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Quinn and Stanley's Bizarre Adventure

Stanley did not think about his middle school year during his summer. For example, how Stanley would use his time in middle school will he try, or will he just stack off, and use his time for video games? Instead of that Stanley just spent his summer doing nothing while his parents were away. Stanley's parents are business people so they often go on business trips leaving Stanley behind. They would always tell him to be on his best behavior when he was home alone. Stanley would often use video games as a source to kill time since he was extremely bored at home with no one to watch over him, and no one to talk to him. Usually, at these types of moments, Stanley wished he had a friend or someone to talk to. So around this time, Stanley decided that his goal was to make some friends.

As Stanley entered middle school his first period was rather chill due to the fact that this was the first day of school. He knew that the difficulty of this school would skyrocket once time passed so making some friends would be pretty useful. During Stanley's second period everyone just looked at each other awkwardly. Quite normal since it was the first day of school. During his 3rd period, someone would approach Stanley his name was called Quinn.

‘Hello, my name is Quinn what is your name?’

‘My name is Stanely, nice to meet you.’

‘What did you do during your summer Stanely.’

”Just played video games, what about you?”

‘I just spent time with my family.’

‘nice.’

It was quite awkward since Stanley rarely talked to anyone besides the teacher. But he saw hope as he had his first very awkward conversation with a person called “Quinn”.

(Quinn) Short bio

Unlike Stanley, Quinn came from a family that did not make much money. They made just enough money for them to send Quinn to school in hopes that he can use these educational resources to get a job in the future to support the family. Stanley had 2 smaller brothers, the smallest one was called Ethan the other one was called George. He mainly spent his summer studying and watching the tiny television with his 2 brothers. Their parents would take turns going to work so one would stay home watching the kids while the other go out and came back during the night. Quinn would often eat rice with soy sauce. Their parents would often feel like they were not good enough to raise these kids.

“Sorry, about these lunches we promise we will bring back better food once we get a better job” Quinn as he would usually say “no it's fine as long as you guys are safe it does matter of what we eat, what we wear

George would usually complain about the food due to the fact that he is a picky eater. On the other hand, Ethan would be grateful for the food, same with Quinn.

Story Continue

As time passes Stanley manages to survive the first day of school. On the way back home he could see Quinn. So he decided to talk to him. With all his courage he walked up to him and said ‘hello’.

Quinn would say” Greetings Stanley, are you planning to go home.”

“Yes, what about you.”

‘Same here I’m waiting for the bus.’

‘Oh nice welp I’m going to walk home and by the way, do you want to be my friend.’

‘Sure’ said Quinn

As Stanley walked away his heart was pounding, but he was really relieved that this conversation was over, and he got himself a friend/first-ever friend. Stanley would also think about how he can play video games with him and all the above only if he can. As Stanley snapped out of thinking he realized that he walked past his house.

(The next day)

School swept past like a breeze on the 2nd day. It was rather boring for Stanley since he just sat in his chair all day listening to the teacher lecturing about the class rules and their expectations. However, Stanley could see Quinn taking notes about the class rules and other stuff. Stanley thinks his friend is quite the creep or he was just a tryhard at school.

Near dismissal, Stanley would seek Quinn's phone number since Stanley really wants to play games with someone instead of playing games alone. As Stanley approached Quinn he would ask him.

“Hello, may I have your phone number, Quinn?”

‘Sorry about that, but I do not own a phone.’

‘What?’

“You heard me loud and clear.’

‘Why don’t you own a phone, what have you been doing in your past life?’

‘Well like I said I mainly spent time with my family and sometimes watched the television, if you really insist on a phone number would you want my home numbers.’

“Sure man’.

As they go their separate ways Stanley is quite confused about why Quinn does not have a phone, whether he was poor, how he ended up in this school, and lastly what he was doing with his life the entire time.

When Stanley returned home he would call Quinn, but he did not pick up with this information Stanley knows that Quinn is not home yet or he was taking a da bian=poop.

On the other side, “Dad I’m home,’ said Quinn.

‘Welcome back son how was your day today.’

‘It was just your average day. We just learned new material and dismissed.’

As Quinn walked up his creaky stairs his mother told him that someone was looking for him. She said that there was this boy looking for you on the phone. Quinn would then run to the telephone and pick up Stanley.

‘Hello, Stanley this is Quinn’.

‘Oh great timing Quinn, do you want to play video games?’

‘No, sorry, I do not have a console at my house, so I can’t play any video games with you.’

‘Bruh what do you even do with your life man’.

‘Well, I watch over my 2 siblings and also help my parents with chores and lastly study’.

‘Well, that's kind of boring.

‘Well of course let me take a guess people like you just hog onto their mother asking for stuff and will always receive it.’ “You probably just play games all day, and never study.’ You are pretty pathetic wasting your time on these types of objects.

Stanley roared back and said ‘watch your mouth, these are not objects. These objects are called video games. I use these as a source of entertainment since I’m very bored.’

‘Then why don’t you just use your time to study or talk to your parents and help them do something, just do something with your life instead of playing video games.’

‘My parents often go out on business trips, my parents never care for me, they are useless, the only thing they offer me is money.’

‘Well unlike you my parents actually care for me although they don’t earn the most money in the world they still care for me, and I care for them, but you on the other hand never tried to communicate with your parents you just sat there playing video games. This is why you will never understand the truth unless you find the true meaning of what it is like to have a family.’

Feeling frustrated Stanley ends the call and says ‘you will regret this Quinn’.

As the weeks fly past Quinn starts to notice that people start to eye him differently, everyone looks at him with a scared eye. He wondered what he did so decided to question a stranger.

‘Whoa there, please don’t hurt me.’

‘What I never hurt anyone, do you know who spread this rumor to everyone?’

‘‘Actually yes it was someone from your grade his name is called Stanley.’’

‘He told us that if we talk to you you would beat us up really bad as you did before in elementary school.’

‘Well, that obviously a lie I would never hurt anyone unless they have harmful intentions for me.’

Quinn knew he had to talk with Stanley to settle this problem. As Quinn walked up to Stanley he tried to pick up his collar and ask ‘why did you spread this rumor’. Stanley actually has no reason

for spreading this rumor. He just wanted revenge since Quinn trash-talked him and gave him a lecture about family so this was his revenge.

As Quinn picks him up he asks him why Stanley just said if you want to settle things out we can right now.'

They walk across from each other ready to fight for some stupid reason. This was really pointless. They could have resolved this problem by talking, but instead, they think violence is the key to this solution. Especially fighting in the cafeteria you are 99 percent going to get into deep trouble. As they get ready to fight they will start talking bad about each other.

'Oh you're approaching me instead of running away, you're coming right to me.', Stanley

'Isn't it quite obvious I can't beat you up if I'm not close?'

'Well then come as close as you like.

Quinn threw the first punch it directly connected with Stanley

'I will ruin your pretty face.

Stanley looks quite frightened, but he releases all his anger on him punching Quinn and giving him an uppercut you can see saliva coming out of Quinn's mouth as Stanley punches. Then Stanley would throw 3 Quick jabs at Quinn. Quinn blocked it but it drained a lot of stamina out of him.

With all of Quinn's strength, he throws Stanley onto the ground jumping on top of him and throwing punch after punches toward his face blood starts to come out of his face.

Stanley knew that at any moment he was going to lose he could hear the cafeteria crowd roar.

He was not ready to lose just not yet, but it was already over when Quinn got on top of him.

He could feel pain after pain inflicted on him. He wanted to go home and wanted forgiveness. He did not mean there was no point in this conflict, but it was already too late. Stanley was getting beaten up really badly. As Quinn was about to deliver his final blow the principal stopped him.

‘Enough is enough, fighting is prohibited against the school rules.’

‘You guys will come to my office and we will call your parents.’

‘No, you can’t say Quinn’. I do not want my parents to be involved in this conflict.’

‘Stanley was quiet, he could barely talk after the beating’, but he deserved it.

When their parents came they were updated about the rules and their kid will receive bad punishment for repercussions.

Quinn would explain his side of the conflict to his parents. He knew his parents were understanding so he did not get any punishment, however, Quinn will still receive punishment from the principal.

On the other hand, Stanley did not want to talk to his parents. He thinks that they are useless and will only come once a conflict appears. Stanley’s parents would question him, and ask him slowly so he can spill out all the information.

‘Honey please tell us what you did. Said Stanley’s mother.

‘‘We won’t be mad at you, just tell us the truth. Said Stanley’s dad.

Stanley would eventually give in, and tell them the whole story.

‘Mom dad please tell me what I should do’.

‘I do not want to get in trouble, I just want to go back to being my normal self.’

‘You should apologize to Quinn and settle things up so there is less drama. And also try to make up with Quinn since he can be a big help to you in the future just believe in us.’

After a few days

Stanley would come to school with bandages near his face and he would pass Quinn a note to meet him after school. At first Quinn felt quite hesitant, but decided to meet Stanley since he also wanted to apologize.'

After school, they would meet at the bus station.

'I'm sorry, said Stanley.

'I'm also sorry, said Quinn.

'I'm sorry for spreading the rumors and also making fun of you and your own family system'.

'I'm also sorry for getting mad at you. We should have talked it out, but instead, we got into a fight.'

Stanley says 'We should forget the past, and continue being friends.'

Stanley would return home that evening telling his parents about what he did. He now has his own definition of what it is like to have a family. His definition is parents are just like/tools/objects they are there when you need help with your needs or advice or if you have a major question. But you should repay them back by offering help if they need it.

For a brief moment of time, everything was going well between Stanley and Quinn. Neither made fun of the other and all was amicable. Well, at least until Quinn made fun of Stanley for listening to country music, but that's a story for another day.

Warmup

- 1.) Finish the first draft in time. However, it feels rushed.
- 2.) My story got over the cap so I had to delete a lot of the scene.
- 3.) I'm worried about the story structure, and also I don't have a motif.

The artist's statement

Chosen perspectives= Dialogue between 2-sided characters one being rich while the other being poor.

Connection to the essential question of what it means to be a family. Quinn understands what it means to have a family to him since he often spends time with his parent and siblings. While Stanley was a complete shut-in ignoring his parent and did not understand what it mean to have a family. If he did understand the conflict would have been less harsh or would have never happened.

Snapshot: For the fighting scene I use a lot of inspiration from an anime called JOJO Bizzare Adventure. I tried to make each of the attacks slow down with an outcome of what happened with the attack.

Motif: Throughout the story, there was a common cause for the conflict. And that was judging others which lead to the main conflict. And that might be the reason why the conflict still existed. Furthermore, another motif presented throughout the story would be poor vs rich. Stanley and Quinn have contrasting socioeconomic statuses which leads to many issues.

Dialogue: Mainly use the dialogue to explain the character and their emotions and how they would react during each type of situation.

And also tried to create dialogue to bond the character, but unfortunately, there was a word limit so I needed to cut out a lot of the rising action.

How dramatic Irony is created: It can be foreseen as you see in the story how I introduced Quinn as a poor kid while Stanley was a rich shut-in. For example, in the scene where Stanley wanted Quinn to play video games, Stanley never realize that Quinn did not have the money nor his parent to afford him a console device to play with. Another example can be how Quinn did not have a phone since he was poor.