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Angelo heard his mother calling, and was all ready running home as he was late for dinner, Angelo knew that begin late would create a problem for him self as he knew better to be late again, would only make an all ready problem with his father,

And all probability would get a talking to, but the worse scenario would be a beating, as papa would not tolerate begin late for dinner. Angelo was working a deal with some of his friends to make some money, things were getting very tough in the neighborhood, as the wise guys had control of every thing, and their was no way that any body could make any money, so Angelo came up with the idea in how to

make some money by shining shoes at the rail road station and the bus terminal, so he was getting all the boys in the neighborhood together to have a gang, this way they could control the terminals and the gangs from the east side could not muscle in to their territory on the south side, the whole idea was to keep out the other gangs from muscling in to the south side and taking away the shoe shine business as their was no control so,

Angelo decide to get all the boys in the south side together to make their gang stronger, the only problem with his idea was to bring the Irish boys and the Italian gangs to a sit down and become friends this was a problem as the two gangs did not get along, they hated each other, but that was only the tip of the ice berg, as the black gangs had all so to be brought in as well, that did not present a problem to Angelo as he was a leader of one of the black gangs.

Angelo had grew up in the slums with the blacks and they were his friends, he hung around with them in the neighborhood, and was considered their friend as he had prove him self when the cops had grabbed them when they were stealing food, they were chased by the cops and Angelo was caught, he was asked by the cops to sequel. He told them go fuck your self, he was no squealer and was not going to squeal on his friends, Angelo went to court for the steeling and end up getting a suspended sentence, Angelo's father stood up in court and said to the judge that Angelo was tougher than that, and give him a tougher sentence, all the guys in the neighborhood heard that, and the word spread all over the hood, and Angelo be came a made guy over night.

That's when the beginning of Angelo became the legend in the hood; his word was good, he never turn a fellow gang's member. So when he called a meeting

of all the gangs in the south side, from the nice section as well as the slums. They all came, as their all trusted Angelo, so Angelo said the south side was begin invade by the north side as well as the west side

Gangs, and the only way to take control of the south side was to bring all the gangs together as one body, and decide who were going to be the leaders of the gangs and who was going to be the boss, their was only one way to decide. They had to vote

On whom the gangs trusted as the boss. Angelo said it was now time to decide who was going to be the boss; there was a lot of talk among the gangs who their they trusted and who they did not trust. The first one who began to speak was Timothy O, Neal as he was the leader of the Irish gang, he began to speak and said that they did not need any of the other gangs to support him, as their could get along with out them, Angelo said use guys all ready can take care of your turf, but if we stand together we can control the whole south side, none of the other gangs can come in to our territory, and rip off our stuff, and if we do not think and act as one gang their can control us, by standing together we are stronger than the other gangs, Timothy said I have to think about it, with that , Tony Romano stood up and said what the hell do I need you for we control our section with out your help you come down with your blacks and we will make black sausage out of all of you. Angelo you are Italian what the hell is you doing running with the blacks.

Angelo stood up and began to talk; first of all I do not live in the south end with you Italians. When I was trouble, and begin chase by the cops, where were you guys, you could care less what happen to me, I had no place to hide, until it blew over, the blacks took me in and ask no questions, the day is to fucking long for me to get into how their are my friends, either you are in or not, but before you talk. With you we are strong and with out we still will be strong. We need you, but I am not going to kiss your ass you can kiss my ass, how do you like that now you make a decision you are in or not. Tony said Angelo you was all ways a tough guy, I am in with my gang, ok the first thing we gotter do is organizes the gangs so the east side gangs can not come into our territory as well as the north side gangs and the west side gangs. We will run as one gang, the first thing is we got to control is the shoe shine, business, if their do not belong to our gang their can not shine shoes in the south side, we control all the shoe shining in the south side if any one of our member gets into trouble we bail them out, in order to shine shoes in the south you have to pay the vig, if you are not member no vig. Each one of the members has to pay a nickel to the treasure each week, if you are not a member you have to pay a dollar each month, to the treasure of the gang in order to shine shoes in the south side, and we will tell you were you can shine shoes, no pay no shine shoes, if we catch you shining shoes and you have not paid the vig, you are going to be broke up.

The best places to shine shoes will be given to the gang bosses; they can in turn give the places to their gang members. Each gang will pay to the treasure a percentage of the money that they take in a month, the percentage will be five percent of the take, this will be enforced by the under bosses of the gangs. The money will go to take care of any thing that comes up in the gangs that we need money for. Any trouble comes in to the south side we take care of it. That way we will be able to buy off any thing that comes up.

At this time Angelo was late for dinner and he knew that his father was going to be mad, man I am going to get my ass kicked by my old man, Angelo walked in to the house, your late Angelo, and I told you not to be late, with that the old man gave a crack across his face, his father was drunk, if he was sober all he would have got was a lecture, but the old man was drunk, I am sorry that I was late pa, I don't care where the hell have you been did you shine any shoes to day, how much money did you make, pa I did not shine any shoes business was bad, you lying son of a bitch you were that gang to day what are you and those blacks son bitches doing , you are up to know good. No pa I was not doing any thing bad, Angelo was thinking if his father knew what he was doing, about getting the gangs together and forming an association, his father would kill him, so Angelo thought better to tell his father about the plans, he had in the back of his mind.

Angelo had thought about doing this for a long time, and finely it was binging to take shape, now what he had to do is bring the gangs together so that they could trust each other, this was the biggest hurdle that he had to over come, and the more that he thought about it the more that it trouble him, and one day it hit him like a ton of bricks, the solution was to appoint a member from each gang to a position in the association, wow he thought, this was a great idea, each gang member would have a representative, now he would be able to bring his major plan in to effect, organizing the shoe shine boys was only the beginning , his major thought was to organized the whole south side in to his gang, he had to be very careful, so that the members would not catch on to his idea, the whole thought was to organized the south side in to a protective racket and he was going to be in charge, first the shoe shine boys, then the neighborhood grocery stores.

Angelo was going to approach the owners of the stores with his idea, a lot of people were ripping them off, so Angelo would offer some protection to the stores, and tell the owners that his organization would protect the store owners from the gangs that robbed them as well as the punks in the neighborhood, and as his organization would protect them from the thieves. The next thing

Angelo had to do is convince the members of the gangs in how to organizer them selves into one association, Angelo knew that he needed the gang members more than they knew, in order to this pull off, because in the back of his mind he had the master plan. That he could not pull it off if their knew what it was, Angelo knew that money in the hood was a big problem and no body had any, his plan was to get this new money in to the treasure and loan it out to the members of the gangs who needed money the vig was five percent per wk, so if you borrowed five, dollars you owed the five dollars plus the five percent per week, so when you paid back the money you had to pay the vig first, in the beginning you would be able to get as much as fifty dollars, now the longer they did not pay would be ok, but they would have to pay the vig each week.

Now people needing to borrow money would come to the association and could borrow money even though they were not members of the association, but the had to pay the vg which was five percent, depending on how much they borrowed their would be a time limit, the association would make money on the vig, because the money coming in from the vig would put money into the association. We would be working with their money. The only problem that Angelo could see was from Tony, Tony was no dummy, and sooner or later he would have to bring Tony in to his confidence, knowing this, Tony would want a piece of the action.

Angelo new that this would happen down the road, that did not present a problem, the problem was how much the son of a bitch would want, that's when Angelo figure that he would have to give Tony a low percentage, then barging for a higher percentage, Angelo all ready had a figure in his mind to give Tony but first he would have to lay all his cards on the table, knowing Tony that could present a problem, as Tony was a greedy son of bitch. There was just a question of time that Angelo and Tony would have to set up some kind of a partner ship. Knowing Tony's mentality that might present a problem, Tony was not that smart when it came to setting some thing up.

Their was no way that Angelo was going to divide this organization with that fucking punk. Angelo was the boss and all ways be the boss, Angelo had to talk to Bo, Bo was his right hand man, Bo and Angelo were tight, Angelo saved Bo, s ass when the Italians we re going to take out Bo, be cause of the trailer load of radios that Bo, and the Italians boosted, from the trailer terminal, they figured that Bo was holding out on them and they caught him, their were all set to take him out, that fuckening nigger is holding out on us , they found the radios that Bo had stashed away.

Angelo found out and told the Italians that those radios were my share of the loot as I set up the score, and Bo was acting on my behalf, which was not the truth, so Bo owed me his life. After me going to bat for Bo, we were tight, Bo helped me keep the gang members in line the two of us were ass kickers, and no body was going to fuck with us, because not only we were the toughest guys in the hood, with our own gang, and our gang member knew that, one of the reasons that our gang, the brothers were so tuff we looked out for each other and our family's as well, no body fucked with the brothers, if their did their were history, the brothers code was all for one for all, no buddy in the hood fucked us, what ever score that went down no matter how large or small every body got a piece, if one of the brothers fucked one of the other brothers.

We had a meeting to find out which went down, no matter how large or small the situation was handle. If it meant breaking some bones so be it. So no buddy held out on the brothers, if their was a problem that one of the brothers was having, we all had the problem so we took care of the problem, that's what made us so tough, and Bo was Angelo's right hand. Angelo always talked over every thing with Bo, Angelo did not trust Tony, was a back stabber, and Bo did not trust that two face fucking Italian. Now their was a lot of good Italians in the Italian gang, Victor was one good stand up guy and he was a good leader he could see down the road where as Tony could not see the nose on his face, hey Bo why don't /we ask Victor for a sit down, and tell him about the business that we are going to set up.

Victor would be good guy to share our ideas with, do you want to get a whole of Victor or do you what me to get a whole of him, no I will get a hole of him, look I got to get home before my father gets there. I will talk to later take care.

O, Jesus my father all ready there, where have you been all day, probability up to no good, hanging with those bums.

No pa I have been shining shoes at the bus terminal, and I walked home instead of taking the subway that's why I am late. Your lying to me like you all ways do, but if I found out you have been am going to give you a beating, thank god he is not drunk yet, I can talk him out of the beating, look pa I made two dollars shining shoes to day, good at idea you are helping the house hold, give the money to your mother, that was one of the good things that my pa did he always made give the money to my mother, things went so good in the house there their was never enough food, as we did not have a refrigerate when I get this deal to work , the first thing that I am going to do is buy my mother a refrigerate, then a washing machine, with one of those dryers combination .

I now had to figure how to get out of the house with out making my old man mad, that was going to be tough as he was still sober, and as long as was that way he would stay in the house, may be one of his friends would come over and then he would go out, I could always talk my mother to letting me go out.

I told the Bo that I was going to meet him afterwards, and Bo would wait for me even if it took a thousand years he would be still there waiting for me, Bo was loyal, we have to talk about surrounding our selves with loyal people.

My father all ways said you are only as strong as the weakest link, and that the fucking Tony was weak link, he would sell his own mother for a nickel, but as long as we knew that we could not trust him, but never put him in a strong position because he would sell his out, but I needed his gang, their was some body at the door knocking, my father told me to go and see who was their, I open the door and their was Mr.Fusco, looking for my father. Pa Mr. Fusco here to see you. Boy what great luck, now I knew that my father was going out all I have to do is keep out of site.

That way he could not give me some job to do in the house, my mother was at the church decorating the altar with flowers, and she nominally would be their until confessions, so that gave me plenty of time to get to Bo and tell him what my plan was, now I had to wait to the old man left with Mr.Fusco that's if they were going to the botchier club, I heard then talking and it looked like they were going out after all. Angelo I am going out, and stay by the house, I do not want to go looking for you did you here me, ye~~af~~ pa I heard you.

Boy that's what you call luck, him going out so soon. I knew Bo would be waiting at the play ground for me, I better go out the back door so that the neighbors would not see me, and tell the old man, the minute you left he went out, this way that way they did not see me and could not squeal on me. I cross Franklin Street. And went down Third Street. The playground was on the corner of third and Fourth Street.

That was the brother's turf and no body went there, unless you belong. I saw Bo by the swings he saw me coming and started walking towards me. How you doing, did your old man beat you, not this time? I had to sneak out the back way so that nosey Mrs. Johnson would not see me and tell the old man.

I had a talk with Tony and told him what our plans were, so he is suppose to meet us here, all I have to do is let him know when. Bo I do not want to tell Tony about all our plans, knowing Tony he would try and do this by him self

with the Italian gang, we need the guys as well as the Irish gang; it won't work with out them. So we have to confide in them a let them know that they all can benefit from the association, if all the gang members can make money their should be no trouble, the two gang bosses want to keep their members in the dark that way their can make all the money, and give none to their boys.

So you Bo you have to get the brothers together and have them tell the other brothers. If we can get the other guys to back our play, and let the other gangs know what we want to do, and they will be part of it. Bo the only way this can work, I have to be the boss of the other gangs, as well. And that can only come about if the other gang members trust me. That's where you come in, once the other gang members see that they are going to get a piece of the pie they will join, my thoughts are that we keep all the other bosses as well, but I am going to be the boss of the bosses. So no body can louse any thing up, we have to all think as one, you see it serves no effort to go in to their territory, their take care of their territory. Now if the gangs go in we back their play.

The whole object is taken over the city. All the gangs become brothers so it's going to take some talking to convince them, so we have to come up with a named, if we have all the answers before hand, that's going to make our deal more real. The name is going to be the association ever body keep their gang names, but will belong to the association. So the Irish gang and the Italian gang will keep their names. That should keep everybody happy, so if any member of the association has got trouble.

The association will bail him or her out regardless of the problem. Now Bo you are going to have to sell this to the other gang members, as we have this law in the brothers and that is what makes us strong, we can show them how strong we are that's why their are not given me any shit, if push becomes to shove we will kick all their asses, that includes me, as long as we are strong we will lead, the minute we look weak they will try to take over, but with the brothers all for one and one for all. This is going to be a turf meeting, and we have to have control from the beginning.

Here comes Tony how you doing man, I am all right, I did not come down to your turf with out my boys, Tony your are a fucking liar we saw your boys move in a half hour ago, so stop the bull shit, you and your boys are safe here, we are waiting for Timothy to show up, what did you invite that Mick for, well stupid he is going to be part of the association, who the fuck are you calling stupid, now listen this is a truce so no problem but if you have a problem we

can go to neutral ground and I can kick your fucking ass like I did the last time , and if you came down here with at bug up your ass, a can take care of that as well, now cut out the bull shit, come on Angelo I was only cracking on you.

Now that we have resolved that bull shit, we can not start this meeting until Timothy comes, and speak of the devil here he comes with his enforcers and members as well, how you doing Timothy you know that you did not have to bring the guys with you, this is neutral territory, but that's all right, the first thing we have to talk about out is trust, and that means no more fighting each other, we have to be come brothers, now do not start that black shit about my organization.

Now all of us are going to make money as well as the members of the gangs, now you bosses we have decide among your self's how you are going to share the money with your gang members. Angelo did not trust Tony, Tony had a lot of influence on Timothy, that would have stand watching, if Tony figured out what I had in mind, their is no doubt that he would try and fuck it up, Angelo figured that he would be able to control the entire city in time, he need the other gangs to back his play at this time, because with out them it could not work.

Now use guys we have to divide the city up in to sections, but each gang will have a certain part of the city for a certain time and will have to rotate the other gangs, the prime spots for the shoe shining, the buss terminals and the rail road station plus the down town buildings and some of the restaurants, yea that sounds like a good idea said Tony but who is going to get the prime places, what the hell do you mean Tony said, Angelo you know Tony use would fuck up a wet dream, we are going to vote so that each gang will have time in the best places.

Now let's make a treasure, yea and you will have the fucking treasure from your gang Angelo. Fuck you Tony you can not see the nose in front of your face each one of the gang will have a treasure, so that each gang boss will no how much money is being taken in. We will have the treasures meet every week. Probably during the middle of the week, that way the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday business will not be affected

To shine shoes with out permission we take them out.

If their are not a gang member their have to pay the vig, and in time we can

vote them in to one of the gangs, plus they are going to pay an initiation dues to begin with, plus part of the money they take in. once they become a member we will give them back, part of the money that was initiation dues. You see you stupid bastard will be operating with their money. Now listen you guys this is one of the ways that the organization is going to make money. We go out and boost shoe polish and shine rags and cleaning polish, then the shine boys have to buy the shoe polish and shine rags and the cleaning polish from the organization. If not we put them out of business, so we keep a record of all the shine boys that have paid up, or have credit with the organization, now the enforcers will have a book with them that they carry with them at all times, to check out the shine boys, if they have bought the polish and shine rags, and their are current.

Now the enforcers have to report back to the treasures who's paid and is current and who is not, and if the enforcers try to make any deals on their own, then we will have to take care of business, we do not want any of the enforcers going into business for them selves. If they're due we will take care of business. The enforcer's job will be to check on the shine boys, now if one of the shine boys is a member and has no bread the organization will front for him, until he gets back on his feet, we will not charge a member any vig, but if he is not a member he has to pay the vig. We are going to look after our members, before you know we will have every motherfucker trying to get into the organization that's when we change the membership rules.

We can vote on that in a later date. You know Angelo you are not a dummy after all use got brains Tony said, Timothy looked at Angelo with great respect, and was thinking to him self I am going to hook up with Angelo. I can go along way with him as well as my gang. Down deep Timothy did not trust Tony, as a long time ago he saw Tony fucked one of his own guys for some trivial thing, their was a deal going on with one of Tony's guys was making some dude pay up for some protection, it was a small matter the guy was working the rail road station hustling the passengers coming off the trains, for some money, one of the members of the brothers caught him and told him to get the fuck out of the station and don't come back, well Tony found out and it was one of his guys ,so he grabs one of his member and takes the money from the guy, that what was the money that he hustled, it was only a little money, but Tony jacked his own member up for a few dollars.

Timothy thought to him self what a two-timer greedy bastard he was, and not to be trusted. But the smart thing to do as never let on that Tony was not to be trusted in any deal; Timothy was thinking how Angelo was going to handle Tony, as he felt that the organization would not be strong, with that back

stabber. Angelo said now that all the gang members are here we have to get this meeting underway, first of all we have to have by laws, what the fuck do you mean by laws, Tony said, you know you stupid bastard Angelo said use are all ready running your mouth and you don't know what going down are you sure you are Italian because you behave like an ass hole.

You know Angelo I can kick your ass, what the fuck have you been drinking to make you behave like an ass hole, I fucked you up a long time ago and I can do it again, now Angelo was thinking that this had to be resolved if the association was to get off the ground, and the only think was to due is to brown nose Tony, at this time as he needed his gang.

Looked Tony don't get pissed off let me explain how this is going to work, the by laws are to protect all the members of the association. In other words all the members of the association will vote on any ruling that comes up, this way we will have rules that we must all obey. So now lets talk about what we don't like and vote on it. You know Angelo you are not so dumb after all, Angelo thought in time I am going to bury you, but this is not the time. Angelo just smiled at this ass hole.

Let me purpose some thing and the we can vote on it, ok what ye~~af~~ going to purposes Mr. big shot, Timothy jumped in if this keeps going on we will never get this off, so why don't you back off Tony and let Angelo talk then you can fucking talk about what you want, that's ok with me Tony said, he was thinking the in time he was going to get that Protégée bastard, he never liked him from the first day that they tangle, but in time he was going to bury Angelo.

Well the first thing that I purpose is that one of the by laws is that no member can go in to another territory and hustle with out the permission from the gang bosses and all the members have to be notified so that there is no trouble, so if a gang member is in the territory hustling all the gang bosses know, and the member that is hustling has to give a percentage back to gang boss of that territory, and that member has to get permission before their go in to the territory to do business.

Now Tony did not like this idea as he was always having his boys hustle in the other territories and knock off the delivery trucks. Now all the other members liked the idea, and their knew from previous experience that Tony was all ready knocking off their territory and that this would put a stop to this bull shit. Timothy was thinking that Angelo was a smart son of a bitch as he put Tony in

the squeezes and if Tony objected that the cat would be out of the bag, as every body new, Tony was always muscling in to the territory of the other gangs, this was a smart move by Angelo, and Timothy even felt better to hook up with Angelo, now it was Tony's turn to act, and this would be interesting.

Angelo now began to talk, now any of you guys want to say something this is a good time to say what's on your mind, well Frankie began to talk about the bad feelings about the other gangs, hey wait a minute we are talking about going into the other territory not about the bad feelings, lets get one thing settle first.

That son of a bitch Tony put Frankie up to it Angelo thought well that was a smart move, and the best thing to do at this time was to ignore the move, we can take that up after we vote on the first thing if we are going to make it part of the law. First of all Frankie we are going to bury the hatchet about all previous bull shit that went down in the past, this way we are going to start with a new slate, any thing that comes up we will have a meeting with all the members, and discussed what ever is the problem, and if a member can not show up for a meeting the boss of his gang will have a sectary to tell what went down, this way ever body will know, and their will be know sectary's.

First of all we going to have to trust each other, with the trust, the association will get stronger that's what is going to make the association strong enough for us to take over the city, and before that we can take over we have to be organized, and be able to trust each other, and that means you Tony, what the fuck are you talking about you Portuguese bastard, am talking about how you would fuck your best friend, for a nickel, and that's got to stop as we have to trust each other, and if I can not have your word Tony there is no deal, all right you fucking Portuguese we will shake hands on the deal;

Angelo was thinking that he would never trust Tony but the idea was not to let him know this, he felt that he would confide in Bo and let him know how he really felt about Tony. Well now that we have decided to make the organization, we have to back the rules, and by laws, and with that we are going to need a sectary to keep records of what we said at the meetings. But we have to be careful about the money that we take in so no body can find out how much we have, and how much we take in, as soon as the other gangs find out, their will try and take the money away as well as recruiting are members, so who ever we trust to keep the records has to be somebody that all the members trust, and that is no bull shit.

Once we get strong we move in to the whole city, and take over. Now that this is settle lets talk about the grocery stores, now if we hit the stores with the deal, but it has to be put in such away that, the cops can not come down on us for creating a protection racket, this is how we are going to present it, if we get one store the rest of the stores will come along, thinking if this goes, then the brothers will be able to control the whole neighborhood, this was the beginning of a new business, Angelo could not wait to tell Bo, this was the beginning, and this was going to get all the other stores in the hood as well, now this presented a problem because he had to notified all the gang boss's, and they would call an meeting at the play ground. So the first thing he had to do as well as calling Bo, he had to call Tony, and Timothy. He got hold of Bo, and then called Tony and Timothy; the meeting was called for five pm this Saturday. Angelo had to figure a way to tell his father as the old man had some things that he wanted Angelo to do with him that Saturday night.

So the first thing Angelo did was to run home and tell his father that they was a party for the local business men that night and he was asked to come down and shine shoes for the guys, so, ok you can go but be home early, ok pa, with that Angelo started to go down to the play ground and meet the guys, and tell them about the deal that they are going to have with Abe.

Angelo got their to the play ground before the other guys, he had to get a hold of Bo, so that he could notify the other gang members, about this meeting. Angelo went down to Bo, s house; his house was just around the playground on the south side. Hey man I was just coming over to see you, and I want to get your feelings about what I plan to do, first of all I went down to the market section to see Abe's delicatessen and I told him about a deal that we as an organization were going to do for him, what are you talking about Angelo, well this is why I came over to see you, you know how all the gangs hit on Abe's store all the time, yea there are ripping him off, with the bread and rolls that they leave out side of his store.

Yea I know well this is what I told him, we will protect his store from all the gangs, from steeling and ripping him off in side the store as well out side, for this protection he has to pay the organization two dollars a month, wow that's a good idea where did you did you come up with this idea, that's where I want to talk to you about, I want to do all the stores in the hood, but first of all we have to get one store under are protection, that will be the trial store, so now you know my plan and at this time I do not want to share this plan with that fucking Tony, as you know he will fuck it all up, once we get the deal going then we can show the rest of the gangs.

Angelo I really have to give it to you, this is a great idea that you have, and I know that it is going to work, how many stores that you think that we will get, its to early to figure out, but each store is going to be two bucks, that could be a lot of money coming in to the organization, did you get the deal with Abe to take care of his store, yea he was tickle pink, and I all ready put him on our list we will take care of his store personally with the brothers.

Now we are not going to tell the rest of the guys about our deal with Abe's store, this way if it works for a couple of months then we spring it on them, that fucking Tony will shit bricks if it works, then he will want to get part of the deal, but we have to be successful first, before we bring them in to the deal. So what do you think, man I think it is a great idea, and seeing that you have all ready got one store, did you get the two bucks, what the fuck do you think of course I got the two bucks, man that's great.

Well first of all we have to put the money in our treasure, o.k. That's a good idea, but we do not have a treasure as of yet, what makes you think so. What do you mean well I just made a treasure and that's the only person that I trust, who the fuck is that, you Bo, you are one of the few guys that I trust with money, and I know that you will not screw the brothers or me.

Now I have to be going home as my old man will be looking for me, Angelo started to run as he new that being late for supper would be a disaster, he just started to turn the corner of his street when he bumped into Tony, what the fucked are you running for, did you just do a score, no if I don't get home in time for supper, my old man will be really pissed off, all right I will see you later. With that Angelo walked in to the house, man am I lucky he's not home yet, Angelo's mother said where have you bin Angelo, you bin with those bad boys again, Angelo did not liked to lie to his mother, so instead of answering her question, I made a dollar to day, here is the money that I made ma, you are a good boy Angelo, God will reward you. Angelo was thinking that's o.k. Ma went I get this deal going you ant going to wash floors in the office building, you will not have to work I am going to get all the things that you all ways wanted.

Angelo heard his father coming in hello pa, did you just get in Angelo looked at his mother no he has been I a while his mother said, as Angelo's mother winked at him. His father had been drinking and that meant that he would have to wait till his father went to bed before he could leave. Mary have you been at the church helping out, yes I all ways help out during the week Sam, when I finished the office building cleaning; I went to the church to help out.

Sam did you work to day, yea only a half day the truck broke down and we all got sent home, and I stop at the botchier club and had a few drinks with the boys. Sam you should not drink so much it is not good for Angelo to see, the hell with Angelo, when he wears the pants in this casa that's went I will stop drinking and then he can take care of me. O.k. Sam, Mary knew not to argue with Sam when he had been drinking, as it would always end up in a fight and she would get hit. Sam I am going back to the church to decorate the altar with flowers. Angelo thought one day ma I am going to buy you your own church.

Angelo takes out the garbage so the garbage collectors can pick it up in the morning, o.k. Ma, Angelo's mother knew that Angelo wanted to get out of the house and she always stuck up for him even when he was wrong, o.k. Ma I am going to take out the garbage now, you want me to do any thing else, yes Angelo you can sweep the porch front and back, o.k. Ma, Anglos father was leaving as Angelo was bringing out the garbage, man his mother was all right she had just saved his ass from getting kicked. Angelo went back in to the house when he finished sweeping the front and back porch. Ma I have to go out is it all right.

Angelo you have not had your supper yet, that's all right ma I am not hungry, o.k. Angelo is home early. Ok ma. Man is I lucky, Angelo was thinking as he was running to Bo, s house, he knocked at the door of Bo s, and house Mrs. Jones came to the door, hi

Angelo is Bo home, yes he is. Bo Angelo is here, o.k. Ma, man I did not think you would be able to get out, man my mother is all right she saved my ass as my old man had been drinking, she went to bat for me, that's where I was able to get out. We have to get all the gangs together so that I can tell them about the system that I want to bring in to the neighborhood. You know Angelo the idea that you have is a good idea, well Bo try and get the other gangs to meet at the playground by the swings, don't tell them any thing, wait until they are all their before you talk, o.k.

Angelo I am on my way, I will see you at the playground Bo. Angelo took off for the play ground running he wanted to be they before all the other gangs got their. Angelo was sitting on the playground benches and waiting for the other gangs to get their, sneaky Pete, the wine no was their and ask Angelo if he could borrow some money, Angelo had fifty cents and he was saving to buy some thing to eat later on. He knew Pete would take the money and buy some cheap wine with the money. But Angelo learns along time ago you never know when you need a friend, so he reaches into his pocket and gave Pete the