

# A Breath

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Oliver was lonely. That was the only way to put it. Oliver was different, he was paralyzed from neck to feet. He always had someone with him to help him do daily tasks. Every week Oliver went to a physical therapist. He favored a nurse who sometimes helped him. Her name was Amber. Amber was quite beautiful, gentle, and kind. Oliver liked her very much but could never muster up the courage to tell her. One week he arrived at the therapist. Oliver started to feel dizzy, but ignored it and got inside. Once he entered his therapist's room, he felt his eyes close. One month later Oliver awoke in a hospital bed with Amber beside the bed. Once she saw he was awake, Amber explained he had been in a coma for a month. Suddenly Oliver felt his legs moving. He asked Amber to pull up the covers. Oliver couldn't believe what he saw, his toes were moving! Amber saw and immediately called the doctor, while Oliver called his mother. They both were very excited, this had never happened in all of history! Amber hadn't told Oliver but, Amber had started to like him. He sometimes was funny and made her laugh. That night Amber visited Oliver and they both told about how they felt. The next day however, was horrible. Amber and Oliver had a fight, about his therapy. For Oliver hadn't visited Amber for weeks now. Amber was quite upset, and Oliver was confused but angry. The fight ended when Amber left Oliver's house with tears streaming down her face. Oliver tried to reach her and apologize, but Amber

would not answer any calls or emails. Finally, one day he got a response, to meet her at her house. As Oliver walked to Amber's house, he felt something he hadn't felt in a long time: sadness. Ever since he met Amber Oliver's whole world had been bright. Now it was dimming, and fast. He arrived at her door and knocked. Amber got the door, and for a split second had the look of surprise on her face. The next few hours Oliver and Amber talked and talked to each other and resolved their problems. In the next few days, something terrible happened, Amber's mother died. Oliver and his mother attended the funeral with some of Amber's family. Through the whole thing Amber and Oliver sat in silence. However to gentlemen behind Oliver whispered very quietly about some fortune in her mother's will. Oliver was quite baffled about what he heard. The men were talking about the murder about Amber's mother. When the funeral was over, Oliver told the information to Amber. She too was baffled, so they both investigated the mystery. Luckily Amber's father was a cop, so she had access to criminal records and much more data. She also knew how to work special equipment, since she dreamed of becoming a detective. Oliver was great with a computer, so he got to work with finding out where they lived. It turned out Amber's mother was a judge that sent the two men to jail for an expertise diamond robbery. The names of the men were James Beckon, and Clyde Bennett. Oliver did some more research and found out they were experts in murder and robbery. Amber realized something and dashed to the attic and found a small chest. When Oliver had reached the attic Amber had already found her mother's will looking

pale in the face. "It's true then." Oliver look at the piece of paper and his face too turned pale. "Then it's true. What they said." The paper had given Amber one million dollars where Oliver had been given the same. Soon after reading the paper Amber burst into tears. Oliver sat there for an hour comforting her. After Amber stopped crying they decided to check for anything on her mother's body. They took a blood sample and did a physical check. They found interesting bruises and small cuts and holes. Most of the cuts had healed but some remained. Amber took Oliver to her dad's work station where they both went into a lab to test the sample. When the results came in the blood showed black mamba poison was injected into her bloodstream. When Amber read the results she look confused. Oliver asked, "What's wrong?" Amber replied quietly, "She was poisoned by the most venomous snake in the world, that doesn't even live here!" Oliver too looked at the results. "You're right, that is strange." Amber silently cried and as Oliver comforted her, he thought about all the clues. "Oh no, no, no, no." Oliver explained that James and Clyde would try to do the one thing they wanted to do for a long time, rob the diamond transfer happening tonight. When they both arrived to the place her mother was murdered, Amber started dusting for fingerprints. She quickly uncovered a fingerprint from the door handle. Amber called Oliver over to show him. Amber took a picture and hurried back to the police station. Oliver and Amber checked the city's fingerprint database. Indeed it was James Beckon's fingerprint. Amber quickly went home and showed her dad. Oliver came with her and waited. Oliver explained how Amber's mother really died,

and how a robbery was going to happen. Thankfully her father listened and positioned the police force at the diamond transfer. James Beckon and Clyde Bennett were caught in the act and arrested for robbery and murder. Amber and Oliver ended their crazy experience with a nice dinner on top of a tall skyscraper.