

Chapter One

Scarlett and Brad were having a romantic day on the Sunset Beach. They were lying on blanket watching the pelicans fly in the sky. Pelicans are very large birds with very long bills characterized by the downcurved hook at the end of the upper mandible, and attachment of a huge gular pouch to the lower. The lower bill and flexible tongue muscles form the pouch into a basket for catching fish, and sometimes rainwater. They have a long neck and short stout legs with large, fully webbed feet. The wings are long and broad shaped for soaring and gliding flight. Scarlett enjoyed watching the pelicans soar in flight. They would catch large fish with the bill-tip, then tosses them up into the air to be caught and eaten. Scarlett thought it was amazing to see the birds find the fish while soaring in flight. Fly down into the water and catch them. She wondered how a bird could see the fish from so far in the air. They sit for hours on the beach watching the pelicans run over the water while beating their big wings and pounding the surface of the water with both feet in unison to get enough speed to takeoff. It was amazing to watch the pelicans throw back their heads back open their beaks and swallow the fish whole. The telephone rang it was Colonel Andrews. A baby was missing, and Scarlett would have to return to work.

Scarlett walking into the police station. Ms. Jan Storm was sitting in the office hysterical. Jan was shopping the supermarket on fifth avenue, when her three-month-old baby boy was stolen. Jan was putting her groceries in the trunk of her car. She shut the trunk and turned around the baby (Steve) was missing out of the shopping cart. Jan started crying, "I only turned by back for a minute." Scarlett asked for a picture of the Steve. Steve was asleep in the carrier that was sitting in bottom part of the shopping cart. Steve is Caucasian with brown hair, green eyes and weights approximately 14 pounds. Steve was wearing a camouflage t-shirt, jeans,

and hiking boots. Scarlett assured Jan she would do everything possible to find her baby. An AMBER alert was issued for Steve.

An AMBER alert or a child abduction emergency alert is a message distributed by a child abduction alert system to ask the public for help in finding abducted children. It originated in the United States in 1996. AMBER is a backronym for America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response. The alert was named after Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old girl abducted and murdered in Arlington, Texas in 1996. Amber alerts are distributed via commercial and public radio station, Internet radio, satellite radio, television station, text messages, cable tv, electronic traffic-condition signs, billboards and other means to advise the public. Currently the AMBER alert system has been implemented Internationally.

Scarlett went to the supermarket and requested to review the video footage of the parking lot. On the footage a blue van was seen, driving by the shopping. After the van left Steve was no longer in the shopping cart he had been abducted. From the review of the footage the tag number could not be seen. Scarlett was walking outside of the supermarket into the parking lot at the location of the abduction. She had a déjà vu experience. Although some interpret déjà vu in a paranormal context, mainstream scientific approaches reject the explanation of déjà vu as precognition or prophecy. Rather, they explain it as the feeling that one has lived through the present situation before. Despite the strong sense of recollection, the time, place, and practical context of the previous experience are uncertain or believed to be impossible. The parking lot was no longer a parking lot it was a wooded area. Scarlett saw a man taking a baby to an altar to worship God. After worshipping God. The man gathered wood and placed it on the altar. Then the baby boy was laid on top of the wood and tied to the altar. The baby was going to be used as a sacrifice to God. Sacrifice is an act of slaughtering an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an

offering to God or to a divine or supernatural figure. The man was standing over the baby with a dagger.

A dagger is a knife with a very sharp point and usually two sharp edges, designed for being used as a thrusting or stabbing weapon. Daggers have been throughout human history for close combat confrontations. Many cultures have used daggers in ritual and ceremonial contexts. Due to the historical use of the dagger it is associated with assassination and murders. In some rituals dagger are used in body modification such as circumcision. Circumcision is the cutting off the foreskin of males that is practiced a religious rite by Jews and Muslims and by other as a social custom or for potential health benefits such as improved hygiene. The Scarlett was left wondering if the boy was going to be sacrificed or circumcised.

Scarlett took the video footage from the supermarket to the crime lab for analysis. The van was identified as a 1972 Ford Econoline van. Ford adopted a mid-engine configuration. As the engine was placed between the front seats instead of behind the rear axle. A larger rear door and flat load floor was created, allowing for additional load capacity. The van was mainly used as a cargo van. Most of the vans were sold to business and use as fleet van. Fleet van are owned or leased by a business, government agency or other organization rather than by an individual or family. Typically, they are used by taxicab companies, public utilities, public bus companies, police departments, and other business. A 1972 Ford Econoline van was used in the 1969 cartoon Scooby-Doo. The van became popular as the Mystery Machine. Scooby-Doo is still popular cartoon among children today.

The crime lab enlarged the image of the van on a monitor. On the bumper of the van was a sticker "Tiny Treasures Milk Bank". Scarlett researched the name "Tiny Treasures Milk Bank." which is a place to donate Breast Milk. Breast milk is something only a mother can do. It is a

generous gift that can truly make a difference in the lives of fragile infants who are in the NICU. Breast milk has been proven to be beneficial for all babies, but when it comes to babies who were born prematurely, it can be a lifesaver. Breast milk provides a protective effect against respiratory illnesses, ear infections, gastrointestinal diseases, and allergies. Often mothers of premature infants have a hard time providing their own breast milk. The donor milk can provide nutrients that meet the baby's additional needs. Breast Milk has been clinically demonstrated to improve health outcomes in preterm infants. Formula companies use breast milk in order to test and improve their formulas. Cancer patients are also using breast milk to boost their immunity after chemotherapy. In the 20th century when a mother was unable to breastfeed, a wet-nurse was the only way to save the baby's life. A wet-nurse is a woman who breast feeds and cares for another's child. There was an increase in the need of wet nurses when the rates of infant abandonment by mothers, and maternal death during childbirth had increased. Steve was abducted not Jan. What was the connection? Was Steve abducted by the "Tiny Treasures Milk Bank" for research? Was Steve being sacrificed, circumcised, or used for research?

Scarlett walked into her office and had a déjà vu experience. Scarlett was walking along the bank of a river and she saw an ark among the rushes. She waded into the water and recovered the ark. When she opened the ark a three-month-old baby boy was inside crying. Scarlett turned to her sister and stated, "Go and find a woman that she may nurse the baby." Her sister returned with a woman to nurse the baby. The woman took the baby and nursed it. After the baby grew, he was returned to the Scarlett and became her son. Scarlett had no idea what all the déjà vu experience meant. Scarlett knew it was for a reason. To help her find Steve.

Scarlett returned home off duty. She had planned a night with the family, her husband Brad, daughters Katie, and Allison. Family Night was

set aside once a week to have pizza and watch a movie with the children. It was a special night for the family. The children loved pizza and they chose “Chicken Run” as the movie to watch. The film tells a tale of a close-knit community of chickens “imprisoned” on a farm in England. Ginger, the leader of the hens, attempts to escape several times, but she is caught. Rocky, a charming rooster who appears to know how to fly, drops onto the farm. He stays and teaches the chickens to fly. The chickens all work together to get themselves off the farm. All the chickens show their love for each other by working together. The children loved the movie. Scarlett and Brad told the girls how they were blessed to have them.

After the movie was over the children went to bed. Brad and Scarlett sit and talked for hours about how much the girls meant to them. Remembering the night, they were born. They reminisced about the first time the children walked, first word, first day of school, the memories of the children filled Scarlett and Brad with happiness. A happiness that could lonely be experienced by parents. As the night hours passed Scarlett became sleepy. She went into bedroom and looked at the dream catcher that Ms. Daisy had given her. It was still on the wall above her bed. Scarlett went to sleep and began to dream.

Scarlett dreamed of walking through the woods and seeing a man with a baby boy at the alter praying. The man waked around a gathered wood to build a fire on the alter. Steve was tied to the alter with rope. The man had a dagger in his hand. He held the dagger over his head. Scarlett heard Steve crying. She stood there speechless and could not move. The man started to kill Steve. Suddenly a messenger from God stops him before the sacrifice finishes, saying “Now I know you fear God.” The man looks up and sees a ram and sacrifices it instead of Steve. Scarlett woke up with tears running down her face. Her heart was pounding. She was afraid. Scarlett immediately walked into the girl’s bedroom to make sure they were alright. Scarlett was afraid to go back to sleep that night. She stayed

in the bedroom with the girls until sunrise. She then went into the kitchen and cooked breakfast for Brad and the girls. It was rare for Scarlett to cook breakfast for the family on a weekday. They usually had cereal for breakfast with a glass of juice. Scarlett called Jan and requested for her to come to the station for an interview.

