

Future's Fortune
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Life would have been so much easier if I had remembered to bring my pool pass, we would have never gone to the stream instead. Now, the world was ending. *Literally*. It all started when Lilly, my BFF, and I were swimming in a stream near my house. We laughed while splashing merrily in the shallows. Water droplets glistened like diamonds, while Lilly's bright blue eyes widened in shock. "Ow!" she exclaimed, as she pulled out a box from underneath her leg that was chocolate colored.

"Whoa!" I slipped over to her.

We carefully opened it, blocks met our eyes. They were a swirl of jewel toned colors with golden dots sprinkled evenly on.

"Dominoes!" I gasped. We tried to play a game that ended with the dominoes knocking each other over. But every time they fell something strange happened. First, flowers bloomed all around us and we were in surrounded with every color from gold to deep indigo. Then, the fish in the stream leaped like frogs. It continued until sunset when Lilly voiced her 6th sense.

"Ya know, I've got the strangest feeling something isn't right Emily." I felt it too, like a cloud descending. Only I could ignore my thoughts easy as pie. Lilly however, could do that just as easily as memorizing pi.

"It's getting late", I observed, hastily changing the subject. There was certain stillness in the air. It was stiff and overpowering, too strong for words.

"Good-bye", Lilly muttered. I gathered the dominoes up, accidentally dropping them; I then wedged them between two rocks in the riverbed. We picked up our bags and walked home without another word said.

We barely talked at all the next week. People were buzzing about an earthquake that had ravaged Mexico. Our minds wandered to dominoes. After a lesson at school, Lilly dragged me away from everyone else, shoving a thick book under my nose, "Future's Fortune".

"There's a domino chapter" Lilly squeaked, flipping to a page with several illustrations. I pointed at an arrangement "That's the pattern that came out when we spilled them!"

"According to this" Lily announced, "There is a set that actually shapes the future with the patterns coming out!" My eyes raked the caption.

"That pattern signals the worlds end draws near!" Without another word we raced to the stream. I remembered hearing about freak accidents on the news. We finally reached the stream. We rolled the dominoes and heard a dinosaur tromping somewhere in the distance. We rolled numerous times, noticing the odd things around us. Then we were back a week ago, coming to the stream. Instead of going to the stream, we quickly decided to change things and go home for a treat. As long as Lilly didn't find them. Apparently, she didn't because suddenly we are back home, in the right time, eating cookies. We haven't seen the dominoes since and hope no one uncovers their powers ever again!