

Lost In My Ways...

It was a sunny morning,

"Tag,you're it!" said my little sister Jolene running away from me.

"Don't go too far." said Mom. I knew we were playing tag in the woods so I intended to stop the game.

"Hey Jojo,Maybe we should stop playing this game..." I said.

"Not until you catch me!" she teased,

"Hey,not fair!You got a head start!!!!" I said,chasing after her.

SOON...

"Um...mom,dad!" Jojo screamed

"Mommy I want mommy!" my 2-year-old sister Jill cried,

"Jill,you followed us!?!?" I confusingly said picking her up,

"MOM,DAD WHERE ARE YOU!!!!!!" I scream at the top of my lungs. I try to get us back on the trail, but instead I get us deeper, and deeper in the woods!!!

"M-m-mommmmyyyyy!!!" Jill cries. I found a handy bag with a First Aid Kit ,food, and some random toys. I tell my sisters to stay where they are while I look for sticks and leaves for a fort.

"B-b-rrrrrr!!" I shivered as the sun set,

"Joy,I'm cold."said Jojo,

"Here,have my (oversized)jacket" I said, handing her my jacket.

"Z-Z-Z-Z-z" snored my little sister Jill,

"Rustle!" I heard rustling in the distance.

"H-hello?" I said grabbing my two sisters by my arms

"Come out you monster,show yourself!" I said.

"HOOOO WWWLLLLL!!!!!!" howled a wolf,

"Ohh goodness,probably shouldn't have said that--JOJO,JILL,WAKE UP,AND RUN!!!!!" I screamed shaking them awake,

"Nnnngghh,I don't want to go to school-" whined my sister.

"Are you stupid?!?RUN!!!!" I said pushing her and my sister to safety,

"AHHH!!!" I dreadfully screamed-a huge wolf had grabbed me by my foot-with it's gaw,

"Let go of me you dumb wolf !!!" I said grabbing a nearby log and hitting it. After I did that, made a run for it--well,I basically limped because of my hurt foot but still!,

"Sniff" I'm sorry I didn't run in time, it's my fault you got hurt!!!!" cried Jojo.

"Whimper...." whimpered a baby wolf.

"GAH!!!--Oh whew,your just a harmless little wolf!" I said scooting by my butt to get a closer look at the wolf.

"It's ok..." I said, reaching out my arm to the baby wolf.

"B-b-be careful Joy"Jojo said, clinging on to Jill. The baby wolf took a few steps toward me and fell.

"Aww...you must've gotten hurt,let me see..."I said, grabbing a wet towel and tying it on the baby wolf's paw.

"Yawn..." third day in the wild woods and I felt ready for the day! I quickly prepared breakfast and called my sisters, along with Eve (Our new pet)

"J-J-Joy?" Jojo asked, picking at her food.

"What? Don't you like your fish and fried potatoes that I and Eve found?" I ask, crossing my arms.

"NO—I just.. I miss momma and daddy." I could see her eyes filling up with tears quickly, so I tried to give her advice.

"You know, I miss them too but we have to stay strong and hopeful" I give her a big hug.

"Ow!!" screamed Jill that evening, "Jill!! What happened!?!?" I asked rushing over to her.

"Owie, my knee!!" explained Jill.

"Oh, you must've scraped your knee, huh?" I said picking her up.

"JOJO, PLEASE BRING ME SOME BAND-AIDS!!!" I screamed as loud as the time I shouted—"MOM DAD, WHERE ARE YOU!?!?" It was getting dark so I called out.

"Jojo, Jill, Eve, time for a bedtime story!" (It is very tiring being a big sister!).

"CHUG-CHUG-CHUG!!!!" went the engine of a helicopter. Me, my sisters, and Eve looked up all at the same time.

"HELLO! DOWN HERE! WE'RE DOWN HERE!!!" I stupidly screamed as if they were going to hear me from way up there!

"Chug-chug-chug!!" The helicopter was slowly starting to fly away.

"NO COME BACK!! We--we were so close.... we failed..." I fell down on my knees and started to bawl just like a little kid.

"It's ok Joy, like you said, we have to stay strong and hopeful." said Jojo hugging me.

"Jojo... I'm sorry I was trying to stay strong for you... this is hopeless... we will never get home early enough!" I started crying like a baby again.

"Joy, Joy!! Look!" says Jill pointing at the sky.

"*sniff* Wh--Oh my stars..." I look up and see big, black, and puffy clouds rolling in.

"C'm on --let's go in our underground emergency hut!!" I said signaling for Jojo, Jill, and Eve to go into the underground emergency hut.

"Wait--we have an emergency hut thingy?" asked Jojo walking in with Jill and Eve.

"Well--duh, obviously," I said, rolling my eyes and walking in with them.

"How else would we be safe during an emergency!?" I shrugged, covering me, Jojo, Jill, and Eve with an enormous blanket I made.

"BOOM!C-C-CRACK!!!" It started to rain, then thunder, then it started to **rain cats and dogs,**

"Whaaa!" cried Jill.

"Aww Jill are you scared of the thunder?" I asked placing her on my lap.

"Here have some milk." I said, grabbing a bottle of milk and feeding her.

"Momma--I mean--" started Jojo.

"Oh, It's ok if you call me momma--for now." I said smiling.

"Now go to sleep. It's way past your bedtime." I said, covering her once again. I smiled as Jojo and Eve cuddled as they slowly drifted to sleep.

"You also need to go to sleep too Jill!" I said placing her down next to Jojo and Eve.

"Goodnight, sweet dreams.....ZZZzzzz" I fell asleep next to my 'family.'

I woke up to the sound of birds chirping.

"Are those bluebirds?" I ask getting up, and sneaking out of the underground emergency hut because my sisters, and Eve were sleeping.

"OH.MY.GOODNESS!!!" I said looking around and seeing EVERYTHING we left outside--GONE!

"JOJO,JILL,EVE!C'M HERE--QUICKLY!!!" I screamed furiously(It didn't take a genius to figure out who did this) minutes later, they were all standing in front of me.

"*whoosh *...." It's late afternoon and Jill was coughing furiously.

"Jill,why are you coughing so hard?" I asked scared and curiously.

"Do you feel sick?" I ask, feeling her forehead.

"*GASP,GASP!!!" Now She Started gasping furiously.

"Y-y-yeah--" Jill finally answers hesitatingly.

"Eve, get me the First Aid Kit please." I tell Eve. Shortly after Eve left, Jill started breathing normally and wasn't coughing anymore.

"Huh?That's weird, when Eve was here, Jill sounded and was acting sick...but when Eve left..." I think.

"Oh my--JILL'S ALLERGIC TO EVE!!!" I shout out loud.

"What?!What do you mean, and how do you know?" Jojo asks, alarmed.

"I--I'll explain later. Just get Jill back to the fort and away from Eve now!" I declared handing Jill to Jojo. I ran to find Eve.

"EVE, HERE GIRL!" I shout petrified and anxious. Later I spot Eve rummaging through the First Aid Kit.

"Um...Eve I'm sorry but...you have to leave us. Or else Jill will be in danger." Eve stops what she's doing and stares at me as if she understood every single word I said.

Eve starts to walk towards me slowly and stops. So I run to her, scoop her up and hug her and cry for what seems like hours until...

"AAHH!!!" I hear a dreadful shriek from a few yards away--which is where my camp was. I dropped Eve and ran towards where the noise was coming from.

"Aw jeez." I say, pulling my sisters away from the shadow of a bear a tree made.

"Ha! I really thought you were in danger you guys." I say half serious and half laughing.

"Oopsies, sorry Joy." Jojo apologizes smirking.

"It's ok, just don't--" I was interrupted by the sound of a helicopter engine(AGAIN!)Everyone looked up, and Jojo and Jill started waving their arms and screaming like a knucklehead just like I did when it came the first time.It looked fun trying to get the pilots attention so I joined in!

"WHHRRR!!!" the helicopter was lowering down--to us!!!

"C'm on in!" sang a woman that looked familiar. Jojo, Jill, and I hopped on the helicopter and we took off.

"Sweetie! We were so worried about you! Are you ok? Are you hurt?" My mom rushes to Jill, and barely even noticed me and Jojo.

"Where in the world did you three run off to?! We literally had the whole S.A.F (Search And Find) team looking for you!" exclaims my dad furiously.

"DAD, don't you even care that we made it back safely?!" I start to tighten my hands into a fist.

"YEAH I can jump out of the helicopter and die if you don't care..." Jojo repeats. I give her the look that means, 'you're exaggerating.

"I'm sorry, it's just that I was worried and mad that you left us just like that..." my dad gives me and my sister a big hug.

"It's ok...by the way-who's that lady flying the helicopter?" I ask peeking at the familiar lady.

"Oh that's your 29-year-old cousin, Brenda!" answers my mom.

"Oh my gosh Brenda you're here!" I run to my favorite cousin and give her a 'deadly hug'.

"Oh, goodness, Joy! You're going to cause us to crash!" she yells trying to catch control of the helicopter again.

"Oops?" I say stepping away from her...

LATER...

"Okay we're here!" Brenda said ecstatically opening the helicopter doors.

"Oh man it feels good to be back home..." exclaims Jojo stepping out jollily and holding out her hands which was preventing me from actually getting OUT.

"Could you *please* get out of my way?!" I basically scream.

"Jee, ok, chill out gal." explains Jojo stepping out of the way. Later I'm in me and my Jojo's room and looking out of the window.

"You know, I kind of miss the wilderness... Maybe we could go explore there for vacation next year," I complained out loud on my bed.

"Yeah, I'll try to talk your mom into that idea," my dad says as he walks in.

"Thanks dad, but it won't be easy after we got lost for almost over a week!" I explain.

"You're right. By the way, why are you talking to yourself when you have two sisters to talk to?" he asks me.

"Oh dad, PLEASE don't get me started. You know if I play with JoJo, she breaks the rules of the game, and if I play with Jill- well, she has no idea on how to play!!!" I complain furiously crossing my arms.

"Well, ok..." my dad turns around and walks away out of the room. I breathe a sigh of relief- but not for long because-

"ATTACK!!!" my two sisters blast in my room like crazy monkeys out of control!!!

"What in the world, I'm trying to have some peace and quiet here!!!" I scream at them.
"Well, there is no peace and quiet in this house--now ATTACK JILL, ATTACK!!!" JoJo continues.

"Hey! *Ha-ha-ha!* Stop! *Ha-ha-ha!* I'm going to fall off my bed! *Ha-ha-ha!*" I laugh until my stomach aches while my two sisters tickle me.

"THUMP!!!" I hit the floor hard.

"Ow-*ha-ha-ha..*" I laughed and laughed until I felt like I couldn't take it anymore.

"You're going to be- *ha, ha, ha!*- sorry for this!" I grab a nearby toy, and smear it is JoJos' face.

"HEY!!!" JoJo complains. I stand up as quickly as possible and make a run for it.

"See you later lil' sis!" I dash through the door and hide in the closet.

"She'll never find me here- shhh.." I stay in the closet daydreaming about my next big adventure.