

# The Runaway's Tale (Jack's Story): The Canterbury Tales of Metropolis

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Summary: How much did Jack know, and when did he know it?  
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Tale](#)."

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Clark Kent? Yeah, I know him. He's OK.

He coulda turned me in to The Man, but he didn't. He  
believed me when I told him The System's broke and Denny and  
I are better off on our own. Gave me the jacket he was wearing.  
Even got me a job where he works. Yeah, it's a crummy job, but  
at least I don't have to keep a lookout for the cops. Way I figger, I  
make enough for me and Denny to scrape by now. And maybe  
someday Boss-man will stop screaming at me for coffee and start  
screaming at me for photos, same as he did for Jimmy. I'm not  
haulin' grounds all my life.

Anyway, back to Kent. Like I said, he's OK. Really tries to  
do the right thing, but doesn't have a stick up his a\*\*; he'll break  
the law if he thinks there's a good reason to. Doesn't get all  
preachy like most do-gooders. Really listens to you, ya know?

One thing I don't get about him, though... Why he puts up  
with that Lane dame. Sure, she's hot, but what a b\*\*\*! If she's  
Mad Dog Lane, he's Puppy Dog Kent around her. He could do so  
much better.

How'd I meet him? I found some of his stuff in a dumpster.  
Some jerk had robbed him. Anyway, you see the stuff a man  
saves, you learn a lot about him. I probably know more about him  
than anyone, 'cept maybe his folks. Course, I'm not talking. He  
helped me 'n Denny, so I got his back, ya know?

Anyway, like I was saying, he's a good man.

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