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### A Grim Editorial

After being in my line of work for such a long time, I have found that there is no greater tragedy than that of an unexpected death. It hurts everyone who knows the person in question. It even used to hurt me, back when unexpected death meant that someone was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Now most of those accidents happen on the road all because someone couldn't listen to the basic instructions that everyone knows. Worse yet some of these people are viewed as martyrs, dying so that the next generation has a reason to fear distracted driving. Only for them to make the same mistakes. I don't mean to sound crass, but after seeing so many of these incidents, you'd find that even the most sensitive of hearts would grow numb.

Yet even after all this whenever the family of the deceased is near during the crash, I can't help but feel sorry for them. All that pain, and guilt, feeling like shackles and chains on their conscience. Always blaming themselves saying things like "I should've done more.", even though they did all they could. It is those people who are the victims in these situations. Except when that one person's mistake is the catalyst that leads to even more misery. At that point even my mercy can not save them from their punishment.

It's a constant cycle of tragedy that has no end in sight. No matter how many campaigns are launched, or how many Shakespearean tragedies happen. Sure some people will learn from the mistakes of others, but they are a raindrop of sense in an ocean of ignorance. That is why this editorial is needed, to be a slap in the face of the people who think that they're the only ones who'll get hurt. To be the wake up call to those who don't care about this for whatever reason. So what will you choose, to hurt everyone around you for one message, one drink, one puff, or

to be smart and wait so that everyone can be happy. Regardless, I'll be seeing you all again when the time comes.