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## Henchmen

Henchmen is the story of a young man. A coming of age tale. His mother's unfit to stay in the workforce. His sister is only 7. The father ran out of the picture a long time ago. If something isn't done soon, they will lose what semblance of a home they have left. Guy, the protagonist, is the only hope of bringing this dysfunctional family out of its darkness and start living a normal life.

Guy's uncle brings up that there's an opening at his work. A "real" job. One that offers great pay and benefits. The job—a henchman for the world's super villain. A highly dangerous, near suicide job. As high as the risk factor is...it pays even more. With his uncle's recommendation, it's a sure thing that Guy's getting a job there. He quits his part time job, moves out with his other family closer to the complex, and moves up into the big league of the workforce.

He goes through the hoops, training videos, and legal paperwork, just like any other job, and he starts his new job as a henchman. At first things are simple: get up early, build parts for giant evil contraptions on the assembly line, send money back home to support his mother and sister. But things go sideways for Guy when gets moved to the most feared job there is to offer. He must go out in the field and help the super villain fight the super hero. People die every time. He must ask himself if the job is right for him; if he can still go through with this dangerous job to be able to save his family.

Henchmen is a turn on super hero movies and comic book movies in general. It's sci-fi but based in the very real world. It's littered with comedy, drama, tragedy, and action. Every character is real. They're all believable—even the larger than life hero and villain.