

PRT 1- "Prelude to Today"

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Dear Diary,

I'm on a plane to Blue Bay Harbor, California. Not too far from Angel Grove but still far enough to make half an hour flight. I'm excited yet nervous about meeting this new team of Rangers. I guess the feeling never really goes away.

I remember when I first met the Wild Force Rangers...I never thought I could train them and that they would become the Rangers they became. In the end they turned to be pretty good warriors.

And then Merrick. I'll never forget when I met Merrick...or Zen-Aku as he was at the time. Merrick had been a warrior for 3000 years and really didn't need any training from me. He became my partner...a very good partner.

But that is only the latest chapter of my story...let me bring you up to speed on my life.

My name is Michelle Morris. I'm only 23 but I've lived a very full life already.

I started out as a child actress...I had mild success but when I was 14 I decided I wanted out of the spotlight so I moved to Angel Grove with my parents and my brother. There I met 5 people who would become very close friends, Kimberly Hart, Trini Kwan, Zach Taylor, Jason Scott, and Billy Cranston.

One day when we were hanging out at the Juice Bar, a favorite hangout of ours, the earthquake that would change our lives forever happened. We were teleported away and given powers we never thought existed. I became the Purple Ranger and thus would start the most amazing ride of my life.

With the new powers we were faced with various monsters sent by Rita and later Zedd...we even faced off with another Ranger...the Green Ranger...who we later found out was transfer student Tommy Oliver. Tommy would eventually join us and steal Kim's heart...however this was not the only Ranger couple. I dated Billy for quite some time off and on. In the end he just wasn't ready for a serious relationship. I also dated Jason but that was short lived because he moved to Switzerland. However his replacement on the team, Rocky DeSantos, quickly replaced him in my heart as well. Rocky and I had a very serious relationship.

Together, with the team, we were faced with several obstacles one of the greatest being the destruction of our power coins. We had to seek a new power after this. That power was the Zeo Crystal. With my part of the Zeo Crystal I became Zeo Ranger 6, Purple. It was around this time I found out Tommy was my brother and he had a twin. It seemed my parents had put the twins up for adoption when they were born. Anyway, we found each other. Life was good. We were back on top...this was right before a series of events happened that made my world come crashing down.

First, Rocky was severely hurt in karate practice. We weren't sure he'd recover and I was very worried but at the same time Kim (who had also moved a way a couple years before) and Jason were captured. To save them we needed another new power. The power of Turbo, thus I became the Purple Turbo Ranger in control of Rain Maker Turbo Power. Rocky was to have the Blue Turbo Power but with his injury he was unable to accept and made the great mistake of letting Justin Stewart, a 12 year old, take on the power.

As if this wasn't bad enough a couple of days after we saved Kim and Jason we got word that Zordon and Alpha were leaving to go back to their home. This was very hard for me because at the same time Rocky surrendered his powers to Justin for good and said goodbye to the Rangers. It was also at this time we thought it best to break up. It was a hard decision but we felt we were in different places...as if all that wasn't enough it wasn't long before Tommy and the others were forced into retirement. I refused to retire my powers. I couldn't if I'd wanted to. The Power of Purple isn't something just anyone can take on. Eventually I burned out with all of this drama and I sent myself into retirement. I would come out of retirement several times with other various teams but I would never hang around more than a couple of battles.

During this time I went back to the spotlight. I had some hit songs. Some good runs in the movies and on TV. I even married this wonder guy named Jon. He was my childhood love and we found each other again. He too is in show business. It was all in all a good life.

Then came Wild Force. Taylor, Alyssa, Danny, and Max had been Ranger for a few months but I was contacted by their mentor, Princess Shayla, so help find their Red Ranger. I agreed and eventually led Cole to the team. It was at this time Princess Shayla asked me to stay and train the team. I agreed and became the Purple Wild Force Ranger. I trained them for a few battles before leaving them, then they contacted me saying they needed help with this wolf org named Zen-Aku. I agreed to return and I ended up staying with them until we had defeated the Master Org. Saying goodby to them was one of the hardest things I'd ever done. They all turned out to be great Rangers.

During my training sessions with the WF Rangers a new evil attacked. Her name is Gorgon and she's pretty evil. Tommy, Kim, Kat, Jason, Rocky, Adam, my friend Mina, and myself were recruited by Zordon (who Jason and Tommy managed to resurrect with this mega power from Venus) to stop her. So far we haven't done anything except hold her at bay. Hasn't stopped her from putting a love spell on Rocky so he thought he was in love with me again....secret be told I do still care for him. With my training I am rarely around with the PRM team but I'm there when I can be. Then there is Jon...he knows I'm a Ranger. You can only hide something like that from your husband for so long before it comes out. Anyway he knows and he wanted me to quit being a Ranger. Needless to say I couldn't do that but we worked it out.

Now I'm an official Ranger Trainer and I have been contacted by a guy named Cameron Wanntabe. He wants me to become familiar with a certain power so I can train a new team of Rangers when the time comes...which he feels will be soon.

So here I am. On my way to the Wind Ninja Academy. I don't know what to expect but I'm willing to give it my all. Well, the plane is landing. I'm off to meet the mentor for the next generation of Rangers.

PRT 2- "Uncharted Wind"

I arrived at the Wind Ninja Academy and met up with Cam. I went under the guise of being a celebrity guest at the school. I taught a class with some of the students and talked to a few of them. This one girl, Tori Hanson, and I really hit it off nicely. She was really sweet. Anyway after I finished the class and we were alone Cam took me to Ninja Ops, a secret underground base where the Ranger Powers were maintained. He explained what each Ranger could do and how everything worked. The Rangers would be Yellow, Red, and Blue and they would each hold the same strengths as that of the Wind Ninjas, Land, Air, and Water. Finally Cam gave me the special Purple Wind Morpher for when I needed it. It held the Power of Spirit. Every team held a special Purple Morpher, but not just anybody could activate it. All purple power was drawn from an alien power source and only select people could open it. So far I had been the only one found that could do it. Zordon suspected it had something to do with my blood line, therefore my daughter or son in the future would be able to do it as well. Anyway I took the Purple Wind Morpher and tried it out. It worked nicely. I de-morphed and toured the grounds with Cam. We stumbled upon Sensei lecturing Tori and her two friends about being late. I fought back my urge to laugh. They reminded me of myself at that age. After the three students were dismissed Cam and I walked over to Sensei.

"Why do you put up with them?" Cam asked.

"They are good ninjas, I see a lot of potential in all three." I said.

After talking to Cam and Sensei for awhile longer I was summoned back to Angel Grove. It seemed Gorgon was at it again. Gorgon really wasn't all that evil, she was just, well, mean. None of her attacks were all that powerful. I didn't understand why it was so important for us vet Rangers to handle her. Every time we beat her with little to no effort, but Zordon warned not to let our guard down as things were not always what they seemed. I told him he sounds like Dimetria now. He laughed and with a knowing look said "I know".

After we handled Gorgon I went to the Youth Center to find Rocky. He wasn't there so I tried the only other place I could think of...his dojo. I went to Blue Dragon and sure enough, there he was, beat the hell out of his punching bag.

"Careful, I think it's dead already." I said walking in.

"What do you want Michelle?" he asked.

"To find out what the hell your problem is." I said

"I don't have a problem." He said.

"Yes you do, and you have ever since we saw each other again. And it's been even worse since the love spell was broken." I said

"Ok fine, you wanna know what my problem is? OK here it is...I wasn't under a spell...well I was but...it only intensified my already strong feeling for you. I still love you Mich and it kills me that you don't feel the same." He said. I thought I'd start crying right there but I held back, "I'm so sorry Rocky. I never meant to hurt you. Really I didn't. I've always cared about you but...it's just not in the way you are wanting me to." I said

"There now you know, so can you please leave my dojo." He said.

"Fine, I'm gone." I said leaving. I felt horrible but what could I do. I went on home and got some sleep. The next day I went to visit the Wind Ninja Academy again to try to get my mind off of Rocky. I was talking to Cam when the sky got dark and these evil looking aliens showed up. Cam informed me that this must have been what he was tracking. Sensei called the leader of this evil army Lothor. Before I knew what was happening Cam and I were trapped under falling rubble. I'm sure it was only an hour or so but it seemed like days that we were trapped. Finally we heard some voices. It sounded like Tori and her friends. Cam and I called for help and they got us out but then we got shot at. Cam led us all to Ninja Ops, where we would be safe.

Tori and company were amazed at Ninja Ops. It seemed none of the students knew of its existence. It also seemed Sensei was turned into a Guinea Pig when he fought Lothor. He explained everything and told Cam to get the Morphers. "Father you can't be serious...them? But they're so..." Cam started.

"We're so what?" Tori asked.

"Yeah I don't like the way that sounded" Shane said.

"Well I have said since I met them I saw potential and I think they would do wonderful." I said.

Cam had no choice and he got the Wind Morphers out and Sensei explained the powers to the new Ranger team. They were now the Power Rangers Ninja Storm team. Dustin seemed the most excited of all but there was no time to

celebrate. Lothor was already after them so we went to get rid of his armies. I instructed them to morph.

“Ok so how do we do this?” Shane asked.

They three argued about it for awhile while I tried to tell them, no one was listening to me though, finally Cam came over the communicator system and told them. “It’s Ninja Storm Ranger Form.” Dustin tried it first.

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form...Power of Earth.” The new Yellow Ranger was born.

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form...” the rest of us said together.

“Power of Water” Tori, the Blue Ranger said.

“Power of Wind” Shane, the Red Ranger said.

“Power of Spirit” I said.

“Let’s do it guys.” I said as we went to battle some Kelzacks.

I have to say, from a trainer’s point of view, the new Rangers did amazingly well in their first battle. I had a feeling this team would be great to train.

Meanwhile back in Angel Grove Gorgon had cooked up her most evil scheme yet, she had used Rocky’s feelings for me to turn him to her side. He was now fully brain washed against us and his sole mission was to kill me and then the other Rangers. As Zordon filled me in on the developments of this I couldn’t help but feel guilty. If only I’d been more understanding. Zordon assured me this wasn’t my fault and if I was to save Rocky I needed to focus. I agreed and met up with the other Rangers on the Battle field.

“Rocky snap out of it man, we’re your friends” I heard Tommy say as I arrived.

Rocky and the Rangers were circling each other.

“You aren’t my friends. I don’t have any friends.” Rocky countered.

“Yes you do, you have all of us. We are your friends and friends don’t hurt each other.” Kat said.

“Exactly and you all hurt me.” Rocky said. This comment left the Rangers confused.

“Rocky stop it. It’s me you want so come and get me!” I cried. “It’s morphin’ time! Pegasus!” I morphed and ran away from the Rangers hoping that Rocky would follow me.

Rocky did follow and I led him to a spot on the lake he always used to take me. It was further down than Kim and Tommy’s spot. Rocky had done this at the time so we wouldn’t have to worry about Tommy sneaking up on us if we were making out or something, you see Rocky and Tommy were cool about the whole sister thing, but for Tommy to walk up and see Rocky with his tongue stuffed in his little sister’s mouth...well that would just bring up all kinds of tension so we avoided the situation the best we could. Anyway, I led him to that spot and took off my helmet so he could see my face.

“Rocky, remember what we meant to each other. We can still be friends, don’t fight me. I know I don’t want to fight you” I said.

“I loved you Michelle and all you did was break my heart time and time again. I never wanted to break up in the first place. I wanted to marry you after graduation but you insisted we break up. Do you have any idea how much I’ve been hurting all these years...and now to see you again and have to fight beside you...I can’t do it. It’s too much. We can’t co-exist, one of us has to go and it’s either you or me...” he paused and took off his helmet, “And even after everything I can’t hurt you...I choose me.” He said turning his laser gun on himself and firing.

“ROCKY NO!!!!” I cried running to his side.

“I’m sorry Mich. I could never hurt you. No spell can make me do that” He said weakly.

“Rocky no...hold on, it’s gonna be ok. Zordon, I need help. Rocky’s down.” I said.

“Stand by for teleportation to med bay.” Alpha’s voice came over the communicator. A few seconds later we were teleported to the med bay of the Command Center.

“Alpha, you have to help him.” I pleaded.

“I’ll do my best, why don’t you go wait in the control room with the others.” Alpha said.

I nodded and left. I didn’t want to but I knew Alpha needed his space to work. I went in the control room and ran to my brother’s arms. He held me while I cried.

Before too long my communicator went off. I answered it.

“Mich, the Rangers need you. It’s time for their training.” Cam said.

“But...” I started.

Tommy shook his head. “Go Mich, you have a responsibility to those Rangers. Go train them and then try to have some fun. I’ll contact you if anything changes with Rocky.” He said.
I nodded. “Ok Cam, on my way.”

I teleported to Ninja Ops and joined the Rangers who were shackled to each other. We went on a desert journey for a scroll. As we found the scroll we were surrounded by Kelzacks. I didn’t fight too much though. My job here was to see how the three shackled rangers would handle the fight. The answer was, not too well. Shane prevented the team from getting the scroll or beating the Kelzacks. Lucky for them this mission was a VR generated one created by Cam for training purposes.
“You have much to learn Rangers and I can’t tell you everything you need to know. Some things you must figure out for yourselves.” I said.
Shane in turn put the blame on Dustin and Tori and they got into an argument. It got very heated and Shane stormed out. I sighed.

I stayed at Ninja Ops talking to Dustin and Tori about teamwork. As we were talking Cam alerted us of a battle. Shane was up against Mad Magnet. Tori and Dustin were going to help him but Sensei stopped them and told them Shane would have to ask for help on his own.
“Yes, he needs to see this isn’t a one man Ranger show. To be a Power Ranger means to work as a team. That is something I can’t train Shane for, he’s gotta figure that one out.” I said.
With that we watched the battle until Shane finally called for help. Sensei agreed to let us go this time so I followed Tori and Dustin and we morphed to go help Shane. The three Wind Rangers made up and, in true Ranger fashion, we took out Mad Magnet.

With another lesson learned I told them I needed to go check on my friend. I teleported back to the Command Center and Tommy was still there. He said that Rocky was stable but not yet awake. Zordon in turn commanded me to go home and at least try to sleep as training isn’t exactly a relaxing endeavor and he was sure I was exhausted.

I went home and slept for what felt like days then I woke up and settled on the sofa with some cereal to watch TV. This was something I hadn’t had time to do in ages. It was nice. I was finally getting into watching “Felicity” when my communicator went off.

“Yes.” I said
“Just thought you might wanna know, Rocky woke up.” Tommy said.
“Oh ok, I’m on my way.” I said.

I cleaned up real quick and got dressed then teleported to the Command Center. I went to the med bay to check on Rocky.

“How are you feeling?” I asked
“Well, I’ve been better, but on the bright side the spell is broken.” Rocky said.
“That’s good...you gave us all quite a scare.” I said.
“I know. I’m sorry Mich. I’ve been really horrible to you when all you’re trying to do is live your life.” He said.
“It’s ok Rocky. I’m sorry I hurt you. I never meant to. I didn’t realize how much you cared about me.” I said.
“Well now you do. I guess my secrets out” Rocky said.
“That’s ok. It’s better that way. Secrets aren’t a good thing.” I said.
Rocky forced a smile and I kissed his cheek.
“He needs his rest now Mich.” Alpha said.
“Alright. I’ll be back later.” I said leaving.

The rest of the day was wonderfully quiet. No Lothor attacks or training to be done, no Gorgon attacks, no photo shoots or appearances. For once the day was mine and I enjoyed it. I went shopping for myself. I pigged out on pizza and chocolate. I didn’t dress up or put on make up. It was a glorious day off. I hoped I’d get another just like it the next day.

And for the first few hours of the next day I thought maybe I would. I teleported to Storm Chargers bike shop, where the Wind Ranger hung out, and Dustin and Shane were explaining to Tori how she was a “guy-girl”.
“You guys leave her alone. She’s a very pretty girl.” I said.
“Thank you Mich.” Tori said.

I think their comments really bothered Tori because then she told Kelly and I how she was going to go for a photo shoot for “Sport Girl” magazine. She asked if I’d go with her since I was used to photo shoots and stuff, I agreed.

When we got there I went to go look around. I was only gone a few minutes but when I came back Tori said she was done and wanted to go find Dustin and Shane. I followed her to her van and we left. She was acting very weird the whole way back to Storm Chargers. Once we were there she demanded the three of us get her to Ninja Ops. Dustin, Shane, and I just exchanged a look. We didn’t know what her problem was but we went ahead and headed for Ninja Ops. We were driving down the road when Tori jumped in front of the van. I did a double take. Tori was in the van with us but she was also standing in front of the van.

“Oh man...Lothor” I said.

The two Toris, both in ninja form, had a face off and Shane, Dustin and I had no idea which one was the real Tori and which was the clone. We didn’t have much time to think about it either. We had a monster to face off with. Tori defeated the clone and then joined in and we beat off Copybot, with a little help from Cam’s Zords of course.

After the whole ordeal we got Tori talking to this hot beach guy named Dill. Not my type but whatever. Tori seemed happy to have some male attention. I turned to leave but before I left Dustin invited me to come watch him at the Moto Track the next day. I agreed, as long as Gorgon and Lothor allowed it, and then I went home. Gorgon remained quiet. I went over to Kim’s to talk to her about it.

“It can’t be good that we haven’t heard anything from her.” I said

“Maybe she’s planning something really big.” Kim said.

“That’s what I’m afraid of. She’s already got Rocky injured. We can’t afford to have any other Rangers out of commission.” I said

“I know, but what can we do?” Kim asked.

“I don’t know Kim.” I said.

“So on a lighter note...how are things with you and Jon?” she asked.

“That’s not a lighter note...not so good actually. Not since I realized I still have feelings for Rocky.” I said

“That’s not good.” She said.

“I know...I make everything so confusing...anyway I’ll see you later..” I said

“Alright, bye Michelle” she said

I left Kim’s and went to Rocky’s dojo.

“Hi.” I said when I walked in to his office.

“Hi.” He said.

“Are you busy?” I asked.

“Um, not really. What’s up?” he asked.

“Well...would you like to go with me to the movies tonight?” I asked.

“What? Like a date?” he asked.

“Yeah, like a date.” I said

“Won’t your husband get mad?” he asked.

“Don’t worry about it.” I said.

“Um, ok sure we can go to the movies.” He said.

“Great. See you at 7” I said turning to leave.

“Wait, Mich...just so I’m not reading too much into this...what exactly are we?” he asked.

“Friends...friends who enjoy each other’s company...no commitment, no strings...just friends.” I said.

“Friends. I can live with that.” He said.

As I went home to get ready for what I knew would be a fun date I thought about things and how they were going. Overall I couldn’t complain.

PRT 3- "Meet the Beetles"

My date with Rocky had gone great. We were still only friends but it was great to be part of his life again. I really did care about him. Now I had to go to the Moto Track and watch Dustin like I had agreed.

I was standing on the side lines cheering on Dustin when out of, what seemed like nowhere, these two riders blew him out of the dust. One had a Navy colored bike and the other's was Crimson. They were amazing riders. After they finished Dustin went over to meet them and I joined him. When the one in Crimson took off his helmet I was blown away. He was beyond fine.

"Hi, I'm Michelle Morris." I introduced myself.

"I'm Blake and this is my brother Hunter." The one in Navy said.

It seemed Hunter wasn't much of a talker.

"It's great to meet you both." I said as I realized the time. Dustin and I were late for training, which sucked since I was the trainer.

"Um, Dustin we gotta go." I said.

"Oh right...um great to meet you guys. See ya round." Dustin said as we ran off.

We got to the training grounds and were attacked by Kelzacks. I was fighting them off while Dustin was doing, well whatever it is that Dustin does, when Shane and Tori rode in on motorcycle type things. Dustin and I walked over to Cam. Dustin wanted one of the bikes, what Cam called a Tsunami Cycle, really badly. Cam, being the joker he is, pretended not to have one for Dustin, our resident motocross guy. Eventually after Cam felt Dustin had begged enough he calling in our mobile command center and gave Dustin and myself Tsunami Cycles. We defeated the Kelzacks and Cam gave Dustin a CD to look over. Meanwhile Lothor sent down a mole monster for us to deal with. We tried to fight it but it escaped so we had no choice but to wait for its return.

We headed back to Storm Chargers where we saw Hunter and Blake. Dustin introduced them to Shane and Tori. Blake seemed to take a liking to Tori, and vice-versa. Anyway I walked to Hunter and looped my arm through his in a flirtatious manner.

"Hey Hunter, it's great to see you again." I said.

"Nice to see you again too Michelle." He said pulling his arm away.

"So tell me about yourself" I said.

"There's not much to tell." He said.

"I'm sure that isn't true...but alright...we'll talk later." I said noticing the time and that I needed to go. I left and went to go check on things in Angel Grove.

Gorgon was still being too quiet. Jason and Tommy were worried.

"We have to take some sort of offensive measures to prevent her next attack." Jason said.

"Jase, what good with that do? We don't know what she's planning." Tommy said.

"Tommy is right. She's biding her time. We just have to wait it out until she decides to strike. There isn't much else to do." I said

"I guess you're right" Jason said.

"Of course I am. Now if you will excuse me I need to get back to Storm Chargers. There is this cute Motocross guy I'm dying to talk to some more, call me if Gorgon comes out of hiding." I said

I ended up going to Ninja Ops to check in first. When I arrived Shane was chewing out Dustin for lack of seriousness and his choice of friends. Dustin quickly got sick of Shane and bailed.

"Shane that was awfully harsh. I happen to like Blake and Hunter." I said

"No you happen to have a thing for Hunter. You don't see them the way I did." Shane said.

"Whatever." I said turning to leave. I followed Dustin.

We were talking to Blake and Hunter when we were needed to fight off the giant mole. We said bye to Hunter and Blake and morphed, thanks to Dustin we dusted that mole off the planet.

After the battle I found Hunter again. "Hey I was wondering if you wanted to go catch a movie or something." I said. "Um...I..." he stuttered as he saw Tori come in and Blake walk over to her, "Sure Michelle, I'd love to." He said. "Great, let's go." I said.

We walked out.

"So tell me about yourself" I asked on the way to the movies.

"Well, obviously Blake and I were adopted. Our parents were killed and...someday the person responsible will pay. I will see to it." He said as he seemed to feel he'd said too much, "But enough about me, I'm sure a rock star like you has millions of stories to tell."

"Oh not really. It's very routine. I do the photo shoots and the video shoots. I write and record...I really don't tour like I used to but that's ok. I stay busy." I said.

"I'm sure you do. So your husband lets you date?" He said.

"We have an understanding" I said

"Right..." he said

I smiled as we walked into the movie, which had already started. We sat down and Hunter put his arm around me and I leaned my head on his shoulder.

After the movie we went for a walk.

"So you and Blake are really close aren't you?" I asked

"Yeah, we're all each other has, it's been just the two of us for so long." Hunter said.

"Yeah, I'm very close to my brother too. Sometime I want to kill him but if anything ever happened to him I don't know what I'd do." I said thinking about Tommy and all the times I could have lost him in a battle.

"I can understand that. I'd feel the same if anything ever happened to Blake." He said.

We stopped walking on an above ground walk way that looked over the city. I turned to him and he was looking at me. We looked in each other's eyes and kissed. The kiss seemed to go on forever, and that was ok with me. After this kiss finally broke we just looked at each other for the longest time.

I smiled but he looked somewhat worried, as if he shouldn't have kissed me.

"Are you ok?" I asked

"Yeah I'm fine...it's getting late. I should get you home." He said.

"Don't worry about it. I don't think I want to go home yet, you go ahead. I had a great time tonight." I said

Hunter nodded, "So did I...really." He said before turning and walking away.

Once I was sure it was clear I teleported home. I spent the rest of the night thinking about Hunter. He was a really great guy, he just seemed to have a few issues that made him clam up, but his parents were killed and he was responsible for this brother so I can't say I blamed him. In any case, I really liked Hunter and looked forward to seeing him again.

The next day I was strolling through the park hoping not to run into Rocky, I didn't wanna tell him about last night, when my communicator went off.

"Mich here." I said.

"Michelle, it's Cam. I don't suppose you happened to see where Dustin left his backpack." Cam said.

"Um...no...why?" I asked

"Because he had the boot up disk for the computer in it." Cam said.

"Oh yeah that's right...no I don't know where it is." I said.

"Would you mind joining the Rangers in searching for it." He asked.

"Not at all. I'll meet up with them right now." I said.

I teleported to their location.

"Nice going Dustin." I said

"Yeah yeah, blame me." He said.

"well it is your fault." Tori said.

"Stop it, we need to think of where it might be." Shane said.

We were the process of brain storming when Cam informed us of some trouble at the quarry. We went over there in Ranger form but couldn't find anything. Then, out of no where, these two other Rangers came at us. They attacked full force and were much more powerful than we were. I think it's because we weren't expecting it. So after we were pretty much decimated by who we now knew were the Navy and Crimson Thunder Rangers we went back to Ninja Ops and asked Sensei for an explanation. Sensei hardly said anything before we were needed again to go battle Zurgane. The

battle was very brief before Zurgane was teleported away. It was very weird indeed. We were just about to leave when the Thunder Ranger came riding up on Tsunami cycles of their own. We figured out now who got ahold of Cam's disk.

No matter what we did, the Thunder Ranger held the upper hand. I was pretty sure we were toast when they made things worse by calling on their Zords. I had the Wind Rangers form their own Megazord to fight but it was no use, they were too strong and took us out easily. Next thing I knew everything went black.

When I woke up I was on the ground in civilian form. I struggled to get up and found the other Rangers. We all headed away from the wreckage and were found by Blake, Hunter, and Kelly. I fell into Hunter's arms.

"Are you sure you're ok?" he asked.

"Yeah...yeah...fine." I said forcing myself to stand up.

"What happened?" he asked.

"It...we need to get going...come on guys." I said as the Wind Rangers and I head to Ninja Ops. All of our morphers were damaged and Cam needed to repair them. Dustin and I headed to Storm Chargers where Hunter and Blake were talking to Kelly about some motocross thing. She handed them two sign up sheet and told them to have their parents sign them. Hunter informed her about him not having parents then they walked out. Dustin and I followed them just in time to see them disappear into thin air, what I would call teleporting. Dustin and I looked at each other not believing our eyes. We ended up at the motocross track with Shane. We were all talking when Hunter came over. I was tempted to ask him about his earlier teleportation but I didn't.

Later, Tori drove up with Blake. Hunter walked over to check on his brother and thanked Tori for taking care of him. He said he was in debt to us and they always repaid their debts but that they had to go because of their parents.

Dustin and I looked at each other again.

After they left I said, "But their parents are dead...too much weird stuff is going on today." My thoughts were interrupted by Cam who told us of a frog monster at, where else, the quarry. We morphed and went there and ended up being tied up. These last few battles hadn't gone well. I made a mental note to work harder on training this team, assuming we survived this battle.

Just when I thought all hope was lost the Thunder Ranger came up and destroyed the monster. It didn't make any sense what so ever. I didn't have too much time to ponder it as the monster grew in normal pattern...just once I'd like to see a monster actually not be able to grow. Anyway we got in the Zords and finished off the frog monster.

We headed back to Ninja Ops to ask Sensei about the Thunder's change of side but when we walked in the Thunder Rangers had Cam and Sensei. Before they left they de-morphed to reveal their identity...they were Hunter and Blake.

"Hunter no..." I said but they were gone with Sensei.

I stood in shock for the longest time. Hunter was a ranger, and not just any ranger, the Crimson Thunder Ranger who was trying to kill us...and he'd know all along I was the Purple Ranger. Finally I had to pull myself together, after all I was the trainer and the Rangers needed me.

"What do we do Mich?" Tori asked.

"We have to find where they took Sensei." I said

"Dude, what would they want with Sensei anyway?" Dustin asked.

"What do you think Dustin? He is our leader...but we will get him back. I'll see to it." Shane said.

"Yeah we have to get Sensei back...lets load up the mobile command center. I promise you Cam, we'll find your Dad" I said

"Thank you Michelle. I know you will do your best." He said.

PRT 4- "Deep Betrayal"

Dear Diary,

It seems even a trainer can be taught a lesson or two. Things are not always what they seem to be.

The Wind Ranger, Cam, and I went in search of Sensei. He had encased himself in a tracking orb so we could easily track him. As it turned out only one power could break the orb. It was a gem in the cave of lost ninjas. We followed the Thunders and thus began an intense journey. We fought the Thunders for Sensei. We'd get him and lose him and get him and lose him. We fought with the Thunders against the spirits of past ninjas. Tor and I ended up in a Zord fight with Zurgane. We found out the Thunders wanted to kill Sensei because they believed Sensei killed their parents. This was unreal to me. There was no way I could work with someone who could kill in cold blood. I knew it couldn't possibly be true. Finally we all ended up in the cave. Times were getting desperate and we had to get Sensei back. I was determined to kill Hunter, no matter what I felt for him I felt even stronger that I had to destroy him.

Well that changed in a matter of moments. You see in the cave the spirits' of Hunter and Blake's parents appeared and told the boys that it was not Sensei who killed them but it was Lothor. As if on que Lothor appeared to destroy us all but Hunter used the Gem of Lost Souls to vanquish him, for the moment anyway. He'll be back.

Anyway it turns out Hunter and Blake were only misled and really do have good hearts. Seems I wasn't as blind sighted as I thought. Hunter really was good all along. They felt they were doing right but attacking us. I only wish I had the chance to tell him that. He and Blake are gone. Tori came to Storm Chargers and said they told her to tell us all good bye. I don't know where they are but I'm sure we will meet again.

Mich

That's the story in a nutshell...but you wanna know details...admit it you know you do. OK I'll give in. Here's the in-depth story.

We started after Hunter and Blake...both Tori and I were feeling bad.

"Can you believe it?" she asked.

"We liked them." I said.

"I know..." she said.

"What is it with girls and bad boys?" Shane said trying to lighten the mood.

"I thought he was special." I said.

"I can't believe Blake used me." Tori said.

"I can't believe I opened up to Hunter. He was probably just trying to pump information out of me." I said.

"I'm sure he does like you. I mean look at you Mich...not to be too forward but you're kinda hot." Dustin said.

"Kinda hot...you've had a crush on Michelle for years...Dustin here was your biggest fan." Shane said.

"Really? I never knew that." I said.

"Yeah, well when we really had the chance to first talk we were kinda busy becoming Rangers...but yeah...I'm a fan."

Dustin said turning red as Shane's suit.

"I'm flattered." I said as we got ready to help the Thunders fight some ninja spirit things.

After we did that we fought the Thunders but I managed to get to Hunter for a second.

"Hunter...I don't know what you're thinking but please...stop. Just give us sensei back," I said.

"No, I told you I would get revenge on the one who kill our parents, and so I shall." He said.

"Hunter, you have the wrong idea...Sensei would never do that. You have to see that. Please...Hunter I like you a lot...I know you feel the same...we don't need to be on opposing sides." I pleaded.

"Sorry Michelle. This is how it must be. However I feel for you I can't let that get in the way of avenging my parent's death." He said attacking me.

"Hunter stop!" I begged. It was no use. In the end I had to fight him. It was quite possibly one of the hardest things I'd ever had to do. I knew, as I fought, that he would not give up, nor would I. If needed this would be a fight to the death. The thought of killing Hunter was horrifying to me but I knew this might be the only way to get Sensei back so I mentally prepared myself for the worst.

I called on my Spirit Staff and he on his Thunder Staff. He was a very worthy opponent who could match me almost move for move. The only other people who could do that was Tommy and, on her good days, sometimes Kim (not because of her skills but because how well she knew mine). This was definitely not an easy battle. I would try to slash and he'd block. I tried to trip him up, he's jump. On that same note, I would dodge him as well. Finally both of us began to tire. He ran away as Zurgane brought in a Zord. I couldn't stand fighting Hunter anymore so Shane and Dustin went after the Thunders while Tor and I took on Zurgane in the Zords.

I could tell Tori was somewhat nervous about piloting the Zords without the boys but I have to say she did very well. She was showing much promise as a Ranger. I had a feeling she'd turn out to be one of the best female Rangers I'd ever worked with.

Anyway, we took out Zurgane and went down. Shane and Dustin had Sensei but Hunter and Blake made a sneak attack and got him back. Then the unthinkable happened. It made me question if there was any good what so ever in Hunter.

Blake was holding us off so Hunter could take a shot with the Thunder Blaster and instead of holding back until Blake could get away Hunter blasted all 5 of us. Now it was one thing for Hunter to blast the Winds and I because he thought our Sensei killed his parents...but his own brother. That was beyond what most humans were capable of. It was then I began to wonder if my senses were totally off. I had the power of Spirit. I was suppose to be able to sense the good in people and I would have sworn I felt some good in Hunter...but then again when I first met him I thought he was all good so...

Anyway, Blake and Hunter got Sensei and took off to the cave. The Winds and I followed and got there as Hunter was about to use the Gem of lost Souls on Sensei.

"Hunter no!" I cried as the spirits of his parents appeared. I wasn't sure how much of that was because of the cave itself and how much was because of my powers. Anyway Hunter's mom told him Lothor is the one who killed them, not Sensei. Duh!

I tried to comfort Hunter.

"Are you ok?" I asked

"We were wrong all along" Hunter said.

"It's ok...you know the truth now...you can move on" I said.

"I can't believe we trusted Lothor..." Hunter said.

"It's understandable." I said.

"Can you ever forgive me Mich?" Hunter asked.

"Of course...I mean...we're both Rangers and now we're on the same side...besides, I kinda like you." I said.

Hunter smiled as Lothor showed up. I thought for sure we were toast but Hunter used the Gem to protect us but in the process it shattered. Sensei said Cam would handle that.

Meanwhile I went to the moto rally to watch Hunter but he never showed so the boys and I went back to Storm Chargers. Tori came in and told us that Hunter and Blake said to say goodbye. She told me later (when the guys were gone) exactly what happened.

It seems Blake called her and told her to meet them on the beach. She went.

"What's up?" Tori asked when she got there.

"We're leaving" Hunter said.

"Leaving? Why?" Tori asked.

"We have some things to figure out. We were so set on revenge that it took over our whole being. We need to re-evaluate life." Blake said.

"OK, that makes sense" Tori said.

"I knew you'd understand. Tell the others goodbye for us...ok?" Blake said.

"OK...but what about Michelle? Hunter you have to tell her something." Tori said.

“She’s married...she’ll go home to her husband and forget all about me.” Hunter said.

“Don’t count on it.” Tori said.

“We have to go...bye Tori.” Hunter said.

“Bye guys...” Tori said.

“Bye Tor” Blake said as they walked away.

I admit, I was more than a little hurt that Hunter didn’t say goodbye. I just took it as a sign to move on.

With the Thunders gone and Lothor quiet for the moment I hoped to have some R&R time...but of course Gorgon had other plans.

If it wasn’t Lothor it was Gorgon...

Anyway, Gorgon had captured Kat and was holding her captive. As if that wasn’t enough she also sent down a monster. I teleported to the command center for a full briefing.

“So what is it this time?” I asked

“Gorgon has sent down a lion monster. Lionel is his name.” Tommy explained.

“Original.” I said.

“This monster is relatively weak...I think it’s a decoy for a bigger plan.” Jason said.

“Well we don’t have time to figure out what. We need to get Kat. You guys take Lionel and I’ll go save Kat.” I said.

“No, you need to stay on Earth in case the Ninja Storm rookies need you. I’ll go.” Jason said.

“Fine. Let’s just do this.” I said.

“It’s morphin’ time!” Tommy said.

We morphed and teleported to the park, where the monster was, except for Jason who teleported to Eos.

We fought the monster but we couldn’t take him out without the Power Blaster and we were two Rangers short of doing that.

“Where’s Jason?” Kim asked after an hour of holding the monster back.

“I’m sure he’d doing his best.” Mina said.

“We just have to hold him back a little longer” I said.

Finally Jason and Kat showed up and we got rid of the monster. We waited for it to grow but nothing happened.

“How odd...” Kim said.

“We did it...it’s gone” I said as we were blasted from behind. I looked and saw figures in familiar costumes. “Oh god no...it can’t be...” I said

“Miss us?” Psycho Purple said walking towards me.

“We’re reprogrammed and better than ever” Psycho Pink said.

Sure enough, each of us as a reprogrammed (or newly programmed depending on the Ranger) Psycho Ranger in front of us. Red, Gold, Silver, Purple, Pink, Orange, White and Black.

“Psycho Rangers? I remember you telling me about them...these the same ones?” Kim asked me.

“One and the same.” I said

“Great.” Kat said.

“You won’t win this time Rangers.” Psycho White said.

“Oh yeah? We’ll see about that.” Tommy said.

“Bring it on.” Psycho Red said.

“Let’s do it.” Rocky said.

We all began to fight our counterparts with little success. It seemed every time the Psychos were reprogrammed they were more powerful. I barely took out Psycho Purple before...now it seemed impossible. We were all down and the Psychos laughed.

“You are pathetic Rangers.” Psycho White said.

“Not worth our time.” Psycho Pink said.

“This is almost too easy” Psycho Red said.

“We’ll spare you this time...next time we’ll finish you.” Psycho Purple said disappearing.

We teleported to the Command Center.

“OK so we know what the bigger plan was now.” Adam said.

“I’ll say...that was way harsh.” Mina said.

“I’m not sure we can take another round of that.” Kat said.

“I can’t believe they’re back again...why won’t they just die?!” I cried

“Mich, calm down...it’ll be ok. We’ll beat them. We will.” Rocky said putting his arm around me. I leaned into him.

“I hope so.” I said

Tommy nodded, “We will...we’ll find a way...somehow.”

PRT 5- "Going Psycho"

I was at the Command Center with the Myth Rangers when I got a call from Dustin.

"Mich, we're going to film a skate video for Shane. You wanna come?" he asked.

"Um...first off I'm kind of busy with Ranger business, second of all it's a school night. I won't tell on you but if Sensei somehow finds out you're toast." I said.

"Oh c'mon dude...we're not kids anymore. It'll be fine." Dustin said.

"If you say so...have fun." I said hanging up my cell phone.

"You should go with them." Rocky said.

"With Psycho Rangers lurking? I don't think so." I said.

"Seriously, there's nothing you can do right now. We'll contact you if they come back." Tommy said.

"Well, I suppose I should make sure they stay out of trouble...ok fine. But promise the second there's any sign of anything Psycho you will contact me." I said.

"Promise." Rocky said.

I gave Rocky a quick kiss and teleported to Dustin's house. I got there as Tori was pulling up in her van.

"Are you guys sure you don't want to reconsider this? Sensei wouldn't approve." I said.

"What's the worst that can happen?" Dustin asked.

I sighed.

While at the Skate Park we ran into some Kelzacs, this kind of gave away the Rangers plans for a late night outing. On the other hand we did catch a planet monster at work and got some seeds he was leaving around. We took them back to Cam and while we were at Ninja Ops Sensei laid into the Rangers. I didn't get a lecture...one of the joys of being a trainer...no curfew.

Anyway, with the Rangers in bed for the night I went home to get some sleep myself. I laid in bed next to my husband thinking of both Rocky and Hunter...the sad part...at no time did my own husband cross my mind except when the word divorce entered my mind. I sighed and finally fell asleep thinking of where Hunter was now.

The next day I went with the Wind Rangers to find out something about those seeds. When we got to the greenhouse we saw Cam leaving. Shane and I decided to follow him while Dustin and Tori went in the Greenhouse.

Shane and I snuck around but really couldn't figure out what Cam was up to, then we ran into some Kelzacs. To our surprise Cam knew how to fight. Cam, a ninja? Who would have thought? I mean when I thought of Cam many words came to mind, genius, conceited, jealous, uptight, and nerd to name a few, but fighter was nowhere on that list. For a second I wondered if I'd misjudged Cam. But only for a second. He was showing that old Cam charm in now time.

"What are you doing here?" he asked when he saw Shane and I.

"How did you learn to fight like that?" Shane asked.

"I grew up in a ninja school." Cam said walking away.

He was so damn cold. It drove an overly emotional person like me crazy. Not to say there was nothing I liked about Cam...he was a very smart guy and without him there is no way the Rangers would make it. He was very important to the team but he was just irritating.

Anyway, we found out what the plant monster was up too and went to take it out. I ended up captured...just my luck...and all the while part of me was really hoping that Hunter would return to save me. Of course he didn't. I wasn't sure he'd ever come back. Shane saved me...and Tori and Dustin. We took out the monster and the Winds had a 10 mile run to take. This was expected. What I didn't expect and kept me laughing for days was that Sensei made Cam make the run too for leaving Ninja Ops against his wishes.

"Serves him right" I thought to myself. I admit it...the idea of Cam running 10 miles as punishment was very amusing. He was an arrogant jerk and this should have been done long ago. But I didn't have much time to laugh because the Psychos were back. Tommy contacted me and I had to go back to help them.

"Ok, that's it...enough...you're going down Psycho Purple. I've had it with you." I said.

“Oh I’m shaking.” Psycho Purple said.
“All of you Psychos are going down.” Jason said.
“Big talk...but can you back it up?” Psycho Gold sneered.

Again, we went to battle with our counter parts. This battle didn’t really go any better than the previous battle. We got our butts kicked again.

“Is anyone else getting really sick of this?” Rocky asked.

“Yeah, but what can we do?” Adam asked.

“Don’t tell me you Rangers are giving up so easily.” Psycho Red said.

“Ok guys, I never ever thought I’d say this after working with Wild Force...but...never give up.” I said pulling myself to my feet and charging Psycho Purple. I got her down.

“You’ll pay for that.” Psycho Purple said.

“Lightening Ribbon Strike!” I cried as I hit her dead on with my ribbon. It didn’t destroy her but it caused some damage.

“Psychos...retreat.” She commanded.

“Not a chance Purple...just because you’re weak doesn’t mean the rest of us can’t take on the Rangers.” Psycho Red said.

“I said retreat Red, unless you want me to take you out myself.” Psycho Purple said.

“Stop it...the Rangers are our enemies...Psychos retreat.” Psycho White said.

“They’re gone...now would be a good time for us to regroup” I said

“Good thinking...back to the Command Center” Tommy said.

“Zordon, how are they back. I thought the Space and Galaxy Ranger destroyed them. I was there. I saw it...how can this be?” I asked

“It seems that Gorgon some how retrieved the old data cards and using the data reprogrammed Psycho Red, Pink, Black, and Purple and them with the remaining energy created Psychos White, Orange, Silver, and Gold.” Zordon said.

“But what about Psycho Yellow and Blue? If she reprograms them we’ll be very out numbered.” I said.

“I have considered that. It seems however that Gorgon used the data from Yellow and Blue to created the other four.” Zordon said.

“So in other words she decided she’d rather have 8 psychos instead of 6.” Jason said.

“Yes Jason. That appears to be the case.” Zordon said.

“OK, so what do we do now?” Rocky asked.

“What can we do? They are way stronger than us.” Mina said.

“Well...I don’t know.” Tommy admitted.

“I know I’m worked. If we don’t get some rest we don’t stand a chance.” I said.

“Worked? You’ve been hanging around the rookies too much, you’re starting to talk like them.” Jason teased.

“Yeah yeah. Don’t mess with me dude.” I said smiling.

“Are we going to have to limit your time with Dustin?” Rocky teased.

I laughed. “Whatever. I’m going home. Call me if anything happens.”

“Um Mich...you wanna grab some coffee first?” Rocky asked.

“I...I’m kinda tired...you wanna come over to my place? Jon left today to do some press.” I said

Rocky nodded. “OK...let’s go.” He said.

We teleported to my place.

“How would you like your coffee?” I asked.

“Black is fine.” Rocky said.

“Alright.” I served it.

“So how’s training?” he asked.

“Well, they are still a new team but they seem to be doing alright...they survived the Thunder Rangers...that says a lot.” I said.

“What about their individual progress?” Rocky asked.

“Well, Shane is proving to be a much better leader than I thought. He is progressing well. Tori is a joy to train. She’s make normal mistakes but over all I haven’t had any problems with her. She’s very focused. Then there’s Dustin...he seems very air-headed but I think he shows potential to be an amazing Ranger. I know he’s a lot of fun. I enjoy working

with him.” I said

“That’s good...and what about that Cam guy? You guys getting along?” he asked.

“Cam? No way. He’s a jerk. Arrogant, thinks he knows everything, and what an attitude..” I said

“I’ll take that as a no.” Rocky said.

“Sorry...that guy just really bugs me.” I said.

“What about Jon? How are things with you guys? I’m assuming not very well if I’m here and he’s not.” Rocky said.

“We...it’s complicated. I...it’s just not the same anymore. We’ve changed...I want to move on. I shouldn’t have ever gotten married.” I said.

“Are you getting a divorce?” he asked.

“I hope not...I’d like to make things work...really.” I said.

“Then how could you aren’t pushing me away?” he asked. I noticed for the first time just how close we were to each other. Any closer and we’d be kissing.

“I...” I started but Rocky kissed me cutting me off.

Now don’t start. I know I should have pushed him away and I know this was wrong but something in me really wanted this. I had never really let Rocky go. When we broke up it wasn’t what I really wanted and ever since that day I’d wondered what it’d be like if we met up again...would we have as much passion, would it be as good....well the answer was yes. As we kissed I felt time melt away and it was suddenly 1996 again and we were happy teenagers again. I was 16, Rocky was 17 and we were in love. It was an amazing feeling. So amazing I got caught up in it...we both did...and next thing I know it’s morning and I’m waking up in Rocky’s arms. I’ll keep this PG-13 and let you fill in what happened in the night.

Needless to say guilt was on the top of my emotional list...however not the guilt I expected. I mean sure I felt some guilt about doing this behind Jon’s back...but another part of me felt guilty for doing this behind Hunter’s back. Hunter...the same man who tried to kill me and then just left without so much as a goodbye. And I felt guilty. Why? I couldn’t answer that but it was something that would plague my mind for sometime.

Anyway, the next morning Rocky and I had to make some clarifications.

“So are we dating again?” he asked.

“I...I’m married.” I replied.

“That didn’t seem to matter last night.” He said.

“I was wrong.” I said.

“You were? You regret that?” Rocky asked.

“Of course not...that wasn’t wrong. I was wrong to allow it.” I said.

“But you don’t regret it?” Rocky repeated.

“No I don’t...I know...it’s confusing. I...I don’t know what I’m feeling” I said.

“So...are we dating?” Rocky asked again.

“Well...I suppose so...” I said.

“You suppose? It’s a yes or no question...ok I’ll do this proper. Michelle, will you be my girlfriend?” he asked.

“You don’t mind me being married?” I asked

“I know what I’m getting into” he said.

“Well, ok, in that case yes.” I said.

He kissed me.

I kissed him back then sighed. What was I getting myself into?

PRT 6- "Changing Thunder"

I said goodbye to Rocky and got dressed. I had to get to Storm Chargers. Not for training, just to be around other people who didn't know Rocky. I needed to clear my mind. I went in and saw Tori and Dustin watching some tape. I sat down and watched with them. It was Dustin riding. As we were sitting there Roger Hannah walked in looking for Hunter and Blake. We told him we hadn't seen them then Dustin tried to give Mr. Hannah his tape. It was cute. Anyway Tori had the good idea to go riding. We loaded up Dustin's bike in her van, very much against Dustin's wished. In fact at first he tried to stop us.

"Where do you think you are taking my bike?" he asked.

"Out...riding helps me feel closer to Blake and since Cam keeps the Tsunami Cycles under lock and key this is as good as it gets." She said.

"The only way I'd let you take it is if you tied me up and tortured me." Dustin said.

"Do you really want it to come to that?" Tori asked.

"Yeah, cause it will. Trust me. Don't stand between a woman and her love." I warned. Finally Dustin let us go.

Tori and I got ready and I got on the bike behind her. Not the safest thing in the world but it was only some crusing, not serious riding. At least that was the plan. Next thing we know we're being followed by this crazy biker who for all we know is a new general of Lothor's. Tori sped up and we tired to out run the rider.

Faster and faster Tori went. Faster and faster the mysterious rider went. The situation was out of control them Tori hit a branch and we went flying though the air. More damage was done to the bike than to us. We were all ready to fight when we saw the mysterious rider was Blake.

"You scared me. I thought you we're one of Lothor's goons." Tori said.

"Since when do they ride dirt bikes?" Blake asked.

"You never know." Tori said.

"So did you miss me?" Blake asked.

"What's the deal? No letter, you don't call..." Tori said

"You did miss me. I can tell." Blake said.

"Um I didn't miss you, but where's Hunter? I missed him." I said.

"He's somewhere. Don't know exactly where." Blake said.

"I'm never speaking to you again." Tori said

"Not even if I can get you guys on Lothor's ship?" Blake asked.

"Are you serious?" I asked.

"Yeah. Choobo says he wants revenge and he's willing to help us." Blake explained.

"Sounds too good to be true." Tori said.

"I'm sure it is...I don't trust him." I said.

"Listen, we'll just check it out. We won't attack or anything until you guys come in for back up." Blake promised.

"What if it's a trap?" I asked.

"We'll be fine." Blake said.

I sighed. "OK then...be careful...and let us know when you find something out." I said.

"Not a problem." He said.

"Come on Tor...let's go fill the others in." I said.

"Yeah...and explain to Dustin what happened to his bike." Tori said.

"We're so dead." I said.

We headed to Ninja Ops and found the guys.

"Ok so we have some good news and bad news." Tori said.

"OK...bad news." Dustin said.

"You're bike...kinda took a spill." Tori said.

"WHAT?! Dude, no...I told you to be careful." Dustin said.

"I'm sorry." Tori said.

"How bad is it?" Dustin asked.

"It's out side if you wanna check on it." Tori said.

“Oh god, my baby.” Dustin said rushing outside. A few minutes later he came back. “I can’t believe you guys did that.”
“It’s just a bike. We’ll fix it.” I said.
“You better.” Dustin said.
“Ok so what’s the good news?” Shane asked.
“Well...it seems Choobo switched sides. He agreed to help Blake and Hunter get to Lothor.” I explained.
“Sounds to convenient. I don’t buy it.” Shane said.
“I agree. Choobo turning on Lothor is highly unlikely.” Sensei said.
“I know. I feel that same way.” I said.
“But they said they won’t attack until they can bring us in for back up.” Tori said.
“Good, then that gives us time.” Dustin said.
“Time for what?” Tori asked.
“For you to fix my bike.” Dustin said.
We laughed but Tori went to fix it. Meanwhile Cam wanted to talk to me alone.

“What’s up?” I asked
“You do realize your powers are weakening right?” Cam asked.
“Just from over use...the Psycho battles and all.” I said.
“No. They are truly draining. I have yet to find the cause.” Cam said.
“What? No...does that mean...”
“Yes...if we don’t find the cause and a way to recharge you then you’ll lose your power all together.” Cam said.
“That can’t happen...no...we have to find a way...we have to.” I said.
“I promise you, I’ll do everything I can. Until then, just try to conserve power the best you can.” Cam said.
“Thank you Cam.” I said. Ok so maybe Cam wasn’t so bad after all.
“For now go get the others. There’s a snail monster on the loose.” Cam said.
“Ok, we’re on it,” I said. I got the others. “Time for work guys.”

“OK guys, let’s do it.” Shane said.
“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!”
“Power of Air!”
“Power of Earth!”
“Power of Water!”
“Power of Spirit!”

We started to fight the snail but then we got blasted from somewhere else. We looked up and saw the Thunders.
“Miss us?” Hunter asked.
“Hunter?! What are you doing?” I asked.
“I thought we were on the same side!” Tori said.
“You thought wrong.” Blake said.
“Hunter don’t do this...” I begged.

It was futile. We got our butts kicked. Between Psychos and Thunders I was pretty fed up with being beat up. On top of that I was now scared that I was losing my powers. The idea that this could be one of my last battles kept me going. We took out the snail but the Thunders called their Zords. I went in Tor’s Zord with her to monitor power as always. We ended up in this great game of battle Zords. Next thing I knew we were zapped and I was on Lothor’s ship.

“What? What am I doing here?” I asked
“Michelle my dear, I have quite an offer for you.” Lothor said.
“If you’re offering I’m not interested.” I said.
“What if I had a way to help you keep your powers?” Lothor asked.
“What?”
“Yes...I know all about your power deficiency and I’m willing to help you...for a price.” Lothor said.
“What price?” I asked
“The power of Thunder and Wind are equal, the Violet Thunder Morpher can be yours if you side with me.” Lothor said.

“Are you ill? Not a chance!” I cried.

“Fine, if you won’t come willingly I will take you by force.” Lothor said as he pushed a button which zapped me with an evil energy. It made me turn to his side.

“How may I serve you?” I asked.

“Take this Thunder Morpher and go help your fellow Thunder Rangers defeat the Wind Rangers.” Lothor said.

“Yes sir.” I said as I was teleported to an island. I found Hunter and Blake. They were facing off with the Winds.

“You ever wonder if three Wind Rangers fought two Thunder Rangers, who would win?” Hunter asked.

“Make that three Thunder Rangers.” I said stepping into place beside Hunter.

“Michelle? What are you doing?” Tori asked.

“Tori, Tori, Tori...I’m a trainer. I can only train those with potential and quite frankly I’ve chosen the Rangers with the most potential.” I said

“Great. She’s turned on us.” Shane said.

“Something isn’t right.” Tori said.

“Enough chatter. Time to fight.” I said. Hunter took on Shane, Blake took Dustin, and I took Tori. Truthfully Tori was quite a good fighter. Not really a fair match against me but she held her own just the same.

“Michelle stop this. We’re friends.” Tori said trying to reason with me.

“Friends? Right.” I said.

“We are...or have you chosen Hunter over us?” she asked.

“Hunter cares for me.” I said

“So do we! Michelle, we can talk this out.” Tori said.

“Not a chance Blue Ranger...you’re going down.” I said as we took off to the beach. Everyone went for the Morphers.

“Ninja Storm Ranger form!” The Winds called.

“Power of Air”

“Power of Earth”

“Power of Water”

“Thunder Storm, Ranger Form!” we called.

“Power of Thunder!”

The battle continued. I slashed at Tori with my Thunder Staff.

“Face it Tor, it’s over. Admit defeat.” I said.

“No. You always taught us to never give up and I won’t give up on you.” Tori said.

“You’re out matched. Hunter, Blake, and I are better Rangers than you pathetic Wind Rangers could ever hope of being.” I said.

“That isn’t true and you know it.” Tori said.

We had the upper hand...next thing I knew the Winds used their blaster against us. The blast triggered our memories.

“What happened?” Hunter asked.

“Where are we?” Blake asked.

“Why do I have a Thunder Morpher?” I asked

“They seem themselves” Tori said walking towards us.

“We must have been under a spell.” I said.

“Yeah...I think so.” Hunter said.

Suddenly it occurred to me what happened. I jumped into Hunter’s arms.

“I knew you weren’t evil.” I said as Choobo showed up.

Choobo tried turning Hunter against Blake and I.

“Your brother betrayed you. He sold you out to please that pretty Blue Ranger. And her...you’re little girlfriend turned on you to be with that Red Ranger.” Choobo said.

“I would never turn on my brother.” Blake said.

“And there is nothing between Shane and I” I said.

It was too late. Hunter was zapped with a beam and was coming after Blake and I.

“Oh man...Hunter snap out of it!” I cried.

“Hunter. Wake up man...wake up.” Blake said.

The Winds tried to help us but were stopped by incoming Kelzacs.

Meanwhile back on Earth I didn't know that the Psychos were back. Now the myth Rangers were out numbered and they couldn't contact me. Things were going from bad to worse and things were quite dire.

My number one concern at the time was staying alive. Hunter was after blood and had no intention of stopping until both Blake and I were dead.

“Please Hunter...remember” I begged.

“Oh I remember just fine...you and Blake betrayed me. I won't forgive you.” Hunter said as he got me with his Thunder Staff. I went flying. I blacked out for a second. When I woke up I saw Hunter getting hit in the face with some sort of toxic steam.

“HUNTER!” I cried.

The battle raged on and Blake and I were gonners for sure. Blake was out and I knew I was next. But the Winds stepped in and used their Ninja Smoke Screen to help us escape.

We took care of Blake and all agreed. Somehow...somehow...we had to save Hunter before he killed us.

PRT 7- "SOS"

"So anyone have any ideas?" I asked as we walked across the island we were stuck on.

"Stay away from Hunter?" Dustin said.

"Dusty...we have to find him." I said

"And we will...in time." Tori said.

"So where exactly are we?" Shane asked.

"You don't wanna know." Blake said.

"Yeah trust me dude. You don't" I said.

"Don't hold out now." Shane said.

"On an island...sinking slowly into the sea." I said.

"Oh man." Shane said.

"Told you, you didn't wanna know." Blake said.

We all sat down to take a rest. So how exactly did you and Hunter get your powers?" Shane asked.

"It's a long story" Blake said.

"We have time...it's either that or watch Dustin play in the dirt." Shane said.

"OK...well...when our parents were killed out Sensei took us in. One day Lothor and his army attacked the school.

Before they got to Sensei he gave us our Thunder Morphers. It was then that we were captured." Blake was interrupted by Dustin.

"So you got to be in one of those bubble thing? What does it feel like?" he asked.

I hit Dustin on the back of the head. "Focus Dusty, focus." I said.

"Anyway," Blake continued, "Lothor found out we had the morphers and was pissed so he managed to convince us that it was your Sensei who killed our family and the rest is history."

"And now Hunter is on a rampage." I said.

"You have to understand. Hunter is a good guy. But when he feels someone has wronged him...well you've seen that first hand." Blake said.

"Well that's all well and good but we have to A) get Hunter to be Hunter again and B) find a way back home. I'm willing to bet money that the Psycho Rangers are back and if that's the case they out number the Myth Rangers with me gone." I said

"You'll never get home." A voice said. I turned around. The snail was back.

"OK, let's do it." I said

"Ninja Storm Ranger Form"

"Power of Air"

"Earth"

"Water"

"Thunder Storm Ranger Form"

"Power of Thunder" Blake and I said.

As we went into battle we saw Hunter. Blake and I went to him. He was ready to attack. We had no choice but to fight back. Hunter got a hold of me and threw me to the ground. The show was so great I wasn't sure I'd ever get back up.

When I finally caught my breath I sat up and saw Hunter had Blake pinned on the ground.

"HUNTER STOP!" I cried, "You don't know what you're doing!"

"I know exactly what I'm doing. I'm getting my revenge...and you're next." Hunter replied.

"Hunter no!" I cried getting up. I ran over and jumped on his back trying to get him off of Blake. It worked. I ended up thrown again but Blake got up and the roles reversed. Blake pinned Hunter and tried to reason with him. I walked over and stood by Blake.

"Hunter...remember. Look in your heart. Don't listen to what Choobo said...listen to what's inside. You'll see Blake and I would never betray you." I said

"You have to remember Hunter. You're my brother. I would never turn on you." Blake said.

Hunter pushed Blake away and the fight continued. Blake and I stuck with our Thunder Staffs at the same time knocking Hunter back. Suddenly he stopped.

“I remember.” He said as he demorphed and fell to the ground.

“HUNTER!” Blake and I cried running to his side.

“Are you ok?” I asked when Hunter woke up.

“Yeah...I think so.” Hunter said.

“Do you know who we are?” Shane asked when the Winds walked over.

“Yeah...my friends.” Hunter said.

I laughed and hugged him. I was so happy he was on our side...and that everyone was on the right side now.

Just then Cam finally contacted us.

“About time” I said as the others discussed ways to get up off the island. They finally settled on the Zords. As Cam was working on getting the Zords to us Choobo made the snail grow AGAIN! I mean damn, how many times can one monster grow?

Anyway we used the Zords to take out the snail and then went home. While Hunter, Blake, and Dustin went to take care of things at Storm Chargers I teleported back to Angel Grove. I had a feeling the Psychos had been busy in my absence.

I was right.

I got to the battle field and saw a rainbow of flying Rangers.

“GUYS!” I cried.

“Look whose finally here.” Psycho Pink said.

“About time she showed up.” Psycho Purple said.

“You guys are so going down. It’s Morphin’ Time! Pegasus!” I cried, “Lightening Ribbon POWER UP!”

I wrapped the ribbon around Psycho Purple. I sent lightening through it and hoped for the best. The energy from the ribbon seemed to weaken her. At least until Psycho Pink and Silver jumped me from behind.

“You think you’re pretty hot don’t you Purple Ranger?” Psycho Pink said.

“Don’t work we’re about to cool you off.” Psycho Silver said. She smashed me against a rock. I landed with a thump.

“Michelle!” I heard Rocky and Tommy cry.

“Don’t worry about me. I’m ok” I said.

“We need to get out of here. Ranger retreat.” Tommy said.

We all teleported back to the Command Center.

“That was way harsh.” Kim said.

“Tell me about it. So what now?” I asked

“I don’t know. Nothing seems to be working against these guys.” Tommy said.

“Zordon what are we suppose to do?” Jason asked.

“I do not have an answer for this Rangers. Not yet anyway.” Zordon replied.

“Great. I have to train the Ninja Storm Rangers and deal with the Psycho Rangers. And my career is suppose to fit in where?” I said.

“Oh yeah...you have a recording session soon don’t you?” Rocky asked.

“Yes. There’s a song I need to record for a soundtrack...not to mention the video I need to do for it.” I said.

“Don’t worry Mich...we’ll find someway to get rid of the Psychos.” Jason said.

“Here’s hoping.” I said.

“So what do we do now?” Kat asked.

“The Psychos are gone for now. Go ahead and live your normal lives.” Zordon said.

“But be warned...the Psychos have been known to take human form. As you learned in grade school...don’t talk to strangers.” I said.

“No problem. Let’s go.” Rocky said pulling my arm.

I went with Rocky to the lake.

“So when is your recording session?” he asked.

“Tomorrow.” I said.

“Don’t worry. We’ll make sure you’re there.” He said.

“I hope so.” I said.

“So is this a song you wrote?” he asked.

“Yeah. Working with the Ninja Storm team...Blake and Hunter included...has really inspired me. I wrote this killer song and it’s wanted for a soundtrack.” I said.

“Cool...so did Blake and Hunter join the team?” Rock asked.

“No...not officially, but I’m sure they will...they have to.” I said.

“You like Hunter don’t you?” he asked.

“What? I...um...” I was speechless. “How could you tell?” I finally said.

“The look you get in your eye when you say his name. Your eyes are like windows. You used to get that look when you looked at me.” Rocky said.

“Oh...I’m sorry Rocky.” I said.

“Don’t be. I knew when we broke up before I’d probably never get you back. You like Hunter now...it’s only a matter of time before you fall in love with him. I see it. It’ll be ok. I’ll move on.” Rocky said.

“I do care about you Rock...I care about you so much...I’m so confused. I feel like I’m torn 3 ways.” I said.

“Do you love me?” he asked.

“Yes...no...I...I don’t know...” I said about to cry. He wrapped his arms around me.

“It’ll be ok Michelle...no matter what I’ll be here for you...I promise...we’ll always be friends.” He said.

“Thank you.” I said leaning into him. I felt so safe with him.

“You should get back to Blue Bay. You have to make sure Hunter and Blake don’t walk away from the team.” Rocky said

“Alright...” I said getting up. I kissed Rocky. “Thank you” I whispered as I teleported away.

I got back to Ninja Ops just in time to find out that Blake and Hunter had been captured.

“Great this day is going from bad to worse.” I said.

“You wanna say it or should I?” Tori said.

“Um hold up...Cam, which power do I use? Wind or Thunder?” I asked

“Oh...Give me your Thunder Power Disk. I might be able to use it’s power to power up your Wind Power.” Cam said.

“OK” I said handing him the disk.

“Go ahead and morph with the others. I’ll work on this while you guys are gone.” Cam said.

“Alright let’s do it.” I said

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Power of Air!”

“Earth!”

“Water!”

“Spirit!”

We got in the forest and found Choobo. He sent Kelzacs after us.

“Oh that’s original. I was in no way expecting that.” I said sarcastically as we started to fight.

“Spirit Staff Power Up!” I called. I got rid of some of the Kelzacs and Tori took care of the rest with her Sonic Fin.

“Rangers...you have to slice the tubing in Choobo’s backpack. It will free the Thunders.” Cam said over the communicator.

“Not a problem.” Shane said.

“Use the Ninja Swords.” I said.

“Right” they all replied.

“NINJA POWER!” we cried as we used our swords to slice the tubing. The Thunders came flying out towards the beach. We ran over to check on them.

“Are you ok?” I asked Hunter.

“Yeah...I’m fine...thanks Mich.” He said

Then Choobo showed up and pitted the Wind Rangers against the Thunders and I.

“Shane you have to fight this!” I cried.

“Hunter take a shot!” Shane called.

“No. If you miss you could strip them of their powers.” Blake said.

“Or worse.” I added.

“Do it!” Shane said.

Hunter focused and decided he couldn’t risk the shot. He threw down his weapon.

“Shane...focus...you can break this. Use your training!” I cried.

I could tell he was in deep thought. He was about to break the hold.

“NOW HUNTER NOW!” I cried. He took his shot as the Winds jumped out of the way, “Way to go Shane...nice shooting Hunter.” I said.

“I still have one trick up my sleeve.” Choobo said as he used a scroll of empowerment to grow.

“Great....Zord time.” I said.

We manned the Zords but were losing.

“Cam...a little help here.” I said.

“Hold on...” Cam paused. “I got it! I solved two problems in one. That piece of the Thunder Zords...I know what it does...and Michelle your intergrated Power activates it. Mich...get out of the Dolphin Zord.” Cam commanded.

“Alright.” I left Tori in her Zord alone.

“OK...now...how would you like to have your own Zord Mich?” Cam asked.

“Serious?” I asked.

“In a manner of speaking yes.” He replied.

“OK.” I said.

“Hunter...Shane...load these power disk...Mich...as they do that call on the power of Mini Zord.” Cam said.

“Ok...got it. I call on the Power of Mini Zord!” I cried.

Sure enough the three of the powers created this cute little zord barley big enough for a cockpit. I went in. It was fantastic. Just enough space for me to do my monitoring. Within seconds it was clear this little Zord had a big fuction. It combined the Thunder and Wind Megazords and made an even better Megazord.

“Woo hoo! New Megazord! I love it!” I cried.

“Let’s take Choobo down.” Shane said.

And we did just that. Within no time Choobo was history.

We all went back to Ninja Ops.

“I finally have a Zord.” I said excited, “A sublimental Zord but a Zord none the less.”

“And even better news...you’re back at full power.” Cam said.

“All right!” I said excited.

“There was a time you weren’t at full power?” Shane asked.

“Don’t worry about it...so Thunders...are you in?” I asked

Hunter and Blake looked at each other.

“We’re in.” Hunter said.

“YES!” I cried hugging Hunter, “I knew you’d join us.” I said

“Oh you did?” he asked.

“Of course.” I said.

“And how did you know that?” he asked.

“I knew you wouldn’t leave me.” I said.

He just smiled.

I smiled back...under that I knew I had a huge choice coming up.

PRT 8- "Choices"

"Come on Hunter." I said. I heard Sensei clear his throat. I shouldn't have been rooting for Hunter over Shane. "Oh...um..." I snapped into training mode. "Use your training...come on Shane we've been over this. Don't let your ego get in the way." I said before backing off to observe. As I looked on I noticed this training spar was turning a little too intense. "Um Sensei?" I said as he broke them up.

After training the three of us went to Storm Chargers. Kelly informed them about a "Total Trek" competition. Both Hunter and Shane signed up for it. I sighed. This was about to be a big old mess and as trainer I would be left to clean it up. I started to leave. As I was walking out Hunter caught up to me.

"Help me train for the trek?" he asked.

"I don't know...I really shouldn't take sides here. I'm a trainer. I should remain unbiased." I said.

"You have to remain unbiased during Ranger Training...this is a personal thing...no worries. Sensei won't get mad." Hunter said.

"Well...ok. I have to check on things in Angel Grove. I'll meet you at the skate park in an hour." I said.

"Great. You're the best Mich." He said kissing my cheek. I about melted right there.

I sighed...boy was I in trouble. I teleported to the Command Center.

"Any word on the Psychos yet?" I asked.

"Yes...we were just about to contact you...you were right...they took human form and attacked Kat and Mina." Tommy said.

"Are they ok?" I asked

"Yes...they are in med bay right now. They'll be fine...meanwhile we have to be on the lookout." Tommy said.

"Déjà vu." I said

"Pretty much." Tommy said.

"Alright so any ideas?" I asked.

"Not really anything we haven't tried before." Tommy said.

"Great...well let's go. We need to get them." I said.

"Hold on Mich...we don't even know where they are yet. We're trying to track them but so far we can't lock them down." Tommy said.

"Well hurry." I said.

"These things take time" Tommy said.

I sighed.

"Listen...go hang out with the Ninja Storm Rangers...we'll contact you when we track them down." Tommy said.

"fine." I said teleporting to the Skate Park.

I waited for Hunter and Blake. They finally got there and Hunter got prepared to skate.

"Are you sure about this bab.....Hunter?" I asked barely catching my slip of almost calling him "babe".

"Yeah...I'm sure. I just have to beat Shane." He said.

"Dude, Shane is good. Moto is your thing. Not skating." Blake said.

"I can do this." Hunter said as he fell off the board.

"Oh geez." I said

"Let me try again." He said...again he fell.

"Give it up man." I said.

He continued to try with no success.

"You really think you can beat Shane?" Blake asked.

"I have to." He said.

"No. You're just gonna end up killing yourself. Seriously give it up." I said.

"No...but maybe I should take a break from skating. Hey Mich, let's go for a jog...you can time me." He said.

"Are you ill? I don't jog." I said

"Wimp." He said.

"Why do you think I'm not involved in Total Trek?" I asked.

“OK fine...you can drive or whatever, just time me.” He said.

“I guess I could take your bike and ride next to you.” I asked

“Ok now you’re the one who’s ill. You honestly think I’m going to let you anywhere near my bike?” he asked.

“Ok ok....fine I’ll take my roller blades.” I said.

“Now you’re talking.” He said.

We went though town, him jogging me blading. We got to a point however where we met up with Shane...he was jogging too. *Uh oh...busted* I thought to myself.

“Oh geez Michelle...thanks for your support.” Shane said.

“Sorry...he asked me for help.” I said.

“Whatever.” He said as a monster showed up.

“Great just what we needed.” I said.

“Thunder Storm,” Hunter started.

“I say when it’s time to morph” Shane interrupted him.

“Great...here comes that ego again. Who’s the trainer here?” I mumbled to myself as we got blasted.

“Ok now we morph.” Shane said.

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Thunder Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Power of Air!”

“Power of Spirit!”

“Power of Thunder!”

We tried to fight the monster but Shane stopped Hunter from finishing it off and they started fighting and the damn bop-a-roo escaped.

“See what you did?” Shane asked.

“What I did? You did it.” Hunter said.

“Oh my god stop. I’m so out of here.” I said.

“Where are you going?” Hunter asked.

“I don’t know...anywhere but here. I’m being suffocated by your egos. I mean seriously, dealing with the Psychos would be more fun than this!” I cried teleporting out. I got to the Command Center. “Any news?” I asked.

“Not yet.” Tommy said.

“God enough is enough. Just track the psychos so we can take them out.” I said.

“What is your problem?” Rocky asked.

“I’m just wound up that’s all.” I said.

“OK...we’re working on it...just hang tight.” Tommy said.

“I’m hanging I’m hanging.” I said.

“Ok hold on...I think I might have something...yes...the Psychos are downtown looking for us. Let’s move out.” Tommy said.

“Right” we said as we morphed.

“It’s morphin’ time!”

“White Tiger!”

“Silver Siren!”

“Pink Pixy!”

“Dragon!”

“Firebird!”

“Pegasus!”

“Sphinx!”

“Gold Centaur!”

We went to battle.

“HEY PSYCHOS UP HERE!” I cried.

“Looking for us?” Kat said.

“Come and get us!” Kim said.

“There they are. Let’s kill them this time.” Psycho Purple said.
They came after us and we went to battle.

I fought Psycho Purple. The battle went back and forth. I’d have the upper hand then she would...on and on. Finally I’d had enough. I was frustrated...not just with Psycho Purple but with everything. My marriage...my indecisiveness about Hunter and Rocky...Shane’s horrible ego...everything. This all built up. I decided to try something. “Spirit Staff!” I called. It worked. Don’t ask me how but somehow I used my Wind weapon in Myth form. Anyway I got that staff and beat the hell out of Psycho Purple. The poor computer generated being never even knew what hit her. I let loose. Everything I was feeling I let out. “Power Staff Lightning Mode!” I called...again don’t ask why. It came natural but it worked. My lightening power from the ribbon came through the staff and Psycho Purple was no more.

”Woah...Psycho Purple is toast” I heard Psycho Red say.

“This isn’t good.” Psycho Pink said.

I looked at the other Rangers. “Combine weapons.” I commanded. We did and fired on the Psychos. One by one they fell.

“Good work guys....we did it!” Tommy said.

They all cheered.

I was about to collapse. I went to the lake and pretty much fell down next to it. I had used more energy than I was used to using in a battle and I was wiped. I closed my eyes and felt the wind come off of the water as I tried to connect to the earth beneath me. I suddenly realized why I was chosen to control the Power of Spirit. I could unite the elements. I had the power to bring everything together...as a trainer should. I opened my eyes and looked at the tranquility of the lake before closing my eyes again.

“Power of Spirit, Power of Spirit” I chanted over and over. I hoped it would guide me. I had several choices to make. I had to decide if I would stay with the Ninja Storm team and continue training. With Wild Force I had walked away after a few battles...but I got sucked back in. I didn’t know what to do now. I also had to think about Hunter, Rocky, and Jon...who did I want to be with? I couldn’t leave them all hanging forever. Rocky already seemed to know the answer. He seemed certain I should be with Hunter. I barely even knew Hunter but something about him. There was totally something to that “Love at first sight” theory. The more I got to know Hunter the more I cared about him. I was lost in my thoughts when my Ninja Storm communicator went off.

“Go for Mich.” I said.

“Hunter and Shane need help...can you go?” Cam asked.

“Yeah. On my way.” I said, “Ninja Storm, Ranger Form! Power of Spirit!”

Sure enough that bop-a-roo was back. This time he brought company, including Kapri who I wanted first shot at. I went after her.

“You are so going down” I said.

“Says you.” Kapri said firing at me.

“You are so ultra annoying.” I said hitting her with the staff.

“You’re gonna pay for that” she said as fired at me. Hunter stepped in front of me and used his shield to block the attack.

“Thanks.” I said

“Anytime” he said.

“Oh you stupid Ranger.” Kapri said.

“Form the Storm Cannon!” I commanded.

The team did as they were told. Everyone but the monster retreated.

“Wimps.” I mumbled as the blast from the Cannon took out the monster.

Of course he grew. Nothing else would be expected.

We got the Zords, including my wonderful Mini Zord, and took him out again. Happens every time.

Anyway after that we went to the Total Trek comp. Sometime while I was gone Hunter and Shane decided to go in as a team instead of singles. This worked much better. Hunter killed on the Moto track and Shane tore it up in the skating

part. They had no trouble winning first place. I was so proud. Of course their rivalry wasn't totally over but baby steps...

After the Trek I was wiped but Hunter had convinced me to take a walk on the beach with him.

"Thanks for helping me" he said.

"No problem" I said

"I'm sorry I was such a jerk." He said.

"It's ok. No worries." I said.

"You're the best...are you ok?" he asked.

"I'm just...wiped. And I have a lot on my mind." I said.

"Like what?" he asked.

"Like who I want to be with." I said.

"You mean if you want to be with me or your husband?" he asked.

"Yeah...pretty much." I said.

"Maybe this will help you." He said as he stopped walking. He pulled me into his arms and kissed me. I felt so good in his arms. He was strong and the way he held me...it was just very nice. And the kiss...it was passionate but not animalistic. It too was very nice. And it felt right. It felt more right than anything had felt in a very long time. The kiss finally broke.

"Um...yeah that clears some things up." I said

"Good." He said still holding me.

It amazed me. Around everyone else Hunter was this real cocky self assured person but he showed me his soft side. And this kiss...it only confused me more...oh god...what's a girl to do?

PRT 9- "I Can't Help Falling in Love"

"I love you Hunter." I whispered.

"I love you too Michelle...we have to be together." He said.

"No, she needs to be with me." Rocky said stepping in between us.

"Oh Rocky...I love Hunter." I said.

"But what about us? Don't you still love me?" I asked

"I do..." I said

"But Michelle you said you love me." Hunter said.

"I...I don't know what to do!" I cried.

"Come on Michelle, wake up." Rocky said.

"wake up." Hunter said.

"Wake up, wake up, wake up" they chanted.

I jumped awake. Jon was shaking me.

"Wake up Mich...you over slept." He said.

"Oh hi babe. When did you get home?" I asked

"Just a little while ago. Don't forget you have your recording session today." He said.

"Oh...thanks." I said getting up. I got dressed and went to Ninja Ops to check in.

"Hey guys." I said.

"Hey Mich." They said.

"You guys wanna go to the skate park with me?" Shane asked.

"Can't. I'm meeting Blake." Tori said.

"Blake? Oooo, I bet Hunter will be there. I'll go with you Tor" I said

"You guys will be at the demo though right?" Shane asked.

"Yeah sure...I should be able to make that and my session. I'll be there." I said.

"Of course I'll be there." Tori said.

Tori and I went to Storm Chargers and found the brothers.

"Hey Hunter." I said.

"Hey Mich." He said watching Blake. I saw Blake invite Tori to the movies. Hunter looked a bit perturbed to say the least.

"Mich you wanna go to the movies with Blake and I?" he asked finally.

"When?" I asked.

"2" he said.

"I wish I could. I already promised Shane I'd go to his skate demo. I'm sorry." I said.

"It's ok. Another time." He said.

"Of course. Hey if you want you can come to the studio with me later." I said.

"Oh that's right, you have to record a song later right?" he asked.

"Yeah. I really am looking forward to it." I said.

"And I'm allowed to go with you?" he asked.

"Hun...I'm the star...I can bring in whoever I want." I said

"Well in that case...alright I think it'd be fun to check out a studio." He said.

I smiled.

"Well I guess I should be going..." he said.

"Alright. Bye." I said.

I walked over to Tori and Kelly.

"Hey guys." I said.

"Tor...did you forget about the demo?" Kelly asked.

"Oh...the demo!" Tori said.

"I was wondering what you were thinking." I said

Later that day Tori and I went to the Skate Park to watch Shane.

“GO SHANE!” I cried. But my mind was so not on the demo. My mind was on Hunter. And Rocky. Mostly Hunter. How in the hell was I falling for him so quickly? This was very bad. If I made a move Sensei would be on me so fast. One of the number one rules of training...never get involved romantically with any trainee. It was a good rule that I normally respected. I mean really, as a trainer I would have to move on to a new team at some point...no telling when. A relationship with Hunter would be impossible. When I left Blue Bay Harbor for my new destination, where ever that may be, I wouldn't be able to see Hunter any more. After Lothor was no more Hunter would need to move on with his life. I figured he'd start working towards pro moto or something. Something that didn't include me or his life as a Ranger.

It was because of my daze I didn't see Tori slip away and return. I heard the crowd “aww” and snapped to attention. Shane had bit it. “Oh man...” I said. Tori was still cheering though.

Dustin and I were confused by this.

Tori was acting very odd. She said she was going to get drinks but we tried to go after her and saw she was using her ninja powers to go somewhere. I had a pretty good idea where.

“Did I miss the part of training where we can use our powers in public?” Dustin asked.

“No Dusty. That's a big no-no.” I said

I didn't have time to say more than that though because the Kelzacs showed up.

“Let's do it guys.” I said.

We battled off the Kelzacs and reported back to Ninja Ops. Tori got there too and informed us that Blake and Hunter were captured again. I sighed. Meanwhile Tori felt very bad about breaking the rules.

“It's ok Tor, we'll deal with that later. Right now we have to get the Thunders back.” I said

“Let's do it.” Shane said.

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Wind Ranger Power!”

We went to face the pig monster. He had Blake and Hunter trapped in popcorn and he took them into another dimension. We followed and used the Storm Striker to take him out. We got back to our own dimension and when we did the Thunders had used their own power to free themselves. Lothor has also decided to make the piggy grow and send us some Kelzacs to boot.

“You guys make the pig bacon. I'll help the Thunders with the Kelzacs.” I said

“Right.” The Winds said.

I went with Hunter and Blake, who were covered in butter, and we handled the Kelzacs.

A Kelzac threw me into Hunter.

“You ok?” Hunter asked helping me up.

“Eww...you are so not touching me until you take a shower.” I said continuing to fight.

We took out the Kelzacks and the Winds handled the pig.

After the battle I escorted Tori back to Ops. I had to be there when Sensei punished her.

“Part of being a trainer is knowing when punishment is needed and knowing what is fair punishment. Do you have a suggestion about Tori's punishment?” Sensei asked me.

“Um...” I sighed. Tori was one of my closest friends now. I didn't wanna punish her but I knew I had to and it had to fit the crime. “Well...the floors of Ops need cleaning.” I said.

“Alright. That sounds good. Tori clean the floors of Ninja Ops and clean my cage and you will be finished for the day.” Sensei said.

“Your cage...but Sensei...” I started.

“Cam isn't around and I need some fresh food.” Sensei said.

I laughed. “Have fun Tor...I have a session to get to.” I said leaving as Blake walked in.

I went and picked up Hunter from Storm Chargers.

“You ready?” I asked.

“Sure am. Let’s go.” He said.

“Ok.” I led him to a closed off area. “Stay close. We have to teleport.” I said as I teleported us to Angel Grove. We went into the studio. Mina and the rest of my band was already there and ready to go.

“Hey, about time you showed up.” Mina said.

“Yeah yeah. Mina...this is my friend Hunter Bradley...Hunter this is Mina Gordon. She’s my guitar player.” I said.

“Nice to meet you Hunter.” Mina said.

“Likewise.” Hunter said.

“OK so have a seat right there. We should be able to nail this song in a couple of takes.” I said.

“Alright...I’ll be here.” He said as he sat down.

I went in the sound booth to do the main vocal part. Mina went to the board to do play back. We had decided to do production on this song ourselves.

“Ready Mich?” Mina asked

I gave her a thumbs up sign

“OK I’m starting playback.” She said.

I waited and when I heard the music I sang:

“They'll try to stop the dream we're dreamin'
But they can't stop us from believing
They will fill your head with doubt
But that won't stop us now
So let them say we can't do it
Put up a road block
We'll just roll right through it.. Cause...

We can, do the impossible
We have the power in our hands
And we won't stop 'cause we've got
To make a difference in this life
With one voice, one heart, two hands, we can

They say the odds are stacked against us
But that can't hold us back, we will be relentless
There's a voice they're gonna hear
A voice so loud and clear
So let them say we can't do it, give us a mountain,
and we're gonna move it.. cause..

We can, do the impossible
We have the power in our hands, and we won't stop
Cause we've got to make a difference in this life
With one voice, one heart, Two hands, we can

We're gonna make a change today
Because we've got the faith it takes
To win this race, so let them say we can't do it
Put up a road block
And we'll just roll right through it cause..

We can, do the impossible
We have the power in our hands and we won't stop
Cause we've got to make a difference in this life
With one voice, one heart Two hands, we can

I can
Do the impossible
I have the power in my hands, and I won't stop

Cause I've got to make a difference in this life
With my one voice, one heart, two hands, we can"

"Good work Mich...you totally nailed that in one take." Mina said.

"Let's do one more to be safe." I said.

"Alright." She said.

We did a second take and then two takes of my background vocals.

"Alright, you're done Mich. I just have to touch up my part and then we can mix it." Mina said.

"Alright. I'll man the board for you" I said taking her spot. I looked back at Hunter, "Having fun yet?" I asked

"You sounded really good." He said.

"Thanks. You like the song?" I asked

"Yeah. It's really good." He said.

"Thanks. I wrote it about you guys." I said

"Us?" he asked.

"Yeah, the Ninja Storm team." I said.

"Oh...wow...cool." He said as I heard the door open.

I looked back. It was Jon. Oh boy...

"Oh, Hi Jonny." I said.

"Hi Mich...who's this?" he asked.

"Oh...Jon this is Hunter Bradley. A friend of mine. I told you about him, remember?" I said

"Oh...yeah, your Crimson friend. Right. Hi Hunter. I'm Jon." He said.

"Michelle has told be a lot about you." He said.

"So how's recording going Mich?" he asked.

"Great! I nailed it." I said.

"Good work. I knew that was a good song." he said as he kissed me. I felt Hunter's eyes burning into me. I was supremely uncomfortable.

"I have to get back to work" I said

"Alright. You need some help?" he asked.

"I think I have it." I said.

"Your levels are too high" he said.

"No they aren't" I said.

"Yes they are, you're gonna get feedback if you don't level it." He said.

"I know what I'm doing." I said.

"Obviously you don't. Look let me show you." He said pushing me out of the way.

I pushed back. "Damn it Jon I said I know what I'm doing. I can produce my own song thank you." I snapped.

"Fine, screw it up. I don't care. I won't offer help anymore. See you at home." He said storming off.

I sighed and rested my head in my hands.

"Damn him." I whispered to myself. I felt a pair of arms come around me from behind.

"You ok?" Hunter asked.

"I'm fine." I said leaning back into him.

"Come here." He said helping me up. He wrapped his arms around me.

"Thanks. I needed this." I said wrapping my arms around him too.

"It'll be ok. Just calm down." Hunter said kissing my head.

Right then I knew. No matter the rules or what was right...somehow I had to be with Hunter. I realized right then as I looked into his eyes...I loved him.

PRT 10- "Freedom"

"Ok Rangers...Sensei is going to demonstrate something for you. Watch carefully and focus. To achieve this will be no easy task." I said setting the bricks up for Sensei. He broke through the bricks and amazed the Rangers. Each one of the guys tried and each one failed. Then Cam tried and succeeded.

"Woah...those are trick bricks right?" Dustin said.

Cam threw a brick at Dustin. The guys continued to bag on him and he took off.

"You jerks. Cam may not be my favorite person in the world but you guys show him zero respect for everything he does." I said. Tori headed off after Cam and I followed Tori.

We got to the lake where Cam was.

"Are you ok?" I asked.

"Yeah...I just...I wish I could be part of it." He said.

"You want to be a Ranger?" Tori asked.

"Yeah. I do." Cam said.

"Then ask Sensei." I said.

"He said no. He won't listen." Cam said.

"So try again." I said.

"Make him listen" Tori said.

"Ok...but if he doesn't listen I'm not cleaning his cage for a month." Cam said.

We laughed but that was short lived as we were attacked by Marah, Kapri, Kelzacs, and Lothor's newest monster.

Tori, Cam and I started to fight. The guys showed up and we morphed. This monster was way harsh though. He started to drain our Ranger energy.

"Oh no, not again." I mumbled as I felt the Purple energy leave me.

The monster took off with our powers. Cam got us back to Ops.

"This is so not good." I said.

"Tell me about it." Dustin said.

"What do we do now?" Tori asked.

"I'm giving you a power boost. It won't last long but if you hurry you should be able to get your powers back before it runs out." Cam said.

"Ok then, let's do this." I said.

We went after the monster.

"Give us back our Powers now!" I said.

"Come and get them." The monster said. He took us into this illusionary world. Nothing was what it seemed and every time we thought we were getting the monster we ended up attacking each other. Shane was finally able to break it and we got our powers back and destroyed the monster. Not a moment to soon either because our power was draining fast. Lothor wasn't too happy about our victory though....well you can guess what he did. Happens everytime. Monster grew.

"You can't handle a Zord fight." Cam said.

"We don't have much choice." Shane said.

Cam agreed and teleported our power orb back to Ops and sent us the Zords.

Cam was right. We couldn't handle a Zord fight. Our powers gave out on us and we fell to the ground de-morphing. Last thing I really remember we were about to be stomped on...then it seemed like time froze.

If it seemed like time was frozen it was because time was frozen...so I would later discover. There was a short time when my mind went blank. Anyway when time resumed we thought we were Ranger pancakes but then we heard a helicopter of sorts. Out of the helicopter came a Green Ranger who totally demolished the monster.

After the battle the mysterious Ranger came out of the chopper and un-morphed. It was Cam. Just what I needed. Cam was a Ranger now. I sighed. I was happy for him. I knew he really wanted this. Before Cam could explain things to us Lothor came down and started blasting. As Lothor attacked he made the comment about Cam being his nephew. This was confusing but we didn't have much time to think of it as we needed to teleport out fast.

We got back to Ops and with Cam's new powers we restored all the Ranger powers. Just in time too because Lothor sent down 5 monsters at the same time.

"Ok guys let's do it. I'll go with Hunter. The rest of you split up." I said. Everyone did as told.

Later a sixth monster showed up that Cam took on. After the battle we again reported to Ops. The monster Cam took on had stung him and the injection was turning him into a fly.

"That is totally disgusting." I said seeing the transformation beginning.

"That looks really bad." Hunter said.

"Looks like there's bigger problems. One of the monsters grew." Cam said.

"Ok. We'll take the Zords and handle that one. Michelle, you take the Thunders and handle the smaller ones." Shane said.

"Got it." I said.

We did as Shane said and after an intense battle all the monsters were gone except the one that bit Cam. He got the injection reversed and forming a new Megazord we finished him off as well.

We went back to Ops and the Ranger gave Cam his own Ninja Training suit. I smiled. They were a full team now. They had their sixth. I took my Wind Morpher off and put it on the console.

"What are you doing?" Tori asked.

"You have your sixth Ranger. You don't need me anymore. My work here is done." I said

"What? Are you kidding? No." Hunter said.

"You're part of the team too. You can't just leave us." Dustin said.

"I'm not part of the team. I'm a trainer." I said.

"Hey, like it or not you're part of the team." Blake said.

"Yeah, so get used to it. Seven Rangers are better than six anyway." Shane said.

"I can't...it's time to move on." I said

"I didn't hear another team calling you. You're staying until another team needs you" Dustin said.

"Yeah, and even then I may not let you go." Hunter said.

"Alright...fine...I'll stay." I said smiling.

"Thank you. Now put your morpher back on." Shane said.

I nodded and did. Ok so maybe being part of the team wasn't the worst thing in the world.

I sighed. "OK I'm in but right now I have some place else to be. Catch you guys later." I said. I teleported home. I needed to talk to Jon. We hadn't spoken since the incident at the studio.

I walked in the house and found him in his office.

"We need to talk." I said

"Yes we do. Where is this going? Do you even want a husband?" he asked

"I thought that was the girl's question." I said trying to joke my way out of this. I could tell from the look on his face that joking wasn't the best idea. "Ok...I...I don't know. I'm very confused" I said.

"Maybe it's best for us both if we end things. We never see each other. It's clear you're into other guys and...it's just for the best. I've already had my lawyer draw up the papers" he said.

"WHAT?! Gee, thanks for consulting me about this first." I said.

"It was clear what needed to be done." He said.

"Oh my fucking god. You've got to be kidding me! You know what? Bring on those papers. When you get them drawn up send them to my lawyer. In the meantime get out of my house." I said.

"This is my house." He said.

"Excuse me? I paid for it." I said.

“Prove it. The money is from a joint account.” He said.

“You jerk. Fine I’m out of here.” I packed a bag fast and left. I thought about where to go. In the end I ended up at Rocky’s.

“Are you ok?” he asked when he answered the door.

“I’m fine...I need a place to stay though. Jon kicked me out. Can I stay here?” I asked.

“Of course Mich. Come on in.” he said.

He showed me the guest room and I got settled in.

“Thank you for letting me stay.” I said.

“No problem. Mi casa is su casa.” He said.

“You’re the best Rock.” I said.

“So what exactly happened?” Rocky asked.

“Oh...you know...Jon and I started fighting and I said maybe it was best if we split up. He agreed and told me his lawyer was already drawing up papers. That’s when I knew I was doing the right thing by not staying with him.” I said.

“I’m sorry Mich...really.” He said.

“Thanks Rock. I’ll be ok though. This really is for the best.” I said.

“You want to go out and get some dinner?” he asked.

“Um...I don’t know...I’m not sure I feel up to eating out.” I said.

“Ok we can go pick up some burgers and come back here and watch a DVD.” Rock said.

“You don’t have to entertain me.” I said.

“I know I don’t have to. We’re friends Mich...what’s wrong with hanging out with a friend?” he asked.

“Ok...you’re right. Let’s go.” I said.

We got in his car and went to pick up food. After that we went back to his place and looked at his DVD collection.

“What do you wanna watch?” he asked.

I looked over the DVDs. He had quite a collection. Lots of kung fu movies, even more comedies, a few action movies, and even some cartoons. I finally picked a DVD.

“This one.” I said.

“Ok Shrek is it.” He said putting the DVD on.

We sat there and ate as we watched the movie. It was a lot of fun. I was starting to second guess my decision about Hunter again.

Anyway after the movie Rocky and I went to our own rooms and went to bed.

I was very confused again...I wondered if I’d ever get my emotions straight...but at least I was free now...

PRT 11- "Revelations"

I woke up and stretched. It had been a long night. I got up and made my bed and brushed my hair then went to the kitchen to find breakfast.

"Morning Rock." I said as I started to pour some coffee.

"Morning Mich....wait what are you doing here? I thought you left already." He said.

"What?" I asked confused.

"Well when I went out to get the paper this morning your car was gone." He said.

"WHAT!" I ran outside and sure enough my pride and joy was gone. "MY JEEP!" I cried. I went back in the house. "Rock call the cops. My car was stolen."

He did as I said and when the cops showed up I gave them a report. After they left I sat on Rocky's sofa and started crying.

"It'll be ok Michelle." He said hugging me.

"I don't care about the car. I had pictures and papers and stuff I can't replace in there. So many memories gone." I said.

"You didn't have your morphers in there right?" he asked.

"Oh shoot...no I don't think so. Let me check." I did a morpher count. All were accounted for. "No, no morphers were in the car." I told him.

"I'm really sorry Mich." Rocky said.

"It's ok...I'll be fine. I'm just shaken up." I said

"Maybe you should go to Blue Bay for the day. I'm sure the Rangers there will cheer you up." He said.

"I don't wanna go anywhere. I mean what's the point of being a Ranger anyway? I can't stop stuff like this from happening. What good is a Ranger in an everyday situation?" I said.

Rocky sighed. "Go to Blue Bay." He said.

It was my turn to sigh. "fine" I said going back to my room to get dressed.

After I got dressed I went to Blue Bay Harbor. The Rangers were at Storm Chargers.

"Hi guys." I said.

"Hey Mich." They said.

"What's wrong?" Tori asked.

"My....my...my car was stolen." I said.

"Oh god Mich, I'm so sorry." Tori said.

"How horrible." Shane said.

"Are you alright?" Hunter asked.

"Yeah...just majorly bummed." I said.

"Hey, why don't we go to the beach. It'll cheer you up to be in the fresh air." Tori said.

"Yeah great idea." Blake said.

"Should be invite Cam?" Dustin asked.

"Yeah...let's go...Hunter, Blake, we'll meet you there. The rest of us will go drag Cam out of Ops."

Shane said.

I sighed.

Everyone else agreed and Tori and Dustin pulled me with them.

We got to Ops but the Cam we thought we were going to have to drag away from work is not the Cam we found.

“Hey dudes what’s up?” Cam said

Something was off.

“Hey T you are looking especially babealishious today....you too M” he added putting his arms around Tori and I.

I laughed. There was something very sexy about this. Maybe I had misjudged Cam.

“Cam you wanna go to the beach?” we asked.

“Sure dudes. Let’s go.” Cam said.

I put my arm through his and we went to the beach. First stop...skate park. Cam wanted to skate.

When Cam and I walked up arm in arm I could tell Hunter was very jealous...right now I didn’t care.

Shane got Cam a board to use and Cam started to skate. We all expected disaster. What we got was a shock. Cam was amazing. Even better than Shane.

“You’ve gotta be kidding me.” I heard Shane mumble.

“WOO HOO! Way to go Cam!” I cheered.

After Cam ripped it up at the skate park he wanted to surf. Again he did amazing...even better than Tori.

“You’re awesome!” I cheered as Shane and Tori pouted. The other guys found Cam’s success very funny.

“OK moto time.” Cam said.

“Dude...Moto is hard.” Dustin said.

“Yeah it’s not like staying on some little board like skating or surfing.” Blake said. Tori glared at him.

“Let’s go dudes.” Cam said.

We went to the moto track. Cam blew everyone away. He was better than even Blake or Hunter.

“Dude nobody rides like that their first time out.” Dustin said.

“Something’s wrong.” Hunter said as we were contacted. We were called to town. There was a monster. Cam didn’t wanna go.

“What about moto 2?” he asked.

“I’m with Cam on this one. There isn’t much we can do anyway.” I said. I was still questioning the point of Power Rangers.

Hunter and Blake dragged Cam and I to where the monster was. We got in fighting formation and were about to morph when Cam saw a really cool car and got distracted. I decided to follow him.

“I’m so over this Ranger thing.” Cam said.

“Yeah you know what me too. I’m with him.” I kissed Cam’s cheek and we went to look at the car

while the Ranger fought.

“I don’t know what made you change Cam but I like it.” I said.

“I’m just all about the fun dudette.” He said.

“I’m down with that. Work is for chumps. I see that now.” I said

Cam and I were still talking when Hunter came over with Shane and Blake. He was very upset.

“I don’t believe you Mich. You too Cam...you guys flaked on us.” Hunter said.

“Now Tori and Dustin are perfume.” Blake said.

“That sucks for them.” I said.

“Whatever. I thought you were different Michelle. I was wrong about you.” Hunter said as the three angry Rangers took off.

“Dude what is their problem?” Cam asked me.

“I don’t know. It’s their problem not ours.” I said.

“Maybe we should follow them.” He said.

“Why?” I asked.

“Duh, I need someone to race in moto 2.” He said.

“Oh, ok. We can try dude.” I said

We followed the Rangers to this warehouse. We walked in and I almost passed out at what I saw.

There stood Hunter, Blake, Shane, AND CAM!!

“What the? Two Cams?” I asked

Cam explained he created Cyber Cam but the project got away from him.

“Yeah sorry about the tying you up in the closet thing.” Cyber Cam said.

“Oh my god! EWWW I kissed a Cyber being! Sick!” I cried. I felt like such an idiot.

Hunter smirked a very smug smirk.

Cam sent Cyber Cam back to Ops and we had to fight the monster.

I sighed. “I still don’t see the point.” I said.

“Mich...Rangers are everyday people for everyday situations. We’re extraordinary people to handle what ordinary people can’t. Believe me...the army would end up in those space bubbles if they tried to take on Lothor. That’s why we’re Rangers.” Cam said.

I gave this some thought. “You right Cam. I guess I lost sight of that...thanks.” I said.

“Ok great...now time to morph.” Hunter said.

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Power of Air!”

“Power of Spirit!”

“Thunder Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Power of Thunder!”

“Samurai Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Green Samurai Power!”

“You guys handle El Stinko. I’ll get Dustin and Tori.” Shane said

They rest of us took on the monster. Cam was kicking butt. We even discover he has a Super Samurai mode which is just sick. He rocked the place.

Anyway we were fighting and the monster blew up the room Shane was in.

“Shane!” I cried.

We were all worried Shane and the others were dead but Shane came out with the bottles of perfume. Shane released Dustin and Tori and we finished off the monster. It grew, we took it our again. No big.

Anyway after that adventure we went back to Ninja Ops.

“Guys, I’m really really sorry. I should have realized I was wrong. I let you guys down.” I said.

“Hey, even trainers have off days.” Shane said.

“I guess so. And Hunter...I’m sorry I upset you. I totally understand if you hate me now.” I said.

“Hate you? I could never hate you Mich.” He asked.

“So you forgive me?” I asked.

“We’ll see how well you make it up to me.” He said hugging me.

“So what happened to Cyber Cam?” Tori asked.

“I reprogrammed him to be dedicated to his work.” Cam said.

“Awesome. We don’t need two Cams running around. One is plenty.” I said.

“Thanks Mich...thanks.” Cam said.

“So now with Cyber Cam you can have some fun. Let’s go.” Tori said. The Winds and Cam took off.

I went with Hunter and Blake.

“So you wanna go hang out tonight?” Hunter asked.

“Sure. Sounds good. What were you guys planning?” I asked.

“I don’t know...maybe some bowling or something.” Blake said.

“Sounds good.” I said.

“I’m not up for bowling. What about renting a movie and ordering in pizza?” Hunter asked.

“Staying in? Are you ok Hunter? You never want to stay in.” Blake said.

“I’m fine. I just wanna chill.” Hunter said.

“Alright. That’s fine with me. You in Mich?” Blake asked.

“Of course.” I said

The three of us went to the video store and picked up a few DVDs. Mostly subbed kung fu movies but I talked them into getting “Rush Hour 2” they liked that movie. On the way back to their place we picked up a pizza.

I had never been to their place before so I wasn’t sure what to expect. They did live alone. To my surprise they had a very nice little apartment.

“This is nice...how much does Kelly pay you?” I asked

“We have plenty of money. Our parents left us a huge inheritance that Hunter got when he turned 18.” Blake explained.

“That’s good. Well you guys have a great place. Slightly messy but nice.” I said.

“That’s Hunter’s fault. He’s the messy brother. It drives me nuts.” Blake said.

“I’m not messy...Blake is just a neat freak.” Hunter said. I laughed. They reminded me of “The Odd Couple.”

“OK so movie time?” I asked.

“Sure.” Hunter said. We got set up and watched the DVDs. By the time the last kung fu movie was over I was falling asleep.

“Tired?” Hunter asked.

“Just a little.” I said.

“You wanna just stay here?” Hunter asked.

“Yeah you’re welcome to stay.” Blake said.

“You guys only have two beds. I wouldn’t wanna put anyone out.” I said.

“Ok so I’ll share my bed with you.” Hunter said.

“Um...” I hesitated.

“Don’t worry. I’ll be good.” Hunter said.

“OK...it would be better to just stay.” I said.

“Alright. Good night guys. I’ll see you in the morning.” Blake said going to his room.

Hunter and I went into his room.

“You want a shirt to sleep in?” Hunter asked

“Sure...thanks” I said taking a shirt he gave me and going into the bathroom. I changed and came out.

“Looks much better on you than it does me.” He said getting into bed. I couldn’t help but notice he had taken his shirt off. He had on a pair of crimson pajama bottoms, but no shirt. This would be a long night. I got in bed next to him and fell asleep.

PRT 12- "Sweetest Sin"

The next morning I woke up in Hunter's arms. It was pretty cool actually. It felt good. Anyway, we woke up and got dressed and got some breakfast then the three of us (Blake being the third) went to Storm Chargers. We walked in and saw Kelly was holding a cooking class there. Tori had signed up with Cam. I could tell this bothered Blake.

"Ohhh...cool! Cooking. Hunter partner up with me." I said

"Cooking? Are you serious?" he asked.

"Come on." I begged.

"Oh fine. Just don't beg." He said.

We made some smoothies but Blake complained his didn't taste right. Cam tasted it and agreed. Then they proceeded to start fighting over Tori. It was too weird. Their fighting escalated and the wonderfully mature guy I was falling in love with (Hunter) called a food fight. Grand eh? Anyway, I ducked under a table to avoid being hit with something and when Tori decided to make a clean getaway I followed her.

"What was up with them?" she asked as we headed through town.

"I don't know. That was very weird." I said

"You're telling me." She said as Blake and Cam came running up with gifts for Tori. Now I knew guys could be clueless as to what girls want, but this was ridiculous. Blake got her a socket wrench set and Cam got her acne face wash. Obviously romance is not a requirement for being a Ranger. It came as no surprise when Tori gave them the gifts back and walked away. As we walked away they continued to fight.

"This is just great." Tori said.

"Hey, stop complaining. You have two guys fighting over you. Granted one is Cam, but still. I don't see Hunter and Shane fighting over me." I said.

"Yeah but if Dustin thought he had a chance he'd fight Hunter for you." Tori said.

"Dusty and I are just friends. He had a crush on me but that's the past." I said.

"If you say so...but anyway, what about that Rocky guy." Tori said.

"Rocky...even if I wanted more...Rock just wants to be friends." I said.

"That's what I thought about Cam." Tori said.

"I have to admit, Cam's behavior is strange." I said.

As I said that we saw a group of Kelzacs enter a TV studio.

"Since when do Kelzacs watch TV?" Tori said as we went to check it out.

We hid and saw that Lothor was planning on doing a TV show to brainwash people. We were watching them and accidentally bumped into Zurgane.

"Uh-oh." I said

Tori and I fought the Kelzacs. She is a really good fighter. Yet in the end she was captured. I managed to get away.

"I'll go get help!" I called to Tori as I ran. I got back to Storm Chargers. They were watching the "I Love Lothor" show.

"Hey guys, I..." I stopped. I was pulled into the show and suddenly I had this overwhelming feeling. I was totally in love with Lothor!

When Kelly suggested we go find Lothor I was all into that.

"Let's go!" I said. We rushed the studio

"Lothor! Lothor! We want Lothor!" I screamed like a little teenybopper.

"Lothor is evil! You are all under a spell!" I heard Shane call.

"No way we love Lothor!" Kelly screamed.

"Yeah you guys are the evil ones!" I screamed.

"Get them!" Kelly and I screamed together.

We ran after them. We lost sight of them but kept running, looking for them.

I suddenly felt someone grab me from behind and pull me. I tried to scream but a hand cover my mouth.

“Shut up.” I heard Hunter say. He was the one who grabbed me. He was holding me tightly. I struggled to get away. He moved his hand from over my mouth.

“Let me go!” I screamed.

“Not a chance Mich. You’re staying right here” he said.

I fought to get away as we were alerted about a monster on the beach.

“Are you going to morph if I let you go?” Hunter asked.

“I want to see Lothor.” I said.

“Will you morph if I let you go?” he asked again.

“NO!” I cried.

“Fine.” He said still holding me. They headed for the beach and Hunter pulled me with him still holding me tight so I couldn’t escape.

As we got close to the beach I was sick of it.

“OK OK FINE! Let me go and I’ll morph!” I cried.

“You better.” Hunter said.

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Power of Air”

“Earth”

“Spirit”

“Thunder Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Power of Thunder”

We got to the beach as Blake had taken out the monster, therefore breaking the spell. I snapped out of it.

“Dude...what a trip...what happened?” I asked.

“Are you ok Mich?” Hunter asked.

“Yeah I’m fine...um...I think there’s a giant sized monster to handle.” I said.

“We got it covered.” Cam said.

Cam and the Thunders took down the monster while the rest of us looked on.

After the monster was gone Tori, Cam, Blake, and I all went back to Ops.

“If this is what love feel like I hope I never fall in love.” Cam said.

“I hear that.” Blake said catching Tori’s expression, “At least not under a spell.” He added.

“I hear that...dude...I loved Lothor...gross.” I said.

Tori laughed. “So Blake...what did you mean when you said ‘it’s time for her to know the truth?’”

“Um..um..” Blake stuttered.

He was saved when Hunter and Shane walked in with a plate full of chicken.

“We’re sorry about your cooking class so we made this.” Shane said.

“Homemade and from the heart.” Hunter added.

“Something’s not right. This actually looks edible.” Tori said.

“Yeah, you guys can’t cook. I’ve seen the take out containers at your apartment Hunter. There is no way you did this.” I said as Dustin walked in with chicken boxes.

“Hey who ordered take out? I’m starved.” He said.

“Since when does homemade come in a bucket?” Tori asked stuffing some chicken in Hunter’s mouth. We all laughed and ended up pigging out on the chicken.

After the chicken feast Hunter wanted to go take a walk. I agreed.

“So you were gonna pick Lothor over me huh?” he teased.

“God don’t remind me. I was ill.” I said

“Obviously.” He said, “But on a serious note...I did really like you staying at my place last night.”

“So did I.” I said.

“You want to stay over again?” he asked.

“Ok.” I said.

“Good. So what do you wanna do tonight?” he asked.

“I don’t know” I said.

“How about that new teen club?” he asked.

“Sure! Sounds fun. But I can’t stay out too late. I have a date in the morning” I said.

“A date?” Hunter asked getting jealous.

“Yes...with Natalie. The little girl I babysat for a few times. Her mom really needed someone to take her and I agreed.

It’s been a few months since I’ve seen her and I was missing her anyway.” I said.

“Oh...that date. That’s just as well. I have that big brother thing with Charlie tomorrow.” Hunter said.

“Oh that’s right...ok good. So neither of us can stay out to late.” I said.

“Yeah but we can still have fun.” He said.

“Of course. Let me go back to Rocky’s and change. I’ll meet you at your place in two hours and we’ll go.” I said.

“See you then.” He said kissing me.

I smiled and teleported to Rocky’s. I looked through my stuff and tried to decide what to wear. I couldn’t decide if I should dress in my “rock star” style or keep it casual. In the end I settled on a pair of jeans that had purple glitter thread woven into them and a purple halter top and a pair of black lace up shoes. I brushed my hair down and used the straightening iron on it and applied a small amount of makeup and finished off with some perfume. I walked out to the living room and saw Rocky.

“Ok don’t wait up.” I said.

“Wow, you look amazing.” He said.

“Thanks...I’ll see you later.” I said kissing his cheek as I left. I went to Hunter’s and rang the doorbell. Blake answered.

“Woah...you look hot.” He said.

I smiled. “Thanks Blake.” I said

“Back off she’s mine.” Hunter said coming out. He looked very good. He was wearing a pair of black jeans and a crimson polo shirt. He looked pretty good when he wasn’t in a ninja suit or covered in grease...not that he didn’t look good anyway.

“You look amazing.” I said kissing him.

“See ya Blake.” Hunter said as we went to his car. We went to the club and at first it sucked. Being in such a public place there was press everywhere snapping pictures. I handled the press and signed some autographs and then I turned my attention back to Hunter...or I tried to anyway but I saw him on the dance floor with another girl!

I looked at the girl...she looked familiar. After a few seconds I realized exactly who she was. It was Kapri! I went over to them.

“What in the hell are you doing with her Hunter?” I asked.

“Dancing.” He said.

“Do you not know who she is?” I asked. I swear boys could be so dense.

“Um...should I?” he asked.

“DUH! That’s Kapri you idiot!” I cried.

“What? No way...Kapri isn’t this pretty.” Hunter said.

I sighed.

“I am too!” Kapri cried.

“Holy...it is Kapri!” he cried.

“duh.” I said

“Oh man.” Hunter said.

“What do you want with my boyfriend Kapri?” I asked.

“I didn’t see your name on him...besides we were just dancing. Of course if you would have just stayed away maybe there would have been more.” She said kissing him before he knew what hit him.

“Woah now.” He said.

“You best be going now Kapri.” I said

“Fine whatever. See you later Hunter...count on it.” She said walking out.

Hunter turned to me. "I'm so sorry...I didn't know it was her...I swear....wait...did you just call me your boyfriend?" he asked.

"Um...yeah I think I did." I said

"Is that really what you want?" he asked.

"I...I don't know...I guess so." I said as the DJ announced he would play a slow song for all the couples. As "Sweetest Sin" by Jessica Simpson came on Hunter pulled me into his arms and we danced. It was perfect. Everything seemed just right.

A few hours later we went back to his place. Blake was already asleep. Hunter led me to his room and we started to kiss and...well it was our first time together...it was very beautiful...and very right. I knew that even if I was going to get in trouble it was worth every second I got to be with Hunter. Some times you just have to ignore your brain and follow your heart. That's what I was doing now.

After Hunter and I were worn out he held me in his arms tightly, but gentle. Slowly we both drifted off to sleep knowing that trouble with Sensei lie ahead, but as long as we were together that was ok.

PRT 13- "Risky Business"

Morning came and I once again work up in Hunter's arms. It was amazing. Then it hit me...today wasn't going to be a good day. I would have to deal with Sensei. I had really broken the rules. As a trainer I had several rules I was to follow. At the top of that list was "never get romantically involved with any trainee." Oops, my bad. Too late.

I got up and went to Ninja Ops. Cam and Sensei were already up.

"Sensei, I need to speak with you...alone." I said

"OK I'm going. I'll be in the back if you need me." Cam said.

When Sensei and I were alone I got nervous. I sighed.

"What is wrong Michelle...I have a feeling I already know but please, tell me what you need to." Sensei said.

"Ok Sensei...I...I know I am a trainer and romantic involvement with a trainee is forbidden but...I think I'm in love with Hunter." I said.

"I know this Michelle. I have seen the way you look at Hunter. You know that according to the rules this is forbidden but sometimes the heart overrules the rules." Sensei said.

"Really? You're not angry?" I asked.

"No. Slightly worried about the outcome but even a ninja master knows sometimes rules can not always be followed." Sensei said.

"Thank you Sensei." I said.

"Just be aware as you enter this. You know what the outcome will be. Do not fool yourself in to thinking you will have a happy ending with Hunter." Sensei said.

"I know Sensei...as soon as Lothor is defeated chances are the pattern will continue and I will be forced to move to another new team." I said.

"Yes and with that you will have to leave Hunter behind to live his own life. The relationship you seek with him can not be lasting. Just enter it with caution." Sensei said.

"Yes Sensei." I said.

"Is that all?" he asked.

"Yes Sensei...I'm going to go now...thank you for understanding" I said as I left. I went to Storm Chargers. Hunter, Blake, and Tori were already there.

"Hey, you left before I woke up." Hunter said.

"Yeah..sorry. I had some things to take care of." I said

"You stayed at Hunter's last night?" Tori asked.

"Oh...yeah...but um, the others don't need to know." I said.

"Does Sensei know?" Tori asked.

"Yeah...he's cool about it. But Shane, Dustin, and Cam don't need to know about this." I said.

"Alright sure. Not a problem" she said as Shane and Dustin walked in. They were going on and on about some video contest. They were such kids sometimes. Anyway then Hunter's "little brother", Charlie, showed up and he had to go. I didn't have to get to Natalie for a few hours so I went to help the Rangers with their video. It became clear during this process that the Rangers have much to learn about team work. I watched Shane and Tori bicker about equal filming time when the communicated went off. Cyber Cam was trying to tell us something but it wasn't clear so while Cam went to maintain Cyber Cam the rest of us went to check thing out.

It started with one Kelzac but quickly turned into more than we could count. I had no clue what was going on but it was intense. The weirdest part though was that the Kelzacs disappeared as suddenly as they appeared. I knew something wasn't right. As expected a monster followed. I'll spare the details. Basically the monster came and we took him down no big.

Anyway later that day I picked up Natalie and we went to the park.

"So Nat, how have you been?" I asked

"OK" she said.

"Just ok?" I asked

"Why haven't you been around like before?" she asked.

"I'm sorry Nat...you know I'm really busy with work and stuff." I explained.

"But you always used to visit me even when you had work." She said.

"I...I've just had a lot going on." I said

"Like what?" she asked.

"Just...things...I'm really sorry. I'll try to be around more." I said.

"Right...whatever. Can you push me on the swings?" she asked.

"Of course." I said.

I was pushing Nat on the swings when Hunter walked up with Charlie.

"Hey guys." I said.

"Hey." Hunter said.

"Nat...this is my friend Hunter and his friend Charlie." I said.

"And Charlie, this is my friend Michelle and her friend Natalie." Hunter said.

"Nice to meet you." Natalie said.

"Why don't you kids play and Hunter and I will sit right over on that bench." I said

"OK...Charlie you wanna play on the slide?" Natalie asked.

"OK." Charlie said. The kids went off to play.

Hunter and I went and sat.

"This is nice" I said

"Yeah it is. Makes me think about the future" Hunter said.

"Future? You think about having kids?" I asked.

"Yeah...someday. I mean I think I'd make a decent father." He said.

"Just when I think I have you pegged Hunter Bradley I find out I don't know you at all." I said

"Is that so?" he asked.

"You're a very complex fellow." I said

"A very complex fellow?" he asked laughing.

"Yeah, I never would have thought you would be the kind to already be thinking about having kids" I said

"Don't you think about having kids?" he asked.

"Wow...I used to. I used to all the time. Now...I can't even think about the future much less having kids" I said.

"Why? Is your life that busy?" he asked.

"I don't know what tomorrow bring for me, much less the distant future." I said

"Well, I'm hoping we'll be together...at least for awhile." Hunter said.

I sighed. "Hunter...um...don't get too attached to me." I said

"Why?" he asked.

"Because...I'm a trainer...Hunter...I can't stay in one place for too long. At some point chances are another team will need me. Ninja Storm isn't the first Ranger team and I doubt it's the last. I'll have to move on at some point." I said

"So I'll go with you" he said.

"No...Hunter...you have your own path to follow. The time will come I will leave and you will have to move on with your life." I said.

"But..."

"No buts...it just is." I said.

He sighed.

"But we don't need to discuss this now...so if you did have a kid what would you name it? Have you thought about that?" I asked.

"Well obviously my wife would have some input but if it was my choice I'd name a boy Michael, after my father and a girl Harley..."

"For obvious reasons" I said.

"Yeah. Well it's not like Harleys are that great but it's a cool name." he said.

"That's cool. So what other dreams do you have?" I asked.

"I don't know...someday I'd like to race pro moto...have a family...I guess that's it. If those two things happen I'd be happy." Hunter said.

"That's cool. It's nice to have goals and dreams." I said.

"Yeah...it is...there was a time I didn't believe in dreams." He said.

"Why? What happened?" I asked.

"It's not important." He said.
I nodded. I knew not to press him. He'd tell me when he was ready.
"Look at the time. We should get the kids dinner then take them home." He said.
"OK...let's go get some pizza" I said.
"Charlie can't have pizza." Hunter said.
"Oh ok...hamburger?" I asked
"That would be fine." He said.
"Ok let's go." I said

We got to the burger place and fed the kids. It was a lot of fun. In fact I don't remember the last time I had so much fun. I wished it could last forever. After we ate we walked Charlie home then Natalie. We then went back to Hunter's place.
"You staying over again?" he asked.
"I can't...I should go back to Rocky's." I said
"Please...stay." He said.
"I can't Hunter...I told you...we can't get to close." I said.
"You're right...you're right." He said.
I nodded. "Goodnight." I said turning to walk away.
"Michelle wait..." he said grabbing my wrist. I knew he was gonna kiss me. I couldn't let it happen. I pulled away.
"Hunter...no." I said as I left.

I went back to Rocky's and he was still awake.
"Hey stranger. Long time no see." He said.
"Oh...hey Rock...sorry I haven't been around much." I said
"Hey...you ok? You look kind of spaced." He said.
"I...I guess." I said.
"Sit...tell me." He said.
I nodded and sat next to him. I put my head on this shoulder. "OK so I think I'm falling in love with Hunter." I said.
"I thought that was forbidden." He said.
"It is. But I can't control it. I'm falling in love with him and I'm also fighting it as hard as I can...the problem is, I don't wanna fight it." I said
"So what are you going to do?" he asked.
"God...I don't know Rock...I guess try to fight it as long as I can...at some point...I guess give in." I said.
"You've never been one to suppress your feelings." He said.
I laughed. "Maybe I should learn. I'd be better off." I said.
"No you wouldn't Mich...your emotions make you who you are...and who you are is amazing." Rocky said.
"Thanks Rock...you're the best" I said kissing his cheek.

We stayed up talked awhile longer then I went to my room and went to sleep. I got out my diary.

~Dear Diary,

I don't know what I am supposed to do now. I told Rocky I'm falling in love with Hunter...the truth is...I already love him. I'm crazy about him but we can never have a future unless I give up training. I mean, don't get me wrong, I considered quitting but in the end I know this is what I'm meant to do. It is my destiny. Living a normal life is Hunter's...well as normal as an ex-Ranger can live...and I know the day will come when Hunter will be an ex-Ranger. Lothor...just as others before him...will be defeated and a new evil will step up and a new team of Rangers will be called on. When this happens their mentor will call on me and I will have to go.

So what do I do? I guess just let things happen with Hunter but go in knowing this isn't a love that can last. I just hope I don't hurt him...I couldn't bare that.

Mich~

PRT 14- "Moto Boi"

"GO HUNTER!" I cried as I watched the dirt bikes race around the track. I was watching my friends, Blake, Dustin, and Hunter, race around the track. Hunter and Blake totally smoked Dustin. When they went to the pit area I ran over to them.

"Good riding guys." I said. Dustin seemed upset. As we all talked some guy came over to talk to Dustin. He let the guy take his bike for some improvements and then we left.

Hunter and I went to Storm Chargers. On the way there "Sk8er Boi" by Avril Lavigne came on the radio.

"I love this song" I said singing along.

"Can you change it?" Hunter asked looking irritated.

"Um, why?" I asked

"Just hits close to home." He said as I pulled into Storm Chargers. It was weird. We went in and he changed the subject.

"So when is that video shoot of yours?" he asked

"Next week. It'll just be a one day shoot so it's really not a big deal." I said.

"Yeah no big deal...just shooting a video that MTV will be playing over and over but no big deal." He mocked me.

"Not MTV, VH1." I said.

"Right...how could I mix that up." He said.

"Will you stop? I know it may seem glamorous to you but to me it's just work...fun work but still work. It's my job. Just like your job is working here." I said.

"Not just like that. I don't get to get my picture taken and sign autographs in my work." He said.

"Someday you will. You'll be a champion Moto racer and everyone will want a piece of you. Then you'll know exactly what my life is like...minus trying to keep so many secrets." I said.

"Champion Moto racer huh? You may wanna check your crystal ball again." He said.

"I don't have a crystal ball...I just know potential when I see it." I said.

"Right..." he said as Blake walked over.

"Kel needs you in the back." He said.

"Ok" Hunter said.

"Mich, you have a second?" Blake asked.

"Yeah sure, what's up?" I asked.

"Well...you and Hunter seem to be getting kind of serious and I...I don't want him hurt again. Just...don't toy with him." Blake said as Hunter came back out.

"You coming Mich? Blake and I are going for a practice ride." He said.

"Of course." I said

We got to the track and found Dustin. He looked horrible.

"What's wrong Dusty?" I asked.

"My bike got jacked man...like that dude...totally fraud." He said.

"Oh dude, I'm sorry" I said

"Yeah...thanks. I'll catch you guys later I'm gonna go look for it some more." He said.

I nodded and turned my attention to the brothers who were already riding. They finished their last lap as Dustin walked back up.

"Any luck tracking down your bike?" Blake asked,

"Probably in another state by now." Dustin said as the communicator/morpher beeped.

"What's up Cam?" Hunter replied

"I'm picking up a signal at the Power Plant." Cam said.

"Blake and I will check it out." He said.

"Keep asking around we'll call if it gets ugly." Blake said.

"Yeah, it'll be ok." I said jumping on Hunter's bike.

"Yes?" he asked.

"Um, I'm going with you. Let's move." I said.

He laughed and we took off to the Power Plant.

Sure enough there was a monster there, It was this ugly red thing that was uber powerful. She introduced herself as Beevil as she blasted us. This abuse kept up until Cam showed up for backup. I don't think I've ever been so happy to see Cam...come to think of it I don't think I've ever been happy to see Cam period...anyway...she blasted Cam right away but that's when the Winds showed up. I guess all the Rangers scare Beevil off because she quickly retreated.

Meanwhile it was late. I decided to head home...well to Rocky's home. I said goodnight to Hunter and went home. I always had a hard time sleeping when I knew there was a monster we hadn't destroyed but that night was an exception. I went directly to my room and passed out.

The next morning I got up and went right back to Ops. Come to find out Dustin had broken in the middle of the night to do a favor for Marah.

"I'm telling you Marah wants to change, and I believe her" Dustin explained.

"Man did you miss the whole Choobo thing, he told us the same thing and it was a trap" Blake said

"How do we know it isn't a bomb or a tracking device?" Tori asked.

"Lothor's goons can't be trusted" Hunter pointed out.

"Dude, Marah isn't a goon. She's just a little confused about some things." Dustin said.

"Dude, you are so into her." Shane said.

I laughed. "You're right...he is...he's sweet on her."

"No man...I mean she's kinda cute...but she really wants to help us." Dustin said as the alarm went off.

"We shall see...Beevil has returned." Sensei said.

"Let's go." Shane said.

We all morphed...minus Dustin...and went to battle. Beevil sent an army of Red Kelzacs, called Kelzac Furies, after us. They were quite a bit more powerful than your run of the mill everyday Kelzac. We were getting our butts beat when Marah showed up and actually started fighting Beevil.

"Dude no way." I said. I didn't even know Marah could fight like that. "Go Marah!" I said thinking maybe Dustin was right.

That's when Dustin showed up with some power charged thing to help Marah...only that's when she turned on us. Turns out that thing Dustin charged wasn't a weapon, it was a power boost for Beevil.

"Dustin was the only one who trusted you, who saw any good in you and this is how you pay him back? That's low even for you" Tori said.

"Yeah, all of us were ready to toast you, but not Dustin...he wanted to give you a chance...what you did is lower than low." I said

"Hey it's not my fault he's dumber than me." Marah said laughing.

"No one makes a fool of me." Dustin said as he morphed.

We went back to battle against the red Kelzacs. Still tough as before. To help Cam had Cyber Cam give our weapons a power boost. The Winds got gold version Ninja Swords and I got a lightning mode for my Spirit Staff. It was amazing. Those Kelzacs were toast in no time. So was Beevil. It was no big shocker when Beevil grew but what was a shocker is Dustin wanted to go in the Zords alone. We let him...I knew this would be good for him. I was proud...he took out Beevil no problem...but I knew he would be hurting for some time to come.

We went back to Storm Chargers and tried to cheer Dustin up.

"Come on Dusty, it'll be ok." I said.

"Dude, I'm never trusting again." He said

We tried to console him when Kelly told him there was someone to see him. Turns out someone messed up on the bike guys cards and he didn't "jack" Dustin's bike after all. He was so happy to get the bike back. I admit, I had warm fuzzies. Ok so perhaps I had over bonded with this team. I didn't have to say goodbye yet, and with Lothor around I was sure it wouldn't be anytime soon.

Anyway when Dustin finished making out with his bike we went to the TV area and watched one of Blake and Hunter's moto tapes. They were trying to figure out some way to improve their times. We were all into it when this voice rang out.

“Oh my god! Hunter! Baby it’s so good to see you!” the blonde girl cried.

We all turned around. The winds were confused, Hunter looked pained, Blake looked pissed, and I know I must have looked irritated. Where did this chick get off calling my boyfriend ‘baby’?

“S...Sara?” Hunter asked.

“It’s been much too long.” Sara said rushing over and hugging Hunter.

“Or not long enough.” Blake mumbled.

Sara ignored Blake and kissed Hunter’s cheek. “How have you been my love?” she asked.

“I...um...” Hunter seemed stunned.

I cleared my throat.

“Oh...Sara...these are my friends, Shane, Dustin, Tori, and...um...” he seemed to forget my name.

“I’m his *girlfriend* Michelle.” I said.

“Oh wow...you’re dating a pop singer now...you sure moved up in the world.” Sara said sourly as she looked me over.

“Yes he has...now if you will kindly let go of my boyfriend we have somewhere to be.” I said.

“Oh you jealous thing. He was mine first. Now, Hunter what do you say we get together for dinner. For old times sake?” she asked.

“Um...I...” Hunter stuttered.

“Oh come on Hunter it’s been too long.” She said.

“O...ok.” He said.

“Wonderful, it’s a date. Pick me up at 7? We’ll go to our place.” Sara said kissing him. He made no moves to stop her.

“Ok right...have a good time Hunter.” I said angry as I stormed off.

I went outside but Tori and Blake caught up to me before I could get any further.

“Are you ok?” Tori asked.

“Who in the hell does that girl think she is?” I asked angry.

“Sara Austin. She was Hunter’s first love back in high school. She hurt him really badly back then. She was this real popular girl and he wasn’t. Her friends didn’t like him so she dumped him. She obviously has seen him with you and wants some of the spotlight.” Blake said.

“Sounds like something right out of an Avril song....wait...that’s why he hates the song “Sk8er Boi”...he said it hit home...that’s why isn’t it?” I asked.

Blake nodded. “He lived that song.”

“Great, now she’s trying to steal him from me.” I said.

“Hunter can’t fight her...I don’t know what it is but when she’s around Hunter isn’t the strong brother I know and love, he turns into mush. It’s unreal.” Blake said.

“Tell me about it.” I said.

“It’s ok Mich...I’m sure Sara won’t stay around forever.” Tori said.

“Yeah, just let him come to his senses and try not to be too angry at him. He doesn’t know what he’s doing” Blake said.

“My boyfriend is going out with another girl and I’m suppose to not be angry? What are you on?” I asked. I was about to go tell Sara off for Hunter but when I walked back in I saw Hunter and Sara kissing. She was all over him and he wasn’t doing a damn thing.

“Oh Hunter, I forgot how good this feels. I can’t wait until tonight so I can have all of you.” I heard Sara say. That was enough. I wasn’t gonna just stand by and wait for Hunter to come around. I was gonna move on. If he wanted to sleep with Sara he could. I ran out of Storm Chargers again and this time I went to the Skate Park. It was the only place I could think of that Hunter wouldn’t go to. When I got there and sat I heard some footsteps and heavy breathing behind me.

“You’re hard to keep up with.” Dustin said.

“Sorry, I’m kind of angry.” I said.

“I can tell...if it makes you feel any better I would pick you over Sara any day.” He said.

“Thanks. You’re only saying that because I’m your trainer and you’re a fan of me.” I said.

“Well...true I’m a fan...but why do you think that is? You’re talented and beautiful and I consider myself very lucky to be friends with you. I know I’m a goof most of the time but I really do think highly of you.” He said.

“Wow...thanks Dusty.” I said.

“You’re welcome...wow...this is kind of trippy.” He said.

“Why’s that?” I asked.

“Because a couple of years ago I had posters of you in my room and I would look at them and wish for moments like this...you know having the chance to get to know you and everything and now...who would have thought my dreams would come true. Two of them.” He said.

“Two?” I asked.

“Yeah. Talking to you and being a Ranger. I always wished I could be a Power Ranger...I mean I wanted to be the White or Red one but hey, Yellow looks good on me. So I’d say I’m lucky. 2 of my 4 wishes have come true and those were pretty far from our wishes.” Dustin said.

“What were the other 2?” I asked.

“One is to race pro moto. I don’t think that will happen though.” He said.

“You never know...and the other?” I asked.

“I don’t think I wanna tell you.” He said.

“Oh come on...please...pretty please.” I begged.

“Ok ok...I always wished I could kiss you. I’ve had a crush on you for so long and I always wondered what it would be like.” He said sheepishly.

Here is where I made a huge mistake. I let my anger towards Sara and Hunter get the best of me. I never should have let this happen but I couldn’t control it. I looked at Dustin. He was very attractive and he had a crush on me. I knew he still really liked Marah and he was still hurting from that. The only thing on my mind though was getting back at Hunter for kissing Sara...not to mention what I was sure he would do later with her.

“Only one way to find out.” I whispered as I kissed him.

PRT 15- "Rocky Road"

Ok so here I am, in a rather awkward situation. I have just kissed yet another one of my trainees. I don't know what I was thinking but it was too late to go back. I didn't wanna lead Dustin on, after all he was a very good friend, but I didn't know what to do now. I did know I was totally gonna get in trouble for this, it was one thing to be in love with one trainee in your whole Ranger Training career but quite another to use one trainee to get back at another.

Anyway the kiss finally broke and Dustin looked at me wide eyed.

"I'm...I'm sorry Dusty." I said.

"It's...it's ok. I...you...um..." he stuttered.

"It's not ok. I shouldn't have done that. I'm your trainer. This is very off limits. Not to mention you're 17...I'm 23... this isn't right at all. I just hope we can still be friends." I said

"Of...of course...friends." he said.

"OK...um...I should go." I said.

"Right...I...I have to go to the airport...yeah that's right. I have to pick up my Dad...I'll see you later." He said taking off.

I felt totally horrible. I went to Rocky's place. He could tell right away something was wrong.

"What happened?" he asked.

"I...I kissed Dustin." I said.

"You what? Why?" he asked.

"I was mad at Hunter and Dustin was there...it just happened." I said.

"What happened with Hunter?" he asked.

"His ex-girlfriend came back and he agreed to go out with her." I said.

"Oh man...Mich I'm sorry." He said.

"Don't worry about it. I...I just don't know what to do now. I totally broke the trainer code." I said.

"Yeah you did...and you might very well have to pay for it but for now just relax. Everything will work out. I don't think you'll lose your trainer status over this and I certainly don't think Hunter will actually leave you. He'd be insane to do that. You're a pretty amazing person." Rocky said putting his arms around me.

"Thanks Rock...and thanks for being so great with me. I know that this can't be easy for you, being just friends, but I really am grateful to have you." I said.

"Hey, I'd rather have you as a friend then not at all." He said kissing my head.

"Me too. Now I think I'm gonna go to bed. I'm exhausted." I said stretching.

"OK...sleep well. I'll see you in the morning." Rocky said.

I went to my room and went to sleep. I had a horrible nightmare. In this nightmare Sensei, Zordon, Hunter, Dustin, and Cam were surrounding me.

"You broke the code of the trainer." Zordon said.

"And for that you must be punished." Sensei said.

"I always knew you were a horrible Ranger than couldn't be trusted." Cam said.

"And an even worse girlfriend. I'm so glad Sara came back, she's much better than you." Hunter said.

"I can't believe I ever liked you. You totally used me. Some friend." Dustin said.

"No, wait, you guys don't understand...it was a mistake. I'm only human." I said.

"You will pay dearly for your mistakes." Sensei said.

"Yes, you are no longer the Purple Ranger." Zordon said.

"What? No one else can hold Purple Ranger power." I said.

"Wrong, there is one. Meet Sara Austin, the new Purple Ranger." Zordon said.

"Thanks for everything Michelle. I get your powers and your boyfriend. Oh and your record company just called. Seems you've been dropped. But hey on the bright side I got picked up." Sara said laughing as she hung on Hunter.

"No...you can't steal my life!" I cried.

"You have no more life you are to be banished to the farthest galaxy where you can cause harm to no one." Zordon said.

"No...please...I'm only human...I just made a mistake...please...one more chance...one more chance." I said over and over as everyone around me laughed at me.

I jumped awake. I was sweating horribly and scared out of my mind. What was I going to do?

I got dressed and went to Ninja Ops. It was 4 AM but I needed to talk to Sensei. I went to his cage.

“Sensei...Sensei...wake up.” I whispered trying not to wake Cam up.

Sensei opened one eye and looked at me. “Michelle, what are you doing here at this time?” he asked.

“I need to talk to you.” I whispered unlatching his cage.

“Very well then.” Sensei said jumping on my shoulder. We went to the main control room and he got on the table.

“What is the problem?”

“I messed up badly...I...Sensei...I kissed Dustin. I know I broke the rules and I’m sorry and if you want to take away my powers and banish me to the farthest galaxy I understand.” I said quickly.

“Banish you? Michelle you know you were wrong and you will be punished this time but I do not intend to strip you of your powers or banish you. You make a wonderful Ranger trainer and you are only human. I think a nice 10 mile jog would help you clear your head. Why don’t you get started now.” Sensei said.

“Yes Sensei.” I said. I took the jog just happy that I was still a Ranger.

After my jog I went to Ops to shower.

“Well if it isn’t the cradle robber.” Cam smirked as I walked in.

“Lay off Cam.” I said getting a towel.

“I’m just saying, you’re lucky Dad only had you jog. Seriously, you broke the law as well as breaking rules.” Cam said.

“Oh my god lay off! I didn’t sleep with him, I only kissed him!” I cried running to the shower room. I took a shower and then tried to leave Ops before Cam could see me. I failed.

“Where are you going?” Cam asked.

“None of your business.” I said.

“Oh come on don’t be like that.” He said.

I sighed. “Storm Chargers if you must know.” I said.

“Great, I was just headed that way myself.” He said.

“Since when do you hang at Storm Chargers?” I asked.

“Since I have Cyber Cam to stay here...let’s go.” He said.

We went to Storm Chargers and when we walked in the first people we saw were Blake and Hunter. Luckily no Sara in sight. Things with Hunter and I were strained but before either of us could say a word Dustin walked in with his father.

“Hey guys, I’d like you to meet my father.” Dustin said.

“Hi, Dustin has told me so much about you.” Mr. Brooks said.

We all looked at him.

“Not everything” Dustin whispered.

We were relieved.

“So nice to meet you Mr. Brooks.” I said.

“Likewise” he said.

Dustin and his dad got some motogear and left. The sight made Hunter and Blake miss their dad. I couldn’t help but put my hand on Hunter’s arm. I still loved him even if I was pissed. What shocked me was Cam said he missed his dad. I guess having a Guinea Pig for a dad just isn’t the same as having a human father. Cam looked really upset as he headed back to Ops. I didn’t really wanna be alone with Hunter so I went with Cam to make sure he was ok.

We got to Ops and Cam started working on something. I sat watching this wondering what he was doing but I didn’t ask.

Awhile later Tori and Shane came in and Cam explained himself. Apparently he was going to try and turn his father back into a human. We looked on as he tried it. Something went wrong though and Shane pulled a wire to stop the process. When everything calmed down we realized what happened. Shane was in Sensei’s body and Sensei was in Shane’s...this was too weird.

“Way to go Cam” I said.

“I have a demo today, I can’t do like this.” Shane said.

“Do not worry. I will uphold your skating commitment.” Sensei said.

Tori and I laughed as we took Sensei to the Skate Park. This promised to be an entertaining day.

We watched Sensei try to skate as Dustin walked up. Tor filled him in.

“No way!” Dustin said

I laughed. It was all fun, until Kelzacs showed up with a monster. Sensei was amazing however. I mean duh he’s a ninja master but still. Considering he was used to being a Guinea Pig he fought amazing.

“Woah Sensei killer.” I said after the battle. We went back to Ops and Cam tried to switch Shane and Sensei back...but Dustin got in the way and while Shane was normal Sensei and Dustin switched. And the day got weirder still.

So before we could fix anything the monster was back. We went to battle. The Thunders met us there. It was your average battle, we won.

Anyway afterwards, Cam fixed everything and Sensei was a Guinea Pig once more. The only lasting effects were Dustin eating Guinea Pig food. While everyone laughed I looked back at Hunter. I really wanted to hug him right now but I was so angry. I walked out of Ops.

Blake followed me.

“Hey, you ok?” he asked.

“Did Sara sleep over last night?” I asked.

“No...but I won’t lie to you, Hunter never came home last night either.” Blake said.

“Oh.” I said

“Don’t be too hard on him Mich...he loves you. I see it in his eyes...but...Sara has always had a hold on him.” Blake said.

I took a deep breath. “That’s ok. I’m so over him. Sara can have him” I said

“What?” Blake asked.

“You don’t think I was just gonna stand by and let Sara take my life did you? I moved on.” I said

“Oh you moved on? How exactly did you do that?” Blake asked.

“I found someone else” I said

“Over night? Mich don’t lie...Hunter will come around.” He said.

“I’m not lying...I moved on...” I said.

“Hunter cares about you Mich.” Blake said again.

“It’s doesn’t matter ok?! Hunter and I are over! I kissed Dustin last night!” I cried

“Oh...so what you felt the need to move to another trainee?” I heard Hunter say. I turned around. He was standing there.

“Hunter...” I said.

“It’s ok. I get the picture. I’m late anyway. I’m meeting Sara.” He said.

PRT 16- "The Past Relived"

"Hunter..." I whispered to myself as I watched him walk away.

"I know Hunter messed up...but Dustin? That's low." Blake said.

"Oh and him sleeping with Sara isn't? Talk about your double standards...but whatever. I'm out of here." I said taking off.

I went home and crashed until the next morning when my communicator woke me up. I was being summoned to Ops. I got dressed and headed over.

"What's going on?" I asked

"Dustin saved Storm Chargers last night." Tori said.

"Woah...how?" I asked.

"He used his Ranger Powers." Shane said.

"Wait...she doesn't know does she?" I asked

"No...no one does." Dustin said.

"Ok good." I said as Hunter and Blake walked in with something. Hunter and I glared at each other and Blake handed a newspaper to the Winds. Dustin made the front page. Even the Yellow Ranger fan mail was in overload and Cam was going crazy. "This is bad...we can't start attracting press. My cover will be blown." I said

"She's right...she's been lucky not to be caught so far." Tori said.

"If the press starts hanging around my Ranger career is over." I said.

"Oh don't worry about it." Dustin said.

"Yeah..sure." I said.

"You guys wanna go to the skate park?" Shane asked.

"Sure." I said.

"Yeah." Dustin said.

"Not me...I'm going to work on a project for school" Tori said.

"And we're going to see our adoptive grandma." Hunter said.

"Ok well Mich, Dustin...let's go." Shane said.

At the skate park there was a Kelzac attack. Dustin took off and before I could even do anything the press was all around, this meant I couldn't morph.

"Michelle, how does it feel to be saved by the Yellow Ranger?" one reporter asked.

"Saved?" I asked. He so didn't save me. But of course they had to put a spin on the story.

"Have you ever seen a Power Ranger before?" another reporter asked.

"Well...I..." I didn't know what to say.

"How about a picture of the Yellow Ranger and the starlet whose life he saved." Another reporter said pushing me to the "Yellow Ranger".

"Hi, Yellow Ranger thank you so much for saving my life." I said sourly.

"All in a day's work Ms. Morris. Glad to help." Dustin said as they took pictures. Dustin took off and waited for the press to leave before coming back unmorphed. Shane was skating and I was watching him.

"Thanks a lot Dustin. My Ranger career is over." I said.

"Dustin? What happened to Dusty?" Dustin asked referring to the nickname I always called him.

"I'm so mad at you, be glad Dustin is the worst thing I'm calling you." I said.

"Woah..." Dustin said.

He and Shane then proceeded to get in an argument.

Back at Ops Shane and I were telling Tori about the ordeal when Dustin walked in and the arguing continued. Dustin's ego was way out of control.

"Damn Dustin, you need to chill out. I haven't seen such an ego since Christina won a Grammy." I said

"Whatever." Dustin said. He left angry.

He also got to the scene of a monster fight first.

“Great...let’s go...wait...I can’t go.” I said.

“You’ll be ok Mich...I’m not picking up any reporters on the scanners yet. Just get there and morph quickly.” Cam said. I smiled. “Thanks Cam.” I said.

We went and the ego clash with Shane and Dustin was unreal. We finally managed to morph but thanks to the testosterone war Tor and I were captured. I guess this snapped Dustin out of it and he started working with Shane and they got rid of the monster.

After that ordeal was over I decided to treat everyone to some pizza, even Hunter. We went to the pizza place and order a couple of large pizzas and a pitcher of soda. As we ate I observed the Rangers conversations. I wanted to see how they acted as everyday teenagers as compared to being Rangers.

“Hey Tor, did you get the notes in History?” Shane asked.

“You know someday I won’t be there to take notes for you. You better learn to take notes instead of reading skate magazines.” Tori said.

“Yeah dude, I was reading a Moto mag in math...my teacher totally took it. She isn’t giving it back until the end of the year.” Dustin said.

“That sucks.” Shane said.

“Tell me about it...just be careful with that stuff.” Dustin said.

“So are you still thinking about enrolling in school here Blake?” Tori asked.

“I guess I could...I’m a few months behind because of our sudden move.” Blake said.

“Don’t worry...I could catch you up so you can still graduate on time.” Tori said.

“Yeah dude, she can, she’s the smart one.” Shane said.

“Yeah...between Cam and I you’d do fine.” She said.

“Well...ok...I’ll go down Monday and enroll” Blake said.

“Cool, it’ll be great.” Tori said.

“Yeah...great.” Blake said

“So how did you three meet?” I asked the Winds.

Tori smiled, “Well I met Dustin when we were in grade school. I think we were in 3rd grade...”

“2nd” Dustin corrected.

“Yeah 2nd, and anyway the teacher didn’t know that he preferred being called Dustin rather than Waldo and so she called ‘Waldo Brooks’. This caused him to get teased with the basic ‘Where’s Waldo’ jokes and so come recess he was off in a corner sitting alone because he didn’t wanna get teased anymore. I saw him and walked over to him...”

~~~Start Flashback Scene~~~

“Why are you crying?” a little Tori asked.

“I’m not crying. Crying is only for girls.” Waldo Dustin Brooks said.

“My mommy says it’s ok for anyone to cry if they are hurt. Why are you hurt?” Tori asked.

“Because everyone is being so mean. Mrs. Daniels called me Waldo but I don’t like that name. My mom and dad call me Dustin.” He said.

“Dustin...ok well...I’ll call you Dustin if you want.” Tori said.

“OK...what’s your name?” Dustin asked.

“Victoria but my mommy calls me Tori.” She said.

“Ok...Tori. I can call you Tori.” Dustin said.

“Ok. Do you want to do play on the swings?” Tori asked.

“If you make me a promise.” Dustin said.

“OK. I’m good at keeping promises.” Tori said.

“Never ever call me Waldo.” Dustin said.

“I promise...make me a promise too?” Tori asked.

“Ok.” Dustin said.

“Promise me we will always be friends.” Tori said.

“I promise.” Dustin said.

~~~End Flashback~~~

“That’s so sweet. So you were friends from 2nd grade.” I said

“Well...pretty much” Tori said.

“What do you mean ‘pretty much’?” Dustin asked.

“Don’t you remember that 6 month period in 6th grade we didn’t speak?” Tori asked.

“Ok it was 1 month not 6 and that was your fault.” Dustin said.

“My fault? I think you were somewhat at fault too.” Tori said.

“Why don’t we let them decide.” Dustin said.

“You tell it wrong though...let me tell it...ok so we had just started 6th grade, and we found out about a Fall Dance. It was going to be our first dance ever. I really wanted to go with this guy named Brad Miller...he was so hot...anyway, I thought he’d ask me for sure. Just when he walked over to me, I was sure he would ask, Dustin walked over to my locker and scared him off.” Tori explained.

“That is so not what happened. I just went over and you freaked out and you scared him off.” Dustin said.

“No, I remember everything word for word. You walked over to my locker and said ‘So Tor did the hottie ask you to the dance yet?’ I said ‘Dustin, not now’ and you then saw Brad and said ‘oh dude, the hottie himself...guess I can’t ask you after all’. Brad got scared and took off and asked Kelly Janson instead. I got mad and didn’t talk to you for...ok maybe it was only a month.” Tori said.

“Yeah but don’t you remember how that fight ended?” Dustin asked.

Tori turned red. “Yeah I remember”

“What happened?” I asked

Dustin smiled, “It was the night of the dance and Tori was at home upset. I went to her house and asked if she would go with me to the dance. She said no but I kept on bugging until she came with me. We had a fun time until she saw Brad and Kelly and ran outside of the gym. I went after her and caught up to her...”

~~~Start Flashback~~~

“Let me go Dustin, I just want to get out of here.” Tori said.

“No Tor...you’re not leaving. I don’t want you to be upset...not about Brad...he’s not good enough for you.” Dustin said.

“Or I’m not good enough for him.” Tori said.

“That is so not true...you’re amazing Tor...you’re kind and caring and beautiful...”

“You think I’m beautiful?” Tori asked.

“Yeah...especially tonight.” Dustin said as a slow song came on. The song could be heard even outside the gym,

“Dance with me.” He said.

“Here?” she asked.

“Yeah. Here.” Dustin said taking her hands.

The two pre-teens danced as best they could to the song and as it ended looked at each other. Dustin was feeling about Tori in a way he hadn’t before. He followed his gut and kissed her. She returned his affection and kissed him back.

~~~End Flashback~~~

“Oh my god...so he was your first kiss Tor?” I asked.

“Yeah and I was his.” Tori said.

“I never knew you two were together.” Blake said grimly.

“That’s the past man...we ‘dated’ in 6th grade and part of 7th but then we decided it was silly for us to date when we were such good friends. It’s been just friends for us since.” Dustin said.

“Yeah.” Blake grumbled.

“Um...so how did you guys end up at the Wind Academy?” I asked

“Well when we started 8th Dustin talked me into joining a martial arts class with him. We were doing fairly well and one day about a year and a half ago after practice our sensei asked us if we would like to train as ninjas. He said we had great potential and there were some openings at a near by ninja academy. We agreed to train and so we were taken to Sensei and he accepted us. In our first day we found this other new guy...” Tori explained.

~~~Start Flashback~~~

“So you are new here too?” Tori asked.

“Yeah...I’m Shane Clarke.” Shane said.

“I’m Tori Hanson and this is Dustin Brooks. We’ve seen you around school before right? You’re the kid always skating

in the halls.” Tori said.

“Yeah, that would be me.” He said

“I’ve seen you dude, you rip it up. You have some moves.” Dustin said.

“You skate?” Shane asked.

“Naw man, Moto is my thing but I go to the skate park sometimes.” Dustin said.

“Really? So were you there the other day? Steve James was there. He just got a new board, it was sweet man...” Shane said walking off with Dustin and leaving Tori behind.

“Great...just great.” Tori mumbled.

~~~End Flashback~~~

“So you were left out a lot at first?” I asked.

“At first, until Shane decided he was tired of walking and wanted a ride to ninja practice.” Tori said.

“Oh come on, it wasn’t that bad.” Shane said.

“You totally ignored me at first.” Tori said.

“I did not. I just didn’t have much in common with you.” Shane said.

“Yeah until you got bored because Dustin got a job at Storm Chargers, then I became your friend.” Tori said.

“Yeah, well I never took the time to talk to you before that.” Shane said.

“Sounds like you all went through a lot together.” I said

“We have...a lot.” Tori said.

“I never would have made it through my parents divorce if not for Tori.” Dustin said.

“Yeah...that was hard.” Tori agreed.

“How old were you then?” I asked.

“Only 10. My sister was 7 and didn’t really understand what was happening. But I guess I didn’t truly understand either. Anyway the day my dad actually moved out I was very angry. I got on my bicycle and rode to Tori’s. Her mom was cool and let me hang out there. I think I even stayed a night or two in the guest room. I don’t remember all that well.” Dustin said.

“You did...you were at my house for like a week. I remember I was very worried about you but my mom just tried to remind me what I felt like sometimes when my dad wasn’t around.” Tori said.

“You’re parents are divorced too?” I asked

“Yeah. My dad walked out when I was a baby. I still rarely see him but he sends lots of money ever month. My mom wouldn’t even have to work if she didn’t want to but she says that dad’s money is sent for me and she needs to support herself.” Tori said.

“What about you Shane?” I asked.

“My parents? They’re still together. My hard part was living up to my brother. Porter always had straight A’s never got in trouble...I hated having the same teachers he had...he was too perfect to follow.” Shane said.

“I know what that’s like” Blake said.

“You do?” Hunter asked.

“Yeah, you always did everything perfect. I always tried to be as good as you were but I never could be.” Blake said.

“Are you for real? You’re better than I am in so many ways.” Hunter said.

“Right. You were always so strong...even after mom and dad....well even then.” Blake said.

“I wasn’t as strong as you thing” Hunter said.

“Oh really?” Blake asked.

“There’s a lot about me you don’t know.” Hunter said getting up and leaving.

“Um...that was weird.” Blake said.

“Is he ok?” I asked.

“I don’t know...he’s never done that before.” Blake said.

“I’m gonna go check on him.” I said getting up.

I went outside and found Hunter.

“Hunter...”

“Just leave me alone Mich. I don’t need one of your pep talks telling me to look at the bright side. Sometimes life doesn’t have a silver lining. Sometimes horrible things happen and there is nothing good that comes of it so don’t bother telling me to look for the rainbow in the storm or saying anything....anything Michelle-like.” He said.

“Ok...fine...I won’t.” I said putting my arms around him and just holding him. Sometimes words weren’t what a person

needed. And sure I was angry but I still loved him. I hated to see him hurting.

Then suddenly in the distance we saw some colored lights come down.

“What was that?” I asked.

“Let’s get the others.” He said.

We all ran towards where the lights came down and found a group of people. They were oriental looking and I wasn’t sure they spoke English.

“Who are you?” I asked.

A guy in red pointed to himself and in turn to his friends, “Yousuke...Kouta...Nanami...Ikkou...Isshu.” He said

PRT 17- "Hurricane Rangers"

I looked the new comers over and realized they had uniforms on with the same symbols as the Rangers. I looked at their wrists...they had morphers!

But before I could ask questions Kelzacs attacked. The newcomers didn't seem frightened though, they jumped right into battle. They did, however, seem freaked when the Kelzacs became Kelzac Furies.

"Great guys. I don't think we have a choice but to morph and just hope these people don't blow our cover." I said.

"Michelle is right." Shane said.

"No, she's wrong." Hunter said.

I heard the newcomers arguing in Japanese.

"Ninpu Shinobi Change!" three of them said.

"Jennai Shinobi Change!" two said.

We watched in shock as they morphed into Ninja Storm Rangers.

"Hurricane Yellow!"

"Hurricane Blue!"

"Hurricane Red!"

"Ninpu Sentai Hurricanger Sanjo!"

"Kuwagata Raijer!"

"Kabuto Raiger!"

"Goraijer!"

"Um...ok...maybe Michelle is right...let's do it." Hunter said.

"Ninja Storm,"

"Thunder Storm,"

"Ranger Form!"

"Ninja Ranger Power!"

The Ninja Storm counterparts took a step back. They were as shocked by us as we were by them. They started to shout at us in Japanese which I didn't get. As we tried to communicate we took out the Kelzacs.

As we faced each other I tried to think of a way to communicate with them.

"Friends..." I said, "Come?" I tried.

"Mich, they aren't dogs." Hunter said.

Just then Cam showed up.

"I picked this up on radar and thought you could use some help. I know a little Japanese." Cam said talking to the Yousuke.

"OK here's the deal, they are protectors of their world, what seems to be another dimension, but their enemies knocked them into ours." Cam explained.

"Ok...so what now?" I asked.

"We're going back to Ops and I'm installing chips in your morphers and changers that are auto translators so you guys can talk to each other." Cam said.

"Ok let's go." I said.

We all went to Ops and once the chips were in place we could understand the newcomers in English. I went over to Ikkou.

"So, this must be weird...to be tossed into another place like that." I said.

"Yes, it is...very much...I do not know if you are able to answer this but why don't you have a counter part as your friends do?" Ikkou asked.

"I...well...I'm not sure." I said.

"The Purple Powers are not multi-dimensional as some powers are. They are Uni-dimensional. They exist here and nowhere else." Cam explained.

“So...do you have a girlfriend back home?” I asked...what was I doing? Was I ill? It was bad enough I couldn’t stay away from trainees but now I was after a hero from another dimension?! Though I had to admit...Ikkou was very attractive and I was drawn to him for some unknown reason.

“No, I am not seeing anyone.” Ikkou said.

I smiled flirtatiously, “I find that hard to believe.”

“It’s true.” He said.

“Well...how would you like a tour of Blue Bay Harbor. I’m sure Cam won’t have a way to get you home for awhile anyway.” I said.

Ikkou looked at Isshu, who was trying to keep Nanami from being scared. Then he turned to me. “Ok, that sounds good.” He said.

I smiled and we left. I took him to the skate park, beach, and then the mototrack. Hunter, Blake, Dustin, and Kouta were all there. I sighed.

“Hey guys.” I said not wanting to be rude.

“Hey Mich.” Dustin said.

Hunter just glared at me holding Ikkou’s hand. I smirked.

“Well we must be going now. I still have to show Ikkou Storm Chargers.” I said

“OK, we’re headed there soon too.” Blake said.

“Not me. I’m meeting Sara.” Hunter said looking at me.

I rolled my eyes and Ikkou and I left.

We got to Storm Chargers and sat down in the TV area.

“So this is where you come to relax?” Ikkou asked.

“Yeah, most of the time. Dustin, Blake, and Hunter work here so we’re here a lot.” I said.

“I see. And what do you do...aside from training?” he asked.

“I’m a musician.” I said.

“Oh really? Nanami is a singer, she wants to be an idol very badly.” He said.

“Oh wow...maybe I can help her...you know at least give her the chance on stage before you guys have to go.” I said.

“I think she would like that.” Ikkou said.

“You don’t seem very close to the others...except Isshu.” I said

“I’m not. We only help the Hurricangers because it is the honorable thing to do.” Ikkou said.

“Oh...I see.” I said

“Would you like to go get something to eat?” I asked

“Okay.” He said

We spent a good deal of the day together. I was really enjoying hanging out with Ikkou and as the day went on he was starting to open up. He told me how he got his powers and how important honor was to him and his brother. I told him how I got my powers and about the Thunder Rangers. As the sun started to set we went for a walk on the beach.

“You’re really amazing Michelle...I haven’t met anyone like you before.” He said.

“You’re amazing too Ikkou.” I said.

We were just about to kiss (hey it’s not like he was a trainee...this really wasn’t bad) when my morpher beeped.

“Ugh...sorry....Go for Mich...” I said.

“Mich, Lothor has sent a monster to the quarry.” Cam informed me.

“I’m on it.” I said.

“Is Ikkou with you?” Cam asked.

“Yeah.” I said.

“Take him with you. His team mates are already there.” Cam said.

“Alright...let’s do it Ikkou.” I said.

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form! Power of Spirit!” I called.

“Jennai Shinobi Change!” Ikkou called.

We went to the quarry and joined the others. It was weird, everyone had an identical counterpart except me. I almost felt left out, until I noticed I was standing between two guys both in Crimson. I didn’t know who was Hunter and who was Ikkou, it was kinda weird.

Anyway this monster was a clock looking thing that was trying to freeze us in time.

"This is lame, even for Lothor." I said.

It really was, the 13 of us took him out without a problem. Then Kelzacs showed up. We fought them. As I fought I got thrown back into one of the Crimson guys. Whoever it was caught me.

"Thanks." I said.

"No problem...anytime." Hunter said softly.

I sighed and went back to fighting.

After the battle Ikkou and I went back to the beach.

"Sorry about that...Lothor is unpredictable." I said.

"It's ok. I'm used to it. So where were we?" he asked.

"Right here." I said kissing him.

We spent a long time just sitting on the beach.

"I've never felt this way about anyone before Michelle." Ikkou said.

I smiled. "It's too bad you'll have to go back."

"Come with me." He said.

"What? I can't! I belong here." I said.

"The Purple Power is Uni-dimensional. It won't hurt anything." He said.

"Ikkou...I can't...my home is here. I belong here." I said.

"Alright...I understand." He said.

We went to Storm Chargers to find everyone else. When we got there Yousuke and Shane were comparing leader ship tactics, Nanami and Tori were discussing the difference in American idols and Japanese idols, Isshu and Blake were discussing Nanami and Tori, Kouta and Dustin were comparing ninja technique, and Hunter was sitting alone. I sighed. I felt bad for him.

"Hey guys." I said.

"Hey Mich." Tori said.

"How's it going?" I asked.

"Good...I wish they could stay. With two teams we could take Lothor down for sure." Dustin said.

"But they can't." I said as our morphers beeped.

"Go for Shane..." Shane answered.

"Guys, get back here...I have a way to get the Hurricangers home." He said.

"On our way." Shane said.

We got to Ops and Cam and Cyber Cam had worked out a way to get our visitors home. We said goodbye to them. I really didn't wanna say goodbye to Ikkou.

"Please...come with me." Ikkou said.

I saw Hunter's head jerk up and look at me.

"I...I can't Ikkou. I wish I could but I can't. We're just from two different worlds." I said.

"Alright...farewell then." He said kissing me.

I kissed him back. "Goodbye." I whispered.

They stepped into the dimensional hole Cam opened up and then they were gone.

"That was trippy" Dustin said.

"Tell me about it." Shane said.

"Well now that that's over I'm outta here." I said taking off.

"Wait Mich..." Blake said.

"Yeah?" I asked

"I have a Moto rally tomorrow...will you come?" he asked.

I sighed. I knew what he was doing.

"No Blake...I don't think so." I said

I went to Rocky's. I really needed to get my own place. I went to my room and pulled out my diary.

~Dear Diary,

In the words of Dusty “the most trippy thing happened today”. There Rangers from another dimension showed up and I totally fell for the Crimson counterpart, Ikkou. The more I think about it the more I wonder if maybe my attraction to him was because he is Hunter’s counterpart and therefore held some of Hunter’s qualities.

Anyway, I understand why the rule against dating trainees was made. It’s really, really hard to work with Hunter now. I don’t even know how to act around him much less train him. I mean don’t get me wrong, it isn’t his fault...he’s a great Ranger...one of the best I’ve worked with, but...well it’s hard because I still love him...ok there I said it...I still love Hunter...damn. What do I do now?

Mich~

After I finished writing I turned off the light and went to sleep.

PRT 18- "The Game of Love"

"Hey Dusty!" I called as I walked into Storm Chargers.

"Hey Mich." He said.

"How's it going?" I asked

"Pretty good." He said.

"Good." I said as the Bradleys walked in. I cringed at seeing Hunter.

"Dustin!" Hunter said.

"Hey guys." Dustin said.

"Hi Mich." Blake said since Hunter was ignoring me.

I waved. This was crazy. I was very happy that Hunter's stay was brief. He had a question for Dustin about some moto mechanic then he left.

I sighed after they were gone.

"Dude, just take him back" Dustin said.

"What are you talking about?" I asked.

"Dude, it's so clear you're still into him." Dustin said.

"I am so not. I'm over him." I said.

"Sure you are...right." He said.

"I AM!" I insisted.

"Ok...that's why every time you look at him your eyes get all starry looking" he said.

"Starry? You even know what that means?" I asked

"Yeah dude, I learned it in English class." He said.

"Well nothing else from English seems to stick in your grammar" I said.

"Dude, you sound like Cam now." He said.

"Gross! Don't ever say that again!" I said

"Whatever...you're missing my point...it's obvious you still like him....a lot" Dustin said.

"I don't..." I said.

"Right...liar." He said.

"OK ok...so I still kinda care about him." I said

"Kinda?"

"OK!!! I'm crazy about him! But he's with Sara now!" I said.

"He doesn't love her...he's crazy about you too...have you missed the way he looks at you?" he asked.

"Starry eyed?" I asked

"Totally." Dustin said.

I sighed. "You're high Dustin. Anyway I'm gonna go...I need to get Hunter off my mind."

"Whatever...you'll see...you guys will end up together again." Dustin said as I walked out.

I went to Ops to do something...anything to get my mind off Hunter. Cam let me use his lap top to run a diagnostic check on the Zords. I spent a good part of the day doing this but then a new monster showed up called Motodrone. We tried to take him out but couldn't. After facing off with him a couple of times he kidnapped Hunter. Blake was very upset by this, even more so when we figured out Motodrone was really human and was that moto mechanic guy, Perry.

"Didn't I see this in a movie once?" I joked trying to hide my worry about Hunter.

Then Cam informed us that Hunter's power signature was fading.

"What? That mean he's...no he can't die...I can't lose him...we have to get to him. Now!" I said turning very serious.

We formed a plan. The Winds distracted Motodrone and the rest of us would get Hunter. It worked. Motodrone left Hunter and Cam, Blake, and I went in.

When we went in and saw Hunter I gasped. He looked horrible. He was pale and looked as if he was dying. Cam realized a machine was draining Hunter's Ranger energy, but when that ran out it started to drain his life energy. When I saw Hunter like that I forgot about Sara. I forgot about Ikkou. I forgot about kissing Dustin or being mad at Hunter. I

just didn't want to lose Hunter. I ran to him.

"Hunter...baby...are you ok? I'm so sorry. I was horrible...please be ok. I promise I'll make it up to you." I said.

"Mich...I'll be fine...I was wondering if you'd show up." Hunter said.

"Of course I would...I'd never...never let anything happen to you. I...I lo..." I let my voice fade out and just hugged him as Cam unhooked him from the machines. Then Cam forced Blake and I to go while he tried to give Hunter his power back.

"I can't leave him." I said.

"I'll be ok Mich...the others need you." Hunter said.

"Alright." I said joining Blake in battle. We were fighting Motodrone when we sent us off a cliff. We were freefalling and I was sure I was going to die but then Hunter swooped in on a fly bike and saved us both. We took Motodrone out and life was good...well almost.

After the battle and the moto rally Hunter and I went to the beach to talk.

"I think we have a lot to discuss." I said.

"I think so too...I'm really sorry about Sara. I should have told her to get lost when I first saw her...but I don't know...she just...she was my first girlfriend." He said.

"It's ok. I understand...I'm sorry about kissing Dustin...and Ikkou." I said.

"I understand why you did that. You thought I was sleeping with Sara...I wasn't though. I did kiss her but I wouldn't sleep with her...I mean why have hamburger when you can have prime rib?" Hunter joked.

"I'll take that as a compliment...I think...and if it makes you feel any better I was attracted to Ikkou because he reminded me of you." I said.

"Forgive me?" he asked.

"Only if you forgive me." He said.

"Of course I'll forgive you. I love you." I said. I didn't catch that last part till I said it. He looked at me.

"You do?" he asked.

I nodded sheepishly.

"I love you too Mich." He said kissing me. Just then rain started to pour down.

"Rain..." I said.

"We should go inside" he said.

"Why? The rain is so much fun...come here." I pulled him with me. We went to the parking lot and I turned on some music in my car and rolled the windows down. "Dance with me." I said.

"People are looking." He said.

"So? Come on! It's fun...dance with me." I said as I forced him to dance in the rain with me. It was magical. He pulled me into his arms and we moved together as the rain fell harder and harder. I kissed him. I almost started to cry I was so happy. All of my dreams were coming true, I finally had love I wanted but I knew it couldn't last. What was that saying? "It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all?" I was going to be testing that theory at some point soon and I was dreading it. For now I decided to enjoy the moment.

We were out in the rain for hours.

"You're insane." Hunter said.

"I know...but it's so fun. Listen to the thunder...see the lightning. The rain, the wind...it's all so..."

"it's all so our powers." Hunter joked.

"There's a reason for that...look at how beautiful it is...enjoy it. This is a miracle of nature." I said.

"No...a miracle is a guy like me finding a girl like you to love him." He said holding me and kissing me.

"A miracle is a girl like me finding a guy like you." I said kissing him back.

"Well I guess as a couple we're just one big miracle." Hunter said.

"Let's go home." I said.

"OK...I think Blake is out tonight with Tori...we should have the place to ourselves." He said as we got in the car and went to his apartment.

We walked in...or rather tumbled in. I was in his arms and we were already making out. We went into the bathroom and separated long enough to get the shower on. We both got in and as the warm water rushed around our bodies he pulled me close to him. I wrapped my legs around his waist and...we more than made up for lost time.

"I love you so much Hunter." I whispered.

“I love you too Michelle.” He whispered back as we finished up and got out of the shower. We got towels and wrapped ourselves then started kissing again.

“Bedroom” I managed to say. Hunter nodded and we headed for the bedroom. We didn’t know Blake was there and had invited the rest of the team over. They saw us wrapped in our towels...ok so it could have been worse if we didn’t have towels...but this was pretty bad.

“Um...hi guys.” I said turning red

“They’re back together!” Tori cried.

“I knew it! I called it! You owe me 10 bucks Shane!” Dustin said.

“You don’t know that.” Shane said.

“Looks like they’ve pretty well made up.” Cam snickered.

“Um guys...why don’t we go get something to eat.” Blake said looking about as embarrassed and Hunter and I.

“But dude this was just getting good.” Dustin said.

“Dustin, now, let’s go.” Cam said helping Blake herd the team out.

When they left I looked at Hunter. “Ok that was weird.”

“Just a little...but they’re gone now and we have the place all to ourselves again.” Hunter said kissing me.

“That we do...so off to the bedroom?” I asked.

“You read my mind.” He said as we went in the bedroom. We didn’t come out the rest of the night and at some point we went to sleep. That night as I slept I had no nightmares. No guilt. I was happy and very content. In fact I would go as far to say I was happier than I had ever been or could ever be again...I had true love.

PRT 19- "A Birthday to Remember"

"Come on guys...just 2 more miles...you guys are doing great!" I said as I led the Ranger in the last part of their training for the day.

"This is brutal Mich..." Dustin whined.

"Yeah, we've been training all day." Shane said.

"I know you guys are tired but just a little further. Come on...Rangers need to be in tip top shape." I said.

"You're a slave driver." Hunter said.

"I know." I said smirking.

"Stop complaining, we're almost done." Cam said.

A few minutes later we got back to Ops.

"Good work guys." I said as we went in. The Rangers were wiped.

When we went in we saw a note from Sensei. He was gone and giving us the day off.

Everyone was happy.

"Yes! A day off...and I know just who I want to spend it with." I said looking at Hunter who seemed a bit tweaked about how hard I pushed him during training. I looked over at Tor. She seemed upset.

"What's wrong?" I asked.

"I just thought Sensei would be here for..." her voice trailed off.

"Oh yeah! Tomorrow's your birthday." Shane said in more of a song.

"You're birthday? Awesome! We so have to celebrate. 18 is a big age." I said.

"How about a beach party?" Blake suggested.

"Sounds good." I said.

"Alright great." Tori said.

"And tonight how about we all catch a movie and chill...we all worked hard today." I said

"Ok...shower first." Hunter said.

"Um no, the girls get the showers first this time. You guys got it first last time." I said.

"But there's more of us." Hunter said.

"Exactly so we won't take as long cause there's fewer of us." I said.

"We so have to get another shower room installed here." Dustin said.

"There isn't room. We'll just have to deal with the shower room we have." Cam said.

"You could have at least put in private showers...the communal one sucks." Blake said.

"Deal with it. At least we have showers at all. Funds were tight after all the super computer equipment so be happy for what you have." Cam said.

"We're getting nothing done here...fine you guys can have the shower room first. I'm not up to arguing with you." I said.

"Thank you." Hunter said as he and the guys took off and went to the shower room.

"That was nice." Tori said.

"Nothing nice about it." I said smirking.

"Michelle...what are you planning?" she asked.

"You'll see...wait 5 minutes." I said.

"Ok..." Tori said confused.

Five minutes passed and I got up.

"Come on." I said.

"Where are we going?" she said.

"Shower room." I said.

"Um...aren't the guys in there?" she asked.

"Yeah...come on" I said

"Um...ok..." she said.

We went into the shower room. It was a locker room type area. The dressing area wasn't visible from the shower area. I walked to the wall and peeked around at the guys. I couldn't resist. I felt like I was in high school again. It was fun. I

spent the next few minutes watching the guys. They were all wet and soapy. I watched Hunter wash his hair and I even enjoyed watching Cam rinse off. 5 guys in the shower...together...too hot for words. I finally went back to Tori who was still confused. I grabbed the guys' gym bags, which had their clothes and towels in them, and went back to the control room.

"And we did that because?" she asked.

"Pay back for them stealing our shower...and because it was fun and gave me the chance to spy on them in the shower...come on you weren't at least tempted to look?" I asked

"I was tempted and ok I admit if Dustin and Shane weren't in there I would have spied too...but it would have been too weird seeing Dustin and Shane like that." She said.

"OK I guess I can understand that." I said.

A few more minutes passed and I heard the guys.

"MICHELLE!" I heard them all shout.

I started cracking up laughing.

"Tori can you bring us towels?" Blake called.

"Ignore him Tor." I said.

"When do you intend on taking them clothes?" Tori asked.

"In a few minutes." I said

"Michelle if you don't bring us towels I'm coming out there!" Hunter called.

"Wearing what?" I called back.

"Nothing if I have to!" he called.

"Go for it!" I challenged.

One more minute passed.

"Last chance Mich before I come out there." Hunter called.

I ignored him.

"Fine...Tori close your eyes!" he called.

Tori did and sure enough Hunter came out naked as could be. I smirked.

"Where's our gym bags?" he asked.

"I don't know...haven't seen them." I said seriously.

"Yeah, right...I'm serious Michelle." He said.

"So am I...but for a price I might be able to find them" I said.

"Price? You want to make a deal? Ok fine, what deal?" he asked.

"Girls get the shower first for a month...and you have to wash our training suits." I said.

"For a month?" he asked.

I nodded.

"No way." He said.

"Ok, well I haven't seen your gym bags." I said

"Ok ok fine, we accept the deal." He said.

"I want your ninja word" I said

He sighed. "Fine...I give you my word"

"Ok here you are." I said pulling the bags out from under the table.

"Thank you." He said taking them back.

A few minutes later 5 very un-happy, but dressed, ninjas walked into the control room.

"Problem?" I asked.

"Your turn girls." Hunter said.

I nodded. "OK shower time." I said

Tori and I went into the shower room. "Ok hide your clothes in case they get any bright ideas." I said.

"Hide them where? The lockers don't have locks." She said.

"I do." I said pulling out two pad locks, "You don't think I'd pull a prank like that and not come prepared do you?"

"Smart." Tori said smiling.

"OK now they might come spy on us. You keep an eye on those three areas and I'll watch the rest." I said.

"Ok, got it." Tori said.

We got in the shower and sure enough we spotted the guys spying on us.

Tori walked over next to me and whispered in my ear, "They are spying." She said. "I know...let's give them something to spy on. Follow my lead." I whispered back. She nodded.

I got a sponge and started to wash Tori's back.

"I'm so glad we finally have some time alone. I love the guys but we need some girl time." Tori said in a voice that we both knew the boys heard.

"Yeah...you know we always deny it but guys know exactly what goes on when we're alone." I said.

"Yeah, all the guys' fantasies, we get to live them and the guys never even know it." Tori said.

"I know...hey after the movie you want me to come over? We can have a slumber party." I said

"Oh..fun! Yeah, totally. My mom is out on a date anyway, she won't be home until very late tonight, if at all." Tori said.

"Or we could go to my place. Well it's Rocky's place but he's cool." I said.

"Maybe we can even let him in on the slumber party." Tori said.

"Oh that could be fun. I just hope you don't want your beach party too early in the morning because we could be up all night." I said.

"That's ok...the slumber party will be much more fun anyway." She said.

"I hope so. I fully intend on making your birthday very, very special" I said acting as if I was going to kiss her when, as I predicted, I heard Dustin and Shane gasp loudly.

Tori and I smirked.

"OK guys, shows over now get out of here so we can get dressed." I said

"Dude, she knows we're here" Dustin said.

"Ya think?" Shane asked.

"Oh crap...sorry Tor." Blake said.

"Let's go." Hunter said.

I heard them leave and Tori and I started cracking up.

"Good work Tor." I said.

"They deserved that for spying on us. I can't believe Dustin and Shane would do that." She said.

"Cam is the only one who has any decency I guess." I said.

"Let's get dressed and let them have it." Tori said.

"Sounds good." I said.

We got dressed and went to the control room.

"I can't believe you guys thought we didn't know you were there." I said.

"So all that stuff you said was for our benefit?" Shane asked.

"Yeah, girls don't really do all that stuff?" Dustin asked.

Tori and I laughed. "No. None of it." I said.

"I can't believe you guys would spy on me." Tori said hitting Dustin and Shane.

"Well, um...we were spying on Mich and you were just kinda there." Shane said.

"Whatever, let's go...we're gonna miss the movie." She said.

"I think we should let the boys calm down first." I said laughing as I looked at their pants.

"They can 'calm down' on the way there. We're gonna be late" Tori said.

We forced the boys to the van and headed to the movies. After the movie I went back to Hunter's and spent the night.

The next morning we all met at the beach...except for Shane who said he had something to do.

The rest of us hung out at the beach. I was talking to Tori when I looked over and saw Hunter struggling to take his shirt off. I gasped...I know we were at the beach...but it caught me off guard and my eyes fixed on him and my jaw dropped. He had an amazing body and in his swim trunks he was just too hot for words. I didn't even catch anything said until I heard Hunter say "Last one in the water is a girl". Tori started chasing Hunter down the beach.

"Go Tori! Get him!" I cheered.

"Dude, that's wrong. You outta cheer for your boyfriend." Dustin said.

"Not a chance. Us girls gotta stick together, especially when you guys out number us 5 to 2." I said.

I watched as Tori and Hunter got to the water and Tori tackled him.

"WOO HOO!" I cheered as I felt someone pick me up from behind. Dustin had me cradled in his arms like a baby. "Let

me go!” I screamed trying to get away.

“Us guys gotta stick together.” Blake said.

I screamed and managed to get away but before I could get far Dustin and Cam each grabbed one of my arms and Blake picked me back up and carried me into the water.

“Into the water you go. That’s pay back on you girls for my bro” Blake said dropping me in the water.

I got up and went after Blake. “You’re so gonna pay for that.” I said chasing him. I jumped on his back and pushed him into the water but he pulled me down with him.

While we were playing around Cyber Cam let Cam know something was up. Cam told us to stay and he would call us if he needed us. Tori seemed bummed so we tried to cheer her up.

“Ok how about some beach football, girls versus guys...Dustin you ref.” I said.

“Why do I have to ref?” Dustin asked.

“Because...um...” I looked around

“You’re out voted. All in favor of Dustin being a ref raise your hand.” Tori said. Everyone but Dustin did.

“See you’re out voted 4 to 1.” I said.

“You guys suck.” Dustin said.

“Ok, you guys are so going down.” Tori said.

“Big talk little lady.” Blake said.

“But if you think you can win then bring it on.” Hunter said.

“Oh we’re bringing it.” I said.

We started to play and Tori and I scored the first point.

“Oh yeah, woo hoo, go girls!” Tori and I cheered as we high fived.

On the next play Tori got Hunter to fumble and I got the ball and went for another touch down but Hunter came up behind me and picked me up. He threw me over his shoulder and carried me to his goal line.

“Point for the guys!” Hunter called.

“Cheater.” I said as Hunter put me down.

“Hey he got the ball to our goal...you guys never said we had to be holding the ball.” Blake said.

“Ref make a call.” Tori said.

“Come on Dustin, guys gotta stick together man.” Blake said.

“Um...um...” just then the morpher beeped.

“We’ll take this up later.” I said.

“Hunter here.” Hunter said answering the beep.

Cam informed us of some Kelzaks lurking near by. We went to check it out.

Sure enough Marah and Kapri were there with a group of Kelzacs. We took them out but in the middle of the fight Tori and Dustin had to take care of a monster, meanwhile the Thunders and I finished off the Kelzacs. The Thunders were going to go help Dustin and Tor but something was wrong with the Zords and Cam couldn’t access them. Meanwhile Tori and Dustin were in trouble. They came back to Ops so Cam could repair the Zords.

Meanwhile we went back to beach to get our things. When we got there everything was gone. We busted some Kelzacs taking our things.

“Oh this sucks.” I said

“Tori never wear that bikini again.” Blake said pointing to a Kelzac that was wearing Tor’s swimsuit.

“Not a problem.” She said.

We took out the Kelzacs and got our stuff back. As we walked back down the beach Dustin started to apply some weird suntan stuff that Cyber Cam gave him.

“I’m going to be a bronze god!” Dustin proclaimed.

I started laughing.

“What?” he asked.

“Sorry Dusty...that reminded me of that trippy hippie in ‘Almost Famous’ that says ‘I am a golden god!’” I said still laughing.

“Whatever man.” Dustin said.

We went back to Ops and waited for Cam to give us the OK for battle. By the time this happened Dustin was very bronze alright. His skin was VERY bronze.

“You ready ‘bronze god’?” Tori teased as we morphed.

Hunter and Blake followed and we took out the monster and even found Shane. He had gained a battlizer with some sick artillery. We watched as he finished his battle.

We all went back to Ops after that and Shane told us about his day. He met some chick named Skyla in a dream, only she was real and she gave him his battlizer. Hunter was very impressed by this.

A bit later Dustin our new ‘Orange Ranger’, as Tori put it, cam in with a cake for Tor and we continued celebrating her birthday. Sensei went to his room and left us alone in the main control room so we could have a small party. We all sat around the table eating pizza and cake.

“Ok, so this day wasn’t a total loss.” She said.

“It’s not over yet.” I said.

“Yeah...let’s play a game.” Dustin said.

“A game? Like what?” Shane asked.

“Like...truth or dare...” I suggested.

“I don’t think that’s a good idea.” Cam said.

“Oh lighten up Cam.” I said.

“I’m in...what’s the limits?” Hunter asked.

“Um...no limits...except to sexual dares.” I said.

“That covers a lot.” Blake said.

“Yeah, no kissing, striping, sex...what?” Shane asked.

“Ok so that was too broad...no limits except actual sex dares. Aside from that, no limits.” I said.

“I’m in.” Dustin said.

“Me too” Shane said.

“Count me in.” Blake said.

“Count me out.” Cam said.

“Oh you turkey...come on.” I said.

“Yeah Cam come on, you might actually have some fun...oh no not that.” Hunter teased.

“Ok, ok. Fine I’ll play your little game with you guys.” Cam said.

“Who starts?” Shane asked.

“I will...ok...Dusty, truth or dare?” I asked.

“Um...truth.” Dustin replied.

“You wimp” Shane teased.

“It’s ok, here’s your question. Have you ever slept with Kelly?” I asked

“Uh...uh...I change my mind...dare.” Dustin said.

“No changing...answer the question.” I said.

Dustin took a deep breath. “OK, fine...yes. I did. It was only once though...after hours we were cleaning up the store and...things just happened.”

“See that wasn’t so hard. Ok your turn.” I said

Dustin smirked. “Ok. Tor, truth or dare?”

“Dare” Tori said.

“Ok, I dare you to give Cam a lap dance...”

“That’s all?” she asked.

“No...you have to do it topless.” Dustin finished.

“Oh boy...” Tori took a deep breath but did as she was told. She took off her top and straddled Cam and gave him a wild lap dance. I looked over at Blake his expression was very unhappy. Actually that’s putting it mildly...he looked ready to kill. He was clearly happy when the lap dance was over.

“OK my turn...Hunter...truth or dare?” she asked.

“Dare.” Hunter said smirking as if he was a brave guy for saying it.

“Ok you asked for it. I dare you to lick Shane’s nipple.” Tori said.

“Damn you Tori.” Hunter said.

“Woah man I didn’t agree to this.” Shane said.

“Oh come on Shane, chill.” I said.

“Fine.” He said taking off his shirt.

“I don’t believe this” Hunter said leaning down and completing the dare. I must admit, watching my boyfriend do that to a guy was very sexy.

“Ok revenge time. Michelle truth or dare?” Hunter asked.

“Dare.” I said.

“I dare you to make out with Tori” he said.

“Oh, that’s all? Ok.” I said walking over to Tori. “Ok guys get a good look, this is the only time you get to see this.” I said as I leaned in and kissed Tori. We really got into that kiss...really I don’t see the big deal in kissing a girl and to be quite honest Tori was attractive. There were way worse things than kissing her. The actual wording of the dare was “make out with...” so we did. The kiss included tongue and everything. The works. It finally ended after a couple of minutes.

“And there you have it.” I said smirking. “Ok Blake, truth or dare?”

“Dare.” Blake said.

“Paybacks a bitch...I dare you to replicate my kiss with Tori but with Hunter.” I said.

“With my brother? Mich...”

“Come on it’s a dare. Do it.” I said

Blake sighed heavily. “Fine.” He said. He went over to Hunter and kissed him quickly.

“Eh...I said duplicate my kiss with Tori.” I told him.

“Fine fine fine.” Blake said kissing Hunter again...this time with a slight amount more passion...still not equal to my kiss with Tori but it was close enough. And ok call me gross, call me a pervert, but Hunter kissing his baby brother was slightly erotic. The kiss finally ended.

“Ok...Cam truth or dare?” Blake asked.

“Truth.” Cam said.

“OK...you can’t possibly be as boring as you seem. Surely you have a hidden talent of some sort. So tell us. What is Cam’s hidden talent?” Blake asked.

“Um...well...some have said I’m quite good at ‘baking cookies’” Cam said turning red. I think I’m the only one who actually got what he meant.

“Hmm...might have to test that sometime...Cam’s turn.” I said.

“Ok...um I’m not too good at this. But...um...Shane...truth or dare?” he asked.

“Um...dare.” He said.

“Ok...I dare you to kiss Hunter.” Cam said.

“You suck man.” Shane said leaning over and kissing Hunter.

“OK, I’m turning this game around. Cam, truth or dare?”

“I’ll be brave...dare.” He said.

“I dare you to kiss...Cyber Cam...no...make out with Cyber Cam.” Shane said.

“What? That’s like kissing myself...ugh...ok fine if you insist that I must.” Cam said bringing up Cyber Cam.

“It’s ok...Cyber Cam isn’t a bad kisser.” I said.

“How would you know?” Tori asked.

“Remember, the first time we saw Cyber Cam and we thought it was Cam?” I asked.

“Oh yeah. You kissed him then.” Tori said.

“Ok, here it goes.” Cam said grabbing Cyber Cam and kissing him. I could even see Tori was turned on by this. It was very erotic...hell I could have sworn Hunter was enjoying this. That almost worried me...notice I said ‘almost’.

“OK fine, now then...Michelle, truth or dare?” Cam asked

I took in a deep breath. Cam had it out for me and I had a sick feeling he was going to try and get revenge on me for the months of trouble I’d caused him. “Um...truth?” I said.

“OK, how many guys have you slept with?” he asked.

I sighed. Everyone knew I had a reputation. He was trying to make me look bad to Hunter and I knew it but I decided to just answer as if it was no big deal. “Oh well it’s hard to say but I’d estimate 30 or 40.” I said.

Hunter looked at me.

“What? It’s the truth. Anyway, Hunter, my love...” I was trying to suck up, “Truth or dare?”

“I don’t think our relationship can handle too many more truths so I’ll say dare.” He replied.

“Ok...I dare you and Blake to do a joint strip act.” I said.
“How do I keep getting sucked into this?” Blake asked.
“Just do it you wimps” I said.
“Fine, whatever you say.” Blake said.

He and Hunter got up and began to strip.

“Woo hoo, take it off!” I called.

“Take it all off!” Tori called. We were both majorly enjoying this.

Hunter started to have fun with it and that was even sexier. When they got down to the final article of clothing Tori and I both took a deep breath. I don’t think she’d ever seen Blake naked before and she was excited...for me I mean sure I’d see Hunter before, but...I don’t know...this was somehow different. I watched as the finished stripping.

“Woo hoo! Awesome show.” I said.

“Can we get dressed now?” Blake asked.

“Sure, go for it.” I said.

“Thank you...so...Dustin...truth or dare?” Hunter asked.

“Dare.” He said.

“I dare you too do a booty dance for the girls.” He said smirking.

“Fine.” He said.

Dustin got up and came over to Tor and I.

“Shake it Dusty!” I cheered as I smacked his ass. I think I enjoyed this more than Tori who was still there blushing.

“Ok Dustin, sit.” Tori said.

“Oh so I’m a dog now?” Dustin asked as he sat down.

“You obeyed didn’t you?” Tori asked smiling.

“Ok just for that...Tori truth or dare?” Dustin asked.

“Damn...ok...truth.” She said.

“Ok...what’s the futherest you’ve ever gone with a guy and who was it?” Dustin asked.

“Oh man...ok...well I gave a guy head once.” She said.

“Who?” Dustin asked.

“Um...um...Shane.” She said turning red.

“Shane?!?!?” Dustin, Blake, and I said in unison.

“Yeah...” she said.

“When did this happen?” Dustin asked.

“Well...one day after training...it wasn’t long after you started at Storm Chargers. Anyway, you remember when Denise dumped Shane?” Tor asked.

“Yeah...he was upset and you said you were going to his house to comfort him, that’s why you missed my meet...oh no...”Dustin said.

“Yeah...well I went to his house to comfort him but one thing led to another and...well...anyway...besides you have no room to talk....you slept with Kelly!” Tori said defensively.

Dustin got very quiet.

“Um right...ok your turn Tor.” I said trying to keep the game going.

“Ok...Shane...truth or dare?” Tori asked.

“Truth.” He said.

“OK...Shane...if you had to pick one of the guys to sleep with, who would it be and why?” Tori asked.

“What? You’ve gotta be kidding...” Shane said sighing. “OK...let me think.” He paused.

“Come on Shane...times ticking.” Tor said.

“OK...I guess...damn...B...no..Hu...ugh...Dustin I guess because I know him best and I know he wouldn’t tell anyone.” Shane finally said.

“Ok.” Tori said.

“Now then...Blake, truth or dare?” Shane asked.

“Truth.” Blake said.

“OK...be honest...are you in love with Tori or what? And what is taking you so long to make a move?” Shane asked.

“Um...I...she...” Blake stumbled on his words. “I guess I’m scared of rejection and...I...I do like her...a lot.” He finished.

“Oh Blake...I wouldn't reject you...never.” Tori said.

“That's sweet but can we keep this thing going?” Hunter asked.

“Ok fine...Hunter truth or dare?” Blake asked.

“Truth” Hunter said carefully.

“Ok...how many girls have you been with?” Blake asked.

Hunter's eyes got wide as if he had just been hit in the stomach.

“What's wrong?” I asked.

“I...” Hunter stuttered. I had never heard Hunter stutter. I had a feeling I really wasn't going to like his answer here.

“I...oh man...honestly?” he asked.

“Honestly.” Blake said.

Hunter looked down ashamed. Another thing I'd never seen Hunter do. Hunter was so self assured and cocky he was never shy, insecure, or ashamed...until now.

“Ok...honestly...I couldn't say. I don't know.” He said.

“That many?” I asked.

“I...don't know...it's...complicated and...well...it's a part of my past I don't like to discuss.” He said.

“What are you talking about? There was only Sara and Michelle you liar.” Blake said.

“Blake, I've told you before, there's a lot about me you have no idea about.” Hunter said almost angry.

“Ok ok...sorry bro...your go.” Blake said.

“I don't feel like playing anymore.” Hunter said getting up.

“Hunter...baby, sit down.” I said.

“No Mich...I'll see you guys tomorrow.” Hunter said.

“Hunter please, don't leave like this.” I said.

“I need to get out of here. Just leave me alone.” He said leaving.

I got up to go after him but Cam grabbed my arm.

“He doesn't need his girlfriend right now. He needs a friend. Let me go after him.” Cam said.

“Um...ok.” I said finding it odd Cam actually cared. I sat back down.

“OK...who wants to take over since Hunter left?” Tori asked.

“I will...Tori, truth or dare?” Dustin asked.

“Dare.” Tori said.

“Ok...I'm giving you a choice of two dares here. You can either give Blake head or you can eat a whole bowl of Sensei's food.” Dustin said.

“Oh man...” Tori said knowing if she rejected Blake for Guinea Pig food it might hurt his feelings. “Ok I'll go with Blake.” Tori said finally.

“OK...you have to do it right here so we know you did it.” Dustin said.

“In front of everyone? Ok fine.” Tori said. She walked over to Blake and unzipped his jeans and started the dare. Shane and Dustin watched Tori like a hawk (no pun intended) meanwhile I watched Blake's face. Anyone could see how much he was enjoying this.

“Oh god Tori...” he moaned over and over again.

“Come on Tori...you can do better than that. I *know* you can” Shane said.

She continued and after a few minutes she sent Blake over the edge.

“Swallow Tor.” Dustin said.

Tori did as instructed and got up. Blake looked exhausted as he zipped his jeans back up. Tori smiled and wiped her mouth.

“Ok...Shane, truth or dare?” Tori asked.

“Truth.” Shane said.

“Ok, have you ever slept with Kelly?” Tori asked.

“Didn't we already go over this?” Shane asked quickly.

“No, we know that Dustin slept with Kelly...you're turn.” Tori said.

“Of course he hasn't slept with Kel.” Dustin said.

“Um, well actually Dustin...”

“What? You slept with my boss?” Dustin asked shocked.

“Yeah...well I didn't know you had slept with her.” Shane said.

“Awe man, that means we slept with the same girl.” Dustin said.

“If you think about it that's kinda sick.” Shane said.

“Yeah, it is...let’s not think about it.” Dustin said.

“Guess Kelly really gets around.” Blake said still out of breath.

“Anyway...Michelle...truth or dare?” Shane asked.

“Dare.” I said.

“OK, I dare you to strip and stay naked for the next two rounds.” Shane said.

“OK.” I said. I did as they said. I took all my clothes off and then sat back down. “Now then...Dustin, truth or dare?”

“Um...dare.” He said.

“Remember guys, payback’s a bitch. Dustin, I want you to give Shane head.” I said.

“No way, that’s going too far.” Dustin said.

“You guys have me sitting here naked...now just do it.” I said.

“Damn I hate it when she makes a point.” Dustin said as he looked at Shane.

“You suck Mich.” Shane said.

“No, but Dustin is about to.” I said smirking as I watched the reluctant guys complete the dare. They finally finished and Dustin looked a bit sick.

“Ok Tori, truth or dare?” Dustin asked.

I think Tori was scared to answer because she knew this was turning into guys vs girls and she didn’t know what Dustin had in store for her either way. “um...dare” she finally said.

“Ok...I dare you to let Michelle go down on you.” Dustin said.

“Dustin! I don’t even let guys do that to me!” Tori said.

“Hey, I did it to Shane...you can let Michelle do it to you.” Dustin said.

“OK fine...” Tori said taking off her jeans. I went over and positioned myself and did what the guys asked. I promise you, you’ve never seen a group of guys turned on like these three were. I got Tori to an orgasm just as Cam walked back in.

“Woah...what did I miss?” Cam asked as he joined the other guys and watched.

I finished up and was finally able to get dressed. Tori got dressed too and continued the game.

“Ok, Cam, truth or dare?” Tori asked.

“Truth.” Cam said.

“How many girls have you ‘baked cookie’ with, as you put it?” Tori asked.

“Um...well there was...oh 9 or 10.” Cam said.

“Man, for a guy who grew up in a ninja academy you sure got around.” Shane said.

“Would one of those girls happen to be Kelly?” Dustin asked.

“How did you know?” Cam asked.

“Apparently she’d done everyone except Hunter and Blake.” Shane said.

“Dude, I think we need to be playing this game with her.” Dustin said.

“OK guys, it’s getting late...one more round. Cam...go ahead.” I said.

“OK...since you started you should finish...Michelle, truth or dare?” Cam asked.

“Hmmm...dare.” I said.

“I dare you to...” Dustin and Shane cut him off and leaned over and whispered something to him.

“I can’t ask her to do that!” I heard Cam say, followed by “You ask her.”

“Ok fine...Michelle, we all dare you to let us watch you have an orgasm.” Dustin said.

“You mean by myself?” I asked.

“Yeah.” Shane said.

“You guys are sick. OK fine...” I said taking off my jeans. I let them see what they wanted to see then I got dressed.

“OK...now I’m gonna head home. Happy birthday Tor.” I said hugging her then I walked out. I was tempted to go to Hunter’s but decided that may not be the best idea. Instead I went back to Rocky’s and fell fast asleep. I was totally tired after the day I’d had.

PRT 20- “Totally Talented”

“Hunter, are you insane?” I asked.

“No...hey if you can sing I can do my thing.” He said.

I sighed. “If you insist.” I said

“Come on, we need to get to Storm Chargers.” He said.

“I’m coming.” I said following him.

We walked into Storm Chargers with Blake expecting to find the Winds watching “Totally Talented”. It was a pretty big show, in our area it was bigger than “American Idol”, but I think that’s because it was local. Anyway, Kelly had banned them from watching it at Storm Chargers. Hunter and Blake then went on to brag about being on the show.

“Are you serious?” Tori asked.

“Doesn’t that require talent?” Shane asked.

“We have talent.” Blake said.

“Yeah, they think they do. I on the other had really do.” I said.

“Um...you do know if you are signed to a record label you can’t be on that show.” Shane said.

“Sure you can...if they invite you on as a celebrity performer. It’ll be great exposure for my new single.” I said.

After I said that the Winds all made plans for their talents and took off to prepare.

“Looks like this is a Ranger-wide event” I said

“Way to go.” Blake said to Hunter.

“I should go help coach them.” I said.

“You can’t do that. It’s against the rules.” Hunter said.

“Read them again. You can’t hire professional help. No where in the rules does it state that you can’t ask a friend, even a friend with a record deal, to help.” I said.

“Well go for it then, we don’t need help.” Hunter said as he and Blake took off. They still weren’t telling me exactly what they were doing.

I went to find Tori. “Want some help?” I asked.

“OK. Can you help me get this step?” she showed me a move.

“Yeah...you’re too tense. Try loosening your stance and try it again.” I said.

“Oh wow...I got it. Thanks Mich.” She said.

“Anytime...if you need more help let me know.” I said.

“Sure thing.” She said.

I went to find Shane and I helped him warm up and extend his range a little higher. We were working when there was an attack. The attack was by some very intense creatures called Wolf Blades. Motodrone was back too.

“He’s mine.” Hunter said.

“You’re not going alone. I’m going with you.” I said.

“No Mich...” he said.

“Um, yes...you’re not facing Motodrone alone.” He said.

“Fine.” He said.

I got on Hunter’s bike behind him and we faced Motodrone. Hunter ended up setting the bike to flight mode. We were doing alright until Motodrone shot us down. We fell to the ground. I was caught in a weird position and I hurt my shoulder very badly, so badly that at first I couldn’t even move. Hunter staggered away from the wreckage and notified Cam of the situation then realized I wasn’t with him.

“Oh no...MICHELLE!” Hunter called.

I forced myself up slowly. “I’m...oh...I’m ok.” I gasped.

“Oh god Mich...I’m so sorry.” He said helping me. He finally picked me up and took me to Ops. He looked like he felt really guilty.

“This isn’t your fault. There are certain risks in being a Ranger.” I said

“Yeah, but I should have protected you.” He said.

“Hunter, we were shot out of the sky. There was NOTHING you could do.” I said

“You could have died.” He said.

“But I didn’t.” I said

“Yeah...but...”

“No buts...I’m fine Hunter. A little sore but fine.” I said

“Alright...” he said as the rest of the Rangers reported back. They had taken out the Wolf Blades.

Or so we thought...

It wasn’t long before giant Wolf Blades showed up on the monitor. Cam told us that for the time there was nothing we could do so Hunter and Blake quickly took off. Tori, Shane, and I decided to follow them. We were curious about their top secret talent. We were about to go in the building they went in when they appeared behind us. I should have known we couldn’t sneak up on highly trained Ninjas. We tried to talk our way out of it but they were on to us...then the morphers beep. Cam wanted us at Ops ASAP.

We went in and he wanted our Power Disks.

“Um...how can I say this nicely? NO!” I said.

“I kinda like the idea knowing I can kick some alien butt if I have to.” Hunter said.

In the end Cam convinced us and all of us handed him the Power Disks. Then we had Cyber Cam release the Zords and we went to battle in the Zords in civilian form. Obviously without the Power Disks I couldn’t call Mini Zord so I took a station in the Dolphin Zord with Tori and monitored power readings from there. The guys came up with lame entrance lines.

“Meet the Beetles.” Blake said.

“Bird is the word.” Shane said.

“Oh please...give me a break. That is so lame. I may as well say ‘get ready to be spirited away’.” I joked.

“Hey it works...” Blake said.

“And they said she didn’t have a sense of humor.” Shane teased.

“Whatever...just watch it. Don’t take too many hits. You can’t afford it. Power levels are currently at 95%.” I said.

I must admit I was having fun being in a Zord as a civilian...in all my years as a Ranger I had never done it before. The problem was with no Power Disks we couldn’t form a Megazord which left us at a disadvantage. Every hit drained a lot of energy.

“Power levels dropping. 68% combined power. 62%....55%....crap...49%...power levels critical.” I said.

“Any word from you twin yet Cyber Cam?” Blake wanted to know.

Just then Cam showed up and gave us our Power Disks and we morphed and made a Megazord. He also summoned the new Mammoth Zord with this guitar looking thing he found. With that we took the Wolf Blades down no problem.

After that crisis was averted everyone got ready for the talent show. I was in my dressing room. I looked at my wardrobe and tried to decide what to wear. It was so much fun to switch from Ranger mode to Superstar mode. I could be totally self-centered as a star and any other time it was team first.

I analyzed the clothes again and settled on a pair of purple leather pants and with a matching sleeveless top made out of a cloth material. The top had light purple designs on it. It was one of my favorite outfits. I fixed my hair with a straightening iron and finished off my make up. I wasn’t the type of celeb that liked to be fussed over...mostly because I was too scared my communicator would beep or something while there was a room full of people, so I did my own hair and makeup.

After I was ready I went and met up with the rest of the guys. To my surprise Cam showed up with a guitar in hand. We teased him a little about it.

“I’ve been known to rock a few worlds.” Cam said.

My mind went back to the game of “truth or dare” we played. Then it hit me. I was thinking about Cam like that!

EWWW! This was Cam...gross! I had to get Cam off my mind. I went Hunter and gave him a kiss.

“Woah what was that for?” he asked.

“For luck. Good luck all of you.” I said going to make sure everything was set for my performance.

I watched Shane, Dustin, and Tori do their performances. Tori was an amazing dancer. If I ever got to tour again I would so have to see if she wanted to be a back up dancer for me...of course this was assuming Ranger business ever stopped long enough for me to have time to tour. Shane was talented too, if this kept up I could form a new band with the Rangers. Shane really had a wonderful singing voice. He sang a song I had helped him write after the whole "Skyla deal". It was very pretty. And Dustin...let me just say...he was amazing on sax...I never would have pegged Dusty for a sax player and sure he was no Kenny G but he was pretty damn good. I was amazed.

Anyway I went next. I waited for my intro.

"And next we have a very special celebrity guest. Please welcome Grammy winner, Michelle Morris!" the host said. I went out, "This one goes out to 6 very special people in my life, you know who you are." I said as I went into "We Can".

After my song I watched Cam, who played killer guitar. There was something about guitar player guys that were so sexy. I should know I've been with enough guitar players in my day...ewww there I go about Cam again! Moving on...

I finally got to see what Hunter and Blake were hiding. Blake DJed while Hunter rapped. I admit, rapping wasn't my thing, but they were good. I couldn't help but laugh. I had said to interviewers many times I wouldn't ever date a rapper...funny how life works. Anyway, after their performance we all got a shock.

Marah and Kapri took the stage. I laughed until I heard them start to sing. They were amazing. We were all blown away. I noticed Dustin watching Marah very closely. He still had it bad for her. Anyway...I watched and listened.

"They rock. I should sign them to my new label." I said.

"What? This is Marah and Kapri you're talking about." Tori said as she got up and grabbed a boom box. Turns out Marah and Kapri were lip-syncing. Big shocker.

Anyway, after the show I had to sign some autographs for fans. The others stood and watched. They were laughing seeing me treated like a celebrity. I admit, after ninja training this celebrity thing was kinda weird. I was used to being secretive and hidden. This was not secretive and hidden.

After the signing session we went to the pizza place.

"You guys were all really good" I said.

"Thanks...you were too Mich." Shane said.

"She was amazing." Hunter said kissing me.

"Yeah...I didn't know you rapped." I said kissing him back.

"Learn something new everyday." He said.

"I don't think I'll ever figure you out Hunter Bradley." I said.

"I'll be fun to watch you try." Hunter said.

"Oh really?" I asked kissing him again.

"Anyway..." Cam said, "I think we all did quite well."

"Yes we did. Now we celebrate. Pizza for everyone on me." I said.

"Sounds good to me." Dustin said.

We got our pizza and as we ate Marah and Kapri walked in. They waved to me. Let me repeat. They waved to me. Sounds just as funny the second time doesn't it?

Anyway they walked over and said hello.

"Mich, can we talk to you for a second?" Marah asked.

I sighed but decided to humor them "OK" I said getting up and walking to a corner with them.

"We just wanted to tell you that you did an amazing job today." Marah said.

"Yeah...and we really feel bad for you." Kapri said.

"Um...ok that made no sense. Why do you feel bad for me?" I asked.

"Well it must suck not having any real friends." Kapri said.

"Um, hello. I have lots of friends." I said.

"Them? They are only your friends because you're a Ranger. Hunter is only dating you to further his rapping career...I mean you don't honestly think they really like you for you...do you?" Kapri said.

“Whatever.” I said.

“Think about it Michelle...you know I’m right...” Kapri said.

“We on the other hand, do want to get to know you. You seem like an awesome person who deserves better than them.” Marah said.

For some reason what they said seemed to make sense. Must have been a spell or something. Either way I got very angry with Hunter and the rest of them.

“You’re right! I don’t need them. They don’t care about me!” I cried.

“Exactly...so you want to come catch a movie with us....your real friends?” Kapri asked.

“Sure.” I said leaving with them.

“Mich? Where are you going?” Hunter asked.

“As far away from you guys as I can. Oh and you all can forget using me because I have some new friends now. Ta.” I said leaving.

PRT 21- "All the Things She Said"

"That movie last night was great." I said.

"Wasn't it? I swear Trent Ford is the hottest guy ever." Kapri said.

"He's pretty cute." I said.

"So what do you wanna do today?" Kapri asked.

"Let's go shopping!" I said.

"You said my favorite word!" Kapri said.

We went to the mall and did a lot of shopping. I got more clothes than I'd bought in a very long time. Then we went to the food court. I saw Cam, Tori, Dustin, and Hunter.

"Ugh...look who's here." I said.

"Ignore them." Kapri said.

"Well look what we have here, it's the traitor." Hunter said.

"And her new best friend." Tori said.

"She's not worth our time. Let's go" Cam said.

"Guys...can't we talk this out?" Dustin asked.

"Not as long as she's friends with her." Tori said

"You have a problem with who I'm hanging out with? Well too bad" I said getting in Tori's face.

"I don't wanna fight with you Mich." Tori said.

"Cause you know you'd lose." I said.

"I wouldn't bet on that. In civilian form we're a pretty even match." Tori said.

"Let's test that theory." I said about to fight her.

"Come on Mich, you don't need this." Kapri said pulling me away.

"You're right. She's not worth the time. Can't believe I thought she was my best friend." I said going with Kapri. We found a photo booth.

"Hey! Look! You wanna get our picture taken?" Kapri asked.

"Ohh, fun! Totally!" I said.

We went in the photo booth and did some crazy poses and then went on shopping.

"Thanks Kapri...you rock...I really needed a true friend and you were right there for me." I said.

"Yeah...sure...anytime." Kapri said kind of spacey.

"Are you ok?" I asked

"Yeah...fine...let's go get some smoothies." Kapri said.

"My favorite. Lead the way." I said.

We went to the smoothie stand and I went in my purse looking for some money. I came across a picture of Hunter and I after one of his rallies. He was covered in mud and so was I from hugging on him. He was on his bike and I was behind him with my head on his shoulder in the picture. I started missing him.

"Mich? Hey Mich? Are you ok?" Kapri asked.

"How could he not love me? Look at this." I said showing her the picture.

"I know it's not easy...you loved him...but he was using you. It's a horrible thing he's done...I'm sorry you had to go through it." Kapri said.

"Yeah...it hurts so much." I said.

"I know...but hey...there's gonna be other guys. I mean there were a lot before him right?" she asked.

"Yeah, but only a few I ever actually loved. I mean 3 times in my whole life have I actually been in love. And with Hunter it was so different...unlike anything I felt before." I said.

"I know...he's a rat. Forget about him." Kapri said.

"You're right, let's go. We have better things to do." I said getting my smoothie.

"Totally. So where to next?" Kapri asked.

"Um...who cares? Let's just do something!" Kapri said.

"OK!" I said laughing.

We went to the skate park and rented some blades. Kapri had never bladed before so I tried to teach her. She kept

pulling me down when she'd fall. We'd end up on the ground laughing our asses off. We were both on the ground laughing when Shane walked by, skateboard in hand.

"Posers." I heard him say as we went to go skate.

"Whatever" I said getting up. I helped Kapri up and we went on our way.

After skating we went to the beach to check out guys. Kapri said I needed to move on and there was no time like the present. But then I saw Hunter and Blake sitting near by. They were watching Tori surf. Hunter was wearing his swim trunks and no shirt. My eyes fixed on him and how incredible he looked. I saw him look at me. There was pain in those wonderfully blue eyes of his. There was no way he didn't love me. Not with a look like that. "Hunter" I whispered to myself. I wanted so badly to run into his arms but if Kapri was right and he was using me that would be a horrible mistake. I was so confused. The longer Hunter and I looked at each other the worse I felt. Our eyes locked for what seemed like forever before Kapri noticed this and pulled me away.

"He's just trying to reel you back in. Don't let him do it Mich." Kapri said.

I nodded as Hunter walked over.

"Listen Mich...I don't know what lies she's filling your head with but I love you and that's the only thing I know is true." Hunter said.

"Whatever. I'm so over you. Like...totally. Just go away." I said walking away with Kapri.

We went on a drive and then to a hamburger place for dinner. After dinner she said she had to go home. I told her bye and that I would see her the next day. After that I went back to Rocky's. He was the only person I knew wasn't using me. He was watching TV when I walked in.

"Hey Mich...how are you?" Rocky asked.

"I've been better" I said explaining everything.

"You really think Hunter was using you?" he asked when I was done talking.

"I...maybe...I don't know. Kapri said he was and it makes sense." I said.

"Does it really?" he asked.

"Well...not really...but Kapri is my best friend...why would she lie?" I asked.

"Maybe she has a reason for wanting you and Hunter to break up...who knows? Anyway I'm meeting Adam at the new dance club. You wanna come?" he asked.

"Nah, you go. I'll see you later." I said.

"Ok...everything will be ok Mich. It'll work itself out." He said kissing my head.

I nodded and went to my room and changed into my sweat pants and went back to the living room and curled up on the sofa. I turned the TV on HBO and watched a movie. I fell asleep there until I heard the phone ring. I slowly woke up and reached for the cordless.

"Hello?" I said groggy.

"Mich? I'm sorry...I didn't mean to wake you up." Kapri said. She sounded like she was crying.

"Kapri?" I asked now sitting up and fully awake, "What's wrong?"

"It's...no never mind. I'm too embarrassed and scared." She said.

"I'm your best friend, you can tell me anything." I said.

"OK...you're right...it's...Hunter. He..." her voice trailed off.

"He what? Hunter did what to you?" I asked worried

"He...God I'm so stupid..."

"Kapri...what did he do?" I asked panicking now.

She started crying harder. "He raped me." She said.

"WHAT!" I cried.

"I knew you wouldn't believe me. I shouldn't have called. I'm so sorry." She said.

"What? No...don't be sorry...I believe you...why don't you come over here. Rocky isn't home yet which means he probably not coming home tonight. Seriously, come over here." I said.

"Ok, I'm on my way." She said still crying.

A few minutes later the doorbell rang. I opened the door and saw Kapri standing there. She looked horrible. She was all bruised up and her hair was a mess. She looked like she had really been beat up and her eyes were all puffy from crying.

“Oh my god! Kapri!” I cried hugging her. I almost cried myself I felt so bad for her. She hugged me and cried.
“I was so scared Mich. I thought he’d kill me for sure.” She said crying.
“Here...sit down. Let me get you some hot tea. It’ll calm you down. While I fix it tell me exactly what happened.” I said walking into the kitchen and fixing the tea.
“Well, my uncle sent me to Earth to check some things out and Hunter saw me and was really, really mad that I told you the truth and we got in this really big argument. I told him you had to know the truth because it wasn’t right what he was doing and he said that I had no right to mess up his plan. Anyway things escalated and next thing I knew he was grabbing me. I struggled but he was stronger than me and he pushed me into an ally way and...and...and he raped me.” She said sobbing by the time she finished.
“Oh my god. I’m so sorry Kapri” I said handing her a cup of tea.
“I...I don’t know what to do.” She said.
“I do. You go take a nice warm shower. I’ll be right back.” I said.
“NO! Don’t leave me!” she cried.
“Ok ok...go take a shower and I’ll be right here when you finish.” I said.
She went and took a shower and I gave her a pair of pink sweats to wear. I did have other colors of clothes besides purple...I just didn’t wear them much. Anyway I let her lay down in my bed and when she was asleep I snuck out.

I went to Ninja Ops. Cam was still awake.

“What are you doing here at 2 AM...actually what are you doing here at all?” Cam asked.
“I need to talk to Sensei.” I said.
“Wait, you didn’t bring Kapri did you?” Cam asked.
“Of course not. She’s my best friend, that doesn’t mean I have no honor left.” I said.
“Could have fooled me” he said.
“Whatever...where’s Sensei?” I asked
“Sleeping.” Cam said.
“Well wake him up. This is important.” I said.
“Fine.” Cam said going to wake Sensei.
“Yes Michelle?” Sensei said coming out on Cam’s shoulder.
“As trainer I highly recommend you strip Hunter of the Crimson Ranger Powers.” I said.
“On what grounds?” Sensei asked as Cam looked at me wide eyed.
“He attacked Kapri unwarrantedly.” I said.
“No attack against her is unwarranted” Cam said.
“He raped her Cam. That is not a quality I think a Ranger should have.” I said.
“He what!?” Cam said shocked.
“I find that hard to believe Michelle.” Sensei said.
“It’s true!” I said.
“I will take your recommendation under advisement and will make a final decision in the morning.” Sensei said.
“Thank you Sensei” I said leaving.

I went back to Rocky’s and looked in on Kapri. She was still sleeping soundly. I went to the living room and curled up on the sofa again and turned on ESPN 2 and watched motocross and started to cry and cry. I had never been so hurt and confused in my life. At some point I cried myself to sleep.

I woke up the next morning and Kapri was still sleeping. Rocky walked in and I told him everything.

“He raped her? Hunter wouldn’t do that Mich.” Rocky said.
“He did...you didn’t see her Rock...she looked horrible.” I said.
“I’ll take your word on it. I have to get ready. I have a class coming to the Dojo soon.” He said going to his room.
I waited for Kapri to wake up and then I got dressed and I took her for breakfast.

“How are you feeling?” I asked.
“A little better.” She said as we saw Hunter walk in.
“Oh my god...” she gasped.
“I won’t let him hurt you again. Let’s go.” I said leading her out. On the way out Hunter grabbed my wrist.
“Sensei told me what she said I did. I would never rape someone Michelle. I would never ever do that. I can tell you that

for a fact.” Hunter said with more hurt in his voice than I had ever heard.
“I know what happened Hunter. Now let me go” I said pulling away and walking out with Kapri.

“I’m so sorry about that Kapri.” I said.
“It’s ok. You can’t control where he goes. Let’s just get out of here.” She said.
“Mich wait!” I heard Dustin call.
“Ugh. What do you want Dustin?” I asked
“I know for a fact, Hunter didn’t rape Kapri.” He said.
“How do you know that?” I asked.
“Because last night he was working. The security cameras will show it if you don’t believe me. He was there from 3 PM until 3 AM trying to get his mind off of you. It’s on tape.” Dustin said.
“What? No, that would mean...” I started. Kapri knew she was busted.
“Oops, my bad. I lied.” She said.
“You lied...everything...it was all a lie...” I said as I suddenly realized how foolish I’d been. “How could you?”
“Easy...you’re a Ranger, I’m an evil space ninja. Now the other Rangers will never trust you again.” She said.
“You will pay for this.” I said angry.
“You’ll have to catch me first.” She said taking off.
Dustin started to chase her.
“No Dusty...she’s mine...this one’s personal.” I said

“Ninja streak!” I called chasing her.

We landed in the park.
“What you did was so low!” I called as I faced off with Kapri.
“You expected an evil ninja to take the high road?” she replied.
“You are no ninja! All ninjas have some sort of honor. Evil or not. You have none.” I said.
“Oh cry me a river.” She said.
I went after her. We engaged in battle. As we battled it began to rain but it didn’t stop our battle. She changed back into her space alien form.
“You wanna play it that way? Fine! Ninja Storm, Ranger Form! Power of Spirit!” I called.
“Bring it on Ranger.” She said.
“Spirit Staff, power up!” I called.
We continued battle. I hit her with my staff but she grabbed it and flipped me then blasted me three times making me power down. I staggered up. “You haven’t won yet.” I said going after her.
“Power of Spirit.” I whispered as my anger built up. I went after her full force. I got her down. “Ninja Lightning Attack!” I called sending a bolt of purple lightning at her. She fell to the ground in pain.
“This isn’t over yet Michelle. Next time you won’t be so lucky.” She said retreating.
After she was gone I fell to the ground and let the rain fall around me.

I don’t know how long I was there but next thing I knew Hunter was at my side.
“Baby...are you ok?” he asked.
I sat up and cried. “I’m so sorry.” I said falling into his arms.
“It’s ok...I forgive you. Let’s get you back to Ops.” He said.
I nodded.

We got back and I got cleaned off and sat with the others.
“I’m so sorry you guys...can you guys ever forgive me?” I asked.
“We didn’t give you much support, we should have listened to Dustin...he knew something was wrong the whole time. We’re sorry too.” Tori said.
“Friends?” I asked her.
“Best friends.” She said hugging me.
Then I looked at Hunter. “I love you...I know you would never use me.”
“I know...I love you too...so much.” He said hugging me.

I smiled, Kapri’s plan had failed. Instead of abandoning me the Rangers rallied behind me with support. I couldn’t have been happier.

PRT 22- "Tori's Wild Wipeout"

I woke up the next morning in Hunter's arms. It was great. We got up slowly and ate breakfast then we went for a walk on the beach. That is until we were called to fight a monster. The others came running up to tell us then we went to find Tor. We found her washed up on the beach. She had fallen off her board. We took out the monster but then Tori told us about a trip she took to another dimension. Since she lived it she tells it better so here's the deal in her words (I made her write about it as part of a training exercise).

"Tori's Wild Wipeout"

By: Tori Hanson

I had gone out to surf like any other day. Things were fine. I did my thing and came to shore but then I heard these guys talking about my skills and saying something about I was good "for a girl." Everyone knows how much comments like that upset me. Anyway I decided to show those guys what I was made of so I took on a huge wave but I wiped out. When I woke up I wasn't in the Blue Bay Harbor I knew.

The first thing I saw was Kelzacs helping people...they were among the people as if it was the most normal thing in the world. It was way weird. I went to Storm Chargers looking for the guys and when I got there I saw Kelly was a total goth and her stock boys were Zurgane and Choobo. While I was there I saw the news. It said the Power Rangers were destroying the city.

This really freaked me out and I went to Ninja Ops.

"Guys, the Power Rangers are destroying the city." I said...only the Rangers didn't care. No one was who I was used to them being.

Dustin was a super genius who ran Ninja Ops. Not just a super genius either, an evil super genius that could look really evil.

Cam was an airhead that was totally clueless. Think Cyber Cam, but not programmed for anything.

Blake was this horrible guy who hated me and was totally mean and cruel.

Hunter was seemingly the leader who had a lot of destroying things. Seriously, it made his eyes light up.

Shane...well I couldn't tell much difference other than he was evil.

Finally, Michelle was this total airhead that talked like one of those girls from old gangster movies mixed with a Valley girl. She had no fighting skills what so ever and was totally stuck to Hunter's side like a love sick puppy. She was totally dependant on him in every way. So not Michelle-like.

Actually my first exchange with them went like this:

Me: Hey guys listen, the whole city's flipping out

Shane: Hey Tori, the AWOLer

Hunter: So, you missed out. We were on fire! Out of control.

Michelle: Hunter was amazing. But he always is, aren't you my love?

Me: Did you guys hear me? I saw on the news that the Power Rangers were out there trashing everything.

Shane: Like we said, out of control.

Me: What? That was you guys?

Michelle: Like totally.

Hunter: Shhhh! Don't tell anyone, we wouldn't want to get in trouble. What's up with you anyway? You've been acting weird.

Me: I'm acting weird?

Blake: Yeah. What's with the whole goody goody routine...hey I'm sorry my bad. What are you gonna do cry?

Michelle: Such a cry baby.

Dustin turns around

Dustin: I'm almost done with a new weapon that's really gonna rock this town.

Cam: That's why you're the mechanical master, dude...D-man.

Michelle: Oh Dustin, you so rock.

Me: Cyber Cam can you tell me what is going on?

Cam: Yo T, I am so not Cyber Cam

Me: Sensei, please tell me what's happened to everyone?

Sensei: What are you looking at me for? If you don't what to be a Ranger anymore you know where the waterfall is. Don't let it splash you on the way out.

Dustin: Or maybe you need a little help finding the way?

Michelle: We don't tolerate traitors, right my Hunter?

Blake: What's it gonna be Tori? Are you with us or not?

Me: If you're talking about trashing the city then not.

Dustin: Fine, have it your way.

Michelle: Get her boys.

There was a major fight, I battled the guys and managed to run away before getting too hurt.

The worst part was (and I'm assuming Michelle will be the only one to read this) Blake was totally harsh. He showed no feelings for me except distaste.

I left Ops and went to try to find answers, in the process I ran into hippie looking girl who looked like Marah and Kapri.

Me: Who are you guys suppose to be?

Marah: Oh hi. I'm Marah Marigold-Moonbeam

Kapri: And I'm Kapri Rainbow Chaser

Marah: We're folk singers.

(They sing)

Me: Ok I get it. Now, let me get something straight. Aliens, Kelzacs, various monster types are all good.

Marah: Oh yeah.

Me: And everybody's afraid of the Power Rangers?

Kapri: Oh yeah! Of course. Well they just do whatever they want and stomp on anyone that gets in their way. They're horrible, evil creatures.

Marah: Oh, you're not from about here are you?

Me: Clearly. What am I gonna do?

Kapri: About what?

Me: I have this problem. I need someone really smart and powerful to help me.

Kapri: Well you could go see the Mayor of Blue Bay Harbor. He's like this totally groovy dude.

Marah: That and he's a Libra so he's like totally balanced.

Me: Well can you take me to go see him?

Marah & Kapri: Yeah.

Kapri: Like helpings our most favorite thing.

They took me to the Mayor. The Mayor was Lothor. Our conversation went something like this:

Lothor: Hello, I'm Mayor Lothor. How can I help you my dear?

(I pass out...next thing I know)

Motodrone: Can I get you a glass of water young lady?

Me: No I'm fine.

Lothor: You gave us quite a fright. Careful not to fast. (I was getting up)

Me: I can't believe it. Again? (Power Rangers were on TV attacking)

Lothor: It's terrible isn't it. Nobody quite knows what to do about the Power Ranger problem. They're the worst kind of evil.

Me: But it's your responsibility to protect your city and the people living in it. If you're not gonna do it then who will?

Lothor: I don't want any trouble. I'm sorry.

I went and found the Rangers and tried to take them on myself.

Me: Hey! I told you, you're not gonna destroy Blue Bay Harbor.

Blake: Back off Tori, we don't wanna hurt you.

Me: I wouldn't worry about that. I'm not exactly defenseless. Ninja Storm, Ranger Form! (nothing happens)

Shane: Pathetic. Aren't we supposed to say that?

Dustin: This is a joke; you don't really think you have a chance against all of us, do you.

Michelle: No way she can take out my Hunter.
Me: This is why I hate other dimensions.
Hunter: Now for the last time, get out of our way.
Michelle: You tell her baby.
Dustin: Get her.
Shane: Don't bother getting up, you're through.
Michelle: Bye bye Tori.

Just before I was blasted away Lothor showed up with an army and captured the Rangers.

Lothor: I hope you boys have learned your lesson.
Dustin: What, that if we trash any more stuff we're gonna get our butts kicked?
Lothor: Exactly Well, no wonder you're the smart one.
Cam: Are we in trouble or something?
Blake: You ruined everything.
Hunter: I was over this bad Ranger thing anyway. I'm thinking of taking up skateboarding.
Shane: No way, that's lame. Now motocross, I can get into that.
Hunter: Mich, maybe you can sing like those hippie chicks.
Michelle: Singing? Not a chance my love. Surfing, now that's the thing for me.

Now I had nothing to do and no way home. Marah and Kapri suggested leaving the way I came so I waited for a wave that looked similar to the wave I came in on and I rode it and ended up back home. It was a very trippy day.

According to Tori's paper she had a wild day...but after the monster was gone she and Blake wanted some alone time. She said it bothered her that Hunter and I were together in the other dimension while Blake was so mean. I told her I thought that was only because she wasn't evil. Had she been evil in that dimension then she would have been with Blake. Anyway, I went to the studio to finish some editing. I was kinda worried about doing this because once I was there I really couldn't leave for a couple of hours. Sure enough an hour into my work the morpher beeped.

"Go for Mich" I said.
"Mich, there's trouble." Cam said.
"I can't leave...can you guys hold it down?" I asked.
"Um...we'll try...do what you have to do." Cam said.
"Thanks." I said

I almost had my work done but I had a bad feeling so I checked in.

"Is everything ok?" I asked.
"Um...well there's no monster anymore." Cam said.
"Ok...good...is everyone ok?" I asked.
"No...Hunter was hurt...but don't worry Mich...he's fine...just a slight shoulder injury." He said.
"Oh no...keep him there. I'll be there as soon as I finish work." I said.
"Sure thing." He said.

I rushed to finish my work and went straight to Ninja Ops, but when I walked in I was in for a shock. Hunter and Cam were making out right there at the computer.

"Oh shit" I said to myself. Then I said out loud, "Don't let me interrupt you." I turned around and walking out.
"Mich!" I heard Hunter cry but I was long gone. I went to the beach and sat down. I felt a hand on my shoulder.
"Babe...I'm sorry." He said.
"Sorry? Why should you be sorry...I can't blame you." I said.
"What?" he asked.
"I've told you from the beginning I couldn't sustain a long term thing with you because of my training obligations. I can't get mad at you for trying to find someone else...I mean I am shocked it's Cam but...I'm not mad...just hurt...but not at you...at the fact I can't stay with you." I said.
"Mich...I love you...what happened with Cam...sometimes a kiss is just a kiss and that's what happened." He said.
"I saw that kiss. It was a kiss of passion. It's ok...if you want to explore things with Cam I won't stop you." I said.

“Are you not hearing me?! I love YOU!” he cried.

“OK...I hear you. I’m just saying. Let’s go home.” I said.

We went to his place and got in bed. I stayed on my side of the bed. I was very hurt and I didn’t really want to touch him. I fell asleep that night wondering if Cam, Cam of all people, would be the one to take my boyfriend when I was gone.

PRT 23- "The Math"

Hunter and I walked into Storm Chargers and the second we did Tori got in Hunter's face with a million questions.

"Is everything ok?" I asked

"Ok? Yeah, fine. Why wouldn't they be?" she asked.

"You're acting funny." I said.

"Me? Funny? No...gotta go." She said.

"But don't you wanna hear about the new tires?" Hunter asked

"No one cares babe." I said play hitting him.

He pretended to pout. I watched Tori leave.

"OK, that was very weird" I said.

"I hope everything is ok." Hunter said.

"Me too...but for now I can think of better things to do than worry." I said kissing him.

He kissed me back. "I like how you think" he said.

"Get a room" Dustin said walking past us.

"You're on the clock Hunter. No making out." Kelly said.

"I have to get to work." He said.

"Ok, fine...I'll just go over there and watch you." I said.

"I'll try to be quick" he said.

"Why? You wanna go make out with Cam?" I asked

"Let it go" he said

"Whatever, you have the hots for Cam." I said.

"I do not." He said.

"Stop lying. You so do." I said.

"Alright...fine...I'm slightly attracted to him." He said.

"Slightly my ass...you have it bad." I said, "Now come on training calls."

We went to training and I set up the various spars. Things were ok until a monster showed up.

We went to battle the monster with little success until Blake showed up with this weird looking staff. He got the monster to retreat and we went back to Ops. Blake explained the staff. Apparently Sensei Omino gave it to him.

"I thought you were supposed to train with it." Hunter said

"Who said I'm not." Blake said as he left.

Tori followed.

Meanwhile Hunter and I snuck off to the apartment to be alone.

"Shouldn't you be working?" I asked.

"Oh well...Dustin can cover for me. I want to spend time with you." He said.

"You're too sweet." I said kissing him as we sat on the sofa.

"You know we haven't talked...you know really talked in awhile." Hunter said.

"Since when do you want to talk?" I asked.

"I'm serious," he said.

"You're right, we need to talk" I said

"Ok...what do we need to talk about?" he asked.

"This thing with Cam. I know I keep teasing you but what is going on with us and Cam?" I asked

"I was hurt and he was checking me out to make sure I was ok when...it just sort of happened. We just kissed...and I guess I am attracted to him but..."

"You're scared of being labeled gay." I said.

"Well...am I? I mean Cam is the only guy I've ever felt this way about. Before that I loved Sara and now I love you...so why Cam?"

"I don't know. I mean I hate Cam...so I don't get what you see in him" I said.

"I don't understand this at all." He said.

“I do know I’m glad you will have someone to be close to when I leave.” I said.
“Don’t even talk about that...it isn’t going to happen yet.” Hunter said.
“But someday it will happen. And when it does you will have Cam.” I said.
“I never said I wanted anything serious with him.” He said.
“Do you? Are you physically attracted to him? Do you want to make love to him?” I asked.
“Dude, what’s with all the questions?” he asked.
“You’re the one who wanted to talk so answer the damn question.” I said.
“I...um....wow...” he was interrupted by the communicator. He sighed with relief. “Yeah Cam?” he asked.
“Something’s going down. Mobile command center now.” Cam said.
“On our way.” Hunter said.
“Don’t think I’m gonna forget to ask you later.” I said as we went to meet Cam. Cam tracked the generals and we morphed. We got the Tsunami Cycle, which we shared, and went to battle. After we got the generals to retreat we joined Blake to take out a giant sized monster with the Zords. After that was done Tori explained to me about Blake training with some Thunder Academy student named LeAnn. She said she was gonna go try to make it up to Blake since she had followed him. I laughed and Hunter and I took off.

We went back to the apartment. “Ok now answer the question” I said
“No talk, just kiss” he said kissing me
I kissed him back. “Ok you win. I’ll drop it for now...hey let’s go out.”
“Where?” I asked
“That new country bar?” I asked.
“Um...I’m only 19.” He said.
“So? You can get in, you just can’t drink, but I can.” I said
“Ok then...but country?”
“Yeah...hello? I’m classified as a country/pop singer. I do happen to like country music.” I said.
“Yeah...I know...I’ve just never been to a country bar before.” He said.
“You’ll have a blast...go get ready.” I said.
“What do I wear?” he asked.
“Jeans and a button up shirt is fine.” I said
“Ok...” he said.
“Be back soon.” I said leaving to go change.

I went to Rocky’s and changed into jeans and a purple sleeveless button-up shirt and put on my boots and headed back.
“You ready?” I called to Hunter.
“Yeah.” He said coming out. He had on a tight pair of jeans, a crimson long sleeved button up and boots. “How do I look?” he asked.
“Oh baby....totally sexy.” I said.
“Thanks...you look good too.” He said as we left.

We got to the club and I immediately started having fun but I could tell Hunter was feeling a wee bit out of place.
“It’s ok babe...let’s go dance...look they’re line dancing.” I said as I heard then start playing “Boot Scootin Boogie” by Brooks ad Dunn.
“I’ve never really line danced before.” He said.
“Sure you have...remember I showed you at the talent show?” I said.
“Yeah but only goofing around. I’ve never done this seriously.” He said.
“Oh come on, you’ll have fun.” I said pulling him out with me. He did pretty well. We continued to dance until my song, “Can’t Fight the Moonlight”, came on. I know some artists will go and dance when their songs come on but I wasn’t one of them. I just liked to stay hidden so I tried to go sit down but Hunter grabbed my wrist.
“It’s time for me to make you dance. Come on, it’s your song. Have fun with it.” He said making me dance.
I sighed and went along with it. Hunter appeared to be having fun and that was the important thing.

I went to the bar after the song and ordered a frozen margarita, my favorite drink. “You want anything?” I asked Hunter.
He laughed. “A soda I guess.”
“I’ll get you a real drink if you want it...just don’t tell anyone. They won’t question me here. They know who I am.” I

said.

“Well...a beer would be nice.” He said.

“Ok, you got it.” I said ordering it for him. When the bartender turned around I handed it to him and we got a table.

“This is actually a pretty cool place.” Hunter said.

“I like it.” I said,

“I’m having more fun than I thought I would.” He said.

“See, I knew you’d have fun here.” I said.

“It’s not the place. I could be anywhere and have fun with you Mich...just as long as I’m with you.” He said.

I heard the DJ start playing “Your Everything” by Keith Urban.

Hunter stood up and held out his hand.

“May I have his dance?” he asked.

“Of course.” I said going to dance with him. He held me close and our bodies moved together with the music. It was so sweet. “I always thought this would make such a good wedding song.” I said.

“Maybe someday it will be.” Hunter said. I knew he was talking about our wedding that could never be.

“I think we found our song.” I said.

“Our song?” he asked.

“Yeah, all couples have a song...this is ours.” I said.

“One of many to come.” He said.

“Yeah, we’ll have a mix tape of ‘our songs’ soon.” I said.

“Yes we will.” He said kissing me. The song ended and we went to sit back down. I ordered another drink and Hunter decided to drink sodas so I wouldn’t get in trouble, even though I assured him I wouldn’t.

A few hours later we went back to the apartment. Blake was sleeping and we went to Hunter’s room. I was slightly drunk and Hunter helped me change clothes and get in bed. When Hunter got in bed I rolled over on him.

“I want you” I whispered.

“You’re drunk.” He said.

“So?” I asked.

“So...I don’t wanna take advantage.” He said.

“It’s not like we’ve never done it...come on.” I said slipping his pants off. I pulled out his cock and slipped it in my mouth. Hunter moaned. I had never done this to him before. I started off slowly and teasingly and eventually took him all in and deep throated him.

“Oh my god...Mich...oh...” Hunter moaned.

I knew he was close to cuming. I continued sucking him harder and harder until he began to cum in my mouth. I swallowed. “You liked that didn’t you?” I asked him when I was done.

“Oh baby...that was wonderful.” He said pulling me into his arms and holding me.

“You feel like reciprocating?” I asked.

“After that how could I not?” he said slipping my panties off. I felt his tongue enter me and swirl around. It felt like heaven.

“Oh god yes....Hunter baby...” I moaned. He was very good. I orgasmed pretty quickly and we rested in each other’s arms. “I love you.” I whispered.

“I love you too.” He said.

“So am I the only one you want or do you want Cam too?” I asked.

“Go to sleep Michelle” he said stuffing a pillow in my face.

Oh well, I’d ask him in the morning.

PRT 24 – “Emerging Gold”

“...And so then I tried to show Blake how to surf but he totally didn’t get it.” Tori said to me. I was only half listening and Tor knew it. “...but then he turned into an alien and ate the surfboard and I morphed into the Pink Ranger and blasted him with the Pterodactyl Zord.”

“That’s awesome Tor” I said spaced.

“Ok spill...what is bugging you?” she asked.

“Nothing!” I said defensively.

“Ok whatever you say. I won’t pressure you but I’m here if you wanna talk” she said.

“Thanks.” I said as Cam beeped us. “What’s up Cam?”

“There’s some very strong energy coming from the quarry. Meet us there.” Cam said.

“On it.” I said, “Let’s do it Tor.”

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!”

“Power of Water!”

“Power of Spirit!”

We got to the quarry and met up with the 5 guys.

“Ok I see nothing.” I said.

“Something is here, the computer picked it up.” Cam said.

“Oh well if the computer picked it up.” I said.

“Stop being a smart ass.” Cam said.

“Oh but you’re the smartest ass of us all” I retorted.

“Stop it you two. Keep your guard up.” Shane commanded.

“Sure” I mumbled as we got blasted.

We looked up to see what...or who...blasted us and we saw a chick dressed in a Thunder Ranger suit. Her suit looked like my Violet Thunder Ranger suit but in Gold.

“You Rangers are so pathetic.” She said.

“Dude, you have to be joking...another one.” Dustin said.

“You never said there was another one...way to hold out.” Shane said.

“We didn’t know.” Hunter said.

“So I guess you don’t know who she is either then.” Tori said.

“No...we had no idea there was another Thunder Morpher.” Blake said.

“Great...” Cam said.

“Well it doesn’t much matter. There’s 7 of us and 1 of her. Let’s take her out.” I said.

“Not so fast Purple Ranger.” She said. “Tornado Star!” she commanded as she blasted me hard.

“Mich!” Hunter cried running to my side.

“I’m ok” I said softly trying to get up.

Hunter got up and stepped forward.

“You are going to pay for that. I have a Thunder Staff too! Tornado Star!” he commanded.

“Thunder Shield!” the Gold Ranger said blocking his attack.

“Damn she’s good.” Blake said.

“What now?” Dustin asked.

“Hawk Blaster!” Shane said trying to blast her.

“Bee Stinger!” the Gold Ranger said shooting at the Rangers as she dodged Shane’s blast. The Rangers went flying.

“This is so not good.” Dustin said.

“And this is just the beginning Rangers. We will meet again.” She said leaving.

“Hunter, help Michelle. She’s hurt. Everyone, back to Ops.” Cam said.

We went back to Ops and Hunter was wrapping my ankle, which I had hurt when I landed.

“Who was that chick?” Dustin asked.

“Who ever she is she knows what she’s doing.” Blake said.

"Yeah, she used her powers as well as us." Hunter said.

"And you had no clue there was a fourth Thunder Morpher?" Shane asked.

"No...none." Blake said.

I thought a second. "Wait...it makes sense now." I said.

"What makes sense?" Tori asked.

"When Lothor captured me and gave me the Violet Thunder Morpher he told me the powers of Wind and Thunder were equal. It didn't make sense at the time but it fits now. We all have counterparts, Red to Crimson, Blue to Navy, Purple to Violet, and Yellow to Gold." I said.

"Great, so this chick is my counterpart then." Dustin said.

"Basically" I said.

"Wonderful...this girl was obviously trained by Lothor and she knows how to anticipate our attacks." Shane said.

"So did we when we attacked...Lothor had us watching every battle so we would be prepared." Blake said.

"Yeah, and if she's seen all of our battles from the time we turned on Lothor until now then she's very prepared."

Hunter said.

"And so I'm sure she knows who we are but we're at the disadvantage because we know nothing about her." Shane said.

"Except that she's powerful." Dustin said.

"She may not be as powerful as we think. She caught us off guard. Next time we'll be ready for her." Cam said.

"I've got news for you Cam...she's pretty damn strong. Look at my ankle." I said

"The Tornado Star is pretty damn strong. A blast like that from any Thunder Ranger can do damage." Cam said

"You just think you know it all don't you?" I said

"I never said that" Cam said.

"You insinuate it enough." I said

"And you don't Miss 'I've been a Ranger for 10 years and I'm a trainer so I know more than you'?" Cam retorted.

"You're one to talk Mr. 'I fix the Zords and do all the background work but I'm a baby and couldn't handle not being a Ranger'" I said.

"You're such a stuck up diva." Cam said.

"You're such a techno snob." I said

"You little..."

"Enough you two. Stop fighting." Shane said.

"What's up with you two, all you guys have done today is argue." Tori said.

"I'm just sick of him being such an ass" I said.

"Oh, you act like God's gift to the Power Rangers and I'm the ass. I'm so tired of you acting like there would be no Power Team without you." Cam said.

"Quit fighting now." Hunter said.

"Yeah, there are bigger problems to deal with, like Miss Goldie." Dustin said.

"Yeah, exactly...so what's our strategy?" Blake asked.

"I don't know...we don't want to kill her but we can't let her over power us." Shane said.

"We need to find out who 'her' is." I said.

"But for now we have to focus on not letting her win." Tori said.

"For now go back to whatever you were doing before this happened. I'll contact you if she comes back." Cam said.

"Ok, let's go Mich." Tori said pulling me out of Ops before I could argue with Cam again.

We went to Storm Chargers.

"Hey Kelly" we said walking in.

"Hey guys...have you seen Dustin, Blake, or Hunter? I need one of them to come in. I have some things to do." She said.

"No, sorry Kel. Haven't seen them." I said.

"Great. I guess I'll just have to close up shop for awhile then." She said putting the "closed" sign up.

"Ok...what's going on Kel?" Tori asked.

"Nothing...just something...but it's nothing." She said taking off as we walked out of Storm Chargers.

"That was way past weird." I said.

"I wonder what's wrong with her." Tori said.

"Who knows?" I said as the Morpher beeped.

"Go for Mich." I said

“Guess who’s back.” Cam said pointing to the monitor.

“Oh great, it’s Goldie.” I said.

“Ok let’s do it” Tori said.

We went to town to fight the Gold Ranger again with the rest of the team.

“So nice to see you again Rangers.” Goldie said.

“I’m so sure…” Dustin said.

I walked towards her.

“Michelle what are you doing?!” Hunter called.

I ignored him and kept walking towards the Gold Ranger.

“Don’t do this…I don’t know what Lothor has said or done to you but we belong on the same side.” I said

“We are not on the same side and never will be.” She said as she hit me with her Thunder Staff. I moaned in pain as I tried to get up.

“That’s it. I tried to be nice but I’ve had it.” I managed to get up. “Spirit Staff, power up!” I commanded as she and I went head to head in a major staff duel. The duel lasted about 10 minutes or so before she got tired of it.

“You’re good Purple Ranger, but not good enough.” She said as she pulled her Bee Stinger and blasted me when I wasn’t expecting it. I went flying backwards. “And now for my next trick…Bee Zord, power up!”

Hunter ran to my side again and helped me up.

“Oh great, she has a Zord too.” Hunter said.

“You expected less?” I asked.

“Cam…you know what to do.” Shane said.

Cam called the Zords and I called Mini-Zord and we formed the Thunder Storm Megazord.

We took on her Zord and truthfully, she was good. I mean we had a Megazord, she had one Zord, and while she wasn’t taking us out, it was a pretty even fight, which boggled my mind. She actually damaged our Zords.

“This is unreal.” Cam said.

“She knows how to drive that Zord.” Blake said.

“And she keeps flying away before we can really attack her.” Dustin said.

“We need to do something fast…our power levels are dropping at a steady rate.” I said

As I said that she used some electric stinger attack on us.

“Ok, power levels are critical.” I said.

“Retreat. I need to recharge the Zords before she does anymore damage.” Cam said.

“Retreat? You have to be kidding.” Hunter said.

“There is no other option.” Cam said.

“How in the hell is this happening? She has one single Zord.” Hunter said getting angry.

“Later Hunter, pull back.” Cam said.

“No way. If you wanna take the Wind Zords go ahead. Blake and I will form the Thunder Megazord.” Hunter said.

“Hunter no!” Cam said.

“Try and stop me.” Hunter said.

“Hunter, maybe we should listen to Cam” Blake said.

“No Blake…now pull out. We need to form our Megazord.” Hunter said.

“Hunter don’t” I said.

“Now Blake.” Hunter said.

“Ok Hunter, forming the Thunder Megazord now.” Blake said.

They took on the Bee Zord while we retreated. Being as the Gold Ranger had a Thunder Zord she was able to join her Zord with the Thunder Megazord and kick Hunter and Blake out and took control. We watched this from Ops.

“HUNTER!” I cried as I saw him fall from the Zords.

“BLAKE!” Tori cried.

“Shit, she has a Megazord now…this mean she can connect with the Wind Zords now.” Cam said.

“Not if I don’t use Mini Zord.” I said

“You’re right. I just have to take Mini Zord offline so she can’t access it.” Cam said.

“We need to get the Thunders back here.” I said.

“Ok I’m teleporting them.” Cam said
A few seconds later Hunter and Blake were back at Ops.
“Are you guys ok?” I asked
“Fine.” Hunter said angry.
“A little sore, but fine.” Blake added.
I walked over and hugged Hunter. “I was so worried.
“I’m fine.” He said again.

“This is bad, she has a Megazord...the Thunder Megazord has taken out the Winds’ Zords before.” Cam said.
“Yeah...we have to get the Beatle Zord and Insectizord back.” I said
“How?” Hunter asked.
I sighed. “I don’t know yet.” I admitted.
“Something the all powerful trainer doesn’t know?” Cam teased.
“Does the all knowing techno snob know the answer? Didn’t think so” I retorted.
“Don’t start this again you two. This isn’t the time. If we don’t get those Zords back we don’t stand a chance against the Gold Ranger. She has the upper hand now.” Shane said.
“And what do you suggest fearless leader?” Cam asked.
“Well...I don’t know yet either” Shane admitted.
“Think fast...she has the Thunder Megazord downtown. We need to stop her and all the Zords are in repair.” Tori said.
“Great...Lothor’s really done it now.” I said not knowing what to do.
“I’m taking the Star Chopper to hold her at bay. Cyber Cam will finish repairing the Zords. Join me when you can.” Cam said.
“Ok, be careful Cam.” Tori said.
“Of course....Samurai Storm, Ranger Form! Green Samurai Power!”

Cam left and the rest of us sat at the table trying to think of a plan.
“Who in the hell could she be? If we knew we could try to take her in civilian form.” I said.
“Think you guys...you have to know who she is.” Tori said.
The Thunders thought a second.
“Who knows Bee Style Thunder skills?” Blake asked.
“Jennifer?” Hunter asked.
“She was never that good. Even if Lothor trained her she wouldn’t be that good.” Blake said.
“True...Heather?” Hunter asked.
“No, she trained in Navy Beetle with me.” Blake said.
“Hmm...well it’s not like we knew every girl at the academy.” Hunter said.
“It could be someone who graduated before us.” Blake said.
“Yeah...someone like...LeAnn?!” Hunter asked.
“Oh damn...it could be...Sensei Omino trained her in all styles...why would she want to attack us though?” Blake asked.
“Lothor may have brainwashed her.” Hunter said.
“Damn, you’re right. And LeAnn is good...she could easily take us out.” Blake said.
“I bet she’s the Gold Ranger.” Hunter said.
“OK so we have an idea of who this Gold Ranger is. Now what?” Tori asked.
“Now...we wait for Cyber Cam to finish repairing the Zords...Dusty you should get to Storm Chargers for now. We can hold it down here. Kelly was freaking out. She even closed shop because there was no one to cover.” I said
“Kelly closed shop? Too weird.” Dustin said.
“Just get over there.” I said.
“Ok I’m on it.” Dustin said leaving
“Blake, go try to find LeAnn...if she’s around as a civilian right now that means she’s not the Gold Ranger.” I said
“Right” he said leaving
“And then there were 4.” Shane said.
“Let’s check on Cam.” I said going to the computer.

Cam was holding his own but battling the Thunder Megazord wasn’t an easy task. It wasn’t too long before Cam’s Zord

was down too and the Gold Ranger retreated. Cam came back to Ops.

“Are you ok?” Tori asked.

“Yeah..fine.” he said as Blake came back.

“You’re back fast.” I said.

“I found LeAnn...she’s teaching a class at a karate studio right now...she’s not the Ranger we’re looking for.” Blake said as Dustin came back.

“What are you doing back Dusty?” I asked

“Kelly came back so I split, what happened to Gold girl?” Dustin asked.

“She split.” I said as I began to think. When Tommy became the Green Ranger he was acting funny...when Hunter and Blake were against us they acted funny... $2+2=4$...Kelly+stranger behavior could mean she was a Ranger...the Gold Ranger. “It’s Kelly...she has to be the Gold Ranger” I said

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“Kelly?” Tori asked.

“No way.” Dustin said.

“It’s possible.” I said.

“But Kelly never trained at the Thunder Academy.” Hunter said

“So...Lothor could have very well trained her” I said.

“I hate it when the Trainer makes a point. She’s right. If Kelly was a Ranger it would explain a lot.” Cam said.

“I’m not saying she is...I mean...she could be...it’s worth checking out.” I said

“Ok fine. Dustin, you and I are going to tail Kelly...we’re not letting her out of our site.” Shane said.

“Good idea Shane. Hunter, stay here with me and help me find a way to get the Zords back under your control. Blake and Tori, go tail LeAnn, just to be 100% sure. Michelle you can go check on thing in Angel Grove if you want.” Cam said.

“Me? Leave you and Hunter alone? I don’t think so.” I said.

“Why don’t you want them alone?” Tori asked.

“I have my reasons.” I said sourly.

“You’re taking this rivalry with Cam too far” Shane said.

“If you only knew” I growled.

“OK. Fine. Stay here Michelle. I don’t care.” Cam said.

Everyone took off except Cam, Hunter, and I.

“Jealousy doesn’t become you.” Cam said.

“You kissed my boyfriend. How am I suppose to act?” I asked.

“I’ve got news for you, that kiss was a mutual thing. Hunter kissed me as much as I kissed him.” Cam said.

“Whatever.” I said

“Mich, babe...I told you. That kiss was just a kiss.” Hunter said.

“Maybe to you but it wasn’t to him. I’m so stupid. I should have seen this sooner. All the hugs...the time you brushed against each other for no reason...the looks you exchanged. Y’all have the hots for each other!” I cried as I realized it.

“We what? No we don’t!” Hunter insisted.

“I don’t see Cam protesting.” I said.

“Because you’re being ridiculous.” Cam said.

“Whatever. If you guys want each other go for it. I’ll only be around for a little longer anyway I’m sure.” I said

“Michelle, stop it. I love you. Got that? You. End of story.” Hunter said.

“And I love you but...”

“No buts Mich...just stop.” Hunter said.

“She can’t help it. She’s just insecure.” Cam said.

“I am not!” I cried.

“You are very insecure Michelle. That’s why you act all high and mighty.” Cam said.

“You’re one to talk.” I said.

“Enough you two...focus...Thunder Zords...we need them back.” Hunter said.

“Right. Because someone doesn’t know how to take orders we have to get two Zords back.” Cam said getting back to work. I walked outside. I needed air. Hunter followed me.

“What is your problem?” Hunter asked.

“Nothing” I said

“Something...what is it?” he asked.

“This whole thing. I know you have feelings for Cam and that kills me...not because of pure jealousy but because I know he can be with you and I can’t.” I said.

“We’re together now.” Hunter said.

“Yeah, for now...what happens when another Ranger team calls me? I’ll have to go and you will be left behind...with Cam. You can have a future with Cam and with me that isn’t an option” I said

“Future? With Cam? I think you’re getting ahead of yourself.” He said.

“I know...I’m just saying...you and Cam have time with each other that you and I don’t have.” I said.

“You dwell on that too much. Let’s just enjoy the time we do have. We don’t know when another team will call you. It could be tomorrow or it could be years from now.” Hunter said.

“Exactly...I might have to leave on a moment’s notice...if that happens I just want you know always know how much I love you.” I said

“And I love you too Michelle...nothing will ever change that.” He said kissing me.

“I hate to break up this tender moment but I regained control of the Thunder Zords and a certain Gold Ranger is not too happy.” Cam said.

“OK...we’re on it. Let’s do it.” I said

“Ninja Storm Ranger Form! Power of Spirit!”

“Thunder Storm, Ranger Form! Power of Thunder!”

“Samurai Storm, Ranger Form! Green Samurai Power!”

Dustin

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We got to Storm Chargers and Kelly was working overtime.

“Kel slow down. If you need help I’m here.” I said.

“Yeah, calm down.” Shane said.

“I’m just in a hurry. I have things to do.” Kelly said.

“Such as?” I asked picking up some boxes.

“Just things Dustin. You don’t have to know everything.” Kelly said.

“Dude, calm down.” I said.

“Sorry, I’m just on edge. There’s a lot going on and I need this place clean.” Kelly said getting back to work at a super fast pace. Shane and I looked at each other.

“You think it’s her?” Shane asked.

“She’s acting very odd.” I said.

“Maybe Mich was right?” Shane said.

“We could just ask her.” I said.

“Yeah, like she’d just admit it.” Shane said.

“Dustin, Shane...a little help here.” Kelly called.

“Sure thing.” I said getting back to work.

“Hurry, this place needs to be clean now.” Kelly said.

“Why are you in such a rush? You have somewhere to be?” Shane asked.

“Ask questions later, work now.” Kelly said.

I put some more boxes away. I was getting sick of this.

“Kelly just stop. You’re running around like a chicken with it’s head cut off dude.” I said

“I don’t have time for this Dustin.” She said.

“Right...you have some reason for rushing...I know...” I said.

“So move out of my way.” She said.

“Listen Kelly I know.” I said.

“You know what?” she asked.

“Why you’re in such a rush.” I said.

“Ok so then you realize how important it is for me to hurry with this.” She said.

“Listen Kelly we can talk this out.” I said

“Talk isn’t going to get us anywhere.” She said.

“There has to be another way.” I said.

“I don’t see one.” She said.

“It’s because you’re not thinking clearly.” I said.

“This is just a big deal. I have something to prove.” She said.

“Not to me.” I said.

“Thanks but to them I do.” She said.

“They don’t matter. Really Kel.” I said.

"I just want to show them I amounted to something. They never thought I would. I grew up promising I would show them someday." She said.

"You grew up with them?" I asked horrified.

"Um...where did you think I grew up? I lived with parents like anyone else." She said.

"Parents?" I asked.

"Yeah...my parents are coming into town and I want Storm Chargers to look perfect so they can see how well I'm doing on my own...why what did you think I was talking about?" she asked.

"Um...n...nothing...we gotta go...I'll check in later Kel." I said pulling Shane out.

"Way to go Dustin, you almost blew our cover." Shane scolded.

"But I didn't...dude, Kelly is so not the Gold Ranger." I said.

"Obviously...let's get back and report to Michelle." Shane said.

I nodded and we headed back to Ops.

Blake

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Tori and I found LeAnn. She was training in a dojo.

"Hey Le." I said

"Blake! Tori! So good to see you guys." She said.

"We need to talk to you" I said.

"Ok...let's go sit..." LeAnn said leading us to a table. We all sat. "So what's up?" she asked.

"Did you father ever tell you about any sort of...supplemental Thunder power?" I asked.

"You mean the Thunder Morphers." She said.

"So you do know about them?" Tori asked.

"Yeah I do." LeAnn said.

"Have you ever seen these Morphers?" I asked.

"You mean like the one you're wearing?" LeAnn asked.

"Oh...yeah...you know then..." I said.

"Of course I knew. I knew my father was grooming you and Hunter to take on the Morphers. I was meant to have a Morpher too." LeAnn said.

"Which one?" Tori asked.

"The Violet Morpher but for some reason no one was able to access that power. Supposedly it came from a different source than the other powers." LeAnn said.

"And what about the Gold Morpher?" I asked.

"That was meant for...it doesn't matter...the person it was meant for died before she was able to claim the powers. After the school was destroyed I went back looking for the Gold Morpher and it had disappeared. I haven't seen it since." LeAnn explained.

"Well someone found it and that someone is working for Lothor." Tori said.

"What? You have to get that Morpher back...if you don't the rest of the Thunder Powers could be lost forever." LeAnn said alerted.

"That's what we're trying to do but we need to find out who has the Morpher." I said.

"I wish I could help you but I didn't even know the Gold Morpher had been recovered. And if you're thinking I'm the Gold Thunder Ranger, I'm not" LeAnn said.

I smiled. "She was an excellent fighter so we thought maybe..."

"I would never fight for Lothor. He's the reason my father is gone. I want him taken out as badly as you do Blake." LeAnn said.

"Well thank you for your help." I said.

"You have to recover that Morpher Blake." LeAnn said.

"We will...and we'll get Sensei Omino back. Somehow..." I promised.

"If he's still alive..." LeAnn said softly.

"He is...Sensei is strong..." Blake said.

"Just like our Sensei...I'm sure your father is fine." Tori said.

"Oh yeah...what happened to Sensei Watanabe?" LeAnn asked.

"Lothor turned him into a Guinea Pig." Tori said.

“Oh wow...” LeAnn said.

“He’s a good Sensei though...he’s training Hunter and I now” I said.

“Who would have ever thought the Wind and Thunder academies would work together so closely...” LeAnn said.

“We have the same goal now.” I said.

“I know...and together you can defeat Lothor.” LeAnn said.

“And we will. But for now we need to go. There’s a lot of work to do if we are to find the Gold Ranger.” I said.

“Good luck.” LeAnn said as Tori and I left

“You know she would be perfect for Cam...we should set them up.” Tori said.

I sighed. “Always the match maker, aren’t you?” I asked laughing as we headed back to Ops.

Michelle

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Cam, Hunter and I arrived where Cam had tracked the Gold Ranger to.

“You Rangers think you’re pretty smart but you will never defeat the all powerful Lothor.” The Gold Ranger said.

“They always say that.” I said

“I think it’s time you learned which side is the winning side.” Hunter said.

The three of us took on the Gold Ranger. She blocked all our attacks until we all attacked at once and we got her down and she was pissed. She called her Zord.

“Ok Cam...what now?” Hunter asked.

“I’ll call all the Zords. We can make the Thunder Storm Megazord so she will stay out of the other Thunder Zords.”

Cam said.

“Ok sounds good.” I said

Hunter and I took control of the Thunder Storm Megazord and this time we easily over powered her knocking her from the Zord. She landed on the ground, powerless and unconscious.

“Oh my god we got her...” I said

“She unmorphed.” Hunter said.

“Let’s go find out who she is.” I said

We exited the Zords and walked over to the girl. I rolled her over so we could see her face.

“Well it’s not Kelly or LeAnn.” I said looking at Hunter, who was pale as if he’d just seen a ghost. His jaw was dropped and he looked like he was going to pass out. “Babe? Are you ok? Do you know her?” I asked

He nodded.

“Who is she?” I asked.

“My...my sister.” He said in a daze.

“Your sister?!” I asked.

He nodded. “Haley.”

## PRT 26 – “Losing Grip”

This was turning out to be mega weird. Hunter and Blake’s sister was lying on the ground unconscious and Hunter looked like he was about to pass out.

“We have to help her.” Hunter said still dazed.

“Yeah...let’s get her to a hospital.” I said.

“No...we have to get her to Ops.” Hunter said.

“Are you insane?! She’s on Lothor’s side! She can’t go to Ops.” I said

“She’s my sister. I have to help her.” Hunter said.

“I know you want to help her, but Hunter...no, not at Ops.” I said.

“I’m not gonna stay here and argue while my sister needs help. You don’t want her at Ops? Too bad....just try and stop me.” Hunter said picking her up and taking off.

Cam came out of his Zord and I filled him in.

“He took her to Ops? Damn it! We have to get back there.” Cam said.

We got to Ops and Hunter already had his sister laying down and was trying to help her. Cam sighed and helped. I called the others and met them outside of Ops.

“Well Kelly isn’t a Ranger” Dustin said.

“I know...we know who she is.” I said.

“Really? Who?” Shane asked.

“Um..that’s why I met you guys out here. I need to warn you.” I said.

“Why, who is it?” Tori asked.

“Blake...I don’t quite know how to tell you this...the Gold Ranger is...your sister Haley.” I said.

“That’s not possible. Haley is dead.” Blake said.

“No, she isn’t...she’s inside Ops...but she is unconscious.” I said.

“You’re not kidding...oh my god!” Blake said pushing past me and rushing to Hunter and Haley.

The rest of us followed Blake in.

“I don’t believe this.” I mumbled but Hunter heard.

“Will you cut it out? Evil or not she’s my sister. Lothor obviously did something to her.” He said.

“Yeah...Haley doesn’t have an evil bone in her body...at least she didn’t” Blake said.

“I didn’t even know you had a sister.” Tori said.

“Yeah...she was 10 when Lothor killed our parents...and when that happened we thought she was killed too. For the last 6 years we thought she was dead...” Blake explained.

“And now here she is alive...but hurt at the hands of her own brother.” Hunter said.

“You didn’t know” I said.

“I should have known!” he said.

“How could you? You thought she was dead!” I said

“You wish she were...you wanted to let her die.” Hunter said.

“I did not! I am just trying to protect everyone!” I cried.

“Right...whatever. I don’t need a girlfriend who is obviously so cruel.” Hunter said.

“What?” I asked hurt.

“You heard me. You can’t accept my sister. It’s over.” He said.

I was about to scream at him but Tori and Cam pulled me aside.

“Let him calm down Mich...he isn’t thinking clearly.” Tori said.

“And she isn’t a threat. I took her Morpher and it’s hidden.” Cam said.

“See everything is ok.” Tori said

“I just wanna get out of here.” I said

“Ok, let’s go get something to eat.” Tori said.

We went to eat but I couldn’t eat a bite. I was too upset about Hunter. Tori tried to keep my mind off of it but it was no

use.

A couple of hours later I went back.

“Hunter, we need to talk.” I said

“Not now.” He said.

“Yes now” I said dragging him outside.

“Ok what do you want?” he asked.

“Listen and listen good. I love you Hunter Bradley. I know our relationship isn’t conventional, hell our lives aren’t conventional, but I love you and what I did was to protect you and the team. If you don’t see that then you aren’t the Ranger I thought you were. I know how Blake used Tori to get into Ops and while I know Haley is really hurt badly that doesn’t change the danger that can ensue when she wakes up. Now if you want to break up with me for trying to protect my friends then go for it, but if you are willing to throw away what we have so easily then not only are you not the Ranger I thought but you are also not the man I thought you were.” I said.

“Are you done?” he asked walking back inside.

“Ugh! Men!” I cried taking off.

I was sitting at the lake fuming over Hunter when I felt a hand touch my shoulder. I automatically jumped into fight mode. I stopped in mid attack when I saw it was Cam.

“You shouldn’t sneak up on a ninja...you know that.” I said sitting back down.

“I know...I’m sorry.” He said sitting next to me.

“What do you want anyway?” I asked

“I want you to know that everything is taken care of. I have the Gold Morpher locked up and no one can enter or leave Ops without a Power Disk. And...well...if you wanna talk I’m here.” He said.

“You’re actually being nice to me?” I asked

“Well...I mean...you seem really upset.” He said.

“I am. I mean who does Hunter Bradley think he is? I love him and he thinks he can just treat me like shit. I was only protecting the team.” I said.

“I know...and if it makes you feel any better I agreed with your decision.” Cam said.

“You agreed with me? Maybe I was wrong.” I said.

“You need to learn to take a compliment.” He said.

“When you’re the one complimenting that’s easier said than done.” I said.

“What is it you have against me?” he asked.

“I should ask you the same thing. But to answer your question, nothing really. I mean you kissed Hunter but aside from that you just seem arrogant sometimes.” I said

“I don’t have anything against you...and if the fact I kissed Hunter is bugging you maybe it’s because you wish it was you.” He said.

“Um, no I don’t like people kissing my boyfriend in general.” I said.

“Oh really?”

“Really...call me crazy but that’s how I feel. And you do to have something against me.” I said.

“Just that you’re very stuck up and you think you’re the Ranger to end all Rangers.” Cam said.

“Have you ever considered there’s a reason for that? I know I’m not the best but I’m good at what I do or I wouldn’t be a trainer.” I said.

“You don’t have to act so superior.” He said.

“Like you don’t? You’re worse than me with having a superior attitude.” I said.

“At least I don’t go around acting like a diva.” He said.

“Yeah, but you don’t go around much anywhere because you’re too busy being a snobby computer geek.” I said.

“Without me working all the time you wouldn’t have Zords” he said.

“See! You think because you’re Mr. Zord-man you are better than the rest of us.” I said

“I do not!” he said

“You do too. There were Zords before you and there will be Zords after you. All you do is keep the Wind and Thunder Zords running, which I could do if you didn’t.” I said

“You are such a bitch.” He said.

“And you are such an asshole.” I said realizing for the first time how close we were standing to each other. Next thing I know we’re kissing.

Yup I was sure the world would end. I kissed Cam...Cam kissed me...we kissed each other...Cam...Cam of all people...I plead insanity.

Anyway the kiss broke and we just looked at each other.

“Ok don’t ever do that again” I said.

“Not a problem.” Cam said.

We looked at each other and kissed again.

The kiss broke again.

“I have some place to be.” I said backing up.

“Yeah you better go kiss Shane and Blake so you can complete the team.” Cam said.

“Whatever.” I said leaving.

## PRT 27 – “Coming Clean”

Ok let's recap. The Gold Ranger is Haley Bradley. My boyfriend dumped me. I just kissed Cam, my biggest rival. I was living above a dojo with my ex-boyfriend. I had broken way too many rules as a trainer. And until the other day I was best friends with an evil space ninja.

Life was low.

I sat in my car listening to music. I was trying to get my mind off of this whole mess when I saw Hunter walking towards my car (I was just sitting in a parking lot). I got out of the car and walked towards him. That's when he morphed and blasted me. I went flying.

“Hunter! What the hell?!” I cried.

“It's time you paid for trying to kill my sister.” He said.

“What? I did no such thing.” I said.

“If we had left her like you wanted she would have died.” He said.

“You don't know that.” I said.

“Tornado Star.” He tried blast me but I jumped out of the way.

“I don't wanna fight you, but if you insist. Ninja Storm, Ranger Form! Power of Spirit!” I called. “Spirit Staff, power up!”

We fought and I was losing badly. Hunter swung around and tried to knock me across the parking lot but in mid air a certain Green Ranger caught me.

“So you're my savior now?” I asked.

“Your gratitude is overwhelming.” Cam said going after Hunter. The guys fought for awhile but Hunter eventually retreated. I ran over to Cam.

“Are you ok?” I asked.

“Yeah...I'm fine.” He said.

“Thank you for saving me.” I said softly.

“You're welcome.” He said.

“Now, we have to get that Morpher before Hunter gives it back to Haley.” I said.

“Too late” a voice said.

I looked up. It was Haley, she had her Morpher back and had morphed.

“Oh great.” I said.

“I'm not yet ready to attack you, but rest assure my brother and I will make you pay.” She said leaving us.

“Just wonderful.” I said.

“Hunter's attack must have been a distraction so Haley could get her Morpher.” Cam said.

“She must have him under a spell of some sort.” I said.

“And Lothor has her under a spell. I'm sure of it.” Cam said.

“Let's get back to Ops.” I said

I went back to Ops and started thinking about how to break the hold Lothor had on Haley and the hold Haley had on Hunter. I finally came up with an idea...it wasn't a perfect solution but everyone would be happy, assuming it worked like it was suppose to.

This is where I fill you in on my past. No not my Ranger past...think further. This is the part of my past only the Myth team knows about me. None of the Ninja Storm Ranger, except Cam, knew a thing about this. We all know Mina is Sailor Venus...how do you think I know her? Not just by luck. I met her because I discovered I was the Princess of Saturn. My sister, Hotaru, was a princess as well, but she oversaw armies while I ran the planet...anyway LONG story short, just as the Moon Princess is connected to the Silver Crystal, I am connected to my Power Amethyst. It held a great power but if I over used it I would use my life energy. That's the story in a nut shell. Maybe someday I'll give you all the details but that's all you need to know to understand why I did what I did next.

I had gone to Rocky's and was cleaning when Cam called me to let me know Hunter and Haley were attacking the rest of the team, Blake included. I told him he would have to handle it. I was done dealing with Hunter. I just wanted to forget about it until I remember how much I loved Hunter and I swore I would never let anything bad happen to him. I grabbed my amethyst and morphed. I watched for a time.

"Hunter, Haley stop. We're on the same side." Blake tried to reason with his siblings.  
"You are a trader Blake. You should be fighting with us." Hunter said.  
"You two should be fighting with us." Blake said.  
"No...they want to hurt me...I can't believe my own big brother would allow such a thing." Haley said.  
"They don't want to hurt you, they want to help you!" Blake cried as they blasted him.  
"BLAKE!" Tori called running to his side. The other Rangers were already down.  
"Hey! Up here!" I called from my hiding place above them.  
"It's the Purple Ranger! Get her!" Haley said

I jumped down from my hiding spot and I fought Haley back. I didn't want to do anything drastic unless it was a last resort. As Haley and Hunter both headed to attack me I knew this was my last resort. I sighed and grabbed my Amethyst.

"Michelle no!" Cam called.  
"I have too. This is the only way. Saturn Spirit Healing!" I called as I held the amethyst up. A purple light engulfed Hunter and Haley. I knew it was healing them. I saw Hunter come around and realize what happened. I felt myself getting weaker. I got too weak to hold the Purple Ranger power and it gave out, demorphing me. I knew I must have been beyond pale at that point but I could see that Hunter and Haley would be ok.  
"Mich!" Hunter cried. That was the last thing I heard before I passed out.

"Mich...please don't die on me...wake up baby." I heard as I started to come to. I felt my eyes flutter open. "Mich...you're awake...oh god...you're ok." Hunter said hugging me.

"I'm fine...just a little weak." I said softly.  
"I was so scared I lost you. Cam told us about what that amethyst can do." Hunter said kissing me.  
"How's Haley?" I asked weakly.  
"I'm fine Michelle...thank you. I've been under Lothor's spell for 6 years. I'm so glad to finally be free." Haley said.  
"Not a problem. You're Hunter's family and I'd do anything for him." I said.  
"I'm so glad you're ok." Hunter said holding me.  
"Yeah me too." I said.

"So we're up to 8 Rangers...Lothor is so going down." Dustin said.  
"I don't know about that Dustin. I don't think I want to do this Ranger thing." Haley said.  
"You have to" Dustin said.  
"What Dustin mean is you're welcome to join us if you want." Tori said.  
"Thank you" Haley said, "But I just now gained my freedom. I have some soul searching to do to figure out where I go from here. I think I'm going to take some time for me."  
"That sounds reasonable." Blake said.  
"Wait, we just found you again and you're leaving us again?" Hunter asked.  
"Only for now. I'll be back for you guys...count on it." Haley said.  
"We'll miss you." Hunter said hugging her.  
"I'll miss you guys too...thank you for giving me my freedom Michelle." Haley said handing me her Morpher.  
"Keep it...you never know when a stray Kelzac might pop up." I said.  
She nodded. "Thank you. Thank you for everything." She said leaving.

After Cam OKed me leaving Ops I went home with Hunter and we got in bed.

"So you kissed Cam..." Hunter said.  
"A kiss is just a kiss." I said throwing his words back.  
"Whatever you say." Hunter said.

I cuddled in his arms and fell asleep. I knew I wouldn't live that kiss down anytime soon. I sighed. Oh well...at least

things were somewhat normal again.

## PRT 28 "Secrets Revealed"

Dustin, Blake, Hunter and I were hanging out at Storm Chargers when Shane walked in. He looked out of it.

"What's wrong?" I asked.

"Oh nothing...just...my big brother is coming to town." Shane said.

"Yeah, that would bum me out too." Blake said.

Hunter hit Blake "hey"

"You're brother can't be any worse than Tommy. I love my brother to death and he's one of my best friends but he's a damn Ranger legend and he knows it. He thinks he the best Ranger to ever live." I said.

Shane started to explain how he always felt inferior to his brother.

"I'm sorry...I hope it works out for you." I said seeing the time. "Dudes, training now."

We went to training and finished up then got out the Thunder's Tsunami Cycles.

"If you wouldn't have trashed the Wind Cycles we'd be done by now." I said.

"Why is riding the Thunder Cycles so much harder?" Tori asked.

"Because yours are 125s and ours are 250s" Hunter explained.

"Go figure." Dustin said.

"Consider this training for a moto career." I said.

"Let's get back to work." Hunter said.

I finally gave up and Shane went to meet with his brother.

We all decided to go shopping until Cam told us about a monster. We went to face it and it retreated when Shane used his armor (which Porter saw, thus revealing Shane's identity). After it retreated I sent the others to do some repair work while I stayed to work on something with Cam. Then Shane came in and wanted to walk to Sensei and I about Porter.

"Listen Shane, I don't have much I can tell you about this. Just, be yourself. Your brother loves you, Ranger or not, and really just wants you to succeed. I know it's hard. Tommy is always pushing my buttons. Telling me I could be a better Ranger, but I just had to learn to understand he wants me to be the best. Porter wants the same for you. Ok Sensei, the rest it's all yours." I said.

Sensei talked to Shane about their age difference.

"There you go...you don't even know him. Try bonding with him...how do you think siblings get close? Look at Blake and Hunter, Tommy and myself, or any other close siblings...they all talk. As much of a hard case as my bro is I tell him what's going on in my life. Same with Blake and Hunter. Those two have no secrets..." I said unsure of my last comment considering Hunter's recent behavior.

Shortly after the monster returned. When it returned it captured the Thunders and shot it's little fear spell band thing at Shane, Tori, Dusty, and myself.

It was horrible. The spell made you live in your fear as if it was really happening. For me it felt like I was in a room with an army of rats (I have severe case of musophobia) and Hunter was there but he was leaving me.

"Sara is so much better than you Michelle? Why would I want you when I can have the true love of my life?" he said.

"Hunter no! Don't leave me with these creatures!" I cried.

"You deserve it. I think I'll let them eat you." He said leaving me alone as the rats crawled over me.

I screamed and was paralyzed with fear. I heard Sensei's voice and it took everything in me to overcome the fear long enough to help get Thunders back but we did and we defeated the monster, freeing us from our fears.

After the monster was gone I sat with Hunter in his living room.

"Never leave me for Sara...especially in a room of rats." I said.

"Um...not a problem." He said.

"Good." I said hugging him.

"What's wrong with you?"

"I just lived my worst fear and I'm still reeling." I said.

"I'm sorry...I know how to get your mind off it. Come on." He said pulling me behind him.  
"Hunter it's almost midnight." I said.  
"So." He said. We grabbed a backpack and we got on his bike and rode to a parking lot.  
"What are we doing here?" I asked.  
"Don't you remember this is the parking lot where you make me dance in the rain." He said.  
"Yeah I remember, I didn't think you would." I said.  
"Of course I do." He said pulling a mini CD player out of his backpack and turning it on. "Your Everything" by Keith Urban came on and Hunter pulled me close to him and we danced under the starlight.  
"Our song" I whispered as our bodies moved.  
"Our song." he repeated as he kissed me and held me closer. It was the most romantic moment I had ever had. It was amazing. "So, is this a good distraction?"  
"Very good...this is perfect Hunter...everything is perfect." I said.  
"We're together...that's what makes it perfect." He said.  
"If only the others could see this side of you." I said.  
"Not gonna happen. Only people I really love and trust get to see this side of me." He said.  
"Then you must really love me a lot because I see it all the time." I said.  
"I do...I love you more than anything." He said as the song ended and "Sweetest Sin" by Jessica Simpson came on.  
"Oh my god! You made a mix CD!" I said.  
"Yes I did. With all the songs you've called 'our songs'." He said.  
"You're too sweet for words." I said.  
"I know." He said kissing me as we continued to dance.  
"You're too much." I said.  
"So are you, I think it works out nicely." He said.  
"We are good for each other." I agreed.

We were out there for what seems like no time at all but it was really a couple of hours and then we got back on his bike and went back to his place and made love. It was beyond incredible.

Sometime in the middle of the night however, I woke up at 3:30 AM to the sound of Hunter breathing heavy and tossing and turning. He was having a nightmare of some sort.

"Babe...baby, wake up." I said shaking up. He jumped awake and was covered with sweat. He was panting for air.

"Baby, you were having a nightmare, are you ok?" I asked

"I...oh it was a dream..." he panted.

"Must have been pretty bad." I said.

He nodded.

"Come here." I said hugging him. "You want to talk about it?" I asked.

"No." he said shortly.

"Ok. You want to go back to sleep?" I asked.

"I don't think I can." He said.

"Come on babe, tell me about the dream. You know you can trust me with anything" I said

He looked down. "Alright." He said drawing in a breath. I held his hand. "It was a nightmare about something from my childhood."

"Your parents?" I asked.

"No...something that happened after that." He said.

"Ok...tell me about it." I said.

"It was shortly after my parents were killed. I was in a horrible frame of mind and I had this teacher. Mr. Jackson.

Anyway, he was nice at first. He let me go in and talk to him at lunch about how I was feeling. Well one day he...he..."

Hunter took another deep breath, "He raped me."

"Oh my god Hunter...baby." I held him tight, "Was it only one time?" I asked.

"No...it happened several times but I thought I was over it but the nightmares are returning" he said at this point tears were falling from his eyes.

"I'm so sorry baby. I had no idea." I said as I too began to cry.

"No one did...not even Blake...you can't tell him." Hunter said.

"Of course I won't. But I do think you should press charges or something. Who knows how many other kids this monster is taking advantage of." I said.

"No. This is my secret. No one can ever know. I told you but only because I trust you with my life. Like I said not even Blake knows." He said.

"OK...I'm behind you no matter what" I said holding him tighter.

"So much for sleeping." He said.

"Alright...well let's go to Denny's for breakfast. They're open all night." I said.

"OK. I'm up for that." He said.

We both got dressed and quietly left the house so not to wake Blake then we got on Hunter's bike and went for breakfast. We sat at the table in silence for some time after ordering.

"Thank you for trusting me." I finally said realizing what a huge thing it was for Hunter to trust me over Blake.

"I told you, I trust you with my life." He said.

"I love you." I said taking his hand.

"I love you too." He said.

I didn't know anything else to say so I sat there quietly.

"He's in town." Hunter finally said.

"Who?" I asked.

"Mr. Jackson...that's why he's on my mind again. I saw him a couple of days ago."

"Oh my god...what's he doing here?" I asked.

"He's teaching at Blue Bay Elementary." Hunter said.

"Oh my god. Hunter you have to get him out of there." I said.

"I told you, I can't."

"You can't...ok what if this monster makes Charlie his next victim? Charlie lost his father too. What if Mr. Jackson starts to be there for him like you are, except takes advantage of him and you could have stopped it. How would you feel?" I asked.

"Charlie...you're right I can't let Charlie or anyone else suffer what I did but...god how do I tell Blake about this?" he asked.

"However you want but I will be by your side when you do it." I said.

"Thank you." He said softly.

We got our food and ate in silence. It was almost 6 AM by the time we finished eating.

"You want to go for a ride on the beach? I need to clear my head." Hunter said.

I nodded, "Anything you need, let's go." I said paying the check. We got back on the bike and rode to the beach. Hunter took the bike down close to the water and we rode along the shore. Had it been under any other circumstances it would have been very serene. But I knew Hunter was feeling anything but peaceful. I was really worried about him.

Our ride lasted for a couple of hours and shortly after 8 we were back at the apartment. Blake was in the kitchen making coffee.

"Hey, where were you guys?" he asked when we walked in.

"Hunter had some things on his mind." I said sitting at the table.

"Yeah...bro, we need to talk." Hunter said.

Blake looked at Hunter's face and got a look of worry. "Ok...I'm listening." He said

Hunter sat next to me at the table and Blake came and sat across from us.

"I don't know how to start..." Hunter said.

"It's ok baby...just tell him like you told me." I said holding his hand.

"Ok...do you remember Mr. Jackson?" Hunter asked.

"Yeah...he was your homeroom teacher in 8<sup>th</sup> grade." Blake said.

"Yeah...and you didn't have him...I made sure of that." Hunter said.

"I remember you said he wasn't a good teacher so you didn't want me in his class." Blake said.

"That wasn't the real reason." Hunter said.

"Oh?" Blake asked.

"You remember how I keep telling you there's a lot about me you don't know?" Hunter asked.

“Yeah...I figured it was best not to push it.” Blake said.

“Right...well one of the things I never told you was...Mr. Jackson raped me when I was in his class.” Hunter said squeezing my hand.

“Oh my god...Hunter...” Blake was speechless.

“I’m sorry I never told you before Blake but...I didn’t want you to think less of me.” Hunter said.

“I could never think less of you...Hunter you’re my big brother. I look up to you and nothing could change that. I love you Hunter.” Blake said coming over and hugging him.

“I love you too Blake.” Hunter said hugging him back. Both brothers were crying.

“I wish you would have told me sooner Hunter. I can’t imagine how horrible carrying a secret like this must have been.” Blake said.

“There’s more.” Hunter said.

“Oh?”

“Mr. Jackson is in town...he’s teaching at Blue Bay Elementary. I have to find a way to get his teaching license revoked.” Hunter said.

“So you’re going to press charges now?” Blake asked.

Hunter nodded.

“Ok...I’m behind you all the way.” Blake said.

“Thanks. I hope the others feel the same way. I’ll have to tell him what I’m doing before the case hits the papers.” Hunter said.

“Of course they will. When do you want to tell them?” I asked.

“Now...Blake you can get dressed. Mich and I will go to Ops and have Cam call the others and I’ll tell them there.” Hunter said.

“Ok...I’ll meet you there.” Blake said.

Hunter and I went to Ops and Hunter told the story to Cam. He felt he should tell Cam before he told the others.

“Oh lord...Hunter I’m so sorry...are you sure you want to tell the other?” Cam asked.

“Yes...I have to. If this is on the news and I haven’t told them then they’ll all be hurt. I have to tell them.” Hunter said.

“Ok. I’ll contact them.” Cam said walking to the computer.

A few minutes later all the Rangers were there sitting around the table.

“What’s going on?” Tori asked.

“Yeah, I don’t see a alien anywhere.” Dustin said.

“I’m sorry guys...it’s me. I had Cam contact you. I needed to tell you all something.” Hunter said standing up. I stood up and stayed by his side.

“Oh...ok what’s up Hunter?” Tori asked.

The Wind Rangers sat in silence as Hunter filled them in on the horrific story. I held his hand the whole time. He finished the story and the Ranger sat there letting it sink in.

“God Hunter...that’s horrible.” Tori said.

“I’m sorry dude...I can’t even imagine.” Dustin said.

“Hunter, if you want to take this guy out then of course we’ll be behind you 100%.” Shane said.

“Of course.” Tori said.

“Count on it.” Dustin said.

“Thanks guys...that mean a lot.” Hunter said.

“You know, my brother is a lawyer...maybe he can help you start the legal process.” Shane said.

“That would be great, if he doesn’t mind.” Hunter said.

“Let’s go talk to him.” Shane said.

Shane called his brother and we all went to meet him. Hunter explained the situation to Porter.

“Wow...this is definitely a case worth pursuing. It isn’t going to be easy and it will be long and very emotionally taxing. I just want you to make sure you know what you are getting into.” Porter said.

“I know this won’t be a cake walk but I can’t let this monster hurt anyone else.” Hunter said.

“OK...I’ll get started on the paper work.” Porter said.

“Thank you so much Porter. I appreciate this.” Hunter said.

“No problem. It’ll be a while before anything actually happens but I’ll get it rolling as fast as I can.” Porter said. Hunter nodded.

“Ok then...I’ll call you with details when I have them.” Porter said getting up. Shane followed him.

“It’ll be ok Hunter. We’ll all be with you through this.” I said.

“Thanks you guys...I couldn’t do this without you.” Hunter said.

I knew we were in for a huge fight but I made myself a promise. I would stay with Hunter through the whole thing, no matter what it meant giving up.

## PRT 29- "A Wild Storm Part 1"

"Good job Tor" I said. The three Wind Rangers and I were fighting a group of Kelzacs. We defeated them with a Ninja Shadow Battle.

"That was too easy." Shane said.

"Never say that." I said.

"Hey, Lothor! Is that all you've got!" Shane called as we got blasted.

"Like I said, never say that." I said

"What?" Shane said.

"Who are they?" Tori asked.

"That was harsh." Dustin said.

"No...it can't be." I said.

We saw the five figures introduce them self.

"Guardians of the Earth, United we roar! Power Rangers," Cole started

"Wild Force!" the rest of the Wild Force Rangers finished.

"Wild Force?" Shane asked.

"Lothor's enemies are our enemies. You are going down Wind Rangers." Cole said.

"Cole! What are you doing?" I cried.

I saw Alyssa attack Tori and push her off a cliff.

"Alyssa no!" I cried. I didn't know what to do. I didn't want to fight Wild Force, but I couldn't fight with them against Ninja Storm. This was a trainer's nightmare. My first two teams were battling. I looked to the others. Taylor was attacking Dustin. I sighed. Dustin was no match for Taylor. She was trained by the Air Force. Dustin was a first year Ninja student. "Dustin!" I cried. I turned to find Shane. I wondered if he was fairing any better. He wasn't. He was attacked by Danny, then by Cole.

The Wind Rangers got together to regroup.

"What's their problem? Why are they fighting us?" Tori asked.

"I don't know...they should be on our side." I said.

"Rangers, retreat. You need a chance to regroup." Cam said over the Morpher/communicator.

"Right..." we all said retreating.

"I don't know who those guys were but I'm taking them down next time." Shane said.

"Totally with you dude...who were they anyway?" Dustin asked.

"They are Power Rangers Wild Force...the first team I trained." I said.

"Yes...I did some research in the Ranger Database. They are Cole Evans, Taylor Earhart, Danny Delgado, Max Cooper, and Alyssa Enrile." Cam said.

"I could have told you that." I said

"So why are they working for Lothor?" Shane asked.

"Good question." I said sadly.

"I haven't a clue either. I have yet to find out what would make them switch sides." Cam said.

"This can't be of their own free will. There must be a spell of some sort behind this." Sensei said.

"We'll have to worry about it later. Guys...Hunter and Blake are fighting the Wild Force Rangers." Cam said.

"We have to stop them." I said.

"You guys go. I'll stay here and try to figure something out" Cam said.

"Right, let's do it." I said.

The Thunders were about to use the Thunder Blaster on the other Rangers when the Winds and myself got in the way.

"Stop" Dustin said.

"What are you guys doing? Move out of the way!" Hunter commanded.

"No, Hunter. These are the Wild Force Rangers...Michelle trained them...they can't be evil." Shane said.

"What?" Blake asked.

“They are the Power Rangers Wild Force...they are defenders of Earth too.” Tori said.  
“Exactly. Cole Evans, Taylor Earhart, Max Cooper, Danny Delgado, and Alyssa Enrile.” Dustin said.

After their introduction the Wild Force Rangers demorphed.

“So if you are good Wild Force Rangers, why do you fight for Lothor?” Hunter asked.

“Why fight against us?” Shane asked.

“We fought so well against Orgs...you can’t just forget that.” I said.

“Orgs...Orgs are history and Lothor is the future.” Cole said.

“Exactly. Orgs are in the past and we don’t remember the past...just the here and now.” Alyssa said.

“Dude, they have amnesia or something.” Dustin said.

“Amnesia? You hear that guys. This coming from an inexperience second rate rookie.” Taylor said.

“Inexperienced rookies? Not even. We’ve won several battles against Lothor if you must know and we will win one more.” Tori said about to attack.

“Oh really mature. Who’s the ‘kid’ now?” Max said to his team mates.

Tori and Dustin tried to attack but Hunter and I held them back.

“I’m sorry Michelle...I don’t know who these people were when you trained them but it’s clear they’re the enemy now.” Hunter said.

“I can’t believe any Power Ranger would knowingly side with Lothor.” Blake said.

“Enough...I’m getting sick of your whining Ninja Storm Rangers.” Danny said.

“Yeah...let’s just kill them and get it over with.” Cole said laughing.

“This isn’t a joke...give us some answers now...why are you working for Lothor?” Shane said grabbing Cole.

“You are sure demanding for someone on the losing end.” Cole said morphing and striking Shane. “If you insist though, it’s really a simple explanation. Princess Shayla stripped us of our powers after all the work we did to defend the world. Lothor gave them back to us and promised us we will never be without them again.” Cole said.

“I knew giving back the Growl Phones would come back to bite Shayla in the butt.” I said.

“What? This is all about a power struggle?” Shane asked.

“Yes. And it’s time we finished you off so we will be the only Rangers left. Animal Crystals! Come to us!” Cole called.

“Wild Zords Descend!” the Wild Force team called.

“Oh no...Wild Zords don’t.” I pleaded. But it was no use.

“Ok they started it. Shane is it Zord time?” Hunter asked.

Shane sighed. “Yeah...Cam you know the drill.”

“Guys no...” I pleaded.

“Sorry Mich...Rangers or not we can’t let them take us out.” Hunter said as the Zords were called.

“Well forget using Mini Zord in this battle then because I want no part of it.” I said standing back and watching the battle. Shane was holding their Zord back. It was clear he didn’t want to fight. Hunter on the other hand was all over that. The Wild Force Rangers called the giraffe Zord. “Oh no” I sighed as they hit the Thunders. That’s when Shane decided to kick it into gear. Shane sent the Megazord into Lightning Mode and tried to take out the Wild Force Zords. Even still the Wild Force Zords kept going. Things were looking dire for the Ninja Storm Rangers and I was just about to go ahead and help them when we heard a voice.

“WHITE TIGER! STOP! I’m the real Alyssa Enrile!!!” Alyssa screamed. The White Tiger Zords stopped the rest of the Zords causing them to disengage.

I was confused. Two Alyssas? I looked up at her again as she passed out.

“Alyssa!” I cried running to her side. The other Rangers joined me. “We have to get her back to Ops...now.” I said

We took Alyssa back to Ops and Cam looked over her then she woke up.

“Alyssa, are you ok?” I asked

“I’m fine now...I’m so glad to see you again” she said hugging me. I hugged her.

“I’m glad to see you too...what happened?” I asked.

“A few days ago the five of us were kidnapped, along with Shayla and the Growl Phones. Then, they put a spell on us and locked us in a cave.” Alyssa explained.

“What does the spell do?” I asked

“According to this print out it drains their energy and is what’s copying her data.” Cam said.

“So that means the Rangers we’ve been fighting are...” Hunter started.

“...fake?” Blake finished.  
“That’s good...well at least the Wild Force Rangers didn’t really turn evil.” Shane said.  
“That’s true...but how did Lothor find out about the Wild Force team?” Hunter asked.  
“Good question.” I said.  
“How do you think Mich? A couple of still breathing Orgs.” Alyssa said.  
“Oh no not...” I started.  
“Yes...Toxica and Jindrax.” Alyssa said.  
“It doesn’t matter...we have to go save them!” Shane said.  
“Yeah, I mean dude, us Ranger gotta stick together right?” Dustin said.  
“Totally...Alyssa can you take us to the cave?” Tori asked.  
“Sure thing.” Alyssa said.

We headed for the cave but were cut off by the fake Wild Force team.  
“Not so fast.” Alyssa’s double said.  
“Ok, enough is enough...who are you?” Alyssa asked.  
“Yes...show us who you are now.” Shane asked.  
The Wild Force Rangers all laughed.  
“You haven’t figured it out yet...not too smart are you?” Cole’s double said.  
“Why did I have to be a guy?” Max’s double whined.  
“Stop wining we got them.” Danny’s counterpart said.  
“You guys are so dumb sometimes.” Alyssa’s double said.  
“Enough talk. It’s time to finish these Rangers once and for all.” Taylor’s double said as they all changed into their normal form. We saw who they really were.

Zurgane was Taylor, Kapri was Max, Shimatzu was Cole, Marah was Alyssa, and Motodrone was Danny.

“You...” Shane said.  
“How dare you take Ranger powers for evil!” Hunter called.  
“This is too much. You are so gonna pay.” Shane said.  
“Give me back my powers now!” Alyssa screamed.  
“Not before we use them to defeat the Rangers.” Karpi said.  
“Exactly.” Marah said.  
“Time to morph.” Shimazu said.  
“Wild Access!” they all called out.

“Soaring Eagle!”  
“Surging Shark!”  
“Iron Bison!”  
“Noble Tiger!”  
“Blazing Lion! Destroyers of the Earth, united we roar! Power Rangers...”  
“Wild Force!”

“Shane, you and the others go get the real Wild Force Rangers. We’ll handle these posers.” Hunter said.  
“Be careful!” I cried.  
“Go, now.” Hunter said.  
“You can’t handle them all” Shane said.  
“I think you forgot a Ranger.” Cam said coming in and striking the Wild Force imposters down.  
“Dude, you made it.” Dustin said.  
“You didn’t think I’d let you guys have all the fun did you? Now, go get the Wild Force team. The Thunders and I can hold it down here.” Cam said.  
“Alright...good luck.” Shane said.  
On the way to the cave we were attacked by Kelzacs.

“Nothing is ever easy.” Shane said.

“Not when you’re a Ranger...let’s take them down.” I said.

As we started to take out the Kelzac population a new monster showed up. He called himself the Identity Stealer. He attacked Shane first. Shane got away and we regrouped.

“You Rangers are going to pay for ruining my perfectly laid plan.” The monster said.

“Um dude, I hate to tell ya...your plan wasn’t so perfect.” Dustin said.

“Now if you’ll excuse us we have some Rangers to save.” Shane said.

We morphed but were getting our butts kicked then something activated the spell on Alyssa and she fell down in pain.

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Dustin noticed something.

"Yo, dude...it looks like that box thingy is controlling the spell." Dustin said.

"You're right Dusty...guys, use the Ninja Swords." I said.

They did and it freed Alyssa from the spell.

"Are you alright?" Tori asked.

"Yeah...much better now" Alyssa said.

"You Ranger think you've won but I'll be back" the monster said.

After the monster retreated we continued to the cave. As we got close we saw the other 4 Wild Force Rangers and Princess Shayla come running out.

"GUYS!" Alyssa and I cried running to meet them with the Winds right behind us.

"Alyssa, Mich!" Cole called.

We did the group hug thing and the Cole turned to Shane.

"Thank you Wind Rangers." He said.

"No problem. Just doing our job" Shane said.

"Wow, both my teams. This is so amazing. Ok let me introduce everyone. Cole, Alyssa, Max, Danny, Taylor meet Shane, Dustin, and Tori." I said.

"Nice to meet you...I'm sorry our powers caused so much trouble." Taylor said.

"No worries. We're just glad it wasn't really you attacking us." Shane said.

It was then we heard an explosion.

"Hunter! No! We have to get to them." I said

We all ran over and Hunter, Blake, and Cam were on the ground. The blast had been so powerful they were de-morphed.

"Oh god, Hunter! No!" I cried running to his side.

"Blake are you ok?" Tori asked. She was at his side.

"You are so gonna pay for that." Blake said weakly.

"Wild Force Rangers...you're all ok." Hunter said.

"They're fine Hunter...are you?" I asked.

"I'll be fine." He said.

"You're too late Power Rangers...we already have the power." Shimazu said.

"How dare you use the power of the animals for your evil plans." Cole said as the Wild Force Rangers tried to attack.

"Cole don't!" Shane called but it was too late. The Wild Force team was blasted down.

After they were down Shimazu used the Falcon summoner to blast us all. We were all down on the ground in pain.

"It's over Power Rangers, admit your defeat!" Shimatzu said.

We all fought to get up as Toxica and Jindrax came out.

"We've finally done it Toxica." Jindrax said.

"Yes, the Wild Force Rangers will finally be defeated." Toxica said.

"I'm so happy I could cry..." Jindrax said.

"Prepare for your end Power Rangers" the monster said reappearing.

"Never give up." Cole whispered.

We pretty much thought it was over, then we heard a motorcycle. It jumped overhead striking down all the evil creatures. A figure in a cloak got off the bike. He threw his cloak off and I could see who it was.

"MERRICK!" I cried

"I felt the wind calling me. I came to check things out. Cole...how could you let this happen?" Merrick said.

"Merrick...I'm sorry..." Cole said.

"Merrick...here take this." Princess Shayla said handing him his Lunar Wolf Caller.

He took it and tried to speak to the animals. "Power Animals...look inside and remember what you are fighting for. Use your power to return to those who are pure of heart." Merrick said.

When he did that all the animal crystals returned to the Wild Force Rangers and the evil Rangers were left powerless.  
“Ranger, here. I believe these are yours.” Princess Shayla said throwing them their vests. They put them on.  
“Yes, just like the old days.” Danny said.  
“I didn’t realize how much I missed being a Ranger.” Taylor said.  
“Everyone ready?” Cole asked.  
“Let’s do it.” Alyssa said.  
“Everyone ready? I think it’s time to morph.” Shane said.  
“OK” All the Ranger replied.

“Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!”  
“Power of Air!”  
“Power of Earth!”  
“Power of Water!”  
“Power of Spirit!”

“Thunder Storm, Ranger Form!”  
“Power of Thunder!”

“Samurai Storm, Ranger Form!”  
“Green Samurai Power!”  
“Super Samurai Mode!”

“Wild Access!”  
“Cole Evans, Blazing Lion!”  
“Taylor Earhart, Soaring Eagle!”  
“Max Cooper, Surging Shark!”  
“Danny Delgado, Iron Bison!”  
“Alyssa Enrile, Noble Tiger!”  
“Merrick Baliton, Howling Wolf!”  
“Guardians of the Earth, United we roar! Power Rangers,”  
“WILD FORCE!”

“Super Samurai Power!”

“Power of Thunder! Crimson Thunder Ranger!”  
“Story of Wonder! Navy Thunder Ranger!”

“Power of Air! Red Wind Ranger!”  
“Power of Earth! Yellow Wind Ranger!”  
“Power of Water! Blue Wind Ranger!”  
“Power of Spirit! Purple Wind Ranger!”

“Power Rangers...Ninja Storm!”

“Prepare to take a fall!” Shane said facing the evil beings.  
“Oh great here we go.” Jindrax said.  
“You won’t win this one Power Rangers.” Toxica said.  
“Let’s get them.” Shimazu said.

They all ran forward to attack.  
Cole and Shane took on the monster with their weapons.

Hunter, Merrick, and I took on Motodrone. I was on Merrick’s bike behind him. It was like old times.

“I’m so starting to get sick of you.” I said to Motodrone.

“Me too...this guy had bugged us one time too many.” Hunter said.

Between the Thunder Staff, Spirit Staff, and Lunar Cue we knocked Motodrone out but he came back and jumped on Hunter’s bike behind him.

“Hunter no!” I cried.

“I got it covered Mich.” Merrick said using the blaster on his bike to knock Motodrone down.

“You rock Merrick” I said as Hunter used the front tire of his bike to knock Motodrone down.

While this was going on Dustin and Taylor took on Jindrax. Taylor wanted to finish their rivalry out since Jindrax broke the truce.

Meanwhile Tori and Alyssa took on Toxica, Kapri, and Marah. During this time Alyssa cut Kapri’s face with her claws. “YES GO ALYSSA!” I called from where I was. I knew I shouldn’t enjoy the pain of others, but really Kapri deserved it.

Anyway, Max and Blake fought Zurgane and Danny and Cam took on Shimazu.

Finally Merrick, Cam, and I used our mega attacks to finish off the job and all the aliens and Orgs retreated, except for the Identity monster who grew.

“Zords guys...now.” I said to everyone.

“Wild Zord, Descend!”

“Cam?”

“On it.”

All the Zords came. The Zord fight wasn’t going in our favor, then a giant Choobo showed up.

“HELLO? DOWN HERE!” I screamed.

“Right...ready Mich?” Hunter asked.

“On it...ready Shane?” I asked.

“Go for it.” Shane said.

“Ok, Mini-Zord, power up!” I called.

Even that wasn’t enough.

“Power level of all Zords dropping at a rapid pace.” I said as we got knocked down. Shane hurt his arm.

“Um, I may be wrong but this isn’t how it’s suppose to go.” Dustin said.

“What do we do now?” Tori asked.

Eventually some of the Wild Zords had to unite with the Ninja Storm Zords to win the battle.

When the battle was won all the Rangers from each team cheered. Except Cam and Merrick...Merrick had disappeared again. “Um, Mich, where’s your friend?” Cam asked.

“He’s gone again? I know where.” I went with Cam to find Merrick.

We found him giving his jacket back to Shayla and hopping on his bike.

“Aren’t even going to say goodbye?” Cam said in his famous sarcastic tone.

“Don’t leave like this Merrick.” I said.

“It was hard enough to say goodbye once...especially to you Mich...I can’t do that again.” Merrick said.

“Where are you going?” Cam asked.

“Where ever the wind takes me.” Merrick said.

“You always have to be the cool one don’t you?” I asked laughing.

“I’m taking off” Merrick said trying to ride away.

“No, you’re not.” I said grabbing the handle bars of his bike.

“Oh I’m not?” he asked.

“No, we’re friends and partners and you’re at least going to stay for a few hours so we can catch up. Now let’s go check on the others.” I said.

Cam, Merrick, and I walked into Ops and found Princess Shayla messing with Cam’s computer.

“What are you doing?” Cam asked running to save his now sparking computer. Princess Shayla backed off, embarrassed.

“Let’s find the others.” I said to Merrick.

In another room Cole was talking to Sensei. He was impressed by a real talking rodent.

“So Dr. Dolittle, you know anyway to make him human again?” Shane asked.

“Um...I don’t think so.” Cole said.

We went outside and found Dustin trying to prove himself to Taylor.

“Dude I so can’t lose to another Yellow Ranger, especially a chick!” Dustin said pouting as Taylor sent him flying into a tree.

We continued on and found Tori and Alyssa in town. Tori was giving Alyssa the big tour of Blue Bay Harbor’s shopping district.

Finally we went to the Moto Track and found Hunter and Blake trying to teach Danny and Max how to ride Moto.

“How hard can it be?” Danny asked.

“Looks like a piece of cake.” Max said.

“Exactly, if they can do it we can do it.” Danny said.

They tried to ride the bikes but crashed very quickly.

“Oh but it’s so easy.” Hunter teased.

“Anyone can do it.” Blake mocked.

I laughed. “Hey guys, never give up!”

I turned to Hunter.

“I know you met kind of earlier but I want to formally introduce you two. Hunter Bradley, this is Merrick Baliton, my partner from Wild Force I always talk about. Merrick, this is my boyfriend Hunter Bradley.” I said.

“Inter-team dating...isn’t that a big no-no for a trainer?” Merrick asked.

“Yes...and yes I broke the rules...sometimes loves is more important. Not that you’d know anything about that.” I said.

“What is that suppose to mean? I left Shayla because that’s what she wanted.” Merrick said.

“Whatever you say.” I said.

“You’re still as pushy as ever, some things never change.” Merrick said.

“Oh but it’s all part of my charm.” I said.

Later that day the Wild Force team had to say goodbye.

“Thank you for your help in retrieving our powers.” Cole said.

“Hey, don’t mention it.” Shane said.

“You are doing a great job at battling Lothor...I’m sure the world will continue to be safe.” Merrick said.

“And with her as your trainer we know you are the best you can be.” Alyssa said.

“Yeah...she’s a slave driver.” Taylor teased.

“That she is.” Dustin agreed.

“But we love her anyway.” Hunter said pulling me backwards into his arms.

“Sometimes...are you guys sure you don’t want her back?” Cam asked the Wild Force team.

“No, you can keep her. Our training is done.” Danny said.

“Oh geez, thanks guys. No one wants me.” I said.

“I want you.” Hunter said.

“Oh geez, get a room.” Cam said.

“Good luck in your future battles Rangers.” Cole said.

“Thanks. Good luck to you guys too...in whatever you do next.” Shane said.

“Goodbye my friends.” I said hugging them all.

“And goodbye Merrick...partner...until the wind brings us together again.” I whispered to him.

We watched them all walk away.

“So that was the Wild Force team?” Shane asked.

“They are cool.” Tori said.

“You’re forgetting the best part.” Dustin said.

“What’s that?” Blake asked.

“They are still alive. This proves human can survive Michelle’s training.” Dustin said.

“You are so gonna pay for that.” I said chasing Dustin.

It really had been great seeing my old friends again...but it did make me realize, much as I missed them I had never been happier as I was now...yet I had this horrible feeling my time with this team was drawing to a close.

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“No you guys...that’s a bad idea...very bad idea...” I said.

“Oh chill, it’ll be fine.” Shane said.

“She just doesn’t wanna go a night without me.” Hunter said.

“Don’t flatter yourself...I’m serious though. Going camping is an open invitation for Lothor to attack. Rule number 102 for being a Power Ranger, “No taking vacations while you’re a Ranger...and if you must make it a big city, under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should you EVER go camping while there is an evil space ninja trying to take over the world”” I said

“And where are all these rules you recite?” Blake asked.

“They are unwritten rules that you learn as you gain experience.” I said.

“Well write them down sometime and then we’ll talk.” Dustin said.

“OK, fine go camping. You guys are insane but go ahead.” I said.

“We plan to.” Hunter said.

I sighed.

A few hours later everyone met at Storm Chargers. Tori had agreed to drive them to the camping site. We loaded up her van with everything under the sun. I didn’t know how all of us fit in the van with all their stuff.

“Are you guys going camping for a few days or are you moving there altogether?” I asked.

“We’re just taking the necessities.” Blake said.

“Necessities...right.” I said loading some stuff into the van.

Once the van was loaded we all piled in the van and drove to the camp site. We almost were there when this lady flags us down and told us her friend needed help. We pulled off the road and went to help.

Apparently this lady had fallen while rock climbing and was hanging on for dear life. The boys set up a rope and Blake started to climb down for the lady. Only, these people we were helping weren’t people. They turned into Kelzacs. We took a fighting stance.

“What did I tell ya!” I said as I noticed Blake was still hanging on the rope. A Kelzac was trying to knock him off.

“Blake!” I called as he started to fall. He morphed and was ok. We fought off the Kelzacs and continued to the camp site. Even after a Kelzac attack no one listens to me.

We got to the site and the boys unloaded. After the guys were done setting up it looked more like Club Med than a camping site. Tori and I were leaving but she was stuck in the mud. The guys came to push us out and as they got us free they fell in the mud and Tori took out their generator. I started laughing so hard I could barely move.

“Serves you guys right.” I said as I got out of the van. Tori sent them to the river to clean up while she cooked. I tried to sneak off to the river to watch. I mean 5 good looking guys bathing in a river? I so wanted to be there. But Tori saw me trying to slip away and caught my arm.

“No. I feel bad enough about this. I don’t need you spying on them too.” She said.

“Ok...fine...I’m sorry.” I said sitting and watching her cook.

“Thank you.” She said.

“So...how are things with you and Blake?” I asked.

“Confusing. I don’t know if we’re actually dating or not. I mean it’s clear we both like each other but I don’t know where we stand. I guess he’s my boyfriend but I don’t know.” She said.

“Blake is shy when it comes to girls...he’ll clear things up soon I’m sure.” I said.

“What about you and Hunter? How are you guys?” she asked.

“Hunter and I? We’re ok. I mean...He’s hopelessly romantic and that’s a turn on.” I said.

“Hunter is a romantic?” Tori asked.

“Yeah...you guys don’t see it because he acts so manly when he’s around the others but with me...he’s such a softy.” I said laughing.

“I would have never guessed...Blake always seemed like the romantic brother.” She said.

“Nah...Hunter has some romance in him...it was great...the other day after that whole “living your worst fears” thing I was shook up so Hunter took me to a parking lot...I know what you’re thinking but it’s a special place for us, anyway he had a CD player and played a mix CD of all our songs. It was so romantic.” I said.

“A parking lot?” she asked.

“Yeah the one at the beach. One day it was raining and I forced him to dance in the rain with me. Since then it’s like a special place for us.” I said.

“Wow...so you really care about him then...” Tori said.

“I love him.” I said

“And you guys obviously have taken you relationship to the next level.” Tori said.

“Yeah...” I said remembering the embarrassment when Tori and the other caught Hunter and I in only towels.

“Blake and I barely even kissed. The only time we did anything was when it was forced in that game of ‘Truth or Dare’.” She said.

“You want more with him don’t you?” I asked.

“Yeah...I think I’m in love with him Mich...but I don’t know what to do.” She said.

I sighed. “Well you can either try to force it or just let it happen.” I said.

“How did things happen with you and Hunter so fast?” she asked.

“We’re both very passionate people. We couldn’t take anything slow if we tried. It’s our personalities. We’re just two peas in a pod” I said.

“You guys are a lot alike.” She said.

“Sometimes I worry we’re too much a like.” I said.

“Really? But you guys are so great together.” She said.

“Yeah...but because we’re so much a like our relationship gets volatile at times. When we fight we break up but when we make up it’s incredible. It’s a very intense relationship.” I said.

“I can imagine it would be. If Blake had any sort of passion I’d be happy.” Tori said.

“It’ll happen for you.” I said as the guys returned. They were just about to eat when Cam notified us about an attack.

It was Shimazu and Vexacus.

“Great, just what we didn’t need” Shane said.

“No one ever listens to the trainer” I said

We powered up and fought them. Cam came to help us but in the middle of the battle Zurgane showed up in a Zord. The other all took him while I stayed to fight the other generals...all three of us ended up watching the battle though. I saw Zurgane take down the Zords. I ran over to help them. Eventually we took out the Zord but he showed up later with a stronger one. The new one came with Power Disks and everything. It soon became clear. Zurgane had some how absorbed our power.

After a huge struggle we took out the Zord and the boys went back to camping. Tori, Cam and I all went to check on the guys. They were crashed out. We woke them up and convinced them to give it up and go home. We reloaded the van and went back to Blue Bay Harbor.

When we got there we all went to eat and then Hunter and I headed to his place. Blake, Tori, and Dustin were all going to a movie so Hunter and I had the apartment. We curled up on the sofa together and watched TV. Hunter seemed to have something on his mind.

“Are you ok?” I asked

“Yeah...just...thinking about a dream.” He said.

“The same one?” I asked.

“No...a better one. A wishful thinking one.” He said.

“Oh? Tell me.” I said.

“No.” he said.

“Oh come on.” I said.

“Well...you were in it...” he said.

“Oh...who else was in it?” I asked.

“Um...Cam.” He said.

“Oh...um...ok...um...anyone else?” I asked

“Yeah...me.” He said.

“The others too?” I asked.

“No, just the 3 of us.” He said.

“Oh...um...ok I think I know the answer to this, but what were we doing?” I asked.

“You do know the answer to that.” He said.

“oh...” I was speechless.

“I told you I shouldn’t have told you.” He said.

“So you do think of Cam like that.” I said.

“Well, I won’t lie. If I could talk you into a 3 way I’d be totally into it...but I know that won’t happen...will it?” He almost sounded hopeful.

“Oh...um...I...I’d have to think about it.” I said.

“Seriously? You’d think about it?” he asked.

“Yeah...I’ll think about it...I’ll be right back. I have something to check on.” I said going into the bedroom and closing the door. I picked up the phone and called Kimberly.

“Hello?” Tommy said answering the phone.

“Hey...is Kim around?” I asked.

“Yeah...hold on.” He said.

“Hello?” Kim said.

“Hey sis.” I said.

“Mich! Hey! What’s up?” she asked.

“It’s Hunter...” I said.

“What happened?” she asked

“Nothing yet...I...Hunter wants to have a 3 way and I’m not sure what to do.” I said.

“3 way? With who?” Kim asked.

“Cam.” I said.

“Cam?! Oh...wow...”

“I know...I mean if it was Dusty or something I’d be all into that...but Cam...” I said.

“Do what you think is right...I really don’t know what to tell you here. I mean didn’t you say you wanted Hunter to find someone to care for him when you had to leave?” Kim pointed out.

“You’re right...and this would be like giving them my blessing and it might bring them closer...this really is a good idea.” I said.

“Are you sure...I mean really be sure before you agree to it.” Kim said.

“Yeah...I know...thanks Kim. I needed to talk this out so I could make a decision.” I said.

“No problem. I’m always here for you.” She said.

“Thanks...I’ll talk to you later. Love you.” I said.

“Love you too...take care of yourself. Bye.” She said hanging up.

I went into the living room.

“Ok I thought about it.” I said.

“And?” he asked.

I nodded. “Yes.” I said.

“Yes? Seriously?” he asked.

“Yeah...if Cam is willing, so am I.” I said.

“I know Cam is...I kinda brought it up to him. Thank you baby.” He said.

“Well I love you, that’s why I’m doing this. I really love you.” I said.

“I love you too...let’s go get Cam.” Hunter said eagerly.

We went to Ops and told Cam about my decision.

“Ok...my father is already asleep. We can do it here if you guys want.” Cam said.

“That might be best that way we don’t have to worry about Blake.” Hunter said.

“Ok.” I said.

I felt slightly awkward about this at first. I had never planned sex...it had always just happened. I wasn’t sure how this would go, much less did I think it would be as amazing as it turned out.

“Thank you baby.” Hunter said kissing me passionately. I kissed him back. The kiss broke and he turned to Cam and

kissed him. After their kiss broke Hunter returned his attention to me. He helped me take off my clothes at the same time I helped him then he helped Cam with his. I admit, at this point, as I stood there with the two naked guys, I was very scared. I had never done anything like this before. I wasn't sure the mechanics of it or anything. Hunter knew exactly what he wanted though. He guided me to Cam and positioned me on my knees in front of Cam. I knew what he wanted me to do. I looked up at Cam for approval and he nodded. I put Cam's cock in my mouth as Hunter continued to kiss him. I heard muffled moans escape Cam's lips as I slowly moved my tongue around his dick.

"Cum in her mouth" Hunter whispered as Cam got closer.

I deep throat him. I heard him moaning quite loudly now. Hunter, now, was standing back watching. I think he was enjoying the site of this more than anything. Cam finally started to cum and I swallowed what I could. What I didn't get was cleaned when Hunter brought me to my feet and kissed me.

"You did great baby." He said laying me back on the table. I kissed him. He moved his body on top of mine and slowly entered me. Maybe it was because someone was watching us but it was more exciting than normal. I felt added pressure when Cam got behind Hunter and started to fuck his ass.

At this point I was feeling so many things, at the top of that list was ecstasy. I had never felt anything like this. It was exciting and thrilling and felt absolutely wonderful. I started to feel myself orgasm much faster than ever before. As I got close to orgasming Hunter pulled out.

"Baby..." I said as a way of begging for more. I hated being teased more than anything.

"Don't worry...we're not done, but I want Cam to have a turn with you too." Hunter said.

So this was his plan...he wanted to see Cam fuck me...the two people he was most attracted to...man I wish Ikkou was still around so I could get payback for this.

I didn't protest though, and neither did Cam. Hunter stood back to watch as Cam's cock entered my body. I quickly found out that Cam hadn't lied about his 'baking abilities' when we were playing truth or dare. He was very good at this. He knew exactly how to move...it was amazing.

"Oh my...Cam..." I moaned.

"Mich..." he moaned as he began to thrust faster. I wasn't sure how much longer I could go at this rate.

After a little while Hunter gave up watching and decided to join again. I noticed a change in pressure again as Hunter penetrated Cam from behind. This was too much.

"Hunter..." I heard Cam moan.

I couldn't even make sounds form words at this point I just moaned gibberish as my body began to shake with one of the most intense orgasms ever. Seeing this was quite pleasurable for Hunter and soon he was cumming into Cam, however, before Cam could cum Hunter made him pull out. I wasn't sure why at the time.

"That was amazing." I said.

"You were pretty amazing." Cam said.

"Are you ready for another round?" Hunter asked.

"Already? I need a rest." I said.

"Cam never got to cum..." Hunter said.

"I gave him head earlier." I said.

"True...but...come on." Hunter said.

"Why did you make him pull out?" I asked.

"We're doing this unprotected. I didn't want to risk him getting your pregnant." Hunter replied.

"What about you?" I asked.

"At least if I do we have a relationship." Hunter said.

"I can't get pregnant period." I said.

"I know...don't worry." Hunter said.

"Can we get back to the task as hand?" Cam asked.

"Of course." Hunter said pushing me back towards the computer and re-entering me and Cam entered him. I started to moan loudly, as did Hunter. I noticed that while Hunter and I were not quiet at all Cam only moaned softly, just enough to show his pleasure.

"Oh god Hunter! Baby!" I cried as I felt an orgasm ever more intense than before come on. My this time my body was trembling uncontrollably, Hunter held me tighter. At that moment I felt nothing but the pure bliss of the orgasm I was

feeling. The feeling became even more intense as Hunter started cumming inside of me. I should have been worried about something happening but that was the last thing on my mind. As I started to come down off my high I noticed Cam too was finally cumming in Hunter.

The three of us collapsed onto the floor panting. I wanted to get dressed so I reached for the nearest clothes which turned out to be Hunter's button up shirt and Cam's sweatpants. I put them on. Hunter slipping back into his jeans and Cam went to his room to get dressed. Hunter was sitting with me in his arms.

"Thank you baby, that was amazing." Hunter said kissing my head.

"That was amazing...I love you." I said cuddling up closer as Cam came back out. He sat with us, his head on Hunter's shoulder. We were all resting when we heard something, second later we saw Tori walk in. She realized what she walked in on.

"Oh...damn...I'm sorry." She said turning around quickly.

"Tor," I said sitting up.

"We heard something on the communicators and so I came to check it out. We thought someone was hurt." Tori said turning redder by the second.

"Everything's fine...but Tori...please don't tell the others." I said.

"No problem...I'll make something up...laters." She said walking out.

The three of us just looked at each other.

A while later Hunter and I went back to his place and got in bed.

"Mich...thank you again. I'll always remember tonight." He said.

"So will I...so was it better than camping?" I said snuggling close to him

"That's the understatement of the years" he said smiling as we both fell asleep.

## PRT 32- "Lies"

"Hunter where are you going?" I asked.  
"Riding." He said grabbing his helmet  
"That's right, moto comp today. I'll come with you." I said.  
"No Michelle. The demo is later. I'm just going riding." He said.  
"Oh so in other words you don't want me to come." I said.  
"I just need some time alone." He said.  
"Oh...ok. Have fun." I said watching him leave.

I spent the next hour pacing around the apartment. I watched TV, checked E-mail, laid on the bed staring at the ceiling. Anything to try to hush the nagging feeling in the pit of my stomach telling me something wasn't right. Hunter was acting overly aloof, even for Hunter.

About an hour later Cam called me to Ops. I met up with the others, including Hunter, there. Cam told us Vexacus had destroyed Zurgane.  
"Not that I'm gonna miss Zurgane, but why would Vexacus do that?" Tori asked.  
"Yeah, aren't they on the same side?" I asked.  
"It appears a power struggle is at play in Lothor's lair." Sensei said.  
"Isn't that a good thing? I mean maybe they'll just keep fighting each other till no one's left." Dustin said.  
"That is possible Dustin. But I suspect that Lothor has an even more sinister plot in mind" Sensei said.  
"So what do we do next" Shane asked.  
"The time has come to face the enemy proactively. We must re-enforce our ranks by rescuing all of the captured ninjas. We must find a way to get on to Lothor's ship." Sensei said.  
"Well that's not gonna be easy. Trust us." Blake said.  
"Lothor's ship is protected by a powerful energy barrier. Without someway to break through we'll never get in." Cam said.  
"And that would take a mega power source." I said  
"Leave that to me." Hunter said.  
"Hunter wait..." I said trying to go after him, but he was gone. That sinking feeling came back.

We sat around Ops tracking and planning when Cam picked up a source of radiation as well as the fact Hunter was in a battle against Vexacus and a bird monster. We morphed and went to help him.

We rode in on the Tsunami Cycles, I used Hunter's while Cam rode behind Shane on his. We battled Kelzacs and Vexacus. Motodrone showed up as well. Hunter took it upon himself to take the glider bike and go after the bird. I looked on as I saw Vexacus hit him. He crashed into the mountains.  
"HUNTER NO!" Blake cried.  
"Oh god! No! Hunter!" I cried as both Blake and I ran to his side.  
"I'm ok." Hunter said as we helped him up.  
"Are you sure?" I asked  
"Yeah...fine." He said.  
We went back to battle Vexacus, who was the only one left. He totally worked us. Even in a Shadow Battle he totally took us. Finally he retreated but before he left he said. "With or without the Gem I will defeat you."  
"What Gem? What did he mean Hunter?" Tori asked.  
"Good question." I said.  
"Let's go to Ops. I'll fill you in." Hunter said.

We all went back to Ops.  
"The Gem Vexacus was talking about is....The Gem of Souls" Hunter said.  
"But I threw it into the ocean." Cam said.  
"Not all of it." Hunter said  
"You should have told me Hunter." Blake said angry.

“Or me...how could you hide this? What about no more secrets?” I asked.

“You guys didn’t know about this?” Tori asked.

“No, I hadn’t a clue.” I said

“No, and we’re gonna have a long talk about why, aren’t we bro?” Blake said.

“Yes...a long talk.” I said.

“I was gonna tell you both, but the more time passed the harder it got. I’m sorry” Hunter said

“Those fragments must have been the source of the radiation I was tracking. It had nothing to do with Zurgane’s sword.” Cam said

“After Lothor shattered the Gem I hid two of the pieces. I go out there now and again to find out if it can help me contact my parents” Hunter said.

“I understand that sometimes your loss is difficult to accept but what’s done is done. You can never go back in time.” Sensei said.

“Not without a scroll or something” Dustin said trying to lighten the mood.

“I know my parents are gone, but I still miss them. And those students on Lothor’s ship...somebody misses them. But it’s not too late for them. Let’s bring them back.” Hunter said

I took a step back. I suddenly had an idea but I knew Hunter wouldn’t like it at all. It would be very daring on my part and I had to give it some more thought but...anyway...

“With the Gem shards I should have enough power to break through Lothor’s energy field. Once I’ve done that you should be able to teleport right onto the ship.” Cam said.

“We’ll be standing by” Shane said.

“Cam, be careful.” Tori said.

“Why does everyone keep telling me that?” Cam asked walking away.

“Because we care.” I said

“Good luck.” Tori added.

Cam took off in this dragon thing that rocked. We tracked Cam and watched him go into space. It was very neat until he started getting blasted at.

“Oh no!” I said

“CAM! Cam, Come in!” Shane called.

Cam was ok but then a monster attacked and we had to take the Zords out. We were getting our butts kicked when Cam came back to bail us out.

After the battle Hunter disappeared again and Cam and I went to find him. I had a feeling Cam was about to become a staple in our relationship. Anyway, Hunter was sitting on a rock back where he had been hiding the Gem.

“You don’t have anymore surprises buried out here?” Cam asked.

“Yeah I don’t think our relationship could take it.” I said.

“No” Hunter said

“Hey, thanks for giving me the Gem shards. I know it must have been hard to give them up.” Cam said

“Well they weren’t doing me much good out here...they didn’t do you much good either.” Hunter said.

“They got me on to Lothor’s ship. If it hadn’t been for the attack those students might be free” Cam said.

“Do you think we’ll ever get back up there?” Hunter asked.

“I know we will” I said

“The Dragon Force Vehicle took quite a beating but I’ll get it running again. We’ll get those ninja’s home. I promise.” Cam said.

“You’re on” Hunter said.

We all stood there awhile.

“Hey, don’t we have a moto demo to get to?” I asked.

“Oh...the demo. Let’s kick it.” Hunter said.

“You guys have fun. I’m gonna get to work on the Dragon Force Vehicle.” Cam said.

“Good luck.” I said.

Hunter and I met with Blake and Kelly at the Moto Track. Kelly and I walked the guys to their bikes.

“Good luck babe.” I said kissing his cheek then I went to watch the race with Kel.

“GO HUNTER!” I called as the race began.

“Hunter and Blake Bradley are out in front...” the announcer began.

Hunter was in the lead but Blake clipped him and cut ahead.

“Hunter!” I cried.

Really I didn’t think Blake was right but the following events made me feel both were wrong.

“If it was any of these other guys it would have been a clean pass but because it was me...” I heard Blake say as I got close to them. Hunter turned and huffed off kicking a chair and grunting. I went after him.

“Hunter, what in the hell is your problem?” I asked.

“Just lay off Michelle I’m not in the mood!” Hunter snapped.

“What did I do?” I asked.

“What part of lay off don’t you get?!” Hunter yelled. I never took well to being yelled at.

“Ok fine, be a damn jerk but don’t expect me to hang around and take it. I’m out of here.” I said walking back with Blake to go watch the Freestyle Moto.

We watched a couple of riders. One guy fell off his bike and when he took his helmet off we saw it was Dustin.

“Dusty!” I called. Kelly, Blake and I ran to help him up.

“Are you alright?” Kelly asked.

“Yeah man, fine.” Dustin said.

“Since when did you start riding freestyle demo?” Kelly asked.

“Yeah, I thought you didn’t wanna get hurt” Blake teased.

“Not helping” Dustin said.

“I’ll go wait in the van” Blake said.

“What’s going on?” Kelly asked.

“I don’t know. I guess I just missed freestyle. I’ve been so busy racing I haven’t had time to hit the ramp.” Dustin said. Kelly sighed.

I smiled. I could have sworn Kelly’s feeling were more than friendly concern. I was thinking she had a crush on Dusty.

“You have a racing career, you wanna risk that?” Kelly asked.

“Why can’t I do both?” Dustin asked.

“Dusty...just do what’s in your heart...I gotta go.” I said leaving to find Hunter, I wanted to talk things out.

“Hey Hunter. We need to talk.” I said when I found him at Storm Chargers.

“Ok talk.” He said.

“Great opening...ok I’ve told you before our time together is limited and I really don’t wanna spend it fighting with you. We’ve spent too much time apart already.” I said.

He sighed. “You’re right...and I’m not mad at you. I’m mad at Blake. I didn’t mean to take it out on you...are you still mad at me?”

“Mad at you? About the Gem? Like I said...we don’t have time to be mad at each other. I’m somewhat hurt but not mad.” I said.

“I just didn’t know if I should tell you or Blake. As a Trainer and Ranger you two have a responsibility to tell the team and I didn’t want to put either of you in a rough spot.” Hunter said as Shane walked in. “Hey Shane.”

“Hey Hunter...Mich. What’s wrong?” Shane asked.

“He is,” Hunter said looking at Blake who was on the other side of the store with Tori. Shane, Hunter, and I sat behind the counter. “You will so never believe what Blake did at the race...he stuffed me.” Hunter said.

“You can’t expect me to take sides here because I’m not choosing between you and Blake.” Shane said.

“Neither am I.” I said

“I mean I’m sure he didn’t mean to do anything.” Shane said.

“All I know is there’s clean racing and dirty racing and what he did was definitely dirty.” Hunter said. I agreed with him but I couldn’t come out and say it. It would make things worse for Blake and Hunter.

“Siblings fight...look at Tommy and I, all the time Kim is having to stop us.” I said.

“Exactly. I mean when my brother and I fight, look out.” Shane said.

“Well I’m not going to him first, no matter what.” Hunter said taking off.

“Great.” I mumbled.

Blake and Hunter passed each other and Tori walked over to Shane and I.

“Maybe we should lock them in Ninja Ops and let them fight it out” Tori said.

“I’d pay good money to see that.” Shane and I said in unison as Dustin walked up and the Morpher beeped. We went to Ops. The brothers were already there.

Cam informed us Kapri was attacking her very own Zord. We started to go and Sensei stopped us.

“Before you go, Blake, Hunter, remember whatever differences you have now, you must put them aside when you perform your Ranger duties.” Sensei said.

“I will if he will.” Blake said.

“Don’t worry about me” Hunter said.

“Seriously guys...Ranger first, brother second.” I said.

We went to battle and it was ok until the Thunders accidentally hit the Winds and the brothers blamed each other.

“Excuse me but what did we just discuss?” Sensei said.

“Sorry Sensei.” They both said.

“We have to focus here. No more fighting” I said.

“It won’t happen again.” Hunter said.

The rest of the battle went ok until two more Zords showed up. One with Marah and one with Shimazu. My power readings were all over the place but of course in the end we won.

After the battle Hunter and Blake faced off back at the track. I just watched. I really didn’t wanna get in the way.

“What is your problem Hunter? I won fair and square!” Blake said.

“Fair? I don’t think so. That was dirty racing Blake and you know it.” Hunter said.

“What is it with you lately? You’ve become a sore loser...I find all this stuff you’ve been hiding...I thought we were tight but more and more I’m seeing the front you put on for everyone else is a front you put on for me too.” Blake said.

“Is this about the damn Gem? I didn’t want you in a weird position with the others. I was trying to protect you.” Hunter said.

“And everything else?” Blake asked.

“That was my business and no one else’s. I had my own issues to deal with.” Hunter said.

“What’s happened to us Hunter?” Blake asked.

“I don’t know Blake...” Hunter said.

“We’re all each other has left Hunter...we can’t continue this way.” Blake said.

“You’re right...you up for a rematch...if you can win again then I know it’s fair.” Hunter said.

Blake nodded. “You’re on.”

The boys raced and Blake won. At this point I walked away. They needed some brother bonding time and I had a project to work on but at least I knew everything was peaceful within the team again...for now anyway.

### PRT 33- "I Have Loved You" Part 1: If Wings Take You Away"

It was a very nice Saturday morning in California. After waking up and getting dressed I went outside. The air was fresh and crisp and there was a wonderful breeze. I decided to go see Hunter. I hadn't seen him in a couple of days because I was trying to give him and Blake some time together. I went to their apartment and knocked on the door. Blake answered.

"Hey Mich, come on in. Hunter's in the shower. He'll be out in a second." Blake said.

"Thanks Blake." I went in and sat on the sofa. "How have you guys been?" I asked

"Much better. We've cleared the air between us." Blake said.

"Good. I hoped you would." I said.

"Listen Mich...I know you backed off so I could have time with my bro...you didn't have to do that. Some girls would have taken this as a chance to totally split Hunter and I up but instead you gave us space. Thanks." Blake said.

"Not a problem...nothing is more important than family" I said

"I'm glad you see it that way." Blake said hugging me as Hunter came out.

"Hey hands off my girl. You've got the blue one." Hunter joked.

"Hey you." I said getting up and kissing him. He wrapped his arms around me.

"I've missed you." He said kissing me.

"You wanna do something? It's a great day." I said.

"Sure...wanna go riding?" Hunter asked.

"Sounds great. Let's go." I said.

It was great, we were riding and it was a lot of fun. We were riding through a construction zone when suddenly the truck in front of us slammed on his brakes. Hunter tried to stop the bike but he lost control. I screamed. "HUNTER!" then everything went black.

~Hunter~

Everything happened so fast. I don't even remember the crash. Just one second I'm trying to control the bike and the next I'm opening my eyes and I see the tire spinning and I'm on the ground. My first thought when I realized what happened was Michelle. Was she ok? I looked around for her. She had been tossed from the bike and was a few feet away.

"Michelle!" I called trying to see if she'd respond. She didn't. I forced myself up, I wasn't hurt, just sore, and I walked over to her. "Michelle, baby, wake up. Baby girl wake up." I was felt for a pulse. She was still alive. That was a good sign. Next thing I knew I heard sirens. The EMS people took Michelle and I to the ER. The doctor checked me out and I was fine except a few cuts that didn't even need stitches. No one would tell me anything about Mich though. I went to the waiting room and called the others. They all came and we waited to hear something. Finally the doctor came out.

"Mr. Bradley? Your girlfriend is alive but right now she's in a coma." The Doctor said.

"A coma? Will she wake up?" I asked.

"I don't know at this point...I would suggest calling her family though...there is a chance she may not make it. I'm very sorry..." the doctor said walking back into the rooms.

I stood there in shock until I felt a hand on my shoulder.

"Are you ok?" Blake asked.

"I...this is my fault." I said holding back tears.

"It's not your fault. You didn't crash on purpose." Blake said.

"This is my fault...I swear, if Michelle dies I'm never riding again." I said walking away. I went to the pay phone and called her friend Rocky. She lived with him and I figured he'd be better with telling Tommy and the rest of her family than I would be. A few hours later a huge group of people came into the ER.

"Hunter?" a man asked.

"Yeah." I said.

“Hi, I’m Rocky DeSantos.” The man said.

“Oh Rocky...hi.” I said.

“Thank you for calling...let me introduce you all...this is Tommy Oliver and David Truehart, Michelle’s brothers and Kimberly Hart, Tommy’s wife. That’s Adam Park, Kat Hillard, Jason Scott, and I believe you’ve met Mina Gordon.” Rocky said.

I nodded. “Um this is my brother Blake Bradley and our friends Shane Clarke, Tori Hanson, Dustin Brooks, and Cameron Watanabe.” I said

“Doesn’t Michelle have three brothers?” Tori asked.

“Yeah. Her other brother is in New Zealand on a movie shoot. We haven’t been able to contact him yet.” Adam said.

“I wish we were meeting under different circumstances. Michelle has spoken very highly of her work with you all.” Tommy said.

I nodded but this was too much. I went outside to get some air.

My girlfriend was in a coma and it was all my fault. Michelle was such an amazing woman and I never wanted to hurt her. She had far too much planned for her life to let go now. I was firmly convinced if she ever had aspirations for world domination the world should look out because she could do it. She was the most powerful woman I’d ever known and more over she knew how to use any power that was available. That’s why she made an excellent trainer. If only she’d followed that stupid code she wouldn’t be here now fighting for her life. I loved Michelle. I really did. “God what do I do if I lose her?” I thought to myself.

“Are you ok?” Blake asked me. I simply turned around and hugged him and finally started to cry. “It’s ok bro. Mich is strong. She’ll make it.”

~Tori~

I couldn’t believe this was happening. My best friend was in a coma and I had to play hostess.

“Can I get you guys anything?” I asked everyone.

“No thanks, we’re fine.” Kimberly answered for the group.

“You’re her best friend right?” I asked Kim.

“Her sister in law...but yeah, we’ve been friends for a long time but I think she considers you more her best friend.” Kim said.

“Really?” I asked.

“Yeah...she talks about you all the time.” Kim said.

“Wow...” I was speechless. I looked over at Dustin. I was worried about him. His eyes were red like he wanted to cry but he was holding it in. I went and sat next to him. “Hey...you ok?” I asked.

“No. Dude, what if she doesn’t make it? She’s one of our best friends...we’re like a family. It would be like losing a big sister.” Dustin said.

“I know.” I said softly.

“And who would call me Dusty...I don’t let anyone else do that but her. She can’t die Tor.” Dustin said.

“She won’t. She’s a fighter. I mean how many battles has she survived since she became a Ranger? Surely that counts for something. She won’t just give up now.” I said.

“But what if she’s sick of fighting? What if she sees this as an escape?” Dustin said softly.

“Don’t talk that way.” I said.

“I’m sorry.” Dustin said.

I looked outside. I saw Blake and Hunter. “Hunter’s really beating himself up about this.” I said.

“He was the one driving.” Dustin said.

“But it isn’t his fault.” I said.

“He thinks it is” Dustin said.

“I know...he’s wrong.” I said as I walked over to check on Tommy.

“How are you holding up?” I asked.

“I’m getting by. Thank you.” He said.

I sat. “Michelle tells me you were quite a Ranger back in the day.”

“I still am...so is she. We made a really good team.” Tommy said.

“She is an amazing trainer. We’ve learned so much from her.” I said. I noticed Hunter walking back in. He went to the

doctor. It looked like things got heated then I saw him walk off with the doctor...I assume to see Michelle.

~Hunter~

I knew I had to see Michelle. I had to argue with the doctor but he let me in. I saw her laying there hooked up to all the machines...it was very strange to see Mich looking so weak. I sat by her bed and held her hand.

“God Michelle, I never thought I’d love again after Sara...then you came along and turned my whole life upside down. I love you so much Michelle. You can’t leave me. I know you can hear me, you’re a spirit ninja. You deal with matters of the heart and inner soul. So hear this...I won’t let you go. You have to come back. I lost my parents. I’m not losing someone else I love. I won’t let it happen. You have to come back. You have to wake up my love.” I said. I sat there thinking out loud. “How I wish we could have a future...marry...have kids...the whole thing. That’s what I want more than anything. But you’re right...other teams will need you at some point. You have to wake up for them...you have a destiny to fulfill. You have to go on training.” I didn’t want to stop talking to her because as long as I talked it made me forget she wasn’t awake. “I remember when we met...I never thought you’d fall for me. I thought you were just a flirt. I mean why on Earth would a superstar/Ranger Trainer go for a guy like me? I thought you were way out of my league. I still don’t know what you see in me but I know you love me. You’ve made it so clear how much you care. I only hope you know how much I love you. I’m not so sure I’ve been clear. You were right about one thing though...our time together should never be spent fighting. It’s so stupid. It’s funny...you never realize how much you love someone until something like this happens. I mean I knew I loved you but not until now did I realize I don’t know how I could live without you. I never realized how much I love you.” I finished as I laid my head down on the bed and fell asleep.

~Tori~

Hunter had been gone awhile. I was sitting in between Dustin and Rocky. Rocky had been going on about Michelle for sometime in such a way I had been led to believe he was still in love with her but he knew how much she loved Hunter. Meanwhile Dustin was still fighting crying. He was so scared we’d lose Mich. The harshest part was that reporters were starting to circle. Mina was dealing with them since she was in Michelle’s band. The accident was all over TV. I always knew Michelle was fairly famous, little did I realize how famous until now. I looked around Cam was sitting off by himself. I remembered what I had walked in on before. No matter how they fought I knew Cam cared about Michelle. I walked over to Cam.

“How are you doing?” I asked

“This just doesn’t seem real. How many fights have we been through and no one was seriously hurt...and just like that in a crash we might lose Mich.” Cam said.

“I know...it’s weird...how’s Sensei dealing with this?” I asked.

“Actually I don’t know how my father is taking this” Cam said.

“Why are you over here all alone?” I asked.

“Just thinking.” Cam said.

“Thinking...translation you don’t wanna talk where the guys might hear you. Let’s go outside. I could use the air anyway.” I said taking his hand and walking with him out side. “Ok so spill your guts.” I said.

“There’s nothing to spill” he said.

“Right...listen we both know I know what happened with you three...now I know you’re not Cyber Cam so you have to be feeling something.” I said. Sometimes Cam was so difficult.

“I don’t know...I guess I feel slightly guilty.” He said.

“Guilty? Why? You had nothing to do with this.” I said.

“I know...”

“So why feel guilty?” I asked.

“Nothing...forget it.” He said.

“Oh no, why do you feel guilty?” I asked

“Because Tor...part of me knows that if Michelle doesn’t make it I can have Hunter.”

“Cam, that’s natural.” I said.

“But it’s not right.” Cam said.

“You do want Michelle to wake up though...right?” she asked.

“Of course. I mean...I don't want her to die. I...I...I mean I know I'll eventually get Hunter by default when she leaves Blue Bay for where ever she goes next, but...he loves her Tori. He's in love with her.” Cam said looking, for the first time, like he was teetering on the edge of crying.

“He cares about you too Cam.”

“Yeah, as a friend.” Cam said.

“Um, friend is an understatement. I saw what happened. Hunter doesn't do that with all his friends.” I pointed out.

“Ok so I'm his boy toy? I mean it's obvious he wishes he could have a future with Mich. He'd marry her if he thought she'd hang around...maybe that's it. I'm second string since she's leaving town at some point. Which brings another interesting point, what if another Ranger team needs her before we've finished with Lothor? She's just gonna ditch us.” Cam said.

“She's a trainer...she's been doing this for years. And Hunter knew that going in. He knew it couldn't last. She made that very clear...and you aren't second string.” I said.

“What would you call it?” Cam asked.

“I'd say Hunter is very confused. He doesn't know what he wants Cam. He loves Michelle, you're right he's made that clear...but I think he loves you too and he doesn't know how to react to that...as for this...it isn't anyone's fault.” I said.

“Do you know how many nights I've sat up knowing she was in his arms? Those nights I would wish for something to happen, anything that would get rid of her...but I never dreamed something like this would happen” Cam said, “I never wanted her to die. I just wanted to have Hunter love me like he loves her.” Cam had finally broken down. I hugged him as he cried.

“It's ok Cam...I know you never wished for Michelle to die, and she won't. She'll make it.” I said.

“But if she doesn't...I don't hate her...not really. I just...”

“You don't like her, not everyone likes everyone...and she never liked you anymore than you like her.” I said.

“I'm just so confused Tor...I wanted to be happy that Hunter was happy...really I did...and I tried...but I never saw why he chose her.” Cam said.

“You love him...it's understandable.”

“Yeah, but not as much as her. She was willing to let him be with me if that's what he wanted as long as he was happy. I know it killed her to think he'd be with me when she was gone but it didn't matter to her as long as Hunter was happy.” Cam said still crying.

“It's ok.” I tried to reassure him.

“Maybe Michelle was right about me. Maybe I'm just a techno snob asshole.” Cam said.

“You are not. You just have trust issues but who doesn't...you're not an ass.” I said as my Morpher beeped.

## PRT 34- "I Have Loved You Part 2: If You're Gone"

"I'm sorry to bother you Rangers, I know this is a very hard time but Choobo has an army of Kelzacs at the quarry." Sensei said.

"Damn it, duty calls." Cam said.

"Are you gonna be ok?" I asked.

"Yeah, I'll meet you there" Cam said.

"OK...I'll get the others." I said.

I walked over to Dustin and Shane.

"Hey guys...there's a problem at the quarry." I said.

"What sort of problem?" Tommy asked.

"Kelzacs." I said.

"Mind if some old veterans help you? We could use something to get our frustration out on." Tommy said.

"Well then Kelzacs are the way to go." Shane said.

"Thanks...anyone that wants to come can." Tommy said to his team.

"I'll hold the press at bay..." Mina said.

"I'm staying with Mina." Adam said.

"I'll go with you Tommy." Kim said.

"Me too." Kat said.

"Yeah...I'm in." Jason said.

"Me too" Rocky said.

I went and got Blake and we decided since we had extra help there was no need to bother Hunter. We all found a clear spot and morphed.

"What's this? More Rangers?" Choobo asked.

"Meet Power Rangers Mythology!" I called.

"White Myth Ranger!"

"Pink Myth Ranger!"

"Red Myth Ranger!"

"Silver Myth Ranger!"

"Gold Myth Ranger!"

"Let's take them down." Tommy said.

We fought Choobo and the Kelzacs but the Myth team pretty much took them out like nothing and Choobo quickly retreated.

"Woah that was awesome." Dustin said.

"Comes from years of being a Ranger...and having pent up anger and various other emotions." Tommy said.

"Let's go back to the hospital." Kim said.

"You guys go. I can't" Rocky said.

"Why not? What's wrong Rocky?" Kat asked.

"I can't see her like that. And I can't be there knowing Hunter walked away from this with nothing and the woman I love might die." Rocky said.

"So you do still love her. I knew it." Kim said.

"Of course I still love her but I haven't said anything because she's so happy with Hunter and I just want her to be happy." Rocky said.

I saw Cam take a step back. I knew he felt empathy for Rocky. The idea of Cam having empathy for anyone was kind of weird...Cam never seemed that emotional, but I knew he was wishing Mich had chosen Rocky so he could have had Hunter. I also knew Cam was still feeling a lot of inner turmoil.

"Let's just go back to the hospital Rock...come on, Mich wouldn't want us to give up on her." Kim said.

"Ok...fine." Rocky said.

"Um we'll meet you there. Ninja Storm Rangers go back to Ops now." Shane said.

“Why?” Dustin asked.

“I said now.” Shane repeated.

We all went to Ops. Shane headed for Sensei with the rest of us behind him.

“Sensei, I know this isn’t the best time but I have to know...if Michelle doesn’t make it what becomes of her powers?” Shane asked.

“SHANE!” I cried.

“How insensitive can you be?” Blake asked.

“This so isn’t the time dude.” Dustin said.

“Come on, someone had to ask. Even if she makes it she may not be able to be a Ranger anymore and we have to prepare...especially now. Vexacus has already shown us how ruthless he is. We have to be ready no matter what.” Shane said.

“I understand your concern Shane but you need not find another Purple Ranger.” Sensei said.

“So you think she’ll be ok?” Shane asked.

“I can not tell the future Shane but if anything happens to Michelle the Purple Power will be lost. There has not yet been another person alive found who can handle that power. The only other person would be someone in Michelle’s direct bloodline. Either a son or daughter, but since she has no children she would be the last in the line that could control it.” Sensei said.

“There you have an answer, can we get back to the hospital?” I asked. I could see Cam getting edgy.

“Yes...let’s go.” Shane said.

“Give my best wishes to Michelle’s family and if you see him please ask Hunter to come here.” Sensei said.

“Of course Sensei.” I said as we all went back to the hospital.

I saw Hunter walking back into the lobby. He had been with Michelle the whole time we were gone. He looked horrible. His normally fiery blue eyes were very dull and his skin was pale. He looked like a shadow of his former self.

“Hunter...Sensei would like to speak with you.” I told him.

“Not now Tor...I’m not up for it.” He said.

“Just go Hunter. I promise if anything happens I’ll contact you.” I said.

He let out a heavy sigh, “Fine.”

~Hunter~

The last place in the world I wanted to be was at Ops getting a lecture from Sensei but I also wasn’t up to arguing with Tori so I went.

“Yes Sensei?” I asked when I entered Ops.

“Hunter. I’m glad you came. Have a seat.” Sensei said.

I complied. “Can we make it fast? I want to get back to the hospital.”

“Hunter, I know this is hard on you. It is hard on all of us...” I cut him off.

“If this is a lecture Sensei, save it. I’m not in the mood.” I said.

“No Hunter...I just want to tell you, I have been where you are. When I lost Miko I thought my world would end.

Actually watching you and Michelle has brought back many fond memories I had forgotten about. Miko was the love of my life Hunter. I know you feel that way about Michelle.” Sensei said. I had never heard him talk like this. It got my attention.

“How did you handle losing Miko?” I asked.

“For one I had Cam. Having Cam was like having a part of Miko still with me. But aside from that I had to remember that she was in a better place and I had to love her enough to let her go. There is nothing you can do to change what happened and even though it is hard you must find a way to come to terms with this. It wasn’t your fault Hunter...and I’m sure Michelle will pull through. She is very strong.” Sensei said.

“If Miko couldn’t make it how will Michelle?” I asked.

“Because she was sick Hunter...she had gotten very weak at the end. Michelle isn’t weak. Not at all. If anyone can pull through it’s her.” Sensei said.

“Thank you Sensei...now I have to get back to her.” I said.

“I understand...just think about what I said. Don’t lose yourself in your sorrow.” Sensei said as I left.

I went back to the hospital. Everyone was sitting around together, except Cam and Tori who were off to one side together. Part of me wanted to go be in Cam's arms and just cry...another part of me felt guilty for wanting that now. I did love Cam...a lot...and if Michelle wasn't around I would be with him in a heartbeat. But I was sure that was more attraction than anything because nothing I felt for anyone, not even Cam, was stronger than what I felt for Michelle.

Seconds passed and the seconds turned to minutes and the minutes to hours and the hours to days.

Two days had passed and there had been no change.

"Hunter you haven't eaten in two days. Let's go to the cafeteria. You have to eat." Blake said in a worried tone.

"I'm fine." I said.

"You're letting yourself waste away." Blake said.

"What's the point of living without Michelle?" I said.

"Damn you Hunter! How fucking selfish can you be?! You're all I have left and you are just gonna let yourself die? I lost Mom and Dad. I can't lose you too Hunter." Blake said angry.

"You don't understand. I lost Mom and Dad too and I can't handle losing Michelle." I countered.

"Stop being selfish. Think of what you have to live for. You can't leave me alone Hunter. And the team...they all count on you. We have family now Hunter. Tori, Dustin, Shane, Cam, and Sensei...they are our family now." Blake said.

"Just leave me alone." I said.

"No, not until you get some food and water." Blake said.

"Fine. If it will shut you up then let's go." I said

We went and I picked at my food but had enough to satisfy Blake then I went and sat in the waiting room again. Finally the doctor came out and said those glorious words.

"She's awake."

I was overjoyed. My first instinct was to run to her but I stopped and told Tommy he could go in first.

"No...you go ahead. She'll want to see you first." He said.

"Thanks Man, I owe you a big one." I said rushing into see Mich. I was so excited.

~Michelle~

I slowly woke up. I didn't know what happened or where I was but a doctor quickly explained things to me and told me he'd be back when he let my family know I was awake. A few minutes later Hunter walked in.

"Hunter." I said weakly. I had a killer headache and backache...hell I had a killer body ache.

"Oh god, baby...I'm so glad you are awake." He said kissing my head.

"How long was I out?" I asked.

"Three days." He said.

"Oh...wow..." I said.

"I'm so sorry...I'm so sorry for doing this to you." He said.

"It isn't your fault. I don't blame you. I know you'd never hurt me." I said as the doctor came in.

"I just got these results back. If everything stays like it is you can leave tomorrow. You'll be sore for a few days but you should be just fine." The Doctor said.

"That's great news baby...you'll be fine, I was so scared I'd lose you." Hunter said with tears in his eyes.

"I'm sorry I scared you." I said.

"Don't be sorry. I love you...and all that matters is that you're ok." Hunter said.

"I love you too Hunter." I said.

A few minutes later Tommy came in.

"So do you get joy from giving your big brother heart attacks?" he asked.

"I have to keep you on your toes." I said.

He got quiet then serious.

"You had us all worried...I know I haven't seen you much outside of battles...but I want you to know I'm very proud of

you and I love you very much little sister.” He said.

“I love you too Tom.” I said softly.

I saw pretty much everyone else I knew, except Cam, and then finally got some rest.

They next day they let me go home, within a few days I was back to my normal self again. Within the week I went back to Ops to catch up on what had been going on. Cam was there alone. It was the first time I’d seen him since the accident.

“Hey you.” I said.

“Michelle...hey.” He said.

“So what you just forgot about me?” I asked.

“Sorry...I’ve been busy.” He said.

“I understand” I said.

“I’m glad you’re ok.” He said.

“Sure...if I would have bit it you would have Hunter all to yourself.” I joked.

“No...really. I am glad you’re ok. I never wanted anything to happen to you.” He said seriously.

“I know that Cam...listen...how about we call a truce? Life is too short for this bullshit. We both know that once I leave Hunter will forget me and he’ll be yours” I said.

He nodded. “You’re on.” He said.

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"And then after the movie we went for a walk on the beach. It was really romantic...um Mich? Are you ok?" Tori asked.

"Me...um...sure." I said

"You don't look well." Tori said.

I sighed. "If I tell you do you promise not to tell the others?" I asked

"Of course...I promise." Tori said.

"I think I might be pregnant." I said.

"Are you for real?" Tori asked.

"Yeah...I did one of those at home tests. It came back positive. I'm going in to the doctor for a real test tomorrow." I said.

"Oh my god...is it Hunter's?" she asked.

"Yeah...I'm positive of that." I said.

"It's not Cam's?" she asked.

I thought about it. "No, it couldn't be. I mean unless I'm only one week along."

"Ok so it's most likely Hunter's...wow...are you gonna tell him?" Tori asked.

"Yeah. I'm just trying to decide when." I said.

"Don't you think you should do it before you go to the doctor? He may wanna go with you." She said.

"You're right...I need to go tell him. I guess I should get it over with." I said.

"You don't seem happy about this." Tori said.

"Of course not. If I am pregnant then it ruins everything. My whole world...I can't believe I was so fucking stupid." I said.

"You didn't use protection did you?" Tori asked.

"No...we were unprotected many times." I said.

Tori sighed.

"I should go tell Hunter." I said getting up.

I drove to Hunter's apartment and knocked on the door. Blake answered.

"Dude, are you the door man now?" I asked.

"Naw, Hunter's just lazy. Come in." Blake said.

I walked in and Hunter was on the sofa watching TV.

"Hey babe...I kinda need to talk to you alone..." I said.

"OK. Let's go outside." Hunter said walking with me. We sat down on the steps. "Ok what's up" he asked.

"God, I don't know how to tell you this...I guess I should just say it. I think...I'm not sure 100%...but I think I might be pregnant." I said

"Pr...pregnant?" Hunter asked

"Um...yeah. I don't know for sure. I have a doctor's appointment to find out and I figured you might want to go with me." I said.

He thought a second. "Of course I want to go...I am the father right?" he asked.

"Of course." I said.

"Oh god...wow..." he said.

"Don't say anything yet...we don't know for sure yet so let's take this one step at a time." I said.

"What will happen to the Purple Ranger if you are?" he asked.

"Well...I'd be out of battle for awhile but when the baby was born I could go back to training." I said.

"Training? That would leave us where we are now and I'd never see my child. If there's a baby involved that changes everything." Hunter said.

I sighed. "Listen, we'll discuss this if it's an issue." I said

"We should go tell Cam and Sensei." Hunter said.

"Tell them what? We don't know for sure yet." I said.

"Cam should know that it's a maybe." He said.

I sighed again. "OK. Let's go."

We went to Ninja Ops.

“What are you two doing here?” Cam asked.

“We have to talk to you two.” I said.

“What is wrong Michelle?” Sensei asked.

“Michelle thinks she might be pregnant.” Hunter blurted out. Cam’s face fell, I had never seen him so close to tears. He took a second and composed himself.

“Pregnant huh? Well what do we do now? She obviously can’t fight.” Cam said.

“I don’t know for sure yet. I’ll find out tomorrow.” I said.

“Until we know for sure you shouldn’t take part in any battle Michelle. It could be risky...” Sensei said.

“This does explain the change in your life force.” Cam said.

“Change in life force?” Hunter asked.

“Yes. I’ve been tracing Michelle’s life force ever since she healed you and Haley. I wasn’t sure of the lasting effects of her using that power.” Cam said.

“Who gave you permission to trace anything about me. You should have told me before you did it.” I said.

“Well sorry! I was trying to help.” Cam snapped.

“Whatever. I know exactly what you were doing.” I said.

“Oh and what would that be?” he asked.

“You were hoping my life force would be drained so you could have Hunter all for yourself. You’ve been trying to get rid of me since Hunter showed up!” I cried.

Cam stood there. I had forgotten Sensei was in the room and he didn’t know about his son’s attraction to Hunter.

“Son, I believe we need to have a talk.” Sensei said.

Hunter glared at me.

“Cam...I’m sorry.” I said sincerely.

“Just go.” Cam said.

We walked outside of Ops and went for a walk in the woods.

“How could you do that to Cam? You know Sensei didn’t know how he felt about me.” Hunter said.

“I’m sorry. It just slipped out. Really, I didn’t mean for it to happen.” I said.

“Whatever...it still happened” he said.

“Cam needs to grow up. He’s 24 years old. He needs to stop fearing his father and be up front.” I said.

“You know it’s not like that...Sensei is all Cam has. His approval means a lot to Cam.” Hunter said.

“Oh, suddenly you’re a Cam expert?” I asked.

“He’s a friend...we’ve talked some. And maybe I know how he feels because Blake’s approval is important to me. Why do you think I haven’t told Blake about Cam yet?” he asked.

“Because you’re still dating me! You do realize if I’m pregnant you can’t be with Cam anymore.” I said.

“I know that!” Hunter snapped.

“Oh...you’d rather be with Cam than me...were you just waiting for me to have to leave so you wouldn’t have to dump me? Well if you want to leave me for Cam fine. Don’t you dare stay with me just because of a baby!” I yelled.

“I’m not! I love you!” Hunter screamed.

“You have a damn funny way of showing it then!” I cried.

“I’m confused ok?!” Hunter shouted.

“Well you better get un-confused really fast then because if there’s a baby involved here I won’t have my child wondering about if her father is going to stay or go. Either you’re in the baby’s life or your not but you will not walk in and out at will.” I shouted.

“It isn’t something I can just figure out!” Hunter snapped back.

“You’re just too scared to choose...just like you’re too scared to ride again.” I cried.

“I can’t believe you’d throw that at me Mich! I almost killed you!” Hunter yelled.

“Listen to me. It was an accident! They happen! You can’t give up your whole career just because of one crash.” I retorted.

“I can’t ride anymore ok? I just can’t!” Hunter snapped.

“Fine, be a coward.” I said as I fell to the ground in pain.

“Mich...are you alright? Baby?” Hunter asked getting down next to me.

“Don’t touch me, just get the hell away.” I said.

“Is it the baby?” he asked.

"I don't know." I said.

"Let's get you back to Ops." He said.

"Why? So Cam can kill me? No way." I said fighting to get up. I fell back down.

"Cam won't hurt you, now come on." He said pulling me up.

He took me back to Ops.

"Cam, you have to help her. I don't know what's wrong." Hunter said.

"She doesn't need my help" Cam said sourly.

"Cam please!" Hunter begged.

"Cameron your team mate needs your help. Despite what she's done to you in the past you mustn't let her die." Sensei said.

"Fine." Cam said. He did some scans on me and on my Amethyst.

"You find anything?" Hunter asked.

"Yes...she isn't pregnant, I can tell you that...what is causing the change in her life force is a exhauster." Cam said.

"Which is what?" Hunter asked.

"Something out there is draining her life force and unless we find out what it is before it's too late she'll die." Cam said.

"WHAT?! No, not again...you have to find out the source of this exhauster." Hunter said.

"I'm trying." Cam said.

A few hours later Cam looked up.

"Found it. It's a monster called Gem Star. It just appeared in the quarry. I'll have the others meet you there." Cam said.

"Ok I'm going too." I said.

"Um...no." Hunter said.

"Um...yes. No one better try and stop me." I said getting up.

We morphed and went to face the monster.

"Ahh, Purple Ranger, just the little Ranger I wanted to see." Gem Star said.

"You want her? You have to go through me." Hunter said stepping in front of me.

"Not a problem." Gem Star said blasting Hunter out of the way.

"Hunter!" I cried as the monster came at me stabbing a blade through me.

"No Michelle!" everyone cried.

I screamed in pain.

"Don't worry Rangers, this blade will just drain the rest of her life force." Gem Star said.

"NO!" Dustin cried. "Lion Hammer!"

"SONIC FIN!" Tori called.

They got the Gem Star away from me and pulled the blade out.

"I will be back for the rest of her power." Gem Star said retreating.

They took me back to Ops where I passed out.

During the time I was out they discussed how to keep me alive.

"We have to find another power source or she will die...she doesn't have enough of her life force left." Cam said.

"What if we lend some of our Ranger energy?" Hunter asked.

"That might work if we all lend a little." Cam said.

"OK. Let's do it then." Dustin said.

Cam nodded and had them all lend a little energy to me.

The next morning I woke up.

"Hey...how do you feel?" Hunter asked.

"Weak...and sore...ok for having been stabbed I guess." I said.

"Your wound is mostly healed." Hunter said.

"I can feel that..." I said.

"Michelle...Cameron has lend some Ranger energy to you so you can live...however you must stay out of battle. You don't have enough energy to morph." Sensei said.

“Understood Sensei.” I said.  
“Bad news. Gem Star is back.” Cam said.  
“Don’t worry Mich, we’ll get your life force power back.” Hunter said kissing me.  
“Please be careful.” I begged.  
“I’ll be fine.” Hunter said as he and Cam morphed.

I felt helpless as I paced around Ops.  
“Sensei I can’t take this. I should be out there. This is my battle.” I said.  
“You can not go out there Michelle...you know this and it is best if you accept that and stop pacing...you are making me dizzy.” Sensei said.  
I stopped and sat. “I’m sorry Sensei.” I said.  
“You really do remind me of Miko.” He said.  
“I do?” I asked.  
“Yes. You have her fire. She would have been pacing in your situation too.” Sensei said.  
“You miss her don’t you Sensei?” I asked.  
“Every single day. Every time I look at Cameron I remember her and how much I miss her.” Sensei said.  
“I’m really sorry if I caused any problems with you and Cam.” I said.  
“No Michelle, you did not. I love my son and accept him however he is. If he has feelings for Hunter then he is a grown man and I must learn to accept it. How are you handling it? I know how much you love Hunter.” Sensei said.  
“I’m dealing. I mean I can’t stay here forever so Hunter will need someone. It would be selfish of me to try to keep him from Cam when I can’t stay around.” I said.  
“That is noble.” Sensei said.  
“That isn’t to say it doesn’t kill me to think that Cam and Hunter will be together after I’m gone.” I said.

I waited for two hours...pacing...talking to Sensei about Miko, Cam, and other things. I looked on the screen to see what was happening.  
“He’s going too fast, we need the Tsunami Cycles.” Tori said.  
“They’re still down...except Blake and Hunter’s” Dustin said.  
“I can’t. I can’t ride.” Hunter said.  
“You have to Hunter, we’re the only ones who can control those bikes. Michelle’s life depends on it.” Blake said.  
“But I can’t.” Hunter said.  
“Hunter...pull yourself together, you have no choice.” Blake said.  
Hunter took a deep breath. “Ok...let’s do it.”  
I watched as Hunter rode his Tsunami Cycle after the Gem Star. Then they went out of range. I sighed and continued talking to Sensei to keep my mind off Hunter.

“Miko sounds like a person I would have really liked to have kno...” I paused mid-sentence when I felt something in my body shift. “What was that?” I asked  
“The Rangers may have succeeded.” Sensei said.  
“May have? We did.” Dustin said as the Rangers re-entered Ops.  
“Gem Start is toast.” Shane said.  
“You feel better?” Hunter asked.  
“Um...much stronger.” I said.  
“Can you morph?” Cam asked.  
“Let me try. Ninja Storm, Ranger Form! Power of Spirit!” I called as I morphed into the Purple Wind Ranger. “Oh yeah baby! I’m back!” I cried.  
“Yes! We did it!” Tori said.  
I de-morphed and thanked everyone then Hunter and I went to the beach.

“So no baby.” Hunter said holding my hand.  
“And no more unprotected sex. I don’t want another scare. This made me realize I’m really not ready to give up my training career. The idea of giving up my powers for a year was horrible. I think things are happening for the best.” I said.  
“I agree...I do want a racing career but someday I do want to be a father.” He said.

“I knew you’ve conquer your fear of riding...and someday you will be a father...when you find the right person to raise it with.” I said.

“I think I already have.” He said. I didn’t know if he meant me or Cam but it didn’t matter.

Things were relatively quiet in Blue Bay Harbor so I took the lull to go check on things in Angel Grove. Gorgon's attacks had been very weak lately, weak enough so the Myth Rangers hadn't needed me. I missed my friends though so I went to see them all. I walked into the coffee house we always hung out at (very 'Friends' I know). When I walked in I was quite surprised. Mina was sitting in Adam's lap and Kat was snuggling with Jason.

"What did I miss?" I asked

"Mich! Hey!" Mina said jumping up and hugging me.

"Hey...so what did I miss?" I asked again.

"Oh I never told you. Adam and I are dating." Mina said.

"That's great! And I guess Jase and Kat are too?" I asked

"Yes, isn't it great?" Kat asked.

"It's wonderful. I'm so happy for you guys." I said.

"And you and Hunter...how is that?" Mina asked.

I sat down and looked away.

"That bad?" Kat asked.

"No...that good. And soon...well you know the story. I will have to say goodbye. I have to follow my destiny." I said

"You know you could quit." Mina said.

"I can't quit being a Ranger Trainer anymore than you can quit being Sailor Venus." I said.

"Shh, not so loud." She said.

"I said it quietly...anyway...I'm totally in love with Hunter and soon I will have to break up with him." I said.

"Take him with you." Kat said.

"She can't do that" Jason said.

"Why not?" Kat asked.

"Because it's my destiny Kat, he has to follow his own path to motocross or whatever else it maybe." I said.

"But if you really love him..." Kat started.

"Sometimes love just isn't enough." I said.

"If it's truly meant to be you will find each other again." Mina said.

I nodded, "I know...I know."

"We were just about to meet the others for dinner. You wanna come?" Adam asked.

"Sure, why not." I said.

We went to the restaurant. I hugged everyone and told them about training...everyone was more interested in my relationship with Hunter. I don't know why, but I filled them in, making sure to leave Cam out of it.

"Sounds like things are going great." Tommy said.

"Yeah, it's like a dream. I just don't wanna have to wake up." I said.

"You make it sound like it'll be tomorrow." Rocky said.

"It might be! You don't know! I haven't the slightest clue when the next team will need me. Who knows if it will be today, tomorrow, or a year from now. All I know is that Lothor is on his last rope. It's only a matter of time before we defeat him. Zurgane is already dead. Who knows how many other generals Vexacus has killed. With the army dying out Lothor is about to get very desperate, especially if Vexacus tries something stupid, like over throwing Lothor. And then when Lothor is gone...well just look at the history of Power Rangers. Master Org came in right after Ransik was defeated and if you go back in time it reads an entire pattern that way. Ergo, the sooner Lothor is defeated the sooner a new Ranger team will be needed and the sooner I will have to leave Hunter and move on." I said only slightly making any sense to myself anymore. Everyone looked at me.

"Michelle, are you sure you're ok? I...we're all kind of worried about you." Tommy said.

"Worried? About me? Why?" I asked.

"I...we think that the trauma of leaving Hunter might be too much for you. Maybe you should retire after Lothor is defeated." Tommy said.

"Are you insane!? That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard you say Thomas Oliver! I will most certainly not retire and I wish people would stop telling me to. I'm 23, I'm in my prime as a Ranger." I cried.

"Ok, ok...it was only a suggestion." Tommy said holding his hands up in surrender.

"Well it was a lousy suggestion." I said.

“I was just saying...maybe you should consider it...” Tommy reiterated.

I stood up, “Not a chance...but I don’t know why I’m staying here listening to this! I am going back to Hunter’s. If anyone needs me...too bad” I said taking off.

I ended up going to the beach at Blue Bay Harbor. I needed time to think. I had my diary with me and used the time to write in it. I went to the rocky area of the beach and sat on a rock. I could hear the ocean crash on the rock. I started to think, I began to write my jumbled thoughts hoping to read it back and be able to make some sense of things.

Dear Diary,

When I first heard from Cam and agreed to train the Wind Rangers I never dreamed that I would become friends with these teenagers. I admit, Cam was right about one thing, I did think I was above them when I started. Now I realize I couldn’t be more wrong. I have learned just as much, if not more, from them as they have learned from me.

Most of all Hunter has taught me to love in ways I never thought possible. To the outside world he seems so dark and brooding, even cold at times, but I know a different man. I know a man who is warm and caring and would give his life for the people he loves. I know a man who loves with his heart and soul. Hunter is more than I ever thought I deserved and to know I have to let him go is the hardest thing to do. Perhaps that is the hardest lesson of this whole experience. Loving someone means sometimes you have to let them go. I have to let Hunter go and achieve his dreams. I can’t drag him through the life I have chosen for myself. His path must be his own. I must let him follow this path because I love him. But Mina is right, if we are meant to be together we will find our way back to each other, when the time is right.

Then there is Cam. I often wonder if perhaps I am merely a stop for Hunter before he ended up with Cam. Is Cam Hunter’s soul mate? Perhaps they are the ones meant to be together. I know Cam loves Hunter...I don’t think Hunter knows what he feels for Cam because he knows he loves me. I don’t think he’s accepted the idea of loving two people simultaneously yet.

I just feel so torn. Anyway, I should go find Hunter. Every second I’m not with him is a second of time we are wasting.

Mich

I went to find Hunter but he wasn’t to be found. He wasn’t at the track. He wasn’t at the apartment. He wasn’t at Storm Chargers. I was about to call Cam when I heard a voice.

“You know where.” The voice said. It was soft, almost as if it was in my head.

“What? I know where what?” I asked allowed.

“You know where he is.” The voice said. This voice sounded a lot like mine.

“I know where he is? Hunter? Ok I’ll bite.” I said closing my eyes. I tried to let the Power of Spirit guide me. It took me to the warehouse district. I went in and saw Hunter tied and gagged.

“HUNTER!” I cried. Hunter looked at me with fear. I couldn’t understand why. “Hunter, what’s wrong?”

“You kidnapped your boyfriend Michelle.” That same voice said.

“I did no such thing. Where in the hell are you? Show yourself!” I demanded.

I looked around and out of the shadows walked a girl. As the light hit the girl’s face I realized who she was. She was me!!! This girl was me! She looked exactly like me from head to toe, except for her clothes being a darker shade of purple than I normally wore she looked just like me. I observed the girl wide eyed. Hunter too was watching the scene wide eyed.

“Who are you?” I asked.

“I am you.” She said.

“You are? Or you are Kapri or another one of Lothor’s goons that looks like me?” I said

“Lothor did not sent me. You did. I am your creation. I am the part of you who will not let go of Hunter, among other things...your other half if you will.” The other me said.

“I would never kidnap him.” I said.

“You’re right, \*you\* wouldn’t. \*I\* would.” She said.

“But you said you are me.” I said  
“Exactly. You brought me here.” She said.  
“No, wait...I never...no...how could I have created you and not know?” I asked.  
“An amethyst is a very powerful thing.” The other me said.  
I shook my head. This didn’t make sense. “So you’re my evil twin or something?”  
“Close. I’m the part of you who is evil. It’s part of any one. Tommy had his evil side, even Hunter has one. I am yours.”  
“How can we both exist in the same world?” I asked.  
“We can’t, not for long. This is where I take over.” She said.  
Suddenly some of what she said clicked. “Oh...you think you are going to...oh no you aren’t gonna start running the show. Forget it.” I took off running and retreated back to Ops.

“Cam I need answers and I need them now. My evil self trapped Hunter and I need to know why she’s here in the first place. She said something about the amethyst.” I said.  
“Ok let me do a scan.” Cam said as the others showed up.  
“So there’s two of you now?” Dustin asked.  
“I don’t think the world is ready for that.” Shane said.  
“Very funny...this is serious. This other me has Hunter.” I said.  
“You have to get him back.” Blake said.  
“I intend to.” I said.  
“But you would never hurt him.” Tori said.  
“No...but apparently this Evil Michelle would.” I said.  
“Evil lurks within us all Rangers, the key is to over come the evil and let the good show. All of you, as Rangers, have learned to do this.” Sensei said.  
“Like in the alternate world I was sent to where I saw everyone’s evil side?” Tori asked.  
“That is a good example Tori.” Sensei said.  
“So how did Michelle’s evil counterpart separate from her?” Shane asked.  
“This I do not know, but if her power amethyst is involved then chances are it stems from her being an alien life form.” Sensei said.  
“Alien life form? I am not an alien. I’m a American citizen. And furthermore I am as human as anyone in this room...no offence Sensei.” I said.  
“None taken...I did not mean to offend you either Michelle, I am simply saying, you are from Saturn. As you have learned sometimes you react differently than an Earthling to certain situations.” Sensei said.  
“So in other words because she’s from Saturn and not Earth the problem here will be harder to pinpoint.” Tori said.  
“Exactly” Sensei said.  
“Except I’m not \*from\* Saturn. I was reborn on Earth. I just have a history of living on Saturn.” I said.  
“Close enough. You are still a Sataurian regardless.” Sensei said.  
Cam finally looked at me. “OK here’s the deal. You lost control of your emotions and you felt divided or something right?”

I thought back to my last diary entry, “I’ve felt torn lately.”  
“Right, ok well that divided feeling was picked up on by the amethyst and thus you were literally divided, freeing your evil self. You are the only one who can do anything about this. In the end one of you will have to take over the other so you are reunited with yourself again.” Cam explained.  
I nodded. “OK, so I have to fight myself...I have to get Hunter out of there. She didn’t look nearly as nice as me.”  
“Wait...be very careful Michelle...when you go to reunite yourself you may not come out on top. In the reuniting process if she comes out on top you will be the one suppressed and there will be no way for us to help you.” Cam said.  
“It’s my only chance though. I have to risk it” I said taking off.

I walked in to the room where Hunter was being kept.  
“Ah, you returned after all.” My evil self said.  
“Of course. I wouldn’t let you take my boyfriend.” I said.  
“He’s our boyfriend. I’m you, remember?”  
“No, You are not me. You are a part of me and you will be again.” I said looking at Hunter. He had obviously been tortured and sexually assaulted. “What in the hell have you done to him?”  
“Nothing you haven’t wanted to do.”

“I would never hurt the man I love.”

“Obviously you would.” She said.

“I’ve had just about enough of you.” I said getting into fighting stance.

“Anything you can do I can do.” She said matching my stance.

We began to fight, of course she matched me move for move...then again I also matched her move for move. She jumped back and hit Hunter with a stick.

“What was that for?” I asked

“I felt like it.”

“You are such a bitch...and you’re about to be suppressed again.” I said.

“Not a chance. I’ve been suppressed since you gained your stupid Ranger powers. Well that’s over now. You are no longer hosting me because I’m about to take over.”

“Think again.” I said pushing her against a wall.

“What are you doing?” she cried trying to get away.

“Putting you back where you belong.” I said.

“Go ahead, I will finally be in charge.” She said.

“Not a snowball’s chance in hell” I said as I used my amethyst and reunited us, “Amethyst of Saturn I command you, reunite my soul...power of spirit hear my call!” I cried. The power was so great that I passed out.

“MICHELLE! MICHELLE!” I heard someone screaming. I stood up and looked around waiting for my first instinct to take over so I knew who was in control. I looked over at Hunter. He was still tied up. “Michelle, is it you baby?” he asked. I thought a moment thinking about what I wanted to do. Did I want to save him or let him suffer? It came to me in a second.

“Yes, it’s me babe, I’m coming.” I said untying him. I hugged him. “We need to get you to Ops.” I said seeing the gashes in his skin from the torture She inflicted

We went back to Ops and Cam took care of Hunter.

“I’m so glad that’s over” I said.

“Me too...one of you is enough. I don’t need another one.” Hunter said.

“I’m just glad you came out on top. I wouldn’t want you as an enemy.” Shane said.

“Tell me about it.” Dustin said.

“So you still feel torn?” Cam asked.

“Hmm...” I gave it some thought, “Sad...yes...torn...no. I know what I have to do and I know why. Everything will be ok. I just have to have faith.”

## PRT 37 – “Reflection”

I was sitting on the beach alone watching the sun rise. I had my diary with me but I saw no point in writing it. My mind was lost in thoughts anyway. I knew the time was coming very, very soon. I would have to leave. I needed to mentally prepare myself because I didn't want to go. I wanted to defeat Lothor and make a home in Blue Bay Harbor with Hunter. I wanted to be with him. I wanted to marry him someday and have a family.

I took a deep breath as so many images danced in my head. I had been having visions. I had seen flashes of the next Ranger team in my head, the same thing had happened right before Cam contacted me the first time. I couldn't clearly make out faces but I knew they weren't the Ninja Storm Rangers. I knew this was yet another sign I would have to leave soon.

But leaving Hunter...leaving him with Cam...this thought was almost more than I could bear. I felt a tear slide down my cheek. “Damn it Michelle, why in the hell did you let yourself fall in love with him!” I whispered angrily to myself. I pounded my fist in the sand. I considered taking off several times just so I could get it over with. I had no doubt the Rangers were prepared to take on Lothor without me...I couldn't do it though. I couldn't just walk away. I made a deal with myself I would at least stay until Lothor was gone...then the whole lawsuit thing, I promised Hunter I'd stay by his side through that. I hoped I wouldn't have to break that promise.

“I never should have come to Blue Bay.” I mumbled under my breath. But I knew I didn't have a choice. I had to come...and if it had only been the Winds I would have been fine. I would miss them, yes. Tori was my best friend now, but it wouldn't be so damn hard to say goodbye. Hunter is what complicated everything. I didn't just love him, I was in love and that was a dangerous combination.

“How do you say goodbye to someone you want to spend forever with? Now I know how Kimberley and Tommy felt when she went to Florida. Well I won't make the same mistake. I won't try a long distance thing. That won't work. I will never see him. Between Angel Grove and where ever I need to be next I will never be able to be in Blue Bay...and I'm sure he'll go on the road anyway to race...at least I hope so. Everything is so easy to justify that way. He lives his dreams. I fulfill my destiny...easy justification.” I said softly to myself.

I was tired of this. Every time I was with Hunter all I could think was “could this be the last time I'm in his arms?”. It was driving me insane. It was even harder now with Thanksgiving and Christmas rapidly approaching. I hoped I'd have at least one Christmas with Hunter but I wasn't sure if I would get that or not.

First and foremost however, my goal was to find some way to get those lost Ninjas home to their families by Thanksgiving. There were hundreds of ninja students from various academies and I wanted nothing more than to spare their families the heartache of not knowing what happened.

Lothor had done so much to cause pain and that is why I was sure the decision I had made was the right one. Even if everything went wrong and I didn't make it...well in the end everyone would be better off. Granted part of my plan was selfish because it was all about making Hunter happy, but if need be it could help everyone involved in this Lothor mess.

My thoughts were interrupted by Cam, who had walked up behind me.

“Mich?”

I turned around. “What do you want?” I asked.

“Nice to see you too.”

“I'm sorry...what is it?”

“You're channeling your power aren't you?” He asked.

“What does it matter to you? You're not suppose to be monitoring my Amethyst energy anymore.”

“I know...I'm sorry...I noticed the power gathering though. What are you trying to do?” Cam asked.

“Several things. None of which are your business.” I said.

“You know the risks you're taking if you use that energy...”

"I know that. I'm not stupid, of course I've thought about it" I said.

"OK then...just remember...if anything happened to you...Hunter's lost enough, he doesn't need to lose you too."

"Who says I'm not doing this for Hunter? Now if you'll excuse me." I said walking away.

I went to Hunter's and knocked on the door. He answered it.

"Hey you." I said smiling as I walked in and kissed him.

"Hey...is everything ok?" he asked.

"Of course. I just missed you. I wanted to see you." I said hugging him.

He wrapped his arms around me. "I missed you too."

"You wanna go Christmas shopping?" I asked.

"Isn't it a bit early for that?" he asked.

"Not really. It's already November and I have a lot of gifts to buy." I said.

"Do you even know if you'll be here at Christmas?" he asked.

Those words cut me like a knife, but they were fair. "I hope to be. I would love to spend at least one Christmas with you"

"I'd like to spend every Christmas with you...if you didn't have to leave would you ever consider marrying me?"

"Why wish for what can never be?" I responded walking out to the car.

We drove to the mall and I got started on my shopping. My first stop was Spencer's I got a florescent blue Dolphin lamp for Tori then I went to Mr. Music and got Kim a new guitar case and some tab books she had been wanting.

"What should I get for Blake?" I asked Hunter.

"Um...I don't know. There's some video games he wanted." Hunter said

"Really? Cool. I know of some Dusty wanted too. Let's go to Game Stop." I said.

"Ok. What about Shane?" Hunter asked.

"What to buy Shane? I'm not sure...I know he crashed his Discman at the skate park but aside from that I don't know what to get for him." I said.

"Well we don't have to get all the shopping done today." He said.

"I know. Hey have you thought about what you wanna do for your birthday? It's only a few days away." I said.

"Yeah, I don't know...I'm not sure I wanna make a big deal of it." He said.

"Why?! You're gonna be 20! That's a big deal." I said.

"I don't know."

"Listen, I already know exactly what I'm giving your for your birthday so you are celebrating." I said.

"You got me a gift?" he asked.

"Of course!" I said.

"So what do you want to do for my birthday?" he asked.

"It's your call...just think about it."

"What's the point anyway? Lothor will just mess everything up."

"You don't know that...I'm serious...I know birthdays must have been hard for you in the past but you have your friends now. As I said, just think about it." I said hugging him.

We did some more shopping and then went back to the apartment. Blake and Dustin were insider playing some bloody video game that I didn't get.

"Hey guys" I said.

"Hey." Blake said not looking away from the game.

"We'll just leave y'all alone." I said as we walked into Hunter's room and closed the door. I fell onto the bed.

"Are you ok?" Hunter asked lying next to me.

"I'm fine." I said rolling on top of him. He wrapped his arms around me and I closed my eyes.

"Are you sure?" he asked.

"Yeah...just a little tired. Really, I'm fine babe." I said.

"Alright." He said kissing my head. I felt him reach over and grab the remote for the CD player. He pressed play and our mix CD started to play.

As the CD played I rested in his arms thinking how perfect that moment was and how so soon it would all change and could never be the same again. Life would never again be this perfect. In all honesty a big part of me was ready to retire

as a Ranger once Lothor was defeated so that I could stay with Hunter. I mean I could take a break from singing and go on the road with Hunter...of course this was unrealistic and I knew it.

I listened to the music playing and took in the moment. I paid attention to how great it felt to have Hunter's arms around me, how safe and secure I felt. I didn't want to ever move.

"Hunter?" I asked.

"Yeah Mich?" he asked.

"I love you baby...you know that right? You know how much I love you?"

"I know. You make that so clear every time you look at me. I love you too." He said kissing me.

"Good. I'm glad." I said as I fell asleep. The power I was channeling was taking quite a bit out of me. I hoped that Cam wouldn't be right for once...I knew that my plan could prove fatal...that was the one drawback.

## PRT 38: “Storm before the Calm Part 1”

“Babe come on. Blake and I are waiting.” I said

“Ok, hold on. I’m almost ready.” Hunter called from his room.

“You’re worse than a girl.” Blake teased.

“Ok, geez. I’m ready. Let’s go.” Hunter said.

“Oh...wow...” I said.

“What?” Hunter asked.

“Nothing...just...you look really good today.” I said admiring the sleeveless shirt he had chosen to wear.

“You’re worse than a guy with lame come-ons.” Hunter teased as we walked out and headed to Storm Chargers.

“Hey guys, guess what!” Dustin exclaimed as we walked in.

“Yeah I know, US Action Games.” Blake said.

“That’s awesome.” Hunter said.

“You’ll do great.” I said following Hunter and Blake to go sit down.

“What? So let me get this straight...everyone knew about this except for me? Is that about right?” Dustin asked.

“That’s about right.” Tori said.

“Pretty much.” I said

“Hey, didn’t you test for Roger Hannah, the factory blue sponsorship?” Dustin asked Blake.

“That’s right, how did it go?” Tori asked.

“There was a photographer there from Dirt Works magazine, said he hasn’t seen anyone test that fast since McGrath in ‘91” Hunter said proudly.

“So what’s the deal?” Dustin asked.

“Well, factory ride if I want it.” Blake said.

“That’s awesome.” Tori said.

“Why would you want it?” Dustin asked.

“Come on don’t you think I’m a little busy around here?” Blake asked.

“But how can you pass this up?” Shane asked.

“That’s what I told him.” Hunter said.

“Come on Blake, just consider it.” I said.

“I’ll think about it.” Blake said.

After that Tori went to go make a phone call and I watched the guys work on a bike. Then Tori walked back over.

“Uh, question: did any of you bother to tell Sensei that we were going to the Action Games?” Tori asked.

“Uh-oh...um not me.” Shane said.

“Oh no...I should have thought about that.” I said.

“And what about Cam, did any of you bother to invite him?” Dustin asked

“No.” I mumbled.

“Someone should have.” Hunter said.

“Let’s get to Ops.” Shane said.

We got to Ops and filled Cam and Sensei in.

“So it slipped all of your minds? I mean Dustin I can believe...” Cam started.

“Hey I was the one who remembered.” Dustin said.

“It’s true, he was.” Shane said.

“I can understand how this would have happened. Competing in such an event is quite an honor. All the excitement must have been quite a distraction.” Sensei said.

“So can we go?” Tori asked.

“Of course.” Sensei said.

That was all we needed to hear. The next day we piled in the van and headed to the Action Games. I admit, even if I wasn’t exactly into extreme sports, the air was filled with a certain energy that was contagious. Even I was excited to be there.

"You guys better check in." Kelly called.

"Um yeah...we'll go check the place out for..." Hunter started.

"Let me guess, chicks." Tori finished for him.

"Well now that you mention it." Hunter said smirking. I rolled my eyes.

"Come on, I'll cruise with you." Cam said.

"Cyber Cam?" Shane asked.

"Not Cyber Cam. Who says real Cam can't cruise?" Cam asked with a certain confidence I rarely saw in him. Was Cam actually trying to have fun? This I had to see. I followed Hunter and Cam for two reasons. 1) I couldn't resist the thought of watching Cam flirt with a chick and 2) I had no issues with Hunter flirting, I mean I did enough of that myself, but until I was gone I wanted to see that it didn't go beyond that. Not that it would but you never know. Anyway I followed them until they found a couple of girls to go talk to.

"Hey there...so you girls into moto?" Hunter asked leaning against the wall. I rolled my eyes.

"Is that your girlfriend?" one of the girls asked.

"Me? No. I'm just a friend." I said pointedly as I backed off so not to cramp Hunter's style.

"Yeah, um...so do you ride?" Hunter asked.

"No. We're into skating." The other girl said.

"Me, I'm not into any of this stuff." Cam said.

"Yeah he's all about computers." Hunter teased.

The girls looked bored by now. I almost laughed at their expressions.

"You know there's a lot you can do with technology." Cam said.

I turned away to hold back laughter and saw Marah and Kapri.

"Um, Cam..." I said. He turned around.

"Yeah so you should come out to the track sometime and watch a race." Hunter said trying to get the topic back to moto.

"Um Hunter." Cam said.

"Not now Cam."

"Yes now." Cam said.

Hunter turned and saw Marah and Kapri.

"Um, I gotta go but nice talking to you." Hunter said as we all three took off.

"Hey you lost?" Cam asked.

"Do we look lost?" Marah asked.

"What a pain. Kelzak Furies!" Kapri summoned.

"Oh man..." Hunter said.

"Just what I felt like doing today. Thanks Kapri." I said.

"Anything for a friend." She smirked.

I growled to hold back letting loose on her.

"I think we might need a few extra hands." Cam said as the Kelzaks and Kelzak Furies attacked. We fought them but then noticed 3 unknown kids step into the fight.

"huh?" all three of us said

"You have to get out of here!" Cam called as the battle got more intense.

"We're just trying to help!" one of the kids called.

"You can help by standing aside and getting out of our way!" Hunter called.

"You don't know what you're dealing with!" I called.

The fight continued a little longer then the Kelzaks disappeared. We went to check on the kids.

"What were you guys thinking?" Hunter asked.

"We were thinking you were in trouble. You should be happy we were there." The one they called Kyle said.

"No you should be happy they dematerialized. You have no idea what you're dealing with" Cam said.

"You were so lucky you don't even know." I said.

"I'm gone." Kyle said.

"Me too." The girl said.

"Later dudes." The other guy said. The three kids walked away.

"Perfect" I mumbled.

"We have to find the others." Cam said.

“Let’s go.” Hunter said.

We found the others and met up with them.

“They were interested in this area here but...it must have all been a diversion.” Cam said.

“I don’t see anything.” Dustin said.

“Hey what’s wrong with your amulet?” Shane asked.

“What do you mean?” Cam asked

“Dude, it’s glowing. What’s the deal?” I asked.

Cam reached down to touch it but pulled his hand away fast. As he did that a chill went through my body.

“What is it?” Tori asked.

“It’s frozen.” Cam said.

“Frozen? Dude, it’s like 80 degrees out here.” Dustin said.

“No kidding? I better get back to Ninja Ops and do some tests on it. Figure out what this is all about.” Cam said.

“You do that. We’ll hang around here. If you need us call.” Hunter said.

Cam took off. I stood there looking dazed.

“Are you ok?” Hunter asked.

“Fine.” I said as I started to pace.

“What are you doing?” Dustin asked.

“I don’t feel right. When Cam’s amulet froze I got this funky feeling from head to toe. Like...my body froze. Something isn’t right. It feels like the planets are out of alignment or something. Like everything is just a hair off kilter.” I said.

“More of that alien intusion?” Shane teased.

“I’m not kidding Shane.” I said pacing faster.

“Well stop pacing, you’re making me dizzy.” Hunter said grabbing my arm.

“Sorry.” I said as I started to tap my foot. The second Hunter let my arm go I began to pace again absent-mindedly.

“Come on. I’m sure Kelly is looking for us.” Tori said.

“Right...” I said.

We all went back to watch the games until Cam contacted us and told us Vexacus grew. We called on our Zords and formed the Thunder Storm Megazord with the help of my cute little Mini Zord. We then called the Mammoth Zord. Vexacus took out that Zord though and put Mini Zord out of commission. The Megazords were separated into the Storm Megazord and the Thunder Megazord. The Thunders went in and there was a huge energy struggle. The power levels were off the charts. “Hunter!!! Eject!!!” I cried as the Thunder Megazord blew up. “OH MY GOD NO!!!” I screamed. I thought for sure he was dead.

The Winds and I went to the Zord wreckage and looked for any signs of Hunter or Blake. “Hunter!” I screamed. No response. “Oh god no. Please, please don’t be dead.” I said as I started to cry. Cam tried to do a search but came up empty. “He’s dead...god...he’s dead.” I cried. We did some more searching then Shane pulled me away from the rubble. “Hunter...” I whispered as we headed back to Ops.

We got to Ops and it was a total mess. It had been destroyed. I couldn’t even access anything on the computers because it was all trashed. And worse, there was no sign of Cam or Sensei.

“CAM! SENSEI! CYBER CAM?” we all called.

“Where are they?” Shane asked.

“They have to be here somewhere.” Dustin said.

“If anyone can survive this it’s Sensei and Cam.” Tori said.

“Just keep looking.” I said as we started to go through the rubble. I fought back tears so that I could be there for the team. I could mourn Hunter later.

## PRT 39: “Storm before the Calm Part 2”

“This can’t be how it ends.” Shane said.

“It isn’t...no. This isn’t the end.” I said.

“Woah what happened here?” Hunter asked walking in with Blake.

“Oh my god! You’re alive!” I cried rushing into his arms. We hugged a second before I regained my composure and pulled away.

“You guys made it, we thought you were toast for sure.” Dustin said.

“Vexacus trashed the Thunder Megazord so we ejected.” Blake explained.

“Where’s Cam?” Hunter asked.

“Don’t know.” Shane said.

“Sensei?” Hunter asked.

“Lothor got here before we did.” Dustin said

“We were too late.” Shane said.

“Better late than never I always say.” Sensei said walking out of the rubble in human form.

“Oh my...” I started.

“Sensei! You’re alright.” the winds and I called running over and hugging him.

“It’s good to see you, finally.” Hunter said

“And you’re like totally normal.” Dustin said.

“Lothor’s energy blast reversed the transformation and allowed me to return to my human form.” Sensei explained.

“But where’s Cam?” Tori asked.

“He has been captured Tori.” Sensei said.

“We’ll get him back.” Tori said.

“It will not be easy. My darkest fears have come to pass. Lothor is preparing to open the Abyss of Evil.” Sensei explained.

“Isn’t that just Ninja folklore?” Blake asked.

“It is no coincidence that Blue Bay Harbor is home to the Wind Ninja Academy. We are the guardians of an invisible gateway. A gateway that once opened will allow all the evil of ages gone by to escape.” Sensei said.

“Then why hasn’t Lothor opened it before now?” Shane asked.

“The Abyss can only be opened when it is filled to capacity. Even then it can only be opened by a mighty force.” Sensei added.

“The Samurai Amulet.” Tori said.

“Yes. I believe Lothor intends to use Cam’s power to open the Abyss and let an army of evil into our world.” Sensei finished.

“Oh, wow...ok this is unreal.” I said.

“We have to stop the Abyss from opening. There has to be a way.” Shane said.

“We need help. Ninja help.” Blake said.

“Where are we gonna find that?” Shane asked.

“Lothor’s ship. Every ninja on the planet is locked up there” Hunter said.

“Yeah, we can take the Dragon Force vehicle.” Dustin said.

“Wait. Blake and I should go alone. We’ve been on to Lothor’s ship before. We know where to look for the others.” Hunter said.

“The Dragon Force vehicle is in the Zord bay. Be careful, and thank you for your courage.” Sensei said.

“You can thank us when we come back.” Blake said.

“Let’s go.” Hunter said.

“Wait!” I called pulling Hunter by the hand. “I almost lost you once today...please be careful.” I said.

“I promise.” He said.

“If anything does happen...I love you.” I said

“I love you too.” He said kissing me then he took off with Blake.

“I keep thinking this is my fault.” Shane said after they left.

“That’s crazy. How could you have done anything differently?” Tori asked.

“By being a better Ranger. If we had destroyed Lothor sooner none of this would have happened.” Shane said.

"It's not your fault Shane. It's mine. I should have been a better trainer. I should have anticipated this and worked to prevent it." I said.

"It's not you Mich...you're a great Ranger." Tori said.

"You guys ever stop to think...if we hadn't been late to class that day, we wouldn't even be Rangers." Dustin said. I looked down feeling somewhat guilty. I hadn't really wanted them to be Rangers back then. I didn't think they could handle it. Boy was I wrong.

"You were always meant to be Rangers." Sensei said turning around and showing them the end of the scroll of destiny. At the end, sure enough, they were shown as the three protectors. Now I felt very guilty. They were my destiny...they were the ones I was supposed to work with. The scroll ended there however, without declaring who the winner of the final battle would be. We prepared to go wait for Lothor at the Abyss of Evil.

"Ninja Storm, Ranger Form!" we called morphing. We got in the mobile command center and headed for battle.

We got there and faced off with some Kelzaks until Lothor showed up in a Zord. We got our Zords and took him on. In the end both Zords were blown up but we ejected before we got fried. We went to look at the Abyss

"What's happening?" Shane asked.

"I don't know." Tori said.

"Not good." Dustin said as the Abyss opened, freeing all the evil.

"How does it feel to fail Rangers?" Lothor asked.

"You should know." Shane said.

"Not this time." Lothor said.

"Ready?" Shane asked.

"Ready." We said.

"Destroy them." Lothor said as the monsters and general attacked us. We were very out numbered. Our weapons were knocked from our hands and they cornered us.

We thought it was over then a large blast came from above. I looked up and saw Hunter on the glider cycle.

"Hunter!" I called, relieved he made it back safe.

"Mind if I play through?" Hunter joked.

"You'll never stop me!" Lothor called.

"But we will." Blake said showing up with an army of ninjas.

"Hey Lothor! I have a bone to pick with you!" Haley called firing at him.

Shane called on the battlizer and the battle continued. We got rid of everyone but Lothor, who destroyed the battlizer.

We took on Lothor but one by one he tossed us aside. He took the Thunder's powers, then Cam showed up but got blasted. We tried to be relentless and defend Cam, but he drained our Ranger powers too. He was just too strong. We got right back up though and all 8 of us (Haley included) lined up to fight but got blasted instead.

"You fools, haven't you had enough?" Lothor asked. We responded by pulled ourselves to our feet and attacking. We were all getting our butts kicked but we wouldn't give up. We just kept attacking.

"I have your Ranger powers. You are at my mercy once and for all." Lothor said as the Winds and I faced him.

"We won't let you win." Shane said.

"What can you do to me without your powers?" Lothor mocked.

"We may not be Power Rangers, but we still have power. POWER OF AIR!" Shane called.

"POWER OF EARTH!" Dustin called.

"POWER OF WATER!" Tori called.

"POWER OF SPIRIT!" I called.

"NINJA POWERS!" we cried. Beams of our Ranger colored light shot from us and we sent Lothor into the Abyss and it closed on him.

The others got up and joined us when it was over.

"What happened?" Tori asked.

"Lothor's evil, it must have over loaded the Abyss." Blake said.

"Causing it to implode on itself." Cam finished.

"So he's gone...really gone?" Dustin asked.

“I believe so.”

“And our Ranger Powers?” Hunter asked.

“There’re gone too.” Shane said.

“Unreal.” I said about to collapse.

“I think we all need some rest and time to process this.” Cam said.

“Where will you stay with Ops gone?” Hunter asked.

“A hotel for tonight. Dad and I can figure out something else later.” Cam said.

With that we all went home and rested.

The next day the Action Games resumed and we watched Dustin win third place in Freestyle Moto and Shane did so well in skating he got offered a tour. He turned it down though because he said he had other aspirations that he would explain later but we had to go. Sensei Watanabe and Sensei Omino had set up a special graduation for the Rangers. I stood by Sensei as he handed out certificates.

“Shane Clarke...Tori Hanson...Dustin Brooks...Blake Bradley...Hunter Bradley...and Cam Watanabe” Sensei announced.

After the ceremony we all split up and went our own ways to celebrate. Tori and Blake went off to talk. Hunter was called by Sensei Omino. I waited for him to finish to find out what was up. He finally walked over to me.

“What’s going on?” I asked.

“I’ll tell you when I tell Blake...let’s go find him.” Hunter said.

“He’s over there with Tor. Let’s go.” I said walking with him.

“I can’t believe this. Sensei Omino just asked me to be the head teacher at the Thunder Ninja Academy.” Hunter said when we got to Blake and Tori.

“That’s great.” Tori said.

“Oh my...wow.” I said.

“Right on man.” Blake said.

“Hey...” Shane said as he and Dustin walked up, “guys ready to do this?”

The Winds changed and we watched as the new students arrived. Kapri and Marah had joined the academy and had re-colored their uniforms. I had a feeling that wouldn’t gel with Sensei for too long. Then the three kids from the park came running in. They were new students as well. Something about them was all too familiar...

“I don’t think I have it in me to go through this all again.” Cam said.

“Then perhaps we should leave their training with the three new teachers.” Sensei said. Tori, Shane, and Dustin walked out in their new uniforms and bowed. “A happy ending is nothing more than a new beginning. Besides one should never break up a winning team.”

I smiled. I was so happy. “Hey guys...you all have a minute?” I asked.

“Sure what’s up?” Tori asked.

“Come here.” I said leading all of the Rangers, excluding Haley, who was discussing re-enrollment with Sensei Omino, over to a secluded spot. They lined up. “Sensei already spoke to you all. Now it is my turn.” I took a deep breath to hold back tears. “You are one of the finest team of Rangers I have ever worked with and I am so proud of you all. Dustin, you are so much more than you think. You showed a dedication to the team rarely seen. You are one of the finest Rangers I’ve ever worked with. Tori, your strength, despite the odds, is an inspiration to all. Shane, your courage and leadership is everything it should be. You make a wonderful leader and I am proud to have worked with you. Hunter...” I took a deep breath as a tear slipped, “I am so honored to have met you. You are the embodiment, good and bad, of every trait a Ranger...and a man should have. I admit I had my doubts about training students from two different schools but I’m so glad I was wrong. Blake, your compassion and unwillingness to give up saved us more than once. I am glad I had the chance to work with you. And Cam...I know I wasn’t officially your trainer and I know we’ve had our share of differences but...you make one great Ranger and I am honored to have been able to fight on the battle field with you...I am honored to have fought with all of you Rangers. No matter where my destiny takes me next you will all have a special place in my heart. You are all more than my team mates...you are my friends.” I finished. We all hugged and I finally started to cry.

“So are you leaving?” Tori asked.

“Not yet but...soon.” I said.

“But not yet...we still have some time with her.” Hunter said.

“Well, you’re welcome in Blue Bay Harbor anytime.” Dustin said.

“Thanks Dusty. I’ll hold you to that.” I said.

“What do you say we forget this mushy stuff and go get a pizza?” Blake asked.

“Sounds good...should we invite Marah and Kapri?” Dustin asked.

I laughed. “You wanna forgive Marah don’t you?” I asked.

“Well...” Dustin started.

“Sure...why not, let’s invite them...Haley too.” I said

After dinner Hunter and I went back to his place. We sat on the sofa watching TV.

“So what happened to Moto?” I asked

“I still want that and I will have that. I can teach for awhile though. When Haley finishes her training she can take over and I can focus on Moto.”

“When do you go back to the Thunder academy?” I asked.

“Not until January. Sensei Omino is in the process of rebuilding. He said it should be ready by the early part of January then I can move back in and start teaching.” He explained.

“That’s great...I’ll need to leave by then anyway. I’m hoping to have some recharge time before my next mission.” I said.

“So that gives us 6 more weeks together?” he asked.

“Yeah...it does...” I said softly.

“Let’s make the most of it.” He said kissing me. He got up and carried me to the bed room and locked the door.

I was feeling mixed emotions. Sad because I knew I only had 6 weeks left with Hunter...I was proud because the Rangers I trained had saved the world...I knew I didn’t have much to do with that, but I felt pride none the less. And finally, I was happy because I finally had everything I ever wanted, even if only for a few more weeks...as Hunter said, I intended to make the most of it.

## PRT 40 – “The Gift of Love”

“Hunter, wake up!” I said shaking him.

“What?” he mumbled pulling the blanket over his head.

“Babe, it’s your birthday. Wake up!” I said shaking him again.

“I know and I want to sleep.” He groaned.

“Baby come on, I promise you, I’ll make it worth it for you to get up.” I said pulling the blanket low enough so I could kiss his neck.

“Well...why didn’t you say so?” he said rolling over and pulling me into his arms. He kissed me and I kissed him back.

“Happy birthday baby.” I said

“Thank you. So where’s my present?” he asked.

“You’ll get it later. First we celebrate.” I said getting up.

“Hey where are you going?” he asked.

“To take a shower. You coming?” I asked smirking.

“Right behind you.” He said getting up.

After we were showered and dressed we went into the living room. Blake and Haley were in there playing video games.

“Mornin’” I said.

“Good morning. Happy birthday Hunter.” Blake said.

“Happy birthday.” Haley said.

“Thanks...” he said.

“You guys wanna go get some breakfast?” I asked.

“Sure, let’s go.” Hunter said.

I let Hunter have the day to do what he wanted. After breakfast he wanted to go riding so we did. I watched as the three Bradley siblings raced for the first time in 6 years. Hunter was beaming with joy at having both his brother and sister. After their race we went to Storm Chargers and met up with the others, including Marah and Kapri. Everyone wished Hunter a happy birthday and we went to sit down. I paid attention to how the two newcomers were acting. They truly seemed to be reformed. Marah was jumping through hoops to win Dustin’s forgiveness and Kapri was trying to find out where she fit in. As long as it wasn’t with Hunter that was fine with me.

“So what are your plans for the day?” Tori asked.

“Well, I already went riding...I don’t know...” Hunter said.

“How about another beach party?” Shane asked.

“Yeah one that won’t get trashed.” I said bitterly.

“Oh...sorry about that.” Kapri said, laughing nervously.

“A beach party would be fun, we can’t swim this time of year but we can set a bon-fire or something...wanna meet there in say...an hour?” Hunter asked.

“Sure, sounds good.” Dustin said.

We all met an hour later and set up. I helped Tori set up a volleyball net.

“OK the odds are more even now. What do ya say we go girls against guys?” Tori asked.

“You’re on.” Blake said.

“I’ll keep score.” Cam said.

We played for awhile, and eventually beat the guys 7-5.

“Oh yeah, we rock!” I teased.

“Girls rule!” Marah said.

“Oh yeah?” Dustin asked running up behind her and picking her up. He got her in the sand and tickled her. She laughed and they went at it for awhile. I just smiled, I knew despite all of Marah’s misdeeds that they belonged together. Dustin seemed so happy they were no longer enemies.

“OK, everyone ready for cake?” Shane asked.

“Oh yeah, let’s do that.” I said.

We sang to Hunter and then everyone gave him gifts. Shane gave him a CD he had been wanting. Tori got him a

crimson shirt that was really nice. Blake gave him some weapon that he could train with. Dustin got him a gift card for the CD shop. Cam gave him a new watch. It looked somewhat expensive which made a couple of the guys raise their eyebrows. Even Marah and Kapri got Hunter a gift. Granted it was only a fruit basket but it's the thought that counts. "Nothing from you Mich?" Hunter asked. "You'll get it later, after the party." I said. This caused everyone to "oooo, and ahhhh" as if it was something sexual in nature. I just smirked and rolled my eyes.

After the party Hunter and I stayed and walked along the beach.

"So what is my gift?" he asked.

"You're ready for it?" I asked.

"Yeah."

"Ok then come on." I said pulling him with me. I took him to a empty spot of the beach and took off my amethyst.

"What are you doing?" he asked.

"Giving you your gift. You know the weak spells I've been having? I've been channeling a great deal of power into my amethyst." I explained.

"But why?"

"So that I can give you an amazing gift."

"Mich, don't kill yourself..."

"Don't worry...I have enough power to do this...Power of Saturn I call to you. Open the gate between here and beyond. Let me pass, spirit of Saturn guide and protect me so I may have a safe journey home." I summoned. This caused a portal to open. "Come on." I said reaching for Hunter's hand. I pulled him through and on the other side was a dark room. It was blackness all around, but well lit.

"Where are we?" he asked.

"In the section of space that separates life and death. Look behind you." I said.

Hunter turned around. "Mom...Dad?!"

"Yes Hunter." Mr. Bradley said.

"Oh my god...I don't believe this." Hunter said awestruck.

"Happy birthday...but I'm afraid you only have 15 minutes then we have to get out of here." I said.

"Thank you Mich...that's enough..." Hunter said pulling me to his side. "I've been wanting to do this for so long... Mom, Dad, this is my girlfriend Michelle. Michelle, my parents."

"It's very nice to finally meet you Michelle." Mr. Bradley said.

"Likewise." I said smiling.

"There's so much I want to know..." Hunter said.

"The one thing you should know is we are very proud of you." Mrs. Bradley said.

"You have done right by Blake and Haley. You are everything we knew you could be." Mr. Bradley said.

"Thank you...that mean so much to hear." Hunter said.

"We know you will continue to fight for the right thing...it will be tough but we know you will make it through the trial." Mrs. Bradley said.

"Oh...you know..." Hunter said.

"Yes, we know. We are so sorry you had to endure such agony. If only there was something we could have done to protect you..." Mrs. Bradley said sadly.

"Everything we did in life was to protect you. That's why we took on Lothor." Mr. Bradley said.

"I know...and I know you're still with me. I just miss you so much...we all do." Hunter said.

"I know. But you have wonderful friends now. You'll be fine..." Mr. Bradley said.

"And you have Michelle, she loves you very much." Mrs. Bradley said. I blushed.

"You like her?" Hunter asked, glad to have approval.

"Of course we do. She honestly loves you, that's all we ever wanted for you, was to find true love and be happy." Mrs. Bradley said.

"And even if you can't be with her now, hold tight to that love and never lose sight of it. That love will get you through some hard times." Mr. Bradley said.

"What about Cam...are you disappointed in me?" Hunter asked.

"Why would we be? It doesn't matter to us if you're homosexual, bisexual, or heterosexual, we love you and we support you as long as you are happy. If Cam makes you happy then we are happy for you. Cam is a great guy who obviously

cares about you as well. You are very lucky to have the love of so many people.” Mrs. Bradley said.  
“Hunter, we raised you right. You know right from wrong and love is never wrong, only hate is, as you have learned.” Mr. Bradley said.  
“I have learned.” Hunter agreed.  
“You will make an excellent teacher at the academy. You have so much to share with future generations.” Mr. Bradley said.  
“I only hope I can be half the teacher you were...” Hunter said.  
“You will be. It’s not even a question.” Mrs. Bradley said.  
“Are you guys ok? Are you happy?” Hunter asked.  
“Yes, very. We are at peace. You don’t need to worry about us. We’ll be here waiting for you when it’s your time.” Mrs. Bradley said.  
“I feel better knowing that.” Hunter said.  
“Hunter, it’s time to go.” I said.  
“Ok...I’m so glad I got to see you two again.” Hunter said.  
“It was good to see you too.” Mr. Bradley said.  
“Give Blake and Haley our love, tell them we’re proud of them and tell Sensei and LeAnn hello for us.” Mrs. Bradley said.  
“Of course.” Hunter said hugging his parents. “I love you guys so much.”  
“We love you Hunter. Never forget that.” Mrs. Bradley said.  
“We do love you very much son.” Mr. Bradley said.  
“Goodbye Hunter. Thank you Michelle” Mrs. Bradley said.  
“Don’t mention it.” I said. They hugged me and I hugged them back.  
“Goodbye Mom...Dad.” Hunter said as he took my hand and we left.

We stepped out of the portal hole and back into the beach. The hole closed and I felt very weak from using my energy but I had been right, I channeled enough energy that within a few days I’d be back to normal again. Hunter looked at me with tears in his eyes.  
“Thank you.” He whispered. I pulled him into my arms and held him as he cried. I cried right along with him. We stood there for awhile before I lost my balance. Hunter caught me.  
“Are you alright?” he asked.  
“Yeah just a bit weak.” I said.  
“Let’s go back to the apartment. I think we both need some rest.” He said.

He took me back to the apartment and we walked in and saw Blake and Haley watching a movie.  
“What happened to you guys? You look like you’re been crying.” Blake said.  
“We saw Mom and Dad.” Hunter said.  
“What?” Blake asked.  
“Michelle used her amethyst to open a portal to the in between world. I saw Mom and Dad for 15 minutes.” Hunter explained.  
“Oh my god...you’re serious.” Haley said. Hunter nodded.  
“What did they say?” Blake asked.  
“That they are proud of me...they are proud of all of us and they said they love us all very much and not to worry because they are at peace and they’ll be waiting for us when our time comes to join them.” Hunter said.  
“Oh my...they are proud of us?” Haley asked.  
“Yes...all of us.” Hunter said hugging his sister. Blake joined in and they all three hugged and cried. I left them alone and went to the bedroom and got in bed. I needed to rest.

A few minutes later Hunter joined me.  
“Thank you so much Mich.” He said.  
“No worries. I was glad to do it.” I said.  
“So that’s what had been going on with you? Your energy level has been going nuts.”  
“Yep. In a few days it should balance out and I’ll be fine.” I said.  
“You’re amazing.”  
“So are you.”

“I can’t believe you did that.”

“I got the idea when we found out you had been hiding the Gem of Souls. I knew how bad you wanted to see your parents so I decided to make it happen.” I explained.

“I bet you are tired. Let’s get some sleep.” He said.

“OK...happy birthday my love.” I said kissing him.

“Thank you...you made it very happy.” He said kissing me as he turned off the light and we both fell asleep.

PRT 41 – “Thankful”

“I can’t believe the trial is the week before Thanksgiving.” I said.

“I’m just happy to get it over with.” Hunter said.

“Yes and when it’s over we’ll go to Angel Grove and have Thanksgiving with my family.” I said.

“It’ll be great for our families to be together for the holidays.” Hunter said.

“Yeah, I can’t wait.” I said putting my shoes on.

“I’m so nervous about testifying.” Hunter said trying to fix the tie on his suit.

I walked over to help him. “Don’t be nervous. I know it’s gonna be hard to relive this in front of a jury but just remember why you’re doing this.”

“I know...”

“And I’ll be right by your side.”

“Thank you. You give me strength.”

“Let’s go. We have to meet Porter before the trial starts.” I said.

“Are Blake and Haley ready?”

“Yeah, they’re waiting.”

“Then let’s do this.” Hunter said walking out of the room. His normal confidence was shaky. I was worried but I knew all I could do was be there for him.

The trial started and Hunter took the stand and was sworn in.

“Hunter, would you please tell us, in your own words, why you are here?” Porter asked.

“Yes. When I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Thousand Oaks Middle School I was sexually abused by my homeroom teacher.” Hunter said.

“Would you please share some details about this sexual abuse?”

“I was raped repeated as well as beaten into submission.” Hunter said. I could tell he was trying to be strong.

“How many times did this occur?”

“It happened repeatedly throughout my 8<sup>th</sup> grade year”

“Why didn’t you notify the authorities sooner?”

“I was blackmailed. Told that if I told anyone that social services would separate me and my brother.”

“Why didn’t you tell your parents?”

“My parents are deceased.”

“Then who was your guardian?”

“A family friend listed in their will.”

“So you were frightened that you would lose your brother?”

“Yes.”

“Is the teacher that did this to you in this room?”

“Yes.”

“Would you please tell us who it is?”

“The defendant.”

“Please name this person.”

“Mr. Harold Jackson”

“No further questions”. Porter finished.

Hunter took a deep breath and waited for the cross-examination.

“Mr. Bradley, if this happened 6 years ago, why bring it up now?” the lawyer started.

“To prevent future generations from going through what I went through. I know there is nothing he can do to me now. I only want to protect the future students that may suffer.”

“You say you were raped. When did this happen? When would a teacher with so many responsibilities have the time to spend with you?”

“Lunch. He would stay in at lunch.”

“Mr. Bradley, are you sure you remember things clearly? Perhaps you needed someone to be angry at for the death of your parents. Is it possible you imagined all of this?”

“I know what happened.” Hunter said calmly.

“You know? How can you be sure? You were 13 and in a lot of distress. Do you remember anything from that period?”  
“I remember everything. I remember exactly what happened. You don’t forget getting raped repeatedly. You don’t forget the feeling of having someone force their penis in your ass. You don’t forget the pain of being beat and the horror of knowing this is going to happen everyday. These are things you just don’t forget.”  
“Is it possible you created these images in your head?”  
“No sir.” Hunter replied. I didn’t know where this line of questioning was going but I had a feeling it couldn’t go much longer. Hunter had made his point.  
“No further questions.”

A trial was short, within 4 hours the jury was deliberating and we got a break. I had been sitting with Haley, Blake, Shane, Cam and Tori but when Hunter got up and walked out of the court room I followed him.  
“Babe? Are you alright?” I asked wrapping my arms around him.  
“Yeah...I’m fine. Just fine.” He said softly.  
“Are you sure?”  
“It was just hard to relive that in public.”  
“I know...” I said as Mr. Jackson walked over to us. I knew it wasn’t smart to be where there were no witnesses.  
“What do you want?” Hunter asked.  
“If you don’t drop this stupid lawsuit I swear to you I will find a way to make life hell for you and your little girlfriend.” Mr. Jackson threatened.  
“I wouldn’t be making threats. You’re about to go to prison.” Hunter said.  
“You really think I’m gonna get put away? Not a chance.” Mr. Jackson said walking back inside.  
“I’ll be back.” I said kissing Hunter. I followed Mr. Jackson. “Listen, you’ve done enough to him. Just leave him the fuck alone.”  
“He’s got his girlfriend fighting his battles now? How pathetic.” Mr. Jackson said.  
“You’re the pathetic one. Taking advantage of young boys who only want love and guidance. You are pitiful.” I said.  
“You bitch.” He said grabbing my wrist. He pushed me into a closet.  
“Let me go you asshole.” I said.  
“Not a chance. I’m gonna teach you a lesson just like I taught Hunter. You will respect me.”  
“You’re gonna be so sorry.” I said as I tried to attack. I didn’t have much space to maneuver though. I knew there had to be someone passing by so I just had to make noise. “HELP!” I screamed.  
“Shut up you whore.” He said slapping me.  
“You ass.” I said trying to fight back as Hunter and Porter opened the door.  
“Hunter!” I cried  
“Let her go.” Hunter said.  
“You have been caught...let the girl go.” Porter said.  
“No. Let me go or I will kill her.” Mr. Jackson said.  
“No you won’t.” I said freeing one of my hands. \*I hope this works with just visualization...ninja lightning attack!\* I thought as I touched the back of his neck. It sent a charge that shocked him and he released me. I ran into Hunter’s arms and he held me as Mr. Jackson was arrested. In light of new evidence he was found guilty and sent to prison for 10-15 years.

“It’s over.” I said to Hunter as we left the courthouse.  
“Yes...finally.” Hunter said kissing me, “Thank you for giving me the strength.”  
“I’ll always be there when you need me.” I said

The day of Thanksgiving I took Hunter, Haley, and Blake with me to Angel Grove. We met at my mom’s house.  
“Mom, this is my boyfriend Hunter and his brother Blake and sister Haley.” I said.  
“It’s nice to meet you.” My mom said.  
“Nice to meet you too Ms...” Hunter stopped not knowing her last name. She had left my dad and remarried.  
“Cagle.” I said.  
“...Ms. Cagle. Thank you for inviting us.” Hunter said.  
“My pleasure. You guys can go into the living room. Tommy, Kim, and David are already in there.” Mom said.  
“Ok.” I said leading them in. “Tommy!” I said hugging my brother, “So Zachary didn’t come?”  
“No, I’m sorry.”

“What happened?” Hunter asked.

“My other brother, Zachary, isn’t speaking to me. He said I was an embarrassment because one of my performances on an award show was too provocative. He said if I came to Thanksgiving dinner he wouldn’t. I didn’t think he was serious.” I said.

“Don’t worry about it. He’ll come around.” Tommy said.

“Hey I heard you guys defeated Lothor.” Kim said.

“Yeah, good work.” Tommy said.

“Thank you.” Blake said.

We talked for awhile before my mom and step-dad called us to the dinner table. We sat down.

“Ok before we eat we always say what we are most thankful for.” I explained to the Bradleys.

“Ok...who starts?” Hunter asked.

“I’ll start.” Tommy said. “I am thankful for my lovely wife and wonderful family and friends and wonderful job.”

“I am thankful for my husband and my in-laws. I am thankful for the acceptance into this family and I am thankful for the constant blessings in my life.” Kim said.

“I am thankful that I found my brothers again and that I have new friends who have accepted me.” Haley said.

“I am thankful for my family and all the blessings that come my way.” David said.

“I am thankful that the good lord has reunited me with my sister and that He has brought a woman like Michelle into my life. I am also thankful for all my new friends.” Hunter said.

“I am thankful for having the love of a man like Hunter and I am thankful for my new friends as well and of course my family and all my old friends and the fact we are still friends after all this time.” I said.

“I am thankful that my family is back together and I am thankful that I found a girl like Tori and that I finally have friends and the career I’ve always dreamed about.” Blake said.

“I am thankful for my wonderful kids and their happiness. It’s everything a mother could ask for. I am also thankful for the love of a wonderful man.” Mom said.

“I am thankful for my family, all you kids, whom I love as my own. I love you all.” My step-dad said.

“Let’s eat!” Tommy said.

We all ate till we were stuffed and then we sat around and watched football. It was everything I had ever wanted, with the exception of missing Zachary. I noticed some tension between Tommy and Kim however.

“Hey, what’s the matter?” I whispered to Tommy. He led me outside.

“Kim is mad at me.” Tommy said.

“For what?” I asked.

“I have been tracking...an energy force. I can’t explain more than that now but...there’s work I need to do. I’ve turned the Myth Team over to Jason. I have to go and focus on this new project. Kim is very upset. She’s going back to Florida.” Tommy explained.

“What? Why can’t she go with you?” I asked.

“I have to focus on this project. As soon as I handle everything I’ll go back to Kim if she is willing to take me back, but the fate of the world could be at stake and that has to come first. You of all people should understand.”

I thought about it. That’s exactly what I was doing to Hunter. “Yeah, I do understand. Well...good luck...if you need anything let me know.”

“Thanks.”

“So why Jase?”

“You need to rest. No telling when a new team will need you. Jase will still call you if they need help but Gorgon has been very quiet lately.”

“Yeah...so when do you leave?” I asked.

“Next week. I’ll be home for Christmas though.”

“Great...well...good luck.” I said hugging him.

“Thanks. I love you sis.”

“I love you too. I’m gonna head home. Take care.” I said

I got Hunter and we headed home.

“Thank you Mich. That was so wonderful to spend Thanksgiving with family.” Haley said.

“No worries. I was so happy to have you all there with us.” I said hugging her.

“Now I’m totally wiped. Goodnight.” Hunter said.

“Goodnight” Blake and Haley said hugging their older brother.

I followed Hunter to the bedroom.

“So you’re really thankful for me?” I asked.

“Of course. You are such a bright spot in my life.” He said

I smiled and kissed him. “Good because I feel the same.”

“I hoped you did.” He said kissing me.

We got in bed.

“Babe?” I asked

“Yeah?”

“Thank you for giving me the best Thanksgiving of my life.” I said.

“And thank you for giving me the only good Thanksgiving I’ve had in 6 years.” He said.

“Really?”

“Yeah. It’s the first time I’ve been happy on a holiday since I lost my parents.” He said.

“Good, I’m glad. I love you.”

“I love you too Mich...goodnight.”

“Goodnight my love”

## PRT 42- "Goodbye to You"

The weeks from Thanksgiving to New Years has been amazing. Hunter and I had shared a quiet Christmas with our families (Blake had even come back for the holidays) and each other. We had literally been at each other's side 24/7. Neither of us wanted to miss a moment of our time together. It had been more than I ever dreamed.

Then the day came. The Thunder Academy rebuild was finished and Hunter had to go to prep for the incoming students. Tommy had also contacted me and told me to rest up because he had a feeling he'd need my help in the near future with his new project.

"I can't believe this is our last night together." I said cuddling up in his arms.

"I know. I know you warned me this would happen but I never expected it to be so soon...I guess I just didn't wanna think about it." Hunter said holding me tightly.

"I know how you feel. It seemed if we didn't think about it that time would never come." I said.

"And now here it is. In the morning we have to say goodbye." He said.

I held back tears and just nodded.

"Can I ask you something?" he asked.

"Sure..." I said.

"If you weren't a trainer would you marry me someday?"

"Hunter...not again. I told you there's no use in asking because it can never happen."

"I know..." he said sighing.

"Goodnight." I said kissing him.

I kissed him goodnight and we both fell asleep.

The next morning he packed up his truck and I grabbed my suitcase. I had decided I would take a plane back to Angel Grove this time because I needed the time alone and I knew my friends would be around me 24/7 when I got back. Hunter drove me to the airport. He walked me in and we hugged.

"I will always love you Michelle." He said.

"I will always love you Hunter...god there is so much I want to say to you...I could never put it into words. Here, promise me you won't read this until you get to the academy." I said handing him an envelope.

"I promise." He said taking it from me.

"Goodbye Hunter. Thank you for...for being there." I whispered hugging him.

He chuckled. "Thank you for loving me Michelle. I never dreamed I'd find someone like you."

We kissed one last time as they gave a last call for my flight. I looked at him and tried to memorize his face in my mind then I turned and walked away before I lost my nerve. I boarded the plane and just sat in shock the whole way home. When I got back to Rocky's place I was lucky because no one was home. I went to my room and locked the door and fell to the bed and finally cried. I had just let the love of my life go.

Hunter

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It hurt like hell to let Michelle go. I loved her so much. I thought about her the whole way to the Academy. I got there and was amazed. They rebuilt it and it seriously looked as good as new. I checked in with Sensei Omino and he showed me to my new quarters. I got settled in and took out Michelle's letter. It was 3 pages long. I lay on the bed and started to read it.

Dear Hunter,

This is the hardest letter I've ever had to write and in all honesty I don't even know how to begin.

I guess I should start by pointing out that even though I've only known you for a few months you've changed my life forever. I always believed in "love at first sight". Until now I never believed in a "lasting love at first sight." I firmly believe that given the time our love would have been even more intense and stronger than anything I have ever known. It's already, just in this short time, been more than I ever could have dreamed with

more passion than I ever thought possible.

To answer your question, to which I keep avoiding, yes. If I wasn't a trainer with all these damn rules I would most definitely want to marry you. I dream of it every night. I know how I would want our wedding to be. I know the place, I know the song, I know the colors, I know the guest list, I know where I want the honeymoon... in my head it's all planned. I wish I could change things but we must follow our destinies and unfortunately I don't think they are together. Don't get me wrong. I so wish we could stay together. In my mind I know what our lives together could be and it could be amazing... more than amazing. But we mustn't think about what might have been because that will only make this harder.

I will always love you Hunter. Nothing and no one can change that. No matter how many Ranger teams I must train in the future I will never forget my time with you and how much that has meant to me. In my mind we'll be together forever

Because you do mean so much to me I want to see you happy. I hope someday you find someone else to love and be happy with. If you think there is something with Cam I honestly hope you explore it and find out. Cam is a great guy and if he can make you happy then I am happy for you. If Cam isn't the one I hope you find someone else who can make you happy. Don't ever feel guilty about being happy with someone else. Believe me, I know it won't be easy because I'm not sure I can ever be happy with someone else but we both must try.

You made me happy. I still remember the first time we met at the moto track. I know you were attracted to me even if you didn't want to be. I felt it. From the first time I saw you I knew you would change my life forever, I never would have guessed how much though. You are the best thing that has ever happened to me Hunter Bradley and it hurts like hell to let you go. I knew when I found you I did something right... for me that's saying something. I have a reputation for being a first class screw up and to be honest I was scared about being a Ranger Trainer because, despite my powers, I didn't know that I could do it. When I met you I knew I was on the right track. I still don't understand how in the world I got so lucky to have you in my life, even for a fleeting moment.

God, I have so much to say and I don't even know how to begin to put it all into words. I could go on forever about all the wonderful times we've had and all the memories we made and how horribly hard my life is going to be without in it. When someone touches your soul in the way you touched mine I'm not sure how you're suppose to say it all in a simple letter.

When we started dating I warned you this day would come and I told you I would make the most of it and you wouldn't regret dating me. I hope I have kept my word on that... I'm pretty sure I have... because as much as this hurts I wouldn't change a thing.

Remember when we were talking about "If you could find your soulmate but they only had 6 months to live would you still want to meet them?" and I couldn't answer that question because it was too close to home? Well I have an answer now. The answer is yes. Even if I only had a few months with you I wouldn't change a thing. The times we shared are everlasting in my heart and I will forever treasure them. I have no regrets. Not one. I hope you feel the same.

On that note I'm going to end this letter, which is very hard to do because as long as I keep writing I haven't really said goodbye to you... but as they say all good things must come to an end, thus do we and this letter. Remember, I love you always, my Hunter.

Always my love,

Michelle

After I finished reading the letter I finally cried...mind you crying isn't something I often did but now it seemed like the only way to react. I had lost the love of my life and I wasn't even sure I would ever see her again.

A few minutes later I heard a knock on my door.

"Come in." I said.

Cam opened the door and walked in. "Hey how are you doing?" he asked.

"I've been better." I admitted.

"I know you miss her...but remember...you always have me." He said sitting on my bed next to me.

"I know...and I don't think I could deal with this without you." I said.

"You won't have to." He said kissing me.

So one chapter closed on my life and as sad as I was I knew another chapter was opening. Michelle was right...this is the way it had to be.

PRT 43 “Moving On- Michelle’s Story”

My life had been insane ever since Hunter left for the academy...ok...maybe insane isn't the right word...highly depressed would be a more accurate expression. In either case I just wasn't myself. I didn't even get out of bed unless I totally had to, I wouldn't even write in my diary. I went to promotional events to promote my new album and I did short concerts, which was hard in itself because it meant singing my new single, “This Love”, which I had written about Hunter. Anyway, aside from that I didn't move from my bed.

After a couple weeks of this Rocky and Mina began to worry. It was a day I had nothing scheduled so I just stayed in bed. About 11 in the morning I heard a knock on my door.

“Yeah?” I mumbled.

Mina walked in. “Rise and shine sunshine.” She said pulling the blankets off the bed.

“MINA!” I cried.

“Get up, you can't waste away here.” Mina said as Rocky walked in.

“Mina is right, come on get up Mich. I'll take you to eat.” Rocky said.

“Yeah, let's go to City Café. It's your favorite.” Mina said.

“NO! Leave me alone!” I cried.

“Ok this isn't gonna be easy I see. Mina get her dressed. I'll go warm up the car.” Rocky said.

“Got it.” Mina said as Rocky walked out of the room and closed the door.

“OK, come on.” Mina said shuffling through my closet. She pulled out a purple shirt and a pair of jeans. “You're not a child. Don't make me dress you.”

“Fine, get out. I'll get dressed.” I said.

“No deal. Do I look stupid to you? I'm not giving you a chance to lock me out. Now get dressed.” Mina said.

“Fine.” I growled.

I got dressed and went with Rocky and Mina. Needless to say I was less than happy. After lunch they took me to the lake for some fresh air. I sat there and closed my eyes trying to clear my mind. “Power of Spirit” I whispered over and over. I couldn't get the image of Hunter and Cam out of my head. By now I was sure they were an official couple and the idea killed me. Hunter moved on.

That's when it hit me! That's all I needed to do...move on! I gave some thought to this. Finally I made a decision.

“Guys, can you take me back to the house? I just thought of a project I would like to work on.” I said.

“Promise you won't go hide back in bed?” Mina asked.

“I promise.” I said.

“Well...ok.” She said.

I got back to the apartment and went to my computer and set to work.

“What are you doing?” Mina asked looking over my shoulder.

“Nothing.” I said quickly covering up the screen.

“Whatever you say...” Mina said leaving me alone.

A few hours later it was done. I went outside with my lap top and the projector I had made.

“What are you doing?” Mina asked.

“Opening a dimensional portal.” I said.

“What?! Mich!” Mina cried.

“What? I just wanna see Ikkou. I was able to make contact with him and he wants to see me too so I'm gonna let him come visit.” I said.

“Michelle don't.” Mina said.

“Too late.” I said pushing the button that started the process.

A few seconds later Ikkou emerged from the portal.

“Ikkou!” I cried running to him. I was gonna hug him but then I remembered he was from Japan and that may not be their custom. I stopped and did a greeting bow instead.

“Michelle.” Ikkou said smiling.

"I've missed you." I said.

"And I missed you." Ikkou said.

"You learned English?" I asked.

"Yes. Quite a lot. But not all." Ikkou said.

"That's ok. We can talk without the translators now. This is great." I said.

"Hugging is ok." Ikkou said.

I smiled and jumped into his arms. I don't think he was quite expecting that.

"Let's go inside." I said pulling him with me. "Rocky, someone I want you to meet. Rocky this is Ikkou. Ikkou this is my room mate Rocky."

"Ikkou...as is from the other dimension you told me about?" Rocky asked.

"Yes. I brought him here." I said.

"Mich...Zordon is going to be so pissed at you." Rocky said.

"Oh well. I wanted to see Ikkou. Now, Ikkou you can stay in the room with me. This way." I said showing him to the bedroom.

Ikkou and I spent the rest of the day together. I showed him around town. I was really enjoying myself. Later that night we went back to the apartment and went to the bedroom.

"I can sleep in the living room." Ikkou said.

"No, there's room in the bed for both of us." I said.

"Are you sure you're ok with that?" Ikkou asked.

"Of course." I said pushing him back on the bed and kissing him. "I've missed kissing you."

"I missed you too...but what about Hunter?" Ikkou asked.

"We broke up. I'm single now. We can do this." I said

"Are you sure?" Ikkou asked.

I sat there for a second thinking. Did I want to sleep with Ikkou? I mean in my heart I was still with Hunter. I always would be. But I was sure he was with Cam now. Hell they had probably slept together by now. I had to move on at some point and I was lying in bed with an amazingly hot man that wanted me. How could I say no? I wrapped my arms around him and...anyway it was pretty incredible.

After it was over I laid in Ikkou's arms as he slept. I couldn't sleep. I couldn't get over the guilt I was feeling. I felt like I had just cheated on Hunter. I knew we weren't together anymore but I also felt like we should be. The important thing was that Hunter was happy and I was certain Cam could make him happy...maybe even more so than I ever could.

After a few days of being together it was clear Ikkou was falling for me...it was also clear he was missing Isshu a lot. I knew he needed to go home.

"Ikkou, are you ready to go?" I asked.

"I'm not ready to leave you." He said.

"I know..." I said softly.

"Come with me. You aren't a Ranger anymore...come with me." He said.

"I can't...I will be a Ranger again. Someday another team will need me and I have to be ready." I said.

"I understand." Ikkou said hugging me.

"I'll miss you." I said hugging him back.

"And I will miss you...very much." Ikkou said.

"Thank you for coming." I said.

"Anytime." He said kissing me.

I kissed him back.

"Goodbye Ikkou"

"Goodbye Michelle."

With that he went through the portal and was gone.

After he was gone I finally felt up to writing in my diary again.

~Dear Diary,

I think I made a big mistake. I tried to replace Hunter with his dimensional counterpart...needless to say that didn't work too well. I thought in seeing Ikkou again I would miss Hunter less. The truth is I miss him more because every time I looked at Ikkou it only reminded me he wasn't Hunter and I didn't get the same feeling that I got when I looked at Hunter. When I would look into Hunter's blue eyes I would feel such an intense feeling of love, contentment, and just this amazing wonderment. I guess I will always love Hunter. A love like that doesn't just go away but I know he's happy. Perhaps Cam is his soul mate.

Someday maybe this pain will be bearable. Until then I guess I have a career to focus on and a new team to mentally prepare for. Working with any team after Ninja Storm is going to be hell. I love those guys so much. They all became my best friends. I'll never do that again. This next team I'm staying on a strict business relationship. Anyway, I'm tired. Time for bed.

Mich~

The next morning I had to force myself up. The guilt I was feeling was beyond insane. I had used Hunter's dimensional counterpart to replace him and in my heart I felt I had cheated on Hunter. Moving on was pretty damn hard. Slowly Mina pushed me back into the world but all I did was talk about Hunter all the damn time. I think it was beginning to drive Mina and Rocky insane. I retreated to my room one day and turned on the TV. One of my songs was playing. It was a live version of "Please Remember" I had done. I normally didn't sit and watch my own videos but this time I did and I listened to the words I had written,

*"Time, sometimes the time just slips away
And your left with yesterday
Left with the memories
I, I'll always think of you and smile
And be happy for the time
I had you with me
Though we go our separate ways
I won't forget so don't forget
the memories we made*

*Please remember, please remember
I was there for you
and you were there for me
Please remember, our time together
When time was yours and mine
and we were wild and free
Please remember, please remember me*

*Goodbye, there's just no sadder word to say
And it's sad to walk away
with just the memories
Who's to know what might have been
We leave behind a life and time
We'll never know again*

*Please remember, please remember
I was there for you
and you were there for me
And remember, Please remember me*

*Please remember, please remember
I was there for you
And you were there for me
Please remember, our time together*

*The time was yours and mine
and we were wild and free
Then remember, please remember me*

*And how we laughed
and how we smiled
And how this world was yours and mine
and how no dream was out of reach
I stood by you, you stood by me
We took each day and made it shine
We wrote our names across the sky
We ran so fast, we ran so free
And I had you and you had me*

Please remember, please remember”

I sighed, “Time to practice what you preach Mich...time to move on...”