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When joyous libertarian revolt turns into banditry and armed conflict.

The revolt on the march across France, especially in Lyon. The air is thick with shouted slogans, then cobblestones, then tear gas as the gathering degenerates. One truck drives straight at the forces of law and hits Commissioner Lacroix, who succumbs to his wounds in a hospital, the first casualty of May 1968. This tragedy marks a turning point in this revolutionary movement. To Mila and Théo, who came to protest on that day, it is the beginning of another story: "They wanted to be done with caution, to reinvent a kind of grace that would put the old world on its knees. Shunted from a desire for freedom to a nostalgia for chaos, for a moment they believed in the mirage of radicalism."
