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### ALL UNDER A PLANT

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Brian didn't know how to stop it, and every time death was closer to him. The only thing he could think about was the cold and darkness that was approaching him. The worst of all was thinking of never seeing her again, a forever goodbye.

Everything started when Lucy came in the room, so pissed off she could barely speak. He could only understand one out of ten words she said, but the ones he didn't want to hear, came out perfectly "we're done" she said. Right in that moment everything started fading away. Everything was over, and the only thing that lasted was a ring on top of the bed that reflected a broken love story.

What else could he do? Just keep going, hoping that everything would get better, back to normal. But as time went by, things just got worse. He started getting sick, and Lucy kept appearing in his head. After going to the hospital, the doctor said he had a very rare problem on his backbone: it was full of holes and there was no medical cure for it. His bones were weak, but the worst of all his heart was sick; sick of love.

Days, weeks and even months passed, and Brian just got worse. For him days were all the same: sad and black.





It seemed hopeless, and death was closer. After more than a month of being in a hospital bed, thinking about death and Lucy something strange happened. A random nurse approached him, and without saying hello, she just said: "I don't know who you are, all I know is I think I know how to stop your disease, go to Brusby Downs, Cross Creek St. 1991-483" while she continued talking, Brian got lost in his thoughts, so impressed that it was his mother's address, he couldn't believe what he was hearing.

When he caught up to the conversation, the nurse was explaining that everything she was saying was just a very bad feeling she had and that she was telling him this because she had these visions all the time about something really weird, a strange force coming from a plant on the left side of the garden of that address.

Brian couldn't wait any longer to find out what was going on, so he thanked the nurse and left. As soon as he arrived, he felt the force the nurse told him about, so he decided to take the plant out to see what it had. Then the biggest surprise appeared: his wife, his disease all his problems under the plant. Reflected on a tootoo doll, which explained what was happening to him. Needles buried in the back, his heart broken in two parts and a little note hanging from the heart that said: "That witch you have as a wife will cost you your life, I never liked her. Love mom."



Brian couldn't believe it, he had flashbacks of his mom telling him Lucy wasn't right for him and that if he didn't listen everything would get back at him. He couldn't trust his mom, so he went straightaway to Lucy and told her everything. She forgave him and both decided to destroy the toy. As they did, Brian got better from the disease and they decided to never tell Brian's mother anything about them. They continued their life together, always remembering the terrible thing which occurred, and learning that trust was earned, it's not just a gift.

