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## The Trick

One day a girl named Emma was sitting on the front porch of her house reading a book. While she was reading, her mom came out with some scones and muffins. Emma looked up at her mom, then she rolled her eyes.

"What's wrong sweetheart? Is everything OK?" Said Emma's mom.

"Yes. Everything is fine. Do you mind? I'm reading right at the moment," Emma said in a mean voice.

Emma's mom walked away with a tear in her eye. Thirty minutes later Emma's dad came to ask Emma if she wanted to help him build a bird house. Emma got up and yelled at her dad, "I don't want to help you! I don't want to eat scones and muffins! I just want to read!"

Then, she ran into the woods and sat on a log by the lake. Emma's dad went inside and sat on a log by the lake. Emma grabbed a rock and threw it in the water. Then she started to cry.

"Emma!" said a voice softly. "Emma!" The voice said again.

"Who is that? What do you want?" Emma said in a scared voice.

"Go!" said the voice.

"Go where?"

"Go to your family quickly! They're in danger!"

Then, all of the sudden Emma heard glass shattering and screaming.

"Oh no!" Emma said terrified. Emma ran back to her house and when she got inside it was silent.

"Mom! Dad!" Emma yelled.

"So you're Emma!" A voice called out rudely.

"It depends on who I am talking to!" said Emma.

"Oh I'm sorry I didn't introduce myself. My name is Doctor Brutal."

"Give me back my parents Doctor Brutal!" Emma said yelling.

"Oh I'm afraid I can't do that. You see I was sent here to teach you a lesson about being kind to others....let's say your parents."

"Show yourself at once!" Emma said yelling.

"Ok....if you say so," Doctor Brutal said."

Then, out stepped a tall black shadowy figure with black clothes and a black hat. He looked like he was made out of branches.

"What do I do to get my parents back?" Emma said.

"Pass four tests before sunset tomorrow and you'll get your parents back...but if you fail you can say bye bye to mommy and daddy. Your first clue is that there is one eyeball. I have hidden it somewhere in this house. I have hidden it in a place you go if you're scared of the dark."

Then, in a blink of an eye, Doctor Brutal was gone.

"I always go to a lamp when I'm scared of the dark," said Emma.

So, Emma started running toward the lamp. Then she saw the eyeball she needed. She grabbed it and put it in her pocket.

"Well done Emma. But, you still have three more tests that are going to get more difficult. So GOOD LUCK! Your next clue is going to involve going into the woods. There is a magical stick by the place you sat by when you got upset at your parents. Good luck finding it!"

Emma ran into the woods. Then, she started running faster and faster. Then she got so close to the stick she could pick it up, and she did. She had completed her second test.

"Congrats Emma! You've completed your second test, but the test are even more challenging now."

"Don't do it," a voice called out. "It is a trick," the voice said again.

"I knew it!" Emma said. Emma had a plan.

"I'm done! I completed my third mission!" Emma said yelling.

"You have?" Doctor Brutal said.

Then, Emma reached out for the rock. She put it in the lake and threw it at Doctor Brutal.

"AAAh!" He screamed.

Then, everything went white. Emma woke up by the lake with water splashed on her, and the magical stick was by her.

"Are my parents there?" Emma asked.

She ran to her house and opened the door. Then she saw her parents. They looked at her.

"I'm so sorry Mom and Dad. I acted so foolishly," Emma cried. "Can you ever forgive me?"

"Of course Sweetie. You're our world and we love you," Emma's parents said.

Then they hugged each other.

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