

something even more absurd than the " breakneck 90 m/h on a snowy night " ?? My Ted Chiang 's personal experience .

I Ted have has deep feelings and a lot of sympathy with the author after reading the article breakneck 90 m/h on a snowy night . It also reminds me him of something that I he experienced several years ago , also related to an airport and meeting people .

A couple of years ago , my Ted 's neighbor approached me him to borrow my his car , saying he was meeting his parents at the airport . He also said both his wife and children wanted to go . As his car was too small and mine Ted 's was big , it could make his parents more comfortable . He added that he would only use it for one morning and would return it to me him before noon . Although there was only a nodding acquaintance between the neighbor and me Ted , we they lived in the same apartment building *after all* and were both chinese . So i Ted discussed with my his wife back home and lent him his neighbor the car as we they thought we they would not be using the car until the same afternoon .

And then something happened ... At 1:00pm , the neighbor called me Ted , saying he took his parents to a buffet and would probably not to be back until around 3:00pm . I Ted of course agreed and asked them not to rush . This wait lasted till 5:30pm , when the neighbor told me him in a half - crying tone that there was an accident , and everyone else was intact , except his father , who was in hospital for fractures . I Ted comforted him his neighbor first and asked my his friend to rush me him to the hospital . My his neighbor showed me him the police report at the hospital , which indicated it was all my his neighbor 's fault . He clashed into a truck going straight when he made a left turn . My Ted 's car was completely damaged and had been towed away . I He forced myself himself to refrain from the grief of loosing my his beloved car -lrb- mine his was liability - only coverage -rrb- and asked the friend to send their family home .

And then the nightmare began . The next day , my Ted 's neighbor called me him , saying his father needed to undergo an operation in hospital and asked where the money would come from . I Ted told him part would be covered by my his car insurance . After a while , he the neighbor called again , saying the operation charge was high and it was difficult for them to afford . I Ted tried my his best to comfort him then and told him to think of a way slowly . Just then , a nearly crazy voice of a woman came from the other end of the line , saying her family had just saved several dozen thousand bucks for the down payment of a house ; where would they live afterwards if they spent this . She also said my Ted 's car was a japanese one , which had poor safety performance and it was my his car to blame for the car accident . She added that i he should pay the money because the car was mine his . I He/Ted hung up the phone angrily as the dialog could not go on . My His wife -lsb- pw% -rsb- had been persuading me him aside , saying some women would easily lose mind once in fury . She asked me him to take no heed of them and let them calm down first . So i he did n't take their words seriously but still felt angry .

Out of my his expectation , a phone call on the third day completely changed my his original idea . The telephone rang just as i Ted was about to go to work in the morning . I He thought it was a sales call and was prepared to end it perfunctorily . Unexpectedly , coming from the other end of the line was a deep and resolute voice of a middle - aged man . He said in an incontestable tone that my Ted 's neighbor had a car accident as a result of borrowing my his car , which traumatized them both physically and mentally and harmed their economic

interests , and as the car owner , they would not sue me him if i he compensated them for the hospital charge and the costs of missing work hours -lrb- three times -rrb- , otherwise they would see me him in court . He The man added that he was certain about the case as a lawyer in business for ten years and the compensation he requested could double in court . As a great chinese guy , how could I Ted be scared by a few remarks of the lawyer ? I He also took up the weapon of law for justice . Of course , i he also retained a lawyer . Out of my his expectation , my his lawyer solved the problem by merely making two phone calls . One was to the police station , asking for any additional findings in the investigation report of the accident . There was additional findings unexpectedly , which were against them . Someone at the junk yard found a bottle of unfinished wine without the lid inside the car and reported it to the police station . The police found they put the bottle of unfinished wine in the car without the lid after lunch . The second call was to their lawyer . So their lawyer dropped the lawsuit . Of course , they would not stop it there and came to discuss with me Ted several times , sometimes honey - tongued and sometimes threatening . The most classic one was : do n't ever dream of living a life back to china , as we have people across the country . Disgusting !