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Me before you

William Traynor is a character in Jojo Moyes novel *Me Before You*. he is a wealthy financier, who becomes paralyzed after a motorcycle accident in 2007. Will gives up on life and wants his parents to allow him to go through with assisted suicide. He has a sarcastic and difficult demeanor but louisa clark his caretaker soon learns that he has a heart of gold louisa falls in love with Will, and tries to convince him that life is worth living but he can't change his mind will eventually leaves louisa with money to pursue her dreams.

During the beginning of the book there was no instant connection with Will and Lou. It took time for them to fall in love. As their connection strengthens Lou becomes more determined to make Will see that his life still has value despite his disability. She plans a series of outings and adventures hoping to rekindle his love for life although will is initially resistant he gradually starts to appreciate Lou's efforts and even enjoys some of the experiences, she arranges these moments allow them to share laughter and create memories that go beyond the caregiver, patient relationship bringing them closer together emotionally. However the deepening bond between Will and Lou is also marked by underlying tension. Will had previously made a decision about his future that he intends to stick to despite Lou's attempts to change his mind, this creates a sense of urgency in their relationship as lou desperately tries to convince will that his life can still be meaningful and full of joy, through their conversations will reveals more about his feelings of

loss and frustration and Lou learns to understand the complexity of his situation. Their connection becomes a mix of love, pain and the reality of Will's condition making it both beautiful and heartbreaking. In the end the relationship between Will and Lou profoundly impacts both of their lives. Lou gains the confidence to pursue her own dreams and live a fuller life inspired by Will's encouragement to not settle for less will on the other hand finds comfort and a sense of peace in the time he spends with Lou knowing that he has made a difference in her life, Their connection is a powerful reminder of how deeply people can influence each other even in the face of difficult circumstances and how love can take many forms sometimes pushing us to make the hardest decisions of all.

After the incident with the motorbike accident he had to get into a wheelchair and he was dependent on others for even the most basic tasks this drastic change in his life made him feel like he had lost his identity and sense of purpose being in a wheelchair made will feel trapped and powerless he hated the limitations it placed on him preventing him from doing the things he once loved the pain and discomfort he experienced daily added to his frustration and he couldn't bear the idea of living the rest of his life in such a state Will's depression deepened as he struggled to accept his new reality and he began to see life as meaningless this despair led him to consider assisted suicide as he felt that ending his life was the only way to regain control and escape the suffering he was enduring.

In *Me Before You* the relationship between Will and Lou evolves from a challenging beginning into a deep and transformative connection although they start off as strangers with vastly different outlooks on life they eventually influence each other in profound ways. Lou's unwavering care and optimism help find moments of happiness while Will's encouragement pushes Lou to pursue a life beyond her small town limitations despite the ultimate outcome of

their relationship. The bond they form highlights the power of love and human connection showing how even brief encounters can leave lasting impressions and inspire life changing decisions. Their story is a testament to the complexity of love and the difficult choices it can lead to reminding us that true connection often involves both joy and heartbreak.

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