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# **ON THE SIDEWALK BLEEDING**

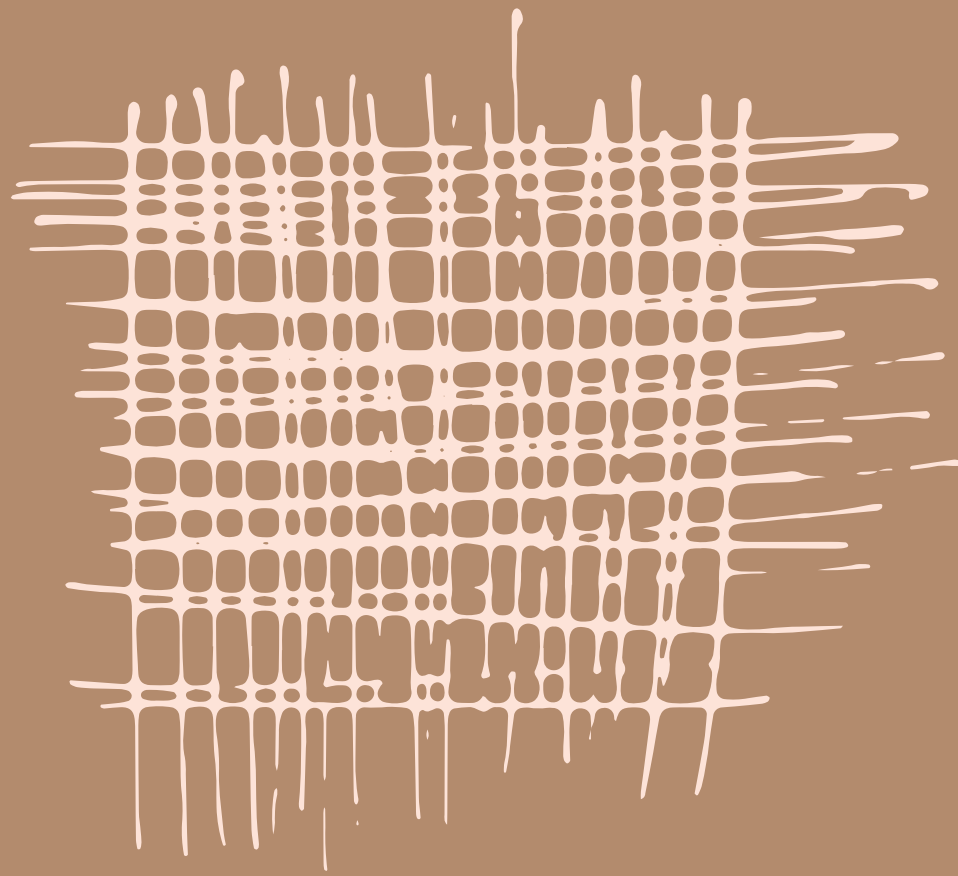
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# INTRODUCTION

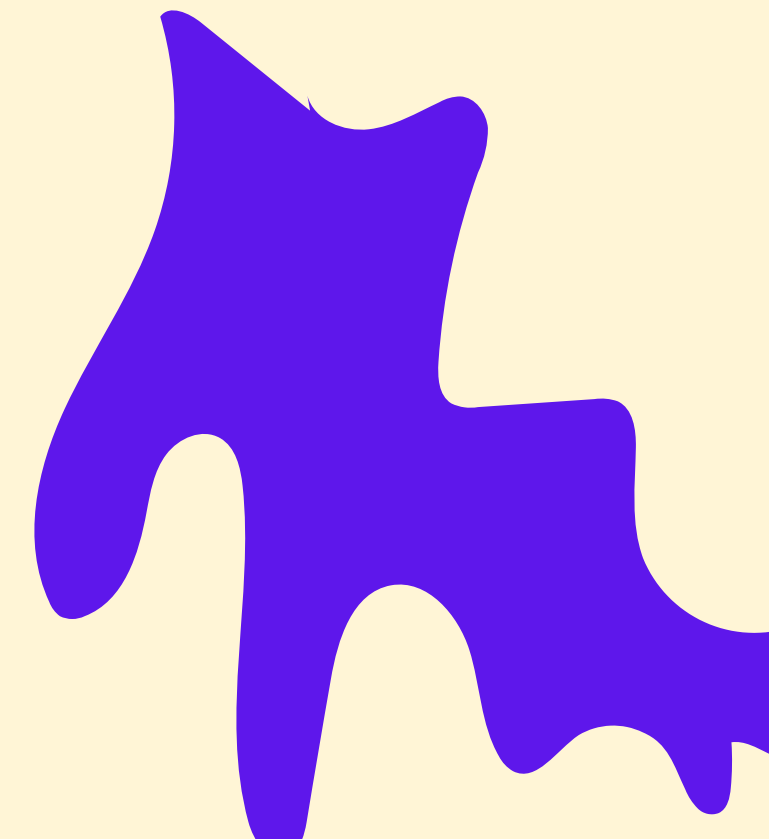
If you were to die today, what would people say about you?

Do you think you would be remembered the way you want to?



# SYNOPSIS

- Andy, a 17 year old boy, has been attacked by the member of a rival gang "The Guardians". As he lay in an alleyway, bleeding to death, being soaked by rain, Andy thinks about how his life turned out the way it did.
- He wonders if his girlfriend, Laura will be mad at him because he has been away for a long time.
- He begins to realize that his choice to join a gang "The Royals" has led him to this terrible place.
- He removes the purple jacket worn by his gang, so that he won't be remembered in that way.
- Passersby are too afraid to help him because they fear the gangs.
- His girlfriend Laura, finds him dead on the street.
- The policeman who finds him, does not see him Andy, but A Royal.



# CHARACTERS



# PROTAGONIST

- Andy
- 17 Years old
- Gang member

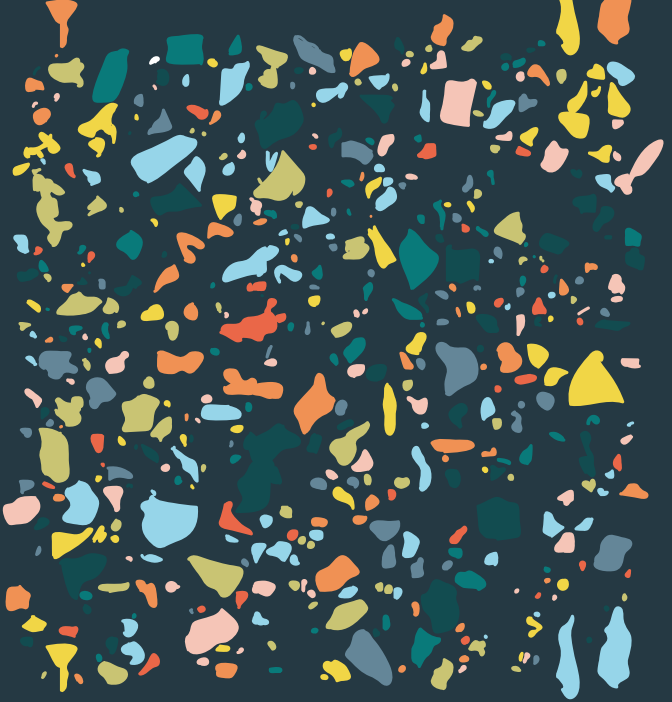
# ANTAGONIST

- The Guardians

# SETTING

- a dark alley
- heavy rain
- 11:13 pm





Teenager Andy is lying on the ground in the rain. He has been stabbed. He is wearing a bright **purple jacket** with his name on the back

Several people enter the alleyway but avoid Andy, because of his gang ties. His jacket is the "uniform" for the gang - **The Royals**.

**EXPOSITION**

**RISING ACTION**





## CLIMAX

Andy doesn't want to be seen as a Royal. He uses the last of his energy to remove his jacket

His girlfriend Laura finds him. She goes for help from the police, who declare that he is dead.

The police write Andy's death off as another gang murder.

## FALLING ACTION

## RESOLUTION

# CONFLICT

## GANG VIOLENCE. ( EXTERNAL)

The young protagonist, Andy has been stabbed by a rival gang member. **"He had heard the voice saying, 'That's for you Royal!'"** ( page 1)

He is left fighting for his life on the dirty street corner.

No one wants to help him because he is a gang member .

## CONFLICT #2- INTERNAL STRUGGLES

Andy no longer wants to be a royal. He realized that being in a gang has cost him his life. He wants people to see him as Andy, not a gang member.

**" If he died, he was Andy. He was not a Royal. He was simply Andy"** (page 8)

# THEMES

## THE IMPORTANCE OF IDENTITY

- Andy loses his identity, once he joins the Royals.
- He is no longer seen as a teen boy who may be smart, sweet and clever.
- Everyone who sees him on the street, simply sees him as a gang member.
- His girlfriend, Laura see his for who he is
- In the end, all he wants is to be seen as Andy.

## CHOICES VS CONSEQUENCES

- Andy has to live with the consequences of his choice to join a gang
- His death comes as a result of him being in a gang, not because of something that he did.
- He isn't the only one that suffers as a result of his actions
- He learns from his mistakes, but too late



# QUOTATIONS

"Someday he would marry Laura" ( **page 2** )

"Wait, Andy thought. Wait, please, I'm bleeding" ( **page 4** )

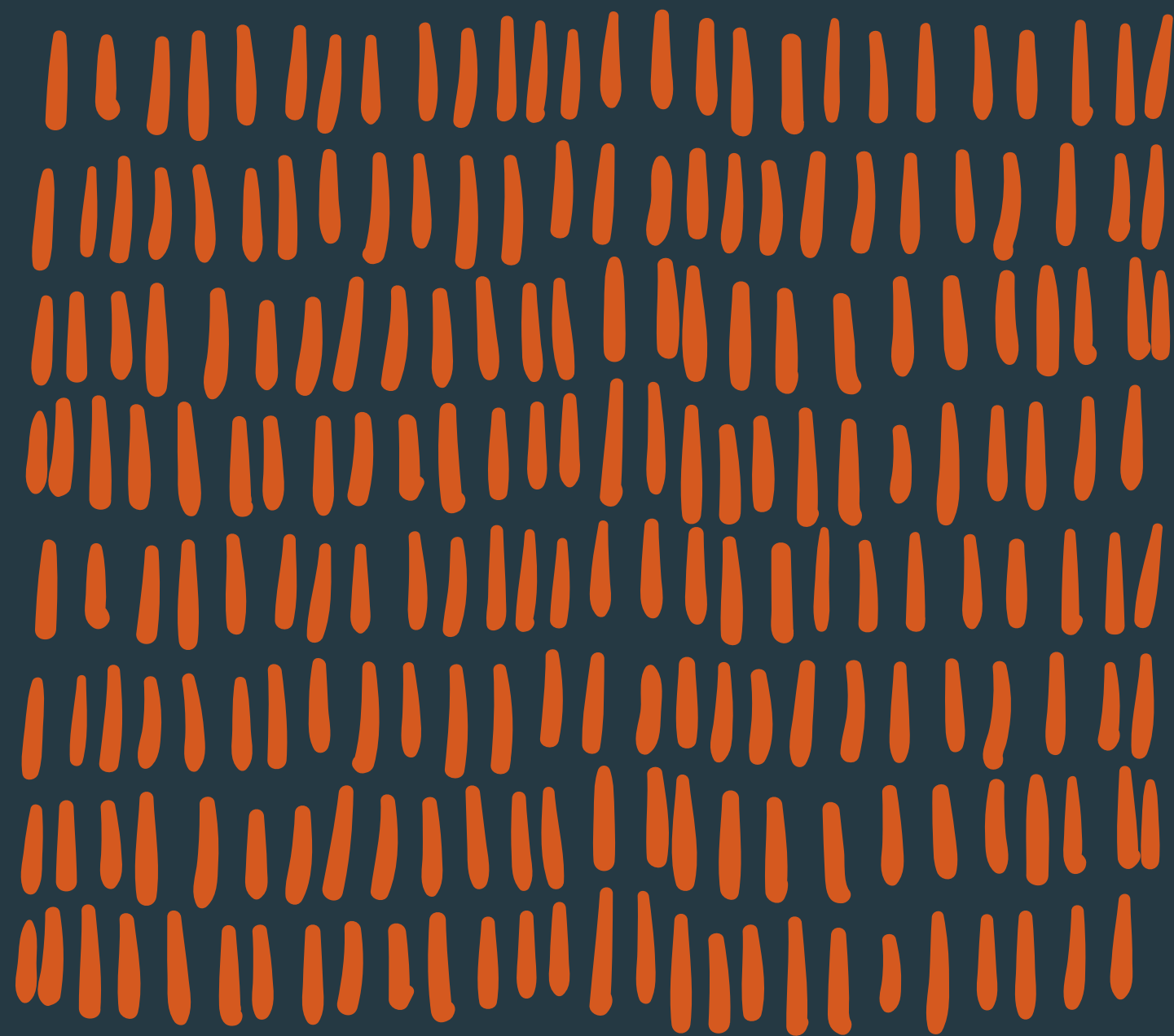
"I don't know. I don't know. I don't want to get mixed up in this. He's a Royal. We help him, and the Guardians'll be down on our necks. I don't want to get mixed up in this, Angela."  
( **page 6** )

# MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The need to belong to a group
- Owning up to your mistakes
- Stereotypes and how we treat people
- Finding your identity

# CONCLUSION

- This story is sometimes very graphic—using vivid imagery to describe the attack, as well as Andy's suffering.
- Very realistic presentation of people's fears
- The story is quite sad, as we are given a glimpse of what Andy's life could have been like if he didn't die
- The reader is likely to feel unsatisfied that Andy died even though he wanted to change
- This makes the point of the story clear—sometimes the consequences of your actions are so great, that you cannot fix them







**THANK YOU FOR  
LISTENING!**

Don't hesitate to ask any questions!