

Anotherworld

“What was that noise?” Haley wondered. *“I hadn’t meant to fall asleep.”*

She got up and looked around the strangely lit room. At first Haley thought she was in her bedroom but then she realized that the room was empty.

“Where am I? I must have walked in my sleep or something.”

But as she looked around it suddenly hit her. Haley couldn’t remember anything. Suddenly she was afraid. Haley panicked and started to hyperventilate. She couldn’t remember if she normally did that, but she was now. Suddenly a light appeared ahead. She stumbled toward the light. Her ankle hurt terribly when Haley walked but she didn’t care. All she could think about was getting out of that place. Then suddenly she fell and as Haley fell, she could see the light fading. Then everything was black.

Haley suddenly woke up in a patch of grass. She groaned, there was pain in her ankle as if she had twisted it. Haley looked down at it, but she almost forgot about it when she saw that she wasn’t lying on grass or at least not grass that she was familiar with. It was a color that she couldn’t quite place. It was somewhere between brownish green and pinkish blue. And the blades weren’t actually blades they were more like stalks without leaves and rounded off at the top. When she examined the ‘grass’ closer she saw that the stalks had little tiny hairs all over them. She picked a clump of it and put it in her pocket.

That was when she remembered her ankle. Thankfully it didn’t hurt too much to stand so she got up and looked around. Haley realized in horror that she couldn’t recognize a single thing. The trees were upside down. It looked as if the sky was the ground. The leaves were shooting out of the ground around it and the leaves were shiny and plastic looking, even up close. As Haley was looking at the tree, she noticed the ‘grass’ didn’t grow near the tree. In fact, the grass looked like it wanted to be as far away from the tree as possible. After observing the tree, she focused on trying to figure out how to survive the night.

“I know that it gets colder after the sun sets, so I’ll need to make a fire or something and then I’ll…”

She was so shocked she couldn’t even think. While Haley was figuring out how to survive the night she happened to glance at the sky. The clouds were black, and she could see planets and what looked like a sun from where she was standing, but the sun-like thing was blue, had rings around it, and was barely glowing. Then the sky suddenly lit up as some moon or something moved to reveal a very bright sun. It looked smaller, but she could tell that it was just because it was further away. That’s when Haley really knew that she wasn’t on earth, or even in the same galaxy. She stood there stunned. After a few minutes she snapped out of it.

“I have to focus.” Haley reasoned. *“First I need to build a shelter.”*

So, she went to work. Haley thought she should start by gathering big sticks, but that plan was soon scrapped as she realized that the trees didn’t have a lot of branches, because the leaves were just sprouting out of the ground without branches. So, Haley decided to

explore and see if there was a better building material. She walked in the strange wood. Then Haley saw something. It looked like a tree from the distance, but when she got closer, she saw what it really was. It was tall and skinny, but what she hadn't noticed from further away was that the leaves were at the top of the tree. But it was still disappointingly different. It was brown just like the other trees, but the bark had faint green splotches on it. The bark was also strangely rubbery. She tried to take some of it, and it peeled right off! Haley was so surprised that she didn't even notice that the section of wood she pulled the bark from, was just coming off in good sized sticks. She picked them up and started to head back to where Haley had found herself. But she had only walked a few feet when Haley realized she could build right where she was.

"This is as good of a place as any," She thought as she put down most of the sticks.

The one that she held in her hand she quickly had in the ground. She found some vines on some of the strange trees, and some more stick trees, and soon Haley had a pretty sturdy shelter. After a while of exploring and gathering materials Haley looked up at the sky. It startled her! It didn't look like it had changed a bit! She wondered if she hadn't noticed it get dark.

"Maybe I went to sleep while I was out or maybe it was some sort of magic or maybe the sun doesn-..."

In horror Haley once again realized that she wasn't in her world anymore. She was in a whole new world maybe with whole new rules. She had to figure out how everything works to survive. Just thinking the word made her hungry. She thought about the last she ate. It was fuzzy, but she could think of one food very clearly.

"When was the last time I ate pizza?" She thought hungrily. *"I wish I could have some. The crust, the sauce, the cheese, the crisp slices of pepperoni."*

She could almost smell it. She could smell it!

"Where is that smell coming from?" She wondered.

knock* *knock

"Are you in there Haley? Open the door."

"Who's talking? And where is it coming from?"

"Come on Haley I bought your favorite, pizza!"

blink* *blink

"What an interesting dream."