

# Forever Silence

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We've lived like this our whole lives. Or until at least until I was brought into the family. When I was brought into the family. When I was a baby my mom had to leave me after my dad died. But ever since I could remember I have lived with the Johnson's. We feared if we made any kind of noise they would come after us. Ever since I was born I was told "if they hear you, they hunt you." But I could never figure out what they meant by that. I had only known I was not to make any noise or something bad would happen. Until one day when Ma and Pa were in the kitchen. I was outside with my two-year-old brother Noah. I was gathering fire wood while Noah was watching me, so he could learn. Then, I hear what sounds like a toy train. I turn my head towards Noah and I see an old dusty train in his hand. Suddenly we hear a rumble come out of the ground. Ma and Pa come running out. We all see a creature coming out of the ground. I begin to think, "is this what is going to hunt us." Ma grabs Noah and we run, I don't know where to, but it was someplace I've never seen before and it was far from home. We take cover in a cave where this creature is too big to fit. Pa tries to figure out why it is happening to us and only us. We could not stay. In the cave forever, but we didn't want to go out because we didn't know what would happen to us. Ma and Pa have learned to sign so they could communicate. I was still learning how so I could make out a few of the things they were saying. They said something about me though. I began

to think, did this all happen because of me? Was this my fault? How did this happen to me? Why am I making my family live like this? We can't live in silence forever. Ma signs to me and says, "your mom said there was something special about you, but she never told me what it was. We think we've figured it out." But I could not let my family live like this forever. I signed back "then, I must go." Pa says, "no, you don't need to." I now know what they mean by if they hear you they hunt you. This is the creature that was going to hunt us. If I left my family, they wouldn't have to live in silence anymore. If I gave myself to the monsters they would not hunt my family anymore. So, I said "Bye Ma, bye Pa, bye Noah and I walked out of the cave as my family watched me die right before their eyes. Now they live good lives and I have become a monster.