

THE ONLY THREE

"There are only three of us left – the only three left alive in the world.
We don't have enough time to worry about others. We may die at any moment."

My grandfather and I took our pet Fido to that busy market to buy some fresh vegetables. And, all of a sudden, that strange thing happened. The clouds became darker more than a usual rainy symptom. I had no idea from where those many crows gathered, and they were rounding over the sky cawing. Since my grandpa told me that when I was a teen, I got a pinch of panic and anxiety of something terrible going to happen. Then, we heard a strange noise. Yes! I mean it! Noise – not a sound. We all closed our eyes and ears tight for a few minutes. When I opened my eyes, I saw the market crowd as dead bodies lying on the ground. I had no idea what was happening. The trees turned black and my fresh vegetables too. I witnessed the tomatoes, the carrots, and the mint leaves in a smoky black color for the first time. It took some minutes to realize that I had brought my grandfather and my puppy. Then I turned back and saw my grandpa smiling at me.

I asked, "Grandpa, What's this?"

"I think no one is alive around us."

He replied with the same smile, "Dear, they have never been!"

I started, "But.."

My grandpa and the poor little dog turned black and laid down dead.

I heard a sound, "Who is Vasanth here?"

Like a fish slips out from a net, I came outside of my regular illusionary world and replied,

"It's me!"

"You can get in! Please take your resume with you!", felt the beauty in her voice.

Entering the room, I greeted the HR manager and had comfortable seating to give a decent interview.

We had a good conversation. We exchanged ideas so liberal, which made me unbelieve that it was an interview.

When he asked about my interests, I explained the writing routine and my love for fiction stories.

"Ah, that's interesting! Can you please narrate me any short fiction story now?"

I smiled and started,

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