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### THE SECOND SHADOW

*Well, the second shadow was quite a story when I was young, though I should know- I wrote it. It is very interesting and I bet you would love it. So let me write it down for you.*

*I was drawing a random picture of whatever I saw in the room, and when I was done I didn't know what I drew, I looked at my room and then it hit: there where two of the same shadow of my water bottle! How is this possible? So, I got up to go and move it and wherever I moved it, the shadow stayed attached to it. When night fell I assumed this all was a dream (apparently not). When I went to go to my bedroom, I shut the door and looked down and I saw a very dark pit were you couldn't see anything but black. Then I looked behind me when I heard a deep and dark laugh, I looked over my shoulder *and* found the second shadow. My first shadow didn't move, and the second shadow was alive! It ran up to me and pushed me down the dark pit! I was screaming for help! But no one heard me. Once I got to the bottom of the pit, I wasn't hurt and I didn't have any broken bones. Then I looked down and I was in a bowl of cushions. Then I got up and climbed up out of the bowl. I said to myself "looks like I'm now in a cave? I see an opening in the cave!"*

*I started to walk towards the opening. Once I got to the opening there was this interesting creature that hopped right out in front of me. It was a deer but very small, like a purse dog. It looked like it was scared of something, but I couldn't tell what.*

*I decided to pick up the poor thing hoping it wouldn't hurt me, but it actually snuggled me! Then I decided to name the little guy Buddy. "Alright Buddy, let's go and explore this place" I said. But there was something off about this place, it was nighttime and the sun never seemed to rise.*

*When I was walking towards the beach, I looked at all of the surrounding things and noticed something peculiar, they all had two shadows! I asked everyone to get rid of their second shadow because it's evil! Those things are the reason why you are down here! But then one of the people came towards me and asked "Why? They have done nothing to us besides giving us paradise! What happened to you?"*

*"Well" I started "I was drawing and found out there was a second shadow on my drawing of a water bottle and then it was attached to me, and I assumed it was a dream, so I went to my bedroom and looked down to the floor and found a big and dark pit and then heard a dark and evil laugh, then the second shadow pushed me down the dark pit then landed on a.....". The stranger cut me off "Ok you don't need to say everything! That has happened to all of us but in different ways. Both our shadows are a part of who we are. The second shadows use that and give us what we need most; a second to be ourselves. We don't have much time in our lives to be with our children or family or ourselves. Only very*

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*few people have two shadows, and that is why you are here. You don't make time to be yourself or with your family. That is why you need to enjoy yourself with your shadow here."*

*I asked, "then why did the shadow push me down the pit and do a dark and evil laugh?"*

*"Well" the stranger answered "sometimes when we get scared or confused of a certain thing that is happening in that moment, we tend to misunderstand what they are saying."*

*"Oh! So, I may have misunderstood my shadow? Oh, how could I? I had no idea that the shadow was trying to say something else. I didn't know how this all worked! I must go and tell my shadow I'm sorry. Come on Buddy!" But before I left I asked "Thank you, but where would I find my second shadow?"*

*"You will find the shadow at the I DON'T KNOW restaurant."*

*"Ok, thank you again!"*

*"You're welcome."*

*Me and Buddy started to run towards the central park to get a map. Once we got the map, we found the 'I Don't Know' restaurant. It was just one block away from the park. Come on Buddy, we have to hurry! We rushed to the restaurant, but the road was blocked. "How" I thought "were we supposed to take a second to be ourselves? Oh well. We got to hurry! Run through traffic. Go, go, go!" I found the restaurant. "Come on, Buddy."*

*We walked in the restaurant, then the man asked "Are you here with someone, are you here to pick something up, or just a sit down by yourself?"*

*"Actually, I'm looking for my second shadow." I answered.*

*"Ahhh yes, she is sitting at table 8."*

*"Thank you so much!"*

*"Come on Buddy, the second shadow she has to be here somewhere! Let's see table 2,3,5,8! Come on Buddy, there she is."*

*I approached the shadow and asked "Hey may I sit?"*

*The second shadow nodded.*

*"I'm so very to the way I reacted to you last night. Well maybe last night I really do not know if it was last night or not but I'm so very sorry!"*

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*The second shadow answered, "It is alright. I wasn't trying to push you down here. And I wasn't trying do an evil and dark laugh, I was trying to tell you that you don't need to be afraid and I'm not going to hurt you. I want to take you to a delightful restaurant called 'THE I DON'T KNOW' restaurant. It is delicious there! And then we can take a run on the beach! So come on! Plus I got you a pet you would love!"*

*"Well, I found the pet I think." I said.*

*"You most certainly did. Hello there, Buddy."*

*"I'm very sorry that I ruined everything you had planned!" I exclaimed.*

*"You didn't ruin everything. You found Buddy, you stayed here, and you found me at this restaurant that I was going to take you too." The shadow answered.*

*"Yes, but what about the run on the beach?"*

*"Well, we still have time to do a run. You really didn't mess up the day. It just went a bit differently than according to plan. Shall we go?"*

*"Yes, let's go!"*

*"Isn't the beach pretty when its dark outside?" said the second shadow.*

*"It's gorgeous" I responded.*

*Whether you are an adult or child when you read this, think of your friends.*

*Take them out. Life is too short to not enjoy and appreciate it.*

*THE END.*