

05 Undercover Friends (© julia)

The drive to Berlin seem to take forever, Selena and Julia fell a sleep on the drive. That gave the boys a chance to talk about what was ahead of them. Did they or could they trust this Heike women, William reassured them that if Kerstin said they could then it was so. Barker knew he had no choice in the matter but to trust his brother judgment at this monument . "What all did Kerstin tell you about this women Heike?" Barker asked William. "Not much, just that she is married and her and her husband can help us get to Macedonia", he said. Once again Barker asked William to take the ladies and go back home and let him do this alone." Your not going to try and pull that again are you Charles?" Selena replied from the back seat. William and Ellis let out chuckle and smiled at him. "You have been caught there big brother ",William said. He turned toward the back seat and winked at her, "Now why would I want to run from you pretty lady" Charles said with a smile. It wasn't long after that they arrived in Berlin. "I need to find a phone booth and call our contact and find out what we need to do now that we are here in Berlin", William said.

William dial the number Kerstin had given him , a little girl answered the phone and he hesitated for a second. "Who is this?" he asked. "Marie!" the little girl said, "who are you?" "I need to speak with Heike" he told Marie." Just a moment and I will get her." William was surprise that Kerstin had not told him this contact had a family also. Heike came to the phone and asked, " is this William?" "Yes" he replied, " I have been waiting for your call" she told him. Kerstin had already filled her in on the problem and told her what they needed from her. She told them to come to her apartment , they would be safer there then in a hotel and gave William her address. After they hung up Heike told her other daughter Vicky to go to the store and get food for company, then had Hansi and Marie clean the rooms for them to rest in.

Upon seeing the apartment was on the second floor, Barker was uneasy with it being hard to escape from if they needed to. They took the stair to the second floor, but Charles was still a little worried ,William could tell, "Do you want me to go in first Charles?" He asked him. "No" Charles said, "let the girls go in first, no one will think anything of two ladies visiting a friend. We will wait here for a signal that its safe" ,Barker said. He was in full undercover agent mode at the moment. He knew if anyone was waiting on the other side of that door they would be trapped .Selena and Julia knocked on the door, after a few second Heike opened it up and she asked where are the boys? Seeing her at the door they knew it was safe and motion for William and Charles to come inside. Once in side the apartment William could tell that Charles was checking out all exits

in case they were needed. "You never stop working do you Charles," William said to him. "If I do that's when we all die", he looked at William and said. Not knowing what or if he should say anything to that William sat down. Julia introduce everyone to Heike.

They were sitting in the living room talking when Barker heard the door opening up and the next thing he knew he was pointing a gun at Heike Husband, Hans. Heike yelled for him to stop that he was her husband and here to help them. Barker lowered his gun and looked at them all, "I think I should take a rest, I'm a bit jumpy", he told them. They all took a deep breath and agreed that all needed to rest. Heike had Marie and Hansi show them to the room so they could sleep. In the mean time Hans and Heike made the plans for them to get to Macedonia in the next few days. They would need a new car and hotel rooms along the way where they could rest. After a while Barker woke up and came out of the room, he over heard Hans speaking to someone on the phone. He still didn't know if he could trust these people or not. After all that was one of his biggest problems "trusting people". Then he heard something from the kitchen and he went to investigate.

Looking around the door into the kitchen Barker saw Heike and the kids making breakfast, the kids were acting like the rolls were talking as Heike sliced them. It made him wonder what he could have had if only, and then.....he felt Selena arms come around his waist. "You could have this to you know", she told him. "Not with the life I live", he replied. He turned to face her, and besides "what woman could put up with me", he asked. She gave him a big smile and said "I'm sure there is one somewhere out there." William and Ellis came down the hall and just shook their heads at them and laughed. "Bunch of love birds", William remarked. Hans heard them and told all to come eat while it was hot. Barker said he would rather get started with the plans, and Heike said we have already set things in motion, so just eat and enjoy yourself for a while. They were sitting around the table laughing and talking when they heard a knock at the door. "Are you expecting anyone?" Barker asked.

Barker looked at William and both men started to get up from the table, I will get it, Hans said. NO wait Barker replied. He went to the door and listened to see if he could hear anything, he motioned for William to stand on one side of the door and he was on the other. He whispered for Hans to ask who it was. Who's there? Hans said, Messenger, a voice answered. Barker with his gun ready nodded for him to open the door and sure enough it was a messenger. Have a letter for Heike he said, Yes that's me she answered from behind

them. Upon opening the letter she saw it was for Barker and said its for you Charles ! He took the letter from her and sat down, Who else knows that you are her Charles ? William asked. Don't have a clue little brother he replied. Barker read the letter and then looked up at them all. What is it Charles? Selena said, I'm to meet someone at the zoo tomorrow at 3pm alone. I don't think so William said. Who are you meeting ? Julia asked. There is no name on it and no one knows that I'm here,Barker replied. Well I can tell you one thing ,no way in hell you are meeting them alone,william told him. We can figure out a plan before then I'm sure ,Barker said.

William asked Heike and Hans if they told anyone that they were here. They looked at each other and then told him that they had spoken to her brother that lives in Canada. He was helping them make the plans for them to get to Macedonia. Heike said that they could trust Thomas ,her brother because he had contacts that could be of help to them. Barker didn't like that idea, To many people know were we are now, it's not safe here, he said. Hans reassured him that it was. Barker said fine then we will work something out for the meeting. Selena wasn't pleased with the choice Charles made and stomped out of the room into the bedroom. He shook his head and went after her. What is the matter with you ?he asked her. Charles this could be a trap selena said, then what happen to us if you get arrested Charles? Looking at him with tears in her eyes. Charles took her in his arms and held her and told her ,Sweetheart I have been doing this job long enough to know how not to get caught. Wiping her tears away they found themselves embracing the hunger inside them and before they knew it they were wrapped in each other arms and making mad passionate love. Laying there with his arms around her she told him , Charles I love you, Please don't leave me. He didn't know quite how to respond to her at that monument. He had always wonder what it would feel like to here those words.

Later they were all in the living room Barker asked Hans if he could get any weapons of any kind, yes he told him and got up to go to the bedroom. He returned with a duffle bag and handed it to him, thought you may have needed these sooner or later Hans said to him. William and Charles looked in the bag and smiled ,this will do William said. Barker looked at him ,I need to go alone William you know that, Charles said and you know that isn't going to happen ,William replied . Seeing that his little brother wasn't backing down he said ,then lets make a plan. The two boys sat at the pc that Heike had and looked at a layout of the zoo. The letter said to be at the polar bear exhibit at 3. You go in first and I will follow you William ,Charles said, they won't be expecting that. Stay close ,but not to close. They were getting ready to leave for the zoo

,Charles could tell that Selena was worried. He took her in his arms and kissed her and whispered in her ear...I love you also and I will be back, so keep the bed warm.

They arrive at the zoo early so they could scoop it out first, looks clear Charles, William said. Barker waited for a few minutes after William entered the zoo before going in. Upon getting to the meeting spot Barker didn't anything out of place, so he waited. Someone from behind tap him on the shoulder and as he spun around he couldn't believe his eyes. "Conrad" what the hell, how did you, was all Barker could get out of his mouth. Slow down Charles Conrad laughed, how did you find me? Barker asked him. A man named Thomas called me, said he was contacted by his sister about helping you. He remember see your name on the most wanted list and called me. I took Paulson offer for a vacation .my family is staying at the Rheinsberg Hotel for the week. So no one knows that I am meeting you here. You really think Paulson isn't having you followed Conrad, Baker yelled. I made sure of it Charles, he told him. Then both men were surround by four men in suits and no way out.....

Barker and Conrad were taken by surprise, but Barker knew that William was still out there watching. William seeing what was happening started to head in his brother direction, someone tap him on the shoulder. Hans, Ellis ! What are you doing here? William asked. Thought you guys may need some help and it looks like we were right, they replied. And just who is watching the ladies if your not there? William asked him. They will be fine ,no one know were they are, Hans said.

In the mean time back at the apartment the ladies were sitting around talking and having coffee. The door burst open and in came three men with guns pointed at them. They all froze in the monument and couldn't even scream. Have a seat ladies and no one will get hurt, they told them. Why are in my house ? Heike said. Don't worry if Barker cooperate then you will be fine. Selena just look at them in disbielf.It couldn't be true she thought, they cant take Charles from her now.

Back at the zoo, Barker was looking for a way out and for William, but he couldn't see him anywhere. I wouldn't try anything Barker if you want your lady friends to live to see tomorrow. Barker looked at the agent with shock and said what ladies? The ones back at the apartment ,The blonde is a real cutie you know.

Barker gave him a look that could kill. I guess we are to come with you and not ask question ,right .Conrad asked. Yes that's right you are they said. Don't suppose you can tell us who sent you and how you knew where were ? Baker said looking at Conrad. Charles I had nothing to do with this. Just shut up and walk the man said. They went to a van and was pushed inside it. William and the others wasn't far behind them. What are we going to do ? Hans asked him. Not sure yet he told him, we just need to wait and see were they are being taken. They came to a empty warehouse and ordered the men out. As Barker was getting out of the van he could see William watching, He shook his head NO and gave him one of those looks that told William something more was going on.

Inside the warehouse they saw who was waiting on them, You did this? Conrad said. Barker wasn't surprise at all, well what do you intend to do with me now Paulson ? Barker asked her. Charles I'm not here to hurt you ,but you are a wanted man and you need to be brought to justice just like all the other that were involved in Red Gauntlet. What about you Paulson, are you going to answer for your part in it, Barker asked her. I told you from the beginning Charles I had nothing to do with it. And you expect me to believe that ,he said to her. I can't make you believe anything Charles ,you just need to trust me. Barker letting out a laugh said .you have guns pointed at us and you have kidnapped our friends and you want me to trust you. Barker looked at her in anger. I can see we are going to agree on this are we Charles ? Paulson said to him. Just let us go and then maybe I will trust you ,Barker told her.

Then all at once it sounded like a bomb went off and there was smoke everywhere. Barker knew it was his brother and partner that was behind this, he grab Conrad and both men went to the floor. There was gun fire everywhere and when it stopped and the smoke cleared ,the four men were dead and Paulson was no where to be found. William and the others came running up to Barker and said ,are you guys alright? What have you done William? Barker yelled at him. I just saved your ass that's what and that's the thanks I get, William replied. Charles looked at his brother and he saw fear in his eyes for the first time every in his life. What is Charles? William asked him. Paulson is holding the girls hostage at the apartment and if we don't get there in time I don' t want to think what will happen.....

After a few second of all kinds of thought running in his mind Barker went into full FBI mode. He told Conrad to go back to his hotel and keep his family safe. They would head to the apartment and see about the ladies. Barker looked at Hans and asked him who all was in the apartment when he left. Just the three

girls he told him. Where are your children? Barker asked. Heike said it would be a good idea to send them to a friend's place for a few days, Hans said. Smart wife you have there Hans, Barker said. Now we can think on a plan to get them out safe? Ellis asked.

Back at the apartment the ladies were getting more scared as time went by. Shouldn't they be back by now? Julia whispered to Selena and Heike. Then one of the men's cell phone rang, as he was talking they could tell it wasn't good news.

Selena started to cry and Heike went to her and said don't worry sweetheart I have seen the way that man looks at you, he will come for you that much I know. Julia putting her hand on Heike's shoulder said She's right you know, Charles has fallen hard for you and I don't think he will let anything or anyone come between the two of you Selena.

Sit down and be quiet the man yelled, the girls jumped in fear and all sat back down. Selena had to know what the call was about. Is Charles dead? She asked. The men just looked at her and smiled, That told all of the girls that he must be, but what about the rest of the boys. Heike spoke first and what about my husband? What about him? They said. Now all of them were afraid they would never see the boys again.

One of the men came over to Selena and started making advances toward her. Julia got up and tried to stop him, don't touch her you ass hole, she said. He turned and slapped her down and said you will be next sweetheart. After hearing this Heike charged at the man with her wheelchair and knocked him down, leave my friends alone, she screamed. He got up and pointed the gun at her and then one of the other guys stepped in and said, take it easy man, orders were to hold them here that's all, now go watch the door and you three sit down, he told them. Heike helped Julia up and the three ladies sat back down and waited. All Selena could do was cry at the thought she would never see Charles again.....