“Sergeant Soo! This is an emergency! Sunnyset mall theatre hall is being attacked by unknown masked men, threatening people with guns! I suspect they are terrorists. We do not know where they came from!” an urgent voice said over the phone.

Sergeant Soo’s expression turned serious. He pressed the announcement button and said, “Everyone in the camp! Please report to the assembly area with your gear in five minutes.”

Then, he marched to the assembly area, prepared to announce the bad news.

Jack rushed to the assembly area as fast as his legs could carry him.

“A suspected terrorist attack is taking place at Sunnyset mall theatre hall right now. The suspected terrorists are threatening people with guns!”

Nervous whispers were heard. Although everyone had been practising for this day, they were nervous when the real scenario had finally happened.

Sergeant Soo continued, “Group One, you are in charge of getting the hostages out. Group Two, you are in charge of defusing the bomb. Group Three, you are in charge of checking for any more unusual objects lying around. Group Four, you are in charge of taking the terrorists down. The rest of the groups stay here if there are any more complications just in case. Please proceed!”

Everyone replied, “Yes, sergeant!”

Sergeant Soo grabbed his walkie talkie and rushed back to his office. On his way back, a shrill voice echoed through the walkie talkie.

“Sergeant Soo! A bomb has exploded on MRT 96. The MRT team of officers are already leading the commuters out of the tunnel. They have also informed all the trains to stop at the nearest station. I need your team to rush everyone out of the stations.”

Sergeant Soo muttered to himself, “This is getting serious…”
Again, he pressed the announcement button and announced, “Groups Five and Six, proceed to all the MRT stations and rush everyone out. A bomb has exploded at MRT 96. Be quick!”

Jack rushed out promptly with Group 5. By the time he reached the destination, people were screaming and running around. He shouted for everybody to get to the exit door leading to the bomb shelter. About ten minutes later, almost the whole MRT station was empty. Suddenly, Jack spotted and strange device under a bench. To make matters worse, a little girl was poking at it. Jack’s heart skipped a beat when he realised that it was a bomb. He rushed to the girl, scooped her up in his arms, and dashed out of the exit door.

Boom!

The bomb exploded in the station. That powerful force threw Jack and the girl to the ground. Even as he was falling, Jack used his body to shield the girl from the blast. The flames and the impact were too great. Darkness took over him.

When Jack woke up, he saw Sergeant Soo beside him.

“Your bravery makes us proud. You are lucky that you were not that near that bomb. However, you have fractured your arm badly…”

Even though Jack had fractured his arm, he was filled with pride. It was indeed a close shave. He was glad that the little girl was unhurt.

He nodded his head and replied, “Just doing my duty, Sergeant.”

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