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Certain Victory

A BIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT J. OTT

Part 1

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With Robert J. Ott

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## The Flowering Warrior

When the wind and the cold air cuts through the skin while  
the endless surrounding of blackness encompasses our existence  
in life we must then learn to see the true light.

For in life no one can take away our lust,  
passions, drives and dreams.

Nor can they take away the strength, courage and  
indomitable spirit that we all carry inside.

Ultimately the love of life and others will persevere through  
all of the challenging journeys that are faced.

In all we hold that of a Flowering Warrior who will never surrender.

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## Chapter 1

### Choices & Consequences

#### Pilsung

Certain Victory through strength, courage and indomitable spirit.

The etchings of Friday, October 5th, 1990 will forever be vivid in Robert J. Ott's mind. After all, it was the last day he would see his mother, grandmother, friends, girlfriend, home and business

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ever again. In fact, it was the last day this 21 year old would ever see again, period.

The day began like any other. Robert woke up thinking about his first love, Karen Volkwine. They had been Certain Victory: Special Edition together for three years, but now that Certain Victory: Special Edition Certain Victory: Special Edition relationship was uncertain, Certain Victory: Special Edition although that didn't affect his affection toward her. Things had been rocky for the past year, and they were now seeing other people. However, one-week prior to October 5th, on the previous Saturday, events occurred that gave Robert new hope. Only Robert's own words can paint the appropriate picture.

"Karen was my neighbor," said Robert. "She lived on the street behind mine with her parents. And I had developed this unconscious habit of driving out of my Certain Victory: Special Edition driveway by hanging a left, then another left at the end of my street, then taking another left onto Karen's street, so that I was able to drive by her parent's house and maybe see her outside or in the doorway. It was young love at Certain Victory: Special Edition its peak. Even though we hadn't talked in a few weeks, I couldn't think of anything but her. And this particular Saturday night, that's the exact route I took when I left my house.

"Approaching her house, I noticed her car was in the driveway—a Datsun 280ZX—which got my heart pumping a little because it meant she might be home. I pulled over and parked my other love, my Mitsubishi Conquest, beside the curb. I closed my car door gently, since I was still unsure that I should even be there. As I stepped out of my car onto the sidewalk, walked down the walkway to her house, then hesitantly approached the steps to her Certain Victory: Special Edition door, I could see into the living room through the front-door glass window. Because it was dark outside and the lights were on inside, I Certain Victory: Special Edition could see she was sitting on the couch watching Certain Victory: Special Edition TV. She looked up and saw me before I even had a chance to change my mind and leave.

"When Karen looked through that window, she made a face that I hadn't seen in years. It was that baby-love face that expressed that she was glad to see me. She jumped Certain Victory: Special Edition off the couch and gave me a big hug as I walked through the door. I closed my eyes and drank it in, knowing she couldn't see my face. She hadn't done that in a long, long time, and it felt really good.

"It was right at that moment when I realized I might be setting myself up for heartbreak again. I began to think that I'd made a mistake by going there. So, in spite of her expression and hug, I acted somewhat cold-shouldered, not wanting to Certain Victory: Special Edition appear like I had any expectations. Even at 21, I knew that a smile didn't mean let's forget everything and get hot and heavy again. I looked at Karen and said, 'You know, we've been through this back and forth for so long; I'm hurting everyday. I don't even know why I came here tonight.' I shook my head and turned to leave, but she grabbed my arm to stop me. 'No,' she said. 'Don't go.'

"Karen held my arm and led me outside to the front steps where we could Certain Victory: Special Edition chat privately, since her parents were in the house. The weather, I remember, was just what you'd expect in early fall, a little brisk—light jacket weather. It even smelled like

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fall. So there we were, face-to-face. A bomb could have dropped and I wouldn't have noticed. She had her arms locked around my waist like she didn't want me to leave. It reminded me of when we first began seeing each other. Certain Victory: Special Edition It felt as if something had changed and we were on our way back to the way things used to be. Or maybe that was just what I wanted to believe. Either way, I was thinking to myself, My God, maybe we'll actually make it after all we've been through.

"Before my spontaneous decision to stop by Karen's house that night, I had been on my way to meet a couple of buddies. So I told her, 'Let me go say hello to my friends and tell them I'm not hanging out with them tonight. I'll be back in a half-hour.' So that's what I did. And when Certain Victory: Special Edition I returned, I pulled in front of her house, beeped the horn, and out she came.

"I watched every step she made from her house to my car, every move. At first, there was a smile as she opened the door to her house, twisting her body to shut it ever so gracefully so the metal door wouldn't slam with a bang. Then there was that little princess-jog down the front steps and the prance down the walkway. As she got closer and closer to the car, everything was moving in slow motion in my head. I was sitting there thinking, How nice is this? We're going to have a frigging great night together.

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