



0. Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara - Story Preface

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Photograph of Edgardo Mortara, pictured on the right, together with his mother and possibly (uncertain) his brother. Image online, courtesy Wikipedia Commons.

*I'm just following
the Inquisitor's
Orders.*

Marshall Lucidi
Explaining why he was removing Edgardo Mortara from his parents' home **
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Kidnapping is a crime. Period. Parents take great comfort in that truth.

But suppose a place exists where kidnapping is *not* a crime under certain circumstances. Try to imagine what life in such a country would be like. Think about the terrible effects of such "legal" actions.

** Quoted by David I. Kertzer in *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara*, at page 5.

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