Precaution, protection and safety or risk, regret and danger? In the short story *Identities,* the author W.D. Valgardson shaped a vague storyline into a controversial, deep thought. A man who goes on a casual Saturday drive finds himself in an unfamiliar and suspicious neighborhood. While matching the suspect description of an “unshaven man in blue jeans,” the officer decides to approach the man. Due to the man reaching in his pocket to supply his ID for the officer, the miscommunication of what exactly he reaches for, leads to the officer shooting and killing the man. Believing danger is near, the officer understandably shot the man. A lack of certainty while continuing towards the man, the officer progresses with immense caution and “orders him to halt”. Having no kind of communication, the man reaches for his pocket causing alert to the officer. Noticing others in the area, the officer decides to take the safe route. Knowing he could have a weapon; he fires shots at the man. The choices being made and the actions that are taking place, the officer chooses the fair decision. Protecting and saving his life rather than risking it and taking into account the existence of the other bystanders.