

Midnight

One day Lily was trying to find her black cat. She looked in her very small closet but it was not there. Oh, I forgot to tell you who Lily was, and where this story takes place. Lily was an orphan. She was very small for her age, so at the orphanage, the other kids usually pushed her around. When Lily came to the orphanage, the only thing that she was left with was her toy cat. Lily did not know who her parents were, but Lily was ok with that because she thought about it in a good way. I know what you might think, *There is no good thing about not knowing who your parents are*, but if you were Lily there is always a good side. So the good side about not knowing who your parents are is that you can imagine who they are. Lily has golden brown hair, her eyes are a mix of blue and green. She also has some freckles on her nose and cheeks. She loves the color midnight blue, such a dark blue that you would think its black. At the orphanage, Lily does not have friends, because she is a bit shy. Now that you are starting to know Lily I will carry on with the story. Where was I, oh yes, now I remember. Lily was looking for her toy cat. She already looked in her very small closet, but she could not seem to remember where she left it. *Oh no*, Lily thought, *did I leave in the kitchen*. Lily dreaded to go into the kitchen because it was lunchtime, so all the kids that bullied her were going to be in there, and if they had her toy they were definitely not going to return it. *But*, Lily thought, *it is my only and favorite possession so I will take the risk*. So she quietly headed to the kitchen.

When she got there, just as she suspected, all five bullies were there. Lily spotted her cat pretty quickly, it was by the head bullie's chair, Bane. Very slowly and quietly Lily crept into the kitchen. She was just about to get her toy when Bane saw her. She closed her eyes ready for him to say something but he did not. Lily was very surprised. He usually teased her because she pretended that her cat was alive. She kept going until she got her toy and was about to dash out of the kitchen, but just then she heard Bane say,

"Where do you think you are going, missy?" She ran as fast as she could but she heard loud footsteps behind her.

Suddenly Lily crashed, she crashed into the head caretaker Mrs.Lilac. Just as the head caretaker was about to say something, all the bullies came to a crashing stop.

"Why are you chasing Lily?" Mrs.Lilac said.

"We were not chasing her." Bane said.

"Then why when you saw Lily you suddenly stopped?" Mrs. Lilac asked.

"Um huh because we did not want to crash into her?" said Bane.

Mrs. Lilac turned to Lily and asked

"Is this true."

"No it is not true," said Lily

" I just went into the kitchen to get my toy back and go to my room, but they started to chasing me."

Mrs. Lilac asked, "Why did you lie to me. You know I do not like being lied to."

"I am very sorry Mrs. Lilac," said Bane.

"If I catch you doing anything to Lily, I will take you to Mr. Carmen's office, and you will have to sort it out there. Do you understand me, Bane?" Mrs. Lilac asked.

"Yes, Mrs.," Bane answered.

Mrs. Lilac turned to Lily "Please follow me, Lily."

But just as Lily was going to follow her Bane whispered threateningly,
"This isn't over."

Mrs. Lilac and Lily headed to the office of Mr. Carmen, the head administrator, Lily thought *Did I get in trouble for something I did, because I certainly do not remember doing anything wrong?*

Mrs. Lilac stop in front of the office and said, "There are some new children that came to the orphanage, and I would like you to meet them before the other children do. They will also need some catching in there schooling, and I would like you to help them."

"By them do you mean one person or...," before Lily could finish Mr. Carmen opened the door to let them in.

Three girls were sitting in front of the desk.

Mr. Carmen said, "Hello Lily. I would like you to meet the newest children to the orphanage: Aster, Violet, and Dahlia."

"Hello it is nice to meet you," Said Lily.

"It is nice to meet you too," said Aster.

"I would like if the girls could stay in your room for now," said Mr. Carmen.

"That is all right with me," Lily replied.

When the four girls got to Lily's room, Mrs. Lilac brought in three sleeping bags with some pillows. After they got done setting up the sleeping arrangement and unpacking their bags, Lily noticed that Violet pulled out a toy fox, Dalia pulled out a toy wren and Aster pulled out a toy otter and placed them on their beds. Lily was overjoyed with the possibility of friends. Up till now her only friend was her toy cat Midnight.

Later that evening Violet asked, "Do you believe in magic?"

Lily replied, "I've always loved the idea of magic, why are you asking?"

"Just wanted to know," said Violet.

The four girls stayed up late into the night talking about magic.

As the week went by Lily, Aster, Violet, and Dalia became friends and they trusted each other more and more. However every day when Lily woke up they were already up and gone.

One day Lily asked, "Where do you guys go every morning?"

"Just out to the courtyard," said Dalia.

So the next morning, before the sun rose, Lily woke up, rushed to get dressed and went to the courtyard. When Lily got there she couldn't believe her eyes. Violet picked up a rock, threw it and just as it was going to hit the ground, Violet said some words under her breath and the rock stopped and floated down to the ground. Then a small red fox came running from the bushes to pick it up and brought it back to Violet. In the bushes, where the little fox had been not

just a few moments ago, were two more animals and they were a wren and an otter. The wren flew to Dalia and sat on her shoulder, then the otter ran to Aster and pawed at her leg.

Lily rushed from behind the wall, where she was watching with her mouth wide open, and said, "Those animals look just like the animals in our room that you guys put on your beds!"

Then Aster asked, "What are you doing here?"

Lily replied, "I came to see what you were doing every morning. Anyway why do you have animals, and how did you train them to come to you and why do they look like the animals that you had on your bed?"

Aster pulled Lily in the direction of their room and said, "Let's go back to our room and I will explain everything."

Just as they left they hear a rustle in the bushes near them but the girls did not see anything. When they got to their room Aster explained that they were witches and they came to the orphanage because they felt magic here and came to help it. Lily asked, "Where are the animals that were outside?"

One by one they pulled out their toy animals.

Dalia held up a stuffed animal shaped like a wren and said, "This is Reese."

Violet held up a stuffed fox and said, "This is Félicie."

Aster held up a stuffed otter and said, "This is Odessa."

Lily looked around the room and said, "But.... but I saw animals, live animals." The other three girls looked at each other with a twinkle in their eyes, "Oh did you?" they said giggling.

Violet started to explain, "When we say I believe in magic I truly do, they turn into live animals, but you have to actually believe in magic or they will just stay toys." Lily tried and said to her toy cat, "I believe in magic I truly do," but nothing happened. Aster said, "You have to be born with it. You can't just do it."

"Oh," Lily said. "So I guess I can't do magic because I was born here, not in the magical realm of witches or where ever you were born."

"Well, there is no magical realm of witches. We all were born here," Dalia said. "But there is a school for witches that only witches know about."

"So I might be a witch?"

"You might be," said Aster.

Lily thought to herself *might be is good enough*.

Lily heard the bells chime twelve, she shot up because she heard a banging noise somewhere near her door. She went to her door and looked around. There was nobody there, but just as she was closing the door she heard, "Where ya going, missy?" Lily knew that voice it was Bane. Lily looked again she saw Bane. It looked like...*no it can't be!!!* She thought she saw Midnight in his hand. Lily rushed back into her room and looked in her bed searching for Midnight, her toy cat, but it was nowhere to be found. Lily came out of her room just as she saw Bane go to the courtyard. She quietly followed him.

When she got to the courtyard, Lily looked around the wall to see Bane with Midnight in the air.

All the other bullies were chanting, "RIP IT, RIP IT, RIP IT!!!"

“Lets wait till the little pipsqueak is here, ” said Bane “And then I will rip it.“

Lily stepped into the light.

“I head you and your weird friends talking about being able to do magic. Lets see it.”

Bane teased.

Lily replied in a whisper, “But I can't.” She thought *not yet at least*.

“Ha,” Bane laughed, “That is what I thought.”

He tossed Midnight into the air. As Lily looked up, the most precious thing she owned was about to be destroyed, and something just changed in Lily's heart. Doing magic wasn't just a possibility it was a necessity. Just as Bane was about to rip Midnight's head off Lily whispered to herself, her eyes shutting tight, with true belief, “I believe in magic, I truly do.”

She heard Bane yell as a bit of blood trickled down his face from four red claw marks. Something landed next to him. It was Midnight!!! He ran to Lily as fast as he could. Lily squeezed him with all her might and didn't want to let go.

Lily turned around, left the bullies behind and went back to her room. When she got there she woke up Violet, Dalia, and Aster. Dalia looked down at Lily's feet and saw Midnight walking beside her.

Dalia said, “I guess we found the magic we were looking for.” I bet you are wondering what happened to Lily and her friends but that's another story.