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## The Walking Dead

### Prologue:

(Travis (Xanders best friend) and Xander sitting on the side of the street in a dirty alleyway with lots of trash around)

**Xander:** I don't feel too well today. Maybe it's because I'm homeless and have no real reason to live anymore besides for my daughter.

**Travis:** Why? You know, you never really told me your life story and how you got to Skid Row.

**Xander:** Well... It all started when I was at my amazing job. I was at a meeting for a new customer that would help his reputation get even bigger if he would sign, the Skittles Company.

### Scene 1:

(The scene travels back in time to his job at The Promoting Palace, meeting with the executive director of Skittles.)

**Xander:** How do you feel about signing a contract with our company?

**Felix:** I feel like this is the best advertising place in the city, so I will sign the contract.

(Phone rings)

**Xander:** Hang on I must take this, hello?

**Joan the clerk:** Hello Mr.Xander this is Joan from the Good Samaritan Hospital of Los Angeles. Your daughter is here, her school called us, and she is very very sick, we think you should come here now.

**Xander:** OK I am on my way! (Xander hangs up phone) I'm sorry but I must go, my daughter is very sick and I have to go to the hospital right now!

**C.E.O:** If you leave right now you will be suspended for at least a week!

**Xander:** I'm sorry but I have to go. This is very important to me.

(In the hospital in Ellens room on the 6th floor towards the back of the building, Xander walk in the room and approaches Ellen)

**Xander:** Hey sweetheart how are you?

**Ellen:** I don't feel well at all daddy.

(The doctor walks in)

**John the doctor:** Hello Mr.Xander, your daughter is in bad shape....

**Xander:** By any chance do you know what's wrong with her?

**John the doctor:** She has pneumonia, she has entered stage 4 out of 5 but she has a Good chance of living. We can do surgery and give her "special" medicine, but it will cost a lot of money.

**Xander:** That is fine, do whatever you can to save her, I can't lose her the way I lost Teresa many years ago!

(Travis interrupts)

(Xander and Travis sitting on the side on the street in a dirty alleyway with lots of trash around them)

**Travis:** Sorry to interrupt but who is this women you speak of?

**Xander:** She was my wife, I loved her with all my heart.

**Travis:** What happened to her? How did she fatally pass?

**Xander:** While I was away she got very sick, I was driving home to take care of her and I

got the call.

**Travis:** Oh I'm so sorry about that, now continue with your story

(Xander continues where he left off in his story)

**John the doctor:** Ok, well we will call you and let you know when we are ready for the surgery.

(Xander holds his daughter as the doctor leaves the room)

**Ellen:** Daddy, am I going to be ok?

**Xander:** Yes sweetheart you are going to be just fine, daddy is going to help get you better.... don't worry.

(One hour later at his new job at Walmart)

(Xander's phone rings)

**Xander:** Hello?

**Rosie the fire department lady:** Hello Mr.Xander this is Rosie from the Los Angeles fire department, we are at your house on James Fenimore Cooper lane and your house has burned down...

**Xander:** What! What happened? How did this happen?

**Rosie the fire department lady:** It seems that your candle caught your curtains and the rest just went up in a blaze.

**Xander:** OK I'm on my way!

(He hangs up the phone, then drives to what's left of his home)

**Rosie the fire department lady:** I'm afraid that your house is going to need a lot of work done to it to repair it. It will cost a lot of money and it will take a couple of years to rebuild it.

**Xander:** I'm afraid that I don't have enough money at the moment because my daughter is in the hospital and I have pay for that, so I can't afford to pay for anything else at the moment.

**Rosie the fire department lady:** I am so sorry about that and I you will still need to pay for the land until you decide to put it on the market to sell it.

**Xander:** Ok, thank you.

**Chorus:**

Once there was a house,  
now there is just dust,  
it is like it was never existed,  
he has almost no money to pay,  
and now he has less money,  
for the expenses that must be paid.

Scene 2:

(Xander leaves to go back to his daughter, he walks into his daughters room.)

**Ellen:** Daddy! I missed you. (She sits up and hugs him)

**Xander:** I know sweetie but I really need to tell you something.

**Ellen:** What is it?

**Xander:** I... I lost my job and our home burned down, but I can find a new one. I promi-

(Ellen interrupts)

**Ellen:** Daddy it's ok as long as you are ok and you didn't get hurt I am happy no matter what.

**Xander:** But I will help you get better so don't worry about me just worry about getting healthy again. Now I must go, I have to go help Travis.

**Ellen:** Ok Daddy, be safe. I love you.

**Xander:** I love you too sweetheart.

(Scene ends)

**Chorus:**

Sometimes love will overcome you,  
you would do anything for love,  
you would even become homeless for love,  
how far you go,  
is really up to you.

Scene 4:

(Xander leaves the hospital and goes to see Travis but the scene goes back to the present time.)

**Xander:** Yup, that's how I got here, my daughter Ellen is still in the hospital and she is getting worse. I lost my job at Walmart and I have no money left to help her, that's how I became homeless.

**Travis:** That is so sad...how are you going to help her? You're homeless, you have no money.

**Xander:** I don't know, but I will figure out how I will. Being homeless is harder and different than I thought it was. I thought that homeless people could just go get a job and work their way out of it but now I realize that they can't because they may have had something tragic happen to them and they have to pay for that.

(Cop walks up to Xander looking for him to deliver a message)

**Cop:** Are you Xander Bottomsworth?

**Xander:** Yes that's me.

**Cop:** I have a message from Joan from the Good Samaritan Hospital of Los Angeles and she said that you need to go to your daughter's room immediately.

**Xander:** Ok! Thank you! Sorry Travis but I gotta go!

(Xander runs to the hospital then to Ellens room)

**Xander:** What's wrong! What happened?!

**John the doctor:** We have bad news.... your daughter has passed.... I'm so sorry.... We did all we could to save her...

**Xander:** What? (tearing up) She....She's gone?

**John the doctor:** Yes.... I'm so sorry.... I will leave you to be alone for a while.

(doctor leaves)

**Xander:** (yelling and sobbing to himself) Why did this have to happen to me?!?! I had a good job, I was successful in life, I didn't do drugs, I had a house. I wasn't homeless and now I am! Why did she have to go?!?! Why couldn't it have been me instead of her?!?! What did I do to deserve this?!?! Why did I have to lose both of them?!?! Oh Ellen I love you!! Oh Teresa I love you!!

**Chorus:**

Many people get sick,  
and most make it out,  
but some are unlucky,  
some don't come back after the sickness,  
it is always sad when this happens,  
but the saddest part is,  
it is part of life.

(Xander opens the window facing into an alleyway where no one is at and pulls out his pocket knife and steps out of the window onto the ledge)

**Xander:** (looking to the sky) I don't deserve to keep my heart. I never want to love ever again..... Ellen.... Teresa..... I.. I love you both with all my heart..... (whispers to himself) I love you.....

(Xander stabs himself in the heart and falls out the window and dies)

(An ambulance, a police car, and a dead body outside of the hospital from a birds eye view)

**Chorus:**

He had it all,  
his life was great,  
But then tragedy fell upon him,  
he lost it all,  
It was his fate to fall,  
Everyone is one tragedy away from being homeless,  
he had such love,  
but all at once,  
it was all gone.

The End