

The Foreseer

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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer... What an iconic book Sally was about to read! It was July, 5 2004, her summer into 5th grade. Sally was at the library about to open *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* when she heard the window crack open.

A man wearing a pale yellow hazmat suit and carrying a flamethrower came in. His evil laugh sounded throughout the library as he lit it on fire. Books were engulfed in flames, and the shelves toppled over. The smoke clouded around Sally and she started to blackout. She toppled on the floor, and the last thing she heard was the noise of frantic 911 calls about the library being lit on fire by a pyromaniac.

She woke up in her bed well rested and confused. She got up and moseyed on over to the breakfast table where her mother and father were. She asked what had happened. Her parents said she dozed off on the couch, and then her father carried her to bed. It was a dream and nothing had happened! She ate her breakfast then went to the library which was only a 13 minute walk from her house to go read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

When she arrived, her jaw dropped to the floor by what she saw. Fire trucks were surrounding the ashes of the library. It had caught on fire. The authorities told her that a crazed man broke in at night and lit the whole place on fire. He had stayed too long and the building collapsed on him. At that very moment, she realized what had happened. Her dreams told her what would happen or what was happening as she was asleep. This had happened ever since she could remember. It happened with lightning hitting the Seattle Space Needle and injuring 48 people. She saw it in her dream and then the news reported it in the morning. Sally grew more and more worried about what happened in her dreams.

She decided to go see Miss Lois Hazm, the town freak. Everyone knew about Miss Hazm. When she graduated from high school she had said she was the chosen one to find the Foreseer and tell them their powers. She had been searching for six years now for who the Foreseer was, and no one believed her. She had gone crazy about it. She chased people down the sidewalk asking them if they were the Foreseer and sneaked into public concerts, jumped on stage, took the microphone and asked if anyone was the Foreseer. Miss Hazm

was homeless. No one offered her jobs, she hadn't showered in months, and she survived by people giving her bits on money to her on the street. On many cases she was said to be possessed.

When Sally got to the street where Miss Hazm lived, she found her. Sally told her that she thought she was the Foreseer. Miss Hazm looked both ways and slowly took Sally into the back alley. She sat Sally down and spoke to her. She said, "Tell me, what makes you think that you are the chosen one?"

Sally replied, "What happens in my dreams happens in reality."

"This is no coincidence. You are the foreseer, and you will have to stay with me and leave your family."

"But--"

"There is no choice, child. You're the Foreseer. You have the opportunity for unimaginable power."

Sally told her family she was leaving, and she didn't let her parents stop her. She was gone. Miss Hazm told Sally that she would soon be able to control her dreams, and they would become reality. It took many months for Miss Hazm to teach Sally to control her dreams, but it finally happened. Sally's and Miss Hazm's life would change forever.

The reign of the Foreseer would soon begin.