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### Arrive Alive

It was a night of all evil, a night that wouldn't have happened if I had just listened to her. I should have stayed home but, instead, I decided to sneak out, get drunk with friends, and drive around the town like I owned the place. I disobeyed my mom's direct orders. She will never be able to trust me ever again. Let's move forward thirty minutes after this moment. The next thing I knew it I was in my friend Piper's car with my friends and we were all talking and jamming out to music, she was criminally speeding but I was too out of it to register it at that moment.

We were on a side street in Naples, a road that has lots of twists and turns of a cliff. The kind of turns you need to slow down a lot to make them perfectly. But next thing I knew there was one directly in front of us with a beautiful view of the lake, Piper isn't slowing down. The speed limit was 35 she was going about 65 if I remember correctly. We are getting feet, to inches from the turn, I am screaming at Piper to slow down a kind of scream that makes your ears bleed; she doesn't listen. Then my other two friends Cole and Kallie decide to start screaming with me but Piper is just laughing and laughing that flashes its foul grin. Suddenly, we were at the corner, there was a peaceful buzz in the air. We are getting closer and closer to the long lake like we are gliding like we are flying. There was a smooth glimmer amongst the water, the smell of freshness. water and lilacs. This moment in my mind is sluggish like it's been hours, but only seconds have gone by. I go to look up through the sunroof but I see the ground like a bird's eye view, at this very moment I knew we went off the road. We are getting closer, and closer, to the ground. The closer we get the more unsteady and upset I get, I start to scream. I look over and Piper is knocked out, then I look back for Cole, he's not there. Then like a nuclear bomb, the car hits the ground, then I see nothing but darkness.

Suddenly when awakened I hear a steady horn, one that you would hear in a war movie. My head is pounding, I feel a warm sensation coming down the bridge of my nose. I tried to look over at Piper but there was a sudden sharp pain as if someone was stabbing the back of my neck with a butcher knife. I

gave up several times due to the pain, it was unbearable. As time moved on I knew I had to look if my friends were alright. So I tried again, the pain more unbearable than the last, but I finally saw Piper. She was halfway out the windshield, blood dripping out everywhere. Then I looked for Kallie, turning my head, even more, me screaming trying to reach where she was. I almost gave up. My vision started to blur but she was unconscious with her seatbelt on but Cole was nowhere to be seen, he was supposed to be right next to her but he's not. I call out for him but barely anything comes out, I hear nothing, I call out again and I start to hear police sirens. I know that we are in great trouble at this point. I think to myself, my moms never going to be able to forgive me or maybe see me again, why didn't I listen to her, why did I drink? Then everything becomes a blur again and then it goes black.

When slowly reopening my eyes there is a bright white light, I only hear a ringing with an older gentleman leaning over my face. Is this heaven? His lips are moving but I hear nothing, why do I hear nothing? I try to focus some more. I'm hearing him a little, like the sounds you would hear in a soundproof room like a buzzing. Is the man saying my name? I go to open my mouth nothing is coming out, why is that? I'm trying so hard. Why is nothing happening? I start to cry horrendously. In a way like everything around me is gone, In a way like I'm nothing like a piece of sand in a desert, just there.

A few hours later I gained full consciousness, It was all a blur to me but there were some things I would keep for the rest of my life. Even though hours were very slow, there was just one thing on my mind: are my friends okay? I asked my doctor, "are my friends okay" he wouldn't answer me. I was ferrous. I started to scream "are my friends okay", my mom said honey calm down we have something to tell you. Moments later I'm calm and I hear the worst news of all my life. My mom starts tearing up. I asked what's wrong. She said "honey I'm sorry but none of your friends survived that terrible crash" and everything went black. The lesson needed to be learned is to be safe, listen to your parents. Arrive alive.