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The day I Almost ended it all

Hey, my name is Derion & I'm 17 years old. Let me tell you about myself & why my life was almost ended. My mom named Rosalinda suffers from a bipolar disorder & depression. And because of that, she really never could get a job. So, guess who has to go to work and pay? You guessed it, Me. I really hate school but not because of work, it's because of bullying. People all over my school bully me because of my race, skin color, and the way I dress. But what people don't understand is that all of this isn't my choice; I wear the same thing every day because I don't have the time or money to get new clothes. The thing I hate the most is when people hurt me, physically and mentally; every day when I come home from work my mom always asks me "Derion what are all those scars & bruises you have?" And well I have to lie and say that they're just because I fall a lot.

Just cause of all that was happening to me, I just couldn't stand this. I wanted to just end it all and not have to deal with this. But then one day there was this girl named Hope, Hope was a great girl, she was so pretty, so funny, And just so perfect. And I have the BIGGEST crush on her but the thing was that she was the most popular girl at school and I knew I never had a chance with her. Also, to add on to that she had a boyfriend, named Jerry. But I'm surprised that she's still with him because he's the biggest jerk in the school. Every time I tried to talk to Hope, Jerry will always come up to me with his little buddies and make fun of me.

Anyways as you know, I have to work every day after school. But on Friday it wasn't just your ordinary Friday. This Friday was the best Friday I ever had because while at was a work, Hope came up to me and handed me a slip then she left. The slip said "Call me as soon as you can please, thank you." As soon as

saw that paper I had mix feelings because I didn't know if it was going to be a good thing or a bad thing. So I was nervous and happy at the same time. As soon as I got home I called her, when you answered, we talked for 2 hours 3 minutes and 5 seconds. I was so happy, when I went to school everything was different. Hope started talking to me and everyone actually started talking to me, I was like the most popular kid. Even during lunch everyone talked to me but of course Jerry still hated me. But that didn't stop my happiness but something did. Every day when I walk to school, it's quiet but this day was different because there was an ambulance parked outside my house and all my neighbors were outside. So as soon as saw that I went running. Then the worst thing happened, my mom has been on the floor with her slit wrists and the emergency medical technicians (EMTs) were clearing the blood and trying to pick her up. I was staying positive while we were driving to hospital, when we were at the hospital, they made me wait in the alley. But when the doctor called my name, instead of good news, he said "I'm sorry, we did the best we could but your mom has passed away." As soon as I heard those words coming out of his mouth, I started tearing up. I just wanted to die right there in there.

2 months later

It's been exactly 2 months since my mom passed away and living on my own is difficult. But I think the therapist has at least helped me out with my depression and also the fact that I'm dating hope makes me very happy but knowing my mom is gone made me feel dead inside. But the bad thing is that I have to move because I'm getting put into the foster system. Well wish me luck on my adventure.