

THE OLDEST JOB

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Setting:

There is an old fishing town in Rhode Island, USA. It's been years since Chris quit his job. He moved to the fishing town years ago. One autumn evening, while Chris is sitting on his chair, Ramon comes up

Characters:

Chris Brand: He is 42 years old. Tall, gray haired, muscular. American. Former special teams leader. Leader spirit, determined, calm, brave.

Ramon Motta: 39 years old. Short, black hair. Spanish. Former second leader of the special team. Angry, loyal, talkative, funny.

SCENE 1

(While Chris is sitting in his rocking chair in a little fishing town which is in Rhode Island, USA, on a cold autumn evening, Ramon shows up.)

Ramon: Hi boss.

(Chris gets startled)

Chris: Oh, it's you. It's been a long time.

Ramon: Yeah, boss, you're right. After we separated, I think no one saw each other.

(Chris sighs)

Chris: Yeah, probably you're right. I'd like to say I'm happy, but since you're here, there must be a problem.

Ramon: I'd like to say you're lying, but you're right. There is a problem with one of our old jobs. The oldest one.

(Chris gets shocked)

Chris: It can't be, are you sure?

Ramon: Yes, Steve's son has been kidnapped. And there is a note "Did you miss me?"

Chris: It's been more than 10 years since I left. Why suddenly?

Ramon: I don't know, boss. We all dispersed to different parts of the world. We had no communication left. Suddenly, the other day, Steve called from the private line and said there is a problem.

Chris: If we're talking about Steve, we all owe him.

(Ramon looks Chris like he didn't understand)

Chris: Ramon, do you remember that mission in the mountains? We barely made it.

Ramon: Uh, now I understand. Yes, but Steve saved us that day. He was so brave.

Chris: That's right. Steve was always like a brother to me. His family is my family.

Ramon: (Smiling) Yes, boss. We were a strong team back then, and maybe we still are.

Chris: Yeah but ten long years... We forgot everything and went on with our lives.

Ramon: I know, boss. But you know we can't keep hiding if something happened to one of us.

Chris: I know, mate, I know. But after the last incident, I swore to leave everything. I can't go back and continue to experience the same things.

Ramon: Steve is one of our gang boss. We are all sad about the last thing but we can't turn our back after this case.

Chris: Maybe you're right. And then, let's make everyone back. We can't do this without the team.

Ramon: I'm one step ahead. I called everyone. They're coming to England.

Chris: And we should call Lester too, Ramon.

(Ramon gets angry)

Ramon: No we don't need him. He is an arrogant man, nothing more.

Chris: We need him and you know this. So, let's call him.

(Ramon sighs)

Ramon: Okay, but I won't be polite.

(Chris smiles)

Chris: However you like, mate. Tell him to book our old plane, we'll be there in 4 hours.

Ramon: Okay then. Let's prepare our bags.

Chris: And be sure that Phil will be there. You know, sometimes he can be stubborn.

Ramon: Alright.

(Chris and Ramon flew to London, England. All of the team were waiting for them at their old base. And all of the team meet again.)

SCENE 2

Chris: Hello, lads. Long time no see.

(Lester comes from the back and scares Ramon and Chris)

Lester: Yeah, boss. Long time no see.

Phil: Hey, team! It feels strange but good to be here again.

Lester: Yes, like old times. It's almost as if we never left.

Steve: Thank you all for coming. I'm here because I need my friends as you know.

Chris: We are family, Steve. We're here for you and your family.

Lester: Yeah, mate, don't worry about it. It will be just like old businesses.

Ramon: You are just an arrogant freak and scaring everyone in here, nothing more.

(Lester smiles)

Lester: Nice to see you too, Ramon.

(Ramon whispers and says something Spanish)

Chris: Steve, I'm sorry for all of it. If i could have managed it-

Steve: Don't talk about it, boss. You're my friend and all of us were with you that day. You couldn't do anything about it.

Chris: Maybe. Anyways, you know we have one more job guys. Lester, where is Steve's family?

Lester: Bangkok we think.

Chris: Okay. The plane will depart in 3 hours. Everyone get ready for departure.

(Everyone disperses to their rooms, leaving just Ramon and Chris in the briefing room)

Ramon: Are you fine, boss?

Chris: Do you think I can manage this time?

(Ramon gets angry and starts shout)

Ramon: Don't be a baby, boss. Everyone of us made mistakes and will make mistakes. We can't stop it, we're just humans. Be brave, be yourself.

(Chris smiles)

Chris: Yeah, you're right.

SCENE 3

(The team heads to Bangkok on a plane)

Chris: Ramon, things may not go like before. This could be our last mission together.

Ramon: Maybe, but being together is what makes us strong, boss.

Chris: Yes, we are stronger as a team. This is our last chance to save Steve's son.

Lester: We've done it so many times before, boss. This is our usual job and we'll do it as it should be.

Chris: (Thoughtful) Maybe you are right. Maybe...

SCENE 4

(Chris and his team enter an abandoned factory in Bangkok. It's dark and quiet. Ramon looks around, tense, while Lester tries to stay calm.)

Chris: Stay calm, everyone. We have to be smart.

Ramon: I still don't understand why Javier would kidnap Steve's son after all these years.

Lester: Maybe he wanted revenge. But something feels... strange.

(As they move forward, Javier steps out from the shadows, smirking. There's no one tied up behind him.)

Javier: Hello, Chris. It's been too long. And look – the team is all here.

Chris: Where's Steve's son, Javier?

Javier: (Laughs) Steve's son? There was never any kidnapping.

Ramon: What are you talking about?

Javier: (Smiling coldly) Steve lied to you. There is no boy here. He only brought you together to fix his mess.

Chris: (Shocked) What do you mean?

Javier: Do you remember that failed mission years ago? It was Steve who gave me the team's location. He leaked your plans, Chris. He betrayed all of you.

(The team looks at each other, stunned. Steve appears from behind a wall, looking guilty.)

Chris: Steve... tell me this isn't true.

Steve: (Sighs, looking down) I... I had no choice. I thought I could fix things. But I needed you all here to help me... one last time.

Ramon: You betrayed us, Steve! All this was a lie?

Steve: (Pleading) Please, I had no other way to save myself. I never wanted this to happen.

SCENE 5

(Javier's words shock the team. Suddenly, Javier's men surround them. Chris and his team get ready to fight. A battle breaks out, and Chris, Ramon, Lester, and the others defend themselves against Javier's men.)

Chris: Stand your ground! We can do this together!

(The team fights hard. Ramon charges toward Javier with anger, but Javier smiles and moves back.)

Ramon: (Angrily) This is for all the lies, Javier!

Javier: (Laughing) Lies? You should blame your friend Steve, not me!

(After a tough fight, the team defeats Javier's men, but Javier escapes through a door. Once the place is quiet, everyone catches their breath. Chris and the others turn to look at Steve.)

Chris: Steve, it's time to tell us the truth. Why did you betray us back then?

Steve: (Sighing, ashamed) I... I didn't mean to betray you. I thought I was protecting the team.

Ramon: Protecting us? By giving Javier our plans?

Steve: (Looking down) Years ago, Javier came to me. He said he could help us complete the mission safely if I gave him some information. I thought he was telling the truth. I believed him.

Lester: (Angry) And you never told us? You thought Javier was trustworthy?

Steve: I thought I was helping... I didn't know he would use it against us. I only wanted to protect all of you.

Chris: And now? You lied about your son's kidnapping just to bring us here?

Steve: (Desperate) Yes... I knew I lost your trust, but I was in trouble and didn't know who else to ask. I thought if I could get us together one last time, maybe we could fix things.

(Ramon shakes his head in frustration, while Lester turns away, clearly upset.)

SCENE 6

(The team stands in silence, anger and disappointment on their faces. Steve tries to speak, but they turn away from him.)

Chris: You used us, Steve. We trusted you.

Steve: I thought I could make things right.

Ramon: *(Angry)* You put all our lives at risk. For what? To save yourself?

Lester: We were like a family, Steve. How could you do this?

Steve: I... I'm sorry.

Chris: Sorry won't fix this. You broke our trust, Steve. This is the last time.

(The team walks away from Steve, leaving him behind. As they exit the factory, there's a heavy silence. Chris pauses and looks back at Steve one last time.)

Chris: *(Quietly)* Some things... can't be forgiven.

(He walks out, leaving Steve standing alone, realizing the full weight of his betrayal.)

The End