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The Wind that called Her Name

As usual, Niki Miles was walking home from a normal day at school with a single companion by her side, Buster. Buster was her only and best friend. He was a cocker spaniel with bright blue eyes and black hair.

Buster gets to the water fountain around 3:45 pm every day waiting for Niki.

Niki had deep orange hair that was always in a messy braid, and emerald green eyes that would glow if they could. With freckles all over her face and a smile that could not be worn down, she marched down to the fountain. Pretty much everything was perfect, except what was going to happen two days from now.

Saturday, April 18th

Niki was going to walk Buster her normal route on Saturday -down the river bank, into town past her father's shop, around the fountain and back. She was about to call him when she realized that Buster was already at the river bank near the willow tree.

"Buster", she cried out to call him back inside, but he wouldn't listen. That is when she knew that today was not a regular day.

As Niki walked to Buster, she was wondering why he was acting like this. "*Niki*" whispered a strange voice not knowing where it was coming from. She heard it again, "*Niki*". Was Buster speaking?!?! No dogs can't talk, Niki thought. There it was again, whispering over and over.

Niki looks back at the willow tree where Buster was sitting.

Then there was a cracking sound, the sound of a stick breaking in half, A beautiful woman with short blond hair and a silk white dress that nearly touched her toes appeared. "Well, hello there Miss Niki and your faithful companion Buster." The woman said happily.

"Who are you, and how do you know our names" Niki said in disgust. "Where are my manners, I am Mother Nature, and I know everyone's name. I have looked all over for someone who is the age of thirteen and is ready for the challenges ahead." said Mother Nature with excitement.

"You're talking about me aren't you." Niki said with a slight grin.

"You are going to be the next Mother Nature!" said Mother Nature

"What?!" Niki said.

"Yes, you are the only person suitable for the job, so good luck!". Mother Nature said this and practically sunk into the willow tree.

Instead of taking the weekly walk, Niki sat down and noticed something different. When she walked around, it seemed like the wind would follow her. She lifted her hands up the grass would suddenly grow taller. Niki noticed that having this power wasn't so bad after all.

The next day, she saw the news was on in her parents room. Luckily they were asleep so they didn't notice a thing.

BREAKING NEWS

**METEOR HEADED STRAIGHT TOWARDS EARTH.
TWO DAYS UNTIL IMPACT**

Seeing this Niki knew what Mother Nature meant before she sunk into the wood, she would have to save the Earth's population no matter the cost. Lucky for her, she had Monday and Tuesday off so she wouldn't be too worried.

After breakfast that morning she asked if she could go to the library to find out more about the meteor coming straight to Earth. What she learned was that the meteor was heading straight for her little town in Texas.

As Niki practiced and practiced with her powers, she got a little better but not enough to save the existence of Earth.

"I can't do this" Niki would stress. "*Niki*". The mysterious voice said again. "Oh no". Niki said as she ran to the willow tree where she met Buster splashing at the river bank.

Seeing the original Mother Nature rise from the bark again got a little more comfortable but it still worried her.

"Hello, Niki" Mother Nature said with a sigh. "I'm here to give you more power so you can hold off the meteor" Mother Nature said with sorrow. "I'll transfer my power to you and I shall become a normal person" Mother Nature cried out.

The transfer of power took four long and hard hours. Two hours to get a hang of her additional powers, and was a pro by Monday

Tuesday April 21

Today was the day. Walking outside to face the meteor. The countdown began. "Five", everyone would say as they saw the meteor coming. "Four", Niki was now jogging to get there just in time. "Three", Niki raised her hands and two identical beanstalks grew aiming straight towards the meteor. "Two?" The people said curiously

as they saw the beanstalks fly into the air. Niki literally felt like she was being crushed. She needed more power. Then she thought for a moment. There had to be a reason why this was happening. She used all her might to push the meteor away.

Beep! Beep! Beep! Niki exhaustedly pressed snooze on her alarm clock. Today would be another boring day at school seeing Buster as usual, but was wishing she could be extraordinary like her dream. The one thing she didn't know was that she already was extraordinary.