

THE STORY OF ADAM



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In 1950's Europe, a War Hero sets out to take revenge on the Red Dragon Syndicate, who has made the civilians of Italy suffer.

Blurb:

Five years after the end of World War 2, Adam, an Italian soldier who defected to become a Polish military officer, returns home to rid Italy of The Red Dragon Syndicate, the monstrous organization that drove him away. Along with the help of two Polish officers, Arianna and Charlie, he's prepared to do whatever it takes to punish them for their sins.

Prelude-Consumed by vengeance

Adam was a very meticulous person. He was a renowned war hero, who had served in the Polish army in WW2. Although he was rarely trusting of others, there were two people-who had stuck with him through thick and thin in the war, Charlie and Arianna.

Even though the war was over now, he had one thing on his mind-freeing Italy from the clutches of The Red Dragon syndicate, the people who have been terrorizing the European nation as far back as his 1st birthday, although that was his first encounter with their members.

On this day, 10/10/1947, it would begin. The day Adam would begin his vengeance.

Part 1-The leader of the Red Dragon Syndicate is...

Chapter 1-Reminiscing

Rachel, who was the current head of the Police unit in Venice, had just reminiscing about what had happened to her previous boss, David.

Even though everyone thought highly of him, he was brought into a trial over a murder. The people and the jury thought he was going to get dismissed as a suspect, except that didn't happen. She didn't know how or why, but Adam, who she took in after his parents were killed, arrived with evidence which proved David was guilty.

Soon after, Polish soldiers arrived and took him into custody.

After she finished recalling the events, Rachel definitely felt something was off, although it was obvious to see why. Polish military taking

over the Italian army. David getting arrested out of nowhere, and Adam, who she herself had sent to a foster family, had returned, leading the army, however, what unnerved her the most was the Dreadnought resting on the water. All she knew about it was that used by Adam in WW2. For what purpose, she didn't know.

Chapter 2-Venice

It was a bright sunny morning in Venice. Two officers had just finished a report on what had happened the previous day, where a young teenager's parents had been murdered by members of a new gang known only as "The syndicate."

Their members were spread all throughout Italy, and no-one knew who their leader was, nor the motives behind their actions. To most of the police, however, they were just another gang that needed to be taken out. The biggest issue they faced is that the members were able to escape before the police showed up.

"That poor person. I hope they have relatives to stay with." Spoke the chief, saddened by the news. "I hope so too." Replied Adam. "Sorry we couldn't catch them, chief." Spoke Jonathon, who was Adam's partner. "You did the best you could, which is all I can ask for." The chief said

after finishing her coffee. "I'm going to get coffee, chief." Jonathon said in a tired tone. He then left the chief's office. "Hey, Chief-" "You can call me by my first name when it's just the two of us, Adam." "So, Rachel, what do you want us to do?" Asked Adam. "I want to hurry up and find the leader of The Syndicate. They probably think they're some arbiters of justice. Don't you agree, Adam?" Said Rachel, furious.

"Somewhat, Rachel. Anyway, I'm going to go do some patrolling once Jonathon is ready." Said Adam, leaving the room.

As soon as Jonathon and Adam left, they got a call. Someone had been murdered in their house. They immediately rushed over.

Chapter 3-The Syndicate strikes again

Arriving at the location of the call, the two detectives rushed in. "I'll tell you something, Adam. We've seen dead bodies a lot, but it never gets any easier when we run across them." Jonathon said, nauseous. "We should see if we can find anyone still alive in this house." Adam spoke, as calm as ever. On the second floor, they found the mother of the victim quivering in fear. "Two armed men...had tattoos on their hands. The tattoo was of a red European styled dragon." Said the woman slowly. *"I will make them pay. For what they've done, they will face the full punishment awaiting them...death."* Thought Adam.

"Don't worry, Madam, we'll thoroughly look into this, rest assured." Said Jonathon, trying to calm the Mother down.

"Please do. So my son can rest in peace." Said the mother, crying. "Don't worry, Miss. We'll

make sure the perpetrators are punished.” Said Adam, full of confidence. As they were investigating the upper floor, Jonathon said to Adam-“Hopefully we can find a good lead.” When they left the building, Adam made a call.

“Right away, sir.” The voice said. “All right, I’ll leave it in your hands.” Adam said calmly. Meanwhile, at the basement of a military base in Naples, a woman with blonde hair, who had some of it in a ponytail and a tall man with black hair entered a room. The woman had red eyes, wearing a long blue coat and pants along with red shoes. The man had green eyes, wearing a yellow shirt, red pants and thongs.

They were Arianna and Charlie, two Polish military officers who decided to help Adam after he saved them. “So another victim of The Red dragon syndicate has shown up.” Arianna spoke in a cold voice. “What do you have to say, former police chief David?” Charlie said in a

harsh tone. "I'm keeping my mouth shut." David replied arrogantly. "Despite that, we've surmised that there are still two more ringleaders, considering you were holding onto one-third of a picture, which was in your locket. So if we find the other two, we'll know who your mastermind is." Arianna said. "Only issue is we don't know who that is." Charlie replied, wondering who it was. They gave food to David. After leaving, Arianna presented her theory to Charlie, which was that the last one was another police officer, based on her ability, "thread of intuition" where she if gazed at someone, she could see what they were thinking or predict their actions. Responding, however, was a different matter entirely. "All right, I'll let Adam know." Charlie said. He fully trusted her ability, as it had gotten the three them out of a few tight spots during WW2. "Thanks for the report, Charlie. By the way, you and Arianna can take tomorrow off. I'll investigate on my own." Adam said.

Arianna and Charlie then headed home. The next day, Adam had received a chilling note on his desk, marked with the symbol of the red dragon syndicate. It read-“We have kidnapped the mother of our latest victim and are holding her hostage. If you don’t reach The Coliseum with 1,000 Euros by 3pm, she will be executed.”

Chapter 4-Ruthless

Enraged, Adam went to the nearby Venetian military base. "Prepare the ship." Adam said, with an air of authority. "Right away, sir." He finally reached the ship. It was a dreadnought class ship, known as "*The Phantom Queen.*", the mightiest vessel of the Polish navy, and true to its name, seeing it was considered an ill omen. On it, there were 4 cannons, 2 anti-aircraft cannons and 8 torpedo launchers. Plus, Adam had modified it to have claws which also doubled as jet propulsion systems, allowing for land and air travel, but that required the use of his powers.

Getting to the bridge, he took hold of the wheel, took to the air and headed for Rome. There, he landed in the Tiber River and rushed towards the Coliseum.

There, he spotted four men surrounding the woman. "You better have brought the money,

cop.” “Don’t worry, it’s right here.” One of them walked up to him, then without waiting a second further, he used fire to propel himself to the one holding her, knocking him out with a punch to the jaw, then used two revolver shots to incapacitate the last two. Soon after, he got Polish officers to take the kidnappers away. At around 1:30pm, Adam went to interrogate the prisoners. No one had known Adam was in Rome, and someone else had taken his place, specifically his grand -father, a shape-shifting dragon.

“Now, I usually wouldn’t do this, but I am willing to let you go, on the condition you tell me who the names of your ringleaders.” Adam said in a calm, chilling tone. “Rachel, David and some military dude.” Adam-“You’re right about two of them. The “military dude” as you put him, was my commanding officer when I was part of the Italian military defence force. David has already been captured, and as for Rachel, it’s impossible for her to be it. After all, she took

me in when my parents were killed, she has a strong sense of justice and I can tell you now-I would not have made her the current Police chief if I didn't trust her for the job." Adam then went and asked the second one. "I asked you to tell me who they were, not lie to me. Now, speak up before I change my mind." Adam said threateningly.

"We don't know who the third one is!" The second one pleaded. "Not even the other two know who it is." The third prisoner begged. "Well then, I guess I've got no choice. I told you I'd let you go if you told me, but if you can't, you're going to have to die." Adam said nonchalantly. "Wait! You've gotta spare us! I mean, it's wrong to murder people!" They begged. "You are the last people who I want to hear that from. After all you've done to hurt the citizens here, you beg for mercy when it's your turn? I'm sure there've been countless people who've also begged, but you didn't care about them, so why should I care if I shoot you?,

however, you have a family. I will let you live, but I will make you face the full consequences of your actions.” He said in an intimidating voice.

Chapter 5-Rachel

She woke up at 5:30am and headed for work. Being the police chief for ten years straight, she'd grown used to this routine-Wake up, get dressed, have coffee, head to work. She reminisced upon the time she first met Adam. After taking him in after his parents death, she was able to find a new family for him, but that happiness didn't last forever. He joined the army to help protect the nation, but his commanding officer was part of the organization that killed his parents. He secretly experimented on Adam, which gave him superpowers. After gaining said powers, he defected, which made the officer use his authority to make his adopted family fight for Italy. That was the turning point. Adam had no choice but to kill them.

Now that he was back home, she was happy. After all, she thought of Adam as her own son,

despite not being related to him at all, however, she knew Adam had done something. David had “mysteriously died” shortly after his return. “To what end, though?” She thought. “Is he only doing this for himself? Or for the countless victims? What would happen when he found out the identity of their leader? Attacking whoever it was would be dumb, since there’d be headaches depending on who it was. The police couldn’t just intervene and arrest someone without evidence.

She just wanted him to give up for his own safety, but she knew that Adam would never consider it. “Then, as his superior, I have to do everything I can to support him in his mission.” She thought.

There was a knock on her door. “Come in.” Rachel responded. Jonathon came in. “Say, do you know where Adam is?” He asked inquisitively. “He said he had business to attend to in Rome, said he was having some coffee with friends and that he’d be back here today.”

Rachel replied. This was an obviously bald faced lie. Adam had told her with no room for doubt, there were only 3 people he'd considered true friends, the people he could trust with his life. They were Arianna, Charlie and Rachel.

Adam headed back to the headquarters and into his office. "So, which of my coworkers is it? Arianna mentioned that the third ringleader was another cop, but there was no way to know who." He thought.

"I could use David as bait." He thought, though he'd have to gamble on the fact that the third ringleader would take the bait. He then had a dastardly idea. He would never go through with it, only threaten to do it. He was going to threaten to "tear gas Rome" unless the rat came out of hiding. Though there was one issue-how was he to convince said person that David was alive?

The answer Adam came up with was that there was no need. All he needed to do was mention

that they needed to be at the headquarters alone while mentioning the threat, however, Adam also had another plan in case the entire police force came.

Chapter 6-Luring the rat out

The plan was set in motion-Adam would “receive” the notice about the planned “tear gas bombing”. He then announced it.

“Everyone, remain calm!” Rachel shouted. The notice stated-“Salutations. This letter is from the Syndicate. If the third and final ringleader of the red dragon syndicate would please arrive at warehouse 15 at the Venice docks by 12pm, we will send Rome into a frenzy through tear-gas. If you try to call or bring backup, we will know. Again, all we ask is that the final red dragon syndicate ringleader head to warehouse 15 at the Venice docks by 12pm.”

Adam then snuck out and headed to the hideout while he waited for the final ringleader out. Meanwhile, the Venetian Police force mobilized together to go after the Syndicate.

They soon arrived at the warehouse, armed to the teeth, ready to arrest the members, but they only found Adam.

“You know, the instructions were really simple. I just asked the final ringleader to come, not the entire police force. No matter.” Adam said. With a snap of his fingers the police were surrounded from behind by Polish military officers.

“What’s the meaning of this?!” Jonathon shouted. “You see, I’ve made it my life’s mission to defeat the red dragon syndicate after they ruined my life. They killed my parents, reported it to the police, wasn’t believed, but Rachel took me in.” Adam calmly stated. “So what, you’re going to tear-gas Rome over a childhood grudge?” Jonathon replied. “One-this is not a grudge, I simply am doing what needs to be done. Two-I was never going to tear-gas Rome. It was simply a lie to lure out the ringleader.” Adam replied. “With all of us here, though, you won’t know who it is, though.” Rachel said, finally speaking. “I made a backup

plan though. You see, with all of you here, I've sent Polish officers to search your houses. I put tracking devices on all of your cars and now I know where you live. Now we just wait for the reports." "You never trusted us from the start!" Some officers spoke up. "Of course not. That's what happens when you grow up getting betrayed by people you do trust." "You had something to do with his disappearance!" Jonathon realized. "Great observation. You see, because the police weren't going after them, the citizens of Italy were getting fed up, so I got together a group that would make the police do their job." Adam finished.

Then there a Polish officer came back. He held out a piece of a locket to Adam after stating that it came from Jonathon's house.

"So, my partner, care to explain what this was doing in your house?" Adam asked chillingly. "It must have been planted there!" Jonathon shouted. "You know, I don't like liars. So, we're going to play a game." Adam turned on TV in

the room. On the TV, David was tied up. There was a Polish officer carrying a flamethrower.

“If one of you don’t speak soon, David will die. So, I pray that one of you has common sense.” The flames got closer and closer to David. Soon they would reach his face.

“Alright, fine! It’s me! I’ve the person you’ve been looking for!” Jonathon shouted. “That wasn’t so hard now, was it?” Adam then shot Jonathon. “The others can be released now.” The Polish let the police get up.

“Why are you doing this? Who are you doing this? What drives you to commit these heinous acts?” Rachel asked. “I commit them for the sake of the fallen. These people have hurt enough people.” Adam replied. Rachel took one look at Adam and replied-“I’ve known you for a long time. You’re going to kill David later on anyway, aren’t you?” “Of course. He deserves the hammer of justice.” Adam replied. “Then, from here on, I’m kicking you off the force.

Don't turn up to work." Rachel said while biting her lip.

They parted ways. Adam smiled for one reason- he had finally found the person he had been searching for. Queen Elizabeth 1st. She had been behind the Red Dragon Syndicate. Now was the time for revenge.

Part 2-Invasion

Chapter 7-The Fatal Sniper

Arianna woke up in the middle of the night from a nightmare. She was remembering the time she had watched her own family die and was powerless to save them. She and Charlie had been sent as undercover agents into the Nazis.

They had been discovered and as punishment, their parents had been burned alive before their very eyes. Adam, who was one year older than her, had saved them, and although she, like Charlie, had no reason to go after the red dragon syndicate, Arianna had decided to follow him and help him however she could of her own volition, because she felt indebted to him, however, Adam had told her-“After I learn the identity of the leader, I’m going to face them alone. This is not your fight.” She knew

that Adam was being nice, but she insisted, stating-“You saved my life. Therefore I will help you in any way I can.” Adam replied-“Fine.”, and passed her a sniper rifle.

It had .15 calibre bullets. It took her 3 months to get used to it and took her first shot with it on 10th of January 1943.

She then remembered that today was the day they would set out for London.

Chapter 8-The Deserter hero

Adam got up. He gathered his equipment from the war-a tungsten hammer, a portable rail-gun and two revolvers.

He set out the Polish base and talked to his trainer in the Polish army, Johnson.

Johnson-“My friend, thank you for all your help. Please let me know if you need our help for anything else.” “I appreciate the offer, but I don’t think I’ll need it.”

Arianna and Charlie soon came to join him with their equipment in tow. Charlie had a combat knife and a crossbow and Arianna just had her sniper rifle.

They all boarded the Phantom Queen and headed for London, England.

Chapter 9-The Night before

Adam docked the ship just outside the bay of London, hidden from view.

Arianna joined him on the bridge. Adam-“How are you feeling, Arianna?”

“Nervous. Adam, promise me one thing. Promise me you will come back alive. No matter what.”

Adam-“Of course I will. Why do you ask though?”

“I know how strong you are, but I’m worried about the ramifications. The whole English army will be after you.”

Adam-“I understand how you feel, but I will be fine. I will protect us for as long as I live.”

“You better keep that promise. After all, we’re family, right?”

Adam-“Yeah. Alright then, see you in the morning.”

Chapter 10-Invasion of London

Adam came into port. They were radioed. "This is the English military. Please state your business." "I am Adam James King, here to meet with the Queen." "I suggest you surrender."

Adam-"I will not." "Then we will start firing upon you." Adam then started aiming and shooting at the enemy ships, incapacitating them.

He then went onto dry land and parked the ship on a roof across from the Palace.

Walking up to the Palace, he demanded-"Let me in. Or else." "Or else what?" Adam pointed to the ship. "I will destroy the Palace."

The captain replied-"You wouldn't dare." "I guess we're going with plan b then." He aimed his portable rail gun at the palace, fired, and destroyed an entire part of the palace with one

shot. "So, you'll let me in now, right?" "Do whatever you want."

Chapter 11-Confrontation

Adam walked through the palace, searching for the throne room. He found it relatively easily, burned down the doors.

“You wretch!” The Queen bellowed. “Seize him!” Guards went to surround Adam. “Seize me? I’ve done nothing wrong though. If anything, the Queen’s done something wrong.”

“Nonsense!” She shouted.

“Oh really? Have you heard of Adrian James King?” Responded Adam.

“Heard of him?! He’s infamous around here. Though last I heard he was in Venice.”

“I’m his son. Adam James King.”

“So what?” She replied sarcastically.

“I just wanted to let you know before I arrest you.” Immediately he summoned fire, to make

sure no one could interfere between him and the Queen.

“Do you know what would happen if you did? You would send the world into uproar. We’re allied with hundreds of countries. Think about the consequences!”

“Consequences? I don’t care about them. I have made it my mission ever since I became orphaned to take revenge.”

“Oh yeah? You and what army?”

“Bitch. I am the army.”

In an instant, Adam rushed to her face and swung his hammer full force on her head. “You little shit!” “Insult me all you want. You’re never going to beat me.”

“That overconfidence will be your undoing. After all, I can always regenerate any damage you do to me due to my super fast healing ability.” She boasted.

“Guess I’ll have to go all out.” He said.

Immediately he took off the ring on his left ring finger.

The flames around them rose in heat and now shone white.

The smoke alarm went off, ringing throughout the palace. The guards immediately ran out to help evacuate the residents, leaving only Adam and the Queen.

“You’re letting them escape?!” The Queen asked, shocked.

“Of course. They are none of my concern.”

The heat intensified, carrying the rage of Adam with them. The Queen was now breathing in the fumes.

It took only a few seconds before she was on the floor, choking.

“Don’t you have any mercy?! Any kindness?!”
The Queen begged.

“Not for you. You know, I had a rule. That I would never kill anyone because they had a family to go back to. You, though, don’t deserve to live after all you’ve done. Goodbye.”

Adam shot her multiple times to kill her.

After confirming her death, he extinguished the flames, and left the Palace.

It was over. Adam had carried out his revenge.