

MISSION 1, "Rare Meat"

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It's a quiet night at the Saint's headquarters. The PROTAGONIST, SHAUNDI, and PIERCE sit around the table to eat dinner. Joining them is an elegant looking old woman named MAUDE who called and asked to prepare them a meal, welcome them to the neighborhood. She watches them as they ravenously eat.

MAUDE  
Careful, you'll choke.

PROTAGONIST  
Sorry, they get a little excited.

SHAUNDI looks up from her plate with a grin.

SHAUNDI  
You know, I wasn't sure what to think when you showed-up, but-- this is great. Sorry I doubted you.

PIERCE  
Ha! Doubted? That's putting it lightly. Maude, if you'd heard...

SHAUNDI  
Alright, alright.

PIERCE  
Wait, can I call you Maude? Or? How about Mrs. McQueen?

PIERCE reaches for one of the cookies, still radiating warmth from the oven.

PROTAGONIST  
I'm not sure she needs to hear this story, Pierce.

PIERCE  
Yeah, let's go with Mrs. McQueen. So anyway, she...

PIERCE takes a healthy bite, MAUDE watching him closely. Suddenly he drops it.

PIERCE (CONT'D)  
SHIT!

The PROTAGONIST and SHAUNDI instantly stop eating. Blood drips from PIERCE'S lips onto his plate where the cookie

sits, a razor blade jutting from the royal icing. MAUDE looks down at her watch.

MAUDE  
I believe we've spent enough time  
on pleasantries.

SHAUNDI  
Pleasantries?!

MAUDE  
You're lucky I've been so kind,  
dear.

MAUDE looks between them, steeping her fingers in front of her bright pink lips.

MAUDE (CONT'D)  
You crushed my son to death like a  
bug.

PROTAGONIST  
What are you--?

MAUDE  
Phillipe was a good boy...

Upon the mention of the name, SHAUNDI pulls her gun and trains it on MAUDE, the PROTAGONIST does the same. She continues, unbothered.

MAUDE (CONT'D)  
...Strapping, intelligent, wise  
beyond his years. Did you know his  
favorite food was pistachio ice  
cream? Or that he collected coins?

PIERCE  
Why would we ever know that?

PROTAGONIST  
Your son was in our way.

A vicious smirk settles on MAUDE's face.

MAUDE  
And I'm about to be in yours.

She touches her necklace and an explosion shakes the building. A horde of Brutes dressed in nurse's uniforms rush the room. Outside, a helicopter lands, ready for MAUDE to get inside.