The Hospital Visit

One calm breezy day, Lila and her family went to South Bend Park. At the park, they house real alligators who live in the lakes there. Lila's family went on the "Elm Lake" trail. Lila was annoyed that her parents wouldn't let her leave their sight. But after a few growls and screams, Lila convinced her parents to let her go on ahead. She was so happy that she scattered pebbles as she enjoyed feeling the breeze through her hair as she ran. When she had run as much as she possibly could, she stopped to rest for a while. After finally catching her breath, she walked slowly along the side of Elm Lake. As she walked, she came across a bench that was on the edge of a steep slope facing the lake. She really needed to sit down, but one part of her body was saying,

"Don't risk it. You could fall in!"

The other part of her body said, "SIT DOWN!!! Your knees are very wobbly, and you can hardly walk! You're a big girl. Prove it!"

Lila knew she could prove she was a big girl by doing that, so she sat down on the seat. As she sat down, a strong wind shoved her into the water. She struggled to reach the side, but the current drifted her farther, and farther away. As the current dragged her along the water, her foot got stuck in an underwater root. The root tangled around her foot as she struggled to reach the surface and yell for her mom and her dad. She yelled over and over, but they never heard. When she managed to untangle herself, she smelt a bloody smell and saw that the water surrounding her was coloring itself red. She waited for no more current, and then she swam away from the area. But everywhere she went, a trail of red water followed. Lila was suspicious. She lifted her feet to see that her right foot had a very deep slit that was causing all the bleeding.

She severely directed the current to head toward her parents. On the way, she continuously yelled,

"Mom! Dad!" She pushed herself to the side and her parents helped her climb out. Lila's parents were shocked at the mess of her foot. They carried Lila to the car and drove her to the hospital. The doctor had a good, long examination on Lila's foot. She ran her through the x-ray machine and wrapped tight bandages around the deep slit. She also informed her parents that she would need to stay in the hospital bed for 3 days, and use a wheelchair to get around for approximately 6 weeks because of the terrible damage.

"My life is ruined." She thought dropping her head on her pillow. Her eyelids slowly closed, and she took a little nap. When she awoke, she was back on the elm lake trail, ahead of her parents again. It seemed like she was re-living the incident there. She was stunned that she was even tired from running before. She decided not to sit down on the same bench were she fell in the water, but as she walked past the bench, she saw a young girl about her age sitting there. She looked really tired, so Lila decided to help her. When she walked over, the girl turned toward Lila and stopped her right in her tracks. The young girl was Lila!

Suddenly the girl slipped into the water, just as Lila had before! Lila stood there in awe, watching herself yell for help out of reach from the shore. Lila started running for her mother and father. She ran faster, faster, faster, until SMACK! She had run smack dab into a big, tall black figure big a top hat and a mischievous looking mustache.

Lila fainted, and POP! Her eyes shot open and she was back in the hospital room.

"Wow! What a dream! I sure hope That doesn't hap....." She was cut off by the stunned look on her face. She just sat there staring down at her missing right leg.

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