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**Honor Student  
'Out of Danger';  
Took Sleep Pills**

WELLESLEY, Aug. 26—Sylvia Plath, 20, who was found today in a coma-like state in the basement of her home after taking sleeping pills, was considered by doctors as "out of danger" tonight.

The brilliant Smith College senior disappeared Monday, leaving a note saying she was going for a hike. She was found in a small room of the Plath basement, hidden by a woodpile which she replaced after entering the room.

Police, Scouts and volunteers had scoured the wooded countryside in a three-day search for the girl.

Today, her grandmother, Mrs. Aurelia Schobar, 66, heard moans from the area. She called Sylvia's brother, Warren, 18, who tore apart the woodpile and found Sylvia unconscious under a blanket.

Forty of 48 sleeping pills were missing from a bottle she had with her. Doctors assumed she had taken the pills shortly after entering the cellar and had been in a semi-coma ever since.

Transcribed by Peter K. Steinberg, 11 September 2016.