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## **East of Nakba (38)**

### **Part II. Ethnic cleanser**

#### **Chapter 38 Retired General "Shy-Rock" (3)**

Shy-Rock's father, who was nothing more than a barber, became a brave soldier in the battle for independence. He was also active in the subsequent Middle East Wars. He repeated the tale of his own heroism to his son so many times that Shy-Rock could explain promptly when and where it had taken place when he heard his father's first words. But he still liked to hear that story.

However, his father never told him anything about the terrorist-like activities he carried out during colonial period by U.K. Terrorist activities sometimes involved innocent civilians. In any era, unrelated people would be sacrificed for the so-called justice of others. That is the truth of history. His father disliked to remember those days. Shy-Rock understood the heart of his father. He dared not to ask his father that subject.

He was influenced by his father deeply. Shy-Rock joined to the just founded Air Force and aimed to become a pilot. He played an active role as a fighter pilot in the Six Day War in 1967. Six Day War began when Egyptian President Gamal Nasser blockaded the Tiran Strait and U.S.S.R. severed diplomatic ties with Israel. But the war resulted in a devastating blow to Egypt and Syria due to a preemptive strike by the Israeli Air Force. The battle ended in just six days. The Six Day War impressed the world with the myth of Israel's invincibility. The real winner of war was the Israeli Air Force.

After the war, Shy-Rock was offered to be transferred to Israeli embassy in Washington in U.S. as a military attaché. It was a merit award for his achievements during the Six Day War. On the battlefield, he was cool-headed and courageous. In general, he was not talkative. He was hesitant to become a military attaché of the embassy. But there was no reason to reject the offer to be stationed in the United States. It would be a good chance to pursue a higher rank in the military. His wife and two daughters pushed him. In particular, elder daughter Golda was overjoyed when her father was assigned to the job in the United States.



His assignment in Washington gave him a glimpse of a world he had never known before. In Israel, all of his life had been at war. It was a series of tensions. The consecutive victories against the surrounding Arab nations raised the motivation of Israeli soldiers like Shy-Rock. Citizens also began to have excessive confidence. But in the Middle East, nobody knew what would happen tomorrow. No one could take a breath.

In comparison, people in the United States enjoyed a carefree and generous life. This was not the first time he had been in the United States. When he was young, he was sent to the U.S. as a trainee pilot at U.S. Air Force base in Nevada. At that time, he was transported from Israel to Nevada by U.S. Air Force planes directly. He never saw the big cities on the East Coast, such as New York and Washington. He only got a glimpse of Los Angeles on his training days off. He himself was so passionate about training. He was driven by the desire to improve his skills as a pilot. Whenever he thought of the crises in his country, he was eager to return to the front lines at home immediately.

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