

Learning

To Be

BRAVE!

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Hi



My name is Lillian.
I am a BRAVE girl,
but,

I didn't always
think that.

Five years ago, lightning
struck. That lightning
bolt was
CANCER!

cancer is rough
and SCARY
and
NERVRACKING
and

SURPRISING!

This is how it all

happened. . .



One day when I was
Playing, I was bounced
off my trampoline.

It hurt, but I was
tough and only cried

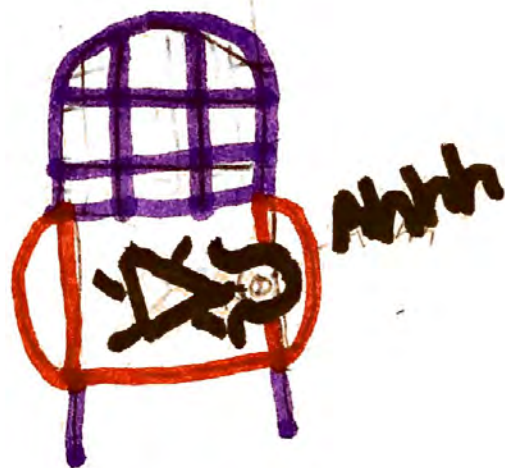


A LOT!

Things were pretty normal

UNTILL

2 Weeks LATER.



I woke up crying in
the middle of the night.

Achy and a sharp

Pain

jolted through my arm.



Mom and Dad came to
the rescue and rushed me
to the hospital.

That's when I got to
ride on an
AMBULANCE

A nice man named Beau
took care of me and
gave me his badge

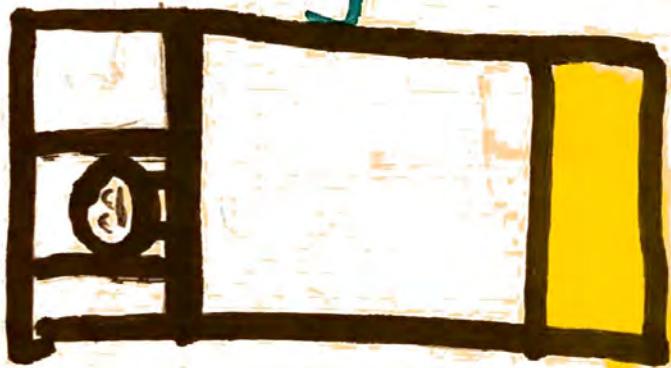


I do because I was in ~~one~~
one. The hospital was

SCARY



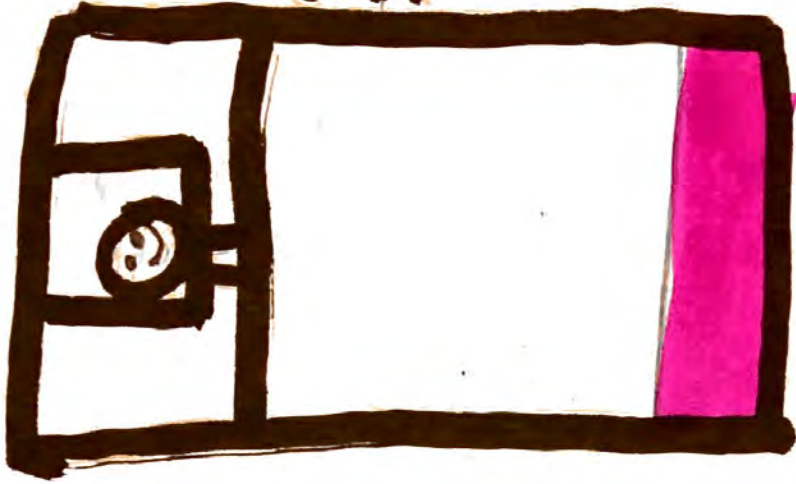
Hi
Kelley but,



My nurse Kelley took
care of me. Things weren't
as scary when she was
there.

"Hi Lillian, you will
have to get
a port."

"Hi, OK"



Dr. Clark told me I had to
get a port. The port connected
to my heart so I could
get chemo.

The chemo killed the
BAD guys in my blood.
Some of the GOOD guys
died too. I had to
wear masks.

and, take  chemo



MY HAIR FELL OUT.

Me # Lillian



I also had to take
STEROIDS

They
made me
feel

FRUSTRATED

inside.



I had to live at the
Ronald McDonald House
and be away from my
big sister Callie.

Sometimes,
my Dad had to
be away
too.

He always rushed back
when I was in the
EMERGENCY ROOM.

LOTS of
PEOPLE
were PRAYING
for
ME

I even had my
OWN
BATTLE SQUAD!

My Cancer
treatment lasted
for two and a half
years. I had (mom told me)

22 spinal taps.
bactrum, nystatin,
methotrexate 6-mp,

I had lots of
finger pokes
and

learned about my
ANC

I took x-rays and
remember being inside
big hospital machines.

most

IMPORTANTLY



I learned

that

I am

BRAVE!!!

(you Are too)

and...

there is

ALWAYS

a CAN in

CANcer!