

Chapter 1: Jonathan JR. - The Smart Idiot

Jonathan was traveling back to his hometown by train to do a job for Mr. Green Watson. However, his real reason for going was to see his girlfriend Sarah after two long years without seeing or hearing from each other. He arrived at the metro station at 12:15 and noticed that the second train was for transferring packages. Although he couldn't see who or what was on the train, he imagined there must be something valuable being transported.

The train arrived at 12:17, and Jonathan reached the first station at 12:20 and the second station at 12:23. Without his knowledge, he didn't notice the second train at the first station. As he stepped out of the train, he overheard the metro security shouting to each other. For his curiosity, he approached them to ask what was going on, but they brushed him off.

Jonathan's mind started racing, trying to make sense of the situation. He saw that the security personnel were calling for backup, but only three individuals were responding. Out of the seven men present, two seemed angry while the other five appeared frightened. He deduced that one of the angry men was the head of security, and the other was the station owner.

Noticing one of the security guards picking up a phone to communicate with the other station via the station radio, Jonathan realized it was 12:25, and he had a meeting with Mr. Green at 3 pm. He knew he would be late if he investigated the situation all day. However, his sense of duty as a detective compelled him to act.

Addressing the security personnel, Jonathan suggested that he could help find the missing train since he had seen it two stations away but hadn't seen it afterward. He urged them to contact the earlier station and obtain a report on the train's whereabouts. One of the angry guards skeptically asked Jonathan if he was sure, to which he confidently replied, "Yes, sir."

The two angry guards quickly exchanged words, leaving a big question mark in the air. They ordered the police to be called at once and all trains to be stopped. Within two minutes, the police arrived with backup, searching the station and instructing everyone to evacuate while cutting off the electricity.

During the chaos, Jonathan noticed a man dressed in black with oversized clothing and a rare black hat for the summer season. He bore a resemblance to a younger Sherlock Holmes. The police interrogated him,

but Jonathan couldn't help but approach the mysterious man and ask why he was there, offering his assistance.

The man turned around, looking into Jonathan's eyes with a cold smile, and instructed the police to leave him alone. Jonathan's mind raced again, trying to make sense of the situation. He guessed that the man could be the leader or owner of the train since he appeared younger. He was the son of the station manager, but Jonathan couldn't be sure.

The man in black finally asked Jonathan his name, to which he replied, "Jonathan." The man found it interesting that their names started with the same letter, "J." Jonathan noticed a resemblance in their eyes but decided to play it cool. The man introduced himself as "Jen," a police detective. Jonathan couldn't help but make a bold statement that startled Jen. He claimed to already know who Jen was and more.

Jen, taken aback, composed himself and responded with a smirk, referring to Jonathan as the younger Sherlock Holmes. He expressed his confidence in Jonathan and said he would count on him to solve the mystery. Jonathan felt like his dream had come true and wasted no time asking Jen to start investigating at once.

Jen: So, Jonathan, what are your thoughts, or should I say, Sherlock Holmes?

Jonathan: Well, after seeing the train two stations ago with no markings, it was clear that it wasn't a regular train for civilian transportation. Something valuable was being transported on it, and the police response confirmed it.

Jen: Interesting. Please continue.

Jonathan: It turns out that the train held expensive and secretive materials. The owner of the train is a significant figure in the country. However, there's more to it.

Jen: Correct, A small group consisting of BMW and Russians was collaborating to create an underwater car. But when the Russians backed out, BMW came to us for help. The train was carrying a copy of the technology, which was supposed to be built at the BMW workshop here.

Jonathan: I see.

Jen: The train's delay caused concern because this project costs billions of dollars.

Jonathan: Do we have any evidence here?

Jen: No, there's nothing to trace regarding the train. It's like a ghost train.

Jonathan: But we don't have a complete crime scene yet.

Jen: That's correct.

Jonathan: There must be someone working at the station who takes part in this. I think I know who could be responsible.

Jen: Ah, you mean the station manager?

Jonathan: Not just the manager, but also the other two station employees, the owner of the BMW group, and the train driver.

Jen: So, what do we have here?

Jonathan: A missing train, a driver, and someone orchestrating it all. We need to find out who the driver is, who was on the train, how they gained access, and when they worked. The driver is suspect number one, followed by the station manager as suspect number two, and the BMW group owner as suspect number three. This information should have been kept a secret, and anyone who knew about it became suspicious.

Jen: So, where do we start? Finding the train, the driver, or the mastermind behind it all?

Jonathan: If we can find the guilty party, we'll find the driver and the train.

Jen: You mean, it's not just me working on this. I'm counting on you, kid, I mean Sherlock Holmes.

Jonathan: Me too, sir. We're in this together.

When all the suspects arrived at the station, there were five individuals in total – the three station managers, the owner of the BMW group, and the reporter from the second station who had reported the missing train.

Jonathan: I'll start by investigating with you, sir. You're the reporter, right?

Reporter: Yes, I am. I was waiting for the train, but after 30 seconds, it didn't arrive on time, so I reported it as missing. Two minutes later, the second train arrived.

Jen: 30 seconds seems like a short time to report a missing train. Don't you think?

Reporter: Yes, but you see, the train didn't come.

Jen: Hmm, what do you think, Jonathan?

Jonathan: Thirty seconds is indeed a short time to report a missing train unless...

Jen: Unless he already knew it was missing.

Jonathan: That's the same idea, sir.

Jen, smiling I told you, Sherlock Holmes.

Jonathan: Sir, I'm not Sherlock Holmes. I'm Jonathan JR.

Jen: I see. I'll call you J then.

Jonathan: No problem, sir. Let's get back to work. I'd like to ask the first station manager a few questions.

Jen: Sure thing, J.

Manager 1: I didn't do anything!

J: Don't worry, sir. I know you wouldn't steal it. I just want to ask a few questions.

Manager 1: What?

J: You know what was on the train, right?

Manager 1: Of course, but don't tell me you think I would steal it. I'm sure the other two managers know as well.

J: Hold on, sir. I didn't say that. Please, take it easy.

Manager 1: Okay, but you have your word, right?

J: Yes, sir, I have my word. Now, I want to ask you how you knew what was on the train.

Manager 1: We need to know what is on the train before it arrives at our station. The train driver informs us if there is something expensive that needs to be secured or if there are any dangerous materials like bombs. We call in specialists for inspection or if it's something important, we let it pass without stopping.

J: So, the train had something expensive, but you let it pass without stopping at the station.

Manager 1: Yes, because it was an emergency. They needed it urgently.

J: Thank you, sir. That's all I needed to know.

Jen: So, what have you figured out, J?

J: He let the train pass because it was an emergency. The 30-second delay wasn't just a fast decision. It suggests that it was an emergency.

Jen: Yes, so the reporter isn't involved.

J: I didn't say that, but it's worth considering. Reporting within 30 seconds seems like a deliberate marker.

Jen: What do you mean?

J: I mean, he could have reported it after 20 seconds, 10 seconds, or even before the train arrived. Timing is crucial here. Reporting so promptly is unusual for a station reporter, don't you think?

Jen: Yes, unless the reporter is exceptionally efficient.

J: Yes, you're right. Let's not jump to conclusions just yet. Let's ask Manager 2. I have something to ask.

Jen: Sure thing, J.

Manager 2: What is it, sir?

J: I'm investigating the missing train.

Manager 2: What about it? Ask me anything. I have nothing to hide.

J: Okay, why did you ask the reporter to make the 30-second report?

Manager 2: Did he tell you that?

Jen: No, he didn't, but why would you mention it?

J: ... Jen, I'm investigating here.

Jen: Oh, sorry.

Manager 2: Like I said, I don't have anything to hide. It's just a misunderstanding. I reported two days ago that if a train is late by 30 seconds, we report it as missing without asking the driver because we've had connection problems. Unfortunately, the train had trouble connecting with the driver, so we reported it as missing.

J: Okay, thank you for your time.

Jen: Is that it?

Manager 2: Okay, thanks for your time, detective.

J: Who said I'm a detective? Can't you see that I'm too young to be one?

Manager 2: But I saw you investigating with all the people, and they were answering your questions.

J: That's because they care about the train, but it seems like you don't. And you're lying. A professional liar. You know everything.

Manager 2: Like I said, I have nothing to hide. Ask me whatever you want.

J: That's why it makes you more suspicious. You cleared your name completely before going into this investigation.

Manager 2: You can't prove anything. I will call my lawyer.

Jen: No need, we won't ask you any more questions.

Manager 2 calls his lawyer, who is on the way.

Jen: So, J, let's ask the third manager.

J: Okay, did you ask for backup to secure your train?

Group Owner: Are you crazy? I can't trust anyone. They might steal my train. If I secure it, there's something worse than billions of dollars on it.

J: But the driver knows, right?

Group Owner: Of course not. He's just a driver, and he doesn't have time to look inside at what he's carrying.

J: But how do the managers know?

Group Owner: What? The drivers report what is on the train to every station and what actions to take.

Group Owner: They stole my stuff! Find them fast!

J: That was going to be my second question, sir. Who do you think stole it?

Group Owner: I don't think, I'm sure. It was the Russians.

Jen: Russians?! Here?

Group Owner: Yes, of course! They want to steal my materials, create that car, and put their name on it. They want to destroy the reputation of my group.

J: Okay, I will try my best to find the train, sir.

Group Owner: You better do.

An officer comes to Detective Jen, informing him that Manager 2's lawyer has arrived and wants to talk.

Jen: You want to talk to me?

Lawyer: Yes, I heard that my client was being investigated in the case by a kid. Who is he?

Jen: You mean this kid, J? Come here, please.

J: What, Jen?

Jen: This is J, my assistant, and he is here to solve the case. If you don't mind.

Lawyer: He works for the police? He is just a kid. He has no right to investigate or know what was on the train. Maybe he is the one who took the train.

Jen: Just take care of your own business. It's a matter of work privileges. You are not allowed to know.

Lawyer: Then he has no right to investigate the case without my permission.

Jen: No problem.

J: No problem, sir. He paid you a lot, didn't he?

Lawyer: What? How dare you say that? I'm not in it for the money. We are old friends.

J: He paid you because you understood what I meant.

Lawyer: How could you? You have no right to ask me. I won't answer.

J: You're good, but not that good.

Lawyer: One more word, and I will involve you in a punishment.

J: Take it easy, I will shut up.

Lawyer: Good.

J: Because I have evidence. Tell me what is going on.

Jen and the lawyer: ... Huh?

J: Be right back in 5 minutes.

J uses his amazing phone to record something with a voice changer and comes back.

J: Hey, everyone, I solved the case.

Manager 2: You didn't even ask Manager 3.

J: I was going to, but your lawyer, who got paid to cover for you, didn't allow me.

Manager 2 and Manager 3: ...

J: I was asking why you would ask for a lawyer if you knew you would be here.

J: Everyone, this is the evidence that will solve the case.

[Jonathan plays a voice recording from his phone.]

Group Owner's Voice: Hey, the manager is too stupid. I asked him to tell a trusted reporter to report that the train is missing, and we will set up roadblocks and replace the train with a normal one. The reporter will function as the driver, and once he arrives, he will report that the train is missing in 30 seconds. That will be the time you folks give me back my materials.

Someone's Voice: Sure, sir. We will. What else do you want me to do?

Group Manager: After the police fail in my plan, and we get money from the Russians to clear their name, we will take them down. We will kill the driver, the reporter, and, of course, the manager, at the time he gets paid.

Manager 2: What the hell am I listening to? You cheated on me, you bastard. You told me you would pay me in my bank account. You want to kill me? That is all my fault for being involved with a bastard like you who says stupid stuff and gets recorded.

Group Owner: I didn't say all of that. That is a fake voice.

Reporter: So, the money you gave me to do that job, you said you wanted me alone. You didn't say anything about a bank account. You wanted to kill me. The group owner did it.

Jen: What??

Reporter and Manager: He did that. He told us to do this to involve the Russians and give him more money. They won't ever make that car. They need the help of the Russians. He wants them to be involved.

J: So, that's it.

Group Owner: Answer that, it's a fake voice.

J: Yes, it is fake. I faked it.

Jen: What??

J: I used my smart phone to make this fake voice recording to make you folks reveal the truth.

Lawyer: This is not allowed.

J: Yeah, it's not allowed, but I did it. So what? It won't be used as evidence, okay? But the reporter, the manager, and the group owner said that they did it together. And about the driver, he was the reporter.

Group Owner: Who are you, kid?

J: Jonathan Jr., Detective.

Jen, smiling: Okay, everyone, come with me to the office now. I have the right to search your place, owner of the group, and I will find your stuff there if I look carefully.

Group Owner: This was supposed to work.

Jonathan looked at his watch and saw that it was 2:50 PM. He only had 10 minutes left, and the meeting was at 3. There was no way he would be there on time.

The end of Chapter 1.