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Chapter 1

“We were just looking around the forest when he died! I swear!” I said. “Kid, what were you doing on night of November 3rd?” The detective asked. “I just told you.” I was angry. Nobody was believing me. I told everyone I knew, and no one believed I was innocent.

“Halo, and I were just looking in the forest for rocks. And, we found something we weren’t supposed to find.” I explained.

“Okay, tell me the story again.” The detective demanded. He was one of the most stupid detectives I’ve ever seen before. But, I can’t blame him, the story is hard to believe...

And here is how the story goes....

On the night of November 3rd... Halo and I were looking through the forest for rocks. “Dang! Look at this one Em!” Halo said. He showed me a rock with a huge Ruby in it. I studied it.

“Wow. That’s... AWESOME,” I screamed. “Here, put it in my bag.” Halo stuffed it my bag.

My bag was made of leather. And the thread was golden. It was my favorite bag.

We walked about a few more yards, then we saw another one. It was also a ruby.

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“We must be gettin’ lucky!” Halo said. “You know, I find it weird that this is a second one...” I exclaimed. “*But it’s still awesome!*” I thought.

But every time we walked about 100 feet, we would find another one. And the final one lead to a cave. I was not going in there.

“Hey! Maybe there’s more in the cave!” Halo said, as he walked in. I just stood there frozen. I just had this feeling that this was a horrible idea. My gut just didn’t feel right. “Uh, are you coming?” Halo asked. He was smiling. And it was a smile no one could resist.

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Chapter 2

“So what happened next?” The detective asked. He was on the edge of his seat. *“This is NOT story time. Someone just died!”* “Okay so...”

Halo and I went into the cave. “Hey Em, you gotta’ flashlight?” Halo quietly asked. It was dark in the cave, and quiet. I took my flashlight out of my bag. It shined very bright.

“Halo, I don’t like this.” I said. “Em, you need to live a little.” Halo said. I rolled my eyes.

I started checking out a few pebbles on the floor, and Halo kept looking for more rubies. “EM,” Halo screamed. “EM, EM, EM!”

I started running to him. When I got close enough, I could see Halo just staring at something. I looked up and I saw it.

It was a furry thing. Like a huge fuzz ball. And it was walking on all fours. It’s eyes were huge. And it didn’t seem to have a mouth.

And as we were looking at it. More and more appeared.

“Halo we need to go... NOW...” I whispered. He just stood there. The first ‘thing’ we saw jumped down to us.

He closed his eyes and cuddled me. I giggled. The fur tickled me. I hugged it back. Then ‘it’ went to Halo, it cuddled him. We both smiled.

“Lets call them pupils.” Halo said.

Then, all of a sudden, the biggest Pupil ran and jumped down to us. This one had tusks. And a mouth...

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Chapter 3

“Wow! Look at this one!” Halo said. He reached for the polished tusk. It was shiny. But the tips of the tusk were red. And the look in its eyes. Something was wrong with this Pupil.

Halo hesitated. “Um, Em, I don’t know about-” It got him. The tusk went right through Halo’s heart...

“HALO!” I screamed. I had started a stampede.

There was no time for me to grab Halo, so I had to leave him behind. I ran for my life. I just kept running... And I never looked back.

I ran until I got home. And when I got into my house, my parents were on the couch. My mother’s eyes looked like she had been sobbing. And my father was comforting her.

My mother ran to me, and she hugged me tight. I shoved her away. I ran to the phone. I called the police. I told them what happened. They told me I was probably just tired. But I begged them to look in the cave with me tomorrow.

My mother and father just stared at me. I said ‘thank you’ to the cops, and told my mother and father everything. They told me to go to my room. And they would call Halo’s parents in morning.

I was pacing in my room, all night. My parents would knock on the door, but I wouldn’t let them in. I wouldn’t, (and couldn’t), accept the fact that Halo was gone.

After 3 hours of pacing I decided to go to sleep, and maybe when I woke up, this would all be a dream.

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But it wasn't, in the morning we went looking for Halo... We found him... He was definitely gone.

I started crying, I couldn't stop, and I wouldn't.

The police asked me about what happened. I told them everything. They looked at me like I was crazy...

"And they didn't believe me, so that's how I got here, talking to you..." I told the detective. "Well kid, it sounds like you did it..." Said the detective. I stared at him, with my mouth and eyes wide open. "WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? YOU THINK I KILLED HALO? THERE IS NO EVIDENCE-" "That sounds like something a killer would say..." The detective interrupted.

I was just in shock. How could he think I killed him? There is no- wait... I was the only person with Halo when he died. And it was obvious that nothing natural caused him to die... Oh no... I am so going to be guilty...

And I was right... Since I'm only 10, I didn't understand what was happening. Apparently, I was going to jail, for a long time.

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Chapter 4

It had been 10 months since I went to jail. In jail, it was just awkward. I don't even know how to explain it. But all I was thinking about was what would happen when I got out? Would people hate me? Would I ever go to school again? Would I ever live a happy life. I didn't know...

I was trying to think of what my life would be like after this... *My parents, they will never talk to me again... I'll never have friends... I'll just be a lonely cat woman...*

Wait, I don't even like cats... I will just be a lonely dog woman...

Now it was time to go to bed... The guards were very strict. I would always look out a window. I miss the fresh smell of the outdoors. But as I was looking out the window... I saw something. It was the pupil... The one with the tusks... It was running at the wall. I just stared at it. I just watched as more and more appeared running at the wall. I didn't care... My life was already horrible. My best friend died... And everyone thinks I killed him...

But the second the pupils reached the wall, they did something amazing.

There was a very loud popping noise. And the wall disappeared... The pupil with the tusks came running at me.

"*See ya soon Halo*" I thought. But he didn't hurt me. He actually had a depressed face. I reached out for his tusks, just as Halo did. I wanted to die... I didn't want to stay locked in a cage.

But the pupil didn't attack me. He let me touch his tusk. I wanted to cry. Then, the pupil scooped me up and ran. All of them ran. They went into the forest. I tried to jump off of the

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pupil. I tried reaching for a tree branch... Just something that would help me get away from this thing.

I finally jumped off of it. But all of the pupils stopped in their tracks. "Please, just keep going... I don't want to be here..." I said. I started to cry. "I don't want to live... Especially not with the things that killed my friend... Please let me go?"

They all just stared at me. One of the started walking up to me... I just fell to my knees. It put its head against mine. I started crying.

Then, one by one, they all were leaning on me. I felt warm inside. But it stopped... I heard the police. The started shooting at the pupils. There was a stampede. They started running over me. I couldn't breath. They just kept running. I started getting hazy. I looked around. And I saw Them all looking at me. I smiled, and closed my eyes... I could barely hear the police. I knew this was the end. And everything turned pitch black... I woke up, and I saw Halo...