Peace of mind



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When I was 12, something happened that made me think buying a gun wasn't the .....…… idea. I …… it could give me what I would like to call, a twisted peace of mind. One morning I was on my way to the bus stop when I heard …….. . I looked back and saw no one. Then out of ……. I spotted a guy running towards me, wearing a grey sweat suit with …….. in his hand. I took off in the …….. direction. As I was running I saw ……. on the ground, across the street. It was my teenage …….., lying in a pool of his own …… . Growing up in West Oakland, I've witnessed robberies, drug deals and even people being paid to commit …… . It wasn't ……... to see my older cousins load their guns before going to the corner store to buy some eggs and milk. Wearing a gun seemed as essential as wearing a pair of boxers. There have been plenty of times when I've had the ……... and the right ……... to purchase one.

But each ……..., at the last minute, I stop and think to ……. , "Do I honestly …….. a gun?" Then I'd buy a pair of shoes …….. . My friends ask me things like, "Why don't you tote? You too scared to get a hammer?" and quite frankly the answer is yes. I'm scared of ……... my freedom. I'm scared of the effect the gun could have on my …… . And I'm scared of the thought of ……. a person's life. Thankfully my grandparents and I ……. from West Oakland to a much calmer neighborhood. For the first time I was free to think more about ……., sports and... shoes, without those thoughts being drowned out by ……..... Every now and then I still find myself in a potentially …….. situation, and I start to think about getting a gun. But then I remember buying a piece would only ruin the …….. I already have. With a Perspective, I'm Jahlil Jackson.

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