

ALEX

Mr. Sirko, George. I wasn't expecting visitors.

SIRKO

That's all right. We don't stand on ceremony here.

GEORGE

Have a seat, Alex.

SIRKO

You have a beautiful family.

ALEX

Thank you. That is why I came here. They are still in Kursk.

SIRKO

Your son and daughter, what are their names?

ALEX

My son's Zakhary and my girl, her name's Yulia.

SIRKO

They're twins, yes? How old?

ALEX

Five. Their birthday's in April.

SIRKO

Wow, five. That's the best age. Learning to read, walking, seeing the world... ..and yet, they still want to be held. You're probably wondering why I stopped by. Well, you see... Tell me, how much money do you send back to Kursk each month? From your job at The Fox Hole?

ALEX

Seven-hundred-fifty dollar. I take out only my rent, my food, some money for my car.

SIRKO

A sacrifice for you, I'm sure. But still, it's not very much. What if your family could have a lot of money? Security. College for Zakhary and Yulia? You'd want that for them.

ALEX

I would give anything for them.

SIRKO

That pleases me. Because that is why I came by here today. To ask you a favour, Alex.

ALEX

Yes, of course. Anything.

SIRKO

I have a problem. One of my men killed a police officer... ..and I have to give the police a suspect so they'll stop harassing us. And that suspect is you.

ALEX

But I didn't kill anyone.

GEORGE

Sure, you did.

SIRKO

I want you to write a note. Pen, paper? This is what I want you to write. Kaja.....I cannot live with what I have done. I'm very sorry. I will take care of your family now. Zakhary and Yulia will want for nothing. That's for you. It's the gun that killed the police officer.

ALEX

What do I do with it?

GEORGE

Bang.

SIRKO

Look at your children's faces. They're looking at you. Wanting you to give them the best life this world has to offer. You will do this for them.

ALEX

And if I don't?

GEORGE

We'll kill you anyway. And throw your wife and fucking kids in the river.

SIRKO

No need for threats. We're all friends here. But I think you understand the situation. You won't feel a thing. It'll be quick. Like turning off a light.

ALEX

For my family?