

Finding The Puzzle Piece

Liv:

She rushed into school trying to be as early as possible as she had to study for an exam, something which she had decided not to do the night prior. As she walked into her classroom, she was met with her whole class sitting in their seats, all their heads turning to her in unison in an extremely creepy way, and it made her extremely confused as she would have sworn she had left the house earlier. Whatever, she thought to herself as she went to find the only person in the school that didn't think she was utterly insane. She went up to her best friend, Eowynn, and hugged her in greeting, Her friend pulled away quickly and stared at Liv weirdly.

“Liv where have you been, why are you so late?”

“What? I could have sworn I left my house early?”

To say she was confused would be an understatement, puzzled, disoriented, bewildered, yet none of them captured the strange emotion she felt.

Red:

He walked into class hoping for a normal day where he wouldn't completely embarrass himself in all of his classes. He felt like all eyes were on him just waiting to laugh at him. He dreaded every day when he would have to go to school, and felt that he could finally take a breath when school was over. He stepped into the building going to his first class, knowing he would barely make it through the day.

Liv:

Liv felt weird, she could feel all her classmate's eyes on her and she felt as if they were trying to burn holes into her, she was secretly hoping that this was a dream and that she would just wake up and she would save herself from the embarrassment to the scale it made her cheeks feel as if they were burning. She sat and she didn't speak as her teacher came up behind her and gently touched her back as if she was 5 and lost inside the school, "Also, the principal called and wished to see you downstairs, she called about 10 minutes ago" she said gently as if she was to break at any moment, like a porcelain doll. She picked her backpack back up, barely getting a chance to sit down, and walked slowly to the principal's office, when she walked in she found the principal, sitting at the very end of a meeting table, looking very confused at his phone, he glanced up, and finally realized who it was and began

"Oh Liv, isn't it nice you could come and talk to me today?" she said with a strange unsettling smile creeping onto his face, Liv's guess was that he was trying to be comforting.

Liv sat down and didn't say anything as it felt like more of a rhetorical question than an actual question that needed to be answered. The principal's smile faded as she started talking,

"I just got off the phone with a very interesting group of people, and do you know what they told me?"

Of course, Liv didn't know, she wasn't telepathic but it once again felt like a rhetorical question so she decided to sit silently and just bounce her leg up and down from the anxious feeling in her "We think you might be related to someone, and not just in a distant family way, but in a twin way."

This had to be some sort of prank; she didn't just get embarrassed in front of the whole class just to escape and find out this whole time she had lived alongside a twin, which she might have even

lived near. She felt so disoriented, that she almost felt dizzy, the whole room was spinning at this point, where she once felt like she was an outcast to the rest of society, being picked on for the smallest thing, now she finds out that there is a twin that might be able to share that same feeling with her? Her thoughts were racing too fast for her to even comprehend what they were saying. It was too much to handle. She felt uneasy and before she knew it she ran out of his office

Red:

Classes were finally over, he felt so sleepy as he just had his hardest three classes the three periods before. He left the building and as he opened the door the principal seemed to be frantically searching for someone, Red stood there and stared at him.

“Oh! Red! Just the kid I was looking for!” he said with a smile so wide, it looked like it was masking something.

His smile disappeared as he started saying

“I just got off the phone with this unknown number,” he paused, looking extremely anxious.

“They told me that you had a twin.”

Red stood there staring at his principal as if he had just said complete gibberish, he didn't know how to feel.

“They had told me that your mother had finally tried to reconnect both of you, as she wanted to know you guys were not alone in the world” the principal continued “She recently passed and her last wish was to reunite the both of you,” he said

He was having an intense string of emotions, he glanced over at his principal, he had a face that Red couldn't exactly read, whether the principal was smiling or sad for him. *He felt so disoriented to the world around him it felt so strange. He stood there wondering if his twin was*

exactly like him. Even to the point that he pondered if they shared the quality of thinking that they were constantly going insane making the others around them concerned. He just stood there staring at his principal and thought until he felt his head get heavy. The only words that he could think of to describe his current state of mind left his mouth:

“Holy shit.”

Liv:

Next time she woke up she was sitting in a van with a person who she didn't seem to recognize. She stayed quiet, hopeful that she would trick the person into thinking that she was still sleeping. She sat there and thought more about what she should do and she thought that the best idea would be to put the blindfold back on and pretend that she was asleep. She heard a door open and two people talked distantly she tried to tune her hearing

“Do you think we should have notified the two of them that they would meet?” one voice said

“I think it would be best to bring them together like this since it would cause unnecessary panic to them if we had tried to bring them to an agreement, and their mother had specifically requested them to meet where they had been born, it's a shame that the place was taken down years ago.” another voice said

The door slammed shut as they left the van. Some time passed and since it had become silent, she ripped the blindfold off and this wasn't the van anymore.

Red:

Red woke up unaware of his surroundings, metal walls hollowed out, he concluded that this was, in fact, the back of a van they were sitting in, He looked around and noticed another person

sitting with a blindfold on as well, He wondered what happened. He started to feel drowsy again as he hadn't had much sleep the night before, so after inspecting the situation for a while he felt himself slowly blink off to sleep. Before he knew it he fell asleep and when he woke up he felt a warm breeze against him as if they were standing in the middle of a field.

Both:

The two blindfolds came off at the same time, they stood face to face with each other, not yet knowing who they were, they both felt disoriented but in their way. They were both expecting a meeting of the two of them sooner or later but they would've never guessed that they would meet by standing face to face in an empty field, who knows how long from their homes, yet none of that mattered to them they stood, appreciative of the fact that they could finally sympathize with someone's past because they could relate, both being picked on in school, and they felt so in place yet now they felt like two puzzle pieces that finally connected after searching and hoping for the longest time. They stood there staring at each other and it felt as if time slowed down, all the bad thoughts they had earlier fading away, they both stood staring at each other, yet they found the comfort in each other that they haven't felt until now. None of them knew where to start and they felt that they couldn't completely express their full emotions, as the men who took off their blindfolds were standing behind them. They stared at each other's similarities and differences, and they could see each other in the other person. They wondered what their mom had looked like for them to look like a mirror image of themselves. When their excitement calmed down Red decided to make their first move

“Hi,” He said as they stared at each other

Artist's Statement: For the two perspectives of my story I decided to include the only two that mattered, the two siblings, and at the end, I decided to go with a perspective of both of the characters to completely try to capture the shared feelings they had at the moment. I chose this certain story as it questioned “what it was like to be family?” and “How can one's family impact their identity” as said in the essential questions it describes what it feels like to finally find your place in the world, even if that place is a person. Like in this story, both of the characters felt alone in the world, until they met each other. The snapshot felt most fitting to be placed in the situation of them starting to meet each other, as they had a lot of emotion and it was important to describe what those emotions were to engage the reader into what the characters are feeling. These techniques such as snapshots and dramatic irony can be used to spot important events in the story. The dramatic irony moves the story forward as while they are in the van the reader knows that they will meet however they don't know what is happening. A thought shot that I decided to use is when Liv finds out that she has a twin, and it reflects Liv’s thoughts and her feelings while also moving the story forward, showing what was happening inside her head while it was all happening. Dialogue played an extremely big part in the rising action and climax of the story as both of the twins found out that they were a twin because of the dialogue when both of their principals told them they had gotten a phone call. Lastly, the motif I decided to include is “disoriented” because that encapsulated how everyone in the story is feeling as everyone is disoriented and confused as to what will happen next so I felt that fit as a motif.