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It had been a day later since hanging out with my niece, Amber and my phone call with Tabs, a young woman I had helped out back in the day and was returning a favour. Turns out that she was the type of girl who knew how to find people. What was it she said, the things she could do with a computer would make me want to use cash always. She might have been joking but irregardless I took her word for it though, as well as the notion of never actually pissing her off which lemme tell you, i've heard stories. Breakdown was a few days away, and right now I was at home in Santa Monica.

I had just gotten back from the Gym where I found Trinity lounging by the pool. She had been out with the kids earlier and left them with Ivy for a bit. I gave her a kiss before heading upstairs to get showered and changed. One of my rituals before heading out to shows these days, a good luck charm if you will, was packing my case early and once I got out of the shower and changed into something more fitting than my birthday suit, I grabbed the luggage and threw it on the bed before going through the wardrobe looking at the variety of suits I had at my disposal.

A lot of companies have wanted to be my official supplier, so of course I've had a lot of samples sent to me over the years. I grabbed the far less picky items and threw them into the case before pulling out a navy suit and holding it up before looking at another in the wardrobe. My train of thought was broken though by the voice of my wife once she knocked on the bedroom door to get my attention...

Trinity: "Lucas, you got a minute?"

Lucas: "Of course babe, what's up?"



Trinity: “Just wanted to talk, love. Had a few things on my mind.”

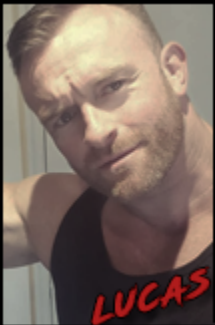
I hung the suit on the rack for a moment and smiled, she walked in and took a seat on the bed before removing an envelope she placed beside her. The look on her face gave me pause for a moment, I'd seen that look before. More so than that I looked down at the envelope and saw it was for the plane tickets I had booked...

Lucas: “Everything alright, what's that you got there?”

I motioned to the envelope beside her, although I knew what it was, I just wondered why she had it with her. She looked up and smiled at me, that half smile which told me so much about the mood she was in. Honestly the more I think about it, it's usually fifty-fifty...

Trinity: “This? I was just going through the mail and found it. I wanted to make sure you didn't screw up your bookings like you usually do.”

I laughed a little when she brought that up, I did it a few times admittedly. Now I had a Tipper do all of my bookings for me.



Lucas: “I swear, I do it once or twice and I can never live it down.”

I chuckled again to try and lighten the mood, but it was only me doing so right now. She removed the tickets from the envelope and of course it dawned on me why.

Lucas: “But seriously, what's on your mind?”

Trinity: “I knew you were heading to Houston for the show this week's Breakdown for Trios, but I thought you would be coming back here afterwards. But I see you're going to Las Vegas?”

Lucas: “Oh yeah... About that... Sorry?”

Trinity sighed a little and followed that up by pinching the bridge of her nose.

Trinity: “I'm not mad about it, just wondering when you were going to tell me. I was thinking that we could do something with the kids. It's been a while since we've actually seen you for longer than a bloody minute, that's all...”

I couldn't argue there.

Lucas: "I know, I've been busy a lot lately..."

She rolled her eyes as I could now sense a tone coming from her. It was something Trinity always did when she wasn't happy about something. I wanted to retort a little after what she said next, but thought better of it. I hated to argue with her for a litany of reasons.

Trinity: "That's an understatement..."

Lucas: "Yeah probably, but you know why, I've had everything going on with the launch of BRWL's first show. And I've had a LOT to deal with because of that, you have no idea..."

Trinity: "I would if you talked to me, Lucas?"

I wished I could talk to her about it... But it really wasn't possible.

Lucas: "I know, I didn't think you were interested if I'm honest. You weren't exactly thrilled about me investing in them to begin with, so didn't want to bother you."

Trinity: "I know I wasn't, but I still care about what you do. You took an interest in them, so..."

I nodded now taking a seat beside her after pushing the luggage further along the bed. I held her hand and smiled before kissing the top of it.

Lucas: "Well you know communicating that would help babe. I'm not a bloody mind reader, you know that."

She finally smiled again and nodded in agreement.

Trinity: "No, I suppose you're not... So in the interest of communication. Why are you going to Las Vegas?"

Ah fuck... I should have seen that coming...

Lucas: "Why?"

Trinity: "It's what I asked, you know out of the interest of communication as you put it..."

I wanted to sigh, instead I laughed before shaking my head.

Lucas: "It's a little bit of business."

Trinity: "Business huh? What kind of business?"

What could I tell her without causing her to freak out? I thought to myself, I didn't exactly want to tell her I was going to find the piece of shit that had my niece attacked at the first BRWL show. She was looking at me expectantly and my brain was drawing an absolute blank... I winced when I told her my response, it wasn't smart. It was actually stupid the more I thought of it.

Lucas: "Personal... and I know that sounds terrible..."

Trinity looked at me with an arched eyebrow.

Trinity: "Personal business, you can't tell your wife? That wouldn't be because you're going there with someone else would it?"

Lucas: "What?"

Trinity: "Do I have to spell it out to you, Lucas?"

I nodded, because I wasn't sure what she was trying to imply.

Lucas: "That might help me love."

Trinity: "I'm talking about Christy."

Lucas: "What about her?"

The look she gave me was all I needed to see and immediately I found myself laughing before stepping away from the bed now.

Lucas: "You can't be thinking what I THINK you're trying to say right now, Trinity. Because you realize how absurd that sounds, don't you?"

Trinity: "Does it?"

Lucas: "YES!"

I threw my arms up in the air stunned at that accusation which was now coming about.

Lucas: You think I'm going to Vegas with Christy, and to do what exactly? Sleep with her? Tell me you're fucking kidding Trinity, this is some kind of wind up."

Trinity looked at me with that stoic glare she always had, she wasn't kidding around. In fact it looked like she was getting more annoyed the longer I seemed to be enjoying this.

Trinity: "I'm not winding you up Lucas, I am asking you a genuine question. I want to know what is going on with you and Christy."

Lucas: "You mean outside of us teaming and becoming tag team champions?"

She nodded, I stood there in disbelief that this was even a topic of discussion right now.

Lucas: "Is this because we reformed the OOC? That had been in talks for months love."

Trinity: "Months? So it wasn't a spur of the moment thing from Rise to Greatness? I was under the impression you two weren't exactly on talking terms."

Lucas: "We weren't for a good while, you know that. But ever since Amber wanted me to train her, Christy and I got to talking again. It wasn't like we were hanging out again, we were talking terms, that is about it. We're not fucking. Besides, she's seeing someone."

Trinity: "Really?"

Lucas: "Yes! REALLY! Do you realize how absurd it sounds saying I'm having an affair with the woman I cheated on when I first joined SCW?"

At that moment I took a breath realizing what I said...

Lucas: "Which I know in this instance doesn't help my case, but Christy and I aren't doing anything other than watching each other's backs."

Yeah that justification really didn't help matters as I let forth a sigh. Trinity shook her head, she wasn't convinced entirely.

Trinity: "If not Christy then, what about Tipper? You've been spending a lot of time with her lately."

I closed my eyes for a moment feeling myself getting angry now, I don't think I ever really lost my temper with Trinity. But these accusations were starting to push buttons I didn't like...

Lucas: "What about Tipper?"

Trinity: "She is gorgeous wouldn't you agree?"

Lucas: "She really is, but that doesn't mean i'm dipping my wick in her candle wax love."

She rolled her eyes at that analogy.

Lucas: "So if i'm not sleeping with Christy now, you think I could be with Tipper? You know how ridiculous that sounds? By the same bloody logic, why not ask me if I am sleeping with Holly or Glory since I'm teaming with them on Thursday!!"

She didn't like the sarcasm. She retorted in kind.

Trinity: "Are you?"

I stood there looking down on her with a shake of the head, it was in disbelief...

Lucas: "I won't dignify that with an answer Trin, but i'll ask you a question. What has brought this on? You haven't just thought about this today have you?"

Trinity: "It's nothing, forget I said anything Lucas."

The moment I asked that, she changed her tune a little which got me only more curious.

Lucas: "C'mon now, we were just talking about communication, what's going on."

She let out a harrowing sigh, what she said next well... I'd like to say caught me off guard, but really it made a whole lot of sense...

Trinity: "I had been speaking with my sister, Kennedy and..."

Lucas: "And what, she put the idea in your head?"

Trinity: "We talked about a lot of things and that subject was brought up... I wasn't going to pay it any mind until I saw the extra flight to Vegas and I guess I let my concerns get the better of me..."

Lucas: "Your concerns? You have nothing to worry about Trin, I'm not going to cheat on you for christ sake."

She looked a little more relieved upon hearing me say that. I meant every word.

Lucas: "I just can't believe Kennedy would even say something like that, after everything I've done for her? What i've let her get away with when she's been here? When she did that divorce shit, with Knots I said nothing. I stayed out of it out of respect for the fact that she is your sister and I wasn't going to take any sides. I've been through enough divorces to last me a bloody lifetime to know how they can make you feel. But the fact she's tried to pull that stunt love, I don't know what to say..."

I shook my head... I did know what to say, I just didn't think it was a good idea to say it. But in that instance I did anyway.

Trinity: "I shouldn't have said anything, Kennedy is going through a lot right now Lucas. Her acting career is stagnating, her marriage is in disarray now and she's back in SCW and there are the money problems as well..."

Lucas: "Stop making excuses for her, she's a bloody adult."

Trinity: "I keep telling myself that, but I can't help but worry about her."

Lucas: "I know... I do too but even still with that said, you know I love you with all my heart Trinity. I really do and I hope you know that, but after this I have to tell you that I am no longer going to put up with your sister's bullshit... I'll let her get away with a lot, Trinity. But I am not going to let her get away with trying to cause trouble between us."

I shook my head before picking up the plane tickets and putting them in my back pocket. Trinity got up and despite everything I gave her a reassuring hug, I wasn't holding anything against her. But she left to go back downstairs leaving me to my own thoughts. I sat on the bed and shook my head, the tickets now in my hand before I tossed them into the case for now. With a sigh I reached over to my cell phone and began to dial a number, it was Christy's. The talk of communicating is sticking with me right now as the phone rings... It did so a few times until I heard her voice on the other end.



Christy: "Hey Lucas, have you heard anything?"

I laughed a little knowing full well that might have been the first response.

Lucas: "I know where he is. We'll talk more later, I just wanted to let you know in the spirit of communication."

Christy: "The spirit of what now?"

Lucas: "Nothing, we'll talk soon yeah? I gotta go make sure my wife realizes how much I love her. I just wanted to let you know the news."

Christy: "Thanks, we'll talk soon."

I hung up the phone, and tossed it in the case as well before heading downstairs where I found Trinity in the kitchen fixing a drink. I wrapped my arms around her waist and rested my head on her shoulder before sighing. We didn't need to speak, the conversation was one that didn't need words...

**Lucas Knight, Holly Adams & Glory Braddock vs Autumn Valentine, Crystal Zudnich &
Katie Steward
Houston, Texas
Trios Tournament Round 1**

I stood in front of the camera with the World Tag Team Championship over my shoulder. I had a smirk on my face, which felt more n more like a grin as I stared at the belt. I was decked out in a suit and watched the red light take center stage while I thought about what I wanted to say to the world at large, to my opponents and of course my teammates... It was an interesting time of year right now, the Trios Tournament having returned after the fears that it would no longer be returning.

I slowly nod at the lens and smile.

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Lucas: "Last week on Breakdown I went head to head with Gavin Taylor, and to say he never brought the best out of me well it would be doing him a disservice. I might think he is a little bit of a pillock, I might not like him on a personal level. But I can't deny that when he wants to go in that ring, he is up there with a lot of people that have made me question my own ability. I guess what I am trying to say is that he lived up to the All-Star moniker even if at times he feels like that isn't the case. But tomorrow night he gets a chance to prove himself wrong as well as all of those who are now naysaying him."

Lucas: "That said though we all have the chance to prove ourselves a little bit more don't we? Some of us have had far better luck lately than some others involved in this tournament. Last week we saw Jordan Majors fall short in that stellar cage match with Kimberly Williams and now she gets to team with my Tag Partner, Christy. But yeah, watching the UG Title being brought back into the fold, well it brought back some fond memories for me. Made me feel a little nostalgic, but that happens more and more when it comes to this tournament because those of you who are adept at Lucas Knight's history. You know that I've won this tournament twice already and now I have the opportunity to make it a third time."

Lucas: "Sure it isn't back to back like Glory has going for her, but it's equally as good if I say so myself. So as I stand here really, what is there to say? I think Glory hit the nail on the head really when it came to our team in particular. I don't know what I expected outside of the fact I wouldn't get drawn at all, we all know how things went down last year when the team captains didn't even consider me. Sure enough one team's captain made the right call, but now I stand to show them what everyone else missed out on instead. Although it is already evident with what I carry over my shoulder what a lot of the teams are missing."

Lucas: "I am one half of the tag team champions of this company. The other half is on another team elsewhere in the brackets. I think we could possibly meet in the finals but I guess we'll find out won't we on the night in question. But with that said I want to talk to you about this belt on my shoulder, what it represents outside of the division. It is a truth, a fact, a statement that I am one of the very best tag team wrestlers in this company. I have proven time and time again that it doesn't matter who I team with, I can bring success. Christy and I years ago were THE team to beat before ever holding these belts. Chris Cannon and I. You know what happened there during the Tag League. My wife and I proved ourselves again, and the trios tournament as well whether it was Infamous back then or Trinity and I when teamed with CHBK. We got the JOB done."

I confidently nod.

Lucas: "Which is what brings me to tomorrow night, because I fully intend on getting the JOB done by picking up the victory. And I know, I am teaming with Holly Adams, and she might be annoying a little bit... Okay she's annoying quite a lot actually and she might have a hell of an ego, but I'll give her credit where it is due she has earned that right. She is the Adrenaline Champion and she has made a staple out of beating you Crystal time and time and time again. I know you're talented, despite what Holly thinks of you, but while your team is GOOD, It has the TV Champion and a former Tag Champion after all. It isn't GREAT like ours."

Lucas: "Katie Steward is of course a woman who needs no introduction, I'm sure TJ is around somewhere to do that. But even with that said, she is going to come into this match like she always does. Believing it should just be handed to her already, something that hasn't changed since 2011 when I debuted in this company. I know they say it if ain't broke, don't fix it and I'll be honest Katie, tomorrow I hope nothing gets fixed there because you're probably already expecting the worst. You're going up against.. Well you know who you're going up against love, and I know I sound confident, I've earned that right this year just like both Glory and Holly."

Lucas: "Autumn, if there is anyone involved in this tournament I feel sorry for it's you. This might sound cocky on my end, and you know what it is. But you certainly drew the short straw this week when it came to this tournament. It's good you're TV Champion because I know you're going to bring your very best, you have so much to prove. I know what you can do in that ring better than most. I was there when Christy trained you, hell I helped at times. And I just want to say I'm proud of the talented woman you have become, but despite that I am not gonna stand by and let you deny me the chance at winning that Trios Contract a third time."

Lucas: "I can't do it love, so let's go out there and have a good match. That's the good guy talking, I know it'll be easier said than done, but then you all know just how Infamous I can get when I want to."

I wink to the camera and ended the recording, now for Breakdown...