

Finding Mom

Diamond rushed up the stairs of her house in Jacksonville, Florida to her room the color of the ocean. “Yikes!” she screamed. Who knew hardwood floors could get so cold? Diamond hopped across the floor quickly to her bed. She layered the blankets burying herself in super soft blankets. Diamond tapped her drawer with her hand until she found her remote. “Here it is!” she exclaimed. She turned on the tv and fell asleep to the sounds of rainforest animals on the nature channel.

As Diamond dreamed, she saw herself walking through the rainforest. Suddenly she sees two glowing, green eyes, and hears a low growl. All of a sudden, a tiger springs out from behind the bushes and mauls her to death. Diamond woke up screaming. She thought about her dream and then she realized something. So, she looked at her playlist and found out she wasn’t listening to just rainforest sounds. The tv had changed to a video about how tigers attack! She also looked in her hands and realized that she had slept with her stuffed tiger, Toby. Diamond sprung out of bed and dashed out of her room. She zipped down the hall and stairs. Diamond, still scared from her dream was looking for her mother. To her surprise, her mom was dressed and was walking out the front door with a suitcase.

“Mama,” said Diamond, “Why are you leaving?” Her mother touched her hair and said. “Because, my flower, I cannot take care of you anymore. I have to leave. It’s not you. It’s the law.” her mother said crying. Then, her mother ran out to the street. Diamond chased after her, but her mother ran faster and further than Diamond could. Diamond’s heart sank low in her chest. She walked back to the house. She dragged herself up the stairs and into her room. Diamond stacked the blankets as high as pancakes, hugging Toby close to her chest, and then cried herself to sleep.

When Diamond woke the next morning, she went downstairs hoping that she would see her mom, but she was not there. She put her stuffed tiger on the kitchen table and told Toby, “I’m going to find my mom and stay with her.” She poured herself a bowl of cereal, gobbled it up quickly, and then remembered something. “Toby, I just remembered that Mom’s phone has a microchip in it. We could track her!” She dashed up the stairs to get her smartphone. On the kitchen table, Toby’s eyes glowed green and he gave a low growl.