



In character:

So, most importantly, what's your name? Everyone has one, and I know that you do as well. First and last, if you please. I wanna be able to identify you if anythin' goes wrong, you know?

Really? I can't believe I have to fill out this dumb thing. My name is Shane Marcetta, and if anythin' goes wrong, I'm pretty sure you'll be the first to hear about it.

As you heard from Shane, you need a nickname. So, if you have one, what is it, and how'd you get it? If you just made one up now, how'd you choose it?

Do you just read off of a script, Gian? Ugh, fine. No, I don't have a nickname, considering I'm Shane an' all.

How old are you and when's your birthday? An' don't bother lying, because I'll find out otherwise. No one's gonna make a big deal outta it, I just need to know when you need to be kicked out. But in all honesty, the boys may throw a party or somethin'.

I am 15 and my birthday's August 14.

Now, describe yourself for me. I don't care that I can look at you, I need it in writing, you see. And be correct, I need it for identification, as well.

Okay, okay, fine. I mean, I suppose I helped make this application, so I should fill it out, as well.

5'11", black hair, brown eyes. Kinda big ears. I've been told I have an easy smile, which I suppose is true.

I've also been told I have a 'pretty boy' face, which, while true, is not the most pleasant thing to hear from people.

Do you have any other jobs besides being a newsboy? I need to know what'll get in the way of you doing things and whatnot. Oh, and don't worry if it's illegal, no one here'll care.

No way, no other job at all. Couldn't keep up with one, being leader of Little Italy and all.

What's your personality like? What are you like with others? With yourself? I need to know if you'll get along with everyone, who we should keep away from whom, so no fights break out, things like that.

I'm pretty friendly, easy-going. I suppose that's why people don't mind me much leading them, because I'm nice and fair. However, that being said, you do not want to cross me, capisci?

What do you do with your spare time? This one may not seem important, but it shows what kind of person you are.

Play cards with Matthew. Make sure everything's running smoothly. If I can, I go to the classes the church provides, but normally I don't have the time.

Do you do any of the following: smoking, drinking, or gamblin'? Nothin' wrong if you do, just don't do it in the house. Or, at least, when outsiders are around.

Yeah, smoking's a bad habit that I picked up from a certain uncle of

mine. *gives you a side glance* Drinking, no. Gambling, I suppose. Not too often, though.

What about any friends or family? Or, if you're a troublemaker, enemies? Who do you know around here?

I know you, and the newsboys and girls. I know a lot of the owners of the shops, and a lot of the people that live here. Basically, if they live in Little Italy, I probably know them.

What about a girl? Got one of those? No girls in the house, period.

No, no girl.

And now for the big one: what's your past like? Where did you grow up, what happened in your life, and how did you get here?

Let's see. *starts to think*

I grew up in Staten Island with my parents, but they died, so I moved here when I was six, to come and live with you. You were already running the house at that point, had been for a few years.

That's when I met Matthew, 'casue we lived pretty close and went to school together.

When I was nine, I convinced you to let me be a newsboy along with school, and when I was 13, I somehow managed to become leader. I still don't know how in the hell that happened, but it did.

And I've been doing this ever since.

Probably will work with Matthew's family when I'm older, like he's planning on doing, as well.

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