

Jake was always so horrible to Lily. He would blackmail her into doing all sorts of things. Whether it was to do stupid dares, see how messy they could get the house before Mum got back, time how long she could hold her breath underwater while Jake pushed her head down or even be part of his science experiments. Lily hated her brother. She never wanted to do any of his 'ideas' but she was forced to. Of course, Lily ALWAYS got the blame.

One evening Lily and Jake were playing football in the garden. Of course, Jake had Lily in goal while he aimed at her instead of the net.

"Can I have a go at shooting now?" Lily asked as she wiped the sweat from her brow.

"But I'm really good at shooting and besides you're a great goalie." Jake said slyly.

"Fine... I never get to shoot." Lily said.

Jake went on to repeatedly hit his sister in the face making her on the verge of tears until he missed with one kick of his left foot. He sent the football hurling in the air until it landed on the other side of the hedge that ran down the side of their garden.

Jake's ball had landed into old De'Ath's garden.

De'Ath, their next door neighbour hated children. There once was a little girl called Ruby that lived across the road from them. Her face was filled with freckles and she had bright auburn hair that she wore in two slick braids. When Lily was just a baby she went missing. The last anyone had heard of her she was playing catch with her brother. Ruby's ball ended up in old man De'Ath's garden. When Ruby went to go and get her ball she never returned.

Lily was the first to speak after the incident.

"Well... that's gone."

"That was my favourite ball!" Jake said, sounding a little upset.

"It landed in old man De'Ath's garden... If you want to go and get it, get it." Lily replied rather smugly.

"Hey Lil', I've got an idea! Why don't we both go and get my ball!" Jake said rather enthusiastically.

"No way." Lily refused.

"Don't be a coward! If you don't then I'll tell mum you hit me." Jake said cruelly.

"No! I didn't though!"

"Who is she going to believe?"

"Fine." Lily said.

Jake presented his hands to Lily in a cup shape. Reluctantly, she put one foot in his hands and with one big push she scrambled up and over the hedge into De'Ath's garden. Not long after, Jake followed, finding his own way over the hedge.

“Whoa! It’s so creepy”

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“Jake, let’s go back.”

Oblivious to Lily, Jake ran over to a giant shed in the distance and started to dig in a patch of weeds. A couple of seconds later he pulled out a florescent coloured ball.

“What do you think is inside this shed?” He wondered.

“Don’t Jake. Let’s go.”

Before Lily could hold him back he pushed the doors open and with a loud squeak and it slammed shut behind him. Lily had no choice but to follow. Inside it looked like an old fashioned toy shop with dolls surrounding them.

“Look at all this stuff!” Jake shouted.

“Jake, something’s not right.”

“Oh do shut up Lily. I really wish I had a brother instead of you.” Jake said as he fingered every doll in sight.

Hurt, Lily turned away from Jake. Something caught her eye. It was a doll whose face was filled with freckles and had auburn hair that was worn on two slick plaits. As Lily got closer she realized it looked exactly like Ruby...

Lily knew what was going to happen. A red ball brushed across her leg. It was Jake’s ball. When she turned around she found a tiny replica of her brother on the floor. As she picked him up water appeared from his glass eyes.

“Oh do shut up Jake. I really wish I had a sister instead of you.” Said Lily and with a sinister smile on her face, she placed her brother onto the shelf and left.