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The world appears ordinary, but the tide is shifting. There have been subtle clues suggesting such transformation, yet these go unnoticed by the general population. The uninitiated are accustomed to living with a sort of robotic quality. Doing things out of habit, without any sense of purpose.

But there are a select few, scattered throughout the world, whose jobs are to help avert disasters. These resilient, resourceful, and adaptable men and women make up the elite force of peacekeepers known as SALT (Select Allies Leveraging Talent). These allies have traded the convenience of a conventional life for one filled with uncertainty. Their selfless sacrifices ensure the ongoing safety of the world.

Even now, as most of the continent indulges in blissful slumber, one such supporter is receiving instructions for a new mission.