

## Excerpt from The Invasion

Rachel looking at Sandra very seriously; and a little as if Sandra would not believe, what she was about to tell her, decided to continue with her decision to tell Sandra the whole truth. “Sandra, what I’m about to tell you I have not told anyone else, except my newspaper editor and my father. For some reason, I feel I can trust you with this most important information, and I’m going on gut instinct to do this.”

Sandra looked at Rachel very concerned, wondering what she was about to tell her. She looked at Rachel very seriously. “Rachel, anything you tell me, will be held in the strictest of confidence. I certainly would not reveal it to anyone else, unless you ask me. If there is anything I can do to help you, all you need to do is ask. If I can do it, I will. Besides, it looks like you could use some help.”

Rachel smiled and gave a gesture that she was in agreement as to what Sandra just said to her. Although Rachel agreed with Sandra that she needed her help, she was still a little skeptical about trusting her with the nature of the information she had, for it was a matter of worldwide security. She was delighted Sandra wanted to listen to her and help her out as much as she could. She knew in her heart that she needed to trust someone, so based on gut instinct; Rachel decided to tell Sandra the whole story of her acquaintance with Martin Link, the man she never got a chance to meet. Looking at Sandra very seriously, Rachel started to tell her about her experience. “Sandra, I must tell you some of the things I’m about to tell you will sound strange. Please promise me you will listen to everything I have to tell you before you decide to believe it or not.”

Sandra looked at Rachel rather puzzlingly, “Okay, Rachel, I promise I will listen and wait until you have finished, then you will get my opinion as to whether I believe it or not.”

“Fair enough, Sandra, that’s all I ask. I think I’m going to pour you another cup of coffee before I begin, you are really going to need it. Well, here it goes. It all began about one week ago.”

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