasionally amongst themselves. Lorena announced, "Laura, I don't want to steal your day, but Blanche and I kinda have the same plans. We too would get the formalities done as soon as we could and then have a ceremony."

Laura and Miss Kitty looked at each other. Laura asked, "So, are you asking if you could...say have a dual ceremony with Miss Kitty and I?"

Blanche replied, "That is what she is getting at. But, again we don't want to take away from your plans/dreams."

Laura laughed, "I don't mind, this would work better as we could split the costs between us and may be splurge a little bit. We can work out those details, when the time comes."

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