

A husband and wife were on a camping trip just south of a small town. They set up their camp site under the stars on a hillside just next to the river that ran through the town. That night it rained so hard that the couple awoke to find the inflatable mattress they were resting upon was now floating down the river with them on it. At first, it seemed kind of humorous and in some ways, they thought, fun and exciting until debris began to run into their small raft and it deflated very shortly into their journey.

Once the raft was no more, they began to cling to anything they could find that floats. The couple began to notice household items in the water like books, toys, and even other people who were caught in the flood. They took some comfort in having some company around. As one of the town locals got closer to them, he informed them of something that truly disturbed them. A few miles down stream was a very large waterfall that would most likely equal death for anyone who goes over. Upon hearing this, the couple immediately began trying to swim toward shore.

After a while, they grew so tired of swimming, they had to rest or else risk drowning due to exhaustion. The wife looked back toward the town to see how many people were caught in the flood. When she did this, she noticed a copy of the final Harry Potter book among the debris. Her husband thought it was very foolish to even pick up the book since the waterfall was quickly approaching. She informed the husband that she did not even want to think about the fall and so she escaped into the world of Hogwarts. As irony would have it, another book floated up at just that moment. It was entitled "How to Survive a Waterfall". The wife said "Grab that book." The husband's reply was, "What if it's wrong?"

At that moment, another person caught in the flood noticed the book and was able to reach it. The kind stranger offered to read the book out loud to the couple so that they would both be able to hear it. In a flash, a large piece of driftwood struck the wife and she went under. The husband was so sad about the death of his wife that he refused to listen to the words the kind stranger was offering. At that moment, the man could begin to hear the sound of the raging falls up ahead. With that sound, he looked for anything in the water that might cushion his fall. He could not find a single piece of debris to take with him. With nothing to hold on to and no other person in sight, the man blinked and went over the falls.