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Fly in the wind



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Chapter 4

“Dear viewers! Here is Emil, reporting from the city’s power plant. The power plant uses fossil fuels, like coal and gas, to produce electricity. Right behind me is a fire. The smoke is black, but I see no flames. We don’t know what is happening inside, because nobody is allowed in or out.”

Emil wipes the sweat from his forehead. “I hope you will watch the series starting... No, there will be no series. We have a special feature today, reporting all day from different places. Call us if you see the stolen statue. We need our honoured Captain Lipari. He is the only one, who can stop the volcano.”

“Emil, watch out”, Edna screams. But Emil has no time to duck. A small stone flies straight to him. His upper lip is hit. Another stone hits the car and breaks a window. “The volcano got a direct hit”, Edna nods. “Ouch”, Emil cries. “It hurts!” He puts his hand over the mouth. “Does it bleed?” I ask anxiously. “Of course”, Emil says. “I will die!” “We are still on air”, Edna points out.

I clean the blood from Emil's lip.
The wound is not big, but the lip swells.
"Dear audience. You can see that the volcano
is throwing stones", Emil says.
"Just like Captain Lipari, I have been wounded
by a stone. And like our dear Captain I continue
to work for our city and people.
Follow me to the power plant!"

In front of the power plant a lot of people
are standing. The policemen try to stop them
from going inside. Edna is filming, while Emil
goes up to the people. Some know him.
"Emil, tell us what is happening", they cry.
"I don't know yet", Emil replies.
"The police say that all inside are well",
a woman tells. "We don't believe it.
My husband works in there and I am worried."
"I shall try to help", Emil promises.

We push through the crowd to the policemen.
"What is going on inside?" Emil asks.
"Nothing", says one policeman.
"Please leave this place."
"I am from the TV", Emil says.
"The people here want to know what happens."
"Nothing", repeat the policemen.
"Does it mean that you don't know?"

Emil asks. "Why can't anybody get out?
Could we go inside the plant to ask?
Do you have contact with those inside?"
"We are not allowed to give any information",
the policemen say. "Stop filming, it is not
allowed here." Edna smiles kindly to them
and nods. "Of course", she says.
"Come, Emil, we are leaving."

"The police hinders my work!" Emil is angry.
"What shall I tell the people? Why is the smoke
so black? And where is the mushroom?"
"What mushroom?" I ask.
"The cloud above the explosion", Emil says.
"When a power station blows up a cloud forms,
which is similar to a fly agaric."
"The power plant has not exploded.
The mushroom cloud is formed only
after a nuclear bomb explodes", I say.
"Smoke from burning oil is black.
It is heavy and has a pungent smell,
but it is not deadly poisonous.
I think oil is burning, or maybe the coal hills.
The workers in the power plant will survive.
Go at once and calm the people down."
Before Emil reaches them, all the people run up
to the policemen. "Let us in", they cry.
"Why is nobody coming out? Are they dead?"
Edna gets behind our car. She takes out our

small drone, which she sends up into the air.
The drone flies above Emil's head.
It sounds like a lot of angry wasps.
Edna sends it to the side, so that the policemen
will not notice it. Then it flies right above them.
They cannot hear it buzzing over the shouting.
Emil tries to calm them down,
but nobody is listening to him.

My phone rings. "Fantastic", the boss says.
"Keep your eyes open when you leave.
A man called to say that the statue
has been seen in the back of a truck."
Edna sends the drone higher up
and then lowers it over the power plant.
At first it only films smoke, but then we see
the courtyard. I look over her shoulder
on the screen she is holding in her hands.
"There is a hole in the roof", Edna points.
"I wonder which building it is. A canteen?"
"That is the room where they change clothes",
I say. "I have been there with the boss."
"You are right. The oil is burning.
There comes a stone again", Edna cries.
"No... it must not... No, don't come here!"
An enormous volcanic stone flies over
the power plant and right toward us.
"Run to warn the people", Edna cries.
"The stone can drop right down on them!"

**Ashes from a volcano
fills the air in the town.
The TV sends out a team
to film the eruption.**

**But the town is burning
and someone has stolen
a very important statue.**

**Soon life is at stake.
Dangerous things are
flying in the wind...**



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