

## **Revenge Beyond Justice** **by Ella Mae Loomis**

### Beginning of the End

The beeping of the monitors, and the wheezing of the mask on her face, fill the room with despair.

Sitting next to his daughter, Matt told her it would be okay. I'll find the one who did this to you. Nurses are coming in and out every fifteen minutes. I feel bad that you will never catch a break. The dad looked outside at the view with tears running down the side of his face, trying to take his mind off his daughter. Outside, it was a gloomy Monday in Anchorage, Ohio. The dad looked back at his daughter and said, "The clouds will pass, and so will this."

11:30 pm Monday, November 10, 2023, Detective Brooke is sitting in a patrol car when a call comes over the radio, "There has been notice of a murder on 76 Manford Ave. This is 7 Adam 19 requesting backup." This is 7 Adam 15 mark as responding. As Detective Brooke carefully pulls up to the address that had been reported, she opens the door and walks in. She puts on her gloves, and then walks into the living room where she sees the body and shattered glass everywhere. Out of the corner of her eye, she saw something move. She looked over to find a tall, frail man standing in the corner. His face was as pale as a corpse. Before investigating anything further, she went straight to Chief Kohan and asked, "What do we have?"

Chief Kohan looks up from his paper and with a little excitement in his voice says, "Boaz Relish is a 65-year-old male with no record of diseases or other medical illnesses. He has been on the radar for three weeks for kidnapping and abuse. It was pretty serious, the kid was in a coma. So what do you say Detective Brooke, shall we get to work."

"Who is the other man?" Detective Brooke questions.

"Bob Harris, Boaz's friend," Chief Kohan answered.

### The End of the Beginning

By 12:15 pm, Detective Brooke was kneeling beside Boaz's body investigating the marks, cuts, and bruises. When Brooke was done taking pictures and casting anything that would not stay long enough to make it to the lab from Boaz's body, she moved on to checking doors, walls, the lamp on the snow, and other objects in the living room for fingerprints.

She also discovered a blood trail that led outside and sat on top of the thin glazed layer of snow. She swabbed that to see if the DNA led her to a possible killer. While outside swabbing the lamp and the blood on the snow, she cast tire marks and footprints.

Detective Brooke and Chief Kohan went to the police station with Bob to question him. They also took Boaz's body, the fingerprints, and other evidence found at Boaz's house. By the time they got there, it was around 3:00 pm, and after dropping off the evidence and Boaz's body at the lab, they took Bob to the interrogation room. When Detective Brooke and the Chief walk into the room, Bob sits in the chair, his face still pale. Not wasting any time, Detective Brooke asked, "What time did you get to Boaz's house?"

"About 10:45 am," Bob replied.

"How did you get in the house?" Chief questioned.

"The back door was unlocked like always," Bob muttered.

Detective Brooke and Chief Kohan made eye contact and looked at each other in a way that felt like he was lying. Before Brooke could say anything, Bob explained that when Boaz was little he had this friend Matt. Boaz and Matt were close friends, but when Matt accidentally killed Boaz's fish while he was on vacation, Boaz got very upset with Matt. He didn't want to let that ruin his friendship with Matt because he was the only friend Boaz had, so he forgave Matt. Or did he?

In middle school, there was a big quiz. Matt always got every question right so Boaz changed some of the answers on Matt's test to the wrong answers so Matt's final grade was low.

#### The Perfect Revenge

After this, Matt knew he had to do something to get Boaz back, so he stole his girlfriend. When Boaz discovered that Matt stole his girlfriend, he knew he had to do something that would ruin Matt's life for good. Boaz discovered that Matt had a daughter he knew this would be the perfect revenge. So he took her hostage, not killing her, but putting her in very severe pain.

Once again back at the hospital, Matt was sitting by his daughter's bedside. All of a sudden his hand was squeezed. His daughter slowly opened her eyes and whimpered. "Dad".

Tears fell across Matt's face knowing that the cops would be there in a blink of an eye. He softly whispered to his daughter,  
" Everything will be okay. I put him in his place."