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“Can I swim with you the whole time?” I asked as we entered the building. It was my sister’s birthday, and she had invited a few of her friends to go swimming together. I was intent on swimming with her and her friends, because she was older than me, and hanging out with the older people was cool.

 “I’m not sure,” she replied nonchalantly. “I don’t know if we will decide to go into the lap pool to swim while we are here.”

 I answered so they wouldn’t hear me, “I hope you don’t.”

 We entered the swimming area and jumped in. We all went down the slide like a dozen times. We were having a wonderfully fun time when my sister announced to me, “We are going over to the lap pool for a little bit, so stay here where you won’t drown.” I still really wanted to swim with them, so I hopped out of the pool. I was a ninja while I snuck over to the lap pool. I wasn’t up on board to go get a life jacket, so I walked over to the water basketball and grabbed a ball that wasn’t being used, and went over to the stairs to get in.

 When I waded into the water, I could still touch the bottom for a second, and then it got deeper and I was suspended in the water. I was hugging the ball for dear life, when it slipped from my fingers. I slid under the surface of the water, and sank. The water covered me, I tried desperately to grab at anything as I went deeper into the water. It felt like I was falling from a cliff in slow motion. I had no clue how deep the water was, so I didn’t know if I’d drown until my feet hit the bottom and I realized what I needed to do. I pushed off the bottom, and was just able to get some air before I sank again. I had been doing this forever, before my sister saw me and came over to help me. She grabbed me and pulled me to where the stairs were located. I might have gotten a scolding after that, might have gone home, but I am really not sure what happened after that.

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 I have 3 older siblings. There names are Alvin, Simon, and Theodore. I love them. One time we went to disneyland. It was really fun. We rode on splash mountain and I sat in front and got soaked. We also ate corn dogs they were really good. I liked space mountain the best. I wish i were there now.

 After that we went to the beach. I liked it a lot. I wish I were there now. I liked swimming in the waves. I didn’t like having sand everywhere.

 After that we drove home. The car ride was really long. I fought with my brothers until i fell asleep and then my dad hit a deer.

The End

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Take one experience that happened in this story and explode the moment: