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# DEMON

I'm playing in the garden when Anna ran off. Who knows where she went because I'm not going to save her but again when mom questions me about it.

I'm still playing in the garden with Pud, my dog when mom gets home, and asks me where's Anna. I want to say I don't know but then I'll get in trouble for not knowing so I say, "Rachel's house," hoping that's true. She goes back inside and calls me in for dinner.

Dinner was so quiet, you could hear a mouse nibbling on cheese. Mom doesn't say a word. I tell her I don't feel like eating, and then I go upstairs. The telephone rings and it's important because mom runs to get it like it's an emergency.

She stayed on the phone until she called me down to ask a few questions. She says, "I called Rachel's mom and Rachel or Anna aren't there. Now tell the truth."

I tell her that they left for the park and I'll go and get them. She said ok, but she was worried. I grab Pud and my bike and head out to the park.

I don't go to the park. I go to the valley where Anna and Rachel always go. They make up scary stories so freak me out at night. I have never been into the valley, but now I have to. At the side of the valley I found a flashlight. I turned it on and went in. It was so creepy, I saw cobwebs abandoned by their own spider. Goosebumps climbed my back as a sudden chill came.

It didn't look like anyone was in there. It was all so quiet like at the dinner table. Horrifyingly, the batteries died and the flashlight went dead. I turned around to go back, but I was too far in, I couldn't even see the opening. Deeper and deeper I went, I felt like someone following me. I kept turning around anxious to see what it was. Then something furry with 4 legs jumped on me so hard I fell to the floor.

It was Pud, and behind him was Rachel. I can't believe that once in my life I was actually relieved in a disturbing, weird valley.

“This place is giving me the creeps. Someone’s been in here. I want to leave,” weeps Rachel.

“Well. We have to find Anna first before something comes at us,” I replied.

“I hope we find her, and I hope the legend isn’t true,” says Rachel.

“Yeah. Me too. But what’s the legend,” I ask.

“We found a book at the end of this valley that is full of legends that has been written down in roman, and people say a girl from the 9<sup>th</sup> century put spells at the end of the book and they’re in Greek. The girl who wrote it must’ve been evil. Legend has it that whoever reads the curse, dreams about it, thinks about it, keeps it in their mind for even a minute they become the unstoppable demon named Lucifer. And if you read the spells in the back Lucifer goes into the book. It doesn’t make any sense of how Greek go with roman, which goes with Lucifer. It’s pretty creepy,” explains Rachel.

“Oh,” I say not being sure of what to say after that story.

We try to go deeper into the valley to look for Anna, hiding behind each other’s backs. I am so scared, but I have to find Anna before mom gets even more worried.

Suddenly Pud starts barking louder and louder for each step we take. We know something’s wrong, but then something runs into me, tramples me, and when I fall, holds I knife across my neck.

Rachel yelps, but then it is stopped by a sudden shock, and she faints.

“Rachel!” I scream.

Then I look at who jumped me. No! It can’t be. It just can’t. Why is it my sister? What has happened to her? She looks horrible.

“HOW DARE YOU TRY? CAN’T YOU LET PEOPLE LIVE THEIR OWN DARK LIFE? SHE’S NOT IN HERE ANYMORE. IT’S LUCIFER AND I WILL KILL YOU IF IT’S THE LAST THING I DO!” he yelled.

For a demon he’s pretty smart. Aren’t demons supposed kill people when they see them? Oh yeah! He’s about to kill me! Then I see Pud. He’s still barking. Then he

bites Anna's back, or Lucifer's. Lucifer screams. He turns towards Pud. He's about to throw the knife at him. He gets up and starts chasing Pud. I get up, and try to wake Rachel up. She won't budge. I pull her hand and drag her across the dirt trying to get to the opening of the valley where my bike is.

It's too bad Lucifer saw. He stops chasing Pud, but now me. I know that if I run out the demon will follow and cause the whole town chaos. I run in circles, because I don't know what to do. This is like playing duck duck goose, except it's the killer version.

At last, he runs into the wall. I start to laugh, but it doesn't last long until he gets up on his feet. Rachel finally wakes up, being shocked again, but doesn't faint this time. She gets up and tries to grab the knife from Lucifer. While she's distracting him, I see Anna's bag.

I find the book, turn to the last page and read the spell. I have to focus on it for more than 40 seconds. I'm doing it. At the 40 second mark Rachel stabs Lucifer in the heart and everything is done. Anna's dead and Lucifer's gone.

We sit outside the valley covered in dirt, when the police comes and finds Anna's body. We tell them about Lucifer and they take us home. We take a bath while our parents are glad but disappointed. We pretend to live normal lives.