

*The Epic Tale of Sir Plus:
Surviving Ami Rica's Nightmare*

Johnny Plus had always been an ordinary person. He was ordinary in every sense; it seemed that he was incapable of developing an identity. Even though he never stood out in a crowd, whenever he was equipped with a pencil, his imagination ran wild. These fantastic worlds were created to aid his thought processes. Instead of drowning under the useless busy work of assignments and monotone lessons all high school students were prone to, he daydreamed and formed incredible fantasies that would allow him to embark on many adventures through confusing subject material.

Only when a young lady, Ami Rica, was utterly consumed by curiosity did someone finally realize how extraordinary Johnny really was. Johnny's drawings were only intended for his use; this fact proved deadly to the young and naïve Ami. Johnny had fallen asleep before Ami could begin tutoring him after school. Her boredom and curiosity got the best of her. As she rummaged through his belongings, her eyes laid upon Johnny's secret world of Economics. Almost immediately after skimming through the vast amount of papers devoted to depict that secret world, she collapsed and fell into a long, deep sleep.

Her eyelids fluttered and finally opened to witness a chaotic world that belonged to Johnny. Oddly, the colors surrounding her were not bright or colorful as shown in his drawings, but dank and gloomy. Anywhere she looked, there were people screaming, buildings falling and fires blazing. Destruction of this world came in the form of two colossal dragons that wreaked havoc upon the other. Before she could find someone to answer her many questions, a frightening specter appeared in front of her. The dark entity seemed to grow in size with every hit each dragon inflicted. She could do nothing as the

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being wrapped around her body and brought her to the battle of the dragons to view from above.

Her captor spoke in an unearthly voice, "Thank you, Ami Rica, for coming. Are you aware that your decision to meddle in business that is not yours has caused this ruin? You see, these beasts represent Consumer and Producer Surplus. They fight to gain ever more. Needless to say, they are selfish and greedy monsters."

"Who are you?" Ami could hardly ask for fear she may fall to her own oblivion.

"Please call me Dead Weight. I was nonexistent until you came along. However, I grow with every imbalance these dragons create as they fight to the death. With them gone, I will conquer this world and all those people down below screaming about the apocalypse—whom I call, with much hatred, Societal Surplus—will be nonexistent!" the evil being cackled. "Now that you know all this, I wish to show you my thanks by offering you a great honor. You will act as a human sacrifice. These dragons have been fighting over a morsel of food and now I will award them. Should I feed you to the Consumer or the Producer? Or maybe, I shall let them rip you apart and share you."

Before Ami could think to scream, Dead Weight no longer gave her support that was holding her above the creatures of destruction. As she was falling towards the mouths of the famished dragons, a young man suddenly appeared to save the day. Ami felt these stranger's arms hold tight around her body while he found a safe place to set her down.

Ami asked when both her feet were on the ground, "And who are you?"

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"Sir Plus," the mysterious man announced before turning around to face the enormous and hideous dragons. With a wave of his hand, the dragons suddenly looked at each other with something radiating from their eyes like love and the Consumer leapt into the Producer's scaly arms. Dead Weight suddenly appeared in front of Sir Plus and Ami Rica. He shouted in fury, "What did you do?!"

Sir Plus answered proudly, "These beasts are now tame and, conveniently, have fallen in love. I'm sworn to protect Societal Surplus. In order to do so, I gained the power to restore peace and balance between Consumer and Producer Surplus. As a result, Dead Weight, my sworn enemy, you will soon disappear."

"Not if I can help it!" Dead Weight screamed before grabbing Ami Rica. Sir Plus did not need to come to the aid of this damsel-in-distress for the people called Societal Surplus began to band together to fight against their common enemy, Dead Weight. His grip on Ami Rica was gone. She ran to her savior and gave him a grateful hug.

"Thank you for saving me, Johnny," Ami whispered in this superhero's ear.

The young man did not try to deny who he was. He was extraordinary even if only one person believed in him. That was more than enough for he had always loved Ami Rica. Unfortunately before the hero could steal a kiss from his damsel, he woke from his dream and watched Ami wake from hers. They looked at each other and simultaneously decided to keep their adventure a secret from the other. Even with the decision that might turn into regret, they smiled at each other with affection and infatuation that the other would never know of. That is, until they dreamt.

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