

## Emily's Shadow (Horror Fiction)

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There once was a 10-year-old girl named Emily Prezioso, people might say she was just a normal girl living on the south side of Romania, where Transylvania is found. She knew the conspiracies about Transylvania, but she did not believe that anything was creepy, even ghosts...yet.

At school she does not have a lot of friends the other kids call her "Emily shadow girl", but she was puzzled, until Friday the 13th Emily was outside playing kickball and she noticed her shadow doing eerie things like running away when she stands still, and she was very creeped out and could not sleep at night.

At school nobody sat with her or even talked to her she felt very lonely. Her mother passed away when Emily was little and was buried outside of Transylvania castle where she was staked to her death, so Emily usually visits the graveyard when she is feeling sad and prays there.

Emily got tired of the way people treat her about her abnormal shadow, but little did she know that her shadow would be the scariest thing she would have EVER seen she went through some momentous changes through that year she started going against the dress code since her dad is never home, she also had anxiety, so she needed to see a therapist, but she thought therapists were for lame kids.

Emily lives next to the woods where people never go because it is a dark and scary place for other kids but not for Emily so one day Emily decided to go to the woods because she thought she belonged there and she did not tell anyone even her father because she thought everyone would fear her and make rumors, so she just kept her mouth shut.

The next day Emily explored deeper into the woods she kept hearing voices in her head like "STOP" but she was not scared until she went too deep where she could not see daylight anymore. She saw different things that she had never seen before like scary things and visions. She felt dizzy, so she tried to run back to the surface, but it was too steep for her to climb up.

Emily was worried that she would never get out, so she decided to risk her life and go even lower she was crying up a river, but she saw this light, but she was too afraid to go because she thought she would see her shadow and make her even more sad and scared. A couple of minutes later Emily decided to go down because she honestly did not care and after she went down, she saw a crystal cave.

After Emily saw the crystal cave her mind was blown, she whispered to herself "oh. My. God" she was stunned she plucked one of the mushrooms hanging on the ceiling of the cave and examined it closely she was puzzled because it had been bitten but what would come into the

cave, she backed away she heard a sound saying " come here little girl", and she went towards the sound and was shaking so hard.

As Emily came closer, she says an army of goblins the goblin grabbed her arms and took her to their secret layer Emily pleaded " LET ME GO", the goblins did as she said and let her go Emily froze, she couldn't believe this was happening in disbelief she fell to the floor crying and exclaimed " why am I here", the goblins replied and shouted "you have been chosen to be our master".

A couple minutes later Emily replied "WHAT that's crazy", soon after Emily noticed her shadow and was proud and the goblins took her to an underground place when they saw her calm down and be confident. Emily was thinking about all the things she had done wrong but never mentioned anything about it to the goblins.

The goblins led her to a big room with one little thing in it was a chest with a key in it, but Emily did not know there was a key in it the Goblins gave her a crowbar and left her in the room locked the door Emily was confused but shrugged it off 1 hour later she managed to open the chest and she found the key inside it the goblins set off hidden cameras and they let her get out.

Emily asked "what does this key go to?", the goblins did not say anything because they wanted her to guess what the key was to the goblins led her into a room of people that they have trapped and never got out that's when Emily realized that she was not their leader she was their slave along with the other 2 people.

Emily asked the two people what their name was, and the boy said Aaron then the girl said Violet. Emily was worried what her dad thought she had never been away from her dad this long before she started crying but the boy said to her "it is ok we will find a way to escape', Violet said "Yeah right... we will never.'

They were all sad Emily said, 'where is the restroom', Violet said to the right Emily opened the door and saw that it was a tiny bathroom with just a toilet, and she was disgusted. After she used the restroom, she ran back to the tiny room and got to know the two people and became friends with the girl. She had feelings for the boy because he was charming, sweet, kind, and most importantly was a great storyteller and Emily had a passion for writing stories and poems

The girl was not very interactive she was the shy type of Emily really liked her hair it had purple highlights, her hair was brown, so it really was nice, but Emily had a plan and shared it.

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