

"Wo ho!" I have been waiting decades and decades and decades until the day I move out of the cave! My name is Charlie. The reason that I am so excited to move out of the cave is that I have 5 younger brothers and 7 younger sisters. So, so far my whole life was listening to screaming about whether we should eat dinner at McDragon (McDonald) or at the Dragon Berry (Panera Bread), but the place we usually ate at was our cave. After I said my goodbyes to my family, just like how my older brothers and sisters did, I spread out my wings and took off.

It felt so great to be able to soar through the clouds and be able to send flying fireballs into the sky. (Nowadays that is what people would call meteorites.) It felt so good being up in the sky with nothing to bother me... What was that? I started hovering in the air trying to see what that thing that had just blown by. Relieved, I saw it was only a little bird that was flying around. As it twittered away, I realized that my stomach was growling. Time for some lunch! I swooped closer to land to see what I could hunt. As I flew over the woods, I saw a family of deer running right under me! Perfect! I steadily snuck up in them. Closer.....Closer.....CLOSER.....BAM! I got the fattest deer in the pack! I snarfed down my lunch and kept on flying, trying to find a place to rest. I flew and flew, I finally spotted a nice little ledge that could hold my weight. I landed on that little ledge curled up and fell asleep.

I was very groggy when I woke up. How long did I sleep? There was a full moon above me, I thought I had fallen asleep in the daytime when I was close to first quarter moon! I decided that I should just keep on flying to find a new home. So off I went! Close to noon, I found a little cave in the mountains. This little cave was not like any others, it had a splendid view of a large rumbling waterfall, the beautiful snow covered mountains and you could see if somebody was coming.

I looked over the amazing view. There were ravens cawing, a gazelle jumping over a creek, and you could even see, the tiniest little speck, you could see my old cave that is being attacked. "Wait, WHAT?!?!" I took off while squinting at the little speck of my original home. I flew really fast toward my home, I got there pretty quickly, but I was too late. It seemed like a tiger came in and went stomping around. I gaped at the wreck of my beloved cave. The lamps were all broken on the floor, the pictures smashed on the floor, but the worst sight of all is my two sisters and my youngest brother lying dead on the floor.

My other brothers and sisters all landed in the wreckage of the cave. We all stared at Fireflame (my dead brother), Starstreak and Sunbloom (my dead sisters). I asked them (my alive brothers and sisters) "What....What happened?"

"You know how we have shifts on guard by the door, we forgot to assign one of us to the door and....."Starshine trailed off

"And what?" I demanded.

"A tiger got in, and we all panicked, and we all flew off hoping that we could all keep up, but.....I think we left them to the tiger."

Starshine hung her head as well as the others. I was absolutely livid. But obviously I couldn't stay mad at them forever. I took a deep breath and suggested that we should bury Fireflame, Starstreak, and Sunbloom. We all sobbed our goodbyes to our brother and sisters and gave them the proper burial they deserved. "C'mon," I sniffled, "let's go to my new cave."

We all flew out of our cave and went to live in mine. My new cave was a small one, and we were all cramped up for the night, but of course I couldn't send them out there to be eaten by that rogue tiger. I

found a tiny space and fell asleep hoping that no one would complain about the small space or roll around in their sleep. I crawled under the covers and slowly drifted into a deep sleep.

The next morning the first thing that thought about was why is it so cramped up in here? Then I remembered oh right Fireflame, Starstreak and Sunbloom died yesterday. I crawled out of the covers and saw Starshine sitting by the door.

"Starshine, what are you doing?"

Starshine hung her head low, "I felt like it was our fault that they died. They were actually probably trying to buy Fireflame and us time to escape, and they gave their lives doing it. I don't think the others know yet, I think they thought they just didn't catch up and were caught by the tiger. Sometimes I feel helpless."

"It's okay, Starstreak and Sunbloom probably knew they were going to give their lives."

"Probably?"

"Confidently, and besides they did it because they love you guys."

"Really?"

"Yes. Would you be willing to give your life to save your brothers and sisters that you love?"

"Yes!"

"That is what they feel like. They want you and all our brothers and sisters to survive the attack so they gave their own life to save yours."

"Oh, I get it now! They love us and are willing to give their lives to save ours, right?"

"Exactly! C'mon let's wake up your brothers and sisters and find you a new cave."

"Sure!" We woke up our brothers and sisters and flew off into the beautiful morning sunrise. Our parting words when we found a new cave? Don't forget a guard. 😊