



Chapter One

Ice Cube on the Sun

The Feds give you zero notice when they kick in your door. There is no warning siren. There is no knocking on your door, which is soon to be shattered by a battering ram. There is only silence before the calculated chaos.

A loud crash awakens me, followed by what sounds like the rolling of tin cans along my hardwood floor. I jump out of bed just as a flash-bang touches my big toe. Out of the corner of my eye, I spot a drizzle of gray emitting from the smoke grenade atop my dirty laundry pile.

My thudding heartbeat fills my ears right before the explosion of the holy trinity of SWAT hand grenades—equal parts phosphorous, lightning, and thunder—floods my one-room apartment. I scream, but I cannot hear my own roar. Only my ringing ears, stinging eyes, and burning throat let me know I am still alive. The vibration of a stampede of footsteps shakes my body as leathery gloves assault my temporarily handicapped Helen Keller ass and shove me onto my bed, nose-first. The smells of rancid sheets and garlic fill my nostrils. A faceless assailant pins my arms behind my head and zip-ties my hands together. Then I am yanked to my feet.

The pure, white light blurring my eyes dims slightly. Through slitted eyes, I count six flashlights. Barrels of submachine pistols at the end of each beam of light are trained my way. I



glance down and spot half a dozen lasers freckling my unshaven chest.

Four men rip all my electronics from the wall and bag everything. A man in a gas mask talks to me, but it's all a muffle of words, like I am talking to Charlie Brown's teacher. I nod. I do not know what I have agreed to. Soldiers exchange words. They pull something from a bag and march it my way.

The man closest to me shoves a hood over my head. My life as I know it melts away like it never existed.

I might as well have been an ice cube on the sun.

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