

Journey to Freedom

Some people remember the day they met their best friend and some people don't but Evie and Abby will never forget the strange way they collided. It all began the day Abby escaped from the orphanage. She was walking alone on a dark street, when she saw a girl, who looked somewhat her age crossing the road, she looked so happy, she probably had a loving family and the life she always wanted. Abby started dreaming of the life she could have when it happened, a speeding truck came racing towards the girl, threatening to take her life. Using only Abby's mind, she made the truck fly above her and land with a thud. She ran towards the girl to ask her if she was okay but she just stared at Abby, confused and asked her "What happened? Who are you?" Abby hesitated to tell the girl the truth but realised she had no other choice, she had to trust the girl. "I can move things with my mind and I ran away from the orphanage. Can you help me?" The girl, whose name was Evie, took a while to process the information and finally replied "I owe you for saving my life, so you can sleep in my shed. I'll give you clothes and food" Abby agreed and thanked Evie. She stayed the night in Evie's shed. That night she had a restless night's sleep, filled with fear of being sent back to the orphanage and being forced to experience their harsh conditions again.

Before Abby knew night turned to day and Evie woke up early to come in the shed. While she handed her food and fresh clothes, Evie asked, "So tell me about yourself", Abby replied

to Evie “Well, If I wasn’t an orphan, I would live in the mountains. The air is so fresh and I love the scenery. What about you? Where would you want to be if not here?” Evie replied “I would live near the beach. The fresh breeze makes me feel wonderful.” While they continued talking, they heard police sirens. Evie helped Abby hide everything and squeezed her between 2 shelves. Minutes passed which felt like hours but then she held the breath as a police officer checked the shed. Then, the sounds of the footsteps gradually disappeared and Abby got out of her hiding spot to see the police cars zooming out of sight. Up in her bedroom, Evie was very worried and tense that the police might find out about Abby but she realised she was doing the right thing.

Weeks passed and Evie and Abby grew closer and closer to each other but one day, there was very bad news. The search for the missing girl with telekinesis was on again and this time they weren’t going to stop till they found her. Abby realised what she had to do to save Evie and her family and explained that she had to give herself up. Evie tried to convince Abby to not sacrifice herself to save her family but she didn’t listen. Evie’s face suddenly lit up; she had an idea. After Evie explained the plan to Abby, she had a worried look on her face. “The plan is risky but it will be worth it.” she quickly said.

Together, they mustered up the courage to talk to Evie’s parents. “Mum, Dad. This is my friend, Abby” she introduced. Taking a big gulp, she continued, “She is being hunted down and can’t go back to the orphanage, she had terrible experiences

there. She needs your help.” Evie’s mum and dad were about to take out their phone when it floated out of their hands, into Abby’s. They took one look at Abby and dragged Evie to another room to confront her. “What are you doing? What is this girl?” Evie’s parents questioned. “She is not a what! She is a human! She can just move things with her mind. In fact I wouldn’t even be alive, standing in front of you today if it weren’t for her and her powers. Mum, Dad she saved me!” Evie began to explain the whole incident. Evie waited for their reaction, they looked at each other and hesitated to speak. Evie’s mum finally began to speak “Evie, this is a lot to take in, but we understand that she is your friend and helped you, however, we can’t accept a girl into our house, a girl who has this weird ability, but we can let her stay at our house for tonight, but only tonight” Evie decided their decision was better than sending Abby out alone in the night, so she agreed with them and told their decision to Abby.

Everyone was settled for the night, when they heard a loud knock on the door. When they opened the door, to their surprise, it was the police! Abby was in Evie’s room, when both of them heard many footsteps. Seconds before the police walked into the room, Abby and Evie ran into the bathroom and turned the shower on. The police went to the bathroom door and knocked. “Who is in here?” they asked. “It’s Evie. Who else would be in here?” Evie replied confidently. After the police left, Abby made a decision. She was going to leave. She ran away without telling anyone and left a note stating that she left to save Evie and her family. As soon as Evie saw the note,

she convinced her parents to search for her. Evie remembered what Abby had said, that she always wanted to go live near the mountains. Once Evie filled her parents in about where they should search for her, they drove to the nearest cliffs: 3km away. They got out of the car and started shouting Abby's name but they got no reply. Evie collapsed on the rocks and started crying, "What if she is in danger? What if I never see her again?" Her mother comforted her, "Look, let's not give up, come on" Her mum gave her a big smile and started walking towards the mountain edge to get a better view. The next few seconds to Evie slowed down to minutes, her mum's foot slipped on a rock on the pathway and she fell off the cliff. Evie's mum screamed loudly as Evie and her dad ran to the edge of the mountain. They tried to grasp her hand but she slipped and continued falling, when all of a sudden, Evie's mum started floating. Abby suddenly appeared and using her powers she brought Evie's mum back up the mountain. "Abby! You saved me! Thank you so much." Evie's mum hurriedly said. Out of relief, Evie's mum hugged her. She then continued "I'm so sorry for not treating you right."

They all travelled home but Abby was still fixed on leaving to save Evie's family. "I have an idea that makes sure Abby is always safe." Evie started. "We can travel to New York where Mum and Dad can approve of their job offer there. If we go, then Abby won't remain in hiding as well. I can move schools too. To make this plan work, we need to adopt Abby though. Is that alright?" Even though it was a big ask, Evie's parents made a decision. "After all, Abby saved mine and Evie's life, she has

proven herself capable to stay with us, adopting her is the least we can do.” Abby was so overjoyed and hugged the family. The day when the official news came that she was a member of the Doyle’s family was the best day of Abby's entire life. She decided her next goal was to start helping the children from the horrible conditions of the orphanage, but she had all this to thank her best friend, who now was like a sister to her.