

“The Lost Doll”

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Julie was at home on a beautiful sunny day with her daughter, Sophia. It was mid-summer and the weather was perfect to be outdoors. The temperature was around 75 degrees, not too hot and not too cold. Sophia was four and loved to be outside, so this day was perfect to keep her entertained. Julie decided that they should go on a little outing.

Sophia had been begging her mom to take her to the “really fun” playground at the park. The park playground was one of her favorite places to spend her summer days. Julie packed sunscreen, got Sophia and her doll in the car, and off they went. They arrived at the park within five minutes and immediately Sophia ran out of the car, doll in hand, towards the playground. When Sophia reached the massive playground surrounded by the children and awful smelling woodchips, she was extremely excited. She set her doll down on the closest bench and sprinted for the tire swings. The playground had everything Sophia could imagine! One of her favorites was the tire swings, but she also liked the green caterpillar to climb on. She also loved the tunnel that she had to crawl through to reach the other side of the playground. Sophia met some new friends and played as long as she could, but sooner than she wanted, it was time to leave. Julie and Sophia both needed to go home to eat lunch.

Julie had a hard time getting Sophia to leave. Eventually, they both started towards the car. When they reached the car, they noticed something was wrong. Sophia had left her doll on the bench near the playground! Julie grabbed Sophia out of the car and they ran to go find the doll. To their surprise, the doll was gone. They looked all over the park and the doll was nowhere to be found. Sophia was crushed. She loved that doll with all of her four-year-old-heart. Sophia’s mom, Julie, promised that she would buy her a new doll, but that wasn’t what Sophia wanted.

The next day Julie woke up to a horrible surprise. She went into Sophia’s room and found her on the floor with her blanket tight around her neck. There was a drawing of her doll on the floor with a sad face on it and the words goodbye. Julie was a complete mess. She couldn’t figure out why Sophia would go to such extent over her doll.

After Julie found Sophia, the cops were called and there were a large number of people arriving at their house to investigate the scene. The journal writers, investigators, police, ambulance and many more showed up to see what happened. Sophia’s neighbors were all lined up in front of the house asking why she would do this. It was a very sad day for Julie and for everyone else who knew the family. The worst part was the newspaper had an article about what happened in the paper. Reading the article only made Julie feel even worse about what happened. She stared at the title for days wondering why this would happen.

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