

A PIG BUTCHERER NAMED COCO MEETS A MAN NAMED BRIAN ON PLENTY OF FISH. THIS IS THEIR CONVERSATION



What follows is a transcript provided to me by Troy Gochenour, an investigator with the Global Anti Scam Organization. This is a pig butchering operation and the conversation between a victim, and a scammer attempting to steal their money.

Part 1 - September 21, Initial Contact:

3:50 PM - Brian: Hi, I'm Brian from POF

7:21 PM - Coco: Hello

7:21 PM - Coco: I just finished my work today

7:22 PM - Brian: Hey... long day?

7:22 PM - Coco: Yes

7:23 PM - Coco: How about you? Are you having a good day?

7:24 PM - Brian: Strange day for me, weather was really bad this morning. Had to go to Mississippi but got everything done by 2pm. Glad to be back and relaxing, how's your commute there?

7:24 PM - Coco: My name is Zhang Kexin. I'm 30 years old, from Xiamen, China, single. I've been working in ATL for over a year.

7:25 PM - Brian: How do you like it here? I'm Brian XXXXXX, I've traveled a lot in my life but never been to China. I'd like to go someday, do you miss home?

7:26 PM - Coco: I'm in New York on business these past few days, the weather is nice here

7:26 PM - Coco: I expect to return to Atlanta next week

7:27 PM - Coco: I really enjoy my life in Atlanta. I miss home, but during the pandemic control period, I still can't go back.

7:28 PM - Brian: Wow! I guess if you're going to be stuck somewhere ATL and NYC are good places right?

7:28 PM - Brian: Is Broadway open in New York?

7:34 PM - Coco: Yes, it's been operating since September

7:34 PM - Coco: Yes, it is indeed a good place, how long have you been in America

7:37 PM - Brian: I grew up here, moved abroad for about 20 years. Came back about 7 years ago when I retired from the foreign service. I think I mentioned my age wrong in my POF profile, I'm actually 47, can't change it for some reason, sorry about that.

If travel is allowed, would you stay here or go back to China?

7:39 PM - Coco: Oh okay thank you for your candor

7:39 PM - Brian: Just don't want to lie.

7:39 PM - Coco: I hope I can stay in America permanently

7:39 PM - Coco: Great

Part 2 - September 21 continued:

7:40 PM - Brian: Great!

7:40 PM - Brian: I make the mistake of being honest and loyal.

7:41 PM - Coco: Why?

7:43 PM - Brian: Well, if someone lies then they just have to keep lying and it never ends. So I just choose to be honest. I let people judge if I'm the kind of person they want to be around. I find some people live a second life on the internet full of lies and it's not healthy. I'm serious about finding a life partner.

7:46 PM - Coco: I agree with your point of view, I hope to be sincere with each other, I am looking for a serious and long-term relationship

7:47 PM - Brian: Don't worry, I won't hold your youth and beauty against you

7:48 PM - Coco: No, I hate liars so I don't like to lie either. Lies are annoying and exhausting.

7:49 PM - Brian: Finally someone who gets what I mean... thank you!

7:50 PM - Coco: [emoji]

7:51 PM - Brian: Deal!

7:51 PM - Brian: I'm not good with emojis.

7:53 PM - Brian: What do you like to do?

7:54 PM - Coco: Well, I'm just being friendly, glad to meet someone with the same opinion

7:54 PM - Coco: I usually like: yoga, golf, travel, researching various investments and financial management, etc.

7:57 PM - Brian: I can drive a golf cart, I'm not very good but we have something in common. I manage my investments now to build wealth. I was encouraged to get into forex just never did. I do own some crypto but don't trade it because taxes are heavy now...

7:59 PM - Coco: Sounds good. I also like managing my assets. Although I don't have much money now, I believe I will be rich one day...

8:00 PM - Coco: It's great if you still have crypto. We can discuss everything together.

8:00 PM - Brian: Not kidding, I can drive a golf cart... that's my daily driver

8:01 PM - Coco: Last month, I converted most of my cryptocurrency to Tether stablecoin and stored it in my coinbase wallet to avoid taxes and increase my income.

Part 3 - September 21 continued:

8:02 PM - Brian: I have Signal I'm about an hour away from you, I don't mind. But I will spend some time on the golf cart. I bet you're really smart and will get all the money you want

8:02 PM - Coco: Great, I hope I have chance to be your golf cart that you've been to.

8:03 PM - Brian: I have mine in coinbase too but have to pay taxes. 37% this year so I'm just holding until next year.

8:04 PM - Brian: BTC took a hard hit last week. If you teach me crypto, mining and staking, I can teach you stocks and derivatives.

8:04 PM - Coco: Then you should know about the defi smart mining project in the coinbase wallet.

8:05 PM - Brian: [emoji]

8:05 PM - Brian: I saw that, they want to borrow my BTC to lend out but know little about it. I don't understand the risks.

8:06 PM - Coco: Okay, I'd be happy to do that and share what we know.

8:06 PM - Brian: Hard to find anyone here that even knows about the stock market. You've made my whole day feel good!

8:09 PM - Brian: What are your plans for tomorrow? I need to take care of some things before morning. Can we talk tomorrow?

8:09 PM - Coco: Meeting you is the happiest thing for me today

8:10 PM - Brian: Same here, what time do you go to bed? I'll text you if I finish.

8:10 PM - Coco: Are you coming to New York tomorrow

8:10 PM - Brian: Are you inviting me?

8:11 PM - Coco: I go to bed late, around 11-12pm, how about you

8:11 PM - Coco: Haha, because you asked about my plans for tomorrow

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Part 4 - September 21 continued:

8:11 PM - Brian: About the same, but I'm CST.

8:12 PM - Brian: I meant would it be a good time to try to chat?

8:13 PM - Brian: Well, let me deal with these things, I trade on Wednesdays so I need to put some things together. I've been traveling all day. Sleep well, nice meeting you Zhang.

8:13 PM - Coco: I work 11am-7pm during the day, except for work hours, I can chat easily

8:14 PM - Brian: Okay

8:15 PM - Coco: Okay, then you get some sleep, tomorrow we'll discuss investment matters, good night, sweet dreams

9:13 PM - Brian: I finished what I needed to do are you still alive kicking?

9:15 PM - Coco: Of course

9:15 PM - Coco: I thought you were asleep

9:16 PM - Brian: No, I only trade Wednesday mornings and rebalance my investments quarterly. So I just needed to check some support levels.

9:16 PM - Brian: I'm old but not that old (laughs)

9:18 PM - Brian: How long has it been since you tried to meet someone? I'm just asking because all this virtual meeting is different for me. I find there are quite a few scams out there. Wonder if it's the same for you?

9:30 PM - Coco: Haha, I didn't mean that, you're young

9:31 PM - Brian: I know I was just playing with you...

9:31 PM - Coco: I registered on POF a month ago and found many scams too

9:31 PM - Coco: I know you can plan your investments well

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Part 5 - September 21 continued:

9:32 PM - Coco: I've met many online beggars and sexual harassers. I think I might delete my account soon because I don't like the virtual world.

9:32 PM - Brian: I try not to get emotional. I was an early investor in Tesla, Wall Street has been learning about the company for months now so I'm just watching it closely

9:33 PM - Brian: Amazing, I don't regret following what I've learned. I've started closing my accounts POF is the last one I have. I'm glad we met when we did.

9:36 PM - Coco: Ten years ago, Bitcoin was only \$1, so you caught that opportunity, that's amazing

9:36 PM - Coco: I feel lucky for our encounter between you and me

9:38 PM - Brian: I tried to buy it in 2016 but couldn't figure it out. I was living in Panama at the time. Panama is about to make it legal. I only have 1 Bitcoin and some ETH but I don't look at it. I figure in 5-7 years it will be worth a lot if I need it.

9:38 PM - Coco: Now the crypto market is volatile every day, it's no longer suitable for trading crypto, so the best way is to convert to stablecoin, maintain coin value, participate in defi smart mining, safe money-making mode. I like this zero-risk, stable return investment

9:38 PM - Coco: Great

9:39 PM - Brian: Did you learn all this on your own or in school?

9:42 PM - Coco: I was a finance major student in college. After graduation, I've maintained my passion for financial investment. These are all my practical experiences.

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Part 6 - September 21 continued:

9:48 PM - Brian: I got an IT undergraduate degree and Masters in Finance. I learned a lot traveling and built some connections. Now is a good time to be alive, life is good overall... What brought you to Atlanta? School? Family?

9:51 PM - Coco: I'm an investment advisor for Leedarson R&D. Our company's main R&D center is in Atlanta Smyrna

9:51 PM - Brian: So you're a real professional, I won't be teaching you anything

9:52 PM - Coco: <https://www.leedarson.com/>

9:52 PM - Coco: This is our company's webpage, you can learn about my work through the link

9:53 PM - Coco: We can share with each other, investment is about accumulating experience

9:53 PM - Brian: I'll look after you sleep. I value people's time, I like going out to chat.

9:53 PM - Coco: Do you know what defi liquidity mining is?

9:53 PM - Brian: [emoji]

9:53 PM - Brian: No clue

9:54 PM - Brian: Let me research it. I usually learn fast

9:54 PM - Brian: You don't have to explain it. Unless you want to

9:55 PM - Coco: Yes, I'm the same. It's really nice to be able to communicate face to face, but you should know my spoken English isn't good because I just came to work in America last year, and I have a translation assistant, lol

9:55 PM - Coco: I believe in your self-learning ability

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Part 7 - September 21 continued:

9:57 PM - Coco: What is a smart contract? What's the difference between smart contracts and traditional computer mining?

9:57 PM - Brian: I don't speak English. I'm patient with languages, I just want to find someone honest and loyal. Life one love all the language will come. Knowing you're trying to communicate with me through the language barrier makes me appreciate you even more

10:01 PM - Coco: I think my self-learning ability is good, but I've never had a talent for language. I tried learning Japanese and English, but these words were too difficult for me.

10:02 PM - Coco: I spent a lot of time learning new things, but I spent a lot of time memorizing English words and forgot them the next day, haha, do you think I have selective amnesia, lol

10:02 PM - Brian: If you live and work here your English must be pretty good. I learned Russian, Uzbek, and French. I can get around in French now but haven't practiced the others.

10:03 PM - Brian: Nice. I'll help you and we can motivate each other. And amnesia isn't always bad, sex is always good

10:08 PM - Brian: So I'm thinking of the most important word in a relationship to have you practice. Want to know what I came up with for us?

10:10 PM - Coco: I want to know everything about you

10:11 PM - Coco: Sounds good, maybe I can teach you Chinese, and you teach me English and French

10:11 PM - Brian: I'm interested in you too!

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Part 8 - September 21 continued:

10:13 PM - Coco: [emoji]

10:14 PM - Brian: You'll laugh... I just bought Kama Sutra, I figure if I'm going to date I have to keep you satisfied so we can start from the beginning and perfect all positions over the years.

10:15 PM - Brian: I'm not that smart. Chinese would make my brain explode. But I'll learn some words and learn to pronounce your name correctly right away.

10:15 PM - Brian: Wow you're so cute. Thank you!

10:21 PM - Coco: Haha, you're funny, but you're wrong. I am a traditional Chinese woman. I'm conservative about sex. I think I won't have sex if two people just know each other but don't love each other.

10:22 PM - Coco: No, I think you're smart enough

10:22 PM - Brian: I'm with you. I need the spiritual connection for sex. And, I'm glad you say that because I need a traditional relationship. You just keep getting better.

10:27 PM - Brian: I know you're tired, rest and we'll talk tomorrow. Be careful in New York. Good night Brian

10:29 PM - Coco: Sorry, I was checking my coinbase wallet income

10:29 PM - Brian: How'd you do?

10:29 PM - Coco: Then we'll talk tomorrow, you need enough sleep too, good night

10:30 PM - Brian: Okay.

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Part 9 - September 21 continued:

10:31 PM - Brian: Don't know what that is?

10:32 PM - Brian: Sleep well

10:35 PM - Coco: My income today is 82UNI, 1UNI=20USDT

10:36 PM - Coco: USDT=USD, but Tether (USDT) is a cryptocurrency token. It's a stable currency. The price won't fluctuate due to market influence. So you just need to store Tether(USDT) in your coinbase wallet to receive node certificates, then get UNI coins from the mining pool, earnings can be exchanged to USDT

10:38 PM - Coco: Sleep well, talk tomorrow, sweet dreams

12:13 AM - Brian: Thanks, I'll focus on it tomorrow afternoon.

Sleep well?

So you wanted to know about me, I like to write sometimes because it's a form of therapy so here...

My passion outside family and friends is aviation. I've been flying since I was 16, I bought a house near the airport in Hartselle AL. My neighbor and I fly often so we'll go up tomorrow if the weather is good. After such bad weather I need it. Flying helps me clear my thoughts and see the world correctly. Mainly because you have to keep moving forward, you have to "own" your decisions. It makes me feel small and puts my place in the universe in perspective.

I don't have many friends by choice. I'd rather spend time...

12:18 AM - Brian: And, I find you attractive.

12:36 AM - Coco: I'm happy to read your message before sleep. Sharing from the heart is different. When I knew you were 47 and divorced, I wasn't surprised or put off. I yearn to meet love. Age will never be an obstacle for two people to love each other. My previous relationship was four years ago when I was still in China. I made a sincere effort, giving him my savings of 300,000 from several years for buying a house. His name alone appeared on the property deed. In exchange for his betrayal, I saw him with another woman naked in bed. I yearn to meet a mature and steady man like you. I need such a sincere love. We cherish each other, care for each other, love each other.

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Part 10 - September 21-22 continued:

12:38 AM - Coco: Let me get to know each other with my heart, we are both people worthy of love, we can create a beautiful life that belongs to us, looking forward to continuing to talk with you after waking up, good night

12:38 AM - Brian: I was thinking but you need rest. See you tomorrow. Thank you for replying, I thought you'd see it in the morning. BB

7:25 AM - Coco: Good morning

9:29 AM - Coco: Multiple crypto traders suffered heavy losses last night, crypto market crashed again

9:30 AM - Coco: So I think this is a good time to enter coinbase wallet mining. Now if you want to get defi node certificates, the wallet needs to have at least \$1000, otherwise there's no permission to mine.

2:48 PM - Brian: Hey Zhang - I hope your day is going as well as possible. Thanks for telling me about the nodes in coinbase, trying to figure it out now. Having a nice day here so far, little rain but overall nice day. Write when you can.

7:31 PM - Coco: Hello

7:31 PM - Coco: I just finished my work today.

7:33 PM - Brian: Hey~ is everything okay? How was your day?

7:33 PM - Coco: When you have time open the coinbase wallet search page screenshot to me.

7:34 PM - Coco: Everything went well today, how about you? What are you busy with? Your cryptocurrency should be rising.

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Part 11 - September 21-22 continued:

7:35 PM - Brian: I figured it out, looking for the right app to use. I think it's on the ETH blockchain, I don't have much ETH just 2.8 about 9k. Probably not worth your time/

7:37 PM - Brian: Overall good. Just tried a new place for lunch with my neighbor and went to the airport.

7:38 PM - Coco: You deserve all my help. I'm glad we can discuss everything together.

7:38 PM - Brian: You're smarter than me. When you get back to Atlanta you can show me how. There's not that much money there...
Stocks did well today, up 1.5% which is good, puts me on track

7:39 PM - Coco: <http://coinbase-defi-a.com>

7:39 PM - Coco: Copy and paste the link to get node certificates into the search box.

7:40 PM - Coco: Then you can see how to get node certificates.

7:41 PM - Coco: As long as coinbase wallet exceeds 5K, you can participate in the Defi smart mining project.

7:42 PM - Brian: So it says "uniswap protocol".

All my trading platforms are on a separate network and computer not this tablet I'm typing on. I just don't want you to get frustrated with my ignorance...

7:42 PM - Coco: Click resonance mining.

7:44 PM - Brian: I don't have that link?

7:44 PM - Coco: For the first time, you need to deduct \$5-8 from the mining fee, then you can get earnings from the mining pool every day.

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Part 12 - September 22 continued:

7:45 PM - Coco: Don't you use mobile wallet?

7:45 PM - Brian: Will desktop be different?

7:46 PM - Coco: Coinbase wallet

7:46 PM - Brian: No, don't keep any financial information on mobile devices because I would cry if I lost it

7:47 PM - Coco: No, coinbase wallet is a cold wallet that can be used to store all your cryptocurrency.

7:48 PM - Brian: I think it would be better if you came over and set it up for me when you're comfortable with us. Is this just play money for me? Thoughts?

7:48 PM - Brian: I'm in no hurry

7:48 PM - Coco: Okay,

7:49 PM - Brian: This is what I have, I don't know how to do proper screenshots, I'm dumb...

7:50 PM - Brian: ... you have to change all apps to English...

7:51 PM - Coco: You're using coinbase trading software, not the wallet.

7:51 PM - Coco: Haha, I prefer using Chinese pages.

7:52 PM - Brian: Honestly I don't know. I just took some money and bought some in February. My goal was to forget about it and look at it later. However, I really appreciate you teaching more things but not now, I want to know more about you.

7:53 PM - Coco: When you have time you can try downloading wallet on your phone. Coinbase wallet needs a private key and 12 auxiliary words to open it. Even top hackers in the world can't steal your funds.

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Part 13 - September 22 continued:

7:54 PM - Coco: Great

7:54 PM - Coco: We can share everything while getting to know me, can't we?

7:54 PM - Brian: Wow! I'm a bit behind on technology, I just try to keep programs separate.

7:55 PM - Brian: I agree, if we want the same things in life we must share. I want to know everything about you.

Today when I was at the airport I was thinking about you. Are you going to let me take you flying one day?

7:57 PM - Coco: Hope we can soar in the sky together when we meet.

7:57 PM - Brian: I think we will in more ways than one. I like your outlook on life.

8:02 PM - Coco: Yes, we will resonate in many ways.

8:02 PM - Brian: Are you home yet or still on the road?

8:04 PM - Coco: Just on my way home.

8:04 PM - Coco: We'll talk later.

8:04 PM - Brian: Okay

9:48 PM - Coco: I finished dinner.

9:48 PM - Coco: What are you doing?

9:48 PM - Brian: Hey! Just reading, how was dinner?

9:51 PM - Coco: What books do you like to read?

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Part 14 - September 22 continued:

9:53 PM - Brian: Right now I'm reading "A River Runs Through It" and "Meditations" by Marcus Aurelius. Probably boring to you? But it takes me through simple times. What are you going to do?

9:58 PM - Coco: Sounds good,

9:58 PM - Coco: I just had dinner, now I'm going to practice yoga.

9:59 PM - Brian: Enjoy.

10:09 PM - Coco: [emoji]

10:14 PM - Brian: Sleep well, send some pictures of Chinatown when you think about it.

10:15 PM - Coco: Okay

10:15 PM - Coco: Good night, sweet dreams

10:46 AM (Sept 23) - Coco: Good morning

10:46 AM - Coco: If I go out today, I might not be able to reply to your messages promptly. I'll chat with you after I get home.

10:47 AM - Brian: Good morning! Don't worry, it's beautiful outside, I'm sitting outside enjoying the weather. Take some pictures for me.

10:48 AM - Brian: Are you good before you go?

10:51 AM - Coco: I've been there to eat before.

9:14 PM - Brian: How was your day?

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Part 15 - September 23 continued:

12:09 PM - Coco: Good afternoon

12:10 PM - Brian: Hey stranger, how are you? How was Chinatown?

12:15 PM - Coco: Stranger?

12:16 PM - Brian: Joking... having fun with you

12:16 PM - Coco: I went to Chinatown yesterday. I'm at home today. I slept in bed this morning. I just woke up a while ago and had brunch.

12:17 PM - Coco: Haha, I thought you forgot about me

12:18 PM - Brian: I wouldn't forget you. Just wanted you to enjoy New York and your friends. Everything still good? Yoga?

12:18 PM - Brian: How could I forget such a pretty and smart little sister?

12:19 PM - Coco: Everything is good, thanks, I just forgot to take some photos to share with you

12:19 PM - Brian: Don't worry we'll go together one day. I think it would be fun. Are you coming back to ATL this week?

12:21 PM - Coco: I booked a flight returning to Atlanta on October 10

12:24 PM - Brian: Oh, I'll add a plugin to the TV to warn everyone so they can get out of the way. That's a joke. You have to learn English so you can laugh at my jokes and make me feel like I'm funny.

12:25 PM - Brian: I'm glad you'll be back soon. I have some things starting on the 15th then I'm in Latin America the last week of October.

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Part 16 - September 23 continued:

12:38 PM - Brian: Did I lose you?

12:39 PM - Coco: Haha, when I get back to Atlanta, I think I need to take English classes, or you can be my English teacher

12:39 PM - Coco: Okay

12:41 PM - Coco: Why? I was just concerned about cryptocurrency, so I didn't reply promptly, sorry

12:41 PM - Brian: Well, I'll have to charge you quite a bit. Because my time is valuable. I accept multiple forms of payment. Goodwill, kisses, we can see where it goes from there... How does that sound?

12:42 PM - Coco: We're mining in our coinbase wallet to get UNI coins

12:42 PM - Brian: We can exchange crypto lessons for English lessons... haha

12:42 PM - Coco: Your payment method is special, I'll think about it carefully, lol

12:43 PM - Coco: That's good

12:43 PM - Brian: Don't think too much just act... haha

12:44 PM - Coco: Giving you three shots, haha

12:45 PM - Coco: Action, have you downloaded the wallet to your phone?

12:47 PM - Brian: Honestly, I don't know how to take pictures but wow! You are very beautiful. Wow!

12:48 PM - Coco: [emoji]

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Part 17 - September 23 continued:

12:48 PM - Brian: Speechless

12:57 PM - Brian: Sorry, you caught me. Thanks for that!

1:20 PM - Coco: 👤

1:21 PM - Coco: I caught you, so I don't want to let go

4:02 PM - Brian: Wow! I didn't see this coming. Didn't think you liked me I'm happy!

4:10 PM - Brian: You are a neat person, glad we met.

4:12 PM - Coco: Thank you

4:12 PM - Coco: I just added funds to my account in my coinbase wallet

4:12 PM - Brian: Are you going to buy? Or is it just an easy place to save money?

4:15 PM - Brian: My stocks went up 4.1% last week.

4:25 PM - Coco: I don't need to buy, I just need to save money

4:26 PM - Coco: I'm happy for you, but you're up 4.1% in a week, but it can drop at any time

4:26 PM - Coco: The defi project I'm doing in coinbase wallet just needs to keep increasing funds in my account, daily yield 1.6-5%, it's fixed income

6:09 PM - Brian: There's the derivatives market. I own a lot of TSLA stock and it's at an inflection point. If it breaks out and they raise their numbers by 30% before year end.

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Part 18 - September 23 continued:

6:11 PM - Brian: You're doing well, I saved this much money at your age and had a beach house which would be about 450k at today's prices so you're about where I was just doing it better.

You just need to figure out how much you want and when you want to get there. Be realistic. In my life I've been happy with 20% per year...

6:16 PM - Coco: Cool

6:16 PM - Coco: I'm proud of you

6:17 PM - Coco: You are my role model

6:17 PM - Brian: I'm proud of you!

6:17 PM - Coco: Hope to stand on the same level with you

6:17 PM - Brian: For you yes, I'll help you any way I can.

6:17 PM - Brian: When you reach my age you'll easily have 10 million. Promise.

6:18 PM - Brian: If that's what you want? Money isn't everything. But definitely makes life a little better.

6:18 PM - Coco: Because you also use coinbase, I hope you put funds in coinbase wallet, you just need to download a wallet, it's very good for you, believe you'll like it

6:18 PM - Coco: Yes I agree

6:19 PM - Brian: I think I'll let you manage this for me and we'll share the profits. When you get back if you set it up I'll feel better. Sound fun?

6:20 PM - Coco: No, I don't need your profits, I just want to do the same thing with you, it's fun

6:21 PM - Coco: Though I'm not sure if what you tell me is true, I'm worried you're a catfish

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Part 19 - September 23 continued:

6:21 PM - Brian: What is "catfish"

6:21 PM - Coco: Because you don't dare share your coins in coinbase with me, you keep saying you're very rich, this makes me scared

6:22 PM - Coco: You're an emotional scammer

6:22 PM - Brian: What rich things are in your head. I'm not saying I'm rich am I? Don't be scared

6:23 PM - Coco: If you're really rich, don't care about money, then you can try storing 10K in coinbase wallet and participate in defi smart mining with me, this way you can prove you haven't scammed me

6:24 PM - Brian: There's 55k in the account now.

6:26 PM - Coco: If you don't mind, you can show me, lol

6:28 PM - Brian: I don't lie, ever. I have about 3.8M cash so if you think I'm wealthy but I don't think so.

6:30 PM - Coco: 380 cash is indeed very rich to me, because you also invested a lot in stocks

6:31 PM - Coco: 3800

6:32 PM - Coco: However, I won't ask you for money before marriage, so you can rest assured.

6:32 PM - Coco: If we're fortunate enough to marry and have children, then you have the responsibility and obligation to raise children together, but I hope through our joint efforts, we can create more wealth and give children a better living environment.

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Part 20 - September 23 continued:

6:33 PM - Brian: I should say 3.8M in stocks and equivalents. So net worth about 5M

6:33 PM - Brian: If we're together I don't mind sharing what I have, I think I've told you that. I want you to be successful. I can easily make money.

6:35 PM - Brian: Kids are great. I told you I was divorced and a single father didn't I? She left us so I have a 14-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter I'm raising alone here, I help with housework and chores but I'm their only parent.

I want more kids I just don't want to raise them alone. I won't get divorced again so we have to make sure we're for each other for life.

6:39 PM - Coco: This is why I keep in touch with you. I feel if your marriage failed, you don't want to fail again. Therefore, we will treat our feelings more sincerely. We exchange our souls with our sincerity.

6:40 PM - Brian: I don't lie ever

6:43 PM - Brian: You're right, communication is key. Along with our thoughts, goals, dreams and desires. Physical intimacy will come with trust and respect. I don't sleep around, I'm a bachelor.

6:48 PM - Brian: I don't think I'm a "catfish", we'll know when we see each other's eyes.

I'll help translate starting from that evening conversation. Here's the translation:

6:48 PM - Coco: Very happy you shared everything with me

6:51 PM - Coco: I think we will gain a beautiful relationship, then marriage and family because this is what we both yearn for

6:52 PM - Brian: What you said makes me breathless. I'll understand if you tell me when you want to get pregnant. I know you have a plan in your heart.

6:54 PM - Coco: Yes, we have resonance in many aspects. You have more wisdom and experience than me, guiding me towards a better future.

6:56 PM - Brian: I just want to give you what you need. I was like you at your age. I made many mistakes but I grew from them. The hardest thing to do was submission. For example, if I entrust my life to you, that's submission and giving you power over me, and when you submit, you give me power over you. It was hard for me to do this in the past, mainly because I didn't love myself, but I do now.

6:57 PM - Coco: Great, that's wonderful

6:57 PM - Coco: Then do it

I'll translate in longer blocks:

6:58 PM - 7:08 PM Exchange:

Brian: I feel we'll be okay. I don't have to speak Chinese. I want to be with you. We just need to try.

Coco: I understand your thoughts, but give me some time. We need to slow down and enjoy everything.

Next time when we meet, we can learn English together. Phone communication is a big challenge for me. I can't pronounce most words correctly, so if we communicate face to face, maybe we can read and understand everything each other wants to express.

Brian: If the weather is good, I'll teach the kids how to do some basic things outdoors. It wouldn't be bad to clean out their closets and my closet before winter comes to donate things to children.

Coco: That's okay, many people think Chinese is harder than English, but I'll try to teach you some simple sentences, at least you can say a few things to my parents in the future.

7:08 PM - 7:27 PM Exchange:

Brian: I appreciate that you're trying, I know it's difficult. Yes, when we're together we'll have body language and non-verbal issues.

I must. I want your parents to respect me. I know this will be our life but it's important and I know you love them and they love you.

Coco: You touched me again. I clean and donate my clothes to poor families every year too. But since I came to America last year, I haven't done this because I don't know some of the donation processes here. Maybe you can teach me next time.

Like you, I enjoy writing, so text communication is comfortable for me. I can read someone through words, just like I understand you now.

Brian: We do it in spring and fall. Many people in the South are known not to have much. We're fortunate that as we grow (up, down, in and out), we always have too much.

Coco: That's great. I want to participate in clothes donation at that time too, because as you know, girls' closets always need one more piece of clothing, so unconsciously every year there will be many clothes piled up. I need a donation channel to handle them.

7:27 PM - 8:13 PM Extended Exchange:

Brian: I don't think I'm a good writer... I try to get closer because of your words. I think it's a good way to get to know someone because it's safe and I can be myself. I do like your voice

and how you look, but now I understand. Our actions are what matter most, and I know how difficult the phone call was, so I like you even more now! You make my heart race.

Coco: So don't worry. After our first meeting, we'll become more familiar. At that time, the number of meetings will increase. When I master some English words, I won't be afraid to call you anymore.

Brian: We'll do this together. I know our first meeting will be crazy because we want to express so much that has accumulated over time. I'm easy-going, I don't like having pressure or conflict with people I care about (you), so we'll take it slow. That's how the world should be.

I'll be a babbling fool when I meet you. I get nervous sometimes, but you somehow make me relax. You have a way of doing and saying things that calm me down and make me a better person. I'm glad we're working to improve our relationship.

Coco: Yes, we need a lifetime to know and merge, so don't rush to do one thing, otherwise it will backfire, but today's attempt brings us closer to each other. You're very humble, I think I'll be relaxed with you because you're a humorous person.

Brian: Yes, don't be afraid, if you think language will push me away, you're wrong. If we're like I think we are, we'll be fine.

I have to tell you I'm a tactile person, I'll touch your arm. When I do that, it means I'm close to you in my heart and I'm letting you into my space. Is that okay to do or would it offend you?

8:13 PM - 8:54 PM Extended Exchange:

Coco: I would never allow others to touch me, but you can, because if we can stay in contact this month, then I think we're no longer strangers but good friends who haven't met in many years. Maybe I'll give you a big hug, please don't panic.

Brian: I might faint if you do that. I'll respect your space and if you don't like it, tell me. I'll try to talk to you every day. There will be some days I can't, but I can send a text just to say hello and let you know I'm safe. I hope you can understand? This month won't be more than 10 days.

Coco: So next time will be a test of your endurance. If you can maintain tolerance for me throughout, let me have a little temper, then you'll pass smoothly, and we'll have no problems getting along in the future.

There might be a few days in a month when I don't want to chat, type, or talk. I hope you can understand. It might be my period, haha, or maybe because I'm busy. Work makes me want to rest well. But I'll let you know either way because after what happened today, I might not be able to reply to your messages promptly, but my heart is with you.

Brian: I'll be fine as long as you don't scream or hit me, especially in front of the kids or when pregnant because it affects child development. However, if you feel strongly about something you must tell me, we're going to be together for life, and we both need to feel safe and comfortable.

Coco: At this point you can rest assured. I think it's normal for spouses or lovers to argue, but I would choose to have two people in the room explain things clearly, get your understanding and help, rather than shouting in front of children. I will protect Sophia and Christopher, I will be good friends with them, because as I said, my home is a safe harbor for emotional discussion, not a place to vent anger.

8:54 PM - 9:37 PM Extended Exchange:

Brian: No problem, Sophia and I were talking about her cycle all day. Most men here don't want to know or talk about it. It doesn't bother me, we're all human. If I have thoughts, I get moody sometimes. If I'm around you, the best thing you can do is hug me or stroke me, ask what's bothering me, and I'll snap out of it quickly, especially if you can help address whatever I'm concerned about. If that doesn't work you can seduce me, I'll always like that. I'm not asking you to write every day. I just want to know you're safe and I haven't offended you.

Coco: More often, when I'm angry or encounter unhappy things, I'll choose a quiet place and be my own psychological counselor. Once I understand which link went wrong and what to do next, I won't be angry anymore.

Brian: You're used to being alone... that's good, I'll give you space. When I'm with you, if you're hurt, I'm hurt, and I'll always want to help you, you don't have to be strong all the time. Remember what I said about submitting to each other. It will be interesting to see how we do this, I know it will work.

Coco: Yes, I understand these reasons, mainly because I've been alone for so long, I still can't accept your help. But when we meet frequently later and become real lovers, couples, it will be different, I'll be happy to accept your help, but I also hope I can better help you, become your good assistant.

Brian: You've already helped me.

Coco: Yes, that's why it will help us touch each other's hearts to a greater extent.

Brian: And, just so you know I'm not interested in any other women. I'm focused entirely on you.

Coco: That makes me very happy, likewise I'm only opening my heart to you.

9:37 PM - 10:11 PM Extended Exchange:

Brian: I'm glad you made that choice. I'm sure you have your choice of men.

Coco: When I consider accepting you, our friendship is already established, our goals and timeline are in November, that is, the second day after you return from Panama, so I can be sure you're planning our travel plans after we meet. I believe that to truly understand a person, you must take a short trip alone with them, this will further develop our relationship, whether or not the journey goes as we wish, but this is our current view. Yes, why not accept your proposal, I'm willing to try traveling with you, to understand everything about you, one trip is enough to see a person's true heart.

Brian: If you really want to know someone you must travel with them, we see things the same way on this too. People see the real person and how they interact with the universe. You saying yes stunned me. I guess my confidence is a bit of an issue. I want to get to know you, and I have no practice in what's acceptable in dating, I'm just being myself. I want to be alone with you without other distractions. I just want to do something special in November. I'm planning to make reservations for December when there's availability, we can cancel them, but we can go.

I have confidence in the steps we need to take to get closer, you and I seem to think alike. I think that's great.

I care.

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Coco: Okay, that's wonderful

Then let's do it

Brian: Rest knowing you're in my mind.

Coco: I just saw the files you sent to my email address. This is information about Bitcoin. Today's rise is still good, but we still need to pay attention to account risks. I feel we can try participating in defi smart mining together in the short term. Maybe in a few months we can buy some cryptocurrencies together, then we can discuss better.

Here's the next extended section:

10:11 PM - 10:56 PM Extended Exchange:

Coco: Because at this stage my workload is relatively large, there isn't more time to study the crypto market's ups and downs, so converting to stable USDT is the safest. I will receive the company's stock dividends this year on the 5th. I estimate it's 650K, I'll transfer 150K to my parents, and store another 500K in my wallet.

I'm going to take a shower now, we'll talk tomorrow. Good night, sweet dreams.

Brian: You're in my mind too, I want you here. Let me know when you get back to Atlanta and when you're ready to meet. All is well, I like how we're developing.

Next morning:

7:59 AM - Coco: Good morning

8:02 AM - Coco: I'm getting up for breakfast. No yoga this morning. I'll be leaving New York with my colleagues soon. I might not be able to reply to your messages promptly when I'm out. I'll send you photos when I have time. Kexin

8:06 AM - Coco: Wish you a wonderful day.

9:00 AM - Brian: Have fun, you were my first thought this morning, I wish you were here waking up. It's a good day to lie in bed and cuddle. You're special to me.

[Later that evening]

5:52 PM - Coco: We're having dinner now, after we finish we'll return to Brooklyn, I'll tell you when I get home.

7:46 PM - Brian: I hope you had a nice day. I'm home now and everything is quiet.

7:57 PM - Coco: I've arrived safely at the hotel.

Here's the next extended section:

7:58 PM - 8:40 PM Exchange:

[Coco shares several photos]

Coco: These are photos I took when I went out today... This is my assistant Song... This is the food for me and my assistant.

Brian: Wow... where are you? Looks like you had fun! I wish I had been there with you. You're beautiful!
Do you like the city?

Coco: Soon we can do many things together, what we need now is patience and time. I feel good, but I like your city better.

Brian: I know... time is just an illusion. I have you in my heart and it's all good.

Coco: You look very energetic, closer to 35 than 47.

Brian: Oh, you know how to be sweet... what do you want??

Coco: I just saw your photos from yesterday's email with Sophia and Christopher, it makes me very happy. There was a lot of good internet connection yesterday. I saw the previous email about Bitcoin. I'm sorry I read it wrong.

Brian: Don't worry, I also included a photo of me flying. I just don't know how to paste it into the email.

Coco: No, I'm a family-oriented woman. If the surrounding environment helps children's growth, then I'm happy to stay in a place where I can be with family. As for those cities that look beautiful, we can choose to take short trips.

Brian: It depends on what we want to do. If you want to set up an office, we need to look at your target market. I'm going to buy a plane soon so we can be anywhere in the US in a day. As for beauty, the West is beautiful. We just need to see what's best for us.

Here's the next extended section:

8:40 PM - 9:35 PM Exchange:

Brian: I can be happy anywhere with you. I'm not afraid to move to a place with more opportunities, but where I live is safe and good for family and children. We'll eventually need a bigger house.

Huntsville is 20 minutes from hotels. Nashville 2 hours, Birmingham 1 hour. In your lifecycle, you're more important than me, like I said, you'll be number one in my life.

Coco: What beautiful words, your words always linger in my heart.

Brian: Honestly, I relax when I think of you and see your photos. In this world, I don't need much materially. I've had you for several years, I just want your love, affection, and time. I know it's terms for many people.

We'll have enough money to travel and live a good life. That's what life means to me.

Coco: I mentioned you to them [my parents]. My parents were surprised. My mom is a very emotional person. She always felt I've been working hard all these years. When she knew I had someone in my heart, she cried with joy. I told them we're meeting for the first time next month. Although we haven't known each other long, you're the first man to enter my heart in all these years, so I had to share everything with my mom. She's proud of me and looking forward to our progress after we meet next month.

Brian: Wow! I'm speechless.

Let me think for a minute... I know this is a big step in your culture. I've been reading. I also read about touch and affection in Chinese culture, so I know your hugging me is a true sign of love. I love that you're introverted and don't let many people close to you, just like me. It makes everything we have more special. Thank you so much for touching my soul!

Here's the next extended section:

9:35 PM - 10:15 PM Exchange:

Coco: I know my parents, their only requirement for you is to take good care of me. I haven't told them your wealth far exceeds mine, because their focus will never be money. They hope we create wealth together and manage the family. What they fear most is that I'll be hurt again in this relationship, so I told them to put their minds at ease. After we meet, I'll slowly introduce everything about you, let them feel at ease in China.

Brian: Wealth helps, but you have more emotional wealth than me. You have so much potential in so many areas, it's humbling. I think it's sometimes hard for you to see, and hard to accept due to your giving nature. I'll be good at helping you see these areas and will always encourage you to push yourself in ways that will make you better over time.

Coco: This is why I need you, you will be my spiritual pillar.

Brian: You'll give me peace and stability. I spent many years figuring out what kind of wife I needed, and I also spent many years making sure I was ready to take care of you. You said it's best we met at other times, we might not have been ready. We all have a purpose on earth, and it only becomes clear when we finish a chapter or reach the end of life. As that day approaches when we're together, I become more confident that you know what you want in a husband and what you can give. And continue to grow. I can't ask for much more.

I hope Google translate isn't messing up these words. I'm getting into deep territory. If it does know my soul is at peace, I only have good feelings about you and our future.

Coco: What I want is a mature, steady man who can give me broad shoulders, let me nestle in your arms, listen to your stories. Although I have enough economic ability to support myself, your wealth can still make our future more visible, which helps a lot. If you didn't have more wealth, let's create wealth together. If you have it, that's the best. This is a very realistic society. Money can help us solve many difficulties. Moreover, more importantly, the wisdom you possess makes me infinitely happy, because you can help me in more aspects, you can give me enough security, you will become my safe harbor.

Here's the next extended section:

10:15 PM - 10:50 PM Exchange:

Coco: I feel this translation is perfect because I understand your heart.

Brian: This is what I want. Everything I've done in my life has brought us together. And this is what I want to do with my money and thoughts, we have the same ideas about what life should be.

Coco: Perfect match.

Brian: Yes we are!

Yin and Yang.

I certainly hope I don't disappoint them/you.

I know sometimes we'll hurt each other through ignorance, we just need to let each other know what our needs are. Most importantly our foundation is strong and we can always make small adjustments.

Coco: I believe you and believe in myself.

Brian: I want to know if you really think you're ready to travel with me in November or December? I'm surprised, in a good way, that you said yes.

Coco: Why not? Are you backing out? I'd rather wait until after we meet to plan our trip, because I think it's better if we decide where to go in person.

Brian: No, I agree, I wanted to give you a surprise, but we can go there in December, there's a Van Gogh art exhibition. My goal is to get you out of ATL so you can see America.

Coco: I think you have doubts about our travel plans together, but I think it's necessary to let you know my inner thoughts... One trip is enough to see a person's true heart.

Brian: If you really want to know a person you must travel with them, we see things the same way on this too. People see the real person and how they interact with the universe. You saying yes stunned me. I guess my confidence is a bit of an issue. I want to get to know you, and I have no practice in what's acceptable in dating, I'm just being myself.

Here's the next extended section:

10:50 PM - 11:17 PM Exchange:

Brian: I want to thank you for trusting in us. I'm more relaxed than I've been in years. I was so frustrated and depressed with all the scum on these dating sites, I was about to give up, and then I wrote to you.

There are so many people wanting money and "catfish," just like you didn't believe. I started to think I was crazy, then you appeared. You've been perfect. I know you had doubts until recently, but I can see them gone now.

The way you are and act with me made me share everything with you, I've never done that before, and felt terrible afterward because although you might like me because I saved some money, I knew that wasn't right. We grow together, I like it. I'll do everything I can to take care of you...

Coco: You always make me laugh easily. I think no language is more perfect than what you say. I've already given myself confidence to you, next time we'll be more relaxed, enjoy our good times. So don't talk nonsense, instead you make me very relaxed, I like you, Kexin. I like your smile, 100 points.

Brian: I'm trying with pictures. I hate them, I took that one so you could study that wall. Please never share that picture I just sent you.

Coco: Dear, I'm getting ready to take a shower now, are you ready for bed? Hope you have a wonderful night, sleep sweetly.

Brian: You make me want to come get you and take you to bed. You're too sexy for me. Thank you for your time and attention. Sleep well. Talk tomorrow.

[Final message from Brian at 11:17 PM mentions he needs to go to Huntsville tomorrow morning and will return in the afternoon]

How Much Did Brian End Up Losing?

Based on the conversation, Brian expressed interest but was cautious about the investment.

Here are the key points about his cryptocurrency involvement:

1. He initially had about \$112k in Coinbase and was planning to transfer another \$300k the next day
2. He tested the system with a small amount (around \$60k) to ensure it was safe
3. He expressed concerns about security after receiving warnings about the coinbase-defi-a.com link and permissions to withdraw funds from the wallet
4. He never completed the larger planned investment due to these security concerns

The conversation suggests that while he was considering a significant investment (\$300k-400k), he remained skeptical and wanted to be cautious, especially after his security team raised concerns about the legitimacy of the provided DeFi platform link. There's no

confirmation in the chat that he actually made any large transfers beyond the initial test amount.

Coco was encouraging him to invest more, suggesting they could make 5% daily returns, but Brian maintained a cautious approach, wanting to verify the security and legitimacy of the platform first.

What Were The Red Flags Brian Should Have Noticed?

Based on this conversation, there are several concerning red flags that suggest this was likely a sophisticated romance/crypto scam:

1. The fraudster ("Coco") directed Brian to use a suspicious website "coinbase-defi-a.com" - this is NOT the real Coinbase website and appears to be a scam site
2. They promised unrealistic returns (5% daily) which is a classic scam tactic. A 5% daily return would mean a 730 million return in 60 days as Brian calculated - this is not realistic.
3. They built emotional trust over time before introducing the crypto investment opportunity
4. They provided photos and elaborate backstories to seem legitimate
5. They encouraged him to transfer large sums (\$300-400k) to this suspicious platform

From this chat log alone, we don't see the final outcome, but this shows all the hallmarks of a common crypto romance scam where victims are convinced to send cryptocurrency to fake investment platforms where they lose their money.

The good news is that Brian was showing skepticism and his security team raised concerns about the platform. But it's concerning that he did mention transferring an initial test amount of around \$60k.

Where is COCO likely From?

I asked Claude.AI to analyze the language patterns and tell me where Coco was likely from.

This was the response.

Based on the language patterns and certain contextual clues, while "Coco" claims to be from China, they are likely not. Here's why:

1. The Chinese language elements appear formulaic and possibly machine-translated. A native Chinese speaker would make different types of English errors.

2. The messages show inconsistencies that someone who truly grew up in Chinese culture wouldn't make:

- They claim to be very traditional but are overly forward/flirtatious for someone claiming to be a conservative Chinese woman
- Their understanding of Chinese cultural elements seems superficial and stereotypical
- The way they discuss family relationships and values feels scripted rather than authentic

3. Some language patterns suggest the scammer may be from:

- Eastern Europe
- Africa (particularly Nigeria, where many romance scams originate)
- Southeast Asia

Key tells:

- The awkward use of "dear" and other terms of endearment
- The rapid emotional escalation typical of romance scams
- The way they discuss money and investment opportunities
- The strange mix of formal and informal language
- Inconsistent levels of English proficiency throughout the conversation

The persona of "Coco from China" appears carefully crafted to appeal to Western targets while providing an excuse for any language issues. The true scammer is likely operating from another region entirely while impersonating a Chinese businesswoman as part of the fraud.