

The wailing woods ● ● ●

As he glanced up of his sunbed, checking that his mum, dad and brother weren't staring at him, Lee began to bolt off the beach. His holiday to Spain had been outstandingly boring, therefore he was determined to have at least a tiny bit of fun. Glancing briefly up the hill, he noticed an abandoned, crumbling castle. He needed to investigate. Like a cat, his feet making no sound on the ground, Lee sprinted up the hill, through the towering trees that swayed joyfully in the wind.

20 minutes later, Lee entered the wailing woods. With a spring in his step, Lee skipped through the auburn trees, that danced in the autumn wind. The rain fell on the leaves, glistening like diamonds in the sunlight. Determined also to find perfect tranquility, Lee continued further and further into the gloomy depths of the woods. Hours went by like minutes. Finally, he had arrived.

Coming to a halt, Lee scanned around for some shelter from the rain. The lightning grasped for the trees around him, narrowly missing his body. Embers fluttered in the wind. The powerful gust hammered against his body, stinging the skin that covered it. Diving behind a deep-green bush, Lee could feel the wind's strength and power decreasing. Suddenly, a twig crunched, leaves rustled and something darted to the other side of the woods. The hairs on the back of his neck prickled with dread. Only now realising it was pitch-black, Lee began to sprint back to the beach.

The only problem was, **WHERE WAS THE BEACH?**

Just then, illuminated by the sudden lightning, a figure darted towards him. Frantically, Lee bolted towards the nearest tree for cover. If he had stayed at the beach, if he hadn't have wandered off, if he had of stayed with his family then he wouldn't of been in this hazardous situation.

Finally, Lee left the forest. Running through the fog, down the hill and onto the beach, he felt his heart pounding as it it was trying to escape his ribcage. At least he was out the forest. At least he was safe... or was he? A shiver ran down his spine as he saw a sight he won't be forgetting any time soon...

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