

The devil in the woods

“Ok it’s almost late, it’s time to **hit the hay**”, she just told herself, and closed her diary.

She gets up from her chair and walked towards the door. She makes sure that the doors are closed well, and just slowly walked towards her bed. Before sleeping, she had the habit of praying to the God. She turned off the lights. The time of light is over. The darkness conquered the room. She unlocked her mobile, and opened WhatsApp, suddenly she felt something behind her window. But its suddenly disappeared. She ignored it. After some time, something started knocking the window, she looked again, but nothing was there. She opened the window; she can see only darkness.

Boom

All at once something came Infront of her,

She ran back and turned on the light. Immediately she heard a sound,

“Hey, don’t panic, it’s me”. It was Sreenath, her lover.

She replied,

“I’m almost dead, don’t do this again.”

“I’m sorry, I’m sorry, I didn’t mean to scare you”.

“Why are you here at this time?”.

“I’m here to tell you something”.

“What? Just speak out.”

“It’s something serious. I can’t reveal it here. You just come to the woods behind. I’ll be waiting there”.

“Don’t you see what time it is, sorry I can’t come out”.

“Sneha, it’s an urgent, please come...”.

“Sorry, I can’t”.

“Ok, then I will come inside”.

“Hey no, no, please don’t make any scene”.

“Then you come outside”.

“Sree, please try to understand”.

“No way, I will be waiting there in the woods. If you won’t come there within 5 minutes, I’ll be there inside your room”.

Telling this he just went to the woods. She called him back, but he didn’t turn back. She is **in dire straits** now. She walked around her room. She started thinking “What do I do, what do I do?”.

She can’t **sit on the fence longer**. She has no other choice; her **last resort** is to go into the woods. She slowly gets out from her room, and went to her parent's room, to make sure that they are sleeping. She confirmed that they won’t wake up, and she get out from her house through the back door. It’s about 5 days to reach the full moon and there is shiny moonlight all over the place. The place is about 6000 ft above sea level, due to that night time is so cold. The whole place is covered by white blanket of fog. The rays of moonlight is piercing through the trees, giving courage to fight against the dark. Even though it’s so bright, still Sneha turned on her mobile flash, and started walking towards the woods. She already reached so far inside the woods, still she can’t find Sreenath anywhere. The warriors of darkness are preventing the moonlight from reaching the woods. She reached almost half way inside the woods. Now it’s the empire of darkness. The place is fully silent, making it even more scary.

She took her mobile and called Sreenath. But he’s out of coverage. She called his name so loudly, so that he can hear her and come. But there's no reply. She called again. Still nothing. She made a third try with a loud voice, even a person from outside the woods can hear that sound. This time she heard the sound of bats flying away from the trees. She can feel fear inside her; it’s almost consuming her. She lost her sword to fight against fear. It’s a **snowball's chance in hell**. Suddenly she felt something moving on the woods on her right side, she turned to her right, but there was nothing. Fear confirmed its victory. Suddenly she saw the bushes Infront of her **shuddering**. It’s like something is hiding behind those bushes, on a slow pace she moved towards the bush. She reached the bush; she used her flash light to look inside the bush.

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All of a sudden something jumped out from the woods, she screamed loudly. It was a rabbit. Hearing her **bawl**, it ran away. Seeing that rabbit, she felt like, she **dodged a bullet**. But still her hands and legs are vibrating in fear. She already lost her way, and now she is **dead on her feet**. Staying there one more minute is like **digging her own grave**. So, she decides to go back to home. She turned back, and she saw a big black thing standing before her, it’s almost 7 feet tall. She closed her eyes and **screech** loudly. And when she opened her eyes, the black thing was not there, it disappeared. She didn’t wait any more, she ran as like a **bat out of hell**. She somehow managed to get out from the woods.

She tried to call Sreenath again, and finally she got ring. Sreenath took the phone call; his voice is so sleepy.

“Sree, where the hell are you, don’t play with me anymore. How many times I’ve called you. I’m almost dead by fear, come out”, she started **reproving** him.

“What the hell are you saying, are you mad?”, Sreenath replied in a confused sound.

“Sree, this is not funny, you’re the one who told me to come to the woods, and where the hell are you hiding?”

“What? When did I told you to come to the woods. You woke me up in this mid night, and now you’re talking all these nonsense”.

“Are you kidding me? I saw you. You came to my window and asked me to meet you in the woods. You threatened me that you will come to my room if I won’t come out, have you forgot that?”.

“Are you out of your mind. I’m in my home. Then how would I come there and call you?”

“What you mean?”

“Hello, Sree, Sree, can you hear me.....”.

The call disconnected. She was totally confused. All of a sudden, she heard a loud **shriek** from the woods. It’s a human voice.

So, what was that??????