



## I'm hurt and in tears when he leaves – I know he might not come back

By Polo, 26 years old, 3 years on death row in Texas

It's always a very sad time when someone on Death Row gets an execution date. The worst part about it is when you find out it's a person you've become great friends with... more like family.

When you're in a place like this you can't help but to develop a bond with certain people, because you're around them so much. You read the same books, you learn new things together, and over time you get better as a person. Everything is going well until you hear the terrible news that your friend has an execution date. You actually feel hurt just thinking about it... No telling how he's taking the news. It's like the news just knocked the soul out of you! You can't imagine how it would be if your friend was to leave this earth and never come back. Now all you can do is keep the faith and make sure he keeps his head up.

You tend to notice the days and months are going by quicker than usual. You try to talk to him as much as you can but some days he's just not feeling it. I understand this is the worst feeling a person can feel, knowing he could be dead in a month or so. I wouldn't wish this on anyone in my life and the really messed up part about this is that I'm in the same situation, I could get an execution date too... We never know how our life would end.

You try to be as close to this person as possible but a lot of the days he don't seem like he's here. The worst day is the day that no one has been waiting for... But maybe the State of Texas that set this all up.

It's a sad country when the State of Texas think it's not a crime for them to kill a man by lethal injection. It's already bad enough that they keep us in cages like animals all day, nothing is right about all of this, but nothing can change if we don't come together and demand a change.

I'm hurt and in tears when he leaves out, I know he might not come back. All I can do is pray and hope he comes back, the really hurtful news later is when you have to hear on the radio that he's dead... They killed him by lethal injection. It's a lot of why's and tears rolling down my face... It seems so unreal. Not much you can do in your cell, but remember all the good memories and times you had with him. He will never be forgotten and forever missed.

This is very cruel and unusual to me. I hope you all feel the same way. Can this ever change? Because no one should ever have to die like this.

Rest In Peace to all the Great Friends we lost on Death Row in Texas.

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