

HOW SETH
DIED!

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How SETH died **(not really)**

Chapter 1. Don't worry! It's a good story.

I was eating a very yummy yummy dinner. We had cheesy potatoes, chicken and broccoli and salad dressing. When we had finished our dinner and it wasn't so late I was carrying in a *glass* dish very carefully from the table. When I looked behind me dad said "be careful

with that dish Seth". I turned my head and went to walk into the kitchen when I tripped over my dog Hari. A glass piece that was facing up was falling and I swooped my hand. It smashed against the glass. The glass piece shattered and I nearly hit my toe. I shouted out very loud. Then I looked and opened my thumb and there was an entire river of blood squirting at the wall like a water gun. When everyone heard the shout, Narayan ran to put the dogs out, dad grabbed my hand very tightly and took me to the bathroom. He washed my hand with cool water and quickly wrapped a towel around my wounded hand. The towel was red with blood. Mum ran for the keys and her handbag and we shot out the door. It took less than 1 minute.

On the way to the hospital I said "why God, why did this happen" and then I said "mummy, do people die from blood loss". I said "I think this is the end of me mummy. Help me mummy". I was not sobbing. Mummy held me

and my hand tight in the backseat and I started to calm down.

Chapter 2. Putting a bandage around my hand.

I didn't have any slippers on, I had bare feet when I arrived at the hospital. We rushed into emergency and all of the people let us in before them because the towel was full of blood. As soon as the person on the desk saw my bloody hand she rushed us into a room and shut the curtain.

Then a doctor came in and asked me to open my hand. His name was David. He looked at my hand and asked a couple of questions to my mum. "Shall we fix it", he said. "Yep", I said. The blood had stopped squirting now. It didn't hurt as much then. They quickly bandaged my hand with a soft cotton bandage. Then I snuggled myself in to a blanket and pillow. It was very comfortable. I waited in the hospital room for a little bit longer. When the

doctor left I said to mummy “I am just happy it was me who got the cut and not my brother or my friends”. My brother came up and said that was very nice of me. He said “I would do the same Seth”. Then he gave me a little brother cuddle.

Chapter 3. Angel cream

A nurse came in with some cream to make my two arms feel numb. She told me the name of the cream she put on me wasANGEL CREAM. I said “thankyou. My teacher is named Mrs Angel”. The nurse said “Wow, you are so lucky to have a teacher like her. Then I told her about Mrs Angel my teacher!”.

Chapter 4. Xray pictures of my wounded hand

The nurse wheeled my bed into the xray room. She laid my bed aside a camera that takes xray pictures. I put my hand where the camera was. She took 3 pictures. I saw

my three xray pictures of my hand. I saw my skeleton. It was awesome. Then she took me back into my room with aliens pictures on the walls. Something weird about the aliens. They had space helmets on, but aliens don't need space helmets on because they live in space.

Chapter 5. Getting an injection

When I was lying down and nurses were putting the bandage around my hand, one person told me to stay still and the other put a needle in my skin and put some stuff in my body. It was a tetanus injection. I just yelped softly. When that was done I sat on a chair with mummy and my pillow and my blanket. Someone said, "Would you like an icy-pole or ice cream". I said "ice-cream please" and then he came back with a delicious icy-pole and an ice-cream. The ice-cream was vanilla and the icy-pole was strawberry. I chose vanilla. My mum helped me eat the vanilla. We shared it.

Then the doctor came in again. He said we could we could stay here for the night because then they could do surgery in the afternoon, or we could go home and come back later tomorrow. I chose to go home to my own bed. When I woke up in my bed mum was there with some eggs on toast to feed me because the doctor said “you can eat very early in the morning and only drink in the afternoon”. It tasted fantastic. Mum is a very good cook.

Chapter 6. Back to the hospital – The long wait.

We went back to the hospital before lunch. We had to wait for about 6 hours watching movies in the waiting room. I was watching Ponyo on the television when a nurse in a pink uniform asked me if I wanted to have an apple juice. She took me in to a room to give me the juice in secret because other children were not allowed to drink or eat before their operations. My operation was a little later in the day. Some of the children had white

cloaks on. I talked to a guy with a dislocated cheek. It was sad. I even saw a guy on a bed with broken arms, legs, neck and head. I had to have two tags put on me – one on my leg had my mums phone number and the other tag on the wrist had my name. It also said what happened to my arm. While I was watching Power Puff girls finally they said it was my turn. I wasn't very nervous. They put me in another bed. I stayed there for a while then got out of the bed and started playing with some toys in the surgery waiting room. All of the toys were boring so I went back into my bed.

Chapter 7. The Chocolate mask

A man wheeled me into the operating room. Mummy was there with me holding my hand. “Do you like chocolate?” asked the nurse. I said “yes yes yes”. But I didn't expect what happened next. They put a mask on my mouth. It smelt of chocolate but it was so strong that I

nearly couldn't breathe. I pulled it away, and the doctor said "I have to put it on your mouth". I said, "its too strong", but then..... I went with it.

Chapter 8. Waking up with a bandaged hand

When I woke up mummy was there holding me but I was shocked when I saw my bandaged hand. It looked fantastic!!! I was still numb from the angel cream and the chocolate mask. I couldn't see very well. Then daddy arrived and they took me back to another room with lots of children in beds. Some of them were crying. The nurses made me have something to eat before I could leave. The cheese was very filling. If you eat one piece it feels like you are completely full.

Chapter 9. Home again

It was much better going home than the last trip. Do you know how many hours I was in surgery? Two and a half

hours. That is a long time for a kid in a bed. But I was still very tired and nearly fell asleep on my mum's lap. Finally we were home. Narayan came home too. He was the happiest brother in the world. He squeezed me so tightly and I squeezed him back. Then we both went to bed – I even had my Yoga Bilby to cuddle again. I had sweet dreams of having the cast off my arm and pie fights with Heath.

Chapter 10. Visit to school the next day

I don't really remember much about the next day. First me and my mum arrived at school. We went in my classroom. No-one was there. We asked some people but then one answered, "I think they are in the library". We went in the library. I opened the door and everyone rushed to me and was so happy. Lots of people said "are you ok Seth". But not lots of hugs – I don't like lots of hugs anyway. Then I sat on the chair and watched the movie

with them. It was an Egyptian movie. It was a cartoon. After we finished the movie everybody played with me. They were very careful of my arm. Everybody I saw asked me “What happened Seth”. I told them again and again my story.

Chapter 11. Changing the cast (and again the next day).

The next day I went to get my cast changed at the hospital. I got to see my hand – it looked fantastic!! I could see the stitches with a big lump of blood. It was swollen but I could move it a little. The doctor didn't do a good job wrapping my hand so we had to go back there again the next day to get it fixed. It was awesome – it looked a bit like a machine gun. After that, for dinner I went for a special night with daddy and my brother and mummy to TGI Fridays. Oh yeah!!! It was the best. We ordered cheesy potatoes skins with crumbled ham, we

had spiced buffalo wings and chicken nachos with fanta.

But don't worry, we ate some good food yesterday –

healthy food like salad and salad dressing.

Chapter 12. The end for now

That is not basically how I died. I will write another book later. I think you will enjoy book 2. My hand is awesome – all of my stiches are gone now. It was freaky getting the cast off and seeing the wound. I do exercises every day with my hand – they feel great. I can move my thumb and I have two bandaids around my stiches. I still can't feel the end of my thumb. When I tried to touch my mummies face with my thumb I couldn't feel her soft skin – it felt like rough hard rock. I hope that I can feel with my thumb again. School at home is awesome. My mum makes the best food and the lessons, I love them.

Ummmm The end.