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In Bocca Al Lupo

Logline: The son of a Sicilian gangster flees to America with his Jewish mother only to return years later to kill his father.

Story: Palermo, Sicily. SALVATORE is the son of ANTONIO BUSCETTO, a powerful gangster. While driving in the countryside, Salvatore has a car accident. He is brought to health by SOPHIA, a Hassidic Jew, who lives with a band of gypsies. The two fall in love. Sophia is haunted by a fortune teller who warns her to be careful of the number "27." While dancing, Salvatore proposes marriage and they return to his father's villa.

Antonio wants his son to marry a catholic girl. Salvatore defies Antonio and weds Sophia. She gives birth to YOUNG SALVATORE, a baby boy. Salvatore is an unfaithful husband. After a fight, Sophia sees a scar above Salvatore's eye shaped like the number "27." She flees with her son to America, determined to give him a life away from the mob.

Sophia hides with Young Salvatore (now "Chaz") in Brooklyn and raises him as a Jew. MRS. VALDONI, the next door neighbor, helps Sophia raise Chaz. He grows close to Mrs. Valdoni's two sons, BOBBY and SI. They become adopted brothers. Sophia learns that Salvatore is searching for them. She decides to give up Chaz for his safety. Mrs. Valdoni agrees to raise Chaz as her own. Sophia reluctantly leaves. Chaz starts his new family.

Mrs. Valdoni reveals to Chaz he is adopted. She only knows his real father has a scar shaped like the number "27." When Mrs. Valdoni's husband dies, the uncle, JOHN CELENTANO, helps raise the three boys. A respected mobster, he tries to keep the youngsters out of the mob. It doesn't work and Chaz, Bobby and Si go to work for him. Celentano is at odds with NUCCIO SCARZA, a feared mob boss who works under Salvatore. Celentano is opposed to the selling of drugs. Fights erupt between the gangs. Chaz is held captive and Scarza's crew (called "zips") cuts off one of Chaz's fingers.

Chaz meets BEVERLY FORBES, a federal prosecutor. The two dance like Sophia and Salvatore did. And like Sophia, Beverly was warned by a fortune teller. She is told to beware of the number "9." While spending the night with Chaz, Beverly sees Chaz's missing finger. He tells her he still has "9" left. Beverly cannot leave him. She has fallen deeply in love.

Beverly is informed that Chaz is in the mob and at the center of a federal prosecution. She is told to stop seeing him. The fight between Celentano and Scarza reaches a full-out war. Celetano, Bobby and Si are killed. Chaz witnesses the only family he ever knew destroyed and seeks revenge. He decides to go to Sicily into the Bocca Al Lupo to kill Salvatore himself. Moments before Chaz pulls the trigger, he sees the scar above Salvatore's eye and the number "27." Chaz realizes Salvatore is his father and then fires.

Characters & Proposed Cast:

Chaz Valdoni (20s): Son of Salvatore Buscetto. Chaz fled Sicily with his mother as young child. Entrusted to another family, Chaz does not know the identity of his parents. His only clue is a scar in the form of the number "27" emblazoned on his father.

Beverly Forbes (20s): A federal prosecutor. She falls in love with Chaz not knowing who he really is. Their fateful relationship is predicted by a fortune teller. She shares a similar fate as Chaz's mother.

Salvatore Buscetto (20s-50s): Don of one of the families. He is Chaz's real father. Embittered by the disappearance of his wife and son, Salvatore searches for them. Their destinies unite when Chaz returns to Sicily to kill him.

Sophia (18-40s): Chaz's mother. Sophia is a Hassidic Jew. This incenses Antonio, who wants a catholic wife for Salvatore. Driven by the prediction of a fortune teller, Sophia flees Sicily to protect her son and raises him as a Jew.

Mrs. Valdoni (20s-50s): Neighbor who agrees to adopt Chaz. She promises Sophia to raise him as a Jew. When her husband dies, her brother John Celetano continues to raise Bobby, Si and Chaz.

John Celentano (50s): New York mob boss. John is Chaz's adopted uncle. He brings Chaz into the family when a gang war erupts against Scarza and Salvatore. He does not know that Salvatore is Chaz's father.

Bobby and Si (20s): Chaz's adopted brothers. They fiercely protect Celentano, their real uncle. Bobby reacts to situations. Si is more cautious. When the two are killed, Chaz travels to Sicily to kill Salvatore and revenge his adopted family.

Nuccio Scarza (50s): Possessed mob boss. Scarza is under pressure from Salvatore in Sicily. Celentano is against the selling of drugs. Salvatore wants him eliminated.

Proposed Directors: Armand Mastroianni, Rob Weiss, James Quattrochi, Ariel Vromen, Danny A Abeckaser, Rafal Zelinski Writer: T.J. Mancini *'Find Me Guilty'* (Vin Diesel), *'Los Bandoleros'*, (Vin Diesel), *'Jersey Brawler'*, *'Genghis Khan'*.

Producer: T.J. Mancini 'Find Me Guilty' (Vin Diesel), 'Strays' (Vin Diesel), 'Shadow of Doubt' (Melanie Griffith, Tom Berenger), 'Downtown' (Genevieve Bujold, Burt Young, Lilo Brancatto, John Savage, Domenica Scorsese).