The Dark Defeat

Once upon a time there was a village on the outskirts of a city by a river. There were houses made of bricks and cement but no sign of any mud house.

It was the added day after four years that a rumour spread the ‘*Dark Robberer’* who looted the house the of David not leaving any single penny in the house but spared David was that day going to loot someone’s house but this time not sparing him.

‘I don’t believe it.’, said Albus to a villager. ‘You do or not the thing is that this story is true. He is gonna come today and loot and kill someone. And that’s why David is leaving is house for today and he has posted guards around his house. And we, for sure we are going to lock our houses at 6 o’clock. And for you I advice to stay at home not showing up on your bravery. He is “Dangerous”.’, replied villager and went away.

‘They have given me sheriff badge not for staying and see getting looted the village.’, murmured Albus. Albus was a sheriff who was posted 2 years ago in the village. It was 5:35 when Albus came back home and locked the door.

**Intruder** – Hands in the air! Now!

**Albus** – Whoa. Okay... okay...

**Intruder** – Do you know who am I?

**Albus** – You are an intruder who had broken in my house without my permission.

**Intruder** – You can say that and you should also say that ‘you are going to kill me with a revolver’.

**Albus** – Why should I say that?

**Intruder** – Aren’t you feared of your death?

**Albus** – Well, who is not. You too are feared of your death.

**Intruder** – Your name is Albus Bekker, huh?

**Albus** – Yeah, what is yours?

**Intruder** – You have the right to know who killed you. I’m the brother of the person who looted your village head’s house. What was his name ... yeah David!

**Albus** – You mean *Dark Robberer’s* brother.

**Intruder** – Yeah and you know why I came here to kill you only. Because...

**Albus** - ...you will kill every sheriff who is chosen for this village. As the sheriff before killed your brother but no one got a chance to know about that.

**Intruder** – How do you know that?

**Albus** – For your surprise I am no sheriff. I was a big robberer but one day I mistakenly saved life of mayor. Then he appointed me sheriff.

**Intruder** – Don’t try to fool me. This conservation is over. Any last wish?

**Albus** – Yes, do you know what I saw a yesterday? That David, at night went in the woods and dig a hollow pit and put a bag in it. I’m very sure it’s his money he wanted to save from you. Let’s go and get it.

**Intruder** – Why should I believe you? You would had taken it out alone and why would you wait for me?

**Albus** – I needed someone for help. Now don’t waste time here let’s go.

**Intruder** – What if you are telling lie?

**Albus** – You have the gun man!

**Intruder** – Okay but no cleverness and you will go first. (Pointing towards the door) Go on open the door.

(Albus opened the door. It was all dark. Everyone was in their houses. Albus went forward and came the intruder behind him pointing his gun at Albus. Albus went past some leaves on the ground which were in group together.)

**Albus** – Don’t come over the leaves. A hollow pit is under them. Come over(pointing to ground a metre away for leaves)

(Intruder did what Albus said. When he walked on the ground away from leaves he fell and landed on ground and a cracking sound came from his feet.)

**Intruder** – Aaah... You lier. You cheater. I still have gun!

**Albus** – Then shoot your ghosts ‘cause I am not gonna come in your sight fool! And yeah for sure this time there will be damn good increment in my salary.