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A Dark Bargain

Saturday 12 PM, dark alleyway off Kingsdale

Matthew is panting, running away from a gang of street thugs. He is a school boy of Lario High School. He is tired and has trapped himself in a dark alleyway, the gang is catching up to him.

Matthew: (Panting) Please, I'll give you the money next time, I don't have any on me!

The gang leader emerges from the gang.

Gang Leader: You're late with the money, you know what happens when you miss a payment.

Thugs: (Happily) Let's beat him up so he won't forget next time!

Gang Leader: Matthew, we have given you the privilege to roam our streets, just pay the taxes!

Gang Leader: (Laughing) He's all yours, boys!

The Leader leaves through the crowd of thugs as he's disappearing before Matthew's eyes.

Matthew: (Yelling) Someone please, help me! I'm being robbed!

Thug One: It's useless here, you're a nobody here. No one is going to listen to you.

Then the gang all together at once, they started punching and kicking Matthew to the ground.

Matthew: (On the floor, whispering) Someone please help...

Then everything blacks out.

Saturday 7 PM, Kingsdale, Hawke Residence, Matthew has just woken up in his bed.

Matthew: (Groggily confused) Huh? How did I get back home?

Matthew: Doesn't matter, I have to tell the police, or at least get someone's help!

As truthful as his word, he did what he had to do.

Police One: (On the other line) We understand, we as the Police Department of Kingsdale have been trying to catch these goons for months. We have an idea, we will supply you with money, so we can study their pattern of attacks. We will give you an excuse for school for this investigation.

Matthew: I understand, I just don't want to be hurt and threatened or have anybody else experience what I have been through.

Police One: (Feeling empathy) It's okay, young violence is tough. But you're strong. You have a good family and education and friends. Don't let your self esteem drop, boy. There will be no collusion any longer.

Matthew: I guess I should get started...

For the next 3 months they had finally studied their pattern, which was surprisingly easy. But shockingly, they found a new victim that had been taken by the gang. But the police had stopped them before anything could go down. The gang and the leader has been arrested. Not only for assault and theft. But for alcohol and drugs. These young kids have had hard lives. This was a motive to do bad things. Young violence should be stopped by getting help or education. This way, everyone could be happy and a little more peace for everybody.