

Running and hiding

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Chapter 1

I run into the closet hoping they won't find me. I'm scared. Will They find me? One minute later I hear footsteps next to the closet door. They already found my brother. The door opens and all I see is my sister.

"Found you. Your turn," she says, smiling.

"But I got found last," I say, angry.

"James cant count," she whispers in my ear.

"Oh yeah. 1...2...3...", I count.

Chapter 2

The next day, when I went downstairs, there's cookies. My mom is smiling with a worried look.

I wonder, "what's happening?"

"Sit," my mom says.

"what's happening?" I ask her.

"I'm getting remarried!," she tells me. I run quickly back upstairs. When I go back downstairs there are two more cookies for me.

Chapter 3

At school the next day all I see is people chatting and our teacher is not there yet.

"Same as always." i think. I sit at my desk and get ready for 1st period. After I'm ready my best friend, Lily, comes over to my desk.

"Did you do the homework? I didn't because I was so exhausted yesterday I went straight to sleep." she tells me.

"Yeah, I also found out that my moms getting remarried." I replied. She goes to her desk as mr. brown comes in.

"Yesterday I got fired so here's your new teacher. This is angela." He says all depressed.

"Thank you for introducing me mr. brown. I have so many **PLANS** for this year." she says, sending a shiver down my spine.

Chapter 4

As soon as I get home I run upstairs glad it's the weekend. My mom comes in my room and sits on my bed.

"Are you ok? I got a message from mr. brown. Why did they fire him?" she says with a concerned look.

"Bradley, the coolest kid in our class, pulled a prank. I know it's horrible. I told the principal that they pulled a prank but she doesn't believe me." I reply with a sad voice. She leaves my room and leaves something behind. It's a note but not from her. It's from a person nicknamed unknown.

Chapter 5

Dear Aubrey,

I have stolen something from you . you have to figure out who i am to get it back.

My name is common. I have 6 letters and start with a letter of the alphabet.

Hope you like my clue.

Love, unknown

Chapter 6

After I read the note I was shocked. I go downstairs to eat and no one is home. I go to the table and there's another note. I don't read it until I eat cereal. I am shocked. They always tell me if they're gonna leave, but this time they didn't. I didn't hear the door open, well I was listening to music. I should've heard it, the door is loud. i go outside the car is still there. No trace of them anywhere, not even in the woods.

Chapter 7

You guessed it. I've stolen your family. But you haven't guessed who I am. I will tell you where I am. I am in the cottage in the woods behind your house. I hope you really want to see your family.

Love, unknown

Chapter 8

I go to the cottage and see my family tied up and screaming at me. I look behind me and see someone with a black mask. She tries to kill me then I fall. I wake up and I'm in a chair next to my family. The person takes off her mask, it's angela! She tells me what she's gonna tell the class tomorrow.

"I'm gonna tell them that your family went missing. Oh poor Lily, she's gonna be upset. Her best friend is missing." she says sinisterly.

"No", I scream muffled.

Chapter 9

"Class, I have news. Aubrey and her family have gone missing!" she tells the class. Various whispers fill the room. Lily starts crying.

"Quiet down everyone let's start.." she says before she gets interrupted by Lily running out of the room. Lily goes to the end of the hall before she gets stopped by the principal.

"Where are you going?" the principal asks.

"To the counselors?..." she says in a questiony way.

Chapter 10

I sit there worried about what she's gonna do to us. She could kill us or she could use us. My moms supposed to get married tomorrow. What's gonna happen when Eric finds out she's not there? He will think that she ran out on him. I kinda wanted him to be my stepdad. When Angela gets back she feeds us and tells us what she's gonna do. "Your mom was gonna marry my soulmate that i met online. We went on one date and he chose her. You also took my job and everything I own." she says in a voice that wants revenge.

"How .. never mind." I say taking it back.

"I'm gonna take everything back." she says not hearing me.

"Wait, I'm confused about what we took from you." I say raising my hand.

"One, why are you raising your hand? Two you Aubrey took my best friend." she says.

"One, I was respecting the teacher. Two, how did I take your friend? " I replied, confused.

"Remember how Lily was friends with Annie, yeah that was me. I know you're gonna say 'what how'. That day I went to the beach with my family. And never returned. Well i got in the tanning machine but it wasn't the tanning machine and it made me older. It broke down on me. I changed my identity. I noticed when I was looking for jobs that you were in Mr. Brown's class and he was fired." she said tiredly.

"They said that you had but she was lonely. I had to do something." I said having a flashback.

Chapter 11

She knocks us out. When we woke up we were in a tank full of fish. I look closely. They are fake. This water is 3 feet. Turns out where we are holding ourselves under. I go up and my family realizes the same thing. We see Eric run over to see us.

"Are you okay? When Angela asked me to come over I knew something was wrong." he says worried as he gives my mom a kiss on the cheek.

"I'm so sorry she kidnapped us and." she says not finishing her sentence.

Chapter 12

The next day at school everyone is shocked to see me.

"Where were you? I ran out of class. The teacher looked like Annie from 8th grade two years ago." she says fast. As soon as Mr Brown comes in we are more shocked.

"Calm down everyone. Angela quit then committed x eyes," he says thinking we know what "xeyes" means. "she committed suicide! Duuh." We now know what he's talking about. That's so sad that she committed 'x eyes'.

"Can we skip to the lesson? All this talk about suicide is making me feel weird." Lily asks mr brown.

"Sure, open your book to page 150," he says like nothing just happened.

Chapter 13

When I get home I tell mom what happened to angela.

"That's so sad. Changing the subject, Eric and I are getting married next week." she replies.

"Oh and mom can me and lily have a sleepover tonight. We can get our homework done, paint each other's nails, and study. What do you think?" I say walking halfway up the stairs.

"Sure," she replies with a smile. "I'll be fine with that."

Chapter 14

When lily arrives at my house we go upstairs giggling.

"Why did Angela say you got lost?" she asks as we plop down on my bed.

"Well it's complicated." I say. When we finish our homework and studying we tell each other our deepest darkest secrets.

Chapter 15

The next morning we got up and got ready for school. When we walk in the classroom, it's chitchatcity and our teacher's not there.

"Same as always." I say brightly to Lily with a smile.

"Yep" she replies. We go sit at our desks and set them up with pencils, paper, and our journals. We also have our phones to play on during class.

"Sit down everyone, go to your seats," our teacher says with a bright smile. "Since today is Friday we have a pizza party just today. I know it's a surprise but we got the reward."

"Squeeeeeeee," Lily and I squeal. We are so excited for the pizza to come. We also get ice cream and buckets of chocolate candy.

Chapter 16

Alex is a girl with many friends and it's her birthday. She gets a sleepover that night. "Ok ok." Alex replies. "I run into the closet hoping they won't find me. I'm scared. Will they find me? One minute later I hear footsteps. They already found my brother..."

The end!!!

I hope you liked it.

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**5TH GRADE FRENCH ELEMENTARY
MRS. ANDERSON'S WRITING CLASS**

" THE AD!"

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AMY AND MARK WERE WATCHING VIDEOS. AMY CLICKED ON A VIDEO AND SAW THIS SCARY AD. IT SAID, "IF YOU'RE WATCHING THIS AD, BAD THINGS WILL HAPPEN. EVERYONE WILL DISAPPEAR AND YOU WILL DIE." BLOOD WAS DRIPPING IN THE AD.

"WE SHOULD GO TO SLEEP, MARK," SAID AMY.

"YEAH, WE SHOULD." SAID MARK.

THE NEXT DAY, AMY WOKE UP AND MARK WAS NOT THERE. AMY THOUGHT, "MAYBE HE DID HIS STUFF EARLY AND IS AT SCHOOL."

SO AMY PACKED UP HER STUFF AND WALKED TO SCHOOL. WHEN SHE GOT THERE, THE SCHOOL WAS EMPTY! BUT ONE PERSON WAS RUNNING FROM THE DARKNESS. IT WAS HER TEACHER RUNNING FROM SOMEONE.

"LOOK, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE, AMY," SAID HER TEACHER. THE TEACHER GOT DRAGGED FROM THE GROUND. BLOOD WAS SPREADING FROM THE GROUND AND RED EYES WERE GLOWING FROM THE DARKNESS.

AMY RAN TO HER HOMEROOM TO HIDE. BUT THE MONSTER FOUND HER AND KILLED HER. A SECOND LATER SHE WAKES UP IN A HAUNTED HOUSE. AMY THOUGHT THAT WAS A DREAM? THEN SHE FOUND MARK WAKING UP FROM HIS SLEEP.

"THAT WAS THE SCARIEST DREAM I EVER HAD! WAIT A MINUTE, WHERE AM I?" ASKED MARK.

"THERE YOU ARE, I THOUGHT YOU DIED!" SAID AMY.

"WHAT IS THAT?" SAID MARK FEARFULLY. HE POINTED TO THE SAME MONSTER WITH RED EYES AND NO MOUTH.

"OH NO! NOT THE MONSTER" YELLED BOTH AMY AND MARK.

AMY AND MARK RAN FOR THEIR LIFE. IT CAME FROM THE DARKNESS. IT PULLED MARK INTO THE DARKNESS AND THE SOUND OF FLESH RIPPING OUT AND MARK SCREAMING. AMY SCREAMED AND RAN FASTER. AMY GOT DRAGGED INTO THE DARKNESS AND DIED. THE THIRD TIME SHE WOKE UP IN HER ROOM, SHE YELLED "I'M NOT READY!" SHE LOOKED THROUGH HER

WINDOW AND SAW THE SCHOOL WITH HER TEACHER IN THE SCHOOL'S WINDOW. AMY'S SCREAM MADE HIS DREAM EVEN WORSE AND WOKE HIM UP.

"WHAT HAPPENED?" ASKED MARK.

"IS IT THE END OF THE SCARY DREAMS?" ASKED AMY.

"YES IT'S OVER, JUST CALM DOWN," SAID MARK. AMY TOOK THREE DEEP BREATHS.

"WE NEED TO SEARCH FOR THAT AD," SAID AMY. THEY SEARCHED UP THE AD AND IT WAS ALL A DREAM.

"THE AD WAS NOT REAL!?" YELLED AMY.

"YEAH, FOR SOME REASON," SAID MARK.

"SO WE WERE LIVING IN A DREAM THIS WHOLE TIME!?" YELLED AMY.

"WE SHOULD GET READY FOR SCHOOL, WE DON'T WANT TO BE LATE," SAID AMY.

AMY AND MARK TOOK THE BUS TO SCHOOL. WHEN AMY AND MARK GOT TO SCHOOL, EVERYONE WAS SCARED TO GO INSIDE THEIR HOMEROOM.

"WHY IS EVERYONE NOT GOING INTO YOUR HOMEROOM?" SAID AMY.

"WE'RE TOO SCARED TO GO INSIDE," SAID ONE KID.

"WHAT ARE YOU SCARED ABOUT?" SAID MARK.

"THE MONSTER," SAID ANOTHER KID. THAT WAS WHEN AMY REALIZED THAT THE STUDENTS HAD THE SAME DREAM.

THE END

The next minute we saw dead bodies everywhere, and blood on us and on that creepy woman's dark as the night shirt. We started running not knowing what we would do. But Lincoln was nowhere to be found. We ran around the whole entire school until we got to the nurse's office. We saw Lincoln chained to the bed. "Let him go!!!!" Maddy screamed. "Why should I?" The nurse said back trying to make us even more mad than we already were. She went into the bathroom and when she got back there were two creepy little girls following her around. We ran out of the nurse's office without Lincoln. The next thing that happened to us was life-changing...

We ran into another room, this one looked like it was a cafeteria or a gym. It was empty with two doors on the side. We were about to bolt out of the school but then Daniel reminded us about Lincoln, and how we couldn't just leave him there, so we didn't. We ran back to the nurse's office, and no one was there. After about 15 minutes we got Lincoln out of the bed and we ran back to the gym. When we got back, we saw two creepy figures guarding the doors. We didn't think we would make it out alive. We started running away again but we barely made it out of the gym before creepy figure number one grabbed me and Daniel, and creepy figure number two grabbed Maddy and Lincoln. "Let us go!" Daniel yelled. Next everything was black...

We woke up in the first room we entered, but this time it was much much worse. "Aha. I see you have gotten your brother back." she said to Maddy. "What are you going to do to us?" Daniel asked, really confused. Next the creepy lady started telling us about how Lincoln would be mean to her great great granddaughter. "W-w-wait, so you are telling us that you're a ghost!" Maddy called out. The creepy lady didn't reply. The next minute I hopped out of bed realizing that it was just a dream. It might have been just a dream, but it felt so real. Was it a dream I thought?

THE COLLECTOR OF THE COLLECTED.....

BY :MARLEY RUBIN

CHAPTER 0 ALL ABOUT THE FAMILY

Anna and Emma are sisters; they both like to play with dolls, playing on their phones or tablets, and love to explore outside of the house in Colorado. Grandma Lui has been sick for a couple of months and she needs support for cancer and her back. She has lived alone for a couple of years but Anna and Emma's family will be moving to help her.

CHAPTER 1 TRIP TO COLORADO

Vroom! The car went while their mom started the car. The family started to pack the trunk.

"Mom!" yelled Anna. "Why do we have to go to Colorado when all my friends are here in Texas?" whined Anna.

"Because grandma is sick and she needs support," said mom disruptively.

“Ok,” sighed Anna.

Anna and Emma got in the car and closed the door. After being in the car for 5 hours Emma and Anna got bored.

“Mom,” said Emma. “I’m getting bored.”

“Then play on your tablet,” said mom.

“Ok” groaned Emma.

After one day of the road trip Emma and Anna finally arrived at Grandma Lui’s house .

“Grandma!” Yelled Emma and Anna.

“Hi sweetie,” Grandma said.

Emma and Anna give Grandma lots hugs.

CHAPTER 2 FINDS THE DOLL

The door creaked open while Anna, Emma, and mom walked in grandma’s house. After looking around for a little while in grandma’s house, me and Emma went on our phones to play a game. But..... there was no internet connection.

“Mom, can Emma and I go outside and explore, there is no internet connection here? Grumbled Anna.

“Yes, you can go outside but don’t go too far away from the house,”

Mom says, “Seriously.”

“Ok,” Anna says excitedly.

When Emma and Anna went outside they saw something unexpected. They saw a doll in the middle of the forest.

"Wow," exclaimed Emma.

"Can we keep the doll, it's so pretty," Emma shouted.

"Why not?" says Anna.

"Just wash it when we get home," commanded Anna

"Ok," said Emma.

While Anna and Emma walk home Emma finds words on the bottom of the doll's foot. She brushes off the dirt on the doll's foot.

"Coraline?" asked Emma.

"What do you mean?" asked Anna.

"The doll's name is Coraline," Emma Affirmed.

"Hm, that's a cool name, but we better hurry back home. We have school tomorrow, remember?"

When Anna And Emma walked back home it was time for dinner. So Emma set Coraline on her night stand and went downstairs to eat dinner.

CHAPTER 3 THE MOVEMENT OF THE DOLL

When Emma and Anna ran down stairs to eat dinner they noticed that grandma was feeling really sick. After Anna and Emma ate they went to their room. But Emma finds the doll sitting on Anna's night stand instead of hers.

"Anna?!" Emma whimpers.

"What is it Emma?" Anna says.

"The doll moved from my night stand to yours?!" said Emma.

"Just go to bed mom probably moved it."

"Ok," says Emma.

While Anna packed her school supplies she heard a squeaking noise. It was the doll's head moving in a circle.

"Oh My God!?" said Anna

Anna took the doll and threw it in the fire.

"I hope Emma does not get mad at me," said Anna .

Anna falls asleep.

CHAPTER 4 MEETS CORALINE

"Wake up!" yells mom.

" You got to go to school!" rushed mom.

"Ok ok" grumbels Anna and Emma.

As Emma and Anna take their bags, brush their hair and teeth, eat breakfast,
And put on their shoes. Emma and Anna walk out the door.

"Walk to school sweeties," says mom.

"You just have to walk down the hill behind those trees and you will
find school."

"Ok," yells Anna.

As Anna and Emma walked to school they did not get lost or anything.
When Anna walks to her class she sits in her seat. A girl named
Coraline walks up and says

"Do you want to be friends?"

"Sheer, I will be friends with you," says Anna excitedly. When
Anna saw her she knew she was creepy because she looked exactly the
same as the doll she threw in the fire and because she asked a lot of
questions about my grandma.

When it is the end of 5th grade class Anna goes to pick up Emma at her
3rd grade class ."

"Hi Emma, how has your day been?" Says Anna.

"Good," says Emma.

CHAPTER 5 LOST IN THE WOODS

As Emma and Anna walk home they get lost in the woods because their grandma lives in the woods but close to the school. BUT..... Anna finds a doll on the floor with black hair, pale skin, and dark brown eyes laying on the forest floor.

“OMG” Anna says loudly.

“It's my doll,” says Emma.

“Don't touch it Emma! I threw it in the fire before we went to school”

“Well then why is it still here?”

“Because it is haunted or something?!” Anna's voice trembles .

While Anna was in huge fright she tumbled backwards onto a wooden cottage. The cottage looked old, it had huge cobwebs, the door was noisy, and the wood was old and rusty.

CHAPTER 6 THE TRUTH

“Wow” exclaimed Emma.

“I got to go in there. It has a bunch of other COLLECTED dolls in there.

“NO Don't go in there” yells Anna

But Emma has already run in there excitedly. When Anna follows Emma in there she sees her grandma as a doll she gasped of what she saw.

“W-What is this? It looks like grandma lui.” says Anna while she trembles her words.

Anna finds Emma sitting on a wall next to a room that has a light on in the room. Anna runs to her

“Are you ok?” Anna says quietly.

Emma does not answer, she just looks at the door with the light on. Anna is not afraid of what is in there so she cracked the door open to see what was in there.....

She finds Coraline as a 116 year old woman making dolls that look just like Anna and Emma.

“Who are you” yelles Anna
..... “Coraline” says coraline.

CHAPTER 7 TURNING INTO A DOLL

Then I saw my sister Emma running but she was a doll!?

“Ahhhhhhh” yelled anna in terrerour.

Slowly Anna was turning into a doll herself . Then Anna asked a question before she turned into a doll.

“Why does that doll look like my grandma!” Anna asked before she fully turned into a doll?

“I killed her because she knew too much about me,” said coraline quietly. But then Anna had already turned into a doll. About two hours later their mom went looking for Anna and Emma, but anywhere she looked she could not find her children or grandma Lui.

CHAPTER 8 STARTED A NEW FAMILY

When mom could not find Anna or Emma or not even Grandma lui after a few years of searching Mom got tired of searching. And had another beautiful child but the dad was gone for a long time. Cassie the new child that is 7 loves dolls just like how Anna and Emma liked.

CHAPTER 9 IT HAPPENED AGAIN

"Mom," said cassie.

"Yes" mom says, annoyed.

"Can I go outside? I'm bored," says cassie.

"Sheer but don't go anywhere else besides the front yard," Mom said seriously.

"Ok" said Cassie.

As Cassie goes outside she sees a brown cottage in the distance. She knows she is not allowed anywhere else except the front yard but she saw an old lady. And she was curious to know who it was, so she crept away from the front yard and went inside the cottage.

"Wow there is a collection of dolls in here!" Cassie exclaimed. She took four dolls with her one that said Anna on its foot, Emma, grandma lui, and lastly mom.

"I am going to take these dolls home and show my mom."

CHAPTER 10 MOM PASSES OUT !!!!

When Cassie was walking home she heard her mom screaming her name.

“CASSIE!” yelled mom.

“I'm right here,” said Cassie.

Mom was so relieved that she was safe but then she saw the dolls.

“Where did you go?” asked mom.

“I was at this cool cottage that had dolls,” said Cassie.

Mom was in shock she knew what had happened to her family after investigating her lost children.

“Let me see,” asked mom politely.

She was crying when she saw Anna, Emma, grandma lui But then when she saw the doll that looked exactly like her she paused and passed out.

THE END

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5TH GRADE FRENCH ELEMENTARY

MRS. ANDERSON'S WRITING CLASS

"THE RUNNING MAN"
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I was walking home one day when I saw a humanoid figure, then it started to run toward me, I ran inside my house slamming the door behind me. I ran to my room grabbing the baseball bat. I looked outside and it wasn't there. But then I heard scratching on my door. I hit the door six times and I heard screeching. I went outside and saw blood.

"Who's out there?" I said. I went back inside I called my friend Monsae

"Hello," answered Monsae

"Hi Monsae, can you come over?" I said

"Yea I can," she said, "oh and I'll bring Manny."

Monsae comes to my door. BANG! BANG!

"Hello," I said.

"Let us in." I opened the door.

"What happened?" said Monsae.

"What do you mean?" I said.

"You know what I mean." says Monsae.

"Ok fine, I saw some kind of monster, so I hit the door 6 times." I said.

"Then why did you call us? We could have died!" Monsae said.

"Should we follow the blood?" asked Manny.

"Let's make a vote." said Monsae. We all raised our hands. So we followed the blood. We came to the lake and then the blood trail ended. The lake was all bloody.

"I see him swimming!" I said, we all ran to the other side of the lake. I got pulled in but I got away. He pulled Manny in, and he didn't make a sound... We ran back to the cabin. I grabbed the bat and Monsae grabbed the cell phone, and we went to the forest to follow the trail. There was more blood across the street. We heard a stick snap behind us and we both looked back. We saw the monster and it had Manny's head on a stick, and I hit him with the baseball bat. She called 911

"911 what is your emergency" the dispatcher said.

"WE NEED HELP NOW" said Monsae.

"Ma'am I need you to calm down what is your location" the dispatcher asked.

"We are in the forest, please send help" Monsae said.

Beep... beep... beep "I know who you are. I will find you and kill you." said the running man. Beep...the phone went dead. I called them back and one person answered and I heard screaming.

It was the next day, Monsae was nowhere to be found.

"Monsae, where are you? MONSAE?!?" I screamed.

"Why are you screaming?" She said

"I thought you were dead," I said.

"You weren't wrong," the running man said, portraying Monsae. I hit the running man as hard as I could.

"That can't hurt me"

I pushed him on the ground, and he opened his mouth revealing dozens of teeth. I hit him; he started to pull my legs. I fell. I grabbed the baseball bat, I shoved it down his throat and he stopped breathing.

"Is this real? Is this really real? Oh my God! I'm ok, I'm alive!" I said to myself

We have this loving memory of Mosae and Manny may they rest in peace. Said the preacher.

The end

Finding a Way Back Home

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Emmy weaved down the hall avoiding a witch, a mummy, and a vampire. She stopped when she saw a body covered in grey fur, its eyes were yellow, and it had a long snout. Tall pointy ears were on the top of its head, with long black claws stretching from the fingers, and fangs, as sharp as a knife stretched out of the mouth reaching its chin. It was wearing a shredded shirt and a pair of ripped jeans. "Jack?" she asked. She was glad that somebody else had worn an over-the-top costume. She was dressed as the Statue of Liberty, and some people commented on how her costume was a little bit too much. "Your costume is so realistic, I thought for a second that I needed to run! The fur looks real!" She told him. Emmy meant it, it was awesome! "Thanks, yours is great too! It's too good for my costume to beat! Oh, Emmy, meet me at lunch, I have something to show you."

Emmy walked to her history classroom finding the door locked. She looked at her watch. "Shoot class has already started, and I am going to miss the party!" She tried knocking on the door, but it was no use. Either nobody heard it, or they didn't care. She started to jog to the office, when suddenly somebody shouted, "BOO!" "Aaaaahh!" Emmy shouted in fear. She turned around when the person was laughing. It was just Mrs. Tucker the principal. "Looking for something? She asked. "Uh yes, the history room is locked, and nobody could hear me knocking over the party." She told her. "Well then Emmy, why don't you come with me after I put these papers on my desk." "Oh, I'm sorry Mrs. Tucker, was I interrupting something?" "No not at all Emmy, I was just about to head over there." she chuckled.

After the party, Emmy went to the lunchroom. Jack was sitting at one of the tables beckoning for her to sit next to him. "Hold On! I gotta get my food!" she shouted over the noise of people talking to their friends. She got a half plate of spaghetti slathered with a blue-green tomato sauce. "Here is your monster brain." the lunch lady said in a spooky voice. "Come over here!" Jack shouted eagerly. When Emmy sat down, Jack was pulling something out of his pocket, which Emmy thought was a cool add-on to his costume. In his hand, was a blue citrus fruit. It was a very vibrant blue, almost teal, but not quite. It was the shape of a potato. "Haha." Emmy sarcastically laughed. "I know that it isn't real, Jack." "But that's the thing, it is real. In fact, why don't you peel it." He told Emmy. Emmy took the strange fruit in her hands and broke the protective covering to find the food inside blue. "Okay, there is no way that this is fake. Even if you did have the money, there isn't anybody to make this, and there is no way you could do this, no offense." Emmy replied. "Do you know what it is called?" "That's the problem Emmy, I don't know. If I did, I would tell you." "Where did you find it?" she asked. "You know that old bridge that is made of rope and wood?" he asked. "Don't tell me you went on that bridge, Jack. What if something happened to you? You don't have any way to contact people!" "Don't worry Emmy, I didn't touch the bridge, it was by the entryway onto it.

The next day after school, Emmy walked to the bridge. She was too curious about the fruit. Unlike Jack, she had a phone, so if anything happened, she could call 911 and then her parents. When she got to the bridge, she examined it. Long narrow ropes held the bridge together, they were worn and frayed, it looked like they could snap any minute. The planks were splintered and thin. The entire bridge looked old and rotted, it was all a black-brown color, making it look damp. She tested the first step with her foot. It felt sturdy. She took six more steps. The seventh creaked but she held onto the ropes tight and the plank didn't break when she stepped on it. She planned to do the same with the eighth, when and if it creaked. The eighth was fine too. The ninth one didn't creak so she walked on it. BOOM! It had broken! She looked around for something to help her cushion or stop the fall, but what she saw when she looked down horrified her. Below here was a deep canyon, with about 28 pebbles every square foot. They were spread out enough that they would cut her a bunch and

leave her in pain if a miracle happened, and she survived the fall. Emmy braced herself for the impact falling like a meteor, the ground rushing toward her closer and closer. She was just about to hit the ground when suddenly, Emmy felt water rushing up to her sleeves. Wait, water? Emmy thought that she might have a brain concussion, but when she tried to breathe in, she found that it was truly water. But how, when she looked below her, there was just ground, dry ground and now she was in the water?

When Emmy rose to the surface, she found the liquid to be a murky black. "Ew!" She screeched. She scrambled out of the goop looking around. "Where am I?" She thought. The terrain was way different from the terrain around the school. Big jagged mountains were on the horizon. There was a thick gray fog covering the sun. All Emmy could see for miles was empty land and a few charred trees. The ground was dry beneath her feet. "This has to be a far away from home, but how?" She thought. "How do I go from a normal day to this?"

Emmy started walking around, trying to find a way back home. As she started to get tired, she saw a large figure in the sky. As the figure got closer, Emmy made out the shape of an airplane. "Help! Help!" she cried. "Over here!" Long black ropes deployed, as people slid down them. Wait not people, SKELETONS! Emmy suddenly bolted, running for her life. She weaved this way and that way, trying to not get even touched by any skeletons. "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!" Suddenly a reptile head sprouted out of the ground. It had stripes of red, black, and purple, its scales looking slimy. Emmy zoomed even faster, screaming even louder. She felt a bone touch her back. Emmy kicked it away, sending the skeleton stumbling into the huge snake. Its yellow eyes suddenly darted to the skeleton, staring at it intensely. The bony figure burst into flames. The snake started attacking the skeletons, distracted from Emmy. Now was her chance to get away from the monsters! Emmy ran faster than ever, trying to get away from the scene.

After she got about half a mile away, she started to slow her pace to a jog. Her lungs could not take it if she kept running. After all, someone can only run for a while. Panting, she kept going. After three miles, she began to feel safer and went to a walking pace. The sun got lower and lower. Emmy finally took some time to rest. A few minutes passed when Emmy decided to keep walking. "If I stay in the same spot," she thought. "Then it will be easy to catch me."

Suddenly, Emmy hears a sound. *Wuppa wuppa wuppa wuppa wuppa wuppa*, helicopter blades. Emmy was so tired but needed to run. Her feet started pounding the ground. She was getting faster, but also more tired. "Wait, stop!" A voice shouted. The helicopter started to move faster, soon the vehicle sped up faster than her and shot a net. Emmy was instantly trapped in the tangle of rope. A robotic claw dropped down to obtain her. "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH!" Emmy was starting to smell something funny. "Is the net soaked?" she thought. "No, I must be . . ." She was asleep.

When Emmy woke up, she looked around the room. Emmy was in a bed with soft covers, the walls were white and there was a table near the far corner. Two kids sat at the table playing a game with some very big dice. One had short sand-colored hair and had stormy grey eyes. He looked about the same height and had a few scrapes on his arm. The other boy was about three inches taller than the other boy. He had shaggy hair, just covering the tips of his ears. It was as orange like fire, with a touch of brown. His eyes were a coffee bean brown. They both wore stiff, and loose khaki pants, with a black leather belt that had a holster with a gun in it. On top, they wore shirts that were made out of the same material as workout clothes. "Who are you!" Emmy shouted. "Look who finally decided to wake up!" remarked the taller boy. "You do know that you were asleep for ten hours right?" "Well who said I cared! Let me out of here!" she shouted. "Calm down. We're helping you." said the blond one. "What do you mean you're helping me?" "You were in Larim. The infected. Monsters lurk about every shadow ready to pounce on anything that comes near it. We just saw you wandering about, with nothing to protect yourself." "How did you know that I wasn't a monster as well?" she confronted him. "Ha

hahaha! You seriously don't know anything! We aren't in Maldianla! Illusions don't come from Rylounidex! Only Transformation magic happens here! If you were a monster you would have looked like one, not an 11-year-old girl." The taller boy chuckled. "Gregory! What the heck. You don't need to be rude about it. Anyway, what's your name?" the blond one asked. "Oh um I'm Emmy, what about you?" "I'm Luke, and he's Greg, but he prefers Gregory." They asked her why she was in Larim, and about what monsters she faced. Luke and Gregory were shocked to hear the story. "Why were you guys in Larim? What is Mald, well I don't know how to pronounce it. What is Ryluniclrm or whatever?" She asked them in a confused tone. "The world is split into two parts, Rylounidex, and Maldianla. Rylounidex has transformation magic, and Maldianla has illusion magic. We're in Rylounidex." Gregory explained. "And we're in Larim to find a portal crystal, they have the last form of portal magic. We are about to head into the cave where it is." In response, Luke instructed, "Okay Emmy I need you to go into that room over there, get clothes that match ours, and come back out.

When Emmy got into the room, she saw shirts that matched theirs, hanging on a pole mounted on the wall. On shelves lay pairs of khaki pants, the same as theirs. On hooks were belts of different lengths, and two holsters. They were set up with the trap guns already in one of the holsters, while the other one on the belt was empty. Emmy studied the shirts seeing what one would probably fit her best. Eventually, she chose one that was about in the middle of the bar, but just slightly on the left. She quickly put it on, knowing that they were about to reach their destination. She did the same thing with the pants. Next, she found a belt that would go around her waist without having a bunch of extra lengths. Once she got dressed, as instructed she left the room.

"Alright, now what do you want me to do?" she asked. "Follow me and Luke, we need to get weapons and protective gear," Gregory told her. Emmy thought about those words. Weapons and protective gear. Oh no, they were going to have to fight monsters! Emmy realized.

The room was about the same size as the room she got her clothes from. There were two rows of six helmets laying on the shelf, they were full head protectors, and kind of looked like motorcycle helmets. Hanging on hooks were vests, with hard plastic covering every part of it besides where it might bend, making it look like a turtle shell. In the corner was a metal rack holding guns. In bins were gloves with the same plastic covering the same places, the places that wouldn't bend. When she looked closer at the gloves, she realized that they each had a button. "Hey Luke, why do the gloves have buttons?" she asked curiously. "Oh, those? They are both protective, and weaponry. When you press the buttons, a projectile shoots wherever the top of your fist is facing, that is why it is on that knuckle. By the way, I should mention that none of our gear will be able to shoot us because they can sense where our outfits are and will refuse to shoot there." he told her. "Emmy grab one of everything" Gregory instructed. Emmy put on a helmet, it squeezed her head slightly making it snug and secure. Then grabbed a gun and put it in her empty holster, the one on the right, and put on her vest securing the straps tight.

Once they got out of the room, they got into the helicopter. Got buckled and headed off. When they reached their destination, they all got out carefully and stretched from the long ride. Gregory led the way to the cave the boys said the crystal was in. Earlier, they had promised that if they got the crystal they would send Emmy home.

Finally, they reached the cave. The walls were jagged and rough, the floor was dark and damp. Spikes made out of stone reached out of the mouth of the cave, giving it an eerie look. Emmy got chills just by looking at it. As they got deeper into the cave, The lights on their helmet got brighter. Suddenly they heard a noise. Glub gurgles glub. They quickly turned around, finding the thing that was making the noise. It was a pile of dirty yellow slime. "Careful, the slime titan can sting you!" shouted Luke. Gregory quickly shot the lump of goop. "We need to be more careful," Luke said "Their poison could kill you at the touch." "Alright, smarty pants." Greg

teased. After about half of a mile, they encountered an entire tower of the slime creatures, they moved to circle the three kids. They moved closer and closer. Emmy, Gregory, and Luke were all shooting the slime, but there was a lot to hit! The slime was advancing on them! Emmy's fear touched the sun. Suddenly, Luke shouted, "Get ready!" He threw a bomb in the center of the mob, and it loudly exploded. **BOOOM!** Emmy was in a pocket of air, not even touching the blaze. "Oh yeah! The weapons didn't touch the suits!" Emmy thought excitedly. As fast as it had shot up, the fire went down and stopped. "Good job Luke, that just saved our lives!" Gregory complemented. "Wait guys look, Is that the crystal?" Emmy shouted eagerly. To their left was a cyan crystal. It was glowing vibrantly, making the cave sparkle. Luke grabbed it with a claw, knowing that if he touched it, he could die since there was so much power.

When the friends got back to the helicopter, they put it on high speed to their headquarters. When they got there, Gregory put the crystal into a power generator. "Emmy, you ready?" Luke asked. "Thank you, guys. Thanks for saving me from Larim, thanks for letting me help you. Thanks for using the crystal to bring me home!" she said happily. "You're welcome Emmy, but without you, we wouldn't have been able to survive the slimes," Luke told her "Bye Emmy." "See ya, Emmy," Gregory said with a bit of sorrow in his tone. "Goodbye guys, and again thank you." Emmy was surrounded by bright light. Suddenly, she appeared in her room. Everything was familiar, the bed, the desk, the orange dresser, her craft kits, and her alarm clock. "Wait a minute, it's 9:00 a.m. I'm late for school!" Emmy shouted She darted out the door with her backpack. Eager to tell Jack her amazing story. The fruit, the bridge, Larim, Gregory, and Luke, the cave with the slime, and the crystal. So many things happened in two days, so many exciting, and scary things. She thought back to how Luke and Gregory had helped her get home. Emmy now knows that for some things, you can't do alone. For some things, you need a friend.

The Problematic Money Machine

Diego Pérez Viruet

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9:34AM-5:12PM

On a Sunday afternoon, I walked into my closet, looking for some warm clothes for today. It was snowing outside, and I wanted to play in the snow with my friends. As I looked around for my best winter clothes, I spotted a small metal machine in the corner of my tiny closet. We had recently moved into this house, so I thought that maybe it belonged to the people who previously lived here. I picked it up by the handle and saw that there was a second handle. Only that this handle was a spinning handle. I slowly spun it, and I heard the clanking of rotating gears, but nothing else happened. Then I saw that there was a small label that said: (INSERT PAPER) There was also a slot at the bottom of this curious invention. I quickly ran downstairs to my dad's printer and took out a blank piece of paper. I ran all the way back upstairs with the paper and inserted it into the machine. It immediately and loudly said "Choose valid number." This puzzled me a lot, and I thought, *Choose? How do I choose? There aren't any buttons on this thing!* After a while I figured out that I had to say it out loud to the robot. I decided to say "two", but the robot said that it was invalid, so I then said "five" and the machine said "Spin handle", and I spun it. As the gears clanked, out came a 5 dollar bill out the other slot. I felt very excited with this new machine, but soon my smile turned to a frown. *This money must be counterfeit! It wasn't printed by the government! Will I be arrested?* Then, to my relief, there was a sticker on the machine that said, (GOVERNMENT APPROVED)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7:35AM-3:56PM

When I went to school the next day on a Monday morning, I secretly showed my friends my new robot during lunch recess. I took a blank piece of paper, and I inserted it through the front slot. We went through the rest of the process and my friends were amazed when they each received a 50 dollar bill. I walked home after school with my robot safely inside of my backpack. When I woke up the next morning, I searched the closet for my robot, where I had put it before I went to bed. I looked for it for a long time until my mom told me to go to school. *Maybe I just misplaced it*, I thought, but when I came back from school later that day, I knew in my heart that it was missing for sure. At that same exact moment, I noticed that my window was fully open, and that the screen behind it was torn.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:33AM-7:00AM

I heard a noise that woke me up. This is what I was hearing: "5, 10, 50, 1, 100, 5, 500, 20..." I looked around my dark room and spotted my robot that had been stolen and somehow returned to me. It was spilling out money, the handle spinning by itself. There were dollar bills randomly shooting out of the machine like crazy. I didn't know what to do. I started throwing the money out of the window, but the robot kept on producing money. My room was going to flood! The robot was buried in the money, and I couldn't find that crazy machine ANYWHERE! I imagined myself in an I Survived book, titled I Survived the money attack, 2021. Soon the house started to flood, and the dollar bills started to fly out the house, blowing in the wind. I was drowning in the money, I was running out of breath! I managed to swim out of the window, and I fell on the cold snow outside, which was covered in money. Soon, I saw the door of my house open by force, money

spilling out even more. The strong winter wind was carrying huge amounts of money up and away.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 8:00AM-5:00PM

I woke up, lying on the snow. I saw HUGE crowds of people coming to my house. Friends, family, strangers, CBN News, FOX News, I think I even saw a few people from other parts of the world. They were all taking money. Some had come in cars or trucks, and were shoving money into their vehicles. Soon, all of the dollar bills were gone, and surprisingly, the robot had stopped with the money. My mom seemed really confused. When we went to the grocery store later that day, the prices were RIDICULOUS. The price of a dozen eggs cost \$10,000!!!

I knew that this was the effect of massive inflation. Since so many people had grabbed some money, prices had gone up.

► What gives a dollar bill its value? - Doug Levinson

I knew that I had to solve this problem. So you know what I did? I threw that problematic money machine off of a nearby cliff.

THE END.

THE HAUNTED MANSION.

It was 1989 and Brian and his friends were heading to a place called Gregor manor and people considered it a haunted mansion but Brian and his friends did not listen. When they were at the front gate no one was there so Zach said, "let's get out of here before the ghosts come after us"!

"Don't be such a chicken besides ghosts don't exist", said Brian

but as soon as they all got in the car the gates opened by themselves and Zach was scared. When they got inside a butler showed up and considered a game of truth or dare and they said "no". Zach was relieved to see only the butler and the guy who owned the mansion and his name was rian gregor and his butler was named ramsley gregor and the caretakers of the house were there too. Brian went inside the house and it was creepy inside and everyone was scared except for one person brian he was as brave as a knight but had too much courage. People thought he was a good man but sometimes people don't want to see his face ever again and a couple of people hate him but never mind that.

"Why do we have to stay here?", said Zach.

"don't be such a scaredy cat zach, besides this place is not even haunted", said brian

"why say that when this mansion really is haunted"?,

"Master Gregor, aren't you going to address their rooms"?,

"No not today but you will ramsley",

"yes master gregor",.

Ramsley escorted the friends to their rooms brian and zach were in the boys room and the girls were in the girls room

"why should we just not kill them right now" said one of the caretakers

but ramsley said "no we should not kill them right now",

"what is going on in here Ramsley",

"none of your concern mr.preshong",

"why ramsley is none of our concern of what you are doing"?,

"We were going to try to bake cookies for you and your friends," said one of the caretakers.

That was not true but ramsley and the other caretakers of the house were going to try to kill everyone, even the owner of the house. People never went to the house but

one of the girls were being followed by Ramsley and the caretakers of the mansion and took one of the girls and the one girl got scared and ran to there room and was relieved to see her friends brian and zach and told them

"there's something wrong with ramsley and the caretakers they've gone mad they killed Britney and they're coming after us"!,

"I knew they were up to something"!, Said brian

as the three set out to find the fifth one and the fourth one the fourth one was named Riley. He was a 16 year old teenager who was on his way to help his friends.

"Where is he"?, Asked Isaiah

"you're not worried about him are you,isaiah"? Said brian

"a little bit", said isaiah

"guys lets just go on looking for britney", said zach

as rileys car pulled up the three friends were not there at the front gate

"why are they not at the front gate,there supposed to stay there until i got here", said riley

but he heard a voice a voice saying "you need to leave,and quick", said the voice

"what the huh", said riley

but the voice said it again until it said this "now your too late to leave riley,you have til sunrise to face your fears and leave the mansion",

He looked at his watch. It was 11:00 at night and his friends were still in the mansion. Meanwhile his friends were still in the mansion "why do we have to go inside that mansion again"?!, Said zach

"because you wanted to look for Britney that bad,zach do you like britney"?,

"No, why would i have a crush on britney?", asked Zach

but brian didn't answer because he saw something coming for them and they were shaped like people but were hunched over and groaning. "Zombies' '!, Yelled brian and one jumped at Isaiah and Riley came and tackled the zombie like how he would tackle in football,and Isaiah was shocked to see him do that for the first time in her life. "You okay isaiah "?, Asked Riley

holding his hand out to help her up. "Yes, i am okay", said Isaiah

"good", said Riley

"Riley where have you been", asked zach angrily

"well i was at the front gate but i heard a voice, that voice sounded like britney", said Riley

"why do you say that riley"?, Asked Brian

"well it actually did sound like her, she said this",

"you must leave", said the voice

over and over again "until it said this", said riley

"Now it's too late to leave the mansion, you will need to face your fears and find your friends, you have until sunrise", said the voice.

"I told you that was Britney"!,

"Yeah but her voice is a little bit different than usual", said Brian

"how about let's stop talking and go looking for her", said Zach

with everyone looking at him shocked "what is it"?!, Said Zach

"do you like britney"?!, Said Riley

Zach whispers to himself "I kinda do like britney", said zach

to himself and Riley heard that and he told brian and isaiah "so you do like britney"!,
Said brian and isaiah

"well i guess i do kinda like her but its only one itsy bitsy crush", said Zach

and finally riley broke the door open using his leg to kick the door open,"wow you are very skilled at that", said isaiah,"it's called jujitsu and karate", said riley then they saw that britney was tied up and it looked like she was tortured and blood going down her face and her eyes were closed and she was not breathing,"noooooo", said zach

but she then came back from the dead and she looked like she was a zombie and she was a zombie but zach came near the zombie and bit him and he became a zombie as well because he got bit on the arm and brian tried to fight them of but Riley came in and saved the day by knocking out the zombies and he was brave like knight but instead he had very little courage."we haft to get out of here"!, Said brian

but isaiah said "no,we still need to tell the owner of the house", they found him and finally told him what had happened and he charged ramsley and the caretakers for what they did."you are to be beheaded on october 5th,you have committed a horrible crime that was illegal in this house and anywhere you are", after that they were in the dungeon for the remaining month and rian greger said " i thank you for your kindness and your courage,riley",

"thankyou greger",

"Please,call me rian", said rian

"i hope you stay here and keep the house", said rian

"Why do you say that rian"?!, Said riley

"Because, I have to go into heaven and thank you so much",.

Riley and his friends were saying goodbye while ramsley and the caretakers were escaping into the forest where the zombies rhom and they all got bitten excepted ramsley and then they turned turned to him and they jumped at him and it was starting to get gruesome they were starting to rip up his body then they stopped and he became a zombie and thankfully the brian and his other friends. It was 1:00 o'clock

in the morning and the sun was almost up and they got out of the front gates just in time they were in the car and never returned to that horrible place ever again. THE
END OR IS IT?

Name: Riley Preshong

Address: Abrams Elementary School

~~Fort Carson Elementary~~

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Age: 10 years old

Grade: 5