

Airplane Takeover

It's 6 o'clock in the morning. Liam is boarding his flight to New York. Even though he was born in an extraordinarily wealthy family from New York, he and his wife live in Washington. He tries to live a normal life, but they do not have a well running relationship.

Liam is writing an Email on his phone while going down the hallway to the entrance of the plane. He does not notice that there are no flight attendants at the entrance. After he enters the plane, he looks up, finds his seat, sits down and instantly after he stares at his phone again. Many people enter the plane in the following minutes, and everything goes as normal. Liam notices the beautiful woman sitting next to him. She is a lovely young woman. "Excuse me, may I ask why you're flying to New York?" Liam says. The woman turns her head in Liam's direction. She smiles and says, "Sure, I am heading to New York to visit my grandmother. She is very ill, and I suspect she won't live much longer." Liam looks a little bit down but then says, "Sorry the question was inappropriate. I didn't want to offend you" The woman giggles "How should you know? But first, we should introduce ourselves. My name's..." The pilot turns the microphone on. "Ladies and gentlemen, I need to tell you that we are not flying to New York as you expected. As some of you may have noticed, there are no flight attendants on board which is because this flight a hijacking." At first, silence. A few seconds pass by when a kid begins to scream that causes a chain reaction. Panic distributes throughout the whole plane. Liam however, stares only at the woman. She stares back. "What?!" Liam says. She looks scared. "What shall we do?! WE MIGHT DIE ON THIS PLANE!" "I think we should primarily calm down and try to negotiate with the kidnapers. My parents have lots of money, I am sure we can make a deal with them." Liam says to comfort⁴ her. Immediately after that she slaps him in his face. "That means YOU are the reason why we are getting hijacked?! I can't believe that YOU are telling ME how to react when you are the only reason we all are kidnapped," she screams.

In that moment one of the hijackers shows up in front of the plane and loudly says: "All shut up! NOW!" Silence prevails on the plane. Until the woman next to Liam stands up and says, "Take him! His parents are rich he can pay you!" and quietly adds "I am sorry, I can't die before my grandmother... that would kill her..." Before Liam can react, the kidnapper grabs his arm and pulls him into the cockpit. "I swear! My parents will pay you, no matter the price! But please don't do anything to me." The disappointment is visible in Liam's eyes. One of the hijackers yells, "Now, stay quiet or you'll die. Give me your phone." Liam is shocked but tells him, "It's back at my seat... In the jacket." Shortly after, one of the hijackers comes back with the phone... The plane is flying directly over the ocean. "I won't make the call, if we get caught, I don't want to be the one who made the phone call." says the kidnapper who has the phone. In the following minutes they are discussing or rather arguing about who will finally make the phone call, but the obviously leading hijacker takes the phone and presses the call button. Everyone stands calm. "Hello, Liam are you there? How are you?" a feminine voice says through the cell phone. The kidnapper responds with "This is not Liam. We took over the flight of your son and we're willing to kill everybody on it if you..." *Boom...* a huge explosion. A hijacker shouts: "Look, a swarm of birds flew into the engines! They both burn!!!" The plane leans down to the ocean without any chance to survive. Screaming all over the plane. Liam screams. The kidnapers are swearing. The plane directly leans into the ocean. Liam's entire life passes his mind, and he wishes to be with his wife for one last time.

THE END

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