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Pilot is the profession which can realize the human instinctive desire to fly freely in the sky. Many men in the world have long for to be pilot. In particular, fighter pilot is the most brilliant one due to inspire the patriotism to defend his homeland and the fighting spirit to defeat the immediate enemy. Japan's Zero Fighter, Germany's Messerschmitt fighter and their pilots were still heroes who arouse the nostalgia of the people even after their loss. No war movie made by the victorious United States has villain Japanese or German fighter pilot. This is in contrast that generals and soldiers in the ground battles are the ruthless villains.

However, in the 21st century, conflicts between nations took place not worldwide but regionally. Instead, religious terrorism became popular. Islamic terrorism is prevailing in the Middle East. Most of terror activities took place in densely populated urban areas. Extremists carried out their terror activities pretending as if they were ordinary citizens. They moved their base camp very frequently. While, jet fighters are good to bomb the specified and steady targets such as big cities, airports and munitions factories overwhelmingly. Operations against terrorist military base which moved from place to place are covered by ground forces. Rocket artillery attacks by advanced attack helicopters are the remaining mission for air force. There was no turn for jet fighters. Jet fighters are very fast but cannot change the direction quickly like helicopter.

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