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CHAPTER ONE

A LIFE- SAVING STORY



Callie and William were watching TV when a ball of paper landed on Callie’s head. It came from the other side of the great room where William’s sister Maya sat in front of her computer.

“Oops!” Maya said, “Sorry about that. I didn’t mean to hit you.”

“No problem,” Callie giggled as she picked up the paper. “What is this?” she asked as she uncrumpled it.

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“Nothing worth reading,” Maya assured her. “It’s just my story ideas for the school newspaper.” Maya had crossed out every item on her list. “None of them will work,” she said. She sounded defeated.

“Why not?” William asked.

“I was assigned a health story,” Maya shared. “But every idea I’ve had has been covered before.”

“I think you should write about the Get Tested for Alexis event at the community center,” Callie suggested.

“What’s that?” asked William.

“People with certain types of illnesses need **bone marrow** transplants. Doctors get healthy cells from donors. My cousin Alexis needs a transplant,” Callie explained. “My whole family got tested. But none of us is a match for her. Her doctors set up the event at the community center so other people can get tested. It will likely take a while to find my cousin’s match. About 70 percent of people who need transplants are still waiting to find donors. But the more people who get tested, the more patients who need transplants can get them.”

A Life-Saving Story



Bone marrow is especially plentiful in the long bones of a person's arms and legs.

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