

A red knitted sweater is shown in the upper left corner, with a gold needle inserted through it. To the right of the needle, there is a splatter of red liquid, resembling blood, on a dark background.

MAMA FIA

KNIT ONE, KILL TWO



***A KILLER COMEDY
SERIES BIBLE
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THE CONCEPT



Fia is a mafia mama with a big secret - She's not Italian - She's Scottish!

After Fia turns over evidence to convict the boss, her family along with her long lost relatives must go into witness protection.

Now if they can only learn to get along!

In northwestern Tuscany, high on a hilltop, sits Barga
- the most Scottish town in Italy.

That fact was the inspiration for this one hour series dramedy,
and yes, you can get haggis in Italy!





MAMA FIA

At the center of our world is Mama Fia; at 63 she can still turn a man's head. A wry, sly and wise mama, she always sees the worst that can happen and is happy to point it out.

For love and for the future of her son Michael, Fia chose to live under false pretenses as Italian. The secret ingredient in her ravioli that everyone loves - Haggis!

She works hard at staying calm with yoga and knitting, but an aggressive core bubbles up sometimes. Like when she accidentally whacks the little hit-man who was sent to whack her son.

Fia's always fostered Michael's love of art. She teased him about needing more than one fridge, both to put his drawings on when he was young, and bodies in when he got older.



THE FAMILY



MICHAEL (40) - a widower and protective father of teenage Maria. Michael rose through the ranks and became a Capo under his uncle Dom. He didn't particularly like Don Dom's brutal ways, but Dom always looked out for his family and gave him stuff. Stuff always came with a price. Michael's closet full of immaculately tailored suits was the result of feeding a lot of fishes. Michael loves his Mama dearly. She's always been the voice that made him stop and think, what would happen if ...

Michael wants Maria to have no part in mafia life, she's the reason he finally decides to go legit. That gets expedited when Maria starts associating with a punk associate.

MARIA (18) - She's both street smart and a computer genius. She hacks into Michael's bank account on a regular basis to get her allowance early. She loves her dad, but when he puts restrictions on what she can and cannot do, given what he does, she uses his picture in her room for dart practice. Maria loves her Nona Fia, they don't usually hide things from each other.

Fia doesn't want to see Maria a teen mom. So she has no problem supplying her with condoms after she discovers Maria's fallen for Gabriel, the aforementioned punk associate.

FERGUS (63) - Fia's bagpipe playing twin brother. Fia abandoned him when they both landed in New York years before; it will be a long time before he lets her live that one down. He likes to point things out as Fia does, but more to rub them in your face after the fact, as in, see, ya shouldn't have done that.

DUNCAN (43) - A self-righteous man of the cloth. He's a burly younger version of Fergus and Michael's opposite. The two were never meant to be in the same room and profanities fly when they are. The one thing they have in common is being widowed fathers of teenage girls. Neither of them are doing a good job with that.

SAUNDRA (19) - Maria's pious opposite. Duncan loves his daughter, but has raised her so protected she's never stepped inside a mall and doesn't own a speck of makeup. Confessional for her is pretty damn boring, but her father wouldn't have it any other way.

THE REST OF THE MOB



DOMINIQUE(DOM)(66) - Don Dom was a made man at 15. He's a mangy silver fox and has kind of a love hate relationship with Fia. He thinks he loves her, she knows she hates him. She tolerates him because he's looked after the family ever since her husband Frankie was killed. Little does Fia know who killed Frankie.

Don Dom's a nostalgic guy, doesn't want to live in the present. He likes to give presents, cause then people owe him.

GABRIEL (21) - Dom's newest associate, he's eager to please, especially Maria. Fia suspects that Gabriel's really good at heart, but when Michael meets him, he sees him as a guy who makes girls knees spread apart far too easily. Gabriel's got a secret of his own, he's an FBI mole.

MEATBALL MARIO (40's) - a no-neck mafioso. Dom depends on Meatball to do his dirtiest work, keep an eye on things. Things mostly meaning Michael. Meatball and Michael are best buds, but Meatball knows his place and who he owes loyalties to. He loves Fia's ravioli, little does he know her secret ingredient.

LITTLE CARMINE (50's) - He's Don Dom's favorite hitman, a little person who's slipped under the Federal radar literally for years. He has more notches in his gun than all the Murder Inc. killers combined.



THE PILOT

PART 1 - KNIT ONE, KILL TWO

Fia's wise guy son, Michael, finds out that his daughter Maria is associating with an associate, Gabriel, so he decides to go legit. Fia finds out and she's horrified; her husband was whacked for thinking he could do the same when Michael was only ten. Dom, the boss, says he's good with Michael giving up the family business, but sets up a hit on him disguised as a heist. Fia finds out, whacks the hitman and steals the diamonds. Time to go on the lam -
- at Fia's secret Scottish relatives!

That Fia ain't Italian is a colossal no no in the Italian Mafia. Michael would never have risen past a foot soldier if Dom had known Fia's secret. So, it's a big surprise to Michael and Maria when they land on the doorsteps of her bagpipe playing, scone baking, twin brother Fergus.

A fun family reunion - Fuck no! Fia's nephew Duncan is a priest. Duncan's teenage daughter, Sandra, is a Mother Teresa wannabe and Fergus ain't gonna forgive her for ditching him when they were teens.

After Michael confesses to breaking 8 out of 10 commandments, things don't go so smoothly. Michael has forgotten to do his taxes and his bank account is frozen by the Feds. As Fergus points out, "I guess we'll be using Al Caponed as a verb now!"



THE PILOT

PART 2 - MEET THE ROBERTSONS

Cultures clash. A friendly game of golf ends in costing Duncan a pretty penny for the clubs Michael's bent beyond repair. Maria giving Sandra a makeover ends in Duncan outraged and pointing fingers at Michael for bad parenting.

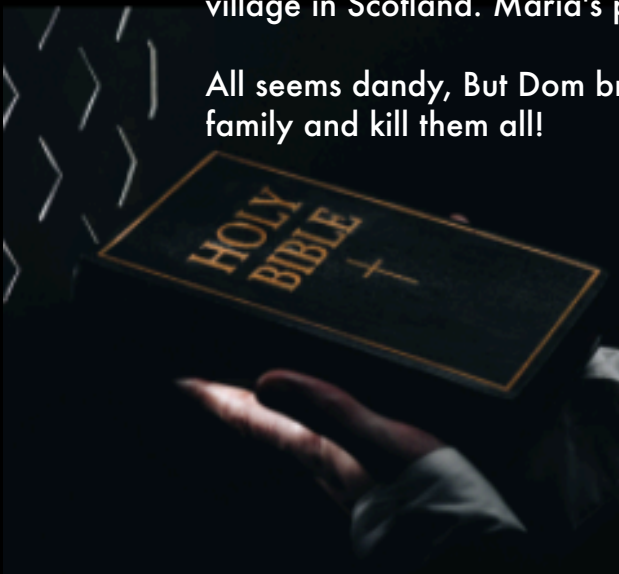
Maria storms off and calls Gabriel, unwittingly giving away their locale. Dom discovers that Fia ain't Italian. Dom's new plan, human Bolognese - Fia's gonna be the meat! To that end, he has Maria and Sandra kidnapped for bait.

Fia shows up, planning to bargain diamonds for the girls, but they are thrown in the wine cellar where the chances for escape seem fucking unlikely. Luckily, Fia's pretty handy with her knitting needles. Meathead, who's guarding them, gets one through his thick skull.

About to make their escape, they are ambushed by Dom, brought to his favorite restaurant and thrown into a walk-in Freezer. Again luckily, Fia had brilliantly bejeweled diamonds into her sweater and uses them to cut through the glass window and break out. Michael, Duncan and Fergus arrive ala Braveheart, kilts, makeup and all, but Fia's the one who takes down Dom - with a frozen ravioli!

Surprise! They find out Gabriel is FBI. They give testimony in return for going into a witness protection program. They are relocated to a little village in Scotland. Maria's pregnant, she marries Gabriel.

All seems dandy, But Dom breaks out of prison and vows to hunt down the family and kill them all!



SEASON ONE OVERVIEW

Once they are settled in the little village in Scotland, Michael decides he wants to start a gelato business, but he needs money to do that. Fia investigates how much the diamonds she has bejeweled into sweaters are worth. A jeweler falls hard for Fia, but suspects something is up with an uncut diamond. Little does Fia know he's got a brother in New York that Dom has connections with.

With Maria now being pregnant, they hire a midwife. Fia thinks she is a great match for Fergus, but they don't know that she's MI6 and Gabriel's contact. Duncan and Michael go head to head on nearly everything. Maria and Sandra bond through Maria coming to Sandra's rescue in more than one awkward social situations. The MI6 midwife rescues them both after a particularly dangerous encounter ends with a whiskey truck exploding.

Dom breaks out of prison and teams up with a Chinese drug lord who vows to help him find and whack the family, because Fia exposed his drug operation and Michael shut it down.

Gabriel's mom is kidnapped after Fia gets her involved in their mutually expected grand-baby. Fia returns to US, rescues her and brings her back to Scotland. The Chinese drug-lord hops a plane to Scotland intent on killing them all.

Maria, 9 months along, is kidnapped by the Chinese drug-lord. Fia and MI6 midwife delivers Maria's baby and a powerful punch taking out the drug-lord.

The season one cliff hanger is Dom finding out exactly where they are and sharing that with someone else who also wants the whole family dead - Little Carmine's mom!



SEASON ONE EPISODES

EPISODE 3 - LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The family try to adjust to life in a Scottish village. Maria's 4 months along and needs to check in with the doc. The doc's a pretty nosy guy. Fia suggests maybe a home birth would be better.

They interview midwives, none of them fit the bill. When a feisty, straight shooting older lady shows up, Fia thinks she notices her eyeing Fergus. Fia hires her on the spot. Sandra has trouble fitting in with local hooligans. Maria goes to her rescue at a pub, but blows up a truck full of whisky. The two get thrown in jail. The midwife comes to the girl's rescue, but we learn that she knows the family's real identity!

EPISODE 4 - GELATO AND DRY-CLEANING

Fia and Fergus work on Scottish Italian fusion cooking. It sucks, but over desert Michael gets an idea to start a gelato shop. Duncan points out Scottish people are ice cream people. Michael plans to prove Duncan wrong. Duncan asks where he's going to get the money to do that. Fia's got an idea on the answer for that. She pulls a sweater out from a closet, counts the number of diamonds on it and removes one.

Meanwhile Dom hides out from the Feds and joins forces with a Chinese drug-lord. Flashback to years before - Fia discovers a Chinese dry-cleaning business is a cover for a drug operation. Michael blows the place up.

Back to present - The drug-lord swears he'll help hunt the family down and kill them all

EPISODE 5 - CUTTING MORE THAN RUGS

Fia visits a jeweler to find out how much a diamond is worth, tells him it fell out of her wedding ring. He's suspicious as it's an uncut diamond, but he's smitten with Fia and asks her out on a dancing date.

Surprise! The midwife is MI6, she lets Gabriel know the feds asked her to keep an eye on the family, but he can't tell anyone.

When Duncan has pretty sparse congregations, Michael threatens a bunch of locals. Confessional gets pretty scary for Duncan. Maria wants to share with Gabriel's mother that she's going to be a grandmother. Gabriel discusses with MI6 midwife on that, it's a big no. The Chinese drug-lord has someone on the inside with the feds. The inside guy finds a file on Gabriel, and his mom!

SEASON ONE EPISODES

EPISODE 6 - THERE GOES ANOTHER GRANDMA

Arguments arise within the family on how to share with Gabriel's mother without Gabriel knowing and keep their location a secret.

The crooked cop discovers the whereabouts of Gabriel's mom.

Fia and Gabriel's mom Facetime about the baby. Fia sees over Gabriel's mom's shoulder that someone's behind her right before the call is cut short.

EPISODE 7 - A ROTTEN BITE OF THE BIG APPLE

Gabriel's mom is kidnapped, Fia figures if she gets the diamonds back to Dom, he'll let her go. Not so much.

The jeweler falls hard for Fia, will do anything for her. She convinces him they should take a trip to visit New York. The jeweler has a connection of his own there - his brother. He contacts him to discuss the uncut diamonds, but guess who happens to be there asking if any uncut diamonds have shown up - Don Dom!

EPISODE 8 - NOT AGAIN!

Fia finds Gabriel's mom, whacks the inside fed guy, but accidentally kills the jeweler. Fia and Gabriel's mom fly back to Scotland. The Chinese drug-lord follows them.

Maria, 9 months along, is kidnapped by the Chinese drug-lord. Fia and MI6 midwife rescue her, baby's delivered. Fia takes out the Chinese Drug-lord, but not before Dom finds out their location and shares with guess who - Little Carmine's mom!

Time to relocate again - Aloha!



THE WORLD

Mafioso, undercover FBI and criminals from every corner of the globe eventually make their way into Fia's world, all while she tries to referee the new family dynamics.

Most of the first season takes place present day in New York State, and then once the family relocate, a little village in Scotland. At the risk of being quite literate with "the world", here are fun facts about the locations in season one.

THE ANGELINO RESIDENCE IN BROOKLYN - This is the family home where Fia lives with Michael and Maria. It is tasteful and low key, except for the ostentatious fountain on the lawn which was an unwanted gift from Dom.

DON DOM'S MANSION - This place is just as over the top as the fountain on Fia's lawn. Dom has an extensive wine cellar deep in the bowels of the house, a great place if you wanna snip finger tips off of those who might be skimming from the top.

His parlor is a shrine to all the great mobsters that went before him. Pictures of Al Capone, Bugsy Malone and Al Pacino hang proudly over a fireplace.

DOM'S FAVORITE ITALIAN RESTAURANT - it has a faded charm, you can barely even notice the bullet holes in the pictures on the walls. And of course a large walk-in freezer, a great place to store stiffs, at least until they can be disposed of properly.

THE ROBERTSON'S RESIDENCE - Fergus, Duncan and Sandra live together in a lovely cape cod in upstate New York. The aroma of Fergus' fresh baked scones is the first thing you'd notice on your arrival. The number of bibles in the house would probably be the second.

Once in Scotland, Duncan becomes the priest at a newly built church. The whole family live cramped in a large cottage at the edge of the village. A friendly pub becomes the spot where Maria and Sandra start to bond, at least until half of it gets blown up.

Each season comes with different location possibilities and different criminal factions. In Hawaii we will have macadamia farms and meth-lab drug lords, in Japan we will have ramen bars and the Yakuza crime syndicate. In ?... you get the picture.



SEASON SUMMARIES

SEASON 2 - SPAM RAVIOLI ANYONE?

The family relocates to Hawaii. Michael wants to get into the macadamia nut business and unwittingly buys property that meth dealers are operating out of.

Fia befriends a meth head's mama. The two decide to take on the area's king meth dealer.

The family hire a nanny - she's undercover FBI.

Little Carmine's mom loves macadamia nuts, finds out where the family are. She arrives in Hawaii, kidnaps Maria's baby.

Fia and FBI nanny rescue the baby and whack Carmine's mom, but Fia accidentally kills the king meth dealer's wife.

Dom finds out their location and shares with guess who - The jeweler's brother!
Time to relocate again - Konnichiwa!

SEASON 3 - MAKING GYOZA FROM HAGGIS

The family relocates to Japan.
The jeweler's brother vows to hunt down the family and kill them all!

With each new relocation Fia and family inadvertently piss off one of the local crime lords. By the end of each season Fia accidentally kills someone.

Of course, that someone's got a relative who's more than happy to help the boss hunt down the family and kill them all!

TONE

I see Mama Fia as having a darker, but still funny feel. Think *The Good Girls* or *The Great*, both stories with strong woman overcoming odds in ways one can't help but laugh at.

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