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Dedicated To:

All the Men and Women who serve this
great country of ours.

Thank You!

Chapter 1

For the past couple of years there has been unrest in the world as Headlines like these grace the cover and front pages of the world's newspapers

- White house evacuated due to bomb found in Lincoln's bedroom!
- Terrorist strike America on 4th of July destroy statue of liberty!
- World Series game seven cancelled after plane crashes in Yankee stadium in 5th inning!
- Bomb explodes at the base of San Francisco's golden gate bridge! Who is responsible?
- London landmark Big Ben destroyed on clock's anniversary
- Terrorist promise: "worse is yet to come for Americans!"
- Jonathan hardy elected president of United States in largest landslide ever!
- Jonathan hardy to terrorist "we will not be afraid and we will not live in fear!"
- Will terrorist strike on inauguration day? The world waits!

But today is a bright and beautiful day as the world watches on, the nation swears in a new president and a new era in the history of the United States. In a time of turmoil and great distress the country has chosen a leader; one who will hopefully save the country from the terror and harm of hateful countries and adversaries. With all the pomp and circumstance of the day Jonathan Hardy steps up to the greatest challenge of his life as he places his hand atop the bible held before him.

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

As the crowd applauds the judge walks away as the President walks up to the podium and turns his attention to supporters and on lookers.

"Vice President Perez, Mr. Chief Justice, President Bush Sr., President Clinton, President Bush, and Madam President, members of the United States Congress, reverend clergy, distinguished guests, and fellow citizens...On this day, preordained by law and marked by this ceremony, we celebrate the unwavering wisdom of our Constitution, and recall the deep

commitments that unite this great country. I am grateful for the honor of this hour, and aware of the consequential times in which we all live, and determined to fulfill the oath that I have sworn and you have just witnessed.

As a country we have thrived on our zeal and zest for life and witnessed even fallen victim to severe acts of terrorism in the last 10 years as the rest of the world has waits and watches to see if we as a people will ever bounce back. I am here today to...In the middle of heart wrenching and passionate speech the head of the secret service receives some information in his earpiece about an unidentified box found with the capital building. Unsure of what it could be but not going to take any unnecessary chances the secret service agent calmly walks up to the President and leans in.

"Mr. President there has been a security breech and a possible threat to your safety I need for you the Vice President and your families to please come with me immediately!"

Without delay and any sign of excitement to worry the crowd the President and his family as well as those of the Vice President follow the instructions of the

agent and follow him and his people out to the awaiting limousines and black SUVs surrounded by security as they all get in and drive off heading to safety. With silence between them all of they quickly arrive at the White House, as The President is escorted one direction and his wife in another. Before leaving her he looks at her into her eyes and nods reassuring her that everything will be ok then follows his security to the Oval Office where his presence is awaited as he sits at his desk.

"What the hell happened out there?"
Questioned President Hardy as secret service agent Helms gets up from his seat and walks towards Hardy. "Mr. President a bomb was detected inside the capital building."
"Excuse me? COME AGAIN!!!"

Secretary of State Jim Warner one of Jonathan Hardy's longest and dearest friends walks into the Oval Office and into the conversation

"Yes sir, an explosive unit was found hidden in the northwest corner of the building and was detected by one of the K9 units."

"How the hell did it get there in the first place? I thought that area was completely

secured." Exclaimed Vice President Perez.
"That's the problem Amanda; this new threat is very, very cunning and apparently has connections everywhere." Explained Jim.

Concerned and worried at the possibility of another terrorist attack so soon after the last one and with the county still reeling and trying to heal President Hardy gets up and walks over to the window folds his arms and looks out onto the grounds takes a deep breath and exhales.

Chapter 2

"Mr. President if I may make a suggestion?"

"Yes agent Helms."

"Sir; I suggest that we move your wife and the Vice President's family to a more secure location there is no telling how safe they may be here. Especially with the fact that we have no idea who this new threat is and what they may be planning next."

Secretary of State Warner gets up from his seat and walks over to President Hardy by the window.

"He's right Jonathan if they got this close today there's no telling how much closer they can get...God forbid they get close enough to harm or even worse kidnap someone."

President Hardy turns to his friend who he knows has his family's best interest at heart.

"Your right Jim...Amanda do you agree with Agent Helm's suggestion?"

Contemplating the possibilities Amanda looks at a photo of her family that sits on the president's desk.

"Yes I do... I think it's for the best."

President Hardy nodding in agreement turns to Helms with a look of relief and confidence.

"Very well then Agent Helms, Jim I want you to make the arrangements I will inform my wife, Amanda, talk to your family and meet me after."

President Hardy walks into the room and finds his wife gazing out the window into the garden at the beautiful and world renown rose bushes.

"Lauren, Sweetheart are you ok?"

President Hardy hugs and kisses his wife and holds her in his arms as he wipes a tear from her eye. Just the fact of being in her husband's arms relieves her nervous heart and unsettled nerves.

"I'm fine Jonathan, just a little shaken up."

With his eyes filled with tears at the fact that his wife was in potential danger he sits her down on the chair then sits on the edge of the coffee table in front of her.

"I am so sorry! I didn't mean to put you in harm's way... I wish you had never said yes

to me when I proposed to you." Declared Hardy.

"No Jonathan, please don't say that...I love you! I knew what I was getting into when I agreed to marry you and I knew what being the first lady entailed and I knew the risk and to be honest with you if I had known all of this ahead of time I still would of said yes to you."

Jonathan holds his wife's hand and strokes it as he finds the words to tell her that she has to leave.

"There's something I need to discuss with you Lauren.

"Ok what's wrong? What is it?"

At that precise moment Vice President Perez and her family walked into the room as Lauren gets up to kiss Amanda and her husband on the cheek. Suspecting that something may be wrong she looks up at her husband concerned.

"Jon, what's wrong? Please say something."

"Lauren after today's events we have decided that it may be better that we evacuate you and Amanda's family to an undisclosed location for your safety until we can capture these terrorists."

Amanda sits beside her as she looks at her husband and children.

"That's right and I agree with him, I know how much Jonathan loves you and I thought about it and to be honest I couldn't stand it if something happened to you or my family"

Lauren stands up and picks up her 4-year-old daughter and kisses her forehead and stands next to her husband.

'So we think it is best for all parties involved if we evacuate all of you today.'

Looking at everybody she loves right in front of her decides to go along with her husband's suggestion.

"I guess I can't argue with that and it is best for everybody so ok I'll go. Let me go and pack."

Jonathan kisses his wife on the forehead.

"Thank you for understanding sweetheart it won't be for long I swear!"

With comfort of knowing she won't be alone Lauren, Amanda and her family leave the room to pack their belongings and prepare

for their departure as Jonathan heads to his office to prepare his statement to the nation.

Minutes later the families get into the limos and head to a private and secure airstrip. As the limos arrive they are met by a slew of armed guards awaiting their arrival. They pull up side by side in front of the plane as they get out one by one and say goodbye to one another.

"I love you Lauren, sweetheart this won't be for long I promise.

"I know honey I'll be fine; please be careful...Goodbye."

Jonathan kisses his wife goodbye as Amanda holds her daughter and kisses her husband. The first lady and the Vice President's family board the plane as The President and Vice President look on.

"Are you ok Jon? Asked Amanda who watches the plane takes off.

"Yes I'm ok I feel a lot better knowing that they will be safe and out of danger."

Jonathan and Amanda head back to the White House as he prepares himself for his television address less than three hours away.