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CHAPTER ONE INVITATION

It was not a surprise when Daniel received the call on his cell phone from President Michael Stanford. Each had the other's private secure phone number and would call each other frequently. They had a long valued history together that went back almost fourteen years when the President was the Governor of Colorado. The friendship had grown over the years and they stayed in close contact.

Daniel was lying in a comfortable lounge chair on the wide deck, which overlooked the hundreds of acres of green pasture that had a herd of Black Angus grazing on the rich grass. The emerald green pasture flowed down to and encircled the dark blue mountain lake. He could see tiny dots of Canadian geese floating on the water. The backdrop for the lake was the rugged Rocky Mountains, dotted with aspen and deep green conifers reaching for the sky. Hidden in the mountains was Daniel's secret getaway cabin.

"Daniel, Mike Stanford."

"Mr. President, how are you?"

"Hey, when are going to get it into your head to call me Mike when I call?" he said with a laugh.

"Okay ... okay ... got it. So, what's going on ... Mike?"

"Are you secure?"

"Hold on a second," Daniel connected his scrambler.

His tech team built the device especially for him and it was more secure than any the government has.

"Okay ... locked in."

"I got your report and copy of the intel data from Doc. The drones and satellite images confirmed everything. There is a crater at least 40 feet deep. Damn ... really made a hell of dent in their command structure also. I don't know how you people get away with those missions. Your new tactics seem to work great. I mean, there are no intelligence reports coming out of ISIS as to who is penetrating their organization. There is a lot of finger pointing and we heard yesterday that two of their top commanders were executed by their own firing squad near Tikrit. I love it when they kill their own."

"Yeah, I heard that too. Thanks Mike. I have a great and unique team. I won't go into it. Going to keep things at a distance. But, it looks like everything is improving," Daniel said.

"I won't pressure you. It just seems that things are different with you. Everything okay?" the President asked.

"Yeah. I'm pretty much healed up from the accident, back in shape and other than a little old age aches and pains that act up occasionally, I really feel great."

"Good. Just keep up the good work. We are thinking that all that shit that they had was part of a buildup in an attempt to take back Tikrit. Right now, they are in total disarray.

The Iraq army and coalition forces are advancing with gusto. The Iraq leadership is motivated too. Anyway, the main reason I called is next week I am hosting a dinner here at the White House. Any chance that you can make it?"

"You sure you want me there?" Daniel asked in a concerned tone.

He did not like being around other politicians. They were always prodding and probing trying to find out what he was doing. Many suspected that he was still involved with covert operations. In order to boost their egos, they were always looking for a reason to conduct a congressional investigation

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and make a mark on their legacy. He refused to be one of their pawns.

"Don't worry about it. It is going to be small. Just some members of the cabinet. Actually, the VP suggested we invite you. It's a small way to thank you for all that you have done for our country over the years."

"Thank you. How's Jacob doing?" Daniel asked.

"Best VP anyone could have. JJ is doing awesome!"

"Okay, thanks for the invite. Two things ... can I bring a guest and am I still cleared to land at Andrews?"

"No problem. Who is it, may I ask?" the President asked.

"Crystal Miller," Daniel answered.

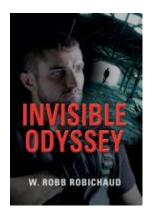
"I've heard through the grapevine that you were seeing someone. That's great and I look forward to meeting her. As far as I know, Falcon 1 is still on the approved landing list. I will have Justin (President's Chief of Staff) make sure. You coming in on Falcon One?"

"Yes. Just got a new one ... A Gulfstream G650."

"Geeze ... life must be good. Glad to hear it. Hey, I have to go. Got a meeting with the President of France. This should be a hoot. Someone caught him with his pants down again. Damn guy is out trying to screw every good looking lady in Paris."

Daniel laughed, "Well good luck on that. Okay, see you next week. Will you have Justin send me the details?"

"Done ... see you next week." The line went dead.



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