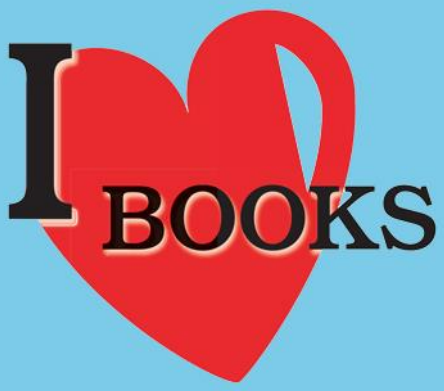


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ALMOST THERE, GENTLEMEN. RIGHT ON TIME.

CAYO ESQUELETO, CUBA

GOOD. HOW MANY ARE THERE WAITING FOR US?

SEE FOR YOURSELF...

...JUST *HIM*.

THAT RUNWAY LOOKS VERY ***NARROW***. CAN YOU LAND IN THIS ***STORM***?

JUST ***WATCH*** ME, CARLO. BUT BRACE YOURSELVES, IT'S GONNA GET ***BUMPY***...

SKreeeech

THERE. EVERYBODY *OK?*

WE'RE FINE. AND THERE'S *THE GENERAL*. MARC, ARE YOU *READY?*

I THINK SO.

RELAX, MY FRIEND. THERE ARE TWO OF US, AND WE'RE BOTH *ARMED*. HE'S JUST AN *OLD MAN*.

KEEP THE ENGINE *RUNNING*. WE DON'T WANT TO STAY A SECOND LONGER THAN WE *HAVE* TO.

SURE. I'LL HAVE TO TURN AROUND BEFORE WE CAN TAKE OFF, ANYWAY.

GOOD EVENING. YOU HAD NO TROUBLE GETTING HERE?

NONE AT *ALL*, GENERAL.

IS THAT IT?

ONE KILOGRAM OF *WEAPONS-GRADE URANIUM*. ENOUGH TO DESTROY A *CITY*.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW *WHICH* CITY YOU HAVE IN MIND.

AND I PAY YOU ***NOT*** TO ASK QUESTIONS. YOUR MONEY IS IN THE JEEP. ***HALF A MILLION DOLLARS***, AS AGREED.

ABOUT THAT ... OUR FRIEND IN ***MIAMI*** SENDS HIS ***APOLOGIES***, BUT SMUGGLING HAS BECOME MUCH MORE ***DIFFICULT*** RECENTLY. THERE WERE EXTRA ***EXPENSES***.

A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS EXTRA.

THAT IS ***UNFORTUNATE***.

UNFORTUNATE FOR ***YOU***, GENERAL. YOU ARE THE ONE WHO MUST ***PAY***.

I SEE.

I WILL HAVE TO ***RAISE*** THE MONEY. I CAN TRANSFER IT TO THE SAME ACCOUNT AS BEFORE.

SEE THAT YOU ***DO***. IF IT IS NOT THERE IN THREE DAYS, ***AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE*** WILL LEARN WHAT ***HAPPENED*** HERE TONIGHT. AND YOUR LITTLE ISLAND WILL NOT BE SO SAFE.

GOOD NIGHT, GENERAL.

GOOD NIGHT, GENTLEMEN. *ENJOY* YOUR FLIGHT.

LET'S TURN THIS THING *AROUND*...

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE *LIGHTS*?!

IT'S THE *GENERAL!* HE'S TRYING TO STOP US LEAVING!

WAIT ... *THERE* YOU GO. PROBABLY JUST THE STORM DISRUPTING THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

I'LL FINISH TURNING THE PLANE, THEN WE CAN GO.

HURRY. THE SOONER WE ARE IN THE AIR, THE HAPPIER I WILL BE.

ALL RIGHT, GENTLEMEN, HERE WE GO. BACK TO *CIVILIZATION!*

Vrrrrrrrrr...

Rrrrrrrrm...

Aaaaaaaaa!

KRAASH!

UNH...

WHAT *HAPPENED?* YOU DROVE US *OFF* THE RUNWAY!

I DIDN'T, I *SWEAR*...

HE *TRICKED* US! THE LIGHTS ... HE *MOVED* THE RUNWAY LIGHTS SOMEHOW! WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE *THREATENED* HIM! WE'LL *DROWN!*

DON'T BE *RIDICULOUS!* WE CAN STILL GET OUT ... WE'LL *DEAL* WITH HIM!

AND THEN WE'LL FIND A WAY *OFF* THIS—

AAAAAAA!

CROCODILES!

Krunch!

Splash!

AAAAAAH!

"WHICH CITY", INDEED. SUCH...

Krunch!

"...LIMITED MINDS."

GOOOOOAL!

GOOD SHOT, ALEX!

I KNEW THERE WAS A **REASON** I PICKED YOU FOR THE FIRST TEAM!

CHELSEA, LONDON

THANKS, MR WISEMAN. I WON'T LET YOU **DOWN** WHEN WE PLAY!

I...

ALEX? WHAT'S THE **MATTER?**

NOTHING, SIR. THIS WON'T TAKE A **MINUTE**.

BROOKLAND SCHOOL

ALEX! WHAT A SURPRISE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR TEAM PRACTISED HERE. BARKER AND I OFTEN WALK—

COME OFF IT, MR CRAWFORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I TOLD YOU ALREADY, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN MI6 ANY MORE. I'M A SCHOOLBOY, NOT A SPY.

ABSOLUTELY, OF COURSE! NO, I'M ... THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE, UM, COMPANY.

REALLY.

REALLY! LISTEN, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A FRONT ROW SEAT AT WIMBLEDON?

YOU MEAN THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT?

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M ON THE COMMITTEE OF THE ALL-ENGLAND TENNIS CLUB. I CAN GET YOU IN.

WHAT'S THE CATCH?

THERE ISN'T ONE, NOT REALLY. BUT...

...LET ME EXPLAIN. IT WON'T TAKE A MINUTE.

BROOKLAND SCHOO