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CHAPTER I

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‘Let’s play in the garden!’ said Steve to his sister, when they arrived at their new house, a very big one, made of wood, an old construction with a lot of windows. I’m kidding there was only one window!

Everything was perfect the neighbours were very kind and hospitable. The children didn’t face any problems at school and made a lot of friends very soon. The only problem was that Kate, a fourteen –year-old girl was beefing about her homework, because she believed that she had a lot to do for the next day. So, when she came back from school every day, she ran to her bedroom and started doing her homework.

One evening she heard a strange noise coming from the road in front of her family’s house and ran towards her window. A car was passing by, at high speed. While it was passing, the driver threw a black plastic bag out of his car window. Kate was quite frightened, but more curious to see what was inside the bag, so she ran downstairs to bring the bag into the house. Before she reached the ground floor she had heard Steve listening to music and singing. He called her, but she did not answer. She preferred to look into the bag, because she was excited. So, she looked inside the bag and could not believe in her eyes.

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As the content was strange and unfamiliar to her she tried to find a place in her bedroom where she would hide the bag from her parents and brother. She finally found a recess inside her wardrobe and put the bag there.

Meanwhile, her brother, following her, saw her going into her bedroom with that bag. He was sure that it wasn't his sister's bag and he felt worried.

The next days Kate felt lonely and preferred to be alone, than have fun with her classmates. Her parents were very anxious about her mood and they often went to her school asking her teachers about their daughter's behaviour. They tried really hard, but no one could tell them anything about Kate. So, Steve decided to talk to his parents about that bag. At first his parents did not believe him, as he was always joking , but when they understood that he was very serious, they ran upstairs and started searching for that bag in Kate's room. The house was new to them, so they were searching in every secret place they thought. Her mother suddenly, opened Kate's wardrobe and managed to find Kate's strange bag in the recess.

Later, when Kate came back home she did not find anyone there. The first thing she did was to check if her secret was safe....

When Kate opened the wardrobe, she realized that someone else knew about the bag she had hidden. She immediately ran out of the house searching for her parents. After a long try, she finally found them and she tried to explain to them what had really happened. They were very angry with her, but they decided to give her a chance. Steve felt that he had betrayed her. He had no choice, though.

Kate wanted to excuse herself for her reaction and she persuaded her parents to trust her. Finally, Kate and her parents returned home and they were shocked. Looking around, they couldn't believe in their eyes! The house was in a fearful mess and everything was turned upside-down. At the same time, they heard a queer noise coming from the back road. They looked out of the window and they saw a black car getting out of the back yard at a whirlwind speed. Kate noticed that it was the same car, the driver of which had thrown the black bag.

They rushed into Kate's bedroom and when they saw that it was in a mess, too, as the whole house, they realized that the situation was very serious. Mr. Smith, the kids' father, being in panic called the police as he knew that he could not do anything without help and asked them to go there, immediately. While they were waiting for the police, the phone rang. To their surprise, the man who called informed the family that he had kidnapped Steve.

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As an exchange, he wanted to take the bag with its content back. Otherwise, they wouldn't see Steve again. Besides, they were forced not to tell the police anything about Steve or the bag...

They were afraid and when the police came, Mr. Smith pretended that it was only a burglary. When the police finished their investigation, they left the house, thinking that there was no danger anymore. But, it was not like that. It was agreed that the exchange would be the next day.

They were all prepared about it until something unexpected happened...

CHAPTER III

Isagri Sophia

As the family was in the living room worrying about Steve's life, suddenly, the phone rang.

Mr. Smith answered the phone and a man informed him about the place and the time of the exchange. Mr. Smith said: 'Is Steve all right?' 'Well, your son's life is in my hands, so don't do anything cunning like calling the cops.' said the man briefly.

Meanwhile, Steve didn't know anything about the exchange, so he was thinking of escaping. As it was getting dark, Steve was even more nervous about his life, so he had to do something quickly. Then, he noticed that one of the guards had fallen asleep and that he had left

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the keys on the table. Steve thought that this was the chance he wanted in order to escape, so he took the keys and started running towards the exit. But, it wasn't so easy, as some guards saw him and ran after him. He ran as fast as he could and finally, he managed to get out of the building even more easily, as the door wasn't locked.

Despite the fact that he escaped from the building, the guards were still chasing him. He hid in the woods. They looked everywhere for him but they didn't find him. Nevertheless, they didn't really care about him as the only thing they wanted was to get their bag. In the midnight a man called again Mr. Smith and told him that his son had escaped and hung up. Mr. Smith thought that they might have already killed Steve and was sure that they were pretending that it was an escape.

So, he decided to give them another bag and hide the ancient statue in a safe place, as he wouldn't take his son back. The day for the meeting had come and the family was on time at the meeting point. After a while a black car arrived. A man in a black suit got out of the car and walked towards the family. He asked for the bag threatening them with a gun. Then, he took the bag and without saying a word about Steve, left. The family was disappointed and anxious and drove back home. The man after getting into the car, opened the bag and realized that it was empty. Really furious, he swore that he would definitely take that bag whatever it would take...

At the same time, Steve was trying to find help, but nobody was there to help him. He was so frightened and anxious about his life. He tried to call for help using his mobile, but he couldn't, because there was no signal. On the other hand, the family started searching for Steve everywhere in the city. Kate was very sad about her brother's disappearance and she felt guilty, as she was responsible for his involvement in all this situation. After Mr. Smith had received a message telling him where he could find his son, he decided to follow the instructions.

They took the ancient statue with them, which was carefully packed in foam peanuts and bubble wrap, because it was a delicate and valuable piece of Greek art, and they went as far as the criminal's secret hideout. Mr. Smith saw the man and he followed him hoping he could find his son. Due to her father's delay, Kate was worried. After a while she got into the hideout to see if her dad was OK.

Unfortunately, the man caught her and put her in a cell that looked like a big cage. Kate was yelling: 'Dad, help me! I'm trapped!' When Mr. Smith heard his daughter's voice, he ran to save her. He got into the room and as he was trying to unlock the door of the cell the man in black threatened him with his gun. He told him that if he didn't give him the valuable ancient statue, he would kill his daughter.

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Mr. Smith begged him not to kill her and he promised that he would give him the statue. Then, his wife took the statue from the car and gave it to the man. 'Now, tell me, where's my son?' she asked. 'I have no idea.' said the man shrugging his shoulders. Losing his temper, Mr. Smith punched him in the face and the man passed out. It was then that Kate got the opportunity to escape and her dad grabbed the ancient statue from the criminal's hands. Only a few seconds later the man regained consciousness, rushed out and shouted at My Smith, who holding the statue was frightened and left it drop from his hands. The family was very disappointed, because they lost the statue and they didn't know where Steve was but they were relieved, because they were saved from certain death...

CHAPTER V

Tsaggarcoulas John- Fotopoulos Thanasis

So, they decided to search for Steve and not to gain back the ancient statue. Unfortunately, they had no idea where Steve was and they chose to start from that thick wood near the shelter of the criminals. There was getting dark and when they reached home, they took some torches with them. Mr. Smith left Kate home, called the police and some neighbours followed to help him.

The searching process took place at about 10 pm. The whole group drove as far as the wood and then they went on walking quietly and carefully. Steve wasn't there, but as he was a smart kid, he had left behind him the little beads from his bracelet. Those beads sparkling

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in the dark, were quite familiar to his dad and he followed them through the path. The team passed the wood and was in front of a large area.

Meanwhile they had no extra sign from Steve, as there weren't any beads left. On the other hand, Steve had better luck, because he had nearly got hit by a car! Don't laugh. In this car the driver was his best friend's, Tim, mother. Steve explained to her what had happened to him and was thanking God for his blessing. Tim's mother got Steve to her home and put him up for the night. Steve's mobile phone had run out of battery and due to this, he was not able to get in touch with his family. Later, he tried to call them using Tim's mobile, but they did not answer. At the same time, his father was in desperation and he stopped searching. In a bad mood he reached home crying for Steve's disappearance.

Both Kate and her mother were shocked and they felt miserable, too, while Steve was playing games on the computer with Tim. Being exhausted, he went to bed early that night, at Tim's home, after having tasted Mrs. Hopes 'delicious dishes'...

Early in the morning the phone rang at Steve's home. His mother answered the phone and all of a sudden, you can guess why, she was the happiest woman in the world!

Steve went back home laughing and told them everything about his adventure. And the ancient statue? What about this? You may wonder! Fortunately, the police found it, as the thieves tried to sell it.

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The ancient statue had been stolen from a museum some months before and it cost 1000000 dollars. The thieves were arrested, as well.

A few months later, Steve's father was very excited when he was informed that his book under the title '**The Recess**' was the bestseller of the year and the movie version of '**The Recess**' would follow.....

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