

# **A TERROR IN MY BED**

## Chapter 1

### OPENING SCENE:

Madaline – Mid forties, black American, female.

Someone is observing her every move.

Madaline rushes downstairs in her house, her house looks worn and torn, but not completely bad.

She stops by the stairs and searches and rambles through the chest. She runs into the hall and searches the closet. Then she runs into the kitchen and tears the kitchen apart.

The scene shows a man and several others sitting and watching her on close circuit television.

The older man, in his late fifties, and slightly gray, sits at a desk with a frown on his face.

The man standing next to him, looking at Madaline says, “Do you want me to go and take care of her?”

The gray haired man – still frowning – “yes.”

The man was about to turn when Madaline picks up the telephone and they look at a device to see what number she is dialing. The phone rings where the group is gathered.

The man standing, looks at the man sitting down.

The gray haired man takes his time to answer, as they watch a frustrated Madaline.

The gray haired man – “Hello.”

Madaline – “Where is my jewelry?”

The gray haired man looks at the phone, looks up at the man who was about to leave and lifts up his hand for the man to stop.

They all watch Madaline’s frustration.

The gray haired man – “Hello.”

Madaline – Frustrated.

Fans herself and puts her hand up to her head, says, “I’m sorry. Have you seen my pearls?”

In the gray haired man’s office – the group of six (five men and one woman) sighed with disgust.

The gray haired man lifts his hand up for them to be quiet.

The man standing shakes his head and says, “Fruit cake.”

The gray haired man looks at him.

They continue to look at Madaline on close circuit television.

The gray haired man – “Dear, your pearls are in the second drawer in the center cabinet in the kitchen. Like I told you before.”

Madaline – “I looked there.”

All the people in the room looked at him.

He put his hand to his mouth, as to wait and see what Madaline’s response was.

The man standing, pulls out his gun and readies it.

Madaline hears something on the line but doesn't respond.

She turns around and walks over to the center cabinet and the second drawer and pulls out a jewelry case.

She looks inside and sees her pearls.

She closes her eyes and breathes, and says, "Oh dear, I found them; sorry for disturbing you at work."

The gray haired man – "Hold on, why do you want the pears?"

Madaline – Stomping her feet and rolling her eyes in the top of her head.

The people in the room with the gray haired man – snickers and twirling their fingers in the air indicating that she was crazy, or an air head.

The man smirks and looks at them.

Madaline – "I told you, I'm going to a scholarship brunch this morning."

They all become silent.

The gray haired man looking at this stupid woman in front of him, said, "You never told me about it."

Madaline – "Yes – I – Did."

The gray haired man – "How much was the ticket?"

Madaline – "A hundred dollars."

The gray haired man – "Where did you get a hundred dollars?"

Madaline stood still in the kitchen and said – "It was a gift, to the poorest member of my class."

She hangs up the phone and stands silently in the kitchen.

The gray haired man looks at the man standing with the gun and shakes his head for no.

The man puts the gun in the back of his pants.

They watch Madaline as she stands and cries for a moment.

She looks at the clock, 10:30 am.

She runs upstairs.

She runs a tub of water and takes a long bubble bath.

As she lay in the tub, she caressed every inch and every part of her body.

The six watched.

The woman looked at the gray haired man.

When Madaline completed her bath, she stepped out of the tub and slowly dried her body.

Then looking at the clock, she hurried and dressed.

She put on the only decent thing she had, a slim skirt and a cashmere twin sweater set her brother and his wife bought her for Christmas.

As she applied makeup, the lights flickered.

She stopped and looked, then continued.

The six looked when the lights flickered.

She put on her pearls.

She looked dignified.

The only thing left from her husband.

She was brushing her hair when the lights went off.

She stopped and stood.

She stomped and hollered.

Madaline goes to the garage door and attempts to open the garage.

The five shake their heads.

Madaline walks back inside.

She calls the gray haired man.

They look at the device.

The phone rings.

The gray haired man – “Hello.”

Madaline – “The power is out and I can’t get the car out of the garage.”

The gray haired man – “How am I to do any work with you calling with all of these silly problems?”

Madaline exhales. “I’m sorry.”

She hands up the phone.

The gray haired man – “She won’t go any where. And he is on his way to find out why the electricity is off. It is a good thing I installed this back up.”

The four agreed.

Madaline takes out the telephone book from the chest and walks over to the window.

She walks back to the chest and dials a number.

The five looks at the number and sees it’s for the cab company.

The gray haired man looks at the woman.

She pulls out her cell phone and calls the man with the gun who was on his way to Madaline’s house.

The woman – “She has called a cab.”

The man – “I’ll be there soon.”

The cab operator – “This is Blue Cab, how can I help you?”

Madaline – “Do you have a cab available?”

The five shake their heads at this air head.

The cab dispatcher – “Hold please.”

The cab dispatcher – “What’s location to and from?”

The gray haired man frowns.

The four looks at him.

The gray haired man – “Tell him to hurry.”

The woman calls the man again. “Hurry.”

Madaline – “1262 Woods Lane to the Downtown Hotel.”

Dispatcher – “Sure, we’ll have someone there in about twenty minutes or less.”

Madaline – “Twenty minutes.”

Dispatcher – “Yes, do you still want the cab?”

Madaline pouts – “Yes.”

Madaline stands in front of the chest and looking in the mirror, she begins to finger her hair.

She walks into the kitchen and pulls out an envelope from the refrigerator.

She opens it and looks at the ticket.

A car horn blows.

She turns and peeps towards the front door.

The gray haired man – “Call Sissy now.”

Madaline walks to the front door and opens it.

She sees a blue cab in front of her house.

She waves to the driver and put up a finger indicating wait for a minute.

She turns and runs back into the kitchen and opened a canister.

She takes out the twenty dollar bill and puts the lid back on, and as she was turning, she stopped and turned back and took the other twenty dollar bill and the ten dollar bill he left there for any emergencies.

Madaline didn't put the lid back on the canister.

The four looked at the gray haired man, as they watched Madaline.

Madaline threw her head up in the air as to say, "Now."

One of the men snickered.

The gray haired man looked at him and he stopped.

The cab blew the horn again.

The gray haired man – "Where's Sissy?"

The woman calls again – "Where are you?"

Sissy – "Walking out of my front door with the baby."

The woman "Report back."

Sissy hangs up her phone.

Madaline – Stops and looks at her son's pictures on the chest.

She gets her purse and walks out the door.

She locks the door and was about to go back in but continued to walk to the cab.

She noticed the paint peeling on the exterior of her house, brown patches in the lawn, and the walkway cracked.



Sissy pretending to be doing a brisk walk with a baby in a stroller, almost runs and is looking hard at Madaline and checking out the license plate of the cab.

Madaline sees her.

Madaline walks to the car slowly.

The man from the gray haired man's office rounds the corner.

Madaline gets into the cab.

The cab backs out quickly and turns in front of the man and proceeded out of the neighborhood.

Madaline is sitting in the back seat not saying anything.

The man keep looking at her in the mirror.

He looks and sees the man in the car following them.

Madaline is still not moving.

The cab driver picks up his radio.

He says, "I've picked up the fare and am proceeding to the Hilton."

He looks at Madaline - who has moved.

When the cab gets to the corner, he runs a red light and the man in the car was about to follow when a delivery truck cut him off.

The man in the car gets back in the cab and calls a woman. "I lost them at the light. I'll go to the Hotel."

The woman says, "Fine. Sissy ran the license it was a legitimate cab."

The man turning to enter the expressway, "Fine."

He hangs up.

He sees the cab in front of him.

He relaxes.

The cab driver looks in his mirror at Madaline, who is clutching the seat.

He looks out of his mirror and sees the man approaching.

The cab driver – “Mrs. Faheed, look under your seat. Now!”

Madaline very slowly bends down and pulls out an envelope.

The cab driver – “Open it!”

Madaline, very nervously, opens the envelope.

It is a picture of the cab driver.

The cab driver – “I am special terrorist agent Samuel Johnson. I am your personal security.”

Madaline closes her eyes in fear.

The cab driver. – “Thank you, Mrs. Faheed.”

Madaline, with her eyes still closed, turned her head as in hate at the hearing of her married name.

The cab driver turns and looks at her.

He sees her anguish.

So does the others.

They ride in silence.

They arrive at the Hotel.

The cab driver says, “Twenty-three dollars.”

Madaline – “What?”

The cab driver – “Keeping it real.”

Madaline looks at him, as he gets out and opens her car door.

He sees the man parking.

Madaline hands the cab driver one twenty and a ten dollar bill.

The cab driver says, "Change?"

Madaline does not look back at him as she goes into the hotel.

The cab driver stands and looks at her and smiles.

Because he had seen the video from her bath.

The man passes the cab driver and gives him a harsh look.

The cab driver gets into the cab and pulls around.

He quickly exits the cab and enters a side door to the hotel.

The man sees Madaline.

He reads the activities for today.

Madaline walks to the door and gives her ticket to the lady standing at the door.

The lady takes the ticket and tears off the stub.

Madaline enters the banquet room.

The man watches Madaline, enters and sees her walking around looking for a seat.

The man sighs – "Airhead."

He sees a few more women enter.

Then he walks up to the woman at the door and the woman looks at him.

He says to the woman, "How long is the brunch?"

The elderly lady said – "About three hours."

He looked at her.

She read his face, and said, "You can purchase a ticket for \$150.00."

He was making light conversation to see who was in the banquet room and where the exits were.

He looked at the elderly woman and said, "No, no thank you."

Especially hearing all the chattering of the woman.

He walks away.

A few more women walk up and give her their tickets.

She tears the stubs off and ushers them.

The man calls the woman on his cell phone and said, "The brunch is three hours long."

The woman – "What is that noise?"

The man – "Chattering women. Ask him if he wants me to stay."

The woman says to the gray haired man, "It's about three hours long; should he stay?"

The gray haired man – "How is Jamar getting home from school?"

The four look at him.

He said, "Tell him yes."

Then he looks up at the close circuit television and sees the out side monitor.

The electric company drives up to his house.

The woman – "Stay."

The man looks at his cell phone, then hearing nothing but the chatter of the women, he hangs up and walks back to the pleasant elderly lady.

He is pulling out his wallet when his cell phone rings.

He says to the elderly lady, "One moment."

He walks away and turns his back.

The woman – “Get to his house. The electric company is there.”

The man closes his eyes with appreciation.

He slightly turns and looks back at the pleasant elderly lady and walks out the hotel.

As he is leaving, he sees the cab driver and other cab drivers talking and laughing.

He walks over and gets into his car and pulls away.

The cab driver says to the other drivers, “Did you get the license?”

One cab driver – “Yes sir.”

Cab driver – “Did you put the location device on his car?”

Another cab driver – “Yes sir.”

Cab driver says to another one – “Were you able to lift finger prints?”

Another cab driver – “Yes sir.”

He walks back into the hotel.

The elderly lady standing at the doors, close the banquet doors and sits outside.

She taps her hearing aide and says, “He’s gone. He got a call on his cell.”

Then a male voice comes back – “We captured the call and the location.”

Madaline was sitting quietly at a table of people she didn’t recognize from college.

She wasn’t thinking.

She was terrified.

A waiter walks over to her and says, “Mrs. Morehead; Mrs. Faheed???”

Madaline looks up in shock at the waiter.

He says – “Ma am, please follow me.”

Madaline is still looking at him.

He said – “Please – NOW!”

He pulls Madaline’s seat out and take her by the arm to escort her out.

The other women at the table are looking on.

Madaline, still looking at the man, is walking to an exit door which led to a dead end.

He roughly pushes her towards the wall.

Madaline looks at the wall, then back at the waiter.

Not being able to communicate out of fear.

As she is looking back at the waiter, who exited the swinging doors, she heard a noise behind her.

She slowly looks back and the wall is sliding away.

The cab driver is standing in the doorway.

Cab driver – “Please, Mrs. Morehead” pointing inside.

Madaline was very slow about walking inside.

She was taking baby steps.

He allowed her to walk slowly.

When she entered, the wall slide closed, and when she turned, there was a banquet size room filled with people.

They were standing.

Some were sitting at computers.

Some had electronic maps hanging down from the ceilings.

Some were monitoring traffic on televisions.

She saw her house.

And then there were those who had heavy guns.

When she saw the guns, she jumped.

An older white male in his fifties approached her.

He held out his hand and grabbing her hand, he shook it.

He looked at her and saw her fear. Her nightmare.

He looked at the cab driver.

He took Madaline by the arm and led her to a chair.

He motioned to her and she sat.

The cab driver standing by.

The room full of people were watching her.

The cab driver looked at the man.

The man sat next to her.

The waiter returns to the table and the eight women sitting at Madaline's table, put up their weapons they put on their laps when they saw the man appear at the door; in case he came in.

Fifties older man said, "It appeared we were rough with you, but sometimes, we have learned, the victim of terror is more fearful than a hostage and stern commands helps to draw their attention back to reality. I do apologize. I also

want to thank you for coming forward. So many Americans are doing what you have done by contacting us. And I must say..."

He stopped to smile and chuckle

He said, "...the way your seven year old delivered your note to us was amazing. He's quite a brilliant child."

The cab driver smiles at the thought of the seven year old.

The fifties older man continues – "I see where he gets his smarts. We were not sure, after last night, if you would go through with this. We were able to hook up to the surveillance system he has in the house. Even in the bathroom."

He coughs and clears his throat.

The cab driver stares at Madaline to see her reaction.

Madaline – "I know about the surveillance system."

The fifties older man – "How?"

Madaline – "Today, when he told me where I had not looked, I knew if I would question how he knew where I had not looked, he would kill me. After last night, when my own fourteen year old spit in my face and slapped me to my knees, and my husband continued to sit and eat his lamb kabobs, as though nothing had happened, only my seven year old came to my rescue. When my seven year old pushed the fourteen year old, and the fourteen year old punched the seven year old, then my husband jumped up in anger at the fourteen year old. I nearly killed my own son last night."

The room was silent.



Madaline – “I knew something evil and sinister had taken over my son and it’s my husband. The show in the tub today was more for me than them or you.”

Cab driver smiles and wags his tongue.

The fifties man – “Well, when you began to run through the house and ask for your jewelry and called him and told him you were going to a brunch, we knew we were in business. And confirmed that by flickering the lights. We knew we had to get you out of the house and not to be stopped or followed, we set up the cab. We thank you for slowing around so we could tag possible watchers in your neighborhood.”

Sally walks up with a piece of paper and said, “Someone logged onto the bureau and checked out the license of the cab. We tracked and followed them; it was the neighbor at the corner, Sissy (with the child and the elderly couple Swansong at the curb. We put them on our high priority list, sir.”

The fifties man said, “Very good.”

Madaline – “Checked out the baby Sissy has.”

Fifties man – “Why?”

Madaline said, “Sissy and her ‘husband’ moved into that house a little over a year ago. I really never saw her, but all of a sudden, when she walks by my house, three times a day, she has a baby in a stroller.”

Fifties man – Sitting up, “Whose child is it?”

Madaline, still fearful said, “I don’t know. I don’t know if she is really married. Her husband is always out of town. I never have seen him.”

The fifties man said, “Did Sissy ever say where she came from?”

Madaline – “No! I don’t know.”

Leaning for forward.

The entire room looks at Madeline.

Madaline said, “I hated her because I thought she and my husband were having an affair. And now...”

PAUSE.

Madaline, “I just don’t know. I don’t know how she fits into this.”

The fifties man said, “Why do you think they were having an affair?”

Madaline – “Oh God these questions. Sissy would always call my house and asked for my husband. He would say Sissy needs help with whatever. I remembered one time my fourteen year old smirked. That’s what clued me. My husband would be gone for an hour or two.”

Madeline sitting looking blank.

The fifties man said, “Zachary.”

A thirty-something black male, one of the cab drivers.

The fifties man said, “Zachary have your team do a complete search on Sissy – tax returns, passports, Library cards, housing contracts, everything.”

Zachary said, “Yes sir.”

The fifties man looks at the cab driver and the cabdriver looks at him.

Then the two look at Madeline.

The fifties man said, “We are here to help. What do you want?”

Madeline said, “I want.”

Paused, turned and looked at the man.

The man looked at her.

She said, "I want you to remove my sons from my house."

Man looking at Madeline, then the cabdriver.

The fifties man said, "I know you must have a thought or suggestion to bring it up."

Madeline turns and looks at the man.

She said, "That boy. The D.C. sniper kept going through my mind last night. My son is brainwashed. It's my fault."

Hitting her chest.

She begins to scream, "I married a terrorist. How could I have been such a fool?

He has destroyed my life and wants to kill my soul by destroying my children."

Madeline puts her hands up to her face and leaning forward screams out in pain.

The room was silent.

The cabdriver just stood frozen at the display of pain Madeline was in.

The man sitting next to Madeline jumped when he heard her screaming.

He looks at the cabdriver.

For the better of fifteen minutes, Madeline cried out in pain.

The pain was from all the years she saw her life being taken from her and her children coming under the control of this sinister person.

The man looks up.

Sally brings him a box of tissue.

The man touches Madeline's softly several times on the shoulder until he gets her attention.

She wipes her face several times, and was shaking and trembling, and could not speak.

Sally brought her a bottle of water.

The fifties man said, "Slow your breathing down Mrs. Morehead."

Madeline began to take very deep breaths.

She took several sips of water until she had quieted herself.

Madeline began to speak her thoughts.

She said, "I don't know why he chose me. I don't know how we met. All I can remember was he was absolutely charming after my husband died, eight years ago, hesitatingly."

Cabdriver "Nine years." Very dry.

The fifties man looked at the cab driver.

Sally looked at the cab driver.

Zachary looked back at the cab driver.

Madeline said, "My husband, Jerrod's father was a wonderful man. I loved him with all my heart."

SCENE shows another room filled with men in suits sitting at a conference table.

One man flips to a picture of Madeline's husband, Stewart Morehead. He picks up the picture and holding it, looks at the man.

Madeline said, "I knew something was wrong after Jamar was born. When my husband forbid me speaking to Jerrod about his father. Jerrod was about seven,

I picked him up from school and I had Jamar with me. He loved to go and “get Jerrod.”

Madaline smiles, getting lost in a happy memory.

The fifties man allowed her to linger there for a minute.

The cabdriver looked at him and the man touches Madeline and said, “Go on.”

Madeline jumps at being disturbed.

She says, “When I returned home, my husband had removed every picture, every item of my beloved Stewart. He said he destroyed them. I was devastated. In my state of shock, he told Jerrod, he was his father now and he obeyed only him. The way he said that to my child, sent cold chills up my spine. I’d tried to cover my son, I would send him away to my relatives for weekends and long breaks, he would not let Jamar go. My family would continue to teach Jerrod about his father. Then Jerrod began about nine slipped and said his uncle Ced told him about how he and his dad would go to the lake and fish. My husband hit the table and grabbed my nine year old by the collar. Yelling at him in his language. I hit him on the head with the toaster. He fell sideways. I grabbed my child who was so terrified he was in shock. He wasn’t moving or breathing, his eyes were set and he just stood there. I didn’t know what to do. I grabbed him and pulled him to my bosom and let him feel my heart. I kept his eyes on me and not on that man. I’m holding him...”

She began to relive the moment.

Madaline said, “telling him – I love you, over and over again. Jamar ran and was hugging him from behind. My husband just stood there and he went to the

kitchen sink and ran water. He threw the warm water it in my son's face which brought him out of the trance. And he cried for a very long time. I was holding him and Jamar was holding him. I told him I loved him and his step daddy had to go."

There was silence in the room.

Madaline said, "Hours had gone by. My husband left and came back. The three of us still holding and loving each other. I told Faheed, you are to leave and never return. He spoke very harsh and said in his country the man tells the woman what to do and not the other way and around. I've picked up the phone and dialed 911. He lounges towards me. I had my Stewart's pistol behind me on the sofa. I pulled it out and I shot him several times. Three of the bullets hit him. He fell down. My babies, I told to get on the floor and close their eyes. Three men burst into the house with guns. One grabbed the gun from me. They all were speaking in their language. The one who grabbed the gun from me pulled his gun on me, but they heard the police siren. He said to me, "Don't you say anything to the police. Tell them your husband left with friends, if not I will kill you."

The room was quiet.

Madaline said, "He stared at me with cold eyes. The two men picked up Faheed and ran out the back door. The other one followed. The police came. I'd told them he was gone. They saw the children terrified and decided to do a drive by for the next two weeks.

Three weeks later, I was entering the house with the boys, who were afraid but seemed as if they weren't getting over it. I heard the phone ringing, I rushed and unlocked the door, not looking around, and Faheed was in the house. The boys screamed, I dropped the phone. He said, the call was for me and for me to take it. I pulled the boys to me and picked up the phone (because I knew for him to say the call was for me, he had done something.) The state trooper said my younger brother had been killed in a car accident. The very way Stewart had been killed. I dropped the phone. Faheed said 'I would do that to each member of your beloved family from now on.' He then stooped down and called the children to him and displayed a truck for Jerrod and a soccer ball for Jamar. I had only told my younger brother about what had happened and told him about the men. He told me he would help me. He and Stewart were best buddies in the Army."

The men in suits began to scramble for records of the younger brother, Ced, and immediately brought pictures of him in his decorated Army uniform.

Madaline continued. "For the past five years, I have been in hell and worst, I allowed my children to be taken over by this evil. I moved into another bedroom that day. He grabbed me and pulled me by my hair back into the master's bedroom. Where he took off his belt and beat me like a dog. My children were watching. I pleaded with him to stop. But he enjoyed the evil he was doing.

Especially seeing the devastating effect it had upon my children. He forbid me to go to my brother's funeral. My family was outraged. They all came by the house later that week; he and his gang were in the kitchen speaking in their language.

The boys and I were upstairs looking out the window – as prisoners look out their cell windows, helpless. My family saw it and a very loud and bad argument breed downstairs. I held my children; expecting to hear gun shots. For I had vowed not anymore. He would not live again. He banned my family from the house and all school activities and no visits ever for the children. I was silent. Because if I would have called and said, “help,” to my family, it would have been bloodshed. He came upstairs, after they had left and I was holding the children. He began to kick me. I would not let him destroy my children’s lives. I felt he was doing this because they were black. I put my children down; and stood up in his face. He looked at me and I stared at him until he disappeared from my vision. When I came back to myself, he was standing, looking into my eyes. I said, “Ever again, you die.” He looked at me and walked out slamming the door because his cronies that were at my house today, followed him upstairs and smiled as he kicked me in front of my children. He being satisfied, returned downstairs and speaking in their language, all of them laugh. I knew Faheed would back down if he didn’t have anyone behind him. Therefore, for five years, I have been held a hostage. But my soul and my children must be free.”

The fifties man – “What do you want?”

Madaline said, “Jerrod is getting into all kinds of trouble at school. Faheed has several telephones. I have learned the tones over the years. He has only given the phone number to my husband’s shop. I lye awake all night praying and asking God for help and how to do it. Faheed gave Jerrod two cell phone numbers. One of Faheed cell phones only rings very rarely. When he answers



it, he becomes tense, nervous, and rigid like a soldier getting ready to salute his commander. Whenever the phone rings, I know he will be away from the house several days and be very busy. The phone rang last night.”

The fifties man and the cabdriver looked at each other.

The cabdriver said, “Do you know who it was?”

Madeline said, “Of course not. You need to create a situation at Jerrod’s school today. Put a knife in his locker or book bag, or gun or drugs - something extremely serious. Allow Jerrod to call Faheed.”

The fifties man – “Why not you?”

Madeline – “He has no love or respect for me. It has been programmed out of him. If Jerrod calls the shop, you have to jam the call so it won’t go through. It will force him to call Faheed’s cell phone. If you are able to jam that phone, then Jerrod will call him on the forbidden number. Then you can trace all the calls. Please do not hurt my Jerrod. I want you to put him off limits to everyone, even if you have to send him out of state quickly before his hearing to be deprogrammed. Give him a full evaluation.”

The fifties man – “The seven year old?”

The cabdriver looks at the man.

Madeline takes a deep breath.

She said, “Maybe you can pretend he was hit by a car and put him into a coma for a few days.”

The cabdriver looks at his watch.

He said, “It’s 2:30. You have to get back to the brunch.”

Sally said, "He's pulling up in the parking lot."

The fifties man said, "Zachary?"

Zachary said, "The cabs have been switched; his cab is around back."

The fifties man said, "Mrs. Morehead, we will be in touch."

Madeline looks at him and said, "That's it?"

The fifties man said, "Please, Mrs. Morehead. I need for you to get back to your table quickly."

The sliding wall opens.

The waiter grabs Madeline by the arm.

She snatches away from him and storms out of the room.

She barely makes it back to her seat, when the man opened the door.

The women had taken out their weapons again.

The pleasant elderly woman looks up at him and says, "Oh you're back, it's still \$150.00."

The man continues to look until he sees Madeline sitting with her back to the door, looking at the stage.

Madeline heard a radio transmission and looked around at the man at the door, and seeing him; she frowned up, and turned back around.

Madeline never released the whole scholarship brunch was faked, just to get her out of the house for this first interview.

The man walked out the banquet room and leaving the brunch he saw the cabdriver returned with a patron, it was the man from the interview.

He paid the cabdriver and then pulled his bag out of the cab. He entered the hotel lobby.

Madeline was exiting the banquet room.

She was looking in one of the designer shops windows, then down at her own clothes.

She thought how exquisitely dressed the women at the banquet were.

She did not see the man because he quickly turned his back to her.

She exited the hotel.

The man from Faheed is standing at the corner watching her.

He saw her looking in the shops.

The cab driver was getting ready to pull off but stopped in front of her.

She stood puzzled.

He got out of the cab and smiling.

He points to his cab.

Madeline gets in the cab.

Faheed's man watched.

The man watches from the lobby.

The cab pulled out onto the street.

It was a silent ride home.

The cabdriver jumps out and runs to open Madeline's door.

She hands him the \$20.00 bill she had left.

He waves his hand for no.

Faheed's man watches.

The cab driver takes out a card and pulling the top off his ink pen; he places the top in his mouth and began to write his personal number on the back.

He looks at Madeline and says, "This is your number, our date night."

Madeline takes the card and looks at the number.

Faheed's man gets out of the car on the street and began to walk up the driveway.

Cab driver – "Be careful."

He smiles at her.

Faheed's man walks up and takes the card out of Madeline's hand.

He looks at it.

Cab Driver – "Are you her husband?"

Faheed – "Yes."

Madeline turns and says, "No! And give me that card back."

Faheed's man – "Get lost!"

Cab driver throws up his hands and looks at Madeline.

He gets into the cab and backs out of the driveway.

Faheed's man crumples up the card and throws it at Madeline.

He said, "You are married."

And walks away and getting into his car, he looks at her.

Madeline standing with her head slightly down, trying not to show her utter hatred, but make him think she was beat down.

Faheed's man pulls away.

The cabdriver watched him crumple up the card and throw it at Madeline.

He said, "He will be easy."

Then he saw Sissy standing in her door.

He Waves to her and she waves back.

He saw the elderly couple at the mailbox, with their poodle watching him.

He looks straight ahead.

Madaline picked up the card and straightens it; she walks to the mailbox and is retrieving the mail.

Then Sissy instantly appears, pushing the baby's stroller.

Sissy watching Madaline.

Madeline standing looking through the mail, is oblivious to Sissy.

Sissy trying to read Madaline's expression, stops the stroller and says, "Good afternoon Ms. Faheed".

Madeline said, "Go to hell Sissy." Not looking up at her.

The whole scene was being relayed from a camera they installed in the street light when the electric company employees came who were old agents."

Cabdriver – mouth flies open.

The people at the command center are quite.

The fifties man said, "I hope Mrs. Morehead doesn't blow this."

Madeline turns and looks at Sissy, then the baby, back and forth several times.

Sissy was confused.

She said, "What are you doing looking at us like that?"

Everyone at the command center was silent.

The cab driver pulls over.

Madeline said, "Is that Mr. Faheed's brat?"

Sissy's mouth flies open.

She said, "Mrs. Faheed, what are you saying?"

Madeline said, "Bitch, you know what I'm saying."

Madeline walks away and leaves Sissy standing in the street with the baby looking at her.

Sissy seething could hardly finish her walk.

She was walking and looking at Madeline.

Madeline was walking into her door.

Madeline was so very afraid to cover up her fear.

She threw the mail down hard on the chest in the hallway and breathed very hard and went screaming in the house.

The cab driver and the command center were relieved.

Then the cab driver got a call on his cell phone.

He said, "Hello."

The man in the suit said, "It's a go."

The cabdriver said, "Are all on point?"

The fifties man said, "Yes."

Cabdriver said, "Fine."

He hangs up and continues down the street.

The men in suits sitting at the conference table are in conversation.

Faheed calls Sissy.

Sissy answers the phone.

Faheed – “Madeline just stormed into the house screaming, find out why.”

Sissy – “I already know why.”

Stopping the stroller up under the street light and waving at neighbors.

Faheed – “Go ahead.”

Sissy – “She accused me of having your baby.”

Faheed laughs.

Sissy – “It’s funny huh? I started to do that bitch then.”

Faheed stopped laughing and said, “Not now.”

Sissy hangs up and pushing the stroller, pulls out her gun from the top of the stroller, and looking at Madaline’s house, pointed it.

The people at the command center watched.

They were breaking down the command center and packing up and moving everything out the hotel.

Sissy walked home but stopped several times and looked at Madaline’s house.

## Chapter 2



Faheed continues to work at his desk and turn the volume down.

Madaline was still screaming and stomping throughout the house.

It was about three thirty pm when the telephone rang.

He looks at the device and sees it is his seven year old's school.

Madeline stops and turns around – shocked her phone is ringing.

She walks over to the phone and says, "Hello."

Faheed turns up the volume.

Female voice – "Ms. Faheed."

Madeline – "Yes."

Female voice, "This is vice Principal Williams at Jamar's school."

Faheed stops and looks at Madaline.

Madeline – "Yes Miss Williams, how are you?"

Miss Williams – "Mrs. Faheed, Jamar was hit by a school bus."

Faheed sits up.

Madeline completely forgetting about her meeting earlier, screamed and said, "A school bus! Where is he?"

Madaline standing still.

Miss Williams said, "Mrs. Faheed, I'm sorry."

Faheed and his group stopped everything and listened.

Miss Williams said, "Jamar was unresponsive."

Madaline hung up the phone and began to scream and cry.

She slides down the wall in the kitchen and lay on the floor screaming over her son.

Faheed's man returned and asked what was happening.

The woman said, "Jamar was hit by a school bus and not responding."

The man looked at Faheed.

Faheed continued his paperwork.

Madaline slowly crawled in the hallway.

She stood up and was weak and shaky.

She opened the door to the garage.

The doorbell rang.

It was the cab driver.

He had her purse in his hand.

Faheed looked at him.

Faheed's man said, "He's trouble."

Faheed looked up at his cronies and said, "Why?"

Faheed's man said, "He wants your wife."

Faheed said, "So?"

Faheed's man said, "Regardless, our law is supreme."

Cab driver seeing her said, "What's wrong?"

Madaline halfway collapses in his arms.

He holds her up.

Madaline said, "My baby."

Cab driver said, "Where?"

Madaline said, "Children's."

He helps her out of the house.

Sissy standing and talking to the elderly couple, looks back.

They did not lock the door.

He puts Madaline in the back seat of the cab and gave her the purse.

Madeline was in shock.

The cab passes the three.

Sissy calls Faheed.

Faheed said, "Yes that young one was hit by a bus and is not responding. She's on the way to Childrens Hospital. Put the usual people on it?"

Sissy hangs up and calls a nurse at the hospital.

The command center successfully traced the number and did a background check on the nurse and added her to the list.

The command center radio the information to the cabdriver.

He looked at her picture.

When they got to the hospital, he helped Madeline out of the cab.

And he's holding her up walks in with her.

And the front desk told her where her son was.

They went upstairs.

And he was in a room hooked up to machines.

His two playmates and their parents were in the room along with a doctor and two nurses.

Madeline was looking at her baby when his two playmates ran up to her and was hugging her.

She ignored them,

Their parents tried to speak to Madeline but she ignored them.

The doctor asked them to please leave.

They slowly walked out.

The cab driver walked to the door and looking up and down the hall he sees the nurse, they had radioed about him.

She was smiling and being pleasant with the other nurses.

He closed the door and was peeping at her when she quickly flipped through the charts and looked up at Jamar's room.

The cabdriver peeping out at her, then the surveillance camera over the desk.

He turns to hear the doctor talking to Madeline.

The doctor looking at a shocked Madeline.

He says, "Mrs. Morehead, you asked us to get your son out of the house for a few days."

Madeline said, "WHAT?"

Then screamed, "What!"

But the cabdriver still peeking out at the nurse.

The nurse said, "What was that? You want me to go and check?"

One of the nurses said, "You can."

Nurse gets up and walks quickly to the room.

The cab driver was standing holding Madeline.

The nurse walks in acting all compassionate – touching Madeline's shoulder.

Looking at Jamar said, "You need anything?"

Madeline mustered the word, "No. Leave now."

The nurse looks at Madeline and Jamar and as she was leaving she thought one of the machines was not plugged up.

She stepped back and looked at the machine.

The doctor looked at the nurse.

She nodded her head and walked out.

She stands and chit chats with one of the nurses at the desk for a few minutes, then leaves.

The cabdriver peeping out at her.

She enters the stairwell and dials a phone number.

The command center picks up the number. It was Sissy.

Sissy said, "Hello."

Nurse said, "Brat is brain dead. They didn't even go through the trouble of pretending there was hope."

Sissy said, "Why?"

Nurse said, "One of the usual machines was not even plugged up. The doctor looked at me, not to say anything. I didn't. I just walked out."

Sissy said, "Good that will keep her busy."

Sissy hangs up and dials Faheed at the shop.

Faheed – "Hello."

Sissy – "Your brat is brain dead."

Faheed – Hangs up the phone and continues his paperwork.

Sissy looks at her cell phone and hangs up.

The baby is crying in the background.

Sissy yells at the baby, "Shut up!"

The fifties man from earlier said, "What do we have on the baby?"

Zachary said, "Nothing yet."

The fifties man, "Get me surveillance inside that house."

Zachary said, "Done." And walks away.

Madaline stays at the hospital all night with Jamar.

She's either praying or reading the bible to him.

She told him his favorite story of the little boy David who slew Goliath and freed his people.

Jamar always loved that story.

Madaline stayed at the hospital all night.

The nurse came in every hour to check on Jamar.

Madaline looked at the nurse.

Madaline said, "I have seen you before."

Nurse said, "I sat with you at the table at the brunch today."

Madaline – "What?"

Nurse said, "Please, we can't talk here. I'm here to protect your son."

Madaline – "You? Your skinny...."

Nurse – "Trust me. I know my job."

She walks out.

Madaline crawls into the bed with Jamar, and holding him, she falls asleep.

Early the next morning around six am, the chief of neurology was standing outside reviewing Jamar's chart.

He looked at the chart and flipped the information over and over.

The nurse watched him.

He turns and walks into Jamar's room.

Where she sees Madaline lying in bed with her son.

He looks at his sister and almost cries.

He walks over to check Jamar.

The nurse enters.

Nurse said, "Sir, I just checked him.

Madaline awakes and looking around, she sees her brother, who she had not seen in five years.

He looks at Madaline.

She jumps out of bed and runs hugging her brother.

They both cried.

The nurse looks on.

Finally, the nurse says, "Do you know each other?" Directed to Madaline.

Madaline – "This is my long lost brother."

They laugh because he was not the one lost.

Doctor Smith looks at Jamar.

He said, "What happened to my baby?" Patting Jamar on the head.

Madaline stood frozen wanting to tell her beloved brother the truth, but not wanting to tell him because she didn't want anyone else to die.

The nurse tried to get him away from Jamar when the doctor looked at her.

Doctor Smith said, "I will have you fired and escorted off this property in five minutes – now say another word!"

He picks up the phone and called the lab and told them to come to Jamar's room.

The nurse looks at him, then Madaline.

The nurse steps forward.

The doctor looks at her and turns, picking up the phone to call security.

Madaline – "Put the phone down."

Doctor Smith dialed the phone.

Security answers.

Dr. Smith said, "This is Doctor Smith, Chief of Neurology, hold on a minute."

He covers the mouthpiece of the phone.

The security looks at the room number doctor Smith was calling from.

He checks the list, it's Jamar Faheed's room.

He waits a minute.

Madaline said, "Put the phone down. Hang it up."

Doctor Smith looks at his bizarre acting sister, and tells the security, "It's okay."

Security guard – "You're sure sir?"

Doctor Smith – "Yes, just an insubordinate nurse."

Security guard – "Yes sir."

He hangs up the phone and looks around.

He didn't see any one and he picks up his cell phone.

Another guard walks in and sees him.

He hangs up his personal cell phone.



He sits and watches the other guard.

The other guard watches.

They had not worked together before, but he had seen his name on the roster.

The other security guard walks out.

The security guard picks up his cell phone and calls the woman's cell phone who was with Faheed.

Woman answering her cell phone, "Hello."

Security guard – "A Doctor Smith called from Jamar Faheed's room about an insubordinate nurse.

Woman – "Check on it."

They hang up.

He gets up and stretches. The other security guard had reentered and was sitting at the booth.

The other security guard began to walk towards the door.

The security guard said, "Where are you going, it's not break time."

The security guard – "I've go to take a leak."

The security guard – "On your break."

The other security guard said – "You're kidding?"

The security guard looks at him.

But the security guard comes and sits back down.

The security guard looking through the logbook said, "Who was the last call from?"

The other security guard - sitting and rolling his eyes at the other security guard.

The other security guard gave a false report.

He said, "Linda that in the laundry room called to report a rat."

The security guard looking at him said, "A rat?"

The other security guard said, "Yes a rat!"

The security guard – "Did you call it in?"

The other security guard – "No."

The security guard, "You need to go downstairs and check it out since you're the one who didn't report it."

The other security guard gets up to leave.

The security guard – "Make sure you take your leak before you come back."

The other security guard gets up, pushing his chair backward and walks to the door, and mumbles something.

The security guard looks at him.

He thought he called him a 'Nigger'.

The other security guard walks out of the door.

The security guard sitting at the booth replayed the tape.

It's Jamar's room.

He picks up his cell phone and calls the cabdriver.

The cabdriver answers, "Hello."

The security guard – The security guard received a call from Jamar Faheed's room about an insubordinate nurse. He didn't log it in and he said it was a call from a Linda in the laundry room about a rat. The only Linda in laundry gets to work at seven am."

He turned and looked at the clock and said, "It's only six fifteen."

The cab driver said, "You know what to do."

He hangs up.

The security guard texts the nurse in Jamar's room

The nurse reads the text and says, "Someone may come by."

Doctor Smith said, "What?"

He looks at Madaline.

He says, "Madaline."

Madaline – She looks at the nurse but was very slow to speak.

Doctor Smith said, "Maddy! You better talk now."

Madaline said, "She's a federal agent. I went to the federal authorities to get help about Faheed. Nothing is wrong with Jamar. They put him into a coma to get him out of the house for several days."

The lab technician walks in.

Doctor Smith looks at Jamar.

Then he said to the technician, "Draw two tubes of blood."

Madaline looks at him in anger.

The nurse sees Madaline's anger.

The other security guard steps inside the room.

He sees the doctor and the technician drawing blood.

And he says, Doctor Smith.

Doctor Smith looks up, "What? I'm busy."

The other security guard said, "May I speak with you?"

The nurse didn't turn around but was holding Madaline while the technician drew Jamar's the blood.

Doctor Smith looks in his sister's pleading eyes and at the nurse.

He walks over to the security guard.

Doctor Smith said, "Yes."

The other security guard – "You called about and insubordinate nurse?"

The nurse and Madeline were listening.

The technician finished getting the blood and was leaving.

Doctor Smith looked at the technician as he left and said, "She didn't want to draw the blood, it's okay."

The other security guard, taking his hand pushing the door open, peeped at the nurse.

He said, "Okay Sir."

Doctor Smith walks back into the room, after the security guard had walked away.

Doctor Smith looking at Madeline and the nurse said, "What now?"

The nurse said, "You must act like nothing is going on. There will be three of us who are nurses. Myself, a blond and a red head. If anyone else is ever in this room, you get out and call this number."

She takes a card out of her pocket and writes a number on the back.

Doctor Smith takes the card and looks at it, then looks at Jamar.

He says, "Is this what happened to Ced?"

Madaline bursts out into tears.

Doctor Smith walks out.

The security guard wired the booth.

He found the security guard's locker and was about to enter it but decided to wait.

As he sat back down, the security guard entered.

He stared at the sitting security guard who was watching the monitor.

Then he briefly looked around the booth.

The security guard not looking up, but cutting his eyes, knew the other security guard was scanning the room.

He looked at his locker and said, "I need a snack."

He walked to his locker opening it; he took a minute and looked into it.

The security guard sat with his arms folded and listening to the other security guard, watching his movements.

He thought to himself, "he's good, but very paranoid, I must remember him."

The other security guard sat down and bit into an apple.

The security guard looked at him.

He looks at the security guard and says, "Want a bite?"

The security guard – "No."

He turned back to the monitor.

The other security guard – "I have never seen you before". He takes another bite of the apple.

The security guard said, "And hopefully you won't see me anymore." (Meaning he was going to kill him.)

The other security guard – Flinched and biting the apple mumbled, “Nigger.”

The security guard heard him, but pretended not to have heard him because he already numbered his hours.

The other security crew started coming in and laughing and talking.

The chief of security said, “Good morning fellows.”

The security guards spoke.

Chief of Security said, “Any problems?”

The other security guard said, “No.”

The security guard looked at him.

The chief turns and takes his breakfast into his office and closes the door.

The security guard still looking at the monitors said, “No rats.”

The other security guard said, “I didn’t see one there.”

The security guard caught his insinuation and kept looking at the monitors.

He saw a foreign man enter the hospital’s lobby about six thirty a.m.

He cuts his eyes at the other security guard, who says after seeing Faheed, “I need to take another leak.”

The security guard said, “No.”

The other security guard stood up and walked out.

The chief of security walks out of his office wiping his mouth, says, “Where is he going?”

The security guard – “To take a leak.”

The chief stands for minute and turns walking back into his office.

Before he closes his door he said, "Tell him I need to see him when he gets back."

The security guard, "Yes sir."

He sits and listens for the other security guards to come out of the locker area.

He's watching the monitors.

He does not know how Faheed looks, but he sees the other security guard passing by the man.

And the man turns and walks back outside.

The security guard leans forward.

He replays the video.

The chief of security sees him, and says, "Any problem?"

Leaning backwards in his chair.

The security guard said, "No sir. I'm just looking."

The security guard checks the monitors for outside and only could see the other security guard, but he saw a piece of a shoe.

He zoomed in on the shoe and quickly patched it through to the command center.

He also replayed the surveillance video of Faheed.

Faheed entered the hospital after about two minutes.

After about 5 minutes, the other security guard reenters.

The security guard looks at the exiting security guards going out on their duty locations.

He cuts his eyes at the chief of security who was reading a report.

He quickly gets up and slips past the chief's office and goes to the other security guard's locker.

He lifts a fingerprint quickly returns and was sitting when the other security guard was entering the booth.

He gets up as though he was getting up, not sitting down.

The other security guard had a questioning look on his face.

Then the chief of security, standing in his door said, "Hey."

He turns and looks.

The chief of security said, "Come in here."

The other security guard looks at the security guard and walks into the chief of security's office.

The security guard standing with arms folded but was still looking at the monitors.

He sees Faheed entering Jamar's room.

Madaline was crying.

The nurses were discussing what happened when Faheed walked in.

Red head nurse – Seeing the man peeping in the room.

Walked over and said, "Sir, can I help you."

The skinny nurse was leaving but stopped by and patting Madaline on the hands and bending down said, 'Your baby is in good and caring hands.'

While Faheed stood at the door and did a quick assessment of the situation.

The red head nurse looking at him and realizing he was going to be very difficult to bring down.

Red head nurse said, "Sir."



Faheed – Began a fake tearing up said, “That’s my son.”

Madaline who was still crying (over her brother).

He walks over to the bed where Jamar was lying and began to cry looking at the equipment.

The red head nurse watching him.

The brown head nurse bending down was talking to Madaline about getting some food.

But she was watching him.

The red head nurse walks over to the weeping Faheed and says, “Sir, it will be alright.”

He bursts out into crying.

Then he turns and walks over to Madaline and falls onto his knees and places his head in her lap.

The nurses look on at his display.

Madaline began to slap him side his head.

And trying to push him up off of her.

The nurses were standing in fear that Madaline would blow the operation.

Madaline – pushing him off said, “If you had my car fixed and gave me gas money, I could have picked him up from school. He wouldn’t be lying up there.”

Faheed looking up at his wife’s face to see if she was serious or putting on.

She made a fist.

Faheed saw Madaline was angry.

He grabbed her hands.

She was struggling to get loose.

The nurses were looking on.

He said, "Please excuse us for a moment."

The nurses walked out, reluctantly, looking back and they stood at the door to listen.

The nurses and staff were at the desk with their morning briefing.

Madaline was pushing Faheed away with her bare feet.

The red head nurse turned her cell phone camera on and cracked the door and aimed the phone at the two.

The image was transmitted to the command center.

The command center watched, the struggling Madaline.

Madaline was trying to bite his face.

She would catch a piece of his hair every so often.

Faheed knew Madaline was determined to hurt him and if he turned loose one of her hands she would fight.

Faheed said, "Stop it!"

Pushing her into the chair said, "I will hurt you."

Madaline kept struggling with him.

He puts his head down into Madaline's lap.

Madaline yelling, "Stop, stop, you bastard."

The nurse's station turns and looks.

The nurses at the door look at the staff, who turned around and finish their meeting.

When Faheed had finished the weeping, Madaline turns her head and begins to cry.

Faheed looks at her and leaves.

He exits the room.

The nurses at the door look at him and the staff at the nurse's station looks at him.

He walks out all teary eyes and wiping his face.

He waits for the elevator.

And getting on the elevator he continues to be tearful.

The security guard had patched through all the monitors to the command center.

They saw Faheed.

They never had a picture of him.

They took pictures of him and watched the video and pictures.

They sent the pictures and videos to the men who had gathered in the conference room.

They saw the video of Faheed and Madaline.

One of the men in a suit picked up a picture of Madaline and looked at it.

Faheed continued his grief until he got into his car.

He sat with his head down, then pulled the car out and left.

He got on his cell phone and called his house.

The command center saw Madaline's phone rang, but they could not intercept the number.

Finally Jerrod turns over and answers the phone very sleepy, "Hello."

Faheed stops for a minute and says, "What's wrong with the phone?"

The command center is quiet and the room of men at the conference table is quiet.

Jerrod – "What the fuck?"

Faheed – "Watch your language!"

Jerrod – "Sorry sir."

Faheed breathing into the phone, "What!"

Jerrod – "Buster pissed and chewed on the cord."

Faheed – "Get dress for school. It's a big day."

Jerrod said, "Yes sir."

Cab driver looks at the fifties man.

Madaline still crying at the hospital.

Doctor Smith is making his rounds.

The security guard leaves and passes the other security guard's fingerprint to a custodian, who enters the security booth as the other security guard is leaving.

He reaches into the garbage and places the apple into a specimen bag and quickly takes it to his car and leaves, after cleaning the area.

He reaches the lab in twenty minutes.

They run tests and identify the security guard – a confirmed hired assassin.

The information was patched through all networks.

The red head nurse looks at the brown head nurse who had followed Faheed to his car and tried to console him, received the information.

One of the men in suits said, "Why is he at that hospital?"

The man at the command center said, "We'll find out sir."

The fifties man said, "Worthy."

Worthy – An Asian stepped up. "Sir."

The fifties man said, "Find out everything about him. His targets. Confirmed and assumed. How he got into this country and how he was hired with that company.

Who did the background check for employment everything."

Worthy said, "Yes sir."

Worthy walks away and says, "Team over here," and a group of five people walk over to him. He gives them instructions and they disburse.

The cab driver looking at the video feed of Madaline and Faheed.

The fifties man turns and looks at him and says, "You know we couldn't have interfered. It would jeopardize the whole operation."

Cab driver didn't say anything.

The fifties man said, "You are my superior and I shouldn't say this."

Cab driver looks at him.

The fifties man said, "You gave her your private phone. And I saw how you look at her. What made you decide to take this case?"

A long pause.

Cab driver – "The way she sat frozen in the cab for the drive. I knew what she was going through was real."

The fifties man said, "But she is his wife."

Cab driver yells, "Get me Mrs. Morehead's marriage license to Faheed."

The fifties man stands and looks at the cab driver.

A man at the conference table said, "Sir why do you want the marriage license?"

Cab driver – "Because I do."

Everyone was quiet.

They watched as Jerrod got dressed without soap and water and put on dirty clothes.

He went downstairs to the kitchen and looked for something to eat.

He sat and ate an apple.

The security guard sent a text and said he was being followed by the other security guard.

The fifties man said, "Send this text. Protect yourself at all cost."

The security guard texted back, "Understood."

He turns into the parking lot of a fast food place.

He was in the drive through but decided to get out and go in.

The other security guard pulls up and parks and sits in his car.

Thinking the security guard was ordering to go.

The security guard ordered and walked outside and got a paper just to check on the other security guard.

The other security guard realized he had been spotted now it's a game of cat and mouse.

He figured the security guard was just a smart mouth black, nothing more. He figured he would be easy.

The security guard walked inside.

He is standing and talking to an older man then the cashier calls his order number.

As he is walking up to the counter, he hits his transmit tracking bottom.

The alarm sounds in the command center.

An aide is handing a copy of the marriage license to the cab driver and the fifties man.

They both look at it and the fifties man said, "Well."

Cab driver cuts his eyes at the fifties man when the alarm sounds.

They look up at the map.

The fifties man said, "Who is that?"

An aide said, "Agent Scott, the security guard from the hospital."

The fifties man said, "Send a team to him. Now! Where is his location?"

An aide – "At a fast food restaurant."

The fifties man said, "Patch through to the security camera."

Cab driver looking at the video of Madaline and then at the fake marriage license.

An aide said, "The feed is up."

The conference room of men were watching.

The security guard sat down opened up his newspaper.

The other security guard got out of the car and walked into the fast food restaurant.

The security guard looked at him and he looked at the security guard.

He got in line to place an order.

The older man came and sat next to the security guard and began to talk to him.

The older man said, "Hey that fellow has the same uniform on. You know him?"

The security guard said, "I know him and don't like him!"

The older man said, "Hopefully, he will sit somewhere else."

The other security guard came and stood over the table where the security guard was sitting.

The older man and other patrons were looking.

The security guard stopped eating and looked up at the other security guard.

The command center changed the position of the camera to get a better view of the killer's face, and to read his lips.

The other security guard, looking at the security guard's breakfast nods his head at it and says, "Better enjoy it."

The security guard looks at him.

The other security guard walks out.

The older man said, "He just threatened you. I HEARD him threaten you. Call the police."

The security guard/agent Scott was busy sizing up the assassin.

Agent Scott has turned on his cell phone.

He said, "I'm going to the neighborhood park in Bank to jog."

The older man thinking he was talking to him, "That used to be a good place, but the gangs have taken it over."



The fifties man said, "Send two more teams, mostly Black, to the park and be invisible. Inform the other team to trail, until they get to the park, and then cover Agent Scott."

They all heard a radio frequency.

The men at the conference table heard it also.

They all began to look around to see who was jamming their communications.

The red head nurse told Madeline to go home and get some rest.

Madeline said in disgust, "I'd need to wash up."

Command center – "All agents turn on your locators."

The red head nurse got her text message and hit the button on her top.

Madeline saw her.

Madeline – "What are you doing?"

Red head nurse – "Just a precaution."

Madeline – "To what?"

The head nurse walked in and saw Madeline balled up in the chair.

She could only imagine what Faheed had done.

She had seen at all.

She says, "Good morning," entering the room.

Madeline didn't speak.

The red head nurse – "Morning Ma am, can I help you?"

The head nurse walks over and looks at Jamar.

She turns to Madeline and said, "He looks real good."

Madeline didn't say anything.

Head nurse walks over to Madeline and said, "Do you need to see a doctor?"

Madeline said, "No."

The head nurse looks at her and standing up pats her on the shoulder and looks at the red head nurse and nods towards the door.

The head nurse says to Madeline, "If you need anything, please let us know."

Madeline didn't move.

Madeline was furious. All she could think was, "After five years, why touch me now?"

Madeline gets up and goes into the bathroom and washes.

She was exiting the bathroom, with her panties in her hands, when the red head nurse returned.

She looked at Madeline and the panties.

Madeline put them in the trash.

And puts on her shoes and looking for her purse.

The red head nurse said, "While you and Faheed were in here, Jamar's eyes were fluttering. She called me outside to show me the video from the overhead camera."

Madeline – "What?"

Red head nurse – "They can't see the patient's face..."

She held a frantic Madeline's hands.

She continued and said, "... they cannot hear anything."

Madeline holding her chest said, "Thank God."

Red head nurse – “The head nurse didn’t want to say anything in front of you until she told the doctor and then he would decide whether to tell you or not.”

Madaline – “Fine.”

Red head nurse – “What are you doing?”

Madaline – “Looking for my purse to buy some breakfast for my other son.

There’s no food there. I hate Faheed. He got us living like slaves. In my own house he has taken away everything my husband built and ruined it. God, I hate him!”

The command center was listening.

The red head nurse said, “How will you get home?”

Cab driver turns and leaves.

The fifties man looking behind him.

Madaline said, “I guess a cab.”



## Chapter 3

Three agents were not found during the locator exercise.

The security guard called the man, Tidwell, and he left and went into his office.

The other employees were peeping and saw two female employees being taken into Tidwell's office.

The command center employees continued to work.

The security guard escorted the females into Tidwell's office and opened the door.

Tidwell was looking at the video from their private encounter in the rest room.

He had the remote in his hand, but he did not want the employees to know they were under complete surveillance.

One of the command center's female employees, who was working on Zachary's team, saw her roommate being escorted to Tidwell's Office.

Zachary looked at her and snapped, "Get back to work."

She turns around and continues to run her program.

And occasionally looks up at Tidwell's closed office door with the security guards standing outside.

Then she saw the employee representative knock and enter.

Tidwell said, "Why weren't your locators turned on?"

The two women looked at the representative who did not say anything.

Tidwell said, "Don't make me ask again."

The one of the women said, "We were having sex."

The other woman, the roommate to the women on Zachary's team was quiet.

The representative and Tidwell did not blink nor changed their facial expressions.

Tidwell yelled, "Do that on your own time – away from the job!"

The women jumped.

The representative sitting not being phased by Tidwell's voice.

The representative was still looking at the women.

Tidwell said, "Get back to work!"

The women jumped up, bumping into each other.

Tidwell and the representative looking at them.

Tidwell said, "If you do anything, anything else, it will be automatic dismissal.

Signed the papers and get out."

The representative handed them the counseling in their performance of duty papers. They signed and ran out of the office.

The command center looks on.

Tidwell's shows the video to the representative.

They laughed.

Tidwell said, "Everybody is busy this morning."

Then an aide says, "Faheed is home."

The representative and Tidwell exit his office.

The representative goes back to his team.

The woman in Zachary's team looks at him.

But he looks at her and then the monitor with Faheed.

The woman figured it had to be about sex, but it had to keep until they get home or they both would be in jail.

Because Tidwell didn't play, especially with his boss here. Who, rumors have, is worst than Tidwell.

Faheed walks into the kitchen and looks at Jerrod, who was smacking on the only apple.

Faheed said, "Look at you."

Looking at Jerrod in disgust, "You look and act like an animal, and even smell like one."

Some of the employees in the command center sighed.

The video was being patched through to the cab driver and the conference room of men.

Jerrod with his mouth full of apple said, "What?"

Faheed throws up his hand.

He said, "It doesn't matter. Where's your backpack?"

Jerrod – Nods.

Faheed goes to the backpack, but the command center could not get a clear view of what Faheed was doing.

Tidwell said, "Damn."

Jerrod sat and watched Faheed.

Faheed hands Jerrod his backpack and said, "Go to school."

Madaline was walking out of the hospital snack shop. Where she had picked up a fastfood breakfast for Jerrod. She was looking down in the bag when she turned and bumped into Dr. Khan.

She said, "Oh, I'm sorry."

He said, "No, it's my fault."

Madaline stepped around him to walk out.

The cab driver walked in and looked at Dr. Kahn, said, "Ma am, your cab is here."

Madaline looked up and walked out.

Dr. Kahn smiled and said, "It was nice bumping into you."

The cab driver looked back at him.

When he and Madeline got into the cab, he turned on a machine.

Command center calls on the radio dispatch.

Tidwell said, "It's a tracker. Who would be tracking her? Faheed knows her every move."

The cab driver said, "Thank you."

Tidwell said, "We have not located the third employee yet."

Cab driver hangs up.

He looks in the mirror at Madaline who is sitting looking out the window.

She was quiet.

Madaline knows he's looking but didn't know he knew about Faheed and her.

Cab driver said, "Are you alright?"

Madaline said, "Yes."

Cab driver said, "I mean from Faheed this morning."



Tidwell was listening and sighed.

Madaline scream, "What! You mean you all, all of you'll know about that?!"

Cab driver said, "Stop screaming Mrs. Morehead."

Tidwell standing in front of the monitors with a questioning look on his face, when the cab driver calls her Mrs. Morehead.

Tidwell – Quietly – "You better not tell her about the fake marriage license."

Madaline screams again and pushes back onto the seat.

The cab driver gives her a glare.

Then he said, "You need some panties."

Tidwell said, "Oh, gees."

Madaline closes her legs and looks at him.

The cab driver stopping at a four-way stop looks back at her and sees she's sulking.

He says, "You enjoyed it?"

Tidwell leaned over the panel and said, "Sir, sir."

Cab driver didn't answer.

Madaline – "It's been a five year drought. Any water, even though it is little and ain't good, produce him a mouthful."

A car horn blows.

The cab driver turns around and continues to drive.

Looking at Madaline from the mirror.

They pull up to her house and see her son walking behind Faheed to get into Faheed's car.

She jumped out of the car and ran up and called Jerrod.

Jerrod kept walking.

The cab driver sat and looked for a moment.

Faheed looked at him and remembered what his man told him about he may be a problem.

Cab driver was watching him also.

Madaline ran up to Jerrod and smiled and said, "Honey here's breakfast."

Jerrod snatched it from her and not saying anything, opens the bag and began to eat through the paper.

Madaline looks at her son in horror.

Madaline is thinking he's acting like an animal.

She touches him and he jerks away from her touch and walks to the car.

Madaline looks at her brilliant son as one that is lost.

She said, "Jerrod, I love you."

Jerrod didn't respond.

The cab driver watches all of it.

And as Madaline stands there, Faheed waves for the cab driver to back out, because he expected Madaline to go into the house.

The cab driver blew at Madaline.

Madaline turned and walked back to the cab.

The cab driver sees Jerrod's eyes as he sneak a look at his mother.

Faheed looking in the mirror, got out of the car and said, "Go in the house."

Madaline – “I’m going to the hospital.”

Madaline gets into the cab and leaves.

Faheed and Jerrod leaves.

Both cars are at the light.

Madaline, devastated, sits with her head down.

Cab driver, “Where do you want to go?”

Madaline, “Your place.”

Tidwell hits the monitor.

He said, “Sir, we are in the middle of hot buttons.”

The light changes, the cab goes toward the expressway.

Faheed and Jerrod go towards the school.

Cab driver said, “Take off your sweaters.”

Tidwell – “Sir”.

Cab driver – “There’s a tracking device on them.”

Madaline – “On the expressway?”

Cab driver said, “Yes.”

Madeline pulls off the sweaters and hands them to the cab driver.

He takes a few minutes and looks at Madeline through the mirror. Then he looks back and smiles handing her a tee shirt.

Madeline was nervous.

Cab driver puts the sweaters in the glove compartment which desensitized the tracking device.

A few minutes later, they were at an industrial area that had lofts.

He pulled the cab into the garage.

He opened the car door and Madeline stepped out. She looked at the Porsche.

Madeline said, "Yours?"

Cab driver smiles and nods for I guess so.

He takes her by the hand and walks to the loft's door unlocking it.

He cuts off and resets several different alarms.

Madeline leans on the wall, while he was working the alarms.

She was floored by the beauty of his loft.

He looked at her and followed her eyes and saw the delight in her eyes.

He leaned over and says, "I want to have the pleasure of seeing that same delight in your eyes in a little while."

She looks at him.

He leaning against her on the wall said, "Bath or shower?"

Madeline looks at him.

Cab driver said, "I will not have your husband in here."

Madeline laughs.

Cab driver takes her by the hand and walks to the ultra swank bathroom.

Madeline opens her mouth and bends down in excitement.

Cab driver laughs.

Madeline walks around the bathroom and finally says, "Is all of this yours?"

Cab driver nods his head for yes.

Madeline walks over to the sinks and sees one toothbrush.

She turns and looks at him.

He walks over and pushes a button – the medicine chest comes out of the wall.

Madaline was so excited, it made him laugh.

He picks up the toothbrushes and says, “Which one?”

Madaline said, “My, my, my, aren’t you the gracious host?”

Cab driver looks at Madaline and said, “I know what you are saying.”

He holds the toothbrushes, looking directly at her.

Madaline puts her hand on her hips and says, “Which one?”

He hands her one.

She looks at it, and then says, “It says hard bristles.”

He looks back at her.

She laughs.

He goes to the jetted shower.

He begins to undress.

He had been at the command center all night and needed to shower.

He walks over to the sink, in the nude.

Madeline turns quickly around and fumbling around spills toothpaste.

He looks at her.

He brushes his teeth and shaves.

He leaves her at the sink brushing her teeth.

He looks at the clock, eight thirty am.

Jerrold should be at school.

He turns on the shower.

He looks at Madeleine.

She is so embarrassed; she would not look directly at him.

He knew what she was thinking.

He turned towards her and she choked.

He said, "Not now, later."

Madeline rinsed her mouth.

Taking a very deep breath, pulled off the tee shirt and skirt.

He didn't allow her to hesitate any longer; he pulled her into the shower and said, "I can't let him have what has been awakened in you."

He turns on the shower jets.

Madeline laughs.

An hour later, he turned and looks at the sleeping Madeline. He looks at a scar on her side.

She awakes to his touch.

He smiles.

He says, "Where did this scar come from?"

Madeline very angrily said, "When he beat me with the belt buckle."

Cab driver – "You said he beat you with the belt?"

Madeline – "He did, but it was the buckle. It took years of using everything to get rid of the scars. That one won't go anywhere."

Cab driver looked at her.

He was angry.

He said, "I have to go. You stay here."

Madeline said, "No. I won't."

Cab Driver getting out of bed, stops and looks at her.

He said, "I'll be back in at least two hours. Your body needs to rest."

He walks to the shower.

Madeline yells – "I know what you mean by that, mister."

He steps from around the shower wall and says, "Good."

By the time he had showered and changed, he walked back, Madeline was asleep.

He walks over in kisses her on the lips.

He says, "I hope you would have awakened."

He leaves and turns on all the alarms.

He opens up the garage and backs out.

He turns on his locator, and calls Tidwell.

Tidwell – "Sir." Very dry.

Cab driver ignoring him, said, "How's Agent Scott?"

Tidwell said, "He and Rahm (the assistant got into a knife fight. Scott won. He's fine. Rahm is dead."

Cab driver said, "Do we have Rahm's communication devices and vehicle?"

Tidwell – "Yes Sir."

Cab driver – "Is a team at his residence?"

Tidwell – "Yes Sir. We do function without your ever presence."

Cab driver – "I know. That's why an hour and a half would not have brought your operation down."

Tidwell was pleased with the recognition said, "Yes Sir."

Cab driver – "Is the school ready?"

Tidwell said, "Yes Sir."

Cab driver – "I'll be there in ten minutes."

Faheed dropped Jerrod off in front of the middle school as usual. He says that the staff standing outside and was being pleasant. They returned the speaking. He watches Jerrod enter the school building. He sees him step up to the metal detector.

Faheed smiles and drives to the top of the hill and looks back at the school. He didn't see anything unusual. A car was behind him blowing. He makes a u-turn over the grass and drive up to the parking area. He sees a long line of students getting off the bus and entering the building.

The students were laughing and playing.

The staff was trying to get them in order to enter the building.

Faheed could see Jerrod.

He was next in line to go through the metal detector.

The physical education coach saw Mr. Faheed.

He walked over to Mr. Faheed said, "You want Jerrod?"

Mr. Faheed was intensely looking at Jerrod. He didn't notice the physical education teacher approaching him.

Mr. Faheed said, "Oh, no. I just forgot to give him money for lunch."

Coach said, "Well, then."

The coach radios in and said, "Send Jerrod out."



Mr. Faheed said, "Okay, thank you."

The agents saw Faheed's reaction.

They spoke in the security guard's earpiece to not let Faheed go through the metal detector, but take his backpack, and put it against the wall.

The security guard said, "Your father wants you outside."

Jerrod turns with the backpack.

Security guard takes his backpack and puts it against the wall.

Jerrod looks at them but didn't say anything.

He walks out and sees Faheed and walks over to him.

The coach looks at Jerrod's appearance from head to toe, then turns and look at Mr. Faheed.

Mr. Faheed said, "I try to tell him." He was looking for the backpack and kept his eyes on it.

Mr. Faheed said to the coach, "Can I have a moment?"

Coach said, "Sure."

He walks away and acting like he was talking to someone on the radio.

Coach said, "It's something in Jerrod's backpack."

Cab driver returns to command.

He said, "Lift the backpack, but don't take it through the metal detector. It might set it off."

Coach turns and said, "Jerrod, let's go."

Mr. Faheed waves.

He hurries to his car.

And the coach looks at him.

Coach on the radio said, "There's a bomb in the backpack. Don't let the kid get it."

Car driver listening said, "How do you know there's a bomb?"

Coach said, "That man fled out of the parking lot."

Cab driver said, "Isolate Jerrod."

Jerrod reenters the school and picks up his backpack off the wall.

The agents move in and surround Jerrod.

Jerrod throws the backpack towards the metal detector.

The coach jumps up in the air, catches the backpack, runs out the door and hurdles it in the air away from the school.

It explodes; shaking the building; busting out car windows and catching some trees on fire.

Faheed saw the black smoke from his car mirror.

He turns and continues downtown to his import/export business. His group of five was already on the scene. They had all the television stations on the monitors.

They were laughing and speaking in their language.

Faheed's right hand man came and stood beside him with his arms folded, looking at the monitors with a grin on his face.

The men at the conference table were informed of the blast.

Cab driver said, "Are there any casualties?"

Agent – "Only the coach, who was the brother to Agent Scott."

Cab driver said, "Where's Agent Scott?"

Tidwell said, "On route to the school."

Cab driver said, "Take your team and go. Keep all of it out of the news until Jerrod has made contact with Faheed. Get a technician to my car and obtain Madaline's sweater - and locate the people behind that tracker."

Tidwell – "You mean Mrs. Morehead."

Cab driver walks over to Tidwell and says, "Who I screw is my business. I didn't say anything when you accessed information about that head nurse."

Tidwell – "Yes Sir."

But he was thinking; how did he know that?

Tidwell leaves to go to the school.

The principal moves all the children to the cafeteria (small ones) and the gym for the bigger ones.

The team uses the counselor's unit to hold Jerrod.

They told him, "You get one call."

Jerrod said, "I'm a man, I don't need to call anyone."

They put handcuffs on him and threw him on the floor and put shackles on him.

Then they put a black hood over his face and threw him in a chair.

They cut off the lights and walked out.

One agent remained.

He pulled out his gun and in the dark and started putting bullets in it, one at a time.

And snapping the gun each time.

Jerrod started to jump at the fifth bullet, when he realized he was alone.

The ambulance arrived at the school.

Just as Agent Scott arrived when the ambulance did.

He saw his brother lying there.

Agent Scott had his arm in a sling from the knife fight earlier.

He kneeled over his older brother and cried.

Everyone was standing around.

Tidwell arrived and walked over and kneeled down, took Agent Scott by the neck and said, "Man, I'm so sorry. You go with your brother."

Agent Scott gets up and get into the ambulance with his brother.

The cab driver sees the technician coming in with Madaline's sweater.

He turns to Agent Mills and said, "Go to the Hotel. There's a boutique across from the check in desk. Get Madaline, Mrs. Morehead, two casual dressy outfits and matching shoes. Give the owner my name and tell him to put it on my bill.

Bring the outfits back to me immediately."

Agent mills – "Do you want underwear with your order Sir?"

Cab driver turns and looks at her squarely.

Agent Mills – "I'm sorry Sir."

She becomes nervous and begins to think, "What have I said to my boss."

Cab driver said, "Yes, black. Everything should be a size six."

He stares at her and turns back around.

Agent Mills runs out of the command center.

The cab driver rolls his eyes at her.

He picked her because she dressed better than all the agents.

He noticed each agent.

Agent Mills was at the Hotel in ten minutes.

She entered and noticed some foreign looking men were walking out.

She passed by them, but stood inside the lobby by the plants, looking around to see if any more were in there.

She looks at the tag on the car and calls it in.

She walks over to the registration desk and asked the clerk, "Was that Mr. Saaid?"

The clerk said, "No Ma am."

Agent Mills reading the marquee said, "Was the gentleman here for the lab demonstration?"

Clerk said, "No. They were checking out the banquet room."

The command center was listening.

The cab driver said, "Get the car tag. Run it and get streets surveillance."

Agent Mills walked away but didn't realize she was being watched.

She goes into the designer boutique.

See glances up to see two foreign men walking towards her in the boutique.

She hits her panic button.

The alarm sounds at the command center.

Cab driver said, "Who is that?"

An aide – "Agent Mills at the Hotel."

He runs out and calls, "Worthy."

Worthy runs out behind them.

They jumped into the cab and reached the Hotel in seven minutes.

Agent Mills locator was still at the Hotel.

Agent Mills began talking to the boutique personnel.

The two men watched.

The boutique personnel saw the men and asked if they needed help.

One said, "We're just looking for ourselves."

And he laughed.

The boutique sales woman laughed and rolling her eyes, walked away.

Agent Mill picked up two sets of outfits, one cream and peach and the other set black.

Then she picked out the underwear and shoes.

She spread the spread the clothes out.

The men walked rapidly to her.

They grabbed her and began to pull her out of the boutique.

The boutique personnel hit the alarm.

Agent Mills pulls out a knife and stabs one in the arm.

The people in the lobby were looking.

The security guard was running into the lobby.

The men held Agent Mills up and put a gun to her head.

One of the men said, "Anybody moves, I shoot her."

But a shot rang out.

Agent Mills hit the floor and the man fell on top of her.

The other man pulled out his gun and looking to see where the shot came from, he looks at the door and sees Agent Worthy with a gun drawn.

Cab driver runs behind the man and puts his gun to his head.

Cab driver said, "Drop it."

The man drops the gun.

The cab driver handcuffs him.

Worthy goes over to the dead man.

Agent Mills gets up.

Agent Worthy gets up and turns to the crowd and said, "Everything is alright."

The backup team ran in and took the suspect into custody.

An ambulance pulled up and took the body of the dead suspect.

The body was sent to their lab.

The cab driver standing, looks up and sees a car across the street.

He said, "Worthy."

Worthy looks up and they run out of the door while Agent Mills started looking around.

The car pulls off.

Cab driver said, "Call it in."

He walks back into the lobby.

He looks for Agent Mills.

She's in the boutique.

Cab driver said, "Agent Mills, please turn off your panic button."

Agent Mills said, "Yes Sir."

Cab driver looks at her – “You are shopping?”

Agent Mills – “Yes Sir, I follow orders.”

Cab driver speaks to the boutique manager, “Hello, Clara.”

Clara – “Hello Mr. Johnson.”

Agent Mills had forgotten about the clothes she had picked out for Madaline and began to shop to calm her nerves.

Cab driver looking at the outfits, couldn't decide.

He turns and says, “Clara.”

Clara walks over to look at the selection.

They heard a thump.

The cab driver lowers an outfit only to see Agent Mills on the floor, passed out.

An agent runs in and helps pick her up.

And bringing her to, agent Mills began to say:

Agent Worthy and the cab driver look at each other and burst out in laughter.

They help her to a seat.

Agent Worthy stands with her and talking to the police while the cab driver gets all the clothes for Madaline and signs his bill.

Cab driver walks back over to Worthy and Mills.

Agent Worthy couldn't believe the cab driver was shopping.

Cab driver reading his thoughts, “You have to do the things you need when the opportunity presents itself.”

He stoops down and says to Agent Mills, “Are you alright?”



Agent Mills – “Yes Sir.”

Cab driver snickers and laughs.

He said, “Go and get checked out and go home for the rest of the day.”

He walked her to the door and watched her get into the cab.

He and agent Worthy were surveying the outside.

Cab driver said, “Command center, Agent Mills is on her way back. Take her to the infirmary and release her for the remainder of the day.”

Agent Worthy looks at the cab driver, “What about the coach and Agent Scott?

You show no sympathy?”

Cab driver said, “I have been in this for decades. You have to learn to take each moment and enjoy it. There will be moments, many of pain, which makes the good moments even sweeter. It keeps you alive out here in the field and in your heart. Taking the moment and enjoying it keeps you alive and it gives you the edge to stay alive.”

Agent Worthy – “The coach ...”

Cab driver cuts him off and said, “The coach knew the risk. He embraced the moment and knew those children and our agents and the rest of those people were worth his self-sacrifice. He is a real hero. I’ll make sure he is treated as such.”

Agent Worthy bows his head and said, “Thanks sir.”

Agent Han's walks up and said, "We got the surveillance and are feeding it to command center. Agent Booth is handling the police department and Agent Willis is interviewing the witnesses."

Cab driver said, "Go and check out our post from yesterday and relay any findings. They were here for a reason. I believe whoever they are, intercepted our communications. Keep an extremely keen look out and use lethal force if necessary."

Agent Harris, "Yes Sir." And walks through the banquet room.

Agent Worthy – "I wouldn't have thought to check the past from yesterday."

Cab driver said, "Because you were dwelling on the pain of the loss. Not the joy of the moment."

He held up Madaline's bags and inhales.

Agent Worthy smiles.

Cab driver and Agent Worthy were walking out the door.

Agent Harris said, "Sir."

Cab driver – "Go ahead." Putting the bags in the back seat.

Agent Harris – "Someone has been in here."

Cab driver – "I'm on my way."

He locks his car.

Agent Wilson looks at him.

Cab driver – "That's four thousand dollars of clothing that aint nobody gonna steal."

They walk through the banquet hall and meets Agent Harris.

The cab driver examines the doorway where the sliding door was, but now had the double swinging doors. He stands and looks at the storage boxes.

He says to Agent Harris, "Great job. See if you can get some prints?"

Agent Worthy looking around couldn't see what they saw. He walks out with the cab driver.

Cab driver and Agent Worthy walk through the lobby and gets into the cab and leaves – looking for anything out of the ordinary.

Command center – "Sir."

Cab driver – "Yes."

Command center – "We have an ID on Mrs. Morehead's tracking device."

Cab driver – "I'll be there in a minute."

They enter the garage and gets out of the cab and enters into the building.

Cab driver walks in and looks at all the different monitors on the screens.

He says, "Put the tracking info on the screen."

An aide puts the information up and said, "It is manufactured there pointing to a sign on the tracking device."

Cab driver turns and says, "Are you sure," with a questioning look.

Aide – "Yes Sir. We checked all the data bases, and also who they supply to.

Cab driver – "Pull the security feed from the hospital this morning. Start with Mrs. Morehead at the fast food stand and go backward until we find the same man entering the hospital."

He sees Agent Mills leaving.

He looks at Worthy and said, "Follow her to her car."

Agent Worthy leaves and escorts Agent Mills to her car.

She leaves and he watches the security monitors to see if she is followed.

He turns and was about to walk away from the security booth until he remembered the cab driver said, "Keep your edge."

He stands with his radio in his hand.

He sees a blue charger turn a block down.

He calls a tactical team to follow the blue charger.

He thought, "I could have missed that just an hour earlier."

He reenters the command center and reports to the cab driver.

Cab driver smiles.

Everyone was looking for the mysterious Dr. Kahn.

One agent said, "There!"

Everyone looked up.

He had entered the hospital around three am and was going from floor to floor, using the stairwell.

Each floor he used a different disguise.

He finally reached the room where Madaline and Jamar were and he peeped inside.

He stood outside the door and listened, pretending to read a chart.

When Madaline opened the door, he turned away and walked down the stairwell.

He met Madaline downstairs and planted the tracking device.

They watched him exit the hospital and get into the blue car.

Cab driver looks at Agent Worthy and said, "Your blue car?"

The agents in the command center claps.

Agent Worthy smiles.

Cab driver – “Good job. Get on the phone and tell the tactical team to tranquilize - not kill the suspect or suspects in the car.”

Agent Worthy dials the telephone.

Cab driver – “What is Faheed’s nationality?”

No one answered.

He said, “Do we have prints yet?”

No one answered.

Cab driver not turning around said, “Zachary.”

Zachary nods.

Zachary said, “Sir.”

Cab driver – “Why don’t we have info on Faheed?”

Zachary – “No one told us Sir.”

Cab driver, very calmly, “Call the agent in the room with Jamar and tell her to lift the fingerprints off the door.”

He paused for a moment and said, “And retrieve Mrs. Morehead’s panties out of the trash. Zachary, go and pick it up and return immediately.”

Zachary calling the agent as he is leaving.

The agent had plugged up her phone to video tape everything in the room.

He looks at the clock, ten forty- five am.

He picks up the phone at the monitor and the phone rings on the side of the bed where Madaline was lying.

She wakes up but doesn't answer.

Cab driver – "I didn't tell her to answer the phone."

Tidwell was seriously interrogating Jerrod.

The cab driver sent Tidwell because he developed the program on how to interrogate young terrorist suspects.

Tidwell's phone rings.

He steps away from Jerrod, "Hello."

Cab driver – "What's happening?"

Tidwell steps outside the room.

He said, "This child is so programmed; I might not be able to break through to him. I never saw a case this bad."

Cab driver – "Remember Faheed had five years to mold him. I believe he can be reached. I saw how he cut a quick look at his mother this morning when she was walking."

Tidwell – "I'll try the mother angle."

Cab driver – "NO!!!"

Tidwell – "Sir, this is not about who you screw."

Cab driver – "You're right."

A LONG SILENT PAUSE.

The cab driver said, "If the kid calls his mother, we don't get Faheed's telephone numbers. We don't get a chance to track him and (at this point, yelling), we don't get to know who he is taking his orders from; nor how big this thing is."

Tidwell – “Sorry Sir. I see your point. I’ll work it to having the mother be informed and see how he reacts.”

Cab driver – “Be sure when you transport him, to keep an eye out for snipers. Better yet, I’ll send an extra team to sweep the area for snipers.” The radio frequency is heard. They all stop. They waited.

Tidwell heard it.

The men at the conference table heard it.

The tactical team came on and said, the blue car saw the tail and sped away and crossed several lanes of traffic and went down the opposite freeway.

Cab driver lifts up his finger.

The tactical team was quiet.

The radio frequency stopped.

Agent Worthy said, “Good job. Go to the school and search the area for snipers.”

He said, “Did Agent Mills reach home safely?”

Tactical team – “Yes Sir.”

Cab driver looking at all the monitors said, “Good job.”

Agent Worthy smiles.

Cab driver – “Return to your team. Your lesson for today has been completed.”

Agent Worthy said to himself, “He used this situation to be a lesson for me.

When I thought I was a team leader. I learned a lot today – so far.”

They see Agent Zachary entering the hospital with a gift bag and balloons.

He walks upstairs and looking around, he sees Jamar’s room.

The nurses look at him.

He winks at the nurses.

They smile. He smiles.

He opens Jamar's door, looking back at the nurses and enters.

The agent puts Madaline's panties and the fingerprint tapes into the bag.

Zachary backs out and says, "I'm sorry."

He winks his eye at the nurses and says, "Ladies, have a great day."

They smile.

And he walks away.

One nurse says, "That's a smooth operator."

The nurses giggle.

The nurse from the other day walks up and looks at the closing elevator door.

And then at Jamar's room.

She skips over to the nurses' station.

She said, "What's so funny that it has you giggling?"

The nurses said, "Nothing."

She saw they didn't answer her.

She looks back at Jamar's door.

She said, "How's the little boy from yesterday?"

A nurse said, "No change! But I did hear he had some type of facial movement today."

Nurse – "Oh great. Can I just peep in on him?"

Nurse – "He has a critical care nurse; she may not want you in there."

Cab driver – "Beep Agent Little."



Aide beeps the agent.

Agent gets up and standing by the machines.

Nurse knocks on the door and peeps in.

Nurse Little turns and looks at her, "Yes?"

Nurse walks in – "I came by to see how the little boy is doing?"

Nurse Little – "He's fine."

Nurse – "The nurses say he had facial movement. Is that in his chart?"

She walks over and picks up Jamar's chart.

Cab driver – "Get Zachary back and arrest her."

Aide said, "Yes sir."

Nurse Little – "Give me his chart."

She snatches it out of her hand.

Nurse – "You don't have to do that."

Nurse Little – "Get out."

Nurse – "They were nicer yesterday."

Nurse Little – "So you were being nosey yesterday too."

Zachary ran back into the hospital and was about to run to Jamar's room.

Cab driver said, "Tell him to stop."

Zachary got off the elevator and stood to the side and watched Jamar's room.

The nurses looked and he flashed a smile.

They smiled.

Nurse said, "I was just concerned about the child."

Nurse Little picks up the phone and called the security.

Nurse – “I’m leaving.”

Nurse Little hangs up.

Zachary sees the nurse exit.

She walks over to the nurses and says, “She was really nice and let me read his chart.”

The elevator’s bell rang - ding. Zachary quickly entered.

The nurses waved.

Nurse – “Who are you waving to?”

Nurse – “That smooth operator.”

Nurse – “He came back? What did he want?”

Nurse 1 – “Who knows?”

Nurse 2 – “Who cares? I can look at him all day.”

Nurse – “You are silly. See you tomorrow.”

She rounds the corner but runs to the stairwell.

Command center is watching.

Cab driver – “If she went into the room yesterday, then we should have a set of prints. But tell Agent Little to lift a set of prints from the chart and bring them in this afternoon.”

Aide calls Agent Little.

One of the men sitting at the conference table said, “Do we know what this is about?”

Cab driver said, “No Sir. But I’m glad we decided to listen to Mrs. Morehead.”



## Chapter 4

Cab driver sees Zachary entering the center.

He said, "Take that to the lab. They know to check for all prints."

Zachary's team applauds him.

One of the team members said, "Both nurses thought you were great!"

Zachary smiles and was about to say a conning statement.

Cab driver said, "Are those items at the lab?"

Zachary flew to the lab.

An aide – "We have the tag info from the car at the Hotel. It's reported stolen."

Cab driver said, "From whom? Give me their address."

He looks at the address.

He said, "I'm going by this place, then to my house to break the news to Mrs.

Morehead."

He leaves.

The cab driver enters the garage and removes the blue cab insignia from his car.

He turns his locator on.

He sees a vehicle behind him.

The one that was stolen.

He said, "The stolen car is trailing me. I'm outside at the light. Do we have any info from the suspect and on the dead suspect from the Hotel?"

An aide said, "Not yet Sir. Do you want us to send backup?"

PAUSE.

Cab driver said, "Of course."

Aide – Dispatches a tactical unit.

The cab driver goes to the neighborhood and to the address of the stolen vehicle.

An elderly woman answers the door and looking at her car passing by.

The cab driver turns and sees the car and identified three males in it.

Cab driver said, "Pick them up and try not to damage the car."

The elderly woman walks out on the porch with her hand on the door handle peeping down the street at her car.

Cab driver looks at the elderly lady and pulls out his badge.

The elderly lady, not paying him any attention, but looking in shock in the direction her car went.

The sounds of wheels and then a crash.

The cab driver turns and walks away.

He gets into his car and leaves.

He drives up to the tactical team and sees the wrecked car.

They had one suspect on the ground.

He sees the agents are fine and the two agents that ran into the woods were returning.

Cab driver leaves.

He arrives at his loft.

He takes the bags out of the car and closing the car door; he breathed out loudly and began to practice how he will break the news to Madeline.

He unlocks his door and turns off the alarms and resets them.

Madeline sits up in bed but struggled trying to keep the silk sheets up.

Cab driver said, "Just let it fall. You're not that modest."

Madeline throws a pillow at him.

He laughs.

He brought the bags to the bed.

She looks at the bags and said, "I saw a boutique at the Hotel yesterday with the same name."

She looked at the cab driver, who was staring at her bosom.

She looks at him.

He smiles and said, "You look great!"

Madeline looks down at her bosom and said, "Thanks."

He crosses his legs and puts his finger to his lips.

Madeline becomes nervous.

But he looked at her.

He took her hands and kissed them.

He kisses her a very long time.

She enjoyed it and looked at him.

Madeline said, "What is it you're not telling me?"

Cab driver still holding her hands said, "Can I date you?"

Madeline said, "I would say yes."

He looks at her.

He didn't smile.

Madeline started twisting and said, "You got to tell me."

Cab driver said, "Faheed gave Jerrod a bomb."

Madaline screamed, "BOMB!!!"

Cab driver said, "Please. Please let me finish. A coach caught the bomb and ran outside with it. Throwing it into the air, it exploded. He died. No one else.

There are a lot of people over there to help."

Madaline said, "How did the coach catch a bomb?"

A long moment of silence.

Cab driver said, "When the teamed moved in on Jerrod, he threw it towards the metal detector to set it off."

Madaline said, "How did he know to do that?"

She stopped and looked at the cab driver.

She said, "Faheed meant to kill my son! You couldn't stop it?"

Madeline became sick and jumped out of bed and ran into the bathroom.

She began throwing up.

Cab driver sitting on the bed at first with his eyes closed as he heard Madeline throwing up.

When she stopped throwing up and flushed the toilet, he exhaled and said, "I think that went well."

Then Madeline standing behind him scared him, when she said, "No it didn't. I need help."

Cab driver looks at her and pulled her to help her.

He looks at her and holds her while she cries.

A few minutes later, his cell phone rings, it is Tidwell.

Tidwell said, "Sir, he called his home phone and there was no answer. Then he called the shop. We jammed the phone. He called the father's cell phone. We got the number and jammed the call. Then he looked around and quickly called another number. We did not let any call go through."

Cab driver said, "Get him out of school. And take him to the federal jail."

He looks at Madeline, while he held her in his all arms.

She puts her hand up to her head and cries over again.

Tidwell said, "Mrs. Morehead?"

Cab driver said, "Yes. Do we have their location?"

Tidwell said, "The shop."

Madeline gets up and walks across the room to the shower.

She showers and brushes her teeth.

The cab driver lies down and listens to her every move.

Tidwell said, "We got the numbers. All communications are setup. We called in several additional teams to work throughout the night Sir."

Cab driver said, "Very well."

He lies on the bed for a few minutes and then gets up and goes into the bathroom.

He playfully pushes Madeline over where she is still brushing her teeth.

She slightly smiles.

He takes the toothbrush from her and gives her a cup of mouth rinse.

She looks at him.



He washes his hands, and said, "Dear, you keep brushing like that, you won't have any gums to support your teeth."

She takes the cup, rinses and fluffs out her hair.

He stands and looks at her.

Cab driver said, "Jerrod is protected."

Madaline said, "What about the other parents who want to do harm to him?"

Can't all of this be put on Faheed?"

Cab driver shaking his head and twisting his hands from side to side, said, "Most of it. We have to find an angled to set Jerrod free. No one at the school knows it was Jerrod. All the security and staff think someone dropped it off and the coach found it and threw it out."

Madaline said, "Thank God."

Holding her stomach out of nervousness.

She said, "Not that the coach died, which is awful."

Cab driver reaches over and pulls her face to his and kisses her.

Cab driver said, "Baby, I need you to put clothes on so I can take you to the hospital to see Jamar."

Madaline said, "Honey, I'm beginning to be free from men telling me what to do. I don't like men telling me what to do."

Cab driver said, "Baby, I'm sorry. What do you want to do?"

Madeline kissing him back said, "I want to get dressed and go to the hospital to see Jamar."

Cab driver smiling and said, "I'm glad I don't tell you what to do."

She passes by him.

He raps her on the behind.

She looks back and says, "I told you I was beaten before. How you know I don't like that?"

Cab driver laughs.

He says, "All the bags are yours."

He turns around and uses the bathroom.

Madeline opens the bags and screams.

He smiles and says, "You can't tell me I can't pick out clothes for the ladies."

He walked into the room drying his hands.

He tosses the towel into the hamper.

Madeline putting on the pink lingerie looks up at the cab driver.

She said, "Where is your laundry?"

He peeps around the shower wall and points to the kitchen.

He looks at her.

Madeline holding the lingerie, looks at him and says, "What?"

He comes closer and sits on the bed.

She reaches for the black pants and black tee top.

She put on the black high heel sandals.

Cab driver looks at her and says, "Thank you."

Madeline walks over and sits on his lap.

They kiss for a few minutes.

He pushes her up and she nearly falls.

She looks at him.

Cab driver turning his head, said, "I'm tired of you taking advantage of me."

Madaline jumps on his lap and holds his face kissing him.

They both laugh.

He holds her tightly.

Madaline wonders about it.

He gets up and catches her by the waist.

He said, "Where's your purse?"

Madaline reaches for the purse off the floor.

He goes into his wallet and he has no money.

Madaline said, "Ouch."

He looks at her and smiles.

The cab driver said, "I'll stop by the ATM. You don't know what that is?"

Madaline sniffles and hold her head down.

Cab driver said, "Baby, I forgot what I can say to you and what I can't. I don't mean to hurt you."

Madaline trying to smile.

She speaking brokenly, "I know."

She tries to smile.

Cab driver holds her.

He takes her by the hand and walks out the door.

He resets all the alarms.

They walk to the cab in silence.

He opens the car door for her.

He gets in the car and notices her seat belt isn't buckled.

He reaches across and buckles her seat belt.

Madeline said, "What did you mean when you said, 'I forgot what I can say to you?'"

Cab driver stops and exhales.

He cuts the car off.

He said, "Yesterday, there were several psychiatrists at the Hotel. They thought you were crazy and should have been locked up. Especially after you broke down and cried. I knew you were not crazy and being in this evil business, the more bizarre, the more true events are. But a psychologist said we had to be careful about talking about things that hurt you. I was up most of the night reading psychology books."

Madeline said, "Why did you hold me tightly a few minutes ago?"

Cab driver said, "I don't want to hurt you."

Madeline calmly said, "Can I be hurt anymore?"

Cab driver looks at her.

She turns and meets his face.

He leans over and kisses her.

He says, "Your marriage is fake."

Madeline said, "I know, and Jamar is not Faheed's son. Let's go."

Cab driver looking around with a blown away, puzzled look on his face said, "Time out. Wait a minute."

Madeline said, "I kept looking at the marriage license. It didn't look like the one I had from Stewart. After the civil service, because he didn't want a Christian ceremony, and I was not going to have one of their ceremonies. I was flipping through the Yellow Pages. I saw the same man in an ad for plumbing who performed the civil service. I called the ad number and it was disconnected. I went to the clerk's office and there was no record of that justice of the peace. That was about six months into this fake marriage. One of Stewart's friends was in a neighborhood town with his wife. I needed to talk. I left Jerrod with my brother Ced. They were great friends. I drove to the next town. And we met. We talked all day and it just happened. It lasted all night long."

Cab driver said, "He took advantage of you."

Madeline shrugs her shoulders.

Cab driver said, "That's why Faheed didn't come to the hospital until this morning?"

Madeline said, "Yes."

Cab driver said, "When did he suspect?"

Madeline said, "That Jamar wasn't his?"

Cab driver nodded his head.

Madeline said, "Always."

Cab driver's mouth flies open.

Madeline, very matter of factly said, "He was castrated when he was a young boy. The only thing he can use is his mouth, and not well."

Cab driver snickers and said, "What was the big argument between you and Sissy?"

Madaline said, "I hate her. I thought she was having an affair, not a love making affair, with my fake husband. I did it to put on a show for him. Then he feels like a man and I don't have to see him for a few days."

Cab driver just laughs.

He said, "Okay."

He puts the car in reverse and backs out of the garage.

Cab driver said, "Just to get the rest of this bizarre story together, does Jamar's father know he's a daddy? And part two you have not been in a five-year drought, but a seven and a half year."

Madaline sighs and said, "No, to the first question. Yes, to the second question."

Cab driver said, "I knew how your body reacted. What you were used to and that it had been a very, very long time."

Madaline says nothing.

Cab driver said, "Will you ever tell Jamar's father?"

Madaline said, "No. He does not need to know. If Jamar every need blood, he has the command kind."

Cab driver said, "I'm asking all the questions now. So tonight after we stop being busy, we can go to sleep."

Madeline said, "How can I sleep knowing my son killed someone? And that he has to know that fact and live that fact the rest of his life. His life hasn't started yet. They want to kill and destroy him."

Cab driver didn't say anything.

They arrive at the hospital.

He gets out the car and opens her car door.

He goes to the ATM and gets \$200 and gives it to Madeline.

Madeline looks at it.

He pushes it into her purse.

He says, "Go upstairs." He points up.

He kisses her and waits until she gets on the elevator.

He looks around and then leaves. He calls Tidwell.

Tidwell said, "Hello."

Cab driver said, "Madeline is at the hospital."

Tidwell shakes his head,

The cab driver said, "Where are you?"

Tidwell said, "We're entering the Federal building now. The news release went out a few minutes ago. It said a middle school sustained minor physical damage due to a truck running into the school. We had the owners of the damaged vehicles to sign waivers. The news release also stated Coach Scott was killed while pulling someone out of a pinned car."

Cab driver said, "Good. Are we all set at the shop?"

Tidwell said, "Yes, it's completely bugged and we have visual. Also, Rahm's phone was dialed up and we captured the number and has it on the list. That's why Rahm was to be at the children's hospital. To add count to the number of bodies to make it an even greater tragedy."

Cab driver said, "Right."

He pulled into the command center.

He looked at the aides and said, "Do we have the lab back on Mrs. Morehead's panties and the fingerprints?"

Aide said, "Yes Sir."

Cab driver walks in when the news story broke.

They all watched.

Cab Driver put the ID info up.

He said, "Saiid Faheed – Indian."

Nurse Cottonwood – Parents were missionaries in India.

Cab driver said, "Arrest her. Send someone to the hospital."

Nurse Stincomb – Traveled extensively there.

Cab driver said, "Find her and arrest her."

Cab driver said, "Zachary?"

Zachary runs forward.

The cab driver said, "What do you have?"

Zachary said, "Sissy is not married. Further, we have no records of a marriage.

There is no record of a live birth or adoption. We traced her steps for the past 10 years. India three. California for six, now here. No money source."

Cab driver said, "Two teams. Arrest her. Search her house completely. Bring the baby here to the lab for DNA testing so we can see who she might belong to."

Cab driver said, "Worthy."



Agent Worthy – “Same thing on the elderly couple. Extensively traveled in the Middle East, resided in California for a number of years and now here. No money source.”

Cab driver said, “Arrests them and searched their house.”

Cab driver called, “Agent Harris, front and center.”

Agent Harris said, “The dead body is or was of a member of an elite fighting force from Zahiid, Faheed’s country. The two we have in custody won’t talk; we won’t give them a phone call.”

Cab driver said, “Give them a phone call and see who pops up.”

Agent Harris said, “Yes sir.”

Faheed’s phone rang.

The call is captured.

It’s coming from his home country.

The conversation in their language is being interpreted and passed on the screen.

They diligently search until they find a face for the name of the person on the phone.

A high ranking member of his country’s government.

A few minutes later, on his secret phone, a number pops up and they all listen, including the men in suits at the conference table.

The voice tells Faheed, “You have failed. Explain yourself!”

Faheed – “I have to find out what happened.”

Then he hangs up.”

Cab driver speaking to the men in suits at the conference table said, "Sirs, now it's your responsibility to close this case."

The men were the secretaries of the department's that made up the United States Presidential Cabinet.

The command center was a pilot.

A test project.

They just stumbled upon this one case in the country.

The pilot program was unknown to the President.

He sits in the oval office signing papers.

A knock on the door.

The President not looking up said, "Enter."

The full cabinet entered.

The president looks up and continues to sign the bills on his desk into law.

He looks up and says, "What's my exit story?"

Vice president said, "You have cancer and needs time to be treated. From now on until your term expires."

President continues to sign the documents.

He said, "Fine."

SWAT teams surround Faheed.

They tell Faheed and his five to come out.

They exit with their hands up.

Cab driver is angry.

He was expecting a shootout so he could kill them.

He started to trip a bullet.

But he thought about how one person had already used his power for evil, just to get more power.

Faheed and his gang were taken into custody and sent overnight to Cuba.

The shop was thoroughly searched for evidence.

The doctor brought Jamar out of the coma.

He was happy and told his mother all he heard.

Then Madeline remembered the two playmates of Jamar.

How she hated them.

They forced themselves upon Jamar and gave him no peace.

Growing up to the watchers.

She picks up the phone and hung it up.

She looks at Nurse Little and said, "Please call the cab driver."

Nurse little dialing a number said, "Please have Mr. Johnson call Mrs. Morehead."

Cab driver calls back on Nurse Little's phone.

Nurse Little said, "Hello. Yes Sir."

She hands the phone to Mrs. Morehead.

Nurse Little takes Jamar to the bathroom for a bath.

Madaline looking back, walks over to the window.

She said, "Have you found those two brat children and their household?"

Cab driver said, "What brat children?"

He hits his head with his hand.

He said, "My God, I forgot!"

Madaline hangs up the phone.

Cab driver looks at his phone.

Zachary said, "It's hell having a girlfriend, aint it Sir?"

Cab driver said, "Yeah, but when the moments are good, they are good. You and Worthy find those two boys and their families. Bring them all in. It's been about three hours. We should be able to track them."

They walk into the command center.

Tidwell points to the corner.

Agent Harris is standing with Dr. Kahn and several other men.

Cab driver looks at Tidwell.

He said, "This should be good. Come on."

Tidwell said, "Sir, me? Are you sure?"

Agents Zachary and Worthy look on.

Zachary said, "Cab driver is passing the torch; he's gonna pass it right to me baby."

Agent Worthy said, "You know I'm better than you. It comes to me."

Pointing at himself.

Cab driver looks back at them.

But they run to their desks and began researching those families.

Cab driver walks over and said, "Dr. Kahn."

Kahn reaches out his hand.

The cab driver said, "Car thieves."

Cab driver doesn't shake Dr. Kahn's hand.

He unlocks the conference room door and allows everyone to enter.

They sat.

Dr. Khan said, "I am a real medical doctor and I work and live here. These men, including the one that's dead and the two you have in custody work for my country's government. They received intelligence that Faheed was up to something and would involve our country. Our government tried to communicate with your government but to no avail. So, they contacted me and I requested help. All we were trying to do was find out what was going on and tried to stop it. We want our men released and the body, so we can bury it."

Cab driver stretches his neck.

He looks around at Tidwell, Harris and the two recorders.

He says, "Do you look like you can tell anyone what to do? You are at a disadvantage. Your dead man put a gun to the head of an American citizen and said he would kill her. Those two agents stole a car and wrecked it. You will be sent home and you will have damaged the relationship with my country."

Dr. Kahn said, "What can we do? We must bury him quickly according to our customs. We'll see."

Worthy and Zachary walks up and looks in the glass wall and shake their head for no.

The cab driver gets up.

Cab driver said, "What are you fools doing?"

Zachary said, "Sir, I thought I was your favorite?"

Cab driver said, "What? I don't have time for this."

Worthy said, "We can't find the two families."

Cab driver said, "Give me what you've got."

They go to their desks and put the information into folders.

The cab driver stands outside the conference room and waits.

He dials Nurse Little.

Nurse Little – "Hello."

Cab driver – "Let me speak to Mrs. Morehead."

Nurse Little – "She's left and took Jamar with her."

Cab driver – "I know this is a bit of a stretch, but where did she go?"

Nurse Little – Angrily – "Home Sir."

Cab driver said, "Get over there and stay with her until I call you back."

He exhales.

Dr. Kahn walks out of the conference room and says, "Help."

Cab driver said, "Get back in there."

Dr. Kahn looked at the cab driver's face and saw a look he never wanted to see again.

He turns and goes back.

Agents Zachary and Worthy give the cab driver the folders and walk away.

They see Agent Cottonwood.

Cab driver looks at her and walks into the conference room.

Cab driver said, "I'll give you the dead body, if you tell me who they are and where I can find them."

Dr. Kahn – “Our population is large here. They can hide anywhere.”

Cab driver said, “I know.”

Dr. Hahn looks at him.

The cab driver doesn't blink.

Dr. Kahn said, “I know them, if they are going to run, they will go to one house.”

Cab driver said very hard, “Address!”

Dr. Kahn wrote the address down.

He passed it to Tidwell.

Tidwell got up and walked out, he gave the address to Zachary and Worthy.

Cab driver said, “Take the body and go.”

Dr. Kahn said, “Thank you.”

The other two men and were protesting in their language.

Dr. Kahn tried to calm them down.

He looks at the cab driver and said, “Sir can you release the two men that are jailed?”

Cab driver said, “Only when you buy the elderly woman you stole the car from a brand new car.”

They smiled.

Cab driver said, “You can understand that.”

Cab driver said, “Dr. Kahn, you will leave my country and not enter again. Along with these.”

Cab driver said, “Agent Hilton.”

Agent Hilton filled out detailed statements and had Dr. Kahn and the others signed the detailed statements and leave.

Agent Worthy and Zachary called and said they found the families and would take them to the Federal detention center.

Cab driver said, "Good job Tidwell, where do we stand with Jerrod?"

Tidwell said, "No charges. He's in solitary confinement."

Cab driver said, "Get him out of there and take him to the camp. Have a complete physical and psychological profile done. Put him into intense counseling and deprogramming. I'll take Madeline and Jamar to see him in about an hour."

Tidwell said, "Yes Sir."

The cab driver leaves and goes to Madeline's house.

He passes his agents.

He pulls up behind Nurse Little's car.

He rang the doorbell.

Nurse Little answers the door and open it.

He walks in and sees Jamar and introduces himself.

Cab driver said, "Madaline, we got the two families."

Madeline smiles.

Cab driver said, "Do you want to see Jerrod?"

Jamar screams, "Yes!"

Cab driver laughs.

Nurse Little laughs.



Cab driver said, "Get some things and come with me for the next couple of days."

Jamar said, "We got them."

Cab driver looks at Madaline and laughs.

He said, "I'm so glad you're not angry with me."

Jamar said, "We got some of Jerrod's stuff too."

Cab driver said, "Let's go."

They all walked out of the house.

Madeline locks the door.

They go to visit Jerrod at the camp.

Madeline holds her son.

Jamar holds them both.

They visit with Jerrod.

Jerrod said, "Mom, can I go too?"

Madaline said, "Baby, you have to stay here and get better. I'll be by every day to see you."

Jamar said, "Me too."

The three hug and kiss.

The cab driver is observing with a psychologist.

Cab driver said, "You were the only person who felt she was telling the truth."

Psychologist said, "Yes. You can't be clinical; you have to see the real person.

They got off with a brand new car?"

Cab driver said, "The suits said diplomatic immunity."

Psychologist said, "Well you ever tell her that Faheed killed her husband?"

Cab driver said, "No."

Psychologist wondered in thought.

Cab driver wondered in thought.

They both slowly turned and looked at each other.

The cab driver takes out his cell phone and calls Tidwell.

Psychologist closes his eyes and exhaled.

Madeline and Jamar walked out.

Jerrold breaks down and cries.

The psychologist said, "That's a good sound."

The cab driver catches up with Madeline and Jamar.

They all walk out together.

Cab driver said, "What's for dinner?"

Jamar yells, "Pizza!"

Madeline turns her head and laughs.

The cab driver calls in pizza on the way.

They stop and pick it up.

He reaches his house.

The three eat dinner and get ready for bed.

Madeline said, "You have to be quiet. Jamar can hear you."

Cab driver said, "Me!" You're the one howling and screaming and stuff."

Madeline said, "Stop talking."

They both laugh.

Jamar said, "Mom, what's that noise? I can hear you."

Cab driver said, "We need walls."

Madeline laughs.

Cab driver said, "Tomorrow. Hey Jamar, go sleep in the tub."

Madeline said, "Oh no!"

Cab driver said, "I'm serious."

Jamar said, "For fifty bucks."

Madeline reaches for her purse.

Cab driver waits.

She fumbled and hands him the money.

Jamar looks and gets up and walks over to the bed.

Cab driver hands the money to Jamar and said, "Sixty bucks!"

Jamar dragging his cover into the bathroom.

Madeline and the cab driver watch.

The second Jamar hits the corner, they went wild!

Jamar smirking put his cover on the floor and said, "This is going to be easy money."

He yawns and falls asleep.

The next morning, Jamar is awakened by construction sounds.

Jamar gets up and peeps around the corner.

He sees a crew of people mudding out walls.

He looks at his mom and the cab driver.

He turned and walked back and get on his pallet.

Madeline and the cab driver laughs.

Cab driver said, "We knew, Mr. Jamar; you wanted to play us for money."

Madaline drinking a cup of latte.

The cab driver reading the paper.

He holding Madaline by the waist.

Jamar said, "Can't even earn no money."

Madaline and the cab driver said, "We can hear you."

Jamar throws the cover over his head.

Madaline and the cab driver laughs.

#### THE SCENE CHANGES AND SHOWS

Jerrold is having counseling sessions with the psychologist in the detention center.



