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Mali Jones - the Acrobat from Harlem by Colbert Raynard

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It is a well-known fact at this point, even in other countries, that Harlem is a very problematic area to live in from a crime perspective. However, what most do not understand is how hard it is to escape that culture if one is born into it. Humans survive by adapting themselves to their peer groups in order to be integrated and protected; in Harlem, the main morals and values revolve around violence and substance abuse and/or trafficking. In other words, very few manage to escape the downwards spiral and climb their way out of it. One of such people is Mali Jones, a young African American who lived in one of many dysfunctional families of Harlem. When he was only five years of age, his father passed away from a heroin overdose, an event which made the young child swear that he would do what it takes not to go down that roadâ€¦ and luckily, Mali Jones had a talent that would help him to achieve that: his athleticism.

In his early years, Mali Jones took very well to the sport of urban running, or as others preferred to call it, Free Running. While he was having a tremendous time leaping from building to building, there was one problem: it was not bringing him any money. Luckily, he had a friend by the name of Chris Thile who brought to his attention the circus, where acrobats can truly make a living. It goes without saying that Mali Jones was more than intrigued by the idea. At first, he started out with some very small-time circus troupes, which is where he made the acquaintance of John Neylon, a fellow acrobat who was simply following his heart and desires.

While times were tough at first, the two friends eventually made it through and have joined the Big Apple Circus, finally becoming what they always dreamed to be: professional acrobats. While some people may find that becoming an acrobat may be a bit of a strange passion that is beyond Mali Jones' story which is that of a young man who despite facing overwhelming odds managed to break free of a vicious circle in order to achieve his dream through sheer power of will.

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