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 1:00 pm , **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 5:30 pm , 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** 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 !