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**The Mysterious Portal**

Lush, green trees swirl around me like a tornado. Tropical, violet hibiscuses seem to stare down at me. A clear waterfall rushes down slippery rocks into an aqua pool of water. Viridescent ferns tickle my soft feet. My mind is an ocean of happiness. As I look up, I cannot see much light, because of the overgrown banana leaves, shielding me from the blinding sun.

I notice a giant, scaly crocodile. It snarls at me, revealing a forest of disgusting, yellowish teeth. It’s mouth opens wider and wider, until it is as wide as a doorway. Suddenly, a mysterious portal opens before me, through the almost metallic jaws. I get pulled in uncontrollably. Nothing but murky, oozing slime surrounds my tired body. The sound of an evil, unfamiliar laugh sends a shiver down my spine.

Without warning, I instantly get transported into a dark room. Ghost-like figures lurk in the hallways which surround me. Bloodstained rags cover my lifeless legs, but I’m too petrified to take them off. I feel like something is watching. There seems to be the shape of an ugly face reflecting in the shattered windows.

I notice a sharp rock pointing out of the split carpet. It calls to me, almost like it has a voice. I decide to grab hold of it. The rock screeches like gnarled old fingernails running down a blackboard. The floor starts to tremble. A huge square of it lowers down, and slowly forms dusty, arenaceous stairs. My inner voice tells me that I must go down them. I decide to, still unsure.

The dusty roof caves in on me as though the strongest man is standing beyond the walls. I walk faster and faster as quickly as lightning. Suddenly, a bright ray of light almost burns my eyes through the falling rocks. The tunnel has finally come to its end. I start to kick at the hole, struggling to get out. After what felt like an eternity, the stones slowly tumble down.

I notice that I am on a familiar street. My colourful house stands before me. I quickly run up to the mail box. I slowly open the door with a huge smile on my face. Everything is perfect, but for how much longer?