

Is There a Way Out?

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Sixteen year old “X” had just been finished negotiating a deal. He was the drug dealer for the city gang. Everyone calls X because he was never given a name when he was born. In fact, there was no record that he even existed. X never knew his mother. He was told that she died giving birth to him. Even though the gang treated him like a family member, he felt like he didn’t belong.

One day Pablo requested a huge order. Pablo was one of the major clients of X. X told Pablo to meet up in the alley behind the gas station. X along with Darrel and Jim, two of the gang’s robbers went to the alley. Pablo, along with two other men that they did not recognize got out of the car. Then Pablo walked over to them. X made sure that there was no one other than them that was in the alley. X got the bag with all of the requested items from the car. Then he walked over to join Darrel, Jim, and Pablo. The two strange men were still standing by the car. “You got my stuff?” Pablo said. By the croaky sound of his voice, you could tell he wasn’t at his best. “You got my cash?” X responded. Pablo opened the bag. There was probably about \$20,000 in the bag. X handed him the bag of items. Pablo took a look, “Well done.” He said with a smile on his face. “The money,” X responded. The two guys by the car were watching. Pablo questioned “How do you think this works?” X stated, “How I want it to, so give me that money.” Pablo reached into his pocket and pulled out a gun. “Alright, you wanna lose some money or you wanna die tonight.” Pablo calmly stated. Then Jim reached into his pocket, shot Pablo in the foot, took the money and the drugs, and ran.

When they got back to the trap house they explained what happened to Leo, the gang leader. Leo told the gang, “No one messes with one of our members. We are going to kill everyone in Pablo’s gang.” For some odd reason Leo told X he couldn’t go. After the gang left, X noticed Leo left his phone. Pablo was calling him. X did not answer, but he did look at the messages sent. Pablo texted Leo, “Have you told him yet?” X replied, “Told who?” “You know, have you told X that we killed his mom, Jenny Giles.” X wiped his eyes to make sure he was seeing this correctly. His stomach dropped. He felt like he was going to throw up. He needed to sit down. Then he thought to himself, “Why would they murder my mom?” Then he grabbed his tablet and searched up Jenny Giles. What popped up was SanAntoniopolice.com. She was the head chief of the San Antonio police department. Giles was murdered by a city gang. What was weird was the day she died was the day X was born. There was no record that she had son. He put the tablet away. He was trying to fight back the tears. There was another person in the trap house. It was Carlos, the oldest person in the gang. X grabbed a gun and then rushed to Carlos’ room. He saw Carlos and put a gun to his head. “My mom! TALK!” Carlos immediately started talking. “We killed her because she was going to be the new police chief and said she was going to stop all of the gangs.” “So how did you get me?” X asked. “We found you laying in an alley by a burning building,” responded Carlos. “Why didn’t you just leave me there?” screamed X. “We saw something in you, something you haven’t figured out yet, something that I have sworn not to

say.” Carlos responded with an eerie voice. “What did you see?” wondered X aloud. “You have a gift, a gift that would stop all bad in this Earth, a gift so powerful that once you unleash it the whole world will know who you are.” “Stop playing around!” yelled X. Then Carlos cried out, “We killed your mom to stop the existence of your gift. But, we are just going to kill instead” Carlos stated.

Then X felt a rush of adrenaline he had never felt before. He was encountering this energy that he had never encountered before. The gang was rushing into the trap house. They were all pointing guns at X. Even Darrel and Jim were pointing guns at him. Pablo was there too. Then it came to him, the reason that they didn’t want him coming with them wasn’t because they were going to murder Pablo. It was because they were going to murder him! Then X did something he had never done before. He screamed as loud as he could. His gift had been unleashed.

His whole body had turned to pure silver metal. For some reason, it felt totally natural. “SHOOT HIM!” yelled Leo. They all started firing their guns at him but he didn’t feel anything. The bullets just bounced off of his now metal skin. X ran over to Leo and put both of his metal hands around Leo’s neck. “You killed my mom, so I am going to kill all of yall! X ferociously yelled. He ended the whole thing pretty quickly. He just punched everyone in their throat with his metal hands. He took all of the money and left. X now had a decision to make. What was going to be his name? He decided to name himself Henry Giles. Henry dropped his old life for a new one. He decided to register for the San Antonio police department. He never really understood how he got those powers, but he did know one thing. “They may have stopped my mom, but they will never stop me.”