

The Unexplainable Life of *Tandilyn X*

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“Never under estimate the strength of Mother Nature.”
- Heather Gruhlke

Life, for most, was practically the same each and every day. They woke up, went to work, came back home and then later went to bed. Sounds exciting, right? Ha, I don't think so....

It was about 2:00 AM when there was a sudden screech in the night. The streets were filled with hundreds of people running in one direction. A young girl known as Tandilyn X awoke from a deep sleep to see what all of the commotion was about. As she looked down from her bedroom window she realized that help was needed. So without a second chance to even think about what she had to do, she ran to her bathroom changed her clothes and rushed downstairs. Once she reached her door she flung it open and hurried outside. At first all that she noticed were the frantically running people until she looked up into the sky. A giant tidal wave was beginning to cover the entire city. She looked deep into its monstrous eyes and listened as it finally began to speak. It came closer and warned her that she'd better be ready next time. After this threat, it was all over. The wave had disappeared into thin air and the streets were filled with dead silence.

Tandilyn began to rub her eyes as though she were still dreaming. Then she realized that even if she had been those words of that wave would be stuck in her head playing over and over again. Each and every time she heard the words, they began to make more sense. She still thought that it meant something more than just being ready next time.

Later that day she decided to visit some friends nearby to make sure that they were ok and that nobody was hurt. As she walked along the streets she noticed that basically everybody was stressed out and in total shock from what had just happened. On her way back home she surprisingly saw that it had quickly grown darker. The words from the wave once again began to surge through her body giving her severe chills. When Tandilyn looked up she saw something else besides an abnormally large tidal wave. Just some clouds covering up the sun. Although she was relieved to know this she started to run back to her house. At this point she forgot something that would have really helped her out this entire time, she could fly.

Ahhh-ha!! She started to put the pieces of the puzzle together. Maybe what that "talking wave" was trying to say was that when he came back, Tandilyn better be ready to fight him. The only problem was that she was only able to fly and truthfully that wouldn't get her anywhere in a fight. Of course she had books about various super powers but the hard part was how was she going to be able to obtain them. Although she knew and she wanted to get started right away she was extremely tired. It was about 6:00 PM when she finally got a chance to get some sleep.

The next morning she woke up early and decided that she would go running. About an hour later when she got back home, Tandilyn sat down on her sofa and started rummaging through all of her super power books. Flipping through the numerous pages she suddenly came to a halt. She stopped because the very book that she held in her hands was the one that contained just about every single super power that there was. Since it was a beautiful day, Tandilyn flew to her friend's house so that she could get help with learning her new powers.

Once Tandilyn arrived, her friend was extremely happy to see her. She had no problem with helping her out because she knew what Tandilyn's reasons were. They headed toward the backyard, away from the house. First they tried flame throwing, but that stopped because Tandilyn burnt part of her friend's fence down. Next, was freezing which would be kind of hard for there wasn't much in the backyard for Tandilyn to freeze. Basically the entire time she ended up having to try and freeze a bush nearby. The hard work went on for several hours and they both grew quite tired. They decided to take a break and went into the house to have some lunch. After many minutes of peace and quiet, mayhem began.

BANG!! CRASH!! The girls looked at each other in awe as if they were somehow thinking of the very same thing. **BOOM!! CRACK!!** They ran outside to find out it was exactly what they had suspected. Firecrackers were being launched at a house down the block. Tandilyn flew closer to the house to see who was causing this horrible disaster. When she looked down at the ground she was horrified to see four young kids around the age of eight setting off the fireworks. As each one jetted toward the house it ended in a huge explosion. Once the sirens were deciphered the kids scattered in various directions. Since the police didn't really have the greatest chance of catching the little punks, Tandilyn flew off to the rescue. As she approached the kids she realized there was no way she could carry them all in her arms. Tandilyn recalled a magic trick that she had once seen when she was much younger. Suddenly there was a puff of smoke and two pairs of handcuffs appeared among her hands. When she was behind two of the kids she placed a set of handcuffs on them. Tandilyn grabbed onto one of the kids arm and started to once again fly away. No sooner did she realize that there were two more kids that she had to scoop up. So Tandilyn turned around and performed the same sequence of steps with the last two kids. Finally she was able to fly over to the police.

As she arrived at the scene of the crime she looked at the building, no, wait, where did it go? By the time they returned the building had crumbled down into a heap of ashes. Thank goodness that it was an abandoned

building though or else things could have been a lot worse than what they had already been. The police put the boys in separate cars so that they could not plan anything. Then they shook hands with Tandilyn and headed down to the station to call all the parents of the children. As soon as the police cars drove off the enormous crowd of people disappeared into their homes. Since the tragedy had ended, at least for the time being, Tandilyn and her friend left. When they got back to her friend's house they tried some more things with the super power book. As the night grew old, they both became exhausted from the eventful day that they had experienced and Tandilyn decided to go home.

The next day, Tandilyn ended up jogging again, but instead of going back home she went to her friend's to practice some more. This routine went on for about with two weeks. The many powers that Tandilyn had already been born with were strengthened to unbelievable levels. Besides these super powers she also gained many new ones. Some came easily while others were harder. Also she already had some of the powers, but didn't know it. As Tandilyn began to realize all of the powers that she had, she became excited. If she was right then these powers would help her save her city from the giant tidal wave. Most of all she wanted to defeat him once and for all so that he would never be seen again.

One day, after these couple of weeks, the city suddenly turned pitch black. Once again a riot broke out with families zig - zagging throughout the streets. As Tandilyn opened a front door she stepped outside slower than ever. When she raised her eyes up to the sky she saw something that she had absolutely been dreading to see. It was the giant tidal wave and there was no stopping the thing this time around. As it raced over top of the city Tandilyn slammed her door behind her and flew right up to the cyclones face. At first it was like they were having a staring contest, for neither of them said anything. Then out of nowhere Tandilyn told the wave that he was finished and that it was time for him to say his good - byes. Of course, the gigantic wave was not at all pleased when he heard this disturbing news from her. Then without a word Tandilyn flew through the wave and back out to where she was during their "staring contest". As the wave swayed back and forth from the slight pain that it had just suffered, all of the citizens watched in wonder and awe. Without warning, the wave lurched forward towards Tandilyn and this is what really started the strongly heated ~~argument~~ fight.

Tandilyn began throwing all of her new powers at the wave from left and right but nothing seemed to be working. Since she was having some troubles with her new powers, and some of the old ones, she spent a bigger portion of her time just trying to dodge the wave. Then Tandilyn

remembered the very last power that she had practiced at her friend's house. They even specifically practiced it last because it can be very dangerous and, well deadly too. This power was that when she screamed, things such as the wave, would shatter into a million pieces. There was one huge catch to this situation though. Tandilyn would have to try and catch the wave off guard so that she could freeze it.

As she dove to the ground and ran in circles around the tidal wave, he became confused and also dizzy. Yes, now was her chance to finally make it all happen. Tandilyn began spraying her powerful freezing gases at the wave - or as they call it in superhero lingo, "Far Tar". Before she froze the waves face she asked him if there was anything else that he would like to say, but all he ended up saying was that he would come back to haunt Tandilyn and the rest of her community. So after his last words she froze the rest of him. Then she yelled out to the citizens telling them to plug their ears and stay away from anything that was glass. This was because the sound she was about to make was going to basically be extremely earsplitting. Tandilyn waited while the citizens prepared for the dreadful sound to escape her mouth. Then moments later she let out a scream that was probably heard for many miles. This did not matter though for the only thing that did was that the tidal wave was shattered, literally.

After that day Tandilyn was recognized as the community's hero - super hero. From that day on Tandilyn was proud of what she had accomplished. She was also proud that the citizen's of the community helped her in their many ways. Nobody ever did say weather the wave did ever come back to haunt them. Then again I wouldn't want to tell anybody about something so unbelievable.