

THE WHITE TUNIC

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INT. CHILDHOOD HOME - DAY

JASON and NATHAN are seven year old twin brothers. They're sitting at their desk at home playing with toys.

FATHER

Kids, seek first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness.

After hearing the word righteousness, Jason raises his head from the toys.

INT. GANGSTERS WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

JASON, now 30, blonde hair, dark eyes, bad to the bone, crafty and a smart hacker.

A small office with 5 computers; connected to a large fancy room. Jason raises his head to hear the instructions more closely.

Max, 35 years old, dark hair, dark eyes, manly, muscular, mobster-like hacker.

MAX

(takes puff from cigar)

These days thieves don't go to prison. They get killed, because the corrupt crypto exchanges aren't decentralized anymore. They are privately owned by the bloody authorities gone rogue. Uncle Sam decided to become a socialist. This country is all mafia, so don't feel bad for stealing. We'll be hacking throughout the night. If anyone has questions ask him.

(points to Jason)

Jason has been hacking accounts over two years now; never been caught, so follow his lead.

Jason is surrounded by intelligent criminals and he is the leader of the pack. Jason's expressionless face shows that his numb heart feels no guilt, shame or fear.

JASON

Tell our friends how much they're getting.

MAX

If you play the cards right, then I'll pay you nine hundred thousand.

(MORE)

MAX (CONT'D)

Enough to satisfy your sick
imagination.

JASON

Each. Let us begin.

Montage of 5 hackers working together and hacking one crypto
account.

INT. NATHAN'S HOME - DAY

Jason peeks into Nathan's window of his small apartment and
notices he is reading a bible. Annoyed, he takes a breath of
fresh air and then steps inside.

Nathan, now 30, blonde hair, dark eyes, courageous, moral,
opinionated.

NATHAN

How are you?

Jason puts a crypto wallet on the desk.

JASON

I've been good. I got you a small
gift.

NATHAN

How much is on here?

JASON

Nathan, I wish we weren't living
separate lives. Everything I do, I
do for both of us.

NATHAN

I am content with what I have...
Jason, this money is sucking you in
deep. What you're doing is
dangerous and it's causing a
division between us.

After a long glance Jason storms to the front door then
pauses with his back faced to Nathan.

JASON

You are separating us. Your belief
in God is standing in between you
and I.

(turns toward Nathan)

Why does God let this bad thing
happen between us?

NATHAN

Jason, God will not violate our freewill. He won't suspend human freedom for safety. Even in the midst of the worst evil he can bring a greater good.

Jason exits and slams the door.

INT - WEALTHY HOME - DAY

RICH MAN 1, age 35, dark hair, dark eyes, strong stature. He stands in a large fancy room in a hooded bathrobe. Then angrily yells out loud to himself.

RICH MAN 1

No! I can't believe it. My perfect reputation! Haven't these hackers considered that I'm in debt? I've been juked. Without my millions... without my money! I'm Dead!

INT - WEALTHY HOME 2 - DAY

RICH MAN 2, age 50, dark hair, blue eyes, skinny, sitting quietly near the fireplace.

RICH MAN 2

I am ruined.

INT - CRYPTO EXCHANGE - DAY

SIMON, age 35, dark hair, blue eyes, wearing formal attire.

Simon writes Seth text and Seth reads it.

SETH, age 35, dirty blonde hair, hazel eyes, wearing long leather coat.

SETH(V.O.)

Seth, a couple guys got hacked last night, if you haven't heard. I suspect the thief's name is Jason. His code name is gangsters. After hacking a second account that night, a member from our cyber security team caught traces of gangsters escape through an exit portal. I've pinpointed a physical address and will email it to you immediately.

(MORE)

SETH(V.O.) (CONT'D)

Please retrieve the stolen
currency. Thank you for your
loyalty.

Simon immediately gets a text back:
I'll think about it.

EXT. GANGSTERS WAREHOUSE - DAY

Jason pulls out a cigarette and walks to his window for a
smoke. His assistant, MARIA approaches; who Jason desires.

MARIA, 25 years old, blonde, blue eyes, pretty, kind, but way
too confident.

MARIA

Hey, can you sign this?

JASON

I'm struggling with greed, pride,
anger issues, but your emotional
state and character... is perfect.
Whenever I'm with you, I feel free
and whole. I've never met anyone so
wise.

MARIA

Stop.

JASON

You're always happy, energetic,
sincere, loving, patient, peaceful
and courageously bold, yet so
humble and gentle. I want those
character qualities, too.

MARIA

I can give you my personality
traits.

JASON

(joking)
Are you gunna hack into my brain?

MARIA

Sure! If you agree to my terms.

JASON

(Jason laughs)
What are your terms?

MARIA
(seriously)
Sell me your conscience.

JASON
You mean, sell you my soul?

MARIA
No, sell me your moral compass. In
return I'll give you my
personality.

JASON
Look, I can't sell what I don't
have.

MARIA
(interrupts)
Nathan would say that you do have a
conscience, but it's been seared.
Sell me your broken compass.

JASON
So, how does one do this?

MARIA
Become my assistant for 24 hours.
In one full day I'd restore your
conscience. Here are my terms!
Grant me access to your headphones
and smart glasses, and don't take
them off the entire day tomorrow.
My voice overrides your thoughts,
so don't question my authority.

Jason flicks away the cigarette and they shake on it. Maria
takes out her black headphones and smart glasses from her
purse, and syncs them with his.

MARIA
Tomorrow morning, I'm your eyes and
ears.

JASON
As you wish, my lady.

She hands them back to him and exits.

INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Jason rushes into a small, but popular privately owned
coffee shop and carefully cuts the long line.

MARIA (V.O.)
I saw that... you cut the line!
You're wearing the glasses, you
know?

JASON
Oh... it won't happen again.

BARISTA
How may I help you?

JASON
Steak, egg and cheese breakfast
sandwich. Also, a large coffee with
2 shots.

MARIA (V.O.)
Make that a small with no shots!

JASON
I beg your pardon?

BARISTA
I didn't say anything.

JASON
Oh, I'm just on the line with my...
with my boss. Let's change that to
a small coffee instead. No shots.

EXT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Jason sips coffee and lights a cigarette.

MARIA (V.O.)
Put it out. If you hope to get rid
of anger issues start by balancing
your chemistry. Smoking is sooo
unhealthy.

JASON
(astonished, opens mouth)
Excuse me? Did you just...

MARIA (V.O.)
(interrupts)
Jason, we have a deal.

JASON
God, your love is really hard to
win.

MARIA (V.O.)
If you earn my personality...
you'll win my heart.

INT - GANGSTERS WAREHOUSE - DAY

Walking inside Jason notices two men who look like they're from the exchange. Jason recognizes Simon and assumes the second guy is a BODY GAURD.

JASON
What are you guys doing here?

SIMON
Jason. We have been following your tracks. Apparently, you don't have enough stealth.

Jason realizes he is cornered, so he knocks Simon down and starts a fight with his Body Guard.

MARIA (V.O.)
Don't strike! How can you live so long and still not get it?

Jason ends up stopping his punches, so the body guard attacks. After a few blows the they pin him down. Jason tries to defend himself and escape their grasp, but it's too late.

MARIA (V.O.)
Care for those around you. Look after them as you look after yourself. Turn the other cheek.

JASON
And get beaten to death?

After a couple more punches. Jason's glasses crack and Maria's sync deactivates.

Immediately, she exits the office and heads downstairs towards the front door, while continuing to speak into his headphones.

MARIA (V.O.)
Listen, don't make life so complicated.

SIMON
Didn't your team get caught? We want you to play fair.

MARIA (V.O.)
Jason, tell them you'll pay them
back, double.

SIMON
Let's tie him up.

JASON
Look, I'm sorry, we'll pay you guys
back, double. Just don't tell the
authorities.

They leave Jason on the stairs near the front door. Jason
wipes off some of the blood and pulls out a cigarette.

MARIA
I see you.

Jason looks up as Maria approaches and sits by his side.

JASON
I didn't realize you had a dark
side.

Jason angrily tosses the whole pack. Maria walks him back to
the office.

MARIA
If I can get you to do one thing...
I'd make you highly motivated to be
in touch with your heart and with
your virtues. Then you'll discover
how extraordinary life was meant to
be. It doesn't take much to make
the deepest part of you appreciate
being alive.

EXT. JASON'S OFFICE - DAY

Jason comes into the office and tosses his cracked glasses on
the desk. Then reaches out into the cabinet to pour himself a
full glass of wine.

Maria walks up and pours out his glass into the sink, leaving
just a quarter.

MARIA
Don't intoxicate yourself.
Moderation. Whatever overcomes a
man, to that he is enslaved.

She begins wiping off some blood.

JASON
You are worse than boot camp and
prison combined.

MARIA
Grateful people see each day as a
gift.

Jason gets a call:

MAX (V.O.)
Jason! Get out of there now! The
authorities are on your tail.

JASON
Someone from the exchange already
stopped by.

MAX (V.O.)
No, I'm talking about the big
guns... the top dogs who manage the
money, you know, the corrupt
overlords that own the exchanges.

JASON
(drops the phone)
Maria... I need you to go.

MARIA
What's going on?

JASON
I'll take care of this. Please, go
now!

INT. NATHAN'S APT - NIGHT

Nathan opens his front door as someone repeatedly bangs on
it.

JASON
I didn't know where else to go.

NATHAN
What happened?

JASON
(barely speaking)
I was in the wrong place at the
wrong time. It was a stupid
mistake. Now, they're hunting me
down. I screwed up!

Nathan quickly brings rubbing alcohol, bandages, takes off Jason's bloody shirt and begins wrapping his wounds.

JASON
(Jason coughs blood)
It isn't safe here...
(Jason faints)

Nathan puts Jason on the bed, and begins pacing back and forth. He then hears someone and looks out the window.

EXT. OUTSIDE NATHAN'S APT - NIGHT

A group of men in black lead by Seth are searching apartments.

INT. NATHAN'S APT - NIGHT

Nathan looks from the window toward his brother who is knocked out on the bed. Nathan quickly finds some paper, scribbles some writing; and puts the note by his older brother's side. He then takes off his shirt and puts it on Jason, and his brother's bloody shirt onto himself.

EXT. OUTSIDE NATHAN'S APT - NIGHT

Nathan steps outside, locks the door and boldly walks toward the men. They spot who they think is Jason and surround him with guns.

SETH
Nothing is hidden that will not be revealed. Nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.

Seth takes out a blade and stabs Nathan to death.

INT. NATHAN'S HOME - DAY

Jason wakes up and looks around for Nathan, but instead finds a note that states.

NATHAN (V.O.)
Why does God let bad things happen? Jason, God still plays a role, but that role is limited, willingly. Please accept my white tunic in exchange for your blood stained garments.

Jason glances at his clean shirt, then slowly walks out the front door, steps outside the apartment and see's his dead brother.

Jason's state becomes crushed as he falls to Nathan's side. Jason's gaze shifts from his brother into the distance as Maria runs up to Jason. After a moment of sorrowful tears.

JASON

You broke your promise.

Maria unbuttons the top three buttons of Nathan's shirt. Takes off his cross necklace covered in blood. Jason backs away, but Maria's captivating aura, and sweet gaze quickly mesmerizes him. She puts the bloody necklace around Jason's neck.

JASON (V.O.)

That moment I realized, the greedy and angry villain who used to fight, get drunk and steal doesn't exist anymore. There is a new life ahead of me.