



The Cave of Fears

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By Dylan (Oh, that kid.)

Once, there was a boy, his name was Mikeo. Mikeo was a....strange child. He never did anything a normal child would do. He looked at things, with....no Confusion. He never played with toys, and never seemed curious of his surroundings, like other kids did. His parents were worried, plus they didn't have enough money to afford to feed him, and all around, take good care of him. So they put him up for adoption, and you can see where this is going. He wasn't adopted. One night, his parents dropped him off at an orphanage, at this time Mikeo was about two. In the future, would Mikeo wonder who he was?

12 years later.

Mikeo awoke to the sound of his watch alarm he had set. Instead of being in his ratty striped orphanage pajamas, he was already dressed in his second hand grey hoodie, a pair of blue jeans, and his boots that were near close to being un-wearable.

"11:45," He whispered to himself. "Time to go."

Mikeo remembered the afternoon before how Alec, the other voice in his head, told him to wake up at around 11, and to quietly escape out the orphanage, and that he would give instructions from there. Mikeo followed the first set of instructions.

Chapter 1, the Escape

I stepped off my bed, placed a note that said what I was doing, and tipped toed to the door. Trying not to wake up Kyle, the boy I shared a room with. As soon as I got to the door, I looked down the dark empty hallway. I heard crickets chirp outside. I continued tiptoeing down the hallway to the stairs, I was about half way when I saw Lisa sitting up in her bed half awake. I jumped back in the hope of her not seeing me, in the proses I made a bit of noise. I then heard her get up and wake up Sara, the girl she shared a room with.

"I think I saw a monster!" she whispered in a quick voice.

Sara said, "It was nothing Lisa, go back to sleep."

"No, I swear I saw it!"

"Fine, come with me. I'll show you it was nothing," she replied in a dreadful voice.

I begin to worry. If they found me trying to escape, they would tell Ms. Well for sure, I would be in a heap of trouble. I looked to the right of me, there was the coat closet. I leaped into it, I shut the door quietly, trying not to cause a raucous. I heard Sara turn on the bedroom light, and heard the floor screech as they walked into the hallway.

"See," Sara said. "I told you it was nothing."

I heard them walk back into the bedroom, and turn off the light. I then opened the closet door very carefully, peaked around the corner of

their door, and tiptoed to the end of the hall. I went down the stairs, and went out through the back door.

Chapter 2, the Next Step

"Ok Alec, I'm out." I whispered

"Ok now cross the road," he replied.

I did as he said,

"Ok, now what?" I asked

I looked up in the sky at the moon. An eerie silence surrounded me. I knew this was a huge thing, this could decipher what happens in my life.

Alec then said to take a right, and then to take a left. I then found myself in front of a forest, I saw the moon glisten over a tree, I then looked back down to the entrance of the forest. It looked so peaceful, and it was lightened by the full moon. I opened my backpack and took out a granola bar. I then continued to open it and take a bite, I asked Alec where to go next, He said to continue walking and enter the forest.

"Where's the path going to take me?" I asked myself, well sort of,

"You'll see," I heard Alec replied in my head.

I continued to walk, and finish my granola bar. I came to a stop, I looked down to see a fox, I didn't know if it would do any harm to me or not, but I was pretty sure it wouldn't. I read somewhere or something that

only a wolf would do so, but to be cautious, I walked slowly, I looked up at the tops of the trees, seeing the moon shine through the leaves, looked to the ground, where there were mushrooms, flowers, and moss growing all around the trees.

“Uhhh, what a beautiful night.” I said to myself.

I then saw a stream, I went and sat down next to it. I saw my reflection in the water. I pulled my hoodie off my head. My greasy and mangy brown hair reflected back in a distorted image. I stood up and asked Alec where to go next.

“Across the stream,” he replied.

I walked through the stream, keeping my eyes on my reflection. I heard the wind start to whisper. As I kept walking. I came to a sapling, I looked at it for a second wondering what I looked like when I was little. I then came up to a stop. In the distance, I saw a bear. The sight was amazing. But, then I thought to myself, hopefully where I’m supposed to go doesn’t interfere with the bear, I asked Alec where to go next.

“Well, go in the cave.”

“The one the brown bears in front of?”

“Yep.”

“Well, what am I supposed to do?”

“I don’t know? Think of something.”

“Uhh, what am I going to do?” I thought to myself.

I then saw a pile of acorns and got an idea.

Chapter 3. ???

I went over and picked one of them up, I thought to myself, hmm...is this a good idea. Then I realized that there was nothing else I could do. I aimed one right next to the bear, she looked down at it, but then looked up to see where it came from. I jumped back behind the tree, I thought the bear didn't see me, but that was wrong. I then heard the bear start to walk to the tree, I began the panic. I wondered what I was going to do. Then, I got an idea, I grabbed a half drank water bottle out of my backpack. I threw it about 6 feet to the left of it. It looked down. From behind the tree I ran behind a bush to the right of me, if I could find one more thing to throw, I might be able to run around to the side of the cave. I opened my backpack, I took out the most valuable thing I had, my stuffed animal that my real parents had left with me. I clenched it in my hands, my eyes began to tear up, and I began to gently cry. I looked back up at the bear from behind the bush, then at the cave, and back to the bear again. I looked down at the little stuffed dog, still with tears in my eyes. I then sort of stood up, threw the dog, stood up the rest of the way, and ran. Three quarters of the way there, I tripped on a stone, and scraped my knee, I stood there. The tears still there, this time a few rolled down my face,

"Rhhhh!!!" I moaned while still crying.

I knew the bear might of heard me, I crawled over to another bush, right next to me, I knew I had not a single more thing to use to distract it. I looked behind me, I saw a rock. I crawled over, picked one up. I looked

over to the bear. I crawled back to the bush, stood up, and threw the rock, I knew this WAS, my last chance, I ran, I made it to the side of the cave, I saw the bear go towards the bush. I crept into the cave.

Chapter 4, The Cave

I walked into the cave and asked Alec where to go next,

"Well, keep on moving forward," he replied.

I looked behind me and saw the night sky, and the full moon once more. The wind picked up and echoed down the cave. I came upon an entrance. It was a small, and looked like it continued to another room. I asked Alec if I was supposed to go through the entrance,

"Umm, yes, go through it," he returned.

So I got down, and crawled through the little opening. There was a smaller room connected to the cave. In that room, were what seemed like hundreds of gems, all the colors you could imagine. I looked at one, and saw my reflection. I began to wonder again, *who am I? Will I ever find out? I probably won't ever find out, why'd I even come here? Why'd I listen to some stupid voice in my head? Uhhh...I should just turn around.*

"Mikeo! Don't, just believe in yourself," Alec said in a split moment.

"Why? I know you're just wasting my time, you tricked me into coming here!"

"Just trust me Mikeo."

I then turned and began to walk back to the opening.

"Mikeo, do you want to know who you are or not?"

"I don't know if knowing who I am will change me, or do anything for me,"

"Mikeo, trust me. If you find your real parents, and who you are, then you won't always be wondering. You can focus. If you don't find out now, you'll regret it. So, do you, or do you not want to know?"

"Fine, where do I go next?"

"Just keep walking straight."

As I resumed my (Adventure) I thought of everyone back at the orphanage: Sara the know it all, Kyle the curious one, Little Lisa the shy one, and little baby Anne who slept at the end of the hall. She was only about 2, a little older than I was when I myself was dropped off at the orphanage. She always reminded me, of me. I wondered if she too would go off and try to find her parents. Then I was back to the real world. I saw in front of me, a giant opening. I asked Alec what to do next.

"Enter the opening, look to your left, and walk through the other entry."

I walked into the opening, walked through another one, and looked to my left like he had said. There was a waterfall flowing off a sort of cliff edge, it lead into a sort of stream that ran to the right of the giant cavern that was connected to the opening. You could hear the roar of the waterfall.

"Wow," I said to myself. "This, is amazing."

"Sure is," said Alec.

"Where to next?" I asked.

"Under the Waterfall!"

"Umm, ok?"

I walked over to the waterfall, and the sound of the waterfall echoed in my ears. The water reflected a blue color to the top of cavern, and lighted the whole rest of the cavern too. It was just a beautiful blue glow reflecting throughout the whole place. Then, I remembered when I clenched my stuffed animal in my hands, and silently sobbed. At that time, I didn't know it would be worth it, and the time that I almost lost hope and doubted both myself and Alec. But, I didn't give up. I asked Alec how I was to enter the waterfall.

"I don't know, just walk through."

So, I did as he said. There, was a pool of water. I stepped to the side where a pathway was. I noticed that at the back of this, sort of 'hidden' room there was a dead end. I could still hear the waterfall, The water pool casted that same blue shine. I was confused what I was supposed to do. So, I asked Alec,

He responded with, "Just wait."

Chapter 5, Who Am I?

I felt the fear of never finding out who I was shiver down my spine.

"What do you mean 'just wait'?"

"Mikeo don't lose hope, just be patient."

I was yet again, confused, and started to doubt Alec could help me. My mind started playing tricks on me. I knew that I just needed to wait like Alec said.

"I knew I should have turned back the first chance I got! Now it'll take forever to get out of here."

"Mikeo, the last time you wanted to stop trying, you were two minutes away from here."

"Then I thought of all I had done to get here again and to calmed down a bit, I sat down, opened my backpack, and took out a sleeping bag. I told Alec I needed to go to sleep for a second. Next thing I knew I was staring at the blue ceiling of a house, with a mobile hanging. The mobile had lions, zebras, and Girafths. I heard two adults arguing in the background.

"Well, what are we supposed to do, leave him hungry?" said a man's voice.

"True, what are we going to do?" said a woman's voice.

"We have no choice but to put him up for adoption, or put him in an orphanage," said the man's voice.

"Huhh," sighed of the woman.

"It's for the best," the man replied.

The woman then walked into my room. The man stood in the hallway.

"I promise you, when we can take good care of you, we'll come back for you, where ever you are, and take you back home."

I then woke up, staring at the ceiling of the hidden room. The water pools blue reflection wrinkled and shined. I then realized that, I HAD to find my family and find out who I was. I looked up, and where there was once a dead end, there was now an opening. I stood up, and asked Alec if that was the way, He replied with a yes. I felt as if that doubt would never return. I walked through the opening. There was a small room, and in it there was a small opening. I walked through it. It lead outside.

Chapter 6, Home Sweet Home.

I was then in another forest. It looked like it was maybe nine o'clock in the morning. A cool autumn breeze hit my face. I felt better than ever. I walked with a bit of exhilaration. I looked up at the sun, and remembered looking up at the moon during the night I escaped. I saw a rabbit run away to my left. I looked to my right and saw a small pond. I looked ahead, I heard a car zoom down a street. I knew I must have been close. I got to the last set of trees. I looked behind me at the cave. I felt a sudden poke of confidence. I had succeeded, with the help of Alec, I could find my family. I hadn't done it yet, but I knew I was going to. I got to the sidewalk and asked Alec where to go.

"Cross the street, walk straight for two blocks, take a left and go down Miller Street, House number 748."

I thanked him and followed his instructions. I entered a subdivision, called "Stone Way". I walked down the sidewalk, looking for the number "748". I went by house numbers 726, 731, 736, 741, 745, 748. I had found it. I saw a white sedan parked in front of the house. The house had an American Flag hanging by the door. The house, was painted tan and brown. As I walked to the door I thought of everything I had done. The bear, stuffed animal, the doubt holding me back, the waterfall, all leading up to this. I knocked on the door. As it opened there stood a woman in her early 40's,

"Mikeo?" she asked, "Is it you."

"It's me mom."

"Honey, come here!" she said with tears rolling down he face.

Then, I saw a man that looked like the one in my dream, He began to cry.

The woman said, "How did you get here? The orphanage is thousands of miles away."

I then realized that Alec lead me to some sort of magic cave.

I asked how they moved so far off, all the way from Kansas to Canada! They said it was where they found employment.

"I went through this giant cave!"

I then told them the whole story. We sat down on the couch, and they gave me some juice and a ham sandwich. The T.V was on in in the background, the news was on. But the volume was so low you couldn't hear it. After I told them the story and all about Alec, they wanted to see the cave. We drove down to the forest. We walked down the path, I looked at the pond again. I looked to where the cave was. But it was gone, now all there was were some trees. I told them that it had been there. They said they believed me, and we went home. I felt like Alec was still in my head. Something felt, normal that the cave disappeared. We got home, I went to sleep, in my own bed, in my own room, in my house, with my family. I felt as if my life, was going to be amazing. I had a dream that night, it started right where the last one ended, I was that little baby again, I saw my mom's face, full of tears, she quietly sobbed, she knocked on the orphanage door. A lady opened up, it was Ms. Well.

"Hello," Ms. Well said,

"I'm so sorry, it's just we can't afford to take good care of him," my mom said.

"Don't worry mam, I'll take good care of him."

"Here's all his papers,"

"Mikeo aye, that's a unique name."

I then woke up, I sat up in my bed. I looked out the window. It was still dark. I laid on my side. I guess I at some point fell asleep, and then I

had another dream. In this dream, I was walking by myself in a park of some sort, I saw a guy around the age of 19, sitting on a bench.

He stood up and said, "Hey Mikeo, how's the family?"

I was confused. The man had brown eyes and brown hair. A pair of shorts, and a white t-shirt. I realized it was Alec. We talked for a while. It was all so confusing for me. Was the Alec in my dream the real one, or a one I made up? When I woke up, I decided to not tell my parents about what happened in my dream. I had a dream almost every night. I saw Alec in all of them. I asked him once. But the next thing I knew I was awake, and heard my parents holler "breakfasts ready". I continued to wonder, and one day I decided to try something.

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