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Shout out to my brother James Melvin Howard aka Jamo! Your time for freedom will be here

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To: The Don Divas...Living By Any Means Necessary The Readers

This story is not based on actual events, but it is based on real life and some of the things that I have witnessed The Don Divas...Living By Any Means Necessary or have been through myself. I hope that you will enjoy this as much The Don Divas...Living By Any Means Necessary as I enjoyed writing for you. Thanks so much for reading...enjoy!

The Don Divas...

Living **By Any Means Necessary**

By: Keisha Howard

Brace yourself, still waters run deep. The ethic of friendship and the code of the streets are the ties that bind the Don Divas together. Through trials and tribulations, ups and downs, good

times and bad, betrayal and misfortune, the Don Divas weave their selves together through an authentic sisterhood built on the code of the game. True friendship and love perseveres...By Any Means Necessary.

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