

CREATIVE NON-FICTION: THIRD PLACE

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Never Forget.

Scott began the day with his normal routine by taking a shower, brushing his teeth, and heading off to work. He was cheerful that morning, not knowing the drastic changes his country would face that day. He walked into Ramsons, Inc., where he worked, and sat down in his comfortable brown chair, the bright lights shimmered like always. His receptionist came up to him per usual, but this time in a sorrowful tone. "A plane has hit the World Trade Center," she said. He assumed it was an accident, as most people did at that moment. However, the planes kept coming. First, a plane hit the tower, and then, as he kept watching, the second one hit. Shortly after, a plane hits the Pentagon. One is said to be headed toward the Capitol, and everyone in the office had a lump in their throat. Soon after, a tower fell. Strangely, a plane crashes in a field, said to have been taken over by passengers. Scott felt like his country was falling apart. He felt shocked but was overcome by a sense of deep sorrow and grief for those who were lost in the attack.

Following the horrible incident, Scott and several others had an unwavering will to go after anyone who was even somewhat involved. Everyone was boiled with anger. Extensive numbers of friends and family contemplated enlisting in the army following the attacks. Scott was unable to fight due to a disability in his leg, but he still had a deep desire to fight and serve the country, just as anyone else felt. He did not personally know anyone who was lost in the tragic attacks, but one of his fraternity brothers lost a very close friend. She was a stewardess in the left tower; she had her whole life ahead of her. Scott's friend still mourns the loss of his friend, and he reminds everyone to take a moment to remember 9/11 on his social media, usually posting "Never Forget." with a picture of his friend.

Scott saw growth in the community after the event happened and remembers a group gathered at his church holding candles. People who had never worshiped before came out and prayed. President Bush spoke on TV at the Oval Office the night of the attacks and stated, "Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America." Scott knew after that things would never be the same.