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### Me Before You

In the book “Me before You” the two characters had nothing in common, Lou had a ordinary life, she was close to her family, Will on the other hand lived a more outgoing life, he did sports, traveled, and was moody. Lou took the job to be Will’s caregiver. Will pretty much thinks that his life isn’t worth living anymore, so while Lou is taking care of Will she tries to show him that life is still worth living. Will is a successful businessman until a motorcycle accident causes him to become angry, and depressed, then has the plan to end his life through assisted suicide.

Will was a 35 old vibrant man who became quadriplegic. He’s wealthy, and outgoing, and loves participating in sports. However after the motorcycle accident it left him angry, and depressed. The book states that “ the thing is, i get that this could be a good life. I get that with you around, perhaps it could even be a very good life. But it’s not my life”.(Moyes 324). Will was also very charming. Will charms Lou’s parents when he goes to Lou’s birthday dinner. On page 172 Will states “No I’ll come to your birthday. It’ll give your mother something to focus on”. Will becomes moody after the accident because he wishes that he didn’t have to live his life like this. Not doing the things he likes because he’s paralyzed. Will is very moody with his other caretaker Nathan and seem that it will be the same way with Lou but it ends up that it’s completely different.

The motorcycle accident is what caused Will to become quadriplegic. In the book “He hears a shout, which may be his own.” The last thing he sees is a leather glove, a face under a helmet, the shock in the man’s eyes mirroring his own. There is an explosion as everything fragments. Then there’s nothing. (Moyes 4). Will’s life changed completely after this. He becomes very dependent on other people to help him. On page 15 “h’s a...a quadriplegic. He needs someone in the daylight hours to help feed and assist.” As seen Will has problems with basic stuff. After the accident Will feels depressed because he can no longer do the things that he loves. He feels that there’s no point in living more. The book celebrates ambition, yet at the beginning of the book both characters are watching their lives pass by instead of living them.

In the beginning of the book Will was active then became hopeless about not being able to live his life. He was a successful businessman, he did every extreme sport. Eventually becoming angry at himself that his life is changed. In the book “of course he’s miserable. He’s stuck in a bloody wheelchair”. (Moyes 38). Could be why Will has such a hard time coping to it. Because he’s not the type of guy to just sit down and think about his feelings. However Lou comes across Will’s Mother who interviews her for a job to be a caregiver for Will. When soon finds out that Will wants to kill himself. Lou is angry with Will because she does want him to go through with this. She can’t sleep that night with the thought of Will’s plan in her head. She’s also mad at Camila for being so cold and starts to understand why she’s so distant from her son. But she’s more scared that Will will do it anyway. But the next day Will seems to be in a different good mood. But Will seems to be at peace with his decision, while Lou was thinking about how Will was going to kill himself if he has no limbs. Lou can’t seem to keep a conversation with Will because of what’s on her mind. This decision gives Will some control over his life. Lou decides

that she's not going to tell her family about is, but also trying to help out Will and help him change his mind.

Lou and Will's relationship don't start off very good because of Will's bitterness. On page 34 "He turned to look at me. His jaw was covered in several weeks of stubble, and his eyes were unreadable. He turned away". He would be rude to Lou when she was just trying. However that all changes when Will starts to become more open minded with Lou when they both bond over the traumatic events that have happened to them. Will tells Lou that he is taking her to Alicia and Rupert's wedding, while in Switzerland Lou tells Nathen how happy Will seems. "I watched him laughing hard at something Mary had said, and something in me grew strange and tight. This had shown me it could work that Will could be happy."

In conclusion it still wasn't enough to get Will to not go through with his plan. In this part of the book it shows that Will loved Lou. "He gave me a small smile, almost an apology." Even though Will never said that he loved Lou he still loved her. The motorcycle accident changed Will's life a lot but so did Lou. This book was about finding love unexpectedly and sometimes love means sacrificing your own happiness and comfortability. This book encourages readers to question what it truly means to love.

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