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The empty alley way was quiet and  
calm, the echoing sound of dripping water  
from the broken pipes  
echoed throughout the alley

I walk around, in circles  
as, I remember that day the  
rumbling of footsteps getting  
closer, and closer

The voices turning from whispers,  
to mumbles, the banging of  
fist against the walls  
the bats hitting the broken pipes

Until, the two groups  
met face to face

Two men, step up to the plate  
breathing in each others, air  
their hands balled, up into fist  
waiting for one to swing first

The first blow hit him in the face,  
getting him into shock  
stepping forward to throw punches  
back

Everyone, started scrambling around  
after the first shot was fired  
and left, the boys body laying there

The last thing i saw  
was a body on the floor  
my breathing picking up speed  
and the sounds of an ambulance