

# The Signal Behind the House

## A Domestic Horror

The afternoon sun falls warmly over the garden, yet its light cannot ease the cold that lingers between those present. The boy kneels on the grass, his small hands resting on the ground, eyes lowered to the birthday cake already placed in the hole. The candles remain unlit, silent witnesses to a celebration that will not take place.

To the left stands the father, commanding, in an unyielding stance. Beneath the surface of the scene lies long-suppressed frustration, now falling upon the child, an outburst of pent-up anger. To the right, the mother stands silent, fearful, paralyzed by the violence that unfolds without sound or gesture.

The spade lies in the grass, a tool the boy used earlier to dig the hole. Now it waits, while the father's power and control thicken the air. The sun shines on the boy, illuminating his sad face, shoulders slumped, marked by humiliation and fear far beyond the years of a child.

He does not understand why this punishment is necessary; the trigger is small, insignificant – yet the father's anger knows no bounds. The parents remain still, yet their presence is enough to paralyze the scene. Soon, the boy rises and silently covers the cake with earth, a symbol of the power and helplessness that reign over him.

Behind him, the house stands as the signal – the silent, ever-present judgment hovering over the garden. A single moment, frozen between control, fear, and childlike helplessness, destined to remain in his memory long after the sun sets.

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