

Con-fident

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Ver.5

1 INT. OFFICE - NIGHT

SCAMMER, mid 20s, with unkempt appearance, watches his erotic show intently while eating his packed food.

Just as the show is to reach it's climax point, someone hits his head. Scammer swerves around in retaliation.

SCAMMER

Fuck, what's your problem?

He freezes when a man with an intimidating demeanour stares back at him. He is Scammer's older COLLEAGUE.

Colleague averts his gaze to the scene on Scammer's screen. Scammer immediately closes it in embarrassment.

COLLEAGUE

Boss wants \$3000 by 10.

Colleague drops a file with some papers in it on his desk.

SCAMMER

(confused)

But I already hit the quota for this week.

Scammer looks through the file.

SCAMMER (CONT'D)

Aren't these your numbers to begin with?

COLLEAGUE

Not happy? Go talk to Boss.

Colleague cracks his knuckles to send a message. Scammer curses under his breath. Colleague squeezes his

shoulders.

COLLEAGUE

Don't say I never give you chance
make more money.

He takes away Scammer's food and relaxes on the couch
behind.

2 INT. OFFICE (LATER)

SCAMMER

(on the phone)

Hi, I'm calling from Singapore
Customs-

Receiver hangs up.

3 INT. OFFICE (LATER)

SCAMMER

Can I speak to Ong Wee Teck? I'm
calling from Singapore Customs
and there is a concern regarding
your package that just arrived
from overseas.

RECEIVER

(on the other line)

What happened? What did my son do
this time?

RECEIVER (CONT'D)

(over the phone)

Ah Teck! What did you buy? The
police finding you! Ah Teck!

Scammer hears a scuffle over the phone.

WEE TECK

(to mother, over the phone)

Ma, can you stop being a
busybody?

And the line ends.

4 INT. OFFICE (LATER)

SCAMMER

Yes, your package seems to
contain a small bag of white
substance. But for a small fee of

RECIEVER

(interrupts)

Cannot be uh, someone called me
on Tuesday leh. I already paid
him to help me solve it. Is my
parcel cleared then? Hello? Eh-

Scammer quickly hangs up. He is dejected and strikes off
yet another number. The list is almost exhausted and he
checks the time. It is 9pm already.

Colleague is sleeping cozily on the couch, the leftover
food thrown on the floor.

Scammer throws many middle fingers at him in anger but
just then Colleague stirs awake and Scammer quickly
conceals it, turning back to his computer.

Colleague goes back to sleep in his daze, turning his
back to Scammer.

Returning back to work, Scammer accesses the illegal
information database for the next number to call. He
makes some notes on the file and dials the number.

Someone picks up.

SCAMMER

(into the phone with
enthusiasm)

Good evening, I'm calling from
Singapore Customs. May I speak to
Peter Soo?

PETER (V.O)
(over the phone, filtered)
Yes speaking.

SCAMMER
Sorry to call at such a late
timing but there is a problem
with your package.

PETER (V.O)
What package?

SCAMMER
It's from amazon.

PETER (V.O)
Oh yes yes, I'm expecting to
receive it tomorrow. Why?

SCAMMER
There has been a mysterious
substance detected inside your
package-

PETER (V.O)
I didn't order anything illegal
if that is what you are saying.

SCAMMER
We need to report it to the
police as it violated our
shipping policies.

PETER (V.O)
It's just the new PS5! I bought
it as a gift for my son! Is the
police going to arrest me?

SCAMMER

They might take you into
questioning.

While on the phone, Scammer opens a game on the computer.
Remaining indifferent to the crisis on the other end of
the line.

PETER (V.O)

But I didn't do anything! It's
just a gift-

SCAMMER

Yes, I understand. But there's
suspicious substances detected
inside.

PETER (V.O)

I don't know anything about that!

SCAMMER

The parcel is under your name.

PETER (V.O)

Fuck. Fuck. Fuck! (beat) Sorry.

Scammer loses in the game.

SCAMMER

Honestly, this sort of thing
happens quite frequently uh. I'm
not saying you had anything to do
with it. But it's just... you
suay something happened along the

way.

SCAMMER (CONT'D)
I know I actually cannot do this
one uh, but see you like that,
help you want or not?

PETER (V.O)
Really?

SCAMMER
But it's going to be a bit
complicated. I need to get my
colleagues to help also-

PETER (V.O)
(interrupts)
How much? \$500?

SCAMMER
Erm...it's not just one or two
people I'm talking about. We're
putting our jobs at risk too you
know?

PETER (V.O)
(beat)
\$3000 enough?

SCAMMER
Hmm... should be can. If you can
transfer me now, I can start
getting your parcel out of the
system.

PETER (V.O)

Thank you so much! What's the account number?

SCAMMER

213-459-0687. Under RCBC Bank.

PETER (V.O)

Just give me a second.

There some movement on the other end of the phone.
Scammer is pleased with himself.

PETER (V.O)

Hello? I've transferred it.

SCAMMER

Wait ah, let me just check first.

Scammer logs into the bank account.

PETER (V.O)

Sorry but I don't think I caught your name.

SCAMMER

(While checking)

Chew Boon Kiat... Paiseh I don't see any recent transactions-

PETER (V.O)

(Interrupts)

Chew Boon Kiat, you are under arrest on the suspicion of fraud and obtaining of personal information without permission.

SCAMMER

What-

PETER (V.O)

I'm Officer Peter Soh, from the
Cybercrime Division. And I'm
afraid is today you *suay*, not me.

Horrified, Scammer is about to hang up the phone but
Peter stops him.

PETER (V.O) (CONT'D)

Don't bother. I've already traced
your phone signal. And it's
coming from (beat) Seng Huat
Warehouse.

Scammer stands up in shock and starts panicking. He runs
to the window and looks outside nervously. Pacing back
and forth.

SCAMMER

I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry!
Please let me go. I promise I
won't do this again! Give me
chance eh, brother.

Colleague stirs; the noise is annoying him.

COLLEAGUE

(In a daze)

You get your 3K already or not?
Talk so much.

Scammer looks at him nervously but Colleague goes back to slumberland, snoring without a care.

PETER (V.O)

Still can call me brother? Just a second ago, you were trying to rob me of my hard earned savings. I will see you at the police station.

SCAMMER

(hushed tone)

Wait wait wait! Please, is there anything I can do. Anything? I can't go back to jail again.

PETER (V.O)

Are you trying to bribe me?

SCAMMER

\$3000! Please? That's all I have.

PETER (V.O)

Are you asking me to tarnish my reputation for just \$3000? I will see you in court, Boon Kiat, with an added charge for bribing a police officer.

SCAMMER

My boss will kill me.

PETER (V.O)

(beat)

Honestly speaking, I can't be bothered with catching a small time crook like you. It's your

boss that I want. (coughs) Why
don't you make it \$5000 and I
will take it as this never
happened.

Scammer slumps into his chair, helpless.

SCAMMER

But I don't even have that much.

PETER (V.O)

\$5000 or 5 years imprisonment.
Your choice.

Scammer is about to lose it but decides to give in.

SCAMMER

Account number.

PETER (V.O)

Smart. 283-510-1337. Also RCBC
Bank.

Scammer hesitantly logs in to his bank account and does
an immediate transfer.

SCAMMER

Done.

PETER (V.O)

Let me check first. Must play
safe right? (beat) All right. Got
it.

SCAMMER

If the police come finding me, I
will tell them you took my money.

PETER (V.O)

Now why would I do something
stupid like that. Trust me, I'm
on your side.

Scammer hangs up immediately and throws the phone on the
table.

5 INT. ANOTHER OFFICE

A man wearing a flashy shirt with a heavy gold chain
around his neck smirks at his phone.

PETER

Fucking hell, trying to steal my
money? Please la, it was me who
came up with this scam in the
first place.

He puts the phone into his pocket and walks off.

PETER (CONT'D)

Who wants go Thai Disco? My
treat!

We hear cheers from men off screen, calling him big boss.

The End.