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A Siren's Lullaby

She walked back with tears as she looked up at the siren standing at the edge of the water. Lily held her breath, admiring its beauty, and thought, if this creature is real, so are the rest of the cryptids. Before she knew it, the siren looked toward her and let out a sharp hiss before bolting at her. Lily gasps and drops everything she's carrying before swinging around to dash into the woods. She heard the twigs snapping behind her, getting closer and closer as each tear fell down her cheek. Suddenly, she fell into the giant pothole she had noticed earlier, twisting her ankle. As she winced in pain from her ankle, she felt a pair of claws digging into her shoulders before being thrown onto her back and seeing a couple of glowing blue eyes staring into hers. The siren growled and drooled onto her face as he flashed his giant, sharp teeth. He slowly leaned into her, opening his mouth wider and wider the closer he got to her face. She squeezed her eyes shut and turned her face away as she felt his hot breath against her cheek, expecting the worse.

Before she knew it, long, jagged nails that dug into her skin loosened, and the creature's weight on her slowly decreased. She looked back toward the siren and noticed he was looking toward the lake it came from. He quickly jumped off of her and ran away. Lily sat up to watch him run, but he had already disappeared into the fog, and she was safe. She sighed loudly and wiped away her tears before looking down at her ankle to examine the damage. Once she was sure walking was okay, she got up and trudged back home.