The Inside Man Job

“We have a problem. One of The Organization’s long term undercover operatives has been discovered. He was placed as middle management in a genetics company with the purpose of taking money from the company account and sending it to The Organization. He doesn’t know a lot, but he knows enough that if he talks he could lead the authorities to the Organization. Right now, only the President and Vice President of the company are aware of his activities, but the authorities are on their way. Your assignment is to hack the company’s financial records from our operative’s company computer and make it look like he discovered that the President was taking company money and putting it in his personal account and then sending half of that money to the Vice President, implicating her in blackmailing the President. Then you must kill our operative and put the gun in the President’s office. This will be enough to frame the President for murder, as the authorities will think he killed the person who found out about the money stealing scheme he and the Vice President had, and it will not lead to the discovery of The Organization. You will, of course, be compensated for this job. 30,000 dollars will be transferred to your account once you complete your assignment. The Organization will also cover any expenses for equipment you might need to complete this job.”

The Cover-Up Job

“Whoa, hold it! Look, just listen to me for a minute before you pull that trigger. I know you’re with The Organization, and I know why they sent you here. I know I screwed up, but I don’t wanna die. Besides, I have an alternative plan that is just as good as the one The Organization gave you. We can frame the Head of Maintenance for “discovering the President and Vice President’s scheme.” Oh, don’t give me that look. The Head of Maintenance is more than just a janitor. He knows how every piece of equipment and every machine works in this building, inside and out. That’s why the company saves so much money on equipment replacement and repair. The man is a mechanical genius. He can fix damn near anything. He’s also the only man, other than the President, who has unrestricted access to every part of the building. Ah, I see that look of recognition on your face. You and I probably thinking the same thing, that only a man with unrestricted access could have discovered the records the President “accidently” left on his computer. All we have to do is move the false records from my computer to the President’s computer, then kill the Head of Maintenance in the President’s office. I’ve been here 5 years, so I know where he should be right now, assuming he’s going on his normal daily routine. I’ll tell him to go to the President’s office to fix the computer, and then you kill him when he gets there. The President will still get blamed for murder, the Vice President for blackmail. Now, so far I’ve taken 100,000 this month. I’ll also send 90,000 of what I’ve taken from the company to The Organization, under your name and numbers of course, which makes you look even better to them. You can tell them you found what I stole so far this month. I’ll keep 5,000 for myself so I can disappear, and give you the other 5,000 for cooperating. This company makes a lot of money, believe it or not, and would consider that amount to be less than chump change. They won’t notice it missing. So what do you say? What do you think The Organization wants more? My involuntary silence and paying you whatever bounty they put on me, and probably expense money too, or getting 90,000 dollars, minus the bounty and expense cost, AND my voluntary silence?”

The Tough Choice

*I should just kill him and do this job like The Organization wanted me to. 30,000 dollars is a large bounty, even for them, and they’re covering expenses, which they almost never do. Prove my loyalty by doing it their way. However, this guy has point. His cover up plan is good, and it has no chance of leading back to The Organization if it works, which it probably will. And The Organization will still think he’s dead which means I can still collect the bounty. With the cut he’s giving me, that’s 35,000, which is a lot better than 30,000. And I’ll be making sure The Organization gets that last 90,000 he stole this month which will make me look even better to them… wait… The Organization never said anything about bringing back their money. That means they think he didn’t get the money this month! I could just kill this guy, take the 100,000 he stole, do the job like The Organization wanted and collect the bounty! 130,000 dollars, I’ll be living like a king this month! Wait! If The Organization finds out I took their money they’ll want to make an example of me, even if I don’t spend a penny. Crap! That’s a lot of money, but I don’t know if it’s worth the risk. That extra 5,000 this guy is offering me is a lot less likely to get noticed, especially with that 90,000 dollar present I’ll be sending to The Organization. Still, that 5,000 is their money, and if they found out I got it by not killing this guy, and even worse that I let him take 5,000… I don’t want to think about what they would do to me. The safest bet is to kill this guy and give The Organization their money. That way, I collect my bounty and maybe, just maybe, they’ll kick in a little extra cash, or promote me, or owe me a favor or something, maybe. Or I might just get praise for fulfilling my obligation to The Organization. Dammit! Pretty words won’t pay the rent, but I won’t need rent money if I’m dead. What do I do? What do I do?*