

The kidnapping

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Josh

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Josh was crying he didn't know why this was happening “Why, why, why me? Why did you choose me?” Josh pleaded. He didn't know what was going on. All he could see was a figure who was standing in front of him with a bloody blade in his hand. Josh couldn't concentrate at all. All he could think about was what that pain was in the leg. Then it clicked. He screamed in pain finally realizing what that pain in the leg was. Every moment he was in agonizing pain he kept screaming until every time he talked it felt like more and more needles were being plunged into his throat. Then he let out a scream that even people on the other side of the earth could hear.

“Shut up. Your screaming hurts my ears,” the man that was so silent you couldn't even hear him breath. Finally talked. His voice was harsh; it sounded like he had been screaming for hours and didn't even stop to breathe.

“Stop, please stop!” Josh begged with tears flowing down his cheeks. The man stopped and stared at him. Josh was whimpering, praying that he wouldn't do it again.

“Wow. Everyone else passed out due to the pain but you stayed awake,” the man said in a surprised voice. “You're special and I like that about you. Now rest assured that I won't kill you”

Josh had been screaming for so long that he couldn't speak.

“Here I will go get you some medical supplies so you can patch yourself up.” Josh thought to himself how only 5 hours ago everything was completely fine. Then Josh passed out.

Devan

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Today was different from any normal day. It was weirdly quiet for the city. When Devan woke up he had an overwhelming sense of dread that something bad was going to happen today. When he fully woke up he looked around at his small house praying that he can get a raise because if not he won't be able to pay his bills. He got ready for work but before he went to work he stopped at his mom and dad's gravestone and put a flower on each of them. When he got to work everyone was looking at him. Devan thought that he might be late but he checked his watch but he was on time. But then it happened he heard his name being called by someone. He turned around and it was the boss. “Devan go up to my office now.” Devan was happy he thought he was finally going to get the raise that he needed. When he got to his bosses office it was cold like a blizzard. When

he sat down his boss told him “I'm sorry. But we are making some cutbacks so we need to let you go,”

“What no please, I need this job! I can't pay my bills without it!” Devan said practically begging his boss.

“I'm sorry but we already made the choice.”

“Please!”

“I'm sorry but I can't.” Devan started to tear up. Before he started to cry he ran out of the office and out the building all the way to his mom and dad's graves. Everything was cold like the top of mount everest. Then he just sat there and cried and cried and cried. Eventually when it got dark he went home. With tears in his eyes

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Five years later Devan is working at a subway and is barely making enough money to pay his bills and his mental health is slowly deteriorating. Why me? He thought to himself. One day after work he was sitting in an alleyway and somebody walked up to him and said “Do you want to make a lot of money?”

“Yea sure ?”

“Ok. Do you know what the black market is?”

“Yea,”

“Well if you can get what i want i will split it 50/50 with you.”

“Ok what do you want?”

“I want a child,” Who is this guy Devan thought to himself

“What!?”

“Just trust me all you need to do is take a random child and keep him for as long as it takes for me to get a buyer. Then we get payed,”

“Ok i'm in,” Devan said with slight hesitation.

Josh

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Josh woke up dreading today because it was benchmark day. Today was the day all of his benchmark projects came out. He reluctantly got up, got dressed and walked down stairs to the kitchen. “Good morning Ceara.”

“Good Morning Josh. And stop calling me Ceara. Call me mom.”

“Yea sure mom,” as Josh was walking out the door his mom yelled

“Have a good day, and be safe!”

“I will!” Josh said with a heavy sigh. When Josh got to school he knew that he would have no free time after school. The day went by as slow as it could. every class giving out their benchmark projects. Every class Josh felt like there was more and more weight being added to his back. Josh thought about how much trouble he would be in if he didnt do the projects. But little did he know this was the least of his worries. While walking home he saw a man in a van with no license plate but thought nothing of it. Then when he passed the van the doors swung open and the man inside popped out and stuck a needle in Josh's neck. Before he passed out he

thought to himself who this guy is. Then everything went black. When he woke up he was in a small dark room with no windows and only one door to get out. After 2 of the longest hours Josh has ever experienced, someone came through the door. It was a strange man who had a mask on and a knife. When he got 2 feet away from Josh terror struck. All the things that had happened up until now hadn't really registered to Josh. "Who are you and what do you want from me?"

"I just need money so don't worry."

"Ok," Josh might have said that but he was freaking out in his head trying to figure out who this guy was and what he was going to do to him.

Devan

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After that talk with that guy, if what he said was true then Devan would be able to move to a better place. He would also be able to pay his bills and do so much more Devan thought to himself. When Devan got home from work he started to soundproof the basement and reinforce the door. It looked like a vault and I could keep any one inside. It took him 2 days to finish all of that. Then he waited. He waited on a street that he knew that kids walk down but not too many kids. Then he saw someone who was walking right in front of his doors. So he took the chance. He jumped out of his van and put a needle in his neck and dragged the kid into his van so no one could see him. When he got home he put the kid in the basement and tied him up. Then he went up the stairs and got everything ready.

Josh

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When Josh woke up he could barely remember what happened but then he felt the pain in his leg and remembered everything. When that man came back downstairs he walked up to Josh and started to bandage up his leg and started to treat him.

“Why are you doing this and who are you?!”

“You can call me the napper and I need the money.”

Then the napper started to take off his chains. Josh knew that this might be his only chance to escape right before he took off the last chain **Josh thought to himself if he doesn't escape his mom will be destroyed that she lost her son.** So as soon as he took off the last chain Josh hit him on the head with one of the chains. Josh got up and limped up stairs and limped outside of the house he started to scream for help but the napper had gotten up and was running towards Josh. Right before the napper got to Josh two police officers showed up and when they saw what was happening they quickly apprehended the napper. Then they sent Josh to the hospital and called his family. His mom was so happy that he got out and if not she would have gone for him.