

What happened to Chase Garza?

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Chase Garza was a normal teenage boy, but what was going to happen to him wasn't.

One day, Chase was walking home from school, and he thought he heard someone walking behind him, as if someone was following him, so he turned around and no one was there. He continued walking and the footsteps behind him continued. He looked again, nothing there. It happened again and again. But this time when it happened he turned around, nothing was there, he turned back to walk and there was his girlfriend standing right in front of him. Chase shouted, "You gave me a heart attack!!! Ughh I hate you!!!" Isabella started laughing. They walked and walked until they got to Isabella's house. Chase dropped her off and continued home.

When he got home he saw ambulances and firetrucks and police cars. He saw his little brother being carried out on a stretcher. He started running to his house, but there was an officer guarding the house and he would not let him in. Chase said to the officer, "This is my house!! I live here!! That's my little brother!! What happened?"

The officer replied, "Sir, you need to back up. This is a crime scene; we are doing an investigation. We are going to need you to go downtown for some questioning."

Chase replied, "Okay, if you say so."

Chase got in the back of a police car with a different officer. They drove downtown and when they got there, they went into an investigation room for questioning. The officer was asking questions like, "Where were you at 3:57pm?" Chase answer as truthfully as he could and he thought he was doing a good job keeping his heartbeat at a steady pace. He was really freaking out on the inside, wondering what had happened.

The officer finished questioning and Chase asked, "What happened to my family?"

The officer replied, "There was a robbery and your brother, sister, and mom were all shot and as of right now they are in critical condition. The doctor does not think they are going to make it. I'm so sorry this happened. Do you want to call your father?"

"My father died years ago in a tragic car accident."

The officer drove Chase to Isabella's house and he told her what happened.

"I'm so sorry, what can I don't to help?"

"I don't know, just do leave me, okay?"

"Okay, I won't. nothing will tear us apart."

2 Months Later

It was 7am and Chase was waking up to get ready for school. He put his clothes on, brushed his teeth and hair and went downstairs. He told Isabella's mom, "Thank you for letting me live here while I try to get an apartment and figure out what I'm going to do with my life."

She replied, "You're welcome, I know it's hard to deal with the death of your family. I can't even imagine what it feels like, and from what I see, you are doing amazing job of coping with the loss."

Chase and Isabella walked to school, got to class and started their school day great.

They walked home together and when they got home, Mrs. Edwards gave them a snack. After the snack they went to their rooms and started on homework. After homework it was already 6pm and dinner was smelling delicious, so they both went downstairs and saw that Mrs. Edwards was cooking spaghetti and breadsticks. She asked them to set the table. They set the table and then sat down and enjoyed the meal.

After dinner they made some popcorn, sat in the living room and turned on a movie. By the time the movie was over it was already 10pm, so everyone went to their room and went to sleep.

The Next Morning

Chase woke up and he did his morning routine but when he went downstairs, he noticed that Mrs. Edwards was not downstairs and he never heard or saw Isabella. He checked her room and the bathroom. He checked Mrs. Edward's room, no sign of anyone. He was beginning to worry. He called Isabella from his phone, no answer. He tried Mrs. Edwards phone, no answer. He thought, "Maybe they went to the store or they went somewhere and forgot to tell me." He checked the driveway to see if their car was gone, it was still there in the driveway. He thought "Maybe they went for a morning jog, sometimes they do that. But they have never not texted me telling me where they are." To figure out if his theory was true, he waited for 20 minutes. No one came home. He called them both again, no answer. He tried thinking of other solutions of why he did not know where they were. He thought, "Maybe Isabella went to school early and someone picked up Mrs. Edwards." So he started walking to school, still hoping that nothing happened to them.

When he finally got to school no one was there, it was like the police came and took everyone.

The school look deserted. He called 911, but no one answered. He thought, "The cops always answer to 911 calls!! What is going on?!?!"

The Next Day

The next morning Chase had forgotten everything that had happened the day before, so he started on his morning routine and went downstairs. Mrs. Edwards was not there and he remembered everything that had happened.

Later That Day

Chase went to school again to hopefully find some answers. His friend CJ was at the school. They ran to each other and hugged. Chase asked, "How did you get here?"

CJ replied, "I died in a car crash and my family survived. How did you die?"

Chase was confused. "I never died, how are you here if you are dead?"

CJ said, "This is the world for the dead."

Chase was in shock, he had no idea that he died.