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Sam, born into wealth, and Carlos, born into poverty, cross paths working for Fernando, who exploits the poor. Sam got the job through his father, while Carlos's empathy got him hired. Both crave their father's love. Sam's dad tries buying his affection, while Carlos's dad toils to support his family. Love should never be transactional.

### After Interview

It's a flex day for J, so before I return to the Zoom meeting, dictating a potential Podcasting career. We walk.

Only after I hit the Fitness Asylum. Only after I wrote a story. Once again, by the end of the day, we will have crossed the 30,000-step threshold.

#### Walk

We stop for food at the Halal Guys, where we have a chicken bowl we can't afford, and I read.

#### Back up the Bus

My Daughter was at the Fitness Asylum. He floated "My daughter" through the air,

cracking with grunts and slamming weight plates, at least five times.

“My daughter.”

I step onto a treadmill.

It’s a good day!

The frail lady from months back is again on the treadmill beside me. She’s still frail. But she’s alive and trying!

Why does this frail lady have to rehabilitate herself at great peril?

Something in society isn’t working optimally.

I feel bad for her.

I’m inspired by her.

“My daughter.”

I go home.

J, we are poor.

Walk

Let’s try the new restaurant.

Can we afford it?

No.

But J, it’s my birthday week.

Okay.

Order. Eat. Read. Yum.

Zoom Back in Time

Spinning circle on the screen. “Waiting for the host to join Zoom.”

Joined

Hello.

Hello.

Thanks for waiting.

No problem.

Awesome.

What you will be doing is interviewing lawyers, accountants, and engineers. We have a long list of topics you can choose from. You must write the questions; you get paid \$ for one hour, two hours max. We need you to do one interview per week. If you find your own guests, we will pay you \$\$\$. If we provide the guests, we will pay you \$.

Okay.

Where are you located ... in Canada ... great ... you are in Vancouver ... if you are ever in the Toronto Office, we have a studio setup. You can do the Podcasts from there.

Okay.

Once we get your signed contract back, you can start. We pay every Friday. You will need a PayPal account. We will pay for it.

I know this is a lot. When you sign the contract I sent you, sign it and send it back.

You never sent me the contract.

Awesome. I will send it to you today.

Do you have questions? No. Awesome.

I'm not sure what just happened.

Walk

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## This is the Story of Sam + Carlos

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Samuel "Sam" Kensington, a privileged young man born into wealth, and Carlos Ramirez, a kind-hearted individual from a poverty-stricken background, work together under the exploitative Fernando Alvarez.

As they navigate their job and struggle with familial dynamics, they uncover a profound truth — love should never be seen as a transaction.

Unfortunately, for Sam, this gets all muddled in the delusion of privilege and the need to believe you've worked hard for every luxury you have.

Sam, living a life of luxury, feels distant from his father, who strays from Sam's mother, and then tries to buy his affection with material possessions.

Carlos, born into poverty, yearns for his father's love who is forced to work tirelessly to support his large family, with nightly battles over money breaking out between Carlos's mother, who is also working herself to exhaustion; and little did Carlos know, his father was dying — and had to work until The Big C ravaged his body to the point where he could no longer work.

## Crossing Paths

Sam secures a coveted job at DGCW Industries through his father's connections, despite lacking skills or experience.

Driven by his empathy, Carlos also landed a job at the same company; years earlier, through his dedication and strong work ethic.

Sam and Carlos started working under Fernando Alvarez, a cunning businessman exploiting the poor for personal gains.

Both Sam and Carlos witness the injustices endured by their fellow employees at the hand of Fernando.

## Struggling Fathers

Sam's father, feeling guilty for his emotional distance, showers his son with extravagant gifts instead of genuine love.

On the other hand, Carlos's father works tirelessly to provide for his family but struggles to express his affection.

Sam and Carlos bond over their growing disillusionment with their respective upbringings.

They realize that true love goes beyond material possessions and the burdens of societal expectations.

Inspired by their shared understanding, Sam and Carlos confront Fernando and expose his exploitative practices, risking their jobs and reputations.

Their witty banter and clever tactics help them gain insider information about Fernando's illegal activities.

Sam and Carlos, armed with evidence against Fernando, join forces with other aggrieved employees to bring him down legally.

Their relentless pursuit of justice raises awareness about the darker side of DGCW Industries and garners public support.

As the battle against injustice intensifies, Sam and Carlos discover their strength and resilience, transcending their past doubts and insecurities.

Sam also realizes that his father's attempts to buy his love or provide material hindered his capacity to grow and develop genuine emotional connections.

## Climax

Sam and Carlos confront Fernando, exposing his exploitative practices to the world.



As the smoke clears, Sam and Carlos reconnect with their fathers on their own terms, emphasizing the importance of love, understanding, and open communication.

Sam and Carlos move forward with renewed purpose, aware that love is not a transaction, but an immeasurable connection fostered through understanding, empathy, and compassion.

They pursue their dreams guided by the wisdom acquired through their encounter with adversity and love's true meaning.

Sam and Carlos embark on an adventure challenging their privilege, upbringing, and understanding of love. Through their journey, they learn that love, devoid of material transactions, is the most valuable commodity in life.

As the teaser above ↑↑↑ suggests, Sam was born into wealth, and Carlos was born into poverty.

OMG, that's beautiful.

Unfortunately Sparkly, it's a work of fiction.

If only the world...

I know.

Shamefully, society tends to praise those born into wealth and judge those born into struggle.

### Truth be Told (In Fiction)

Sam's father strayed from the family. This broke Sam's, fragile young heart. All Sam longed for was the love of his father. Still, unfortunately, Sam's father, although rich, was broken himself and tore the family apart.

Carlos was born into darkness, poverty, and shame; little did he know. Growing up, he witnessed his parents, who were unquestionably in love, battle daily about their lack of money and the challenges of raising a family of seven. Both of Carlos's parents worked themselves to exhaustion and death, desperately trying to remain afloat.

Sam's father continued to stray. Sam and his father became estranged. As for Sam's fractured heart, his father occasionally lavished his son with luxury. Sam craved love.

Carlos retreated into himself, trying to protect himself from the guilt of thinking he was responsible for his parent's struggles. He cried often. His older siblings taunted him, telling him he didn't belong. This stung, but instead of becoming bitter, a magical thing happened, Carlos began to listen to others and pay attention to the world, and because of this, he began to realize everyone is just trying to find the illusive drug of happiness – and money is nothing more than a curse.

On the other hand, Sam's hurt manifested in the need for validation from his father, causing him to become one-dimensional. Like the apple never falls far from the tree, Sam started chasing the mighty dollar to impress his cold and vacant father.

Carlos's rich imagination saved him from spiralling deep into sadness.

Sam rolled through life, fucking up, but it was okay; he never had to worry about falling far.

Carlos rolled through life, fucking up, and each time he did, he learned something about himself and what was truly important in his life, growing.

Their lives were complicated in similar ways; they both longed for the missing love of their fathers.

As the story goes, Sam and Carlos crossed paths when Fernando hired them. A man who thinks nothing of exploiting suffering.

Carlos was hired because he was exploitable.

Sam was hired because of who his father was.

Carlos's life bestowed the understanding that many people don't have easy paths.

Sam's life had taught him that to protect his fragile ego, he would need to ignore every advantage he had been given and then convince himself everything he had done, he's done himself through hard work.

### And Society Judges

Because Sam comes from wealth, he must have worked hard.

Whereas society looked at Carlos and called him lazy because if he weren't, he'd be rich like Sam's family.

Carlos broke bread together every Monday for ten years. Carlos mostly listened.



And after ten years of listening to Sam, Carlos realized Sam, and he were no different. They both crave the love of their father. They both long for happiness. The difference is Sam's father had taught Sam to love one thing more than anything else: money.

That's why Sam was so fucking tone-deaf and would often talk about his boat or show Carlos pictures of his father's \$8 million ranch or \$4 million cottage – while Carlos lived in 500 square feet, and he doesn't know who his father is.

What?

He doesn't know who his father is.

What?

He watched his dad die after spending six years going to the hospital to watch The Big C violently take him away.

The man Carlos watched die wasn't his birth father.

What?

And then, decades later, he met his birth father, who turned out not to be his birth father – Carlos's birth mother had lied on Carlos's official birth record.

What?

Carlos's father died a second time.

Does he know who his father is?

No.

That's sad.

Yes.

Did I tell you Sam watched his mother die twice?

No.

He watched his mother die twice.

Is he okay?

No.

OMG. Is he angry? Bitter?

Not really; somehow, he has become kinder, more appreciative.

I hope Sam and his father come together again.

So, do I.

You are a good man.

Thank you.

I would hate Carlos.

Why?

Unfortunately, Fernando's decision to fire you and keep Carlos due to his father's connections perpetuates the harmful societal belief that people with money are hard workers. At the same time, those without are inherently lazy and less valuable.

That's bullshit.

Yes, it is. Do you know how much hard work it takes to be poor?

What do you wish for the most?

One day, Sam understands and accepts that he is where he is today because of who his father is, not because of his hard work.

He won't.

I hope he does. I think the world will become a kinder world when those who 'have' finally admit life is not always fair and that they've had an unfair advantage. It's not much to ask, but it's a start.

### Dare to Dream

Although Carlos has faced many challenges throughout his life, he is aware that the colour of his skin and his birthplace have granted him a softer road than others who were less fortunate.

That sounds a little condescending, judgemental.

It's part of the curse of being white — it might be the only way we can sound.

Does Carlos miss his friendship with Sam?

Sure.

Linds? Or should I say, Carlos?

Yes, Sparkly.

This is still beautiful. Thank you for writing it.

You're welcome.

Sparkly, we all need to slow down and look at what we collectively do to each other.

What's that?

We must stop clawing over each other on life's ladder. The rungs are shattering. The world is becoming a giant monster eating itself, town by town, species by species, industry by industry. Greed is consuming many. We have allowed the rot to spread to the point where it is consuming us from within, pulling down those struggling to move up.

Do you really think that?

Yes.

The middle is being eroded, and the monster's thirst will consume the bottom rungs of 'have.' Eventually, all that will be left is Trump or Fernando.

Laugh.

No.

That's all for today.

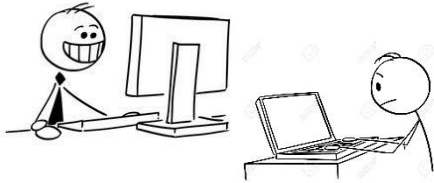


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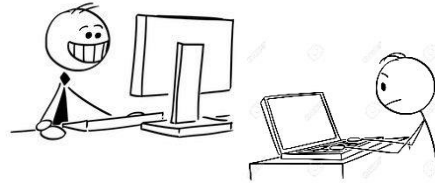
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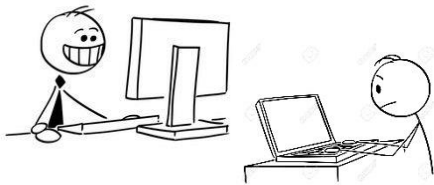
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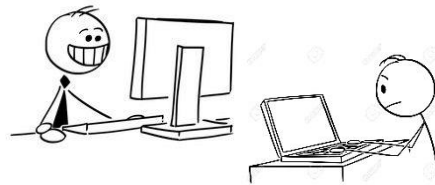
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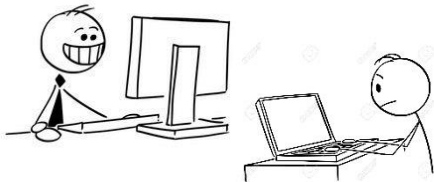
**The Internet.**  
Oh, yeah, right.



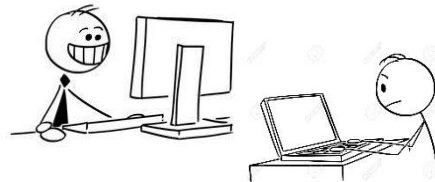
Why did you apply for this position?  
**I want to keep living indoors.**  
That makes sense.



Okay, how old are you?  
**Can you even ask that? I'm 60.**  
Nice. I'm 24.



What are your qualifications?  
**I'm still living.**  
Can you tell me why you left your last career?  
**No. I'm not allowed. I didn't quit.**  
How long did you work there?  
**A long time.**



Do you have any references from...?  
**No. It's a long story.**  
Where do you see yourself in 5 years?  
**Hopefully, alive.**  
Good luck. I don't think you are a good fit.  
Come back when you're 29.