Proxy
By Alex London

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Narrator            Syd              Knox      Mr. Brindle        Elavarthi       Alvarez

**Narrator:** We are presenting a readers theater excerpt from the science fiction book *Proxy* by Alex London. In this society, the privileged teens may have a proxy that endures all the punishment resulting from misbehavior. It leaves bad behavior unchecked and risks the lives of all the proxies who suffer. Syd’s life may be over unless Knox can save him. Knox and his proxy Syd are on the run. Knox is read by ______________, Syd is read by ______________, Knox’s father Mr. Brindle is read by ________________, Elavarathi is read by ________________, Alvarez is read by ________________, and I am ________________, your narrator.

**Syd:** What’s going on?

**Knox:** Shhhhhh, Someone’s just pulled up to the house.

**Syd:** Guardians?

**Knox:** Probably just my father. No one’s inside yet. Don’t make another sound. I have to turn the activity assistant back on.

**Syd:** Did you…..

**Knox:** Yeah, I finished. The house won’t recognize you. But if my father sees you, he won’t need a data stream to know who you are. So shut up.

**Mr. Brindle:** Disengage activity assistant.

**Syd:** Did they just say a Guardian is here?

**Knox:** Shut up, my father never turns the assistant off. I have to get a closer look.

**Syd:** What? Why?

**Knox:** What is he doing here?

**Syd:** Your father doesn’t live here?

**Knox:** Shhhh, not him. That’s Xiao Alvarez.
Syd:  Who is……

Mr. Brindle:  My son and his proxy are missing. It appears they were seen together at a party just a few hours ago. And now, nothing.

Alvarez: Your son will turn up eventually, he always does.

Mr. Brindle:  We’re in trouble here. That proxy….

Elavarthi:  Catron….Sydney Catron.

Mr. Brindle:  Right. Catron. He was never supposed to find my son. There’s no way.

Alvarez:  Your son’s kidnapping doesn’t change anything.

Mr. Brindle:  For me it changes everything. How did this proxy with no social capital locate and abduct my son? He’s a swampcat who knows no one and whom no one knows.

Narrator:  Why does Syd have a brand on his arm and why is he a proxy for Knox? What kind of deal do Alvarez and Mr. Brindle have and how does the Guardian fit into all of this? To get a glimpse of this dangerous world, read Proxy by Alex London and all these questions will be answered!