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Department of Federal Child and Family Services

To whom it may concern,

You have received previous information regarding the matter of wellbeing and care of your children. We want to advise that this will be your final correspondence relating to this matter. If you agree to provide full custody of your youngest child to D.O.M.E then you will receive 200,000 US Dollars as compensation. Our services will be awarded to the child, full care, to include above standard education, healthcare, housing and sustenance. These services will be provided to the child at no cost to you.

We urge you to accept this offer as this is a limited opportunity for you and your family. The Department of Federal Child and Family Services has joined with the Department of Marine Engineering to provide you with this exceptional service. If you refuse this last and final offer, we regret to inform you that all your children will be taken into the care of the state. This determination has been made based on an evaluation of your ability to care for the children, due to the fact that you do not have enough wealth to provide minimal care. The state will only provide standard care for these children, and the children will be placed in foster care and submitted to permanent adoption by a more suitable family when determined to be appropriate.

Please take these conditions into consideration, and contact D.O.M.E. by the end of business on Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>, at the below address:

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Department of Marine Engineering  
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

*Sally Johnson*

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Family Service Technician

Two families that received this message agreed. One of them had a little boy named Sean. That family lived in Idabel Oklahoma. The other had a little girl named Mary. They lived in White Salmon Washington. These families were extremely poor. Of course they loved their children, but they wanted to keep as many as possible, which meant giving one up. When Mary's family received this notice, they were devastated. Their family of 4 children and 2 parents was ever so happy. Even though they were poor they were able to manage and every family member loved their life. There was so much crying, and even though Mary didn't understand it until the last day, she understood something bad was happening. Before Mary left, the heartbroken family had made it a point to give their child a special locket to remember them by. Sean's family didn't have anything special to give him except hugs, kisses, and tears. They had a family of 7. Six were officially children. Both parents had died, and the oldest sister, at 20 years old, had to take care of everyone. Even in this hectic situation they were happy, mainly because they were together. The experience of their parents dying only brought them closer, and they never wanted to break up. This was the most difficult thing for both families. After lots of goodbyes these two children flew to New York, and then they got on a private plane flying out into the Atlantic Ocean. The next thing that they remember was waking-up in small rooms with glass walls. There was a small opening in three of the rooms blocked with bars through which they could hear each-other and the passing people in the halls. The scientists started calling them new names. Sean was called Poseidon, Greek god of the sea, and Mary was called Amphitrite, the Greek goddess of the sea; who was married to the Greek god, Poseidon. For short their names were Amphi and Po.

Amphi was taken from her room into a laboratory full of scientists. She was given anesthetics and quickly fell asleep. This was also happening to Po in another room. While asleep Amphi had Bottlenose Dolphin genes mixed with her own. Po received the genes of a Gray Triggerfish. After this operation they underwent many tests by the scientists. Life at the dome was miserable. Their schedules constantly changed, yet they were always supposed to know them. Most days there was some kind of test run on the kids, whether they had to swim, or run, get blood drawn, or even sleep while the scientists were scanning their brains it was horrible. The kids really wished they were back home.

When they first came to this place Amphi was 5 and Po was 6. Now Amphi is 18 and Po is 19, they have figured out that they are in a large building that acts similar to a submarine. It is dome shaped at the top, so it blends in with the water more if it is seen on the horizon. The scientists truly did give Amphi and Po a good education. They learned a little bit about the outside world, for eventually the scientists were going to take them there, and the scientists were trying to keep the trust of the kids. They learned about boats, buildings, and many other things. Of course the scientists made it sound as if it were horrible outside and it would be best if they stayed. Really, it was only best for the scientists, and not for Amphi and Po.

Errrii, Errrii. The noise rang in everyone's ears. Red lights swirled and flashed. The lights and sirens called for attention. Scientists scurried in every which way, clumping together to get to where they were needed. The scientist that was unlatching the doors in Amphi and Po's rooms suddenly halted and sneaked away with everyone else. The sirens still screamed at everyone, and the lights still flashed. No one was left in the hallway, and the doors creaked open. They didn't like the horrible tests and without even planning it they decided to try and escape. They raced down the hallway, and soon came to a staircase. They leapt up the stairs two at a time. The stairs eventually led to a large metal door. It was big and bulky and hard to move. They struggled and soon nudged the door open. They saw a blue ocean all around them, as far as they could see. It's waves

lightly crashing against the dome as if it wanted to reach up and consume them. They knew that now they were out of the building, but they also knew that they were not safe yet. They ran on a ledge along the side of the dome. The ledge was very slippery from the storm the day before. After they had ran, slipped and slid about half way around they saw a motor boat. They jumped into the boat and headed in the direction that it was pointing. After a few hours they were on land in Maryland.

Curious about the city they started walking through it. First they went through some residential area. Then they came to the main part of the city where there were lots of businesses, and the buildings towered high. It became dark quickly, so the two teenagers huddled together inside a dark cold alley. When morning came and the sun began to peek over the rooftops, Amphi awoke with a start at the sound of the trash truck emptying a nearby dumpster. She found Po sitting near with scraps that he had gathered earlier from the dumpster. He offered a slight amount of dried bread for her to eat. After they finished their meal, they slowly came out of the alley and started walking down the noisy, car filled streets. They walked close together, and near the buildings due to the monstrous fright of the bustling activity that surrounded them. By the beautiful orange and pink sunset they had found another alley, with a full dumpster. They ate a small supper of thrown out baked goods from the nearby pastry shop, curled up with each other and drifted off to a fitful, dream filled night of sleep.

When they awoke they started their trek. About halfway through the day of wondering through the obnoxious city, the buildings began to clear. After 3 more hours they discovered that they had left the city behind them and noticed plant life growing along the road rather than buildings. They wandered off the road in curiosity of all the new plants, flowers, and smells. Eventually their wanderings led them to a small peaceful stream full of clear, blue, beautiful water. The traveling had made them both thirsty and dirty. Of which the stream satisfied both needs. They sat in the tall grass and with the purple flowers and watched the stars begin to appear one by one as they drifted off to sleep.

The day met them with moist dew that clung to everything in sight. Po had located a bush with a small round blue fruit that they found to be quite tasty. After taking their fill of the juicy fruit, they began to walk along the creek away from the direction of the city. While walking they enjoyed the day and location by skipping through the most wonderful fragrant fields full of colorful flowers. It was not long before they noticed that the stream had ended, pouring into a crisp blue lake. Exploring the lake shore they happened upon a small shanty hidden under a grove of trees. Hungry and tired they decided to go into the cabin, which they found quite appealing and comfortable for sleeping. Within a few minutes they were sleeping so soundly that even the noises of the forest had no affect on them.

In the morning, with Amphi and Po being refreshed, they set out to explore around their future home. Nearby they found, hidden behind thick bramble bushes, were berry bushes with many delicious berries. This became their main food source. There were lots of berries such as black berries, raspberries, blueberries, and others. They also realized that the lake contained many fish to eat. They craved fish a lot so the lake was awesome. Plus the lake provided some happiness. For some reason they were always wanting to go swimming. The swimming was like an instinct. They also thought it curious they could swim so deep and could hold there breathe so long. It was almost like they were breathing under water without realizing it. They loved the lake. There was also an abundance of ground birds, like pheasants, and wild chickens which laid eggs in their nests that were available to take and eat. With all the resources and acceptable housing they decided that this would be a good place to stay a while.

A year later Po and Amphi had decided to formally call themselves married, of course they couldn't go and have a ceremony because of the D.O.M.E. agents. Living happily and safely by their lake, they had a family. Two girls.

They spent some time happy with their family, with one of the girls now 14, and the other one 6 years old. There was a small room in the top of the cabin where the girls slept, this seemed like the safest place because from the outside it looked as if there was no space there. This proved to be handy because one night something terrible happened.

The D.O.M.E agents had been searching for the two for nearly 16 years. They had searched everywhere for the children that had escaped the test facility. Eventually their search led them to an isolated area where a lone shack stood near a lake. The D.O.M.E. agents decided to storm the shack in the night. One of the agents claimed to have seen the missing couple around the area. Not knowing that the children of the two even existed, and with no proof that they could be in the shack, they captured Amphi, and Po and left right away.

The children did not know anything about what had happened to their parents. In the morning they went downstairs expecting breakfast, but instead found the house empty. After a little while they found their mothers locket lying in the middle of the floor. It was the locket that they had seen on their mother's neck so many times. The one that they had never even looked inside at the picture, and even though they had it, they probably wouldn't ever look in it. Their mother never took it off. It was evident something had happened.