

Mount Firefly

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A boy named Jacob was walking to his school. His school was a private school that everyone knew. A school with its own mountain. **Mount Firefly School**. Once he arrived at the foot of the mountain, he saw a bus. A bus that would take him to the top of Mount Firefly, to his new school. That's when the adventure started.

Chapter 1: Lockdown

A girl in the bus named Sara told Jacob that going up the mountain could take about 10 minutes. He passed next to many places like dorm buildings, hiking trails and other things until something caught his eye. Something hanging from a tree in the distance. It looked like some kind of animal, but big. He saw it for a small second, so he didn't see much. What he did see seemed to be red drops dripping from the thing. Jacob started trembling and convinced himself he hallucinated.

Once the bus arrived at the top of the mountain, he saw a big school in front of him. His new school, Mount Firefly School. He didn't know anybody and came from far away, because his parents wanted him to be at Mount Firefly School. The school looked pretty, and it was big. He was so excited to enter the school that he forgot about the thing he saw in the forest.

Later that day, he was finished with school. He was glad to have his 6th grade at the best school. Jacob got in the bus to go to his dorm. It turns out the building where his dorm was is a beautiful place that people called "The Dream's Dorms". He found his room and saw a bunkbed, a desk with two chairs, empty shelves, but most importantly, the room was BIG. He had so much space. He then realised that there were big drawers on the wall and under the bunkbed. When he opened the drawers, they each had mattresses! He was so happy. He also had a couch in the corner of the room. But then he realised, having four beds might be for four people. He then saw a phone with a button to call the service for the rooms. He decided to call to ask:

- I found my room but saw four beds. How many people are supposed to sleep in these rooms?

- What building are you in to have FOUR beds? Asked the lady that answered.
- I'm in building 3, answered Jacob.
- Oh... those are made for two people but... You know you should have 5 beds, right?
- Wow... Why would there be five beds for two people?
- I don't know. I guess you can invite your friends to a sleepover. I'm sure they would accept, since you're in The Dream's Dorm, said the lady.
- Okay. Well, thank you.

He was very surprised, but especially intrigued about what the lady was talking about when she said "The Dream's Dorms". Then he heard a knock on the door. When he opened it, he saw another boy that was probably in sixth grade too.

- Hey... I'm Mike. I guess I'm gonna be your roommate, the boy said.
- Oh... hey... um... I'm Jacob.
- Hey... Wait, what are the three drawers there?
- Those are beds. I was surprised when I saw it.

Jacob then realised that the bed under the bunkbed had another drawer on it with ANOTHER bed that slides out.

- Oh! That's where the fifth bed is!
- Wait, you didn't see it? asked Mike.

The boys got the room ready by 7:00 PM. They talked a lot and found they had the same interests. They decided to do a movie night and settled on a movie to watch. But then Jacob asked:

- Oh no... We don't have anything to eat.

They called the service and the same lady picked up the phone. He asked if they had to go down the mountain to get food, but she said:

- There's a store next to your building. People in other buildings must get a ride to go there but if they don't want to go there or they can't, they have vending machines and a very small shop where not much food is sold. You're lucky, you have both options in The Dream's Dorms.

Both walked out of the building. They could hear crickets and could see the stars.

- Is this your first time here, Mike?
- Yeah, it is! This is so cool! What about you?
- Yep, it's my first time, said Jacob. I really like having a school like this. Although, I don't like **actual** school.

This day, they had not met their teachers. They just had a tour of the school and explanations. The next day was the real start.

Once they arrived at the grocery store, they took everything they needed and went to pay. At this school, there are no parents around to pay so parents set up a special card to pay with their money. The card is then used by the kid at the school so the child can get food.

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After the movie -

Jacob was sitting on the couch and was on his phone while Mike was on the bunkbed sitting on the bottom mattress. Jacob was playing games until he got a message.

- Hey, Mike, my mom wants to call me. I'm gonna talk to her for a bit.

- Ok! I won't make noise.

Jacob answered his mom's call.

- Hi Mom!

- Hey! How are you? How was your first day?

- It was ok, said Jacob. I met my roommate and I found out I have the best dorm building! Oh, and the store-

Before Jacob could finish speaking, she said:

- Of course you do. You know, I paid a lot for that. But I'm glad you're happy! You should maybe get some sleep.

Jacob listened to his mother. He went to sleep after the call.



Next Morning

Jacob woke up before Mike and decided to go walk in the forest. After all, he had a whole mountain to explore. Suddenly, his phone vibrated, and he took it out. It was an alert saying... "School canceled, please stay in your dorms for the whole day. Doors will be locked after everyone is inside. If someone is missing, please contact us".

Scared, Jacob ran back to his building and just before the manager of Dream's Dorms could lock it, he entered the building. He ran up to his room and opened the door. Mike was in front of the door, putting his shoes on to go find Jacob. Relieved, Mike said:

- There you are! I was scared!
- Did you get the alert too? asked Jacob.
- Heck yeah! I was sleeping calmly when suddenly I heard a voice from the intercom saying "PLEASE STAY IN YOUR ROOM, SCHOOL IS CANCELED, AND BUILDINGS ARE LOCKED. NOTIFY US IF SOMEONE IS MISSING"! THAT woke me up, then I realised you were not here, and I tried going to get you and here you are.
- ... Why did they cancel it though?

Chapter 2 - Blood

So, let's rewind the story, back to the moment where Jacob was in the bus, going up the mountain. He saw something hanging from the trees. The "thing" was a corpse. Not just any corpse though, one from an unknown creature. It happened to have been walking in the forest, when suddenly, it was killed. Now this was not the big deal that made the school shut down. But it was still an event that shows that maybe, just maybe, this mountain was not very safe for humans.

What was lurking around the forest, that could have killed this creature? But let's now come back to the lockdown.

Jacob and Mike were terrified, both thinking of everything that could have caused this. Mike later mentioned that he would like to post a story about the situation on YouTube. Jacob totally thought it was a weird idea, so he asked:

- Why would you post about something when we're in lockdown? Why can't you just post later?
- I'm a content creator, and this would make a perfect video, said Mike.
- What? That's crazy! Anyways, I'll let you do your thing.

So, of course, Mike went on and made a video. All he talked about is how his school went on lockdown for "no reason" and he can game the whole day. Basically, making it sound like it's the best day ever.

Around an hour later, Mike's video was already getting a ton of views, so he thought he could talk more about it. But suddenly, Jacob heard a scream, somewhere in their dorm building, but not too far. Although, crazily, Mike didn't even hear it, and at this point he had literally started a stream on YouTube. That's when Jacob told him they had to check it out.

At first, Mike was very confused what he meant, but then he heard another scream, and they both rushed down the hallway and escalated the stairs up to the floor where they heard it. Standing in the hallway, was Sara, the girl from the bus, staring into Room 19. The two boys walked forward and asked her what was wrong.

- My friend, Ashley, was right here in front of my eyes and I saw her disappear! said Sara.
- So you're telling me that she randomly disappeared right here in front of you, and you don't know what happened? Yeah, that's *totally* believable, said Mike. Sorry, but she's probably getting food right now, and you probably need some *serious* sleep. Come on, Jake, it's a false alert...
- UUUGH, I totally thought something exciting was gonna happen, spoke Jacob, who was very disappointed.

But the boys were wrong, because another door was opened on the way back, Room 14, Sara's Room. And on the ground, right there, was sitting Ashley's body, in a pool of blood.

Chapter 3 - Fox

- Sara, you gotta come see this, said Mike, disgusted and confused about what could have happened.

Sara walked down to where they were. When she saw her best friend laying there, she broke down into tears. Jacob and Mike called Dream's Dorms' manager and explained what happened. Unfortunately, everyone had to continue staying inside the dorms. Keep in mind, everything was being recorded and streamed online until they found the body. The whole world knew about it, but the police couldn't do anything because the mountain was on lockdown, and for a good reason. Something dangerous was going on.

Two weeks later, the school was still in lockdown, and they were soon going to run out of food to feed everyone inside the dorms, so some people would walk to the stores and grab stuff out of them, then bring them back to the dorms, while being super careful. Two people went missing trying to do that, so you could imagine not many people would volunteer to do it. There was a total of five victims, three went missing while being outside, two of which were the ones getting food, one died in a building, AKA Ashley, and one disappeared from inside the buildings, with no body found. Only Ashley was from Dream's Dorms.

Jacob, knowing about everything happening, from the friends he made in the other buildings, was planning on doing something about it. Y'know how there's five beds in the dorm? Well, he asked many people if they wanted to help him and four decided to help, so they were now all living in Room 12, Jacob and Mike's room. They had a plan, a big one. They would escape from the building at night and run around on the mountain until they found what was going on. They would eliminate the beast behind all this killing. But their plan was set for this day. It was time to escape.

Everyone silently went down the stairs and walked through the exit door, which was easy to open from the inside. When they were outside, it was scary, being in the dark, when you could be killed at any moment. They started to hike up the mountain.

Once they were finally at the next building, which was a store, they thought they could take a quick trip inside to get some stuff for the adventure. As they were walking through the door, Jay, a member of their group, turned on the light, which startled everyone.

- WHOAH! screamed Mike. Jay! You should've warned us before doing anything like that. it's scary out here.

Jay said sorry and they kept on going. Kayla, another member of their group, stumbled upon dehydrated meals and some gas cans and small stoves. She took all she could so everyone could eat some good meals. Jacob found jackets, a big tent and some sleeping bags, and Mike took large water reserves. Jay took fire starters, matches and some wood for fires, while Eve, Ashley's roommate, picked up a little bit of everything.

Everyone eventually made their way to the door. When they were reunited, Eve suggested they stayed there for the night. So, they set up camp inside the store and had a good night's sleep. Well, most of them. Because at 3:00 AM, Jacob woke up to a voice whispering in his ear.

- I have no idea why you're out here, but it's dangerous. Why don't you go back to your little dorm where you're safe? After all – You never know what could happen.

The person then started laughing, and when Jacob turned around his head, he saw... Nothing. Nothing at all, no one except for his friends. He looked out the window, and that's when he saw something that had long hair and creepy eyes, staring at him with a smile on its face. It slowly walked away and put its finger over its mouth, saying "shhhhhh."

Jacob quickly fell asleep.

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Eve was the first to wake up, because she had many nightmares during the night about what happened to her roommate. She decided to take some fresh air and walk outside. She was just going to wait for the others to wake up. While Eve walked on the path, she saw something hanging from a tree. Something that she had never seen before. It looked like a fox, but also a human. But most importantly, she saw blood, dripping down to the ground. She looked around and saw two more bodies, one of them looked like a vulture and a human, and the other resembled a bear and a human. The girl rushed back to her friends, and saw Jay, outside of the building, calling her name.

- Jay! I'm here, said Eve. I- I saw some rotting corpses, hanging from trees! It was horrible.

She went inside the market where they had spent the night and told them what she saw. Everyone was horrified about what she had said. Then, Jacob said what happened to him during the night.

- I know it's scary, but we must move on if we want to find out what's going on, said Mike. Let's make sure everyone is safe. Eve, that means NO running away-
- I was just walking! You're the ones who were asleep, shouted Eve.
- Oh, so it's our fault that we needed to sleep? How should we be able to fight when we're tired, asked Jay.
- Uuh, guys, I think we should stop fight- Before Jacob could even finish his sentence, everyone started yelling at each other.
- Oh, you shut up! I can walk as much as I want, WHEN I WANT!
- Guys! When will you stop this nonsense? If you don't like our group, then go back where you're safer, said Kayla.
- Yeah, she's right, we all know you like taking dangerous walks, so go ahead! Leave and go to the dorms, said Mike.
- Well, it would be my pleasure to walk away here. You know, if I end up like Ashley, that's fine by me.

Everyone stopped talking for a few seconds. After realising they just pushed her out of the group, they tried to stop her, but nothing worked.

- Wait, Eve! shouted Kayla out of regret.

All the group packed up their stuff and even though they lost one person, they wouldn't let it get to them.

My Mountain

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September 30th - 2018

My name is Sara. This is my new journal, for 6th grade. I was so excited when I arrived at Mount Firefly. Not the mountain, but the school. In fact, I live on the mountain.

My life has been strange, ever since... well... I started living on that mountain. Mount Firefly is beautiful, but I couldn't see the full thing. I always had to hide from the people. See, we were hiking a few weeks ago, and a tragic event happened. My parents... died. But honestly, what's better than not having two bossy parents? Or so I thought...

I mean, this mountain is so mysterious that the story can go up to twenty years ago, when the school finally opened. One of the teachers just suddenly disappeared. No one knew why or how this happened. But it happened again. Two months later, one of the students vanished and was never found again. The next month, fifteen people were abducted. But 16 were attacked. One of them had escaped and lived to tell the story of a man named Carl, who disappeared in November 1988. Now this survivor wrote everything down, and I'm the only one who read his notebook. I'm writing it in my own, which I will save for later, when these people can finally learn the truth.

Carl was the second person to disappear, but he was never taken away like the others. No, in fact, he was the one responsible for his teacher going missing. He simply wanted to live in the woods, to finalize his plan. He spent weeks planning his project out, and it finally paid off in the end. Well, kind of. See, his teacher was used as an experiment, to make something... horrifying. A monster. A half-human creature that lurked around the forest. In December, 15 kids went missing, and I know why, how and even where they went.

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