

WORKER

Nope, you did kill people; it was just a selfish killing thing. I'll just rephrase the question then: "Why did you kill yourself?"

JOSH

... I don't know.

WORKER

Jesus Christ— You're full of shit; I know you know why you did it. Everyone has reasons why. There's usually thirteen of them.

JOSH

Funny.

WORKER

I know.

JOSH

Can't you just write "N/A" on the form?

WORKER

Nope; at least not if you want a chance at going to heaven.

JOSH

What?

WORKER

If you answer these questions in a way that makes God sympathize with you, he might change your future and transfer you to heaven instead of hell.

JOSH

You mean I'm going to hell?

WORKER

Well, I mean, yeah of course you are; you're a murderer. But, if you answer these questions with like a tragic sob story, then you might get to go to heaven.

JOSH

*Might?*

WORKER

Yep, and do it quickly. I only have like 5 minutes left until my Boss expects me to be done with you.

JOSH

I can't say everything in 5 minutes.

WORKER

Then only say what's important.

JOSH

It's all important.

WORKER

Aw, that's so sweet. Let's just start with something easy. How old were you?

JOSH

16; high school junior year.

WORKER

Great... Keep talking.

JOSH

About what? I don't know what you want me to— there's not some deep existential meaning to what I did; I just killed myself. The reason doesn't matter—

WORKER

You're not answering the question. Were you depressed or anything?

JOSH

I mean... I don't think I was. I was middle-class, loving family, friends, good grades; I had nothing to be sad about.

WORKER

Great. That's so great. Love that for you. How'd you kill yourself?

JOSH

I planned to do it with my mother's firearm at around 2 am, but I ended up doing it with a knife at about 3 pm.

WORKER

OK, so, what I'm getting from this is that you were another generic American white boy, so I mean, did you want to kill yourself?

JOSH

... I don't know. I wanted to for a while, but I also didn't? It was confusing. When I did it, I felt something. It just felt sort of numb. I didn't think "Oh God, what have I done,"