

One Remaining

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(The story isn't realistic, but is a nice mysterious plot and ending that compliments the story.)

TRISH

*The busy roads, the rain-scented air, covered skies, gloomy and decaying houses close to the school. It's the same thing everyday, I wish there'd be at least one sunny day. This town looks like a ghost town but it's still lively as ever. I don't know how people can live happily here, it's depressing, living here gives me a very twisted melancholy feeling. But I can't leave yet, at least until I finish High school and manage to get into a college far from here. *

I looked at the parking lot searching for an open space, I usually try to wake up early to find a parking spot before it gets packed. The last time I woke up late I had to park five blocks away from my school which was a living nightmare. Once I found a spot and parked my car, I got my bag and headed for the school gates. *The school had a brick wall surrounding it and one metal gate at the front of the school to let students get in and out. The school was very big, the building was a 2nd story building and there was a whole field for P.E. There was even a little gym. The bad part about it was the unkempt field and building. The field was overgrown by weeds and the rooms in the building had mold growing in there.* The only good thing that came from this school was my friends. I value them more than anything, they were the ones that kept me going. As I entered the building a familiar group caught my eye. My Friends. They came on time, usually, two or more would be late.

Jason was the first person to get my attention, why? Because he's rarely here in the first place, it's unexpected. He is such a jock, all he cares about is sports. He is a total jerk sometimes but despite his petty attitude, he's a pretty cool guy once you get to know him. He's just someone that has a hard time trying to express their feelings and thoughts. He has brown short trimmed hair, hazel eyes, and his skin color is somewhat between ivory and warm ivory. He was wearing a loose tank top even though it was freezing, ripped jeans, and worn out vans. Beside him was Hiro, Hiro was always on time like Iris. Hiro and Iris are known to be the most responsible in the group. Hiro is also the sarcastic one, they love to piss almost everyone off. They are also very open-minded, especially about fashion. I genuinely admire their boldness, honestly, I wish I had that. Their clothing always changed every day, one day it could be edgy, sophisticated, bold, hipster, etc. They never stayed with one style, their hair was a curly/wavy messy pixie cut and their hair color was dark brown with a few blond highlights. Their skin color was sort of a golden skin tone and they had very dark jade-colored-eyes. Then Iris. She never really cared about what she was wearing, kinda like me. She is very laid back but is seen as a leader. She is very kind and selfless. Sometimes I feel like she should be a little more selfish and care about her own needs, it may be bad to think like that but I don't care. Anyways, Iris usually goes for comfy clothes. A sweater over a T-shirt, jeans or leggings, and Dr. Martin boots. Her hair is very wavy and at shoulder length with bangs. Her hair color is chestnut brown, honey eyes, and her skin tone was somewhat almond. I usually go for the same style but I

wear converse shoes instead. My hair is very curly so it always looks like a mess and
never I try to fix it because it's a pain. My skin tone is very tan and I have Blue eyes,
sorta lucky to be honest. Then the last one in our group, Ruby. The smallest yet feisty in
our group. She is a very nice and outgoing person don't get me wrong but she has a
very short temper. That ends up with her fighting a lot of people in a matter of seconds.
She had Thick, frizzy wavy dark auburn hair, light green eyes, and a natural skin tone.

As I approached the group, Jason was the first one to see me. He greeted me by
ruffling my hair and messing it up even more. "Can you be less annoying? It's barely 7
am, I can't deal with you right now", I grumbled. "Wow, someone is so grumpy. Get off
the wrong side of the bed this morning?", he said while smirking. Ruby and Hiro
chuckled, They always found Jason's teasing amusing. Right when I was going to tell
Jason something the school bell rang which meant class started. I glared at Jason
before I left to go to my first period. As I was nearing my class I heard a voice behind
me " You know, you shouldn't let him get to you and it's usually unlike you to overreact
over his little remarks." I turned to see who was talking. It was Iris, I let out a sigh of
relief. " I know, I just haven't been feeling great today.", I said. Her eyes held concern,
"You wanna talk about it?", She asked me worriedly. I thought about it for a second.
"Maybe later, we have class right now," I said. She simply nodded and went inside. I
followed her and went to my desk, set my backpack aside, and sat down. I started to
take my notebooks out for my math class when I suddenly started to feel dreadful. I tried
to brush it off hoping it wasn't an attack. But it became worse with every second, no, this
wasn't any normal attack. My chest started to tighten, my mouth became dry, my head

was pounding, the disgusting smell of decay entered the room, and whispers were heard all around me. My body was cold and I started to feel lightheaded. I looked around the room, no one seemed to notice how distraught I was. It was like I didn't even exist. I tried to stand up but my body felt like a thousand bricks. Just standing up was draining me, I turned to look at all my peers but everyone was replaced with black figures. Black figures with cold eyes that stared right through me, my knees gave out making me fall. I must've hit my head on one of the desks cause I couldn't remember falling on the floor. Only darkness and silence.

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The heavy smell of dust was filling my lungs, I started coughing, choking on it. I opened my eyes, trying to see where I was. As I was slowly getting up I noticed that the room was very different from before. The floors were dusty like no ones been here for years, walls were cracked, mold was spreading everywhere, windows were gone, and parts of the ceiling were torn and broken. It was my school but it also wasn't my school. It looked abandoned. I suddenly felt a sharp pain on the right side of my forehead, close to my temple. I tried to look for what could be causing the aching feeling when I felt something warm and wet. I thought it would be sweat but it turned out to be blood. "Jesus Christ," I mumbled to myself. Just how hard did I hit my head. Nevermind that, I need to figure out how the hell I'm going to get out of here. I looked around the room looking for my bag but there was nothing. As I was about to leave the room I noticed a small rotting paper at the teacher's desk. The fact that this was the only thing in this room other than

dust and mold made it even more intriguing. I walked to the teacher's desk and picked up the paper.

5 mysteries

Or wait the time

Be the last ones remaining

Or you will all die

Monsters in the shadows

Monsters in disguise

Run and hide

Silent or pay the price

"5 mysteries? Last ones remaining? What does that-" I was stopped when I heard a scream come from outside. I dropped the paper and ran out the room. I knew that scream, it had to be Ruby. As I was running down the hallways, I saw Iris come out of one of the rooms. She saw me and immediately went towards me, "Where did the scream come from", I said panting. "D-Down the end of the hallway", Iris said, trying her best not to panic. I ran to the end of the hallway, I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I saw Iris' reaction as well, she was horrified. Ruby was being swallowed by a monster with an abnormally extended jaw. It was like a snake swallowing a rat. She was lifeless, captured in the moment of shock and fear. I caught a glimpse of her neck, there was a deep circular stab wound but there was no blood to be found on her clothes. The monster then saw us and slowly walked towards us. Despite having Ruby in it's entire

mouth It came for us like it was hungry for more. Its heavy stomps, huge drops of saliva dripping from its mouth. My Immediate response was to keep Iris safe. I tried to move her but she was frozen, stuck with fear. “ Iris! We Need to leave Now!!”, I yelled but it seemed like she couldn’t hear me. So my only option was to carry her. I picked her up with all my strength and tried to run as fast as my legs could take me.

It felt like I’ve been running for hours but all the hallways looked the same, it felt like I was going nowhere. I saw one room wide open, I rushed in there and closed the door. I was out of breath and could barely stand, I tried to sit down but I fell. “Ow,” I groaned. I waited for a couple of minutes to catch my breath and rest. Also giving time for Iris to recover. After a few minutes, Iris stood up and paced the room. Her breathing was unsteady. I wanted to calm her and assure her everything would be okay but after seeing that, what could I say. This has to be a fucking joke. As I was about to say something, heavy footsteps were suddenly coming from the hallway we came from. My body went cold. Iris stopped and looked at me with fear. I got up as quickly as possible, getting ready for whatever was going to come through that door. With every step more adrenaline rushed through me. The door slowly opened, I braced myself and started to prepare myself to lung at it. The person that peeked in the door was Hiro and a girl we didn’t know. I let out a sigh of relief. Hiro looked at me confused, “ Jesus christ Trish, were you really about to jump me?”, they said in a very agitated tone. “You can’t blame me, haven’t you seen that damn jaw monster??” I said, letting my temper get the best of me. “Jaw? There's more than one monster?”Hiro said, confused. “There’s more?” I asked. “Yes! A weird spider-parasite thing came after us. Jason saved us by leading

them to a different room.” They said. Hiro gave a long sigh, “ Also, this is Ashley, I met her when Jason found me” They said and Ashley just waved. Iris suddenly cut in, “Do you guys know why this is happening, do you know anything at all?” she asked frantically. I looked at Hiro and responded, “ I’m not sure but I got a note where I woke up”. “What did it say?” Hiro asked. “ I- um remember it said there were 5 mysteries but also a time limit we can wait out,” I said. Hiro looked at me confused, “ You don’t have the paper with you?” they asked. I looked away. “I dropped it when we ran for Ruby,” I said. Hiro’s face lit up “ Ruby is here? Where?” they asked. I hesitated to answer,” She’s gone, Hiro”, I said. Their face went from happy to shocked in a matter of seconds. They slumped against the wall and looked like hope was all lost. I was looking at Hiro when I thought I saw the new girl smile from the corner of my eye. Iris suddenly spoke up, taking my attention away from Hiro and Ashley, “ We all mourn for Ruby but we really need to start moving again. Who knows how many monsters are out there and how much time we have. We need to get moving.” She said sternly. I cleared my throat, “ Yeah, we probably should”, I said looking at Hiro. Hiro just nodded their head and followed us.

“Did anyone get clues when they woke up?”, I asked. There was a long silence until Ashley spoke, “ Uh I did, I don’t entirely remember the whole note but I remember that it said there were clues in the basement” She said. Well that’s not much but it’ll do, it’s not like we have any other options right? “Alright, we’ll head to the basement then, find the first clue and start from there, sound good?”, I asked everyone. They all agreed, we walked down the halls searching for a door that looked like the basement door but it

was nowhere to be found. “Hey!! Let Go!!” Iris screamed, When I turned around Ashley was standing still and was holding on to Iris’s arm. Something felt off about Ashley, I grabbed her hand “Hey,” I removed her grip from Iris' arm,“ What are you-” a weird feeling in my hand made me stop mid-sentence. I looked at my hand, it was being swallowed into her body. Her face became more distorted, her eyes sunk and her grin became wider. I tried to pull away but felt like it was ripping parts of my arm. Iris and Hiro tried to pull me away from her but it was no use. Almost my entire arm was inside of her body, I could tell that Iris was screaming but I couldn’t hear anything. Ashley started to pull my body into her’s, parts of my body were slowly being consumed into hers. There was no pain however, It felt like everything was playing in slow motion. Hiro picked up Iris pulling her away from me. She tried to fight Hiro but they had a strong hold on her. I could no longer move my legs and arms, it felt cold, and Hiro was still pulling Iris away. My vision slowly started to get darker and darker. There is a time right, it should be almost over. They need to be the last ones remaining, they need to survive this. They need to..

(In the beginning it was nice and calm, it felt like a normal day at school with friends. But In the middle and end was mysteries and creepy with them being kidnapped and hunted down.)