

## Memories of Another

Every night, when I went to bed, I saw memories. Not my memories, someone else's. They seemed to be the memories of my cousin brother, Jacob who lived in the countryside. They were memories of adventures in the woods and field. I thought that it all was real until my noisy little sister, Natalie woke me up. 'Get up sleepyhead. We are going to visit Uncle and Auntie in the countryside!' shouted Natalie. Excited, I quickly got up to get ready. I hid my excitement from mom, dad and Natalie but I couldn't wait to tell my Jacob about all the adventures I saw him having. Jacob and I were quite unique, both of us couldn't remember our own unforgettable memories, but instead we knew of each other through our dreams. This is something we shared and have never told anyone else.

As soon as we arrived at their farmhouse, I immediately looked for Jacob. I went into the barn, but he wasn't where he usually would be and I searched everywhere until I was about to give up. Then I heard a familiar voice shout, 'Oi! Joe!' I turned around to see Jacob standing there with a big grin on his face. 'Why do you look so happy?' I asked. He grabbed me by the arm and started dragging me into the forest. I say 'Hey! Let me go!' But he ignored me. I wonder, what could he be up to?

Jacob finally let go of me when we reached one of his favourite big tree. At the base of the tree is a piece of pinkish crystal about the size of a small apple. 'I touched this and got my memories back! It was the same one that we found on the beach. Do you still remember it? We started losing part of our memories after we found this three months ago,' said Jacob. There is a deep silence between us. I reached out my hand and was about to touch the crystal when Natalie burst in, asking 'What are you doing?' Jacob and I turn around in surprise. 'Did you follow us?' shouted Jacob. 'Maybe I did, maybe I didn't,' replied Natalie. She slides past us and kicks the crystal. 'Oh, and what's this?' The crystal began to crack! 'Natalie! What have you done?' I shouted. Jacob and I were shocked. Even Natalie seemed shocked. Suddenly we had a really bad headache and couldn't even stand. When it finally subsided, we realised our memories were jumbled up!

Natalie asked 'Are you guys all right?' She sounded sincere. I have never seen her look so distraught so we told her what we have been experiencing. Natalie didn't think it was real at first, but after a while she said in a determined voice 'I want to help fix this. Wait right here.' She then ran back to the farmhouse. When she came back, she started picking up the broken crystal pieces and putting it back together like a jigsaw puzzle. Jacob and I just stared at her as we were still processing what had just happened. Natalie finally managed to glue the whole crystal back. Slowly, Jacob and I touched the crystal. Our memories were once ours again. It worked!

We all headed home together happy as can be. The grownups asked, 'You guys look like you just came back from a carnival.' Natalie replied, 'We just had a lot of fun in the forest.' We headed up to Jacob's room and made a promise to tell each other our memorable memories now that we have them back.

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