

Ellen Vališová von Sanger

The secret of Rain

It was a typical rainy day in Riverton. Two men were driving in a car. They were policemen but they had a day off, so they were going on a trip to a city nearby. They were driving on a little road that was very quiet. They were driving for a long time now. Soon they arrived at a forest. "I think that this is a good place to take a little break," said the first man. The second man nodded and they both got out of the car.

They both started to hear noises, not normal noises but noises that sounded like someone was crying. "Don't you hear something?" said one man. "Actually now that you have mentioned it I do hear something, I think we should go check it out", said the other man. "Ok but I need to grab an umbrella first," said the first man.

It was heavily raining, that they almost didn't hear the crying noise but they did manage to come closer and closer, until they were right next to it. They soon came to a bridge, which had a basket with an umbrella that was placed on the bridge.

They came to the basket and one of them picked it up. There was a baby inside the basket! They took the baby to the police station and they found out that it's a girl. They gave her the name Rain Riverton because of the weather and the village she was found in.

In ten years Rain already lived with her fourth adoptive parents because all the families didn't like her, so they simply returned her back to the place that was something like an orphanage. It went this way until she was seventeen. Rain was slim and average height with blue hair and brown eyes, but her hair was brown before she dyed it.

"I only have a year left, then I can finally start living on my own," she told herself.

It was a normal evening and Rain was sitting in the backseat of a car. She was on her way to her new foster home, hoping to be her last.

“How are you doing back there? Rain, I know that you only wear headphones so people wouldn’t talk to you,” said Darren. “Aren’t you happy to meet your new parents? Their names are Bill and Carol.” Darren said. Then if you know why I’m wearing headphones, why aren’t you respecting it? Really, what do you want me to say? said Rain. “You really are one of a kind!” said Darren.

“We’re here!” Darren said. “I’m Darren Wilkins from foster home for you,” he said. “Is she here, is she here?” said Carol. I’m very excited to see her.” she said. Well you don’t need to wait any longer. “Get out of the car Rain!” Darren said. As soon as she got out of the car, Darren introduced her, then he said his good bye’s and he drove away.

“Wow, in the picture that they gave us your hair was brown but now...” said Carol. “Yeah I’m going for an anime look,” said Rain. “Just, wow blue,” said Bill. “We can’t wait to show you your room.” He said. Once they lead her to her room it was really awkward. Everything was pink in her room. “What do you think Rain?” Carol asked. “Well it’s very... pink,” said Rain. But now if you excuse me I will go to sleep“ she said. “Ok, but whatever you do, don’t go to the spare bedroom.” Carol said. “That’s weird, but I’m too tired to think about it.” Rain thought. She called it a night and went to sleep, but she couldn’t sleep. She kept thinking about the spare bedroom. But finally, she fell asleep.

The next morning Rain woke up and she put on her new uniform that Carol left her on her table the day before. She didn’t see anyone downstairs, so she thought that Bill and Carol probably went to work already.

When she arrived to school she put her headphones on and she just waited until a tall blonde girl approached her. “Hey I’m Emily,” said the girl. “Hiya! I’m Rain, Rain Riverton” Rain said. They talked for a bit, but then Rain went to her locker.

When she found her locker, she saw a guy there. “Great, right next to my locker. But he’s wearing headphones too, so maybe he won’t even want to talk”. Rain couldn’t open her locker,

she really tried but she didn't manage to open her locker. "How do you open this stupid locker?" She mumbled. "You just need to push it like this," he showed her. Before she could've said anything the boy said: "Meet me in the park at six." And then he walked away. "Huh, that was weird," she thought.

After she finished all her classes she went home. When she came home, no one was there. She checked the time. "It's only half past five, maybe I should go meet that boy," she told herself. Then she changed from her uniform to really comfy clothes and she went to the park.

She was walking through the park and she saw him. "Hey!" the boy said. "Hey is nice but I'd like to know your name." Said Rain. "Ok, I'm Leon. Nice to meet you." he said. "Cool I'm Rain" They both laughed heartily. "Can I trust you?" Leon said. "Well I don't usually talk to anyone. Don't worry about me telling anyone." Rain said.

"Okay, there are immortals in the world. They are the most horrible beings that still exist. They killed my younger brother" Leon said. "I'm so sorry Leon!" Rain said. "But this is not the secret I wanted to tell you. Me, my older sister and my mum fight them." said Leon. "... (she was just in shock from finding out all this stuff) ," Rain said (or didn't). Leon showed her an app that shows you who is an immortal. It scans the area, and it shows a symbol above their head.

"I think we should talk about something happier," said Leon. "Yeah, that's probably a good idea." said Rain and she giggled a bit. "So, when's your birthday?" Leon said. "well I don't really have a birthday, because my parents abandoned me when I was little so I don't really have a birthday and parents." Rain said. "but it doesn't bother me anymore," she added. "I'm sorry I didn't know that." Leon replied. "Actually, I kind of lied to you. I am sad that I never wake up with the feeling that I'm older and feeling the happiness. I learned how to block my emotions so I wouldn't always feel the sadness and loneliness. But deep down in my heart I do

feel like a tiny little piece is missing.“ Rain said. “I can’t imagine how you feel Rain.“ Leon said. At the end of the night it seemed, like they knew each other their whole lives.

Rain was in her bedroom and it was about 3 o’clock in the morning and she heard some noises. She peeked from her door to the hallway. She gasped because she saw Carol. Carol had a water bottle in her hand and she entered the spare bedroom, but when she walked out, the water bottle was gone. “What if they are hiding someone in the room? I need to go check it out.“ Rain told herself. She went to the hallway. “Sh, is someone in there? Rain said. “Please help me. Please I’m Cathy!“ someone with the most sore voice said. Rain tried to talk to Cathy but she didn’t respond.

The next day Rain went to the library and searched the old newspaper. When she was searching the last newspaper she found a girl named Cathy Crawford. She was pronounced missing two years ago. “I found it!“ she shouted. Of course the librarian started to give her a long lecture.

When Rain was came home she tried the app that Leon showed her. She scanned the area and then she looked at herself just for fun. “Oh no, it can’t be. I mean the app is definitely broken” She had the immortal symbol above her head. She hoped the app was broken, but she knew it wasn’t. “Now I need to find the key to the spare bedroom.“ Rain thought. The key was at the first place she looked at. She quickly unlocked the spare bedroom.

“Okay I need to check my app,“ Leon said to himself. He accidently looked at Rain. She was the only one he truly understood, and now he knew she was one of them, she was an immortal.

The loud police sirens wafted through the air and there was Rain, sitting on the bedroom floor with the girl in her arms, not knowing, what life have prepared for her next...