

A Shadowy Forest

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L.O. Be able to write description using figurative language.

Darkness. Everywhere, roaring around me like an angry whirlwind picking up the emptiness that lies dead in the forest.

I listened. Sounds filled the air, leaves crunching like giants standing on newly laid snow. Trees danced wildly, howling and hissing through their bare branches as if being strangled. Skinny, bony twigs cracked and snapped continuously with every step under my helpless feet. Unable to do anything else, I froze, my ears listening sharply, despite bursting from the evil noises that filled the area where I stood.



Although my eyes were not much more use than a blind man's, I could vaguely make out the narrow death path that waited before me. I had to make a decision. Did I run, taking the chance something could be lurking ahead? Did I stay and wait until the sunlight came and make a run for it then?



I wondered for a while whether there was even the chance I would last until tomorrow; so without further ado I ran, faster and faster, then stopped catching the vital, precious breath I needed.

Crunch, crunch, snap, snap, went the frazzled leaves underneath, gradually growing louder and faster as I picked up my pace. Bang! My foot had hit an air filled log and I found my self head first in mud, moss and mildew – not to mention the outrageous smell forcing its way up my nose. Paralysed and shocked, I lay motionless for a matter of minutes until.....

Out of the pitch black sheet ahead, I saw a glint, growing more prominent by the second, until, now a glitter finally, it was over.

The sun's rays were blinding lines of street lights, peeping through the several thin, bony branches above my head. Relief filled my head, what was there to fear? Now the light was over powering instead of the darkness. Everything was alright. Even more to my surprise - an opening, almost looking like it had been drawn in a picture, lay ahead shouting, "Come out! Come out! Go home! Go home!"

And that's what I did.

