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<span style="color: black; font-family: 'Times New Roman';"><span class="Apple-style-span" style="font-size: small;">I should have realized that suicide was not my best option. But like most teenage girls, I hadn't planned ahead. I never pictured my parents and brothers picking up the pieces of my broken life, or the empty hole I would leave in my wake.<o:p></o:p></span></span></div>

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<span style="color: black; font-family: &quot;Times New Roman&quot;;"><span class="Apple-style-span" style="font-size: small;">I honestly didn't think anyone cared that much.<o:p></o:p></span></span></div>

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<span style="color: black; font-family: &quot;Times New Roman&quot;;"><span class="Apple-style-span" style="font-size: small;">The medication I'd been taking hadn't helped matters either. My doctor prescribed it after the death of my beloved grandmother who'd lived with us since I was a baby. Three months later, my best friend Natasha, died from a brain tumor. Nothing could have shattered me more. Not just because Natty and I were closer than Siamese twins, but because we shared a dark, horrifying secret.<o:p></o:p></span></span></div>

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<span style="color: black; font-family: &quot;Times New Roman&quot;;"><span class="Apple-style-span" style="font-size: small;">Something I'd never told anyone. Not even my parents. Once she was gone I didn't know how to shoulder that weight on my own. I was drowning in sorrow. I'd fallen into a dark pit and had every right to take that antidepressant. My parents thought it would help too.<o:p></o:p></span></span></div>

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<span style="color: black; font-family: &quot;Times New Roman&quot;;"><span class="Apple-style-span" style="font-size: small;">I should have been more open about my feelings. I should have confided in my mom and dad. Explained that the medication wasn't working. That in reality I felt worse. But I didn't. I didn't realize the drug was affecting me adversely . . . until it was too late.<o:p></o:p></span></span></div>

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<span class="Apple-style-span" style="font-size: small;"><span style="color: black; font-family: &quot;Times New Roman&quot;;">The only thing I wanted that night was to&nbsp;</span><i><span style="color: black; font-family: Helvetica;">not&nbsp;</span></i><span style="color: black; font-family: &quot;Times New Roman&quot;;">feel anymore, to not have my heart ripping in two, and to not cry so hard that my whole body ached.<o:p></o:p></span></span></div>

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<span style="color: black; font-family: &quot;Times New Roman&quot;;"><span class="Apple-style-span" style="font-size: small;">Would it be painful if I rammed my car into the tall pine at the curve of the road? Would it do the trick or just turn me into a vegetable for the rest of my life?<o:p></o:p></span></span></div>

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