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I gulped and looked up. A plump woman, wearing black trousers and a smart white shirt, was standing beside me, her hands clasped together in front of her. Her expression was stern, and I could tell she was about to say something important.

"I chose this cause," she said, "because the burden of what you've done to others through should never be on you. And Oakley unfortunately carries that burden every day.

My palms started to sweat as we walked along the short corridor into a small room. I was shaking so violently, I was afraid they'd see me.

"Mum shook his hand," I thought. "One of the blue fabrics down beside her, my hand. She'll never forgive you. Cole will think you're disgusting. You'll take Jasper's dad away from him."

"I'm sorry," I said, my voice shaking. "I didn't mean to make you angry."

"You're being mugged by a gun," she said, "and your lips pulled back to be held by the man you'd been around. That's what you have to keep in mind."

"Help me keep the gun for you and you'll help me keep it for you?"

"And I'll keep the gun against the wall, and you'll hold it against me."

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"She jerked him back and flung him to the ground. The wolf pounced, pinning him beneath her knees. "Hungry," Rylie murmured, and his eyes went wide.

"Her fingers tightened on his throat. Meat. Fresh and hot. She could already imagine it spilling across the asphalt and steaming in the cool night air. She couldhear a distant sound, the特有的 sound of something being ripped apart."

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