

Chapter 1



Brody Morgan and Jax Pace entered the Parker Building. It was the tallest building in Springfield. There were stores and condos inside.

Brody and Jax had been to the Jewelry Exchange on the fifth floor before. They'd studied the guards. They knew there were security cameras. They knew the alarm system. If the motion detectors went

off, alarms would sound. And the elevators would stop running. And the exit doors would be guarded.

With all the exits blocked, it would be impossible to escape. But only for someone trying to get to the ground floor. Brody and Jax had a different plan.

It was near closing time. They walked around the Jewelry Exchange. Soon Brody made his way to the bathroom. Jax followed him.

In the back of the men's room was a storage closet. Brody and Jax snuck inside. They hid behind boxes for five hours.

Just after midnight, Brody and Jax put on ski masks and gloves. Then they left the closet. As soon

as the bathroom door opened, the alarm sounded.

Brody and Jax figured they had about five minutes before the police arrived. They grabbed the gems fast. In less than four minutes, they had everything they wanted.

The stairwell in the Parker Building connected every floor. Steel doors opened to each landing. But once the doors closed, there was no re-entry.

Brody and Jax knew the police were on their way up to the Jewelry Exchange by now. They ran into the stairwell and heard the door lock behind them. They began their long run up thirty-seven flights of stairs.

Police searched the fifth floor. They found nothing. Guards searched the stairs and elevators. No people or clues were there.

There was only one explanation. The burglars went up. The doors on every floor were locked from the inside. The burglars must have headed to the roof.

Brody and Jax looked down at the city below. They supposed that the police were on their way to the roof. But they weren't worried.

"I think we did it," Jax said.

"You're right about that," answered Brody.

Both men smiled. Then they walked to the edge of the roof and jumped off.