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## Alec's English Eulogy

I'm writing a eulogy for one of my best friends Alec. Alec was a great person. Everyone wanted to be his friend. They wanted to be seen with him. He was nice, sweet, caring. Always so enthusiastic and happy about everything... Or so we thought. No realized it but Alec was suffering from depression. But I found out when it was too late and it hurt a lot. Not only to me but his other friends and especially his family. It was July 30, 2014 when I got the news from his brother. He told me he overdosed on antibiotics. That's when everything went downhill for me.

I was very sad for a while. I didn't know how to deal with it. But I was also mad that he did that. That he decided to leave us. He had a bright future ahead of him. He was going to graduate next year. But he was selfish. But now I understand. I now understand why he wanted to leave. He was unhappy and in pain mentally and so he thought that maybe leaving was the best thing to do to get rid of the pain.

So I decided to dedicate and create this sugar skull and mask for him. I did it because he was a big part of my life. Creating the skulls and mask for Dia de Los Muertos made me think of him and brought back so many memories that I'll forever cherish. It didn't make me sad. Nor angry. It brought me peace and happiness knowing he's no longer suffering.

The sugar skull reflects me as a person because it makes you think about the loved ones who are no longer with us. Who found peace and serenity wherever they are and it brings me comfort that Alec doesn't have to suffer anymore. Although there are times when I would think that him leaving was all my fault because I never asked him how he was feeling about everything. But now that I've went through this with one person, I hope I won't have to got through it with another. That I'll make sure to check in with everyone and anyone to make sure how they're feeling and that it's okay to open up and share how you're feeling and that I'll always be there for them if they needed someone to talk.

Hola, mi llamo Jasseca Chiem. Mi amigo fue muerto. Ello fui mi mejor amigo. Alec fue de ciudad de Nueva York. Alec fue alto y guapo. Alec haber tenido mucho amigos. Ello fue un moreno con azul ojo.



