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## **My Orthopedist Told Me One Day**

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My orthopedist told me,  
That I was pretty interesting  
That I was quite sassy,  
That I should write a book someday.

As he was treating my dislocated ankle,  
I told him my story:  
How I had my ankle dislocated when I was 10,  
How I broke my hand when I was 8  
As he was reducing my ankle, I continued my story  
But the pain stopped me mid-sentence.

I wanted to scream, like I never had before  
While I merely told my story.  
He looked at me with a smile  
And told me not to worry, be happy.  
And then he started, and I screamed  
Again and Again and Again and Again

He then told me some of his stories

How could I listen to them?

The pain was unbearable.

He told me a story about an old lady:

She had a fall, and came to see him

With a broken hip,

She needed a pin, screws and nails were in,

She was on the bed all alone.

His story scared me.

Could I be like the old lady on the bed?

No friends, no television, no playing

I did not want to be her. I could not be her.

So I shut my mouth, tolerated the pain

And let him treat my ankle.

And then it was over.

I did not quite complete my story.

He told me:

"You are a smart boy and remarkable

Write a book someday and hold on your studies."

Writing a book?

Something motivating,

Something interesting, new and exciting

Let us see how this plays out for me

And one day I will...

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