

Part1Chapter 4 Three Little Birds

Three F16 fighters of Israel took off from the base before dawn. They crossed the root of the Arabian Peninsula now, and were flying the sky over the border between Saudi Arabia and Iraq. The eastern sky dawned, and sunlight began to shine on the Negeb desert right under the fighter. The desert with the ruggedness makes the shadow like the wave. The shadow of sunlight and sands of which it turns reddish-brown produces a red, black contrast. The scenery is indescribable and beautiful. Scenery has not been changed millions of years ago. It is scenery got used to seeing for a regular flight pilot who connects Europe with Dubai. However, it is the first time for young Israeli pilots to cross the Arabian Peninsula. The expressions of men who saw scenery in the right under overflowed with impression. Here in a blue sky and uninhabited desert. Three small birds kept flying single-mindedly toward the east.

3 Jet pilots are elites of Israeli air force. The color of their skin and their homeland are different each other. In addition, the career to becoming the pilot is also greatly different. Still, their eagerness to defend "Mother country Israel" is strong. The eagerness ties three people. They are calling by nickname each other. The captain is called 'Elite'. He is a leader of the formation. The right rear of his fighter has second runner-up's 'Mafia'. And, there is 'Abdullah' behind the left.

If he is usual Israeli, he can understand at once only from hearing these nickname. 'Elite' is coming from of Ashkenazim. Ashkenazim is Jew who

lives originally in Germany. A lot of Ashkenazim including his grandfather, brother, and sisters was sent to the gulag in the Jew hunting of Nazis, and died in Holocaust. Father of Elite was destined to be sent to the gas chamber in the asylum. However, because the war had ended, his father was rescued from the gulag. Young father entered the Zionism movement that aimed at the construction of Jew's mother country. His father migrated to Israel., and married the woman of same Ashkenazim. Thus, 'Elite' was born.

Israel is composed of the migrant who has various races and nationalities. Ashkenazim that leads the founding of a country movement composes the kernel. The family of 'Elite' is especially top class that is called WASP. In the United States, WASP usually means White Anglo-Saxon Protestant. However, it is White Ashkenazim Sabra with Protexia if it is called WASP in Israel. Sabra is the people who migrated first for the Israel founding of a country. It is ,so to speak, the one like the immigrant who lands on the American Continent by Mayflower. And, Protexia means they have networks. He has such magnificent blood and networks. Therefore, his friend calls him 'Elite'.

'Mafia' is a son of a poor farmer in the Ukraine province in Russia where Russian Orthodox Church is believed. It was still an age of Soviet Union (USSR) that he was born. USSR was hostile to the religion regardless of the Christianity or Judaism and denied churching. Central government in Moscow insisted that the collective farm system liberated the farmer from the serfdom in a Russian age. They advertised that the kolkhoz was

a paradise for workers. However, the farmer was chased, and continued to the norm hard life. The ruler only replaced the senior bureaucrat of a central government from the landowner before. Still, farmers believed that savior would appear some time. They were offering the invocation to Christ's icon quietly in home and the assembly house.

The perestroika happened in the Soviet Union in 1985. A large amount of immigrant flowed from the Soviet Union into Israel. It is said that one million immigrants or more migrated to Israel by the law that is called 'Law of Return'. 'Law of Return' was provided for that everyone was able to be migrated if at least one of grandparents was Jew. Maternal grandmother of 'Mafia' was Jews. They aimed at new world Israel by using this law with five-year-old son. There was an irrelevant person to the blood of Judea in neighbors of 'Mafia', too. However, they insisted that their grandparents were Jews. They bribed a civil servant and obtained the certificate of the imitation. The family who migrated to Israel by using such a technique was not a little either.

Russian migrants are either the doctors or the farmers. As a result, the number of doctors per person in Israel is the best in the world. Russian doctors merged in Jew's society regardless of the doctor in the hospital or the medical practitioner. However, farmers were different. For them to able to do was to have lived together in the settlement that the government had given. Pioneer Village to which 'Mafia' family had migrated was only Russian of the same circumstances. They usually spoke Russian in the community, and offered the invocation to the Christ.

The government compulsorily encouraged Hebrew. However, the generation of father of 'Mafia' was too slow to remember a new language.

Russian immigrants of the Christian who was not able to speak Hebrew in an Israeli society got a cold reception, and treated as the second class citizens. In the polite friction, the migrant is not discriminated by their homeland, religion, and academic background. But it is a polite fiction to the end. 'Mafia' did not consider skin color and parents' occupations in a young age. He played happily with all friends in the elementary school without discrimination. However, he could not help considering discriminating while growing. To get over the handicap, 'Mafia' studied hard Hebrew in the school more than others, and pursued excellent results. After he graduated, he entered military academy with a little discrimination.

'Abdullah' is a tail of three formation. He is a descendant of Arab nomad Bedouin. Bedouin has continued to live in a present place from the age of an Osmanli empire. After World War I, Britain dominated over the region. Britain allocated the Jew main part of the land. West Bank was allocated to Arabs as "Palestine". Israel occupied the Palestine district in Six Day War, therefore the flood of refugees arose. However, 'Abdullah' who lived originally in an Israeli region were able to keep living. They are indigenous people who are older than Ashkenazim. Arab native people like Abdullah are called Mizrachim in Israel. Native Arabs and migrant Arab from the sphere of Arab world such as Ethiopia are Mizrachim, too.

Mizrachim was treated as the second class citizens as well as the migrant from Russia. However, they had substantially received the treatment below the migrant from Russia. Recently, the suicide bombing by Arab radicals came to happen frequently in Israel. The good-natured Mizrachim citizens and the terrorist are same Arab, and they are seemingly indistinguishable. Therefore, the Judea citizens with the white skin came to watch Mizrachim, The standpoint of Mizrachim has worsened thus more further than the migrant from Russia. Some friends of 'Abdullah' despaired and joined guerrilla groups. However, 'Abdullah' was not done so. He started becoming "Good Israeli citizen". It meant entering in military academy. His identity was neither a race nor a religion. His identity was to have defended an Israeli nation as his country.

He did not like people's calling him 'Abdullah'. 'Abdullah' is one of the most popular name in the Arab world. 'Abdullah' is the one that "Abdu-al-Allah" was shortened. It means "Servant of God" in English. Therefore, "Abdullah" is a very Islamic name. He was unpleasant in the name with too strong Islamic color. However, he endured it. He is wishing the day when that need not be considered to come. His ideal is that his mother country overcomes the race or the religion.

Three pilots were staring at the sun in the desert and the horizon of daybreak while holding each idea. However, they do not have the time that keeps being thought indefinitely. Anyway, they are flying over airspace in Saudi Arabia close now. A Saudi air force is fully equipped

with the ground radar and Airborne Warning Control System (AWACS), and three planes that pass over the sky will be perceived. A Saudi fighter might scramble, and an Israeli fighter be intercepted. Therefore, it is not possible to omit precautions even momentarily.

However, pilots were relieved. Their superior officer informed to them when holding a meeting before they left the base, 'Saudi Arabia doesn't intercept you'. The top of Israeli government had consulted with the United States about the air raid plan several days ago. Afterwards, it agreed on the connivance at the flight of an Israeli fighter between the United States and Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia promised an Israeli fighter not to be intercepted. However, the superior officer directed pilots to move the flight route a little for attention. The instruction was as follows. Fighters should fly the south of Samawa in Iraq when they approached to the Hafar al Batin air base in Saudi Arabia. The flight course was changed to be deep in an Iraqi territory. An Iraqi air force after Hussein collapses is making it to the weakness. There is no worry from which the fighter of Israel is attacked by an Iraqi air force.

If the flight in an Iraqi territory is safe, the beeline that gets to Iran only has to cross the sky in Jordan and Iraq. However, Israel and the United States decided that the fighter flew right above the border in Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Most of the resident in an Iraqi southern part is same Shiite as the Iranian people. They have many relatives in Iran. What would happen if they learn the Israeli fighter passed overhead of them, and the United States connived at it? It was clear to ignite the

anti-American sentiment of a Shiite resident who comparatively cooperated in the U.S. military till then. Therefore, the flight course of the fighter was decided just above the border in Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Fortunately, there was no appearance to which Saudi Arabian fighters started the scramble from the Hafar al Batin base, and the military satellite of the United States was able to confirm that. Three pilots were relieved and continued a flight in the very high altitude to Natanz that was target. They believed that Saudi Arabia was not sure to go against the intention of the United States. The mutual trust between Israel and the United States is strong and no one can obstruct it. Saudi Arabia won't resist the United States. Not only three pilots but also the entire Israeli army were absolutely convinced.

However, the inside in the Hafar al Batin base was busy against their optimism.