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**My Storm Story**

Hurricane Sandy was one of the worst storms I have witnessed my entire life. I live in Jackson Heights (Queens) and it wasn’t as bad in my neighborhood in comparison to others such as Rockaway and Long Island, We still did experience some disaster. My memory of the details of the storm have shortly faded, my story will be on what I can recall and moments that stood out before and after the storm.

I remember the news telling certain people in certain areas to evacuate to safety and to take precaution. My neighborhood wasn’t an area that had to be evacuated since it was really close to any bodies of water. We went to the hardware store down the block to get flashlight in case we lost power. We also went to the supermarket to restack on food just in case. I remember the night of the storm it was raining heavy and the winds were strong that we had to tape our windows. Curiosity had got to me that I wanted to see how bad the storm was, I decided to take a peek from the roof door. As I opened the door a little, the wind with its power opened the door all the way. I quickly closed it and rushed back down to my apartment and realized how serious the situation was.

The next day as I got ready to walk my dog in the morning, thoughts of the outcome of the storm crossed my mine. To me, there was just going to be a lot of leaves on the floor and a few branches from the powerful wind and rain. As I get out my apartment I was corrected but there was more to it. Trees have been ripped out the sidewalk and roots were exposed, there were trees on top of cars and huge branches everywhere. I couldn’t believe that this all happened. I could only imagine how bad it must have been in the Rockaways and Long Island and any other places that were more expose to the storm. I heard stories of how people lost their homes, light and cars.

Till this day people and property are still trying to recover from the aftermath of the storm. But out of bad things sometimes good things bloom. At rockaway beach they’re making the boardwalks out of concrete instead of wood. In my opinion may be a better incase we ever get another storm like this, the boardwalks won’t be destroyed.