

Warning to readers: the following passage contains strong language and references to drugs and violence.

Blessed [an excerpt - full novel coming soon]

october 19, 2019 as i laid in bed pains shooting throughout my body and no help in sight i prayed for just another day. yeah i prayed for another day in this hell hole called prison but if i'm going to tell this story i must start from day 1. march 13, 2019 i can hear it as if it was yesterday: all inmates return to your cell all inmates i repeat return to your cell.

damn bless what you think that shit all about this time? a friend asked. man knowing chester it can be anything ha ha you know this the softest jail in the world we laugh out loud. yeah bro shit crazy how they treat these new bulls coming in today like damn babies. sir i need for y'all to walk faster for me please help me help y'all ok. man you hear how nice this cop was trying to be like i'm in a rush to lock in. bless they crazy in here bro we been working all day and they're gonna throw us in a damn cell and say stay calm. sir i need you to keep moving and not just stand there. officer i need you to key the elevator because i'm unable to walk the steps sir. can i see y'all passes please? we pulled them out for him just as the doors opened to the elevator. bless you stay safe my man junior said as he got off on the 2nd floor not knowing if or when i would see him again. what could i say i had parole coming soon i was done with the jail shit this was it for me i thought as i got off on my floor.

bless this shit crazy baby you might want to get what you need before you lock your door bro we about to be down for days shit might be months. old man ali how you know this shit, they just called the shit 5 minutes ago i asked? come on youngest i got time in baby, i get around feel me? cool good looking old head.i walked around getting what i needed just in case old man ali was right. when i got to the cell my celly was doing what he did best nothing at all. yo why you just laying in bed didn't you hear we about to be locked down for a hot minute. yeah i know bro i been watching it on the news.

man you and the damn news i said knowing this bull was about to talk my head off. see that's why you running around trying to get ready and i stay ready old head my celly shot back. my celly was your white boy that got lost in life trying to be like his step brother, see his moms married my man pops thus being one of the reason i let him move into my cell. bless look at this shit all PA prisons are shut down. what? how? when? i said thinking of all the shit i needed to get done. man forget a lock down we're gonna die in this hell hole if that shit hit the jails. woody what you talking about bro? the covid 19 or some shit bro they talking about millions of people about to get sick and or

die shit real bro. man trump did this shit he going kill us all. bless what you talking about bro trump ain't do this that dummy can't spell covid.

bro that fuck boy went over korea fucking with kim jong un and next thing you know kim jong un hiding out and you go killer bees and covid over here in the u.s., come on woody you know damn well where them killer bees come from? where bless where they come from? korea nigga that's where.

we both laughed our ass off because we two niggas out the heart of a small city call chester city we couldn't tell you shit to back the shit we was saying. bless you a crazy bull bro but you funny as hell. yeah you laughing like this shit a game nigga i got a life out there baby. doing what the shit that got you here twice since i been here, bro you keep playing your ass going be just like old man ali telling stories of who he was and what he used to do out in the world. man you crazy if you think i'm going out like that nigga i get at that paper so my lawyer money stay good nigga, i beat cases like o.j. ha ha nigga you stay talking big shit. woody i'm bull out there, you better call home and ask niggas bless be that nigga from east to west. yeah let you tell it woody laugh. this nigga really must not know who i be, but he going see real soon bless thought.

two days had past fast without a word of what was going on, now they had the little update about when we would get a shower but there was no calling family or testing us to make sure we wasn't sick. yo bless you watching the news down there my cell woody hit the side of the bunk? i turn to the news and governor tom wolf was talking about a lock down to stop the virus from spreading. man this shit crazy as fuck bro i hope this shit don't keep me from touching down soon because a nigga got planes baby real planes.

as time pass and we didn't get showers, phone calls, shit we didn't get to wash clothes. and as time kept passing i started to think about my life out there and how it all started like the shit i was really trying to get back to and was it really worth it. it was 2010 i had just turned 18 years old and up intel thing i hadn't really played the street life much. i push weed here and there but it wasn't really my thing i only really did the shit to get by. but on january 2, 2010 that would change and i mean change in a big way.

bless baby boy is that you i heard from behind me? when i turned around there he was the god of the hood double r his self, what's good o.g.? i shot back man not much lil bro i just wanted to come by to pay my respects because i was unable to show up to the funeral. lil bro me and your pop's and mom's was close friends so when word got out about the robbery i lost it and went on the hunt for pay back. yet still that's no reason to not show the respect they deserve. double r it's cool i understand and thanks for all the

love you show because when a nigga going it's out of sight out of mind. yeah i know what you mean bless, and i hope you know i remember what you did for me back in the day when you was just a little shorty coming up. i always knew you would be the one. double r i'm going to be real o.g i'm lost out here i don't have any family left. baby boy we family and everybody that knew your pop's is like your family, remember that.

yeah i feel you o.g i just need to find what's next for me in life now i have to stand on my own two feet feel me? yeah i feel you and that's also why i'm here because your mom's was a hustlers now don't get me wrong pop's was a killer and a go getter, but mom's was a thinker and she thought her plans out and moved smart.

yeah she was a smart woman shit if it wasn't for mom's i wouldn't be keeping this house. pop's had money i know he did but where i don't know where, i turned this house upside down and still can't find it. now mom's always made sure i knew where she had paper stashed away, so i should be good for a hot minute. baby bro you gonna be good for life if you play it right.

what you talking about double r? see your pop's had gotten in deep with the wrong people and he owed them a lot of money. he paid them back every dollar that's why you can't find the money lil bro. so if he paid them why did he die o.g. why? man to be real with you i don't know why the shit happened to your people's but i know someone that do, you down to take a ride? yeah let me clear house and lock shit up real fast. you ready o.g? yeah let's ride baby.

sitting in the passenger seat of double r black on black navigator truck thinking of what i had just gotten myself into, i knew where we was going as soon as the words left his mouth. bless you good over there? yeah i'm good o.g. cool we here before we go in here i want you to understand ain't no going back. damn i shouldn't do this shit, this ain't me i thought as i listened to double r. but i respond come on o.g. this my mom's and pop's. cool lil bro i just needed to be clear because i can handle this i just wanted to give you the chance to look the person in the eyes feel me? i feel you o.g. and i understand tonight never happened. cool let's move double r said as he got out the truck. as i got out the car that night it was dark as hell and we was in the middle of nowhere. off to the left was a small building with no windows only a door

when that door opened i wasn't ready for what i seen, sitting in two chairs was uncle joe and his son my cousin. damn o.g. why you doing this i said as i start to back off, with the thought that he was trying to take me and my family out? baby boy you got it wrong and believe me i would never be a disloyal ass nigga i come from the old days lil bro. now these two niggas on the other hand is disloyal ass niggas, and jealousy took over and

cost them their life. are you saying they killed my pop's and mom's? yeah bless they moved on your pop's and you mom's happened to walk in on them. the crazy shit is the reason your pop's took that loss was because your uncle killed and robbed the wrong family and they was going kill your uncle. this nut ass nigga went to robb your pop's and when your pop's told him he didn't have no money he thought he was lying and order his own son to kill your pop's. so this what family do to family i said as i walked up on my once close cousin? yeah nigga don't answer its cool, and you uncle joe pop's own fucking brother. after all the shit pop's did for you, you going cross him for some fucking money? lil bless it's not what you think. double r cut him off as he pass me the heat (gun) i pointed the heat at him cutting off his words forever. i turned to my cousin and just like his pop's i ended his last thought with one shot to the head disloyal ass pussy. what happened next was crazy double r looked at me and said now is where the real work come in let's get out of here. what about the bodies? oh they going take care of that he point off to the right where a family of fucking big ass pig's was coming out the woods. damn where the fuck they come from? this my pig farm and they smell the blood from miles and miles. damn i got to lock that shit in o.g. you will bless believe you only know the half of what's next for you, remember i told you mom's was smart right? yeah. well she was in business with me on this next move i was making, a big one.

bless she knew your pop's and he couldn't hide anything from her. i didn't know it was your uncle who fucked up intel, i found out he and his son was trying to sell your pop's jewelry. damn mom's was deep in this shit. bless your mother was a great leader and wife so when she found out he was going to give everything he saved to save your uncle life she came to me and we understood that you pop's had to be his own man. so not wanting to get into his business she call in a favor. a favor? yeah remember back in the day bless, you was like 6 years old when the shit happened? when what happened? i killed a man in front of your house and when the cops came you was the only one that seen my face. yeah i remember that i was young ass shit then. yeah well they wanted you to point me out and your lil crazy ass pointed at the cop and said he did it. even back then you knew not to snitch and i give you my word that i owed you a favor. so how she knew you told me that because she was right there when i told you, and she stop you from telling me that i didn't owe you anything because you wasn't a rat lol. damn so she call you and you keep your word? a man always keep his word. so she ask you to do what? well she ask me to hit your pop's with some work for the low, but seeing that i wouldn't be double r if it wasn't for the morals he taught you, i would have been doing life in jail. i told her she could have half of this weekend's take, but she wasn't hearing that. she wasn't for another man giving her shit she wanted to work for her and your pop's. come on let's finish this conversation in my house bless. got damn double r this your fucking house? man this shit look like ten families can live here lol. yeah you like it? shit i got to get me something like this. so down to business bless i

invited you here because only my friends and business partners know where this place is. i see us as family so you being here don't fall under them lines. i wish to be business partners with you.