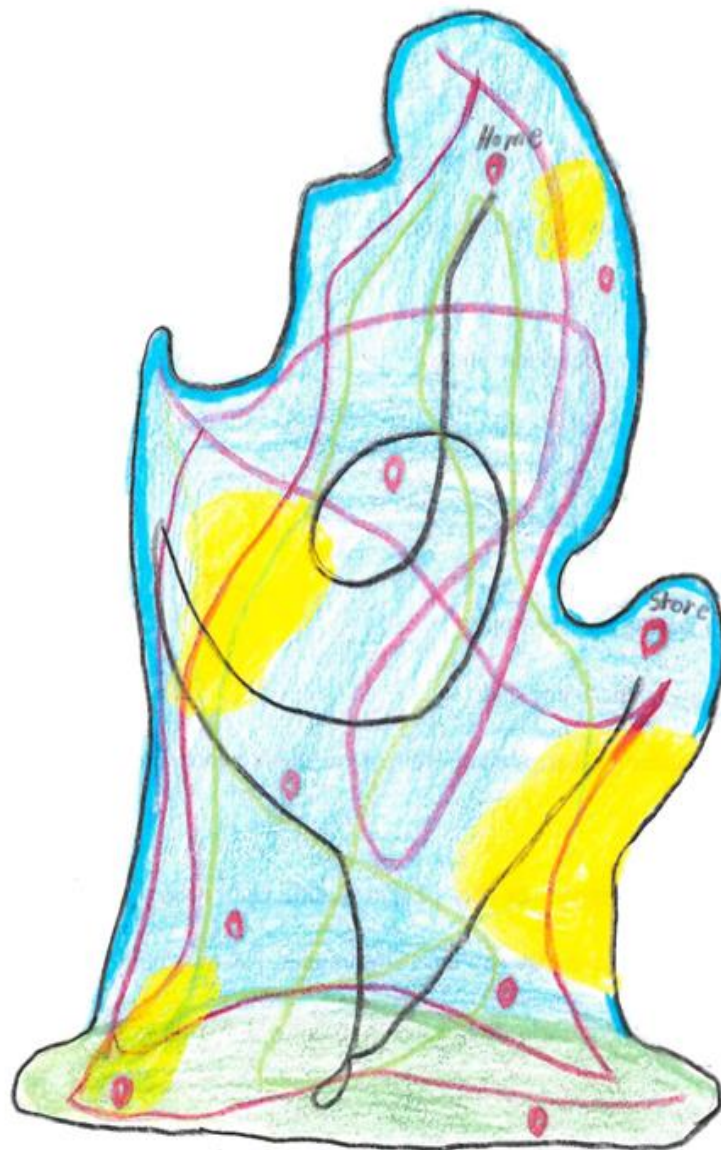


Will I Survive???



“HELP! HELP!” We screamed as a helicopter flew by.

“Nobody’s ever going to find us. Not even mom and dad, they’re lost too,” my little brother said, giving up. I can’t believe we have been here for five days!

“MOM! DAD!” I yelled, trying again, but I heard nothing except the crashing waves and birds singing. I was hopeless by now.

We had been driving five days ago and had an accident with an insane-stupid old man. My mom got injured, so my dad needed to get help, so he left us, and the insane man drove away. So me and my brother went to find my dad but got lost . While I was thinking something interrupted my thoughts.

“Aaaaaaaaaaaaaah!” someone screamed.

“Did you scream?” my brother said.

“No, did you?” I asked.

He shook his head.

“THEN WHO DID?!” we screamed.

“ I did,” a girl my brother's age said.

“Hi, what's your name? Where are you from? How old are you?” my brother asked. I nudged him.

“Hi, sorry. Ignore my annoying brother,” I said slightly embarrassed.

“Hi, my name is Layla. I am lost, and I'm 11 years old,” she answered.

“I'm 14 years old and my little brother is also 11 years old. My name is Leah,” I explained myself.

“What’s up bro-gal-whatever my name is Ethan and I’m the coolest boy you’ll ever meet!” he said proudly. Layla chuckled and I invited her to eat fruit and fish.

“How did you get lost, Layla?” I asked.

“Thanks for the food,” She said.

“No problem anytime,” I say smiling.

“I’m an orphan and a family adopted me but kicked me out of the house,” she said, holding back tears.

“Hey hey don't worry we'll be fine.” I said, patting her back.

“Do you think you can adopt me?” she asked.

“I’m sure we’ll adopt you,” I said, hugging her.

“Dang, I can't believe she’s that upset. But I do miss playing Fortnite, Minecraft, and Roblox.”

My brother yapped. I gave him the ‘cut it out sign’ and he shutted up quickly. We got ready for bed and said goodnight.

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We woke up bright and early and started to go on a hike to find our parents. After a few hours we ran out of energy.

“**ROOF ROOF ROOF,**” a dog barked.

“Is that a dog?” asked Layla.

“I think so,” I said, catching up with her. We followed the barking noise and to my surprise we found a dog tied up to a big oak tree.

“Oh my gosh. Poor little thing, are you okay?” I asked.

“Roof,” It replied.

“There now you're good. And your name is Coco,” I said, noticing her collar.

“Let's go crew, we have a new member, Coco!” I cheered.

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After hours of looking we were near the road.

“I think we sho-” I said but something cut me off.

“ **HEY**, You four, yes you come here,” an officer said pointing at us. We hopped in and for some reason I had a weird feeling.

“It’s good I was driving tonight we’ve- your parents- we’ve all been looking for you,” he said, driving us to the station.

“ Are they here,” I asked.

“Yes, in fact we’re here too,” he said, stopping the engine and parking.

As we stepped inside, I could feel the joy coming into me as me and my family hugged each other. We broke down in tears as we checked if we were okay.

“ I can't believe we found you,” My mom cried.

“ We survived and made new friends. Coco and Layla” I introduced them to my parents. My parents smiled. I looked at my brother. We asked,

“Mom, Dad, can we please please keep Coco. And can we please adopt Layla. She's an orphan, she can't be alone, she needs a family.” We begged (and with some puppy eyes, I mean who can resist puppy eyes)

My parents who looked at each other when they are making a decision finally say,

“Yes.” my dad says

“ **WHAT?!?!?**” I was surprised.

“ Yes, we can adopt them after all you two have shown that you are responsible, so we can adopt them. We will need to pay Coco's medical bills and fill in some paperwork for adopting Layla but yes we can do it.” He sounded determined. I could not hold my emotions. I cried happy tears

as Coco jumped happily. I felt like one piece, I felt good and new. I was so happy to call my friends and make new memories with Coco, Layla, Jackson, Mom, and Dad. I knew I had many plans and dreams to come but I have to dream it, believe it and achieve it. I, Leah Elizabeth Dawns will be the best daughter and sister.