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It was an accident, she swears,
But her mother will not hear it.
Blow after blow, the girl is used to the pain.
She no longer sheds any tears.

Are all parents like this?
She wonders as she accepts another smack
On her head, knees, back, check.
What has she done? And will it ever end?

Another slap.
A kick.
A spank.

She has endured this forever.
The constant pain and fear
Bruise after bruise building up on her body
Like sand on the shore of a beach.

The scars will last forever
An everyday reminder of her sorrow
The memories will never disappear
They will always be embedded in her mind.

There is no other word to describe
The abuse.
Day by day, hour by hour,
She constantly fears the unknown.

She is being tortured,
Slowly, but surely, she is withering away.
She wants to survive.
But will she?