



# **The Cassano** **Crime Family**



### **Bad Choices - 1954 May 12th**

*Vinny “The Chin” Gigante was 25 and wanted enough money to marry his girlfriend Bianca Rosettini. They lived in Palermo and the recent economic crash made it difficult to get the money he needed, but he knew of a place where he could take out a loan and best of all, it didn’t have interest. He knew the consequences could be lethal if he didn’t pay in time but he was in love.*



**Out of time - 1954 August 23rd 9:34pm**

*It had been 4 months since The Chin stepped into Pietro Torreta's casino and took out the loan that changed his life. He had been gradually paying it back after proposing to his Fiance but he had run out of time and still owed Pietro too much money.*

*He had no choice but to plead for Pietro's forgiveness, but stepping back into that casino*



*was the worst desicion and best decision he ever made.*



**Membership - 1954 August 24th 2:12am**

*5 hours after The Chin walked in, he walked out but he didn't walkout as a regular man anymore. He was an associate of the Uditore branch of the Palermo crime family, and he didn't get to decide. Pietro said he was going to leave as a member of his organization or never leave and rot in the cellar. He had no choice. The truth is he was*

*scared, but he was also a little bit excited. He wasn't a fool and he knew how much money he could make committing crime and he was excited at the opportunities that would become available to him, when he paid back his loan.*



### **By Blood - 1959 December 6th**

*It had been over five years since The Chin had ended up in the mob and he was living life to the fullest. He extorted the most businesses, and always brought in a heavy envelope to Pietro and was a valued associate of the Uditore branch. One day, as he drove to the local bakery his pager began to beep and he knew that it was a call to go back to Pietro's casino. He drove back and walked through the main doors. It was a Thursday*

*evening and the casino was extremely quiet and unusually empty. He began to shake, just last week he had seen Pietro brutally beat an Associate to death and his reason was that the associate was disrespectful. Had he messed up? He walked upstairs and into Pietro's office. He walked in.*

*The Chin was told to never speak of what happened in that room, but he was now untouchable.*



**The First Mafia War -1961 - 1963, June 29th.**

*War had broken out between the mobs of Palermo and the Uditore branch was right in the middle of it. The war was making previous brothers fight one another and it wasn't looking like it was going to end well. The Chin was put in charge of a squad of associates who focused on disrupting businesses from the enemy groups.*





### **The Plan -1963, June 30th 3:00am**

*In truth, The Chin was under a lot of stress. The Uditore's were losing and it was not looking good.*

*The Chin hadn't seen his wife in weeks, and he wanted the war to end already. He stepped out of his sleeping quarters at 3:00am in the casino and walked into Pietro's office. On his table was keys to a car and a note Last night Tommy got his hands on Salvatore Greco's car. We rigged a bomb to the ignition, I need you to drive it back to his*



*house and then connect the ignition wire to the bomb”*

*The Chin drove the car to the house. Parked it. Wired the bomb to the ignition and hid out at the nearby safehouse with a clear view of the street..*



**Ciaculli Massacre -1963, June 30th 1:14pm**

*The front door opened. The Chin waited, Salvatore Greco's death could end the war in an instant. It was only a matter of time till he could see his wife again, and soon some kids too...*

*He saw a leg move from the inside of the house to the outside.*

***Heels was the first thing he noticed. Then the dress. Then the long hair.***

***Then the two kids holding her hand and the smallest one holding her purse, the second set of keys dangling out of it.***

***But maybe they were going to the other car. Why would they drive his?***

***But no. She opened the doors for the children first, then closed them, then walked to the driver door. Sat down.***

***She reached for her keys. Slowly moving them into the ignition. She turned the keys.***

***Boom.***



### **Revenge -1963, July 16th**

*The war had ended following Salvatore Greco's death two weeks after the car bomb. He had gone into a fit of rage following his wife and children's deaths.*

*He went out in glory, arriving at the casino's doorstep. Taking out his gun and shooting every single person he saw, including Pietro. He died minutes later from a gun shot by the police. It marked the end of the Uditore branch.*



**Birth-1964, June 30th**

*The Chin and his wife Bianca celebrated the birth of twins*

*“Tone” Gigante and “The Chin” Gigante. It had been a year since the car bombing and eleven months since “The Chin” quit the life of a gangster. He would never go back, not after what happened.*





**Filthy Rich - 1964 - 1985, June 30th**

*At the age of eight the Gigante twins each received a pack of playing cards and their father showed them a game he had learned which had a weakness that could be used to make yourself always win. The Gigante twins would later bet money on this game with strangers at bars and clubs and make lots of money.*

*From then on they would continue to create new gambling tricks and games which they could rig to*

***allow themselves to win a lot of money. They would eventually help run a Casino in Palermo and developed a very secretive messaging system using different colored casino chips which helped for communication.***



**The New Country - 1988, May 13th**

*The brothers planned to open their own casino and use the tricks they had learned to scam and take advantage of the clueless but Italy wasn't cutting it anymore.*

*The Gigante twins sought for more riches and they knew one place they could go with that guaranteed.*

*The land of opportunity is what the locals called it.*

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