

Chapter 24

The Crash

Currier turned down the radio and put it back down on the desk. Jonathan was still in immense pain, and he could not sit up. He was at the mercy of Dr. Currier.

“Well, I guess this is where you make your exit,” Currier said, walking toward Jonathan.

Jonathan looked up at him and said nothing. He just smiled. Currier stood maybe three feet away, and lifted the gun and aimed it at Jonathan’s forehead.

Suddenly, he heard a sound downstairs. A door creaked. Currier saw lights flashing in the room below. Footsteps came toward the bottom of the stairs. Jonathan realized that Federal authorities must have triangulated the radio signal from the building.

Currier put the gun back in his coat. “I guess my work is done for today,” he said. He turned and walked in a direction away from the stairs. He was walking, Jonathan knew, toward the hatch.

Footsteps could be heard on the landing below, just outside the door. At the same time, from the other end of the attic, Jonathan heard a creak, then a crash, and a yell. The crashes continued for a few seconds. Footsteps started running toward the sound.

Jonathan laughed. It hurt a great deal, but he laughed loudly enough for some of the footsteps to come back up the

stairs. After a moment, Jacobs and two Federal officers walked in and stood over Jonathan.

“We know who you are,” said Jacobs. Apparently he did some research after talking to Doug. “What are you doing here?”

“I just had to meet someone,” Jonathan answered.

“I know. Your work on Currier is going to help us put him away forever.”

“Good,” Jonathan said.

“But your kid couldn’t fix the market,” said Jacobs.

“No. He did.”

Jacobs grinned. “So what about your gold?” he asked. When he learned about Jonathan’s research on Currier, he must have found out about the distribution from Singapore.

“Research purposes,” said Jonathan, regarding the gold. Jacobs patted him on the shoulder and laughed. Within a few minutes, a stretcher arrived and Jonathan Wilson was on his way to an ambulance.