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*This book is dedicated to Melora.
You always believed even when I doubted.
I cannot thank you enough.
- X. Aratare*

*To my family and friends,
By believing, one indeed sees
- T. Wolv*

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**TO GRANDFATHER'S
HOUSE WE GO**








SHE'S
ASKING FOR
DIRECTIONS TO
GRANDFATHER
PATRICK'S.



WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO
GET LOST.



WHY CAN'T
WE AFFORD TO
GET LOST?

DOES IT
COST
A LOT?



HOW CAN
I TELL HER
THAT WE'RE
BROKE?

THAT THE MONEY
WE USED FOR GAS
WAS THE LAST
OF OUR CASH?

?

HOW CAN
I TELL HER...

LIVING WITH
GRANDFATHER
PATRICK IS OUR
ONLY CHOICE.

IT'S THAT
OR WE'RE
HOMELESS.

...THAT DAD
STOPPED PAYING
CHILD SUPPORT?

SHE'S ONLY
EIGHT...
I CAN'T...

BECAUSE
MOM WANTS
US TO GET
THERE AS
QUICK AS
WE CAN.

AREN'T
YOU SICK
OF BEING
IN THE CAR,
BED BUG?

YEAH!
IT'S SO HOT
IN HERE

HEE
HEE \\\
HEE



SO
HOT
...



WHAT
I WOULDN'T
GIVE...



FOR A SWIM
RIGHT NOW...





AIDEY



AIDEY



WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING
ABOUT?



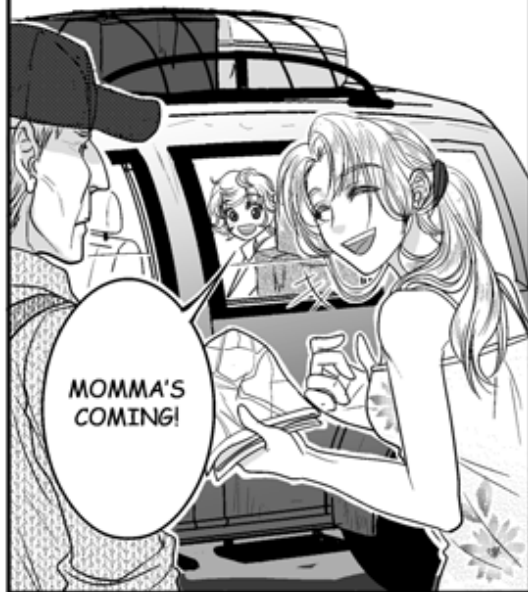
AH
HA HA
HA

UH,
NOTHING.
I'M JUST
HOT.




YOU KNOW
YOU'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF
THE HEAT IF
THE THOUGHT
OF SWIMMING
IN COLD
WATER,

...GETS
YOU
HARD





...BUT
THEN
AGAIN.
THIS PLACE
IS CALLED
DEVIL'S
RIDGE.



I DON'T
THINK THAT
MAN LIKES
AIDEY.



HE LIKES
AIDAN AND US
JUST FINE,

SWEET
PEA.



REALLY?

THEN WHY
DOES HE LOOK
LIKE HE CAN'T
WAIT FOR US
TO BE OUT OF
HERE?

UHM



THEY'RE
JUST
...

A BIT
SUSPICIOUS
OF STRANGERS,
BUT YOU JUST
WATCH...

ONCE
PEOPLE GET
TO KNOW US,
IT'LL BE
GREAT!

HA HA
HA HA
HA

IT'S NOT US
HE DISLIKES
SARAH,
IT'S JUST
...

DEVIL'S RIDGE
IS A LITTLE
SMALL-MINDED.

UHM

HMM