

PRG 2-1- "Icy Reception"

"Harley, are you ready? We have to get you to school. You don't wanna be late the first day!" Hunter called.
"5 more minutes!" I called.

My name is Harley Bradley, formerly Harley DeSantos. I changed my name to make things at school easier. I will always consider Rocky DeSantos my dad. Anyway, it had been several months since the defeat of Cobra and since we had the need to morph into Power Rangers. In fact I hadn't even seen some of my friends all summer. All of them had their own plans.

Alex had spent every waking moment with Cali. They both got jobs as life guards on the beach just so they could spend even more time together. The jobs took up most of their time and I had seen very little of them.

Mel and Tony had been together a lot too. Aunt Kim had to go take care of some things in Florida so she had taken Mel and Tony with her and they had spent a few weeks and gone to Disney and Universal and all that stuff. I had seen Mel some, after all she was my best friend, but her life pretty much revolved around Tony now.

Allison and Aaron, after feeling overwhelmed by what they considered severe betrayal, had gone to spend the summer on KO-35. They left the first day of summer and as far as I knew they had gotten back only a couple of days ago. It would be very hard to face Aaron after all these months.

Logan had gotten involved with the country club and reverted to his snobby ways. He was the only single friend I had and I couldn't stand to be in the same room with him anymore.

Then there was Lindsey and Nick. Lindsey had been working very hard to help Nick adjust to his new life. As far as I could tell Nick was very happy and I knew Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were very fond of their new son.

Then there was me. I hadn't been around much this summer myself. I had gone off with Hunter to several moto competitions and even done some racing myself. I had gotten very good and was arguably the best in my age group. I had enjoyed it because it got my mind off Aaron and Mr. Brooks and I had bonded with Hunter a lot. He was really turning out to be a great father figure. I was glad to have him in my life.

"Harley!" Hunter called again.

"I'm ready!" I called as I grabbed my backpack and ran downstairs. I got in the car and Hunter dropped me off.

"OK, have a great day. Do you need me to pick you up?" he asked.

"Um, ya know I don't know. Normally I'd meet the others at the Juice Bar after school but...you better pick me up. I'm not sure what friends I have left." I said.

"Ok, see you at 3. I love you."

"Love you too. Bye."

I went in to the school and saw Mel.

"Hey girl." I said walking over to her.

"Hey Har, how did the moto tour go?" she asked.

"Wonderful. I kicked butt and had an amazing time."

"So Hunter isn't the core of all things evil?"

"No, actually Hunter is a pretty cool guy and he's not a bad father. I wish I would have known the truth all along."

"What about Rocky?"

"He's still my dad but...so is Hunter. So anyway, how was Florida?"

"It was awesome. Tony and I had a blast. I can't wait to show you all the pictures."

"That's great. Have you heard from Aaron lately?" I asked.

Mel giggled. "No I haven't, but Tony has, Aaron got back two days ago."

"Do you know if he's forgiven me yet?"

"He's still pretty mad...hurt...you know..."

“Yeah...I figured”

“What did you do to him anyway?”

“It...” I was cut off.

“Good Morning Melody, Harley. You guys ready for the new year?” Mr. Brooks asked walking by.

“Yes sir, all ready to go.” Mel said.

I nodded shyly.

“See you guys later.” Mr. Brooks said walking away. I sighed. He was still so cute.

“I have to go to class.” I said.

“You have 15 minutes...and we have first period together, chill out.” Mel said.

“I just wanna get good seats.” I said.

“We will. Don’t worry.” She said as Nick and Lindsey came over.

“Hey guys.” Lindsey said smiling.

“Hey.” I said.

“High school is amazing! I love it!” Lindsey said.

I laughed. “You’ve been here for what? 10 minutes?”

“12...but that’s beside the point. I love it already!” Lindsey said.

“So how are things with you Nick?” I asked.

“Pretty good...well we should get going. I wanna walk Lindsey to class but I’ll see you two in first period.” Nick said.

“Ok. See ya.” I said. I turned back to Mel. “Where’s Tony?”

“Um, I don’t know. I saw him earlier...I think he had some schedule problems or something and had to go fix it.”

“Ah ok. Well we should be getting to class now.” I said.

“Ok. Let’s jam.” Mel said.

“Let’s jam?” I asked.

“What?”

“Nothing. Nothing at all.” I said.

We walked into class and there sat Aaron, right in the front row.

“Crap.” I mumbled under my breath.

“AARON HEY!” Mel cried running over to him.

“Hey Mel.” Aaron said hugging her.

“I missed you so much.” Mel said.

“Missed you too Mel. How have you been?” he asked.

I rolled my eyes and went to the back of the room and found a seat and tuned out the sound of Aaron’s voice. Once class started I focused on taking notes. I repeated this until lunch. I didn’t know what to do when that came around. Normally I’d sit with the guys, but as I said, things were tense.

I got my tray and found Mel, Tony, Lindsey, Nick, and Logan at one table and Alex, Cali, Aaron, and Allison at another. I decided to join Mel’s table. I figured Aaron wouldn’t exactly welcome me with open arms.

“So what exactly happened with you and Aaron?” Nick asked.

“It’s not important.” I said.

“She’s not telling anyone. I don’t even know what happened with them.” Mel said.

I sighed. “Whatever. I have to go. I suddenly lost my appetite.”

I got up and headed to my locker.

By the time school ended I was ready. I waited for Hunter in front and practically jumped in the car.

“How was school?” he asked.

“Oh, terrific. I can’t even speak to Aaron but things are fine.”

“Things will get easier.” He said.

“Yeah...”

“How were the classes?”

“They were ok. Some of the same teachers as last year...it was ok over all.” I said.

“You wanna go to the track and unwind?” he asked.

“Sure.” I said as my communicator beeped. “Wait...I wonder what that is all about...” I wondered. I hadn’t been beeped in several months.

“Well find out.” Hunter said.

“Ok...yes?” I asked into my communicator.

“Harley, please report to the command center. Zordon needs to speak with you” Cam said.

“I’m on it.” I said. “Ok...well guess duty is calling again. I’ll take a rain check on riding though”

“You’re on. Now go. Let me know what’s going on.” Hunter said.

“Of course...see ya.” I said teleporting.

I arrived at the Command Center and all my team mates and Nick were there.

“What’s he doing here?” Tony asked.

“Rangers, I will explain everything, just be patient.” Zordon said.

“OK we’re ready.” I said.

“A new evil is here. It is unlike anything you have ever faced. Her name is the Queen Snow. With the help of her daughters the Princesses Ice and Frostine, and son Prince Frost she plans to freeze the entire Earth. It is your job to stop her. To do this you will need to add the final link of the Genesis Powers. Nick, you have shown great bravery and courage and you are a skill warrior. If you will accept I would like for you to claim the powers of the Black Genesis Ranger and the Hawk Zord as your own.” Zordon said.

“Zordon, you really want Nick as a Ranger?” Tony asked.

“Yes, he shows heart and strength of character. Those are traits a Ranger should have. Nick, do you accept?” Zordon said.

“It would be my pleasure to join the Rangers in battle.” Nick said.

“This is amazing!” Lindsey said.

“Let’s get to work guys. What has the Snow Queen sent for us?” I asked.

“Flurries. They are henchmen.” Cam said,

“Like Versai?” Nick asked.

“Pretty much...frozen icy Versai in a manner of speaking.” Cam said.

“Ok, then lets teach these Flurries a lesson. Time to get back to action.” Tony said.

“Genesis Evolution!” we all called.

We fought the Flurries; they were tough but not very good fighters just solid. After the battle the Snow Queen came down to visit us.

“You have won this time Power Rangers but rest assure I am just starting. Your world will soon be part of my icy paradise and there is nothing you can do to stop me.” She said disappearing in a icy cold breeze.

“OK...looks like we have our work cut out for us.” Tony said.

“And just when I was getting used to living a normal life.” Cali said.

“Oh well, looks like those days are over.” Allison said.

“For now let’s get out of here.” I said.

“With ya.” Lindsey said.

We teleported back to the Command Center.

“Good work Rangers, I know that you are aware that this battle is just starting and it’s a long journey ahead but now that you are a full unit I know you can overcome anything the Ice Kingdom throws your way.” Zordon said.

“We will.” Tony said.

“Welcome to the team Nick. You will make a great Black Ranger.” I said.

“Thanks Har. I only hope this can in some way atone for the destruction I caused.” Nick said.

“It’s a good start. Now if you will excuse me I have some place to be.” I said teleporting out.

I went home and changed clothes. I decided that this was ridiculous. Until I had Mr. Bro...Dustin, I would never be happy. Teacher or not I had to be with him. I had tried to forget about what we shared in the past but all my efforts had been in vain. I had a great plan to show Dustin exactly what a grown up woman I was. To do this I borrowed some of my mom’s clothes. I put on a purple leather mini skirt, matching tube top and jacket and some black knee high, high heeled boots. I applied some make up and curled my hair then headed for the school. I went into the band hall office. Luckily Dustin was the only one left in the office. He was reading over some papers and didn’t see me come in. I closed the door behind me and he looked up.

“Hello Dustin.” I said.

“Harley? What are you doing here?” he asked in shock.

“I came to see you of course.” I said walking over. I sat on his desk.

“Harley, I...I’m trying to work. I have some stuff I have to get done.” He said.

“It can wait.” I said taking off the jacket, “There are more important things to focus on.”

“Harley...what exactly do you want?” he asked.

“Isn’t obvious? I want you.” I said leaning over and kissing him.

He pushed me away. “Harley, I’m a teacher...you can’t do this.”

“Watch me.” I crawled over the desk and straddled his lap. “You know you like me. Why fight it?”

“Well for one you’re only 15 and I’m 42, for another I’m a teacher you’re a student, and finally I’m very happily married!” he said.

“Marah never has to know. It’ll be our little secret.” I said kissing his neck.

“Harley stop” he said trying to push me away.

“Don’t fight it. I know you want me.” I said as I undid his tie and started to unbutton his shirt.

“No, I don’t. You’re very pretty and any guy would be lucky to have you...any guy your age. Harley, I know what happened in the past must have confused you but I was 17 back then. I’m not that guy anymore.”

“But you are...I still want you.”

“I’m sorry Harley...I can’t.”

“Fine. You’ll be sorry.” I stood up and grabbed the jacket and ran out. I went to the park and cried. I was feeling so many things. Hurt, confusion, and above all lost. I didn’t know what I would do next.

PRG 2-2 – “Jumping to Conclusions”

“Har...are you ok?” I jumped at the sound of Nick’s voice.

“Nick...oh...hey...I...I didn’t know anyone was around.” I said wiping my eyes.

“I’m sorry. I didn’t mean to scare you. Are you ok?” he asked again.

“Me? Yeah fine. Why?”

“You’re crying, that’s why. What happened.” He asked sitting down.

“Nothing.”

“Tell me.”

“I’m too humiliated.” I said

“Har...you know we’re friends...really we always have been. You can trust me. Just talk to me.” He said.

I nodded. I did need to talk and I did trust Nick. “Ok. Well, back when I tried to kill myself Cam left me a scroll and I went back in time to 2003. When I was there I met Dustin as a teenager and we had a fling...well when I came back here I never got over it. Aaron dumped me over it and...I just made a fool of myself. I thought maybe I could seduce Dustin, make him love me in this time.” I explained.

Nick tried to hide his expression of shock. After all Dustin was his father now. This had to be somewhat hard to swallow for him. “Ok...well...” he sighed. “I’m really sorry all this happened Har...but Dustin is 42...you’re 16. Don’t you think that’s quite an age difference not to mention the fact he’s married very happily to Marah...I mean...whoa...” I started crying again. “Oh Harley.” He pulled me into his arms and held me.

Lindsey

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I was walking home when I saw Aaron sitting outside the library.

“Hey.” I said.

“Hey Linds”

“What’s wrong? You look bummed.”

“I guess I thought after leaving Angel Grove for the summer I would come home and everything would be fixed. Didn’t happen that way.”

“You mean with Harley?”

“Yeah.”

“What exactly happened with you guys anyway?” I asked.

“Well...she cheated on me.”

“With who though?”

“Dustin.”

“Dustin? Dustin Brooks?”

“Yeah but it’s not what you think...Cam sent Har back in time and when he did she met Dustin as a teenager and they had a fling.”

“Oh my...I’m so sorry Aaron.”

“So am I...I really cared about her.”

“You still do or you wouldn’t still be bumming.”

“I guess you’re right. But I don’t understand why...it’s obvious she didn’t care as much for me. She went for someone else first chance she got.”

“I’m sure she’s really sorry.”

“I don’t think she is.”

“She’d have to be an idiot to cheat on you with no remorse.” I said immediately wishing I hadn’t.

“What do you mean?”

“Well, you’re smart and kind, and attractive.” I said, again wishing I hadn’t.

“Wow...I...I had no idea you felt that way.”

“Yeah well...I’m kinda embarrassed to admit this but...I did have a major crush on you for a long time before I got involved with Nick.”

“How come you never told me?”

“Because you were into Harley and Harley was into you. I didn’t wanna complicate anything.” I explained.

“Too bad you didn’t say something. I think I ended up with the wrong cousin.”

I gasped. I had always wished for Aaron to say something like that to me but now I had Nick and I loved him. I couldn't betray that love.

"I'm sorry Lindsey...hey you wanna go get a pizza?"

"Yeah, sounds great." I said.

We headed to the pizza place, passing the park on the way. As we went through the park we saw Nick and Harley. Nick was holding Harley in his arms very tightly and Harley was dressed like a street walker.

"You move fast." Aaron said.

"Aaron..." Harley said.

"What's going on here?" I asked.

"Linds...nothing. We were just talking." Nick said.

"Yeah, looks like you were talking. Nice outfit Har." I said.

"Lindsey, it's not what you think." She said.

"I'm sure it's not. Let's go Lindsey." Aaron said.

"I'm with you Aaron." I said taking his hand.

We went to the pizza place and found a seat.

"I'm so sorry we saw that." Aaron said wrapping his arms around me.

"I can't believe my own cousin would steal my boyfriend. It's not enough she dated him first but she can't stand that I have him...I guess since she couldn't have his dad she went after the son." I said furious.

"Harley never fails to amaze me. She such a little...anyway I'm very sorry. Are you alright?" he asked.

I leaned into his arms. "I'm here with you. I'm fine with that. Maybe you're right...this is how it should have been all along." I said

"I think so." He said kissing me. It's what I had been wanting for so long yet it didn't feel right. What felt right was being with Nick and kissing him. He's the one I wanted but apparently he wanted Harley back...and that was just how it would be.

Harley

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"Oh god...Nick I'm so sorry." I said. I felt even more horrible now.

"Don't worry about it. I have a feeling Lindsey didn't jump to conclusions on her own." Nick said.

"What do you mean?"

"I wouldn't be one bit surprised if Aaron had something to do with her reaction."

"You think so?"

"Yes, I do."

"What do you plan on doing? Shouldn't we go find her and explain?"

"Sounds like a good idea. Where do you think they went?"

"Juice Bar or Pizza Parlor." I said.

"Ok. Let's go."

We walked off to find Lindsey. She wasn't at the Juice Bar so we checked the Pizza Parlor. Sure enough there she was...making out with Aaron.

"Oh god...Nick let's go." I said grabbing his arm.

"No." He said pulling away from me. He walked over to Lindsey and Aaron. I followed him. "What in the hell is going on here?" he demanded.

"What does it look like?" Aaron countered.

"Nick...I...we..." Lindsey stuttered.

"Save it. I see where we stand. You know nothing was going on with Harley and I because I would never do that to you...but since you obviously have no problems doing it to me...Harley come on. I think we have better places to be than with our exs." Nick said.

"Exs?" Lindsey asked.

"That's right. You can kiss whom ever you want. We're through." Nick said taking my hand and storming out.

"Nick are you ok?" I asked

"I'm fine. I just can't believe I was so stupid. You're the one I wanted all along. I don't know why I settled for her."

“Are you for real?”

“Yeah. I’ve always cared about you Harley...and now we’re both single...maybe this is a sign.”

“A sign?”

“Yeah, a sign we are meant to be together.” He said pulling me close to him and kissing me. I kissed him back, partly because I did still have some feelings for him, but mostly because I just needed to be close to someone, anyone would have done right then. I just wanted to feel like someone wanted me and Nick was making me feel that now.

We ended up just holding each other for the longest time until some Flurries showed up, this time with a leader.

“Oh...isn’t this sweet, Ranger Love.” He mocked.

I jumped. “Oh great...and just who are you?”

“They call me Prince Frost.”

“Prince Frost eh, well prepare to be melted.” I said.

“Yeah, you don’t know who you’re dealing with.” Nick said.

“Ready?”

“Ready.”

“Genesis Evolution!” we both said.

We fought the Flurries and got rid of them and then took on Prince Frost. He was quite a worth opponent but in the end he retreated.

“Do not think this is the end Rangers, this is only the beginning and soon your world will be nothing more than an ice cube!”

“Idle threats.” I mumbled.

After the attack Nick took me to my house and I changed into some normal clothes and joined Nick in my living room. That’s when Hunter and my mom walked in from their child birthing class. Hunter was really getting into this father thing. He was so excited about the baby.

“Hey Har. Nick...how are you guys?” Hunter asked.

“We’re fine...how did class go?” I asked.

“You’re mother is getting somewhat impatient.” Hunter said.

“I’m 7 months pregnant, you try carrying around a watermelon in your stomach 24/7 then talk to me about being impatient.” Mom said glaring at Hunter.

“You go on to bed sweetie. I’ll bring you dinner.” Hunter said trying to ease things.

“Alright...goodnight. Goodnight Harley, I love you.” She said.

“Night Mom. I love you too.” I said. This pregnancy had been very hard on Mom and she had been very sick for a few months now.

“Have you kids eaten yet?” Hunter asked.

“No.” I said.

“What do you want for dinner?” he asked.

“What sounds good?” I asked Nick.

“Whatever you want. Doesn’t matter to me.” He said.

“How about macaroni and fish sticks?” Hunter asked.

“Works for me.” I said.

“OK, I’ll call you guys when it’s ready.” He said.

While we waited for dinner Nick and I cuddled on the sofa and watched TV. It felt so good to be in someone’s arms. Someone who cared, even if it was only as a friend, which I was sure that was all Nick truly felt for me. He was just upset at Lindsey and I knew that.

20 minutes later Hunter called us to eat.

“So how was school?” Hunter asked.

“Fine.” I said not really wanting to discuss it.

“Anything happen with Aaron?”

“No.”

“Is everything ok?”

“Fine.”

“Harley, what’s with the one word answers?” Hunter asked.
I sighed. “Aaron and Lindsey are going out.” I said.
“What? Lindsey? Lindsey Bradley? My niece Lindsey?”
“Yep, one and the same.”
“What happened with you guys Nick?” Hunter asked.
“Harley and I walked into the Pizza Palace today and saw Lindsey and Aaron making out so I dumped her.” Nick explained.
“Oh wow...” Hunter seemed pretty speechless. The rest of dinner was pretty quiet.

After dinner Nick and I talked some more, alone.

“Harley?”
“Yeah Nick?”
“Would it be the worst thing in the world if we...ya know, dated again?”
“Of course not...might be a bit weird with your dad and all but...more than that...are you over Lindsey or trying to use me to get back at her?”
“I would never use you...I really do like you and if it wasn’t for Lindsey I would have asked you out a long time ago.”
“OK then...are you asking me out now?”
“I guess I am...are you accepting?”
“I guess I am.” I said smiling.
“Good...this is how it should be.” He said kissing me.
I wasn’t so sure I fully believed that.

Lindsey

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After the mess at the Pizza Palace Aaron walked me home and sat with me so I wouldn’t be alone since my parents were at work.  
“I’m so sorry about this.” Aaron said.  
“Don’t be. I bet you Nick used this chance to get back with Harley. I know he’s had feelings for her this whole time. He still cares about her.” I said.  
“Well he’s an idiot. We all know what kind of person Harley is...you’re ten times the person she is.”  
“Really?”  
“Really. I’d rather date you than her any day.”  
“Are you asking me to go out with you?” I asked.  
Aaron paused. “You know what, yes I am. Would you like to go out with me?”  
I smiled, “I would love that.” I said kissing him.  
“Good...this is how it should be.” He said kissing me.  
I wasn’t so sure about that.

“You can’t be serious. Harley, are you sure about this? I mean this all seems kind of rushed.” I said to my best friend.  
“I know, but Mel, you have no idea how much I need this now. Even if it doesn’t work out...I really need to be with someone and Nick wouldn’t take advantage of that. I think he just needs someone too.” Harley explained.  
“Well if you guys are happy...anyway I have to go. Tony is coming over for dinner.” I said.  
“OK...well I’ll talk to you later.”  
“Alright...just be careful.”  
“Of course...later.” Harley said hanging up.

I hung up as well. I really didn’t get Harley sometimes. She really was more like her mother than she would ever admit. I went downstairs and helped my mom set the table.

“When is Tony getting here?” she asked.  
“Any minute now.” I said pouring glasses of tea.  
“Ok great. Set the tea on the table then go get your father.”  
“Yes ma’am.” I said. I set the tea down then went to my dad’s office. “Daddy, mom wants you at the table.”  
“Ok Angel, I’m coming. Just a second.” He said as the doorbell rang.  
“I’ll get it!” I called running to the door. I opened it and it was Tony. “Hey babe.” I said smiling.  
“Hey Mel.” He said kissing me.  
“Come on in, dinner is almost ready.” I said showing him to the table.  
“Hello Tony.” Mom said.  
“Hi Mrs. Grayson, thank you for having me over.” Tony said.  
“It’s my pleasure, please have a seat.” Mom said as Daddy walked out.  
“Hello Mr. Grayson.” Tony said.  
“Hi Tony, how’s it going?” Dad asked sitting down.  
“Good, thank you.” Tony said.  
We ate dinner and as we finished up I started to clean up.  
“Thank you for dinner Mrs. Grayson, it was wonderful.” Tony said.  
“Thank you Tony, you know you’re always welcome here.” Mom said  
“Of course, our home is your home.” Daddy said.  
“Thank you.” Tony said.  
“Mel, why don’t you two go for a walk, it’s so nice out today. I’ll finish cleaning.” Mom said.  
“Oh ok, thanks...let’s go Tony.” I said.  
“Ok. Thank you again Mrs. Grayson.”  
“Anytime dear.” Mom said as I pulled Tony out of the house.

“You look like you have something on your mind.” Tony said.  
“I do.”  
“What is it baby?” he asked.  
“Well you do know what this Friday is don’t you?” I asked.  
“Of course I do. It’s our one year anniversary. I wouldn’t forget that. You wanna do something special of course, right?” he asked.

I smiled, so happy be remembered, “Yes, I do. In fact I had a certain something on my mind and I think we should discuss it first.” I said finding the nearest bench and sitting down.

Tony sat next to me. “What did you have in mind?”

“Well...we’ve been together for a year...and I really think we’re going to be together a long time...and when two people love each other like we love each other...well the next logical step in the relationship is...”

“You mean making love?”

“Yes.”

“Are you sure you’re ready for that?” he asked.

“I’m sure I want you to be my first.”

“I want you to be my first too Mel and you have no idea how many nights I’ve dreamt of being with you, but I don’t want you to feel pressure.”

“I don’t, remember, this was my idea”

“I don’t want you to feel you have to do this to keep me. I’ll wait as long as it takes for you”

“I know you will, and if you’re not ready I’ll wait for you, but Tony. I do want to be with you, in everyway and Friday seems like the perfect time...what better way to celebrate our one year anniversary?” I asked.

“If you’re sure you’re ready then yes, I’m ready. I’ve been ready. I love you so much Mel and I just want everything to be perfect for our first times.” Tony said hugging me.

“I love you too Tony, more than I could ever tell you.” I said kissing him.

“Ok, then we have some planning to do because somehow I don’t think our parents are just gonna let us go to one of our rooms together and lock the door.”

“You’re right and I’ve thought about that. At the Angel Grove Inn they have some nice rooms. I’ll tell my parents I’m gonna be at Allison’s and you tell yours that you’ll be at Logan’s then we’ll meet for dinner at the Inn’s restaurant and we can get a room afterwards.”

“You really have planned this out. Are you sure you want to lie to your parents?”

“Tony, you know me. I hate the idea of lying, but I hate the idea of not being with you even more. I’ll do what I have to do to be with you.” I said.

“Ok, if you’re comfortable with this then so am I. It sounds like a plan.” Tony said.

“Wonderful...I can’t wait.” I said kissing him again.

The rest of the week crept by ever so slowly. Finally Friday rolled around and that too went by slowly. Finally school ended and I ran home and did my homework and packed a bag.

“OK Mom, I’m gonna spend the night at Allison’s. I’ll be home in the morning.” I said.

“Alright, have fun and be careful.” She said kissing my head. I hurried out of the house before I got busted. I was such a horrible liar. I went into the Juice Bar restroom and changed from my school clothes into a nice, knee length spaghetti strap dress and some white, flat pumps and I fixed my hair and headed out.

I walked into the restaurant and Tony was already there, waiting for me. He stood when he saw me and pulled out my chair.

“You look amazing.” He said kissing me.

“Thank you, so do you.” I said admiring the suit he wore.

“Order anything you’d like.” He said.

“Thank you.” I said looking over the menu.

We finally ordered and as we waited for our food we danced to “Underneath” by Jessica Simpson. It was so romantic. I couldn’t believe how perfect everything felt.

Finally, dinner arrived and we ate then headed to our room. In the room was a dozen pink roses from Tony.

“Oh my god...Tony, you shouldn’t have...” I said about to cry.

“Happy Anniversary baby,” he said kissing me

“I’ll be right back. Let me go change.” I said smiling.

“You really did plan this didn’t you?” he said.

“Every detail.” I said going into the restroom. I got out of my dress and put on a pink lacey one piece lingerie. I walked out, partly nervous. I didn’t know what Tony would think of this.

When he saw me he was speechless. Finally he spoke. “Melody...you’re beautiful.” He said pulling me into his arms and kissing me. I kissed him back and we made our way to the bed. “Are you sure about this?” he asked again as we both sat on the bed.

“I’m sure. I want this. I want you.” I whispered.

“I want you too.”

“Ok then...no more talking...just feeling.” I whispered as I kissed him.

We lay back on the bed and kissed for awhile. Finally I helped him take off his shirt. I loved the feel of his skin. It was so soft. I kissed his neck and started to mess with the zipper on his pants and got them off. It suddenly felt so real, we were both laying there in our underwear, only seconds away from giving ourselves to each other. I knew this was my last chance to turn back and in that second I knew I didn’t want to turn back. I wanted him more than anything. I loved him and I wanted to share myself with him fully. I felt him kiss my neck and start to undo the snaps on the lingerie I

wore. As he did this I pulled off his boxers. No one, aside from my female friends, had ever seen me naked before, but I was letting Tony and I wasn't embarrassed. I wanted him to see me, just as I wanted to see him.

"You're so beautiful Melody. I love you so much." He whispered.

"I love you too." I said admiring him. His body was very stunning. We kissed for awhile more and as we got braver we kissed up and down each other's bodies. His skin on mine felt so great. Finally we were both ready.

"Last chance to turn back." He said.

"No turning back. I want you, now. Please." I begged.

"I want you too." He said kissing me one last time before he finally entered me. I had heard this could be somewhat painful, and I was especially worried that with both of us being virgins it would be more painful but Tony was really gentle and went slow. It was somewhat painful but not unbearable. When the pain subsided it felt so great to have him in me. He started moving slowly at first and I moved my hips to match his movements. As we both adjusted to this new feeling we both move our hips faster and faster until the intensity of the feeling built up and spilled over into this totally amazing feeling.

We ended up making love until 3 or 4 in the morning. Each time was more and more amazing. The pain had long since passed and all that was left was amazing pleasure. Finally we were both worn out and fell asleep in each other's arms.

The next morning I woke up in his arms and that was amazing. I looked over at him. He was already awake.

"Good morning beautiful." He said softly.

"Good morning." I said softly.

"You were amazing last night." He said kissing my head.

"So were you. It was so perfect. I couldn't have asked for anything better." I said snuggling up against him.

"I'm glad. I thought it was perfect too."

"I never want to leave here." I said

"I know, I don't either but...we have to get home."

"I know, I know...you wanna go take a shower first?" I asked.

"Together?" he asked.

"Sure, why not? We have nothing left to hide." I said.

"Alright." He said taking my hand.

After our shower we got dressed and kissed each other goodbye and he walked me to my street then I went to my house. I went in.

"Did you have fun at Allison's?" Mom asked.

"Oh, yeah it was great." I said.

"You look tired, did you girls stay up all night?"

"Yeah. I'm gonna go take a nap." I said.

"Ok, I'm going shopping, see you later." She said.

I went to my room and got in my bed. I couldn't believe how great everything had been. It was a night I would always remember. The rest of the weekend I could think about nothing else.

Then Monday rolled around. Tony came over and walked me to school. He was being so sweet to me. I think he was more in love with me now, I know I was more in love with him.

Second period Tony walked me to Mr. Johnson's class. He was my math teacher. I didn't really like him too much, I didn't know why but something about him was just unsettling. After class he called me to his desk.

"Yes sir?" I asked.

"Melody, I noticed how well you're doing in here. I need a teaching assistant because I am very behind on grading papers. I would love it if you could come in after school for the next few days and help me out." Mr. Johnson said.

"Sure, no problem." I said thinking nothing of it.

After class I met up with Tony. We ate lunch alone that day. We just needed to be together.

"Mr. Johnson asked me to be his TA." I said.

"Wow, that's awesome Mel. You must be doing well." Tony said.

I nodded. "I think I have one of the highest grades in there" I said.

"That's really cool."

"Yeah, except I have to go in after school and help him grade papers."

"That's ok. It'll look great on your college apps."

"You know that's true. I hadn't even thought about that." I said as the bell rang. Tony walked me to my next class.

After school I met with Mr. Johnson.

"Hello sir." I said

"Hello Melody"

"What do you need me to start with sir?"

"This is the answer key for last week's exam. I need you to grade these papers." He said handing me a stack of papers.

"Yes sir." I said

"So what do you normally do after school?" he asked.

"Normally? Hang out with my friends at the Youth Center, work on gymnastics or singing. Stuff like that." I said.

"You have a boyfriend?"

"Yeah."

"Oh really? Who?"

"Tony Oliver." I said.

"Tony, yes, he's a good kid. Great student from what I hear."

"He's a very nice person." I said getting focused on grading.

I did several hours of grading and was totally tired the next day. This repeated the next 3 days. On the fourth day I was getting really sick of these long hours. Between a few Flurry attacks here and there and school I didn't have time for Tony anymore which killed me. I went in and started working.

"So how are you today Mel?" Mr. Johnson asked.

"I'm good."

"How's Tony?"

"Fine I guess."

"Cool. So are you guys serious?"

"We've been dating for a year so yeah, pretty serious"

"I mean have you guys slept together?"

"Um sir, that's kind of personal and I don't think a teacher should be asking that."

"You're right. I'm sorry. I was just wondering. I can't see a beautiful girl like you still being a virgin."

"Sir..."

"I'm sorry...but are you? I mean have you and Tony had sex?"

I was uncomfortable but I answered. "Um...well...yeah, we have."

"I knew it. You're so beautiful there was no way a guy could resist you for a year." He said brushing my hair with his hand. I pulled away.

"Um...sir, after today I don't think I can do this anymore. I need to focus on my school work." I said.

"I understand, but you might want to reconsider." He said closing the door and locking it. He walked over to where I said and put his hand on my thigh.

"Um, sir, what are you doing?" I asked.

"You're so young and beautiful Melody." Mr. Johnson said grabbing my wrist.

I was scared now. I pulled away. "Leave me alone." I warned.

"You're tougher than I expected." He said grabbing my wrist again.

I pulled away with more force this time and took a fighting stance.

"You know how to fight? That little boyfriend of yours teach you? That's so cute." He said grabbing me by the hair and pushing me against a wall. "I always get what I want Melody, and right now I want you." He took a pair of hand cuffs from his desk and forced me down on the desk then handcuffed my hands above my head and fastened the cuffs to the desk so I couldn't move my hands at all. He held my legs down and took off my jeans and ripped off my shirt and underwear. This was quite different than what happened with Tony. Now I was very scared and I really didn't want this man seeing me naked, but there was nothing I could do. I heard him strip his clothes off and I felt his flesh on mine as he forced my legs apart, far as they could go, it was a good thing I was a gymnast because otherwise the width he forced my legs apart would have really hurt. Anyway he then forced himself into me hard and was not careful at all.

This hurt bad and caused me to scream for help, until he slapped me in the face and told me to shut up, which I did after being slapped a few times just to keep him from hitting me again. After he was finished with me he got dressed then uncuffed me and told me to get dressed and get out of there, which I did without hesitation. He warned me if I told anyone he would turn it back on me and Tony would think I cheated on him and I would lose Tony forever, not to mention the fact all my friends and family would think I was a slut. I was so ashamed. I got dressed and ran to the park and fell down by the lake and cried and cried not knowing what to do next.

## PRG 2-4 – “Brave New Girl”

I looked in the mirror at myself again. I had on a pair of low rider jeans and a yellow baby tee. My hair was brushed straight down and I had on a fair amount of make up. I had some costume jewelry on. I thought I could pass for 21...18 at the very least, which is all I really needed. I finished off the outfit with a pair high healed ankle boots and I climbed out my window. It was midnight and somehow I didn't think my parents would much approve of me going out at this time, especially on a school night. Once I made it outside I pulled out the keys to my mom's car and took off. I drove to a club and found some parking and stood in line to get in. Much to my delight I didn't get carded. This was perfect. I went in the club. The music was jamming and everyone was dancing. I walked out on the dance floor and just started to dance. The music was fast so I didn't have to worry about having a partner, besides my goal was to have fun. Nothing more. I had enough heartbreak and I didn't wanna behave, I just wanted to feel alive again.

I was dancing when I saw this guy dressed in torn jeans and a leather jacket walk over to me. His hair was long and he looked to be in his late 20s or early 30s. He moved right up to me and we started grind dancing to the trance music that filled the club.

“Girl, what you looking for?” he said

“I don't know I go with the flow.” I replied

“Let's get on the floor.” He said pulling me to the middle of the dance floor. Everyone else in the club gathered around us as we tore up the floor. It was so fun. We danced for about an hour. “You sure are cute.” He said, “Let's get a room girl, come and ride with me.”

The guy was asking for a one night stand! Talk about your confidence booster. Not that I didn't consider this offer but I was still a virgin and I knew if I left with this guy that would change. But really, did that matter? Who cared about having the perfect first time. Was there such a thing as having the perfect first time? I mean all guys were scumbags anyway, as Logan and my more recent ex boyfriend Mark had proved to me. If I went with this guy it would be all in good fun, no strings attached. Maybe that was for the best. “You're on.” I said as he wrapped his arm around me and led me to his motorcycle. I got on behind him and he took me to this really cheep roachtel (Roach Motel) but it didn't matter, we wouldn't be sleeping there. We got a room and he started to undress me. This guy was at least honest about what he wanted. I undressed him and he kissed me roughly as he pinned me to the bed. I knew this was it. I was gonna lose my virginity. I felt some pain as he pushed himself into me but I just ignored it and tried to get lost in the moment. It wasn't the best feeling but it did make me forget the pain I had been feeling, which was my initial goal. After it was over we got dressed and he took me back to the club.

By this time it was almost 5:30 in the morning so I got in the car and headed home. I parked the car and climbed back into my room and changed into my pajamas. I really wanted a shower. I hadn't had the chance to clean up after I was with that guy but I didn't wanna risk waking my parents so I climbed in bed and slept for an hour and a half before I had to get up for school. I took a shower and got ready then I headed to class.

I was pretty tired the whole day. By the time lunch came I was dragging. I got my tray and joined up with my brother Aaron, cousin Cali, and her boyfriend Alex.

“You ok Ally?” Cali asked.

“Yeah, I'm good.” I said picking at the pizza on my tray.

“You sure? You look exhausted.” Alex said.

“I'm fine.” I said.

“Alright...” Cali said.

I got through the rest of the day then went home and took a nap. I slept through dinner but I was up by 10 PM to get ready to go out again. I was just about ready when my communicator beeped.

“Yes Zordon?” I asked.

“Prince Frost and his sister Princess Ice have taken an army of Flurries to the park. Please get Aaron and join the others in battle.” Zordon said.

“On it.” I said. “AARON!” I called then I got ready to morph before he could see me and how I was dressed.

“GENESIS EVOLUTION!”

We got to the park and sure enough, there was Prince Frost with a chick who I assumed to be his sister.

“Ok, I’m really not in the mood for this Frost so can we please hurry this up.” I said.

“Not a problem Yellow Ranger. Let me freeze your world and it will be over before you know what hit you.” Prince Frost said.

“Um, let me think about it. Yeah, not gonna happen.” I said pulling out my daggers. He shot some ice balls at me, which I dodged. Then he aimed for Mel, “Hey look out!” I cried, but Mel didn’t even bother to dodge. She was acting really strange for some reason. “MEL!” I called when she got hit. I looked away just long enough to get myself blasted. I fell right onto the Red Ranger. “Excuse me Logan.” I said getting up.

“Not a problem.” He said kindly. Yeah, yeah, he claims to still care about me but then why is he still trying to contact Kristy?

“You Power Rangers are so pathetic.” Princess Ice said.

“This sounds familiar.” Nick mumbled.

“Yeah, and as you learned first hand we’re anything but pathetic.” Tony said.

“Give me a break. You Rangers think you are so tough...bring it on.” Princess Ice said.

“Oh I’ll bring it. Mel, you with me?” I asked.

“Um...yeah...with ya.” She said awkwardly. I was curious as to her sudden hesitation on the battle field.

“Let’s do it.” I said. We combined our weapons and charged the princess. She swiped at us with her sword. I managed to dodge but Mel got hit. I didn’t know what her problem was but she just wasn’t on top of things.

“Say bye-bye Pinky.” Princess Ice said as she stood over Mel, sword raised over head.

“I don’t think so Princess.” Harley cried as she knocked the princess down with her staff.

“You are gonna pay for that.” Princess Ice said angrily as she stood up.

“Let’s get out of here sis. We’ll come back later.” Prince Frost said.

“Fine, but this is far from over.” Princess Ice said leaving with her brother.

I sighed, glad the battle was over.

“OK, see ya...” I said running off. I went back to my room and finished getting ready, then after everyone was asleep I repeated my outing from the night before. I snuck out and took Mom’s car to the club and went in. I was dancing when this guy, who looked about college age, walked over to me.

“Hey...never seen you around here before.” He said.

“You haven’t looked hard enough.” I said.

“I don’t think I could have missed someone cute as you.”

“Get those eyes checked.” I said.

“I’m Mike, what’s your name?”

“Allison.”

“What a beautiful name. Can I buy you a drink?” Mike asked.

I smiled. This guy thought I was at least 21. “Sounds great.”

“What’s your poison?” he asked.

“Surprise me.” I said. I went and sat at a table and he brought me over a beer. “Thanks.” I said sipping the beer. It was pretty disgusting but I decided that it didn’t matter. I drank that one and several more. At some point I must have blacked out, next thing I knew I was waking up in Mike’s bed next to him. I knew what had happen. I looked at the clock. 6 AM. This was bad. I got dressed and was about to catch a cab when Mike woke up.

“Leaving already?” he asked.

“I have some place to be.” I said.

“I wanna see you again.” He said.

“Ok, meet me at the club tonight.” I said.

“Sounds great.” He said going back to sleep.

I took a cab to get the car and rushed home. I was getting in my pajamas just as everyone was waking up. I was so lucky I hadn’t been busted. Once I decided I looked like I had just gotten up I went down and got breakfast then went and took a shower and got ready for school.

School that day was just a repeat of the day before. I was wiped and I had to fight to stay awake in class. I snuck off at lunch and caught a short cat nap, which got me till the end of the day. I was gonna go home and nap but there was a

monster attack. I guess I had really upset the princess because she sent an ice monster into town. We all morphed and went to fight it.

"I'm so not up for this." I mumbled.

"Let's get this over with." Nick said.

"I'm with you on that." I said.

We attacked and eventually had to combine our weapons but we got rid of the monster. It grew, we called the Zord. It was Nick's first time in the Zord and he was very excited.

"This is really cool. No wonder you guys always win, you have killer equipment." He said.

"Can you please ooo and ahh later? I wanna get this done." I said.

"What's your problem?" Aaron asked.

"Just trying to get rid of this giant ice sculpture." I said.

"We'll get it done...just chill" Cali said.

"Dude, bad expression right now." Harley laughed.

"Can we please focus?" I said.

"Ok, let's do this." Alex said.

"Genesis Super Ultrazord, Final Strike!" we commanded as we took out the monster.

"About dang time. Bye guys." I said going home. I got a few hours of sleep before I had to get ready.

After I woke up I got dressed and snuck out again. I went to the club and by this time the bouncer knew me. I didn't even have to wait in line, he just waved me in. I went in and Mike found me.

"Hey gorgeous" he said kissing my neck as he handed me a beer.

"Hey yourself." I said taking the beer and sipping it.

"Let's get on the floor." He said.

"Sounds good to me." I said following him to the dance floor. We danced and drank until the club closed at 2 AM.

"You wanna go back to my place?" Mike asked.

"Yeah, sure." I said.

"Ok my car or yours?" he asked.

"Um," I gave this some thought. I wasn't sure I could drive in my condition, "Maybe we should take a cab."

"Nah, I'm fine to drive. Come on." Mike said.

"Ok let's go then." I said following him to his car.

We were headed back to his place, jamming out to music the whole way. Suddenly I saw a pair of headlights coming right at us.

"LOOK OUT!" I screamed. Mike jumped and swerved but it was too late. We hit the car head on. Next thing I knew I heard sirens and everything went black.

Aaron

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I was sleeping when my dad came in and woke me up.

"Aaron, wake up."

"Dad? What time is it?" I asked groggy

"2:45 in the morning."

"What's wrong?"

"We need to get to the hospital."

"Why? What happened?" I asked sitting up. I was fully awake now.

"Allison was in a car accident. Get dressed, we need to go. I'll explain on the way."

"OK, give me 2 minutes." I said jumping out of bed. I threw on the nearest clothes and ran downstairs and helped my dad get my mom to the car. She was hysterical.

We got to the hospital and Dr. Grayson came out.

"Dana, what is going on?" Dad asked.

"Andros...I just got here. The resident doctor called me to handle the case. All I know right now is that Allison was a passenger in a car. The driver was drunk and he was driving on the wrong side of the road and hit an on coming car. It appears Allison has a high blood alcohol level too. As far as her condition, she has some head trauma but I won't know

how serious it is until I run some tests. I'll come out and give you updates as I know more." Dr. Grayson explained.

"Thank you Dana." Dad said. Mom was crying and I sat next to her. Dad sat on the other side of her.

"I can't believe this. I thought she was in her room. I never expected Allison to sneak out." Mom said through her tears.

"I know Ashley, neither of us did. This isn't like her at all." Dad said.

I was just speechless, I couldn't believe my twin was laying in a hospital bed because of such a stupid mistake. Part of me was very angry and part of me was very worried. I was feeling so many things. Finally I couldn't take it. I got up and went outside and fell to the ground and cried. I didn't wanna do this in front of Mom but I had to let it out because it all had built up. I had already lost Harley now I could lose Ally too. It was too much to take. I let the tears flow.

PRG 2-5- "Consequences"

I stood up slowly. I had cried all I could for the time being. The sun was starting to come up and I knew my parents would call my friends soon and the hospital would be a zoo. I didn't want any part of that right now. I looked behind me. Mom was curled up next to Dad. I knew he'd take care of her so I took off running. I didn't know where I was going but I knew I had to get away. It was like déjà vu all over again. I had run away once before and granted that hadn't turned out great but sometimes it felt like the only answer.

I ended up in the woods, where I had camped out when I ran away before. I sat on a tree stump and started to think. I thought about Harley, about Lindsey, about Mr. Brooks, about Allison, and about Nick. This was all such a mess. I knew I really wasn't being fair to Lindsey. Even if I hated her, Harley was the love of my life. I would never stop loving her. Allison was my sister and as furious as I was for her stupidity I was even more scared she would never wake up. I couldn't bear losing my twin. As horrible as almost losing Harley was last year it was nothing compared to the thought of losing Ally.

I looked at my watch. It was 8. I was sure my friends would cut classes today to wait at the hospital. I wondered if Logan would. My former best friend. After he cheated on my sister it put a damper on our friendship. I had been so furious with Logan for what he had done, especially after Harley did it to me and I knew how much it hurt. Harley... would she go to the hospital? It was pretty clear that Harley and Ally didn't really like each other...never had too much. Come to think of it Ally and I were a little short on friends these days. When had things gone so horribly wrong for us? Even more important, was it too late to go back?

I would give anything to go back in time a few months. Back when all of us were friends and Harley was mine and Ally had Logan. It was a happy time that I really took for granted at the time. I guess once I had Harley I just figured we'd be together forever. That all the crap we went through must be for a reason and that in the end someone would cut us some slack and let us be happy. Was I ever wrong...

Ever since that day in the Hall of Truth when I discovered about Harley's fling with Mr. Brooks in the past nothing had been the same. Maybe it was more me now. I am the one who avoided Harley and refused to forgive her. I am the one who was living in the past. I am the one who couldn't move forward, unless it somehow meant hurting Harley, all because I wanted revenge. I hated her but maybe that was because deep down I still loved her with every fiber of my being.

Damn life is confusing sometimes.

I finally decided to go to the hospital and see what the status of Allison's condition was. When I got there I saw that Harley was there with her parents. I wasn't sure if they made her go as a show of good faith or if she willingly came. Either way I couldn't avoid her forever. I went in and walked over to everyone.

"Aaron, are you ok son?" Dad asked.

"I'm fine. Hi Harley, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, thanks for coming." I said

"No problem. How are you holding up?" Harley asked hugging me.

I gasped and paused a second before hugging her back. Having her in my arms, even like this, felt so right. I finally realized I needed to respond. "I'm doing ok as can be expected I suppose." I said letting go of her. "How is she doing?" I asked.

"We should hear something any minute now." Dad said.

"Ok, I'm gonna go to the cafeteria and get some breakfast. Does anybody want anything?" I asked.

"No thanks." Dad said.

"I'll go with you. I'm hungry too." Harley said.

"Ok let's go." I said.

We walked to the cafeteria in silence. We got our food in silence. We sat in silence. Finally I couldn't take it and I spoke.

"What are you doing here? I know you don't like Ally." I said.

“She still a team mate and...well a friend.” Harley said.

“Oh?”

“She was there when I was in the hospital.”

“So was I, but things were different back then.”

“I know...you know I am sorry about the way things turned out.”

“So am I.”

“So you’re dating Lindsey now?”

“Yeah...you’re dating Nick again?”

“Yeah...”

“You love him?”

“Does it matter? I loved you and look how that turned out.”

“Loved?”

“What do you want Aaron? You want me to tell you I still love you? What good would it do? You’re never going to forgive me. I tried to get you to take me back and you shoved it all back in my face. I can’t live like that. I know I screwed up royally but I can only pay for it so much. I think I’ve paid quite a bit for that and now it’s time to move on with my life. If not with you then without you.” She said.

“Harley...”

“Save it Aaron. I don’t need another lecture from you.” She said getting up and walking out.

I sighed, why on Earth did things need to be so damn confusing?

I walked back to the waiting room and saw Harley and Hunter. Hunter looked panicked and Harley was crying. I walked over to her.

“What’s wrong?” I asked.

“Mom went into labor. They don’t know what caused it or if she or the baby will be ok.” Harley said.

“Oh Har.” I said hugging her.

Minutes later Blake, Tori, Tommy, Kim, Jason, and Kat were at Hunter’s side.

“I’ll be back... I have some work to take care of. I’m sorry.” Jason said.

“I’ll help you.” Tommy said.

“No man, you stay with your brother-in-law, I can handle this one.” Jason said.

“Thanks.” Tommy said as Jason disappeared into the back of the hospital. When he came out he had a guy in cuffs.

“Michael Snyder you have the right to remain silent...”

I knew that name. That was the guy who was driving the car Ally was in! I ran over.

“You jerk!” I cried trying to hit him but Tommy grabbed me.

“Back off Aaron,” Jason said.

“You’re throwing him in jail right?” I asked.

“Yes. Now if you will excuse me.” Jason took Michael away.

Hours passed with no news on Allison or Michelle. Finally Doctor Grayson came out.

“Allison is awake. I need to run some tests but assuming they all come out the way I expect you can go see her in a few minutes.”

“Thank you Dana.” Dad said.

A few minutes later a doctor came and told Hunter that the baby was born and that both baby and mother were fine.

Harley

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I went back with Hunter to see my new baby sister. We got in the room and Mom was holding her.

“Hey.” I said softly.

“Hey...look there’s your daddy and your big sister.” Mom said to the baby.

“What are you gonna name her?” I asked.

“I was thinking Felicity Elizabeth.” Mom said.

“I love it.” Hunter said.

“OK then, Felicity Elizabeth it is.” Mom said

“Can I hold her?” Hunter asked.

“Of course.” Mom said handing the baby to Hunter. She was so tiny and so cute. I loved her already. I couldn’t believe I was a big sister.

“Momma? How is the baby full size when she’s early?” I asked.

“I don’t know. The doctors say it’s a medical mystery and I intend on letting them think that. Personally I believe it had something to do with the strength of the Amethyst but I intend on checking it out when I get out of here.” Mom said.

“Well I’m just glad both you and Felicity are ok.” Hunter said. He was so good with the baby and I could totally see the look of joy on his face at being a new dad.

Aaron

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Mom, Dad, and I finally got to go see Allison.

“Sweetie, how are you feeling?” Mom asked.

“Like I’ve been stomped on by the whole squad.” Allison said.

“You’re very lucky. Dr. Grayson says you don’t have any major injuries and you should be out of here tomorrow.” Dad said.

“Great. Can’t wait to go face the squad.” Allison said.

“You do know that chances are you won’t be on the squad anymore right?” Mom asked.

“Why?” Allison asked.

“Because you performed an illegal act. Drinking underage is a serious offence that you should be jailed for. I talked to Jason and he agreed to drop the charges since it was your first offence but that doesn’t mean it was any less serious. The squad, by rule, will have to drop you.” Mom said.

“Great. I almost lose my life now I lose my squad. I suppose I’m grounded too.” Allison said.

“Well we were going to discuss that with you later but...yes for quite a long while. Allison you could have been killed. What were you thinking sneaking out like that?” Dad asked.

“I was thinking I wanted to have some fun. I wanted to be wild and not care about what I was doing...I guess I paid the price for not caring.” Allison said.

“I would say so.” Dad said.

“I’m really sorry guys.” Allison said.

“We all love you Ally and don’t want anything to happen to you.” Dad said.

“I love you guys too.” Ally said.

“Melody, you’re still flat. You need to raise the pitch just a hair.” My choir director told me for what seemed like the zillionth time. I was working on a Christmas Carol, it was Christmas Eve and I just couldn’t get it right. I sighed and tried again. “I remember last Christmas Eve, Something happened that I couldn’t believe,” I got cut off. “Melody, that isn’t right. C’mon I know you can do better than that. Let’s give it a rest for today and pick it up tomorrow. Go home and get some sleep. You look like you need the rest. You have to get it. The performance is tomorrow”

“Yes ma’am.” I said getting my stuff and walking out of the choir hall. I put on my pink jacket and walked out of the school. It wasn’t like we got snow or anything in Angel Grove this time of year but it still got pretty chilly. I saw Nick and Harley walking down the street hand in hand. It was too weird. They so didn’t belong together. “Hey Har.” I said.

“Mel, sup girl?” Harley asked.

“Nothing. Just heading home.” I said.

“We’re going Christmas shopping, you wanna come?” Har asked.

“No thank you. I don’t think so. Some other time maybe.” I said.

“Are you ok Mel? You don’t seem like yourself.” Nick said.

“I’m fine. Really. I just need some sleep. I’m exhausted.” I said.

“OK...see ya.” Harley said

I walked home the long way. I needed some times to think. So much had happened lately and...it was just surreal. I still hadn’t told anyone about Mr. Johnson raping me. I suppose I had a fear that Tony would leave me and that Daddy would be disappointed. I couldn’t disappoint Daddy. This whole ordeal was weighing heavy on my mind and was distracting me from everything else, including Rangering, and I had a feeling the others were beginning to notice. “Sometimes I wish I could be anywhere but here.” I mumbled to myself as I walked up my driveway. I went in the house and found my mom in the kitchen making Christmas cookies.

“Hey sweetie.” She said.

“Hey Mom.” I said putting my backpack down.

“I just made some hot cider. Do you want a cup?” she asked.

“Sure. I’d like that. Thanks.” I said.

“And those cookies are ready to be frosted if you wanna help.”

“Sure.” I said sitting at the table. I picked up a butter knife and started to frost the cookies. “When is Daddy coming home?”

“I don’t know. Soon I think. He said something about getting off early.” Mom said.

“Cool.” I said getting lost in thoughts as I frosted the cookies. I don’t know how much time pasted but it was a good half hour or so then I heard my dad walk in. “Hey Daddy.”

“Hey Angel. How was your day?” he asked hugging me.

“It was good.” I said.

“Are you ok Angel? You don’t look well.” Daddy said.

“You know I am a bit tired. Mom, can I go take a quick nap before dinner?” I asked.

“Sure. I’ll wake you up when dinner is ready.” Mom said.

I went up to my room and fell fast asleep.

Harley

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“Har, can you go get the baby? I need to finish making the Christmas fudge.” Mom said as Felicity screamed her lungs out.

“Sure. Where’s Hunter?” I asked.

“At the store with your Uncle Blake getting some last minute things for Christmas dinner.” She said.

“OK.” I said going into the nursery. I picked up my little sister and walked around the room with her but she wouldn’t be quiet. I finally noticed an interesting smell. “Oh great diaper duty.” I sighed as I laid Felicity on the changing table and cleaned up her diaper. After I was done I picked her back up and walked with her until she fell asleep then I put her back in the crib and went to help my mom cook. “So who all is coming to Christmas dinner?” I asked

“Well, us of course and your Uncle Blake and Aunt Tori and Uncle Tommy and Aunt Kim.” Mom said.

“So Lindsey is coming?”

“Yeah, I would assume so.”

“Oh great. Can’t she stay home alone?” I mumbled.

“Harlyn Nicole Bradley I know you’re mad at her but she’s still your cousin and you should be a little nicer to her during the holidays.” Mom scolded. I winced at hearing my full name. No one ever called me Harlyn, not even Mom except when she was very upset or annoyed with me.

“Sorry Mom but what am I supposed to feel about her? She is dating Aaron.” I said.

“And you still love him?”

“Well...I guess...”

“If you do what are you doing with Nick? You shouldn’t toy with him if you don’t really care about him”

“Isn’t that what you did with Dad? You were with him because you couldn’t have Hunter?”

“No that isn’t what I did. I did love you father. At least I convinced myself I did. That was a very different situation. I felt like I was meant to be with your father. I convinced myself I had to be in love with him so I eventually believed it was love...until I saw Hunter again and remembered what real love felt like. Not that I’m excusing what I did because you’re right, I should have left your father a long time ago, or maybe not even married him at all, but what I am saying is that you shouldn’t deprive yourself of true love. If you really love Aaron don’t pass time with Nick. Fight for Aaron.” Mom said.

I sighed. “I wish I knew what to do.”

“You’ll figure it out. I have faith in you. Now can you pass me the marshmallow cream?”

“Sure.” I said handing her the jar.

Nick

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“OK so explain this whole Christmas thing to me.” I said.

“I still can’t believe you never celebrated Christmas.” Marah said.

“My father didn’t exactly have any sort of spirit much less this Christmas Spirit you keep talking about.” I said.

“Ok, well you know about the baby and the wisemen and stuff. Dustin told you that story right?”

“Yeah. But what’s the deal with the tree and gifts and why are we putting these lights up?” I asked holding up a string of lights I was supposed to be wrapping on the tree.

“It’s tradition. We give and receive gifts on Christmas and we put them under the tree until it’s time to open them.”

“There’s so much I still have to adjust to. I just got past the whole Thanksgiving thing.” I said.

“I know Nick, it’s a lot to take in and I’m really proud of you for trying to understand it all.”

“Thanks. I am trying. I’m just not sure how successful I am at it.”

“You will figure it all out. Trust me. I did and so will you. Now you can put this box of decorations on the tree and I’ll hang the stockings.”

“Stockings?”

“Yeah the red sock things. They get filled with candy.”

“Oh wonderful, more traditions to understand.” I said sighing.

Cali

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“I’m so excited Ally, this is my first Christmas with you guys on Earth.” I said.

“I know, it’s gonna be great.” Ally said.

“Um, are you ok?” I asked.

“Yeah fine. I just didn’t expect to miss the Christmas Parade with the squad.”

“You’re still upset about being suspended from the squad?”

“Yeah I am. I don’t understand why it happened.”

“Allison, you drank underage and almost got yourself killed. You’re lucky suspension from the squad was the worst of it.”

“And I got grounded and bars on my windows.”

“You could be dead. Be thankful you are alive to spend Christmas with us.”

“Whatever.”

“Logan really hurt you didn’t he? That’s why you rebelled. You weren’t rebelling against your parents were you? You

were rebelling against Logan...”

“Drop it Calypso.”

“No Allison, not until you stop being a brat and start being thankful for what you have. Now why on Earth would you do something so stupid?”

“OK FINE! I did it because I was hurting! Logan hurt me! I wanted him to be my first but now he never will be! I messed up and I regret it ok! God lay off!” Allison shouted as she started to cry.

“Oh Ally.” I said hugging her.

Melody

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I was very cold and I reached for a blanket but was shocked by a fluff of ice. I opened my eyes and looked around. I was laying in a blanket of snow.

“Where am I?” I asked myself aloud. I started to walk then I saw a sign. It said “You’re not lost you’re here”. “But where is ‘here’?” I asked aloud again.

“Santa Claus Lane.” A voice said.

“What?” I asked.

“Santa Claus Lane. More commonly known as the North Pole.” The voice said again but this time I could see it came from this little person dressed in green.

“I’m at the North Pole? Oh goodness. Did Cam mess with the teleportation system or something? Or am I dreaming?”

“You’re not dreaming.” The little person said.

“Who are you?”

“I’m Jingle the Christmas Elf. And you are Melody Grayson. Any more questions?”

“Um yeah! How did you know my name?”

“Santa sent for you. You’re normally one of his biggest supporters but you seem to be lacking the Christmas Spirit this year and Santa thought coming here would help you find it.”

“Santa sent for me? Right...”

“It’s the truth. So why are you lacking Christmas Spirit?” Jingle asked.

“It’s been a rough year.”

“So Santa told me. I don’t know what happened but I want you to see something. Come with me.”

“Sure why not.” I said now firmly believing this was a dream and nothing bad could happen to me here. I followed Jingle into this huge castle. It was the most amazing toy work shop. Tons of little elves were making toys while a select few sat at phones making catalog orders for certain gifts that the elves couldn’t make. “This is amazing.” I said in awe.

“It isn’t it?” Jingle said.

“Where are we going?” I asked.

“To see the big guy. I have a feeling he is the only one who will get your Christmas Spirit back.” Jingle said knocking on a huge door. The doors opened and we entered. There at the desk sat Santa Claus. I was actually in Santa’s office.

“Santa, here’s Melody.”

“Welcome to the North Pole Melody. I hope Jingle has been a good host.” Santa said.

“Yes sir. It’s a pleasure to meet you.” I said

“Likewise. You’ve been one of Christmas’s biggest year round supporters for most of your life and I would hate to see you lose all that Christmas Spirit.”

“It’s been a rough year. But if you know if I’ve been bad or good then you know just how bad I’ve been.”

“You have been a good girl this year Melody.”

“Check that crystal snowball again.”

“I know It’s been a hard year Melody...come with me on a little sleigh ride. I think you’ll see the true meaning of Christmas.” Santa said reaching for my hand.

“Ok, sure.” I said going with him. I got in a big red sleigh that had reindeer hooked to it.

“On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer and Vixen, on Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Bitzen, lead the way Rudolph and away we go!” Santa said as we took off.

Harley

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“Hey Hunter.” I said as I heard the door.

“Hey, where’s your mom?” Hunter asked.

“She’s feeding the baby.” I said  
“Oh ok. So is everything ready for Christmas dinner?”  
“Yeah we have everything. All that’s left is to actually cook it Christmas morning.” I said.  
“Great. You wanna go to the track?”  
“Sure.”  
“Ok. Blake is taking Linds, we can do some racing.” Hunter said.  
“Um...actually I forgot...I...I have to...clean my room.” I said.  
“Um, your room is clean. I checked it this morning.”  
“No, there’s...dusting to be done...and you know...have to clear space out for my new Christmas gifts.”  
“Harley, what’s your problem? You still mad at Lindsey.”  
“Well she isn’t my favorite person.”  
“She’s your cousin.”  
“So?”  
“So she’s family and family is very important. Someday you’ll learn that.”  
“Fine. One race.”  
“That’s my girl. Let’s go. Mich! Har and I are going to the track!”  
“OK!” Mom called.

Hunter and I got to the track and Uncle Blake and Lindsey were already there. I got my bike ready to go and Lindsey and I started our race. I was ahead then Lindsey pulled to my side and used her back tire to trip up my front tire and I lost control. Next thing I know I’m flying through the air. I landed and was staring at the sky. I sat up and saw my tires spinning.

“Harley are you ok?” Hunter called as he and Uncle Blake came running over to me.

“I’m fine except my cousin is trying to kill me!” I cried.

“I’m sure she didn’t do that on purpose.” Hunter said.

“Sure. I believe that!” I cried.

“Harley calm down.” Hunter said.

“No. You were talking about family and Mom lectured me on Christmas...well Lindsey is neither showing Christmas spirit nor acting like family. I gave this a shot and it almost killed me so if you will excuse me I’m waiting in the truck until you’re ready to go.” I said standing up. I took off my helmet and stomped off to the truck. I threw my helmet in the back and got in the front and turned the key so I could listen to the radio.

Cali

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After I got Ally calmed down I went to meet Alex at the Juice Bar. I walked in and he was already there.

“Hey babe. Sorry I’m late. Ally had a melt down.” I said kissing him.

“No problem. Is she ok?” he asked.

“Oh I think she’ll be fine. Logan just really hurt her and she’s not quite over it.”

“If there’s anything I can do for her let me know.”

“Thanks Alex. Now here you go. Merry Christmas babe.” I said handing him his gift.

“Merry Christmas.” He said handing me my gift. I watched him open his gift first. I had gotten him a DVD he had been wanting. “Oh baby, thank you so much.” He said kissing me.

“Your welcome.” I said as I opened my gift. It was a little box and inside the box was a silver dolphin pendant hanging on a thin silver chain. “Oh my...Alex. It’s...it’s beautiful.” I said

“It reminded me of you. Put it on.” He said taking the necklace from me. He stood up and went behind me and clipped the necklace on me. “It looks great baby.” He said kissing me.

“Thank you so much.” I said

“You’re very welcome. I love you.” He said.

“I love you too. Merry Christmas.”

“Merry Christmas.”

“I should be getting home. Mom is gonna need my help preparing for tomorrow.” I said.

“Ok. I’ll walk you home.” He said.

“Ok thanks.” I said.

We got up and he walked me to my house.
“I’ll see you later.” He said as we stood on my front step.
“Ok. Tell your family Merry Christmas for me.” I said.
“You do the same.”
“Ok. I will. I love you Alex”
“I love you too Cali. Merry Christmas.”
“Merry Christmas.”
We kissed and then I turned to walk in the house.

“Hey Mom. Look what Alex got me.” I said as I walked in.
“Oh wow. That’s very pretty.” Mom said.
“I’m so lucky to have Alex. God...Mom I love him so much.” I said smiling.
“I know you do sweetie. I’m so glad you found someone.” She said smiling back at me.
“Do you need my help with anything?” I asked.
“Sure. You can help me make the mix for the sausage balls.”
“Isn’t that Kaotion food?”
“Yeah...we’re all Kaotion except your Aunt Ashley.”
“Ok.” I said getting out the spices.

Melody

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“So what am I looking for?” I asked Santa.  
“Just wait. You’ll know when you see it.” Santa said.  
I watched the monitor on the sleigh. It gave us a good view about what was happening on the ground. It was like watching TV. “Where are we?” I asked.  
“We’re about to fly over Africa.” Santa said.  
I watched the screen. There were these children out in the streets. They looked so thin, like they were starving. “Why don’t they go home?” I asked.  
“They don’t have a home. Their parents are dead and they are just trying to survive day to day.”  
“Oh my...that’s so horrible.” I said as I saw many more children in the same situation. We flew over the United States as well and saw the many homeless people on the streets near home. I started to cry. “I can’t believe things are so bad. I wish I could do something.”  
“Even a Power Ranger can’t save everything.” Santa said.  
“You know?”  
“Of course I know. Now there’s something I want you to see.” Santa said  
We saw this homeless family. They had nothing. Not even a home or food or anything and they sat in this ally way singing Christmas Carols and laughing. The children talked about how much they loved Christmas and the parents were smiling as the children played tag. Even this family, with no monetary objects, were able to show a great deal of Christmas spirit. That was the true meaning of Christmas. It was about being with family. Not dwelling on a bad year, which was really only one bad afternoon, or trying to perfect a Christmas song, it was about being with family and enjoying the spirit of the season. I remembered suddenly why I loved Christmas so much and why I tried to keep the spirit alive all year around. “I get it Santa. I get it.”  
“I knew you would Melody. Now lay back and go to sleep.” Santa said softly. I felt myself drifting off to a sleep I could not control.

When I woke up I was back in my own bed. I didn’t even know for sure if my trip had been real or all a dream but I did know that I knew I wanted to celebrate Christmas with my family. I ran downstairs and helped my mom finish the Christmas cookies.

Christmas Day

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Harley

I heard the doorbell as I finished setting the table.

"Har can you get that? I need to check on the ham." Mom said.

"Sure." I said going to the door. It was Uncle Tommy, Aunt Kim, and Tony. "Hey guys!" I said hugging them.

"Hey Harley. Merry Christmas kiddo." Uncle Tommy said picking me up in a big hug. I laughed and he put me down.

A few minutes later the doorbell rang again and I opened the door. This time it was Uncle Blake, Aunt Tori, and Lindsey. "Merry Christmas" I said hugging everyone but Lindsey. I was still furious about the day before.

We all sat at the table to eat. I sat next to Tony and Mom made sure I was sitting no where near Lindsey. I was ready to kill her.

"So what happened with you and Lindsey now?" Tony asked as we ate.

"We were racing yesterday and she tried to kill me." I said.

"How?" Tony asked.

"She cut me off in the middle of a lap and made my bike flip." I said.

"I got grounded for it ok? Just lay off. I'm sorry." Lindsey said.

"Just lay off? I could have been killed and you expect me to lay off?" I asked.

"Harley..." Hunter warned.

"What? It's my fault she tried to kill me?" I asked.

"Hey guys, don't forget we have to go to Mel's voice recital tonight." Tony said trying to change the topic.

"I didn't try to kill you!" Lindsey said.

"Lindsey..." Uncle Blake warned.

"You did too!" I cried.

"Harlyn Nicole Bradley stop it." Mom said.

"I didn't!" Lindsey cried.

"Lindsey LeAnn Bradley that's enough." Aunt Tori said.

We both stayed quiet the rest of the meal.

Cali

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Mom rang the door bell at Uncle Andros's house and Aaron answered the door.

"Merry Christmas Aaron." Mom said.

"Merry Christmas Aunt Karone, Uncle Zhane." He said letting us in.

"Merry Christmas." I said hugging my cousin.

"Merry Christmas Cal." Aaron said.

We went in and I greeted Uncle Andros and Aunt Ashley.

"Where's Ally?" I asked.

"She's in her room. She said she'd be down for dinner." Aunt Ashley said.

"Is she ok?" Mom asked.

"I don't know. We're actually very worried about her. She's been on a downhill spiral since Logan cheated on her and I don't know what else to do to bring her out of it." Aunt Ashley said.

"I tried talking to her but I don't think I got through to her." I said.

"Thank you for trying Cali." Aunt Ashley said.

"Nice necklace." Aaron said trying to change the topic.

"Thanks. Alex gave it to me." I said.

"Alex gave you a necklace. Pretty serious isn't it?" Aaron asked.

"Yeah, pretty serious. I love him." I said.

"Who would have thought? And you used to think you weren't good enough for him." Aaron teased.

"I was pretty stupid wasn't I?" I said laughing.

"Hey kids, dinner is ready." Uncle Andros called.

We sat at the table and waited for Allison. She didn't look good. I was worried too. We tried not to dwell on that too much though and carried on with the meal like it was normal.

Nick

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“Thank you so much for my gifts.” I said for the zillionth time. I had never had a Christmas before and this was pretty cool. Dustin and Marah got me a new video game console with some games and a new DVD player with some DVDs I had been wanting.

“Merry Christmas Nicky.” Marah said.

“Merry Christmas.” I said sitting at the table. I waited for dinner to be served.

Marah served the food and it was wonderful.

“This is great. Thank you so much. I love you guys.” I said.

“We love you too Nick.” Dustin said.

I smiled. It was so great having a family like this. Nothing I did as Viper was even close to this great. I was so happy and I only wished I had gotten this chance to reform even sooner.

Mel

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“Dinner was great Mom.” I said.

“Thanks. Now you need to go get ready for that recital.” Mom said.

“Ok. Be ready in 10.” I said running upstairs.

I put on my pink ankle length skirt and a white sweater then I fixed my hair and put on some make up then I put on my white boots and grabbed my sheet music. “Ok let’s go.” I said running back downstairs.

“You look beautiful Angel.” Daddy said.

“Thank you Daddy.” I said.

“Let’s go. You can’t be late.” Mom said as we got in the car and headed to the auditorium. I got there and peeked into the crowd right before I went on. All my friends and their parents were there, except Logan because his parents had taken him skiing for Christmas.

Finally it was my turn to take the stage.

“And now our soloist, Melody Grayson.”

I went on stage and started to sing, remembering my lessons on Christmas spirit as I sang the lyrics in perfect pitch:

“remember last Christmas Eve  
Something happened that I couldn't believe  
I went for a walk as the snow came down  
And when it stopped I was in a different town  
And a sign said have no fear; your not lost your here!

Walkin'in this Christmas  
Down santa claus lane  
No need to wonder  
No need to explain  
Just have some faith in what you see  
Your right here where you wanna be  
Walkin'in this Christmas  
Down santa claus lane  
Down Santa Claus Lane

Elves were standing in the street  
Snow men and reindeer came out to greet  
Silver bells chimed from far away  
As santa rode by on an open sleigh  
And he told me have no fear  
Your not lost, your here!

Walkin'in this Christmas  
Down santa claus lane  
No need to wonder  
No need to explain  
Just have some faith in what you see  
Your right here where you wanna be  
Walkin'in this Christmas

Down santa claus lane  
Down Santa Claus Lane

I don't know How  
I dont know when  
but one day  
I'll be back again

Walkin' in this christmas  
down santa claus lane  
no need to wonder  
no need to explain  
Just have some faith in what you see  
Your right here where you wanna be  
Walkin'in this Christmas  
Down santa claus lane

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Down Santa Claus Lane"

I got a standing ovation at the end of my song.

After the place cleared out my friends remained. I went out to see them.

"Guys!" I said.

"You were amazing Mel." Tony said hugging me.

"Thanks." I said.

"You really sounded great..." Harley said.

"Thank you. And thank you for coming it means so much to have you all here." I said.

"We wouldn't miss it." Nick said.

"Not for anything." Lindsey agreed.

"Merry Christmas you guys." I said as we all walked out of the auditorium together.

"Merry Christmas Mel." They all said.

## PRG 2-7 “New Year’s Eve”

“This is going to be the party of the year.” Mel said.

“You think so?” I asked.

“Sure. Logan is going all out. Mr. Collins even gave him back his credit card to pay for it. It’s gonna be major.” Mel said.

“If you say so.” I said.

“Harley, stop being such a downer.”

“I’m not.” I said.

“You are too.” Mel said.

“Listen, I’m not trying to be a downer I’m just wondering how good of an idea this is. I mean Logan invited the whole team. That means Logan, Allison, Aaron, Nick, Lindsey, and myself in the same room. That could lead to major fireworks and I’m not talking the kind we’ll see at midnight.” I said.

“Har, it’s going to be New Year’s Eve...maybe it’s time for you guys to all start over and make peace for the sake of the team.”

“Easy for you to say. You’re not involved here.”

“You’re wrong. We’re all involved.”

“If you say so.”

“You’re something else Harley Bradley. Anyway I have to go. I’ll see you later.”

“Bye Mel.” I said as she left. I left the Juice Bar a few minutes later and headed home.

Don’t get me wrong I really was excited about Logan’s New Year’s Eve party. I just wasn’t thrilled about the whole team being there. Especially Aaron and Lindsey. But on the bright side Logan was holding the party at his house and he lived in a mansion so it should be fairly easy to avoid whom ever I decided I needed to avoid.

I got home and went in. Hunter was in the living room with Felicity. He really was turning out to be a great father. I was very surprised.

“Hey Hunter.” I said.

“Hey Har. How was your day?” he asked.

“It was ok.” I said as my communicator beep. “Ugh...Yes Cam?” I asked.

“Harley, can you get to the Command Center?” Cam asked.

“Sure. What is the Ice Kingdom up to now?” I asked.

“Nothing. This isn’t Ranger related. I have some news I want to share with you all.” Cam said.

“Oh, ok. I’m on my way. I’ll be back Hunter.” I said.

“Ok, see you later.” Hunter said.

I teleported to the Command Center. My team mates all arrived at the same time.

“Ok so what’s up Cam?” Tony asked.

“Yeah, what’s your news?” I asked.

“Ok...I don’t even know how to say this except to blurt it. I’m getting married.” Cam said.

“Oh my god!” all the girl, myself included, cried out.

“Married! To who?” Lindsey asked.

“LeAnn Omino. You know we’ve been dating for a few months now and well...I asked her to marry me and she accepted.” Cam said smiling.

“Oh Cam that’s so amazing!” Mel said.

“It is. We’re so happy for you.” Cali agreed.

“Congratulations.” I said hugging Cam.

After all the hugs and everything Cam dismissed us. I went back home.

“Hunter guess what!” I said.

“What?” he asked.

“Cam is getting married!” I said.

“Wh...what?” Hunter asked.

“Cam...he and LeAnn are getting married.”

“Wh...why wouldn't LeAnn tell me about this?”

“Um, they just got engaged. I'm sure she will. Maybe she just hasn't had time.” I said.

“I'm sure that's it.” He said.

“Hunter are you ok? You look pale.” I said.

“No. I'm fine.”

“You don't still want to be with Cam right? I mean you're married to Mom now. You love her don't you?”

“Of course. I love your mother with my whole soul. She's my world next to you and Felicity.”

“Ok then. What's the problem?”

“I guess I just am a little surprised. LeAnn is like a sister to Blake and I...I just didn't expect her to marry Cam.”

“You never would marry Cam. You couldn't expect him to stay single forever.”

“You're right. I never would marry Cam. And even if I hadn't gotten back with your mom I never would have.”

“Ok, I'm glad that's settled.” I said

The next day was New Year's Eve. I spent the day trying to decide what to wear to Logan's party. I finally settled on jeans and a purple shirt that was very glittery. It was casual yes, but there was no way in hell I would wear a dress. That was for girly girls like Mel and Cali. Even Allison rarely wore dresses or skirts except for the cheer uniform.

I finished getting ready for the party and headed for Logan's. I got there the same time Tony and Mel did.

“Hey guys!” I said.

“Hey. Happy New Year.” My cousin said hugging me.

“Happy New Year you guys.” I said hugging Tony back.

We went to the door and rang the bell. Logan let us in. The place was packed. Logan hadn't just invited the team. He invited half the school it looked like. I didn't know a lot of the people there. It seemed Logan had made a lot of new friends.

I hung around the snack table and waited for the rest of my friends to show up. I was even willing to be civil to Allison tonight just so I didn't feel so out of place. Then I saw her. A beautiful girl.

Ok I know what you're thinking. I only found boys attractive. Well you're wrong. I had never actually decided about that and this girl was just beautiful. Her eyes were captivating. I couldn't help but walk over to her.

“Hi.” I said.

“Hey there.” She said.

“What's your name?” I asked.

“Isis.” She said.

“Nice to meet you Isis. I'm Harley.”

“Nice to meet you Harley. I hope it wouldn't be too bold of me to tell you that you look amazing tonight.”

“Not at all. I was thinking the same about you.” I said.

“Want to dance?” she asked.

“Sure.” I said.

Aaron

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When Allison and I walked into Logan's party (or more accurately when I dragged Allison into Logan's party) we saw a lot of people we didn't know. I scanned the room for people I knew. I saw Mel and Tony in the corner talking and considered walking over there. Then I saw Harley dancing with some chick. It looked like Harley was flirting. This was very curious. I was about to head over to Mel and Tony to ask them what was going on when this girl walked up to me. She was so beautiful and captivating.

“Hey.” She said.

“Hey. I don't believe we've met. I'm Aaron.” I said.

“Hi Aaron. I'm Christine.”

“Christine. What a lovely name. Would you like to dance?” I asked.

“I would love to.”

“Great. You’ll be ok alone right Ally?” I asked my sister but before she could even answer I had taken off with Christine.

Cali

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Alex and I arrived at Logan’s and first thing Alex noticed was Harley dancing with a chick. He seemed worried about it. “What is she doing? She’s gonna get a reputation.” Alex said.

“I wouldn’t worry too much. Harley is a big girl. She can take care of herself.” I said.

“I know but she’s my little sister. I don’t want her to get in trouble.”

“Listen, Tony is her cousin. I’m sure he knows what’s going on. Why don’t you go over there and ask him. I’ll wait here.” I said.

“But it’s almost midnight.” Alex argued.

“Here’s your choices. Either you stop going on and on about Harley and deal or you go ask Tony about it and then come back over here. Either way I don’t wanna hear about Harley all night.” I said. It’s not that I didn’t like Harley or that I wasn’t even somewhat worried. It was just that I wanted to enjoy this evening with Alex without him worrying about any of the team, not just Harley.

“OK, fine. I’ll be right back.” Alex said.

I walked over to the punch bowl. This guy with blonde hair and blue eyes walked over to me. Something I couldn’t explain drew me to him.

“Hey, what’s a pretty thing like you doing all alone?” he asked.

“I...my boyfriend is right over there.” I said captured by his eyes.

“He’s an idiot if he left you alone. I’m Jack. What’s your name?”

“I’m Cali.” I said.

“You wanna go for a walk outside by the pool?” Jack asked.

“Sure. I would love to.” I said.

Logan

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Midnight was only minutes away and I had to find a way to make Allison my midnight kiss. By this point I was desperate and not beyond tricking her somehow. The only problem was Allison was off alone observing the party more than taking part in it. Her eyes darted from Aaron and some chick to Harley and another chick (which even I found odd) to Cali and some guy who wasn’t Alex. As I thought about this it did occur to me that something wasn’t right. I would think about it later though. I had 2 minutes to get Allison to kiss me. It was 11:58.

I walked over to where Allison was on the staircase above the party.

“You don’t look like you’re having fun.” I said. I knew she would only think I was being a good host.

“I’m trying to figure out what is going on. My brother is attached at the hip to that Christine chick. And even weird Cali isn’t with Alex but she looks close to that other guy. Alex is over there looking for Cali and it’s clear Cali doesn’t wanna be found. On the bright side Lindsey and Nick are talking over there. Maybe they will get back together since Harley is with that other chick now.” Allison said as the countdown began.

“Almost midnight.” I said.

She nodded.

4 seconds....3...2...1...

Without warning I kissed her. She kissed me back instinctively then pushed me away and went back to watching everything as if the kiss had never happened.

“Happy New Year.” I said.

She ignored my comment and I joined her in watching. Cali was kissing the guy she had been with that wasn’t Alex. Aaron was kissing Christine and Harley...and this is the big one...Harley was kissing the chick she was with.

“Whoa...” I said.

“Harley just kissed a chick...this is insane.” Allison said.

“We should go get the team together and find out what is going on.” I said.

“Too many people around. When is the party ending?” Ally asked.

“Now...people should start filing out about now.” I said.

“Ok...while people leave let’s go round up the team.” Ally said.

“Got it.” I said. Ally and I split up and got most of the team together. When everyone else was gone we all met by the pool.

“Where’s Cali?” Alex asked.

“And Harley and Aaron...” Tony added.

“You didn’t find them?” Ally asked.

“No...you didn’t either?” I asked.

“No.” Ally said.

“Not good...” Tony said.

“What do you think happened to them?” Mel asked.

“Let’s go to the Command Center and have Cam track them.” Lindsey said.

“Good idea.” Alex said as we all teleported.

“Where’s Cam?” Mel asked as we got into the control room.

“In his room.” Zordon said.

“I’ll go get him.” Tony said.

Tony

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I went back to Cam’s room. The door was slightly open so I went on in. There I saw Cam with Uncle Hunter kissing. I gasped and they jumped away from each other startled.

“Tony...” Uncle Hunter said.

“Uncle Hunter...what are you doing? How could you do this to Aunt Michelle?” I asked.

“I...I’m sorry...it just happened.” Uncle Hunter said looking down.

“You can explain this to Aunt Michelle later. In the meantime...Cam we need your help. Cali, Aaron, and Harley have disappeared. We need you to track them.” I said.

“Harley is missing? Again?” Uncle Hunter asked.

I nodded.

“OK let’s go to the control room. I’ll get to work on it.” Cam said leaving Uncle Hunter and I behind.

“Tony...please don’t tell your Aunt.” Uncle Hunter pleaded.

“You’re joking right? You can’t honestly expect me to not tell her that her husband cheated on her with his ex boyfriend.” I said.

“It just happened. I came to talk to him about his wedding and it just happened.” Uncle Hunter said.

“That’s right...he’s your foster sister’s fiancée...you have to explain this to Aunt Michelle and LeAnn.” I said.

“Tony...”

“Save it. We have to worry about Cal, Aaron, and Har right now. We’ll deal with this later.” I said walking to the control room. “Anything yet Cam?” I asked.

“No...I can’t track them. Their power signatures are no longer on Earth.” Cam said.

“What?” Mel asked.

Cam sighed, “Well...it’s like...like they vanished off the face of the Earth.”

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"Last times I checked people don't just fall off the face of the Earth! Keep looking!" I cried.  
"Calm down Alex. We'll find them." Mel said.  
"And getting hysterical isn't helping anything." Tony said.  
"Right...I'm sorry...I'm just worried about Cali and Har." I said.  
"And Aaron..." Allison added.  
"And Aaron." I repeated.  
"What do you think could have happened to them Cam?" Lindsey asked.  
"I don't know. I wish I had the slightest idea because it would give us a starting point." Cam said.

For those of you who are lost I'm Alex Scott, Gold Genesis Ranger. I was currently in the Command Center with my team mates. Three of our team mates, including my girlfriend Cali, had disappeared at a New Year's party. We had no clue what happened but we were determined to find them.

"Dude, I think we have more problems. Frost is in the park with some Flurries." Nick said.  
"Great...well let's do it. Cam keep looking." Tony said.  
"You got it." Cam said.  
"Ready guys?" Tony asked.  
"Ready." We said.  
"Genesis Evolution!" we all called out.

We got to the park and fought off the Flurries while Frost looked on with a smirk on his icy face.  
"Bravo Rangers. You defeated more Flurries. I'm impressed." He said mocking.  
"Is that all you got?" I called.  
"No, I think you will find our new warriors much more challenging." Frost said.  
"What are you talking about?" Nick asked.  
"Rangers, meet the newest members of my team. I believe you know them." Frost said as three figures stepped from behind him. It was the Purple, Silver, and Green Rangers.  
"Goodbye Rangers. It's the end for you." Harley said attacking.  
"No!" Tony cried.  
"Cali?" I asked.  
"Goodbye Gold Ranger." Cali said attacking me. I blocked her attack.  
"Cal? No, please...don't do this! What have they done to you?" I asked shaking her. She pushed me away.  
"Don't even bother trying to get them to turn to your side. My sisters and I have turned their hearts cold. They feel nothing for any of you anymore." Frost said.  
"No...you're lying!" I cried. I couldn't believe Cali didn't care for me.  
"Retreat." Tony commanded.  
"No." I said.  
"Now! That's an order." Tony said.  
"Fine." I mumbled as we teleported away.

"Well...we found them." Logan said.  
"Yeah...what was up with them?" Lindsey asked.  
"I got a quick scan when they appeared. From what I could tell somehow their physiology is changing. Frost and his sisters did do something to make them lose the warmth in their hearts but I don't know how to fix it." Cam said.  
"We have to try. We can't fight our own team mates." Mel said.  
"And I'm sure that's what Snow was counting on when she sent her ice children after them." Tony said.  
"So what do we do?" Mel asked.  
"I don't know yet." Tony admitted.  
"Rangers, I believe I have an idea how your teammates were turned." Zordon said.  
"What is it Zordon?" Lindsey asked.  
"I have been going over earlier events. The people that Harley, Cali, and Aaron kissed at midnight weren't ordinary

people, it was Ice, Frost, and Frostine. Their icy kiss has turned your team mates' hearts to ice." Zordon explained.

"Oh no...this is so not good." Allison said.

"So that's what happened to Cali...she was off kissing another guy." I said. I felt like I had been stabbed in the heart.

"Alex, Frost is very seductive. Cali couldn't resist. Neither could any of the others." Cam explained.

"But why them?" Nick asked.

"I don't know for sure but it would make sense...Harley is one of the leaders and without her it puts the team at a tactical disadvantage, Cali is the daughter of the legendary Astronoma and even if she is a Ranger Cali has that same fire that Astronoma once had, and Aaron is one of a set of twins. Everyone knows the connection twins have and so by taking one you hurt the other. By taking Aaron they are trying to make Allison inactive as well." Cam explained.

"But Karone hasn't been Astronoma in almost 30 years." I said.

"It doesn't matter. Karone had it in her to be Astronoma, and so does Cali." Cam said.

"Wonderful. So we have to battle our own teammates?" Mel asked.

"I'm afraid so. For now anyway. I need time to figure out some way to get them back." Cam said.

"But I can't fight my cousin." Tony said.

"Yeah..." Lindsey agreed.

"Her being your cousin hasn't stopped you so far." Tony scoffed.

"I may not like her but she's still a teammate and my cousin." Lindsey said.

"That obviously doesn't mean much to you. You took her boyfriend." Tony said.

"I did not...they weren't even dating. But she did take my boyfriend." Lindsey said.

"She did not!" Nick chimed in.

"What?" Lindsey asked.

"She didn't take me. I told you. We were only talking. She was very upset about something that had happened earlier that day. She was crying and so I was comforting her. She is a friend you know. I didn't wanna leave her there crying." Nick said.

"You really were just talking?" Lindsey asked.

"Yes...I never would have cheated on you." Nick said.

"But what about that outfit she was wearing?" Lindsey asked.

"She had tried to seduce another guy and it blew up in her face. She felt like an idiot and I was comforting her." Nick said.

"Oh man...now I feel like an idiot. I'm so sorry Nick. I should have listened when I had the chance. I guess it's too late now." Lindsey said.

"Too late for what?" Nick asked.

"For us." Lindsey said.

"You want to give us another shot?" Nick asked.

"I do...I still love you." Lindsey said.

"I still love you too..." Nick said.

"But you're with Harley now." Lindsey said.

"No...we didn't tell anyone but we decided to be just friends. We weren't working out. We didn't want anyone else to know though because she wanted Aaron to think she was seeing someone." Nick said.

Lindsey laughed. "Aaron and I made the same agreement."

"Then we're both really single?" Nick asked.

"Yeah, I guess so." Lindsey said.

"Good because I've been wanting to do this for a long time." Nick said pulling Lindsey into his arms and kissing her. It was sweet and all but it made me miss Cali even more.

"That's great guys but we still have missing teammates, one that is my twin brother and another that is my cousin." Allison said.

"And one that is your worst enemy...you have to fight for Harley too." Tony said.

"I know that!" Allison said.

"Well here's your chance to prove it. Harley and Ice are attacking downtown. You have to go stop her." Cam said.

"I'll go with you guys." Hunter said.

"Hunter...no. Go home and tell Michelle what is going on. She needs to know. While you're at it inform Karone, Zhane, Andros, and Ashley about this as well." Cam said.

"Alright, fine. Good luck Rangers." Hunter said teleporting out.

"OK Rangers let's do it." Tony said.

“Genesis Evolution!!” we cried.

We arrived at the scene of the battle.

“Welcome Rangers.” Ice said.

“Let our friend go!” I commanded.

“She’s not your friend anymore. She’s my girlfriend.” Ice said smirking.

“I didn’t know Harley went for chicks.” Logan said.

“Foolish Rangers, no one can resist my kiss.” Ice said laughing an evil laugh.

“Harley, you have to remember. Come on! We’re best friends, I know you can’t have forgotten that!” Mel cried.

“I have no friends.” Harley said, an icy tone to her voice.

“No! I’m your friend. Your best friend. Don’t you remember? Remember when we were 6. In kindergarten Joey Taylor was picking on me and pulling my pigtails and you walked over to Joey and hit him with a baseball bat. You missed recess for a whole week but you said you didn’t care because you were protecting your best friend. Let me protect you now.” Mel said stepping towards Harley.

“I remember nothing!” Harley cried pulling her weapon on Mel.

“Harley! Remember when we were 10 and I decided I was sick of being a goody good so I was gonna pull the prank of the year and I took off with Mr. Sye’s toupee and when I got busted you said you did it so I wouldn’t get kicked off the junior city squad.” Allison said.

“Stop trying to confuse me. All of you are going down.” Harley said.

“Harley don’t, you have one of the purest hearts I know. You’re not evil. You don’t wanna fight us. If not for you I never would have given Lindsey a chance. It is just as much because of you as it is her that I was able to change” Nick said.

“Enough talk. Time to say goodbye.” Harley said coming at us with her staff. She hit Mel in the torso and sent her flying. She got Nick behind the knees and flipped him and she charged Allison and knocked her down then she kicked Tony in the stomach and he was knocked back. Then she came after me.

“Harley no.” I said using my own staff to hold her back.

“Any final words Gold Ranger?” Harley asked as we continued our staff fight.

“Harley, you’re just like a sister to me. You can’t expect me to fight you. Don’t you remember when we were kids? Remember every Thanksgiving how we’d fall asleep in front on the TV after dinner when we’d watch ‘Home Alone’? And how you always got so mad at me when I would defend you at the track when the guys would tease you about being the only girl racer...you have to remember...Harley don’t fight me.” I begged as I tried to hold her off without hurting her.

“Face it Gold Ranger, your Harley is gone. Finish him Harley.” Ice commanded.

“Yes my love.” Harley said again with that tone of ice. She raised her staff and got ready to hit me.

“Ok enough. I love you Har but I have to protect the world. I can’t let you win.” I said powering up my staff and striking her with it. She staggered backwards. “Logan use your sword!”

“Right...Genesis Sword Power up!” Logan commanded as he got her with the sword.

“You will pay for this Rangers. I will be back and next time you won’t be so lucky.” Harley said retreating.

We got back to the Command Center.

“It was like she wasn’t even Harley...what has Ice done to her?” Mel asked.

“Like I said, her heart is iced over. She isn’t the Harley we all know.” Cam said.

“Isn’t there someway we can melt her heart?” Nick asked.

“We tried that. The memories didn’t work.” Mel said.

“It was a good try Rangers. Who knows, maybe one of the memories will get through to her.” Cam said.

“Does Aunt Michelle know about Harley?” Lindsey said.

“Yes.” Cam said.

“How is she taking it?” Tony asked.

“I don’t know.” Cam said.

“I’m going to check on her. Call me if you need me.” Tony said teleporting out.

Tony

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I went to Aunt Michelle’s and rang the doorbell. Uncle Hunter answered the door.

“Tony...” he said.

“I haven’t forgotten what I saw.” I said.

“Please, don’t tell her. It was a mistake.” He pleaded.

“She should know what kind of man she is married to.” I said.

“She can’t take it now. She’s torn up enough about Harley.” He said.

“Don’t worry. I wouldn’t do anything to upset Aunt Michelle anymore than she already is. But I will tell her just as soon as Harley is safe.” I said

“You came here to tell me that?” he asked.

“No, you’re not worth my time. I came to check on Aunt Michelle. Where is she?” I asked.

“In Felicity’s room.” He said.

“Thank you.” I said walking to the nursery. “Hey Aunt Michelle.”

“Tony...hey...did you find out anything?” she asked as she rocked Felicity.

“Not yet. But don’t worry, we’ll get her back.” I said.

“I know you will...I have faith in you.” She said.

“Thank you.” I said hugging my aunt before I left. I went to the lake and got lost in my thoughts. I jumped when I felt a hand on my shoulder. It was Mel.

“Are you ok?” she asked.

“I have to get my cousin back.” I said.

“You will...we will.” Mel said.

I sighed and looked towards the sun setting. “I know...I just hope we’re not too late...”

It had been 3 days since we had heard anything from the Ice Kingdom, or our kidnapped team mates. This was driving Alex insane because he was worried about Cali. Of course we were all worried about all three of them but something else seemed to be bothering Tony and Mel. If it was the same thing or two different problems I couldn't tell. Then there was Lindsey and Nick. They were torn between being happy they were back together and being worried about the team. Of course Ally felt incomplete without her brother. I wanted to be there for her but I was the last person she wanted anything to do with.

I'm Logan Collins, Red Genesis Ranger, and resident millionaire. Money was great, it helped get me far, but as I had learned through Rangering, it didn't get you everything. Sometimes hard work was the only way to fix a problem. Not that I wouldn't pay any price if the Ice Kingdom would give us our friends back.

On this day we were all sitting in the meeting room of the Command Center AGAIN trying to strategize some sort of plan. Of course, this session was no more successful than any other. With our leader (Tony) focused on other things, our co-leader (Harley) missing, and the heart of the team (Melody) having problems of her own...well lets just say things had been better. As for me, I wanted our friends back of course, but I also wanted to go to the country club and hang out and play tennis with my other friends. My non Ranger ones. They could be a lot more fun than the Rangers. Anyway, back to the Rangers, we were still trying to work a plan.

“Guys, we have to focus. Three of our team mates are in grave danger.” Tony said.

“Tony is right. If we don't hurry we might lose them forever!” Allison said.

“Ok think...” Alex said as the door to the room opened.

“Hey guys, is Cam in here?” Hunter asked.

“No.” Tony said sourly. I wondered what his problem was all of a sudden.

“Um, ok. Do you know where he is?” Hunter asked.

“In his room I think.” Melody said.

“Thanks guys.” Hunter said leaving the room.

“Um, I'll be back guys...” Tony said following Hunter.

Tony

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I followed Hunter without being seen. If he was cheating on Aunt Michelle I wanted to know about it. Hunter went into to Cam's room. I climbed into the vent system and watched from the air vent. I could hear and see everything perfectly.

“Cam, we need to talk.” Hunter said.

“What is there to talk about? We made a huge mistake. It's over between us and we both have other people now.” Cam said.

“I know...I just...”

“You just can't stand that I have someone else can you?”

“It isn't like that...” Hunter insisted.

“Like hell it isn't.” Cam said.

“I just...you're too damn hot when you get agitated with me. Stop giving me that look” Hunter said.

“What look?” Cam asked.

“The patented Cam look that you do so well.” Hunter said.

“God Hunter, either you want me or you don't. I'm fucking sick of these games we keep playing.” Cam said.

“If I said I wanted you back would you leave LeAnn?” Hunter asked.

“Are you saying you'd leave Michelle for me again?” Cam asked.

“No...ye...I...I know I want to kiss you. I want to feel your skin on mine again. I want to make love to you so bad I can barely speak.” Hunter said.

“Hunter, you have a wife and two kids now.” Cam said.

“That doesn't mean I have no sex drive.” Hunter said.

“What? Michelle doesn’t satisfy you?” Cam asked.

“Of course she does. She’s amazing. But she’s not you.” Hunter said.

“Sounds like a pick up line.”

“It’s not...ok maybe it is, it’s true though. I wish...”

“You wish you could have us both.”

“That would be a dream come true...but I know I can’t have you both.” Hunter said.

“Doesn’t mean you won’t stop trying. You’re persistent. I’ll give you that much.” Cam said.

“Do you want me as much as I want you?” Hunter asked.

“Hunter...”

“Cam...”

“Yes...ok happy? Yes I do. I want to make love to you just as much as you want me but...”

“But nothing...” Hunter said kissing Cam.

The kissing turned to them taking their shirts off then their pants...this was the point I got majorly grossed out and left. As I crawled back through the vent I could hear them moaning and huffing. I couldn’t believe Hunter would cheat on Aunt Michelle! This was sick and wrong. Aunt Michelle had to know what kind of snake Hunter was.

Hunter

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I knew I shouldn’t have slept with Cam. I knew I had Michelle and Felicity at home and Harley being held hostage. I felt incredibly guilty. After I left Cam’s I went home. It was late and Michelle was already in bed. My guess was that Felicity had tired her out. I changed into my pajama pants and got in bed next to her. She felt me get in bed, she didn’t wake up but she rolled over into my arms. Talk about guilt. I held her and felt so bad about what I did I almost cried. I sighed and finally managed to get to sleep. That night I had the most intense dream.

~~~~~Start Dream Sequence~~~~~

I was in a room in a chapel. Blake walked in.

“Are you ready bro?” he asked.

“Ready? For what?” I asked.

“For your wedding goof. Cam looks great. I can’t believe you two are finally getting married.”

“I know, neither can I.” I said.

“Well enough talking, let’s get to it. You don’t wanna be late for your own wedding!” Blake said.

Cam and I stood side by side as the marriage service was performed.

“If there is anyone who sees a reason why these men should not be wed, speak now or forever hold your peace.” The minister said.

“WAIT STOP! HUNTER DON’T DO THIS!” Michelle begging running into the chapel.

“Michelle...” I said.

“Michelle, get over it. You lost. He’s mine.” Cam said.

“But Hunter...I love you.” Michelle said crying.

“Mich...” I said.

“Hunter, ignore her. She’s been a pest for years. She’s just mad she finally lost.” Cam said.

“How can you forget what we had? The magic. Everything we’ve been through.” Michelle said.

“Oh give me a break. Hunter it’s time to pick once and for all.” Cam said.

“Please Hunter, don’t throw our love away.” Michelle begged.

“Pick Hunter.” Cam said.

“Please, pick.” Michelle said.

“Pick, pick, pick...” everyone started to chant.

~~~~~End Dream Sequence~~~~~

I jumped away and when I did it woke up Michelle.

“Babe, are you alright?” she asked.

“I’m fine...just had a bad dream.” I said trying to catch my breath.

“Wanna talk about it?” she asked.

“No...go back to sleep. I’m gonna go check on Felicity.” I said getting up.

I went into my baby daughter's room and looked over her crib. She was awake.

"Hey there baby girl...what are you doing awake?" I asked as I picked her up. I sat down in the rocking chair with her. "How could I do this to you? I betrayed my family. I'm so sorry Liss. I know you're too young to understand what I've done but I hope to God your mother never finds out. I love you Felicity. I love you and your sister and your mother more than any of you can ever know. I can't believe what I did. Why...why did I do it? I guess Cam is right, I can't stand for him to be happy with someone else. I want it all...I guess I didn't realize I already have it all and I put all that at risk. Oh, but this isn't your problem. All you have to do is eat and sleep and be the best baby you can be." I kissed her head and rocked her more as I sang her to sleep.

Tony

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After a very unproductive night I decided that I had to tell Aunt Michelle the truth. I knew it would kill her, especially with Harley still missing but she needed to know. She had to know the man she was seeking comfort in was finding his comfort elsewhere. I went to Aunt Michelle's house and rang the doorbell. Hunter was gone somewhere so I figured this was a good time. Aunt Michelle opened the door.

"Tony, hey? How are you?" she asked.

"I'm good. How are you?" I asked.

"I'm fine. I was just about to make some breakfast. Would you like to come in and eat with me?" she asked.

"Sure." I said. I went in and sat at the table. She set out some pancakes and bacon.

"So how is the search going?" she asked.

"Unsuccessful." I said.

"I'm sorry." She said.

"No, I'm sorry. I should be doing more." I said.

"You're doing your best." She said.

"No, I'm not. Something is seriously bugging me and I don't quite know how to tell you about it. I said.

"What is it? Just tell me." She said.

"Alright...after breakfast." I said.

We both ate quickly and I cleared the table to give myself more thinking time.

"What is going on Tony?" she asked.

"Ok...Aunt Michelle...I love you, you're like a second mom to me...that's why this is so hard to tell you but it's also why I feel you need to know." I said

"Just tell me..."

"Ok...I was at the Command Center the other day and I walked in on Hunter and Cam kissing...then last night...I followed him just to make sure he wouldn't do it again, only he did. But there's more. He slept with Cam too." I said. Aunt Michelle turned very pale. "He cheated on me...with Cam..."

"Are you ok? You don't look so good."

"I'm fine...thank you for telling me Tony." She said very calmly...too calmly.

"Are you sure you're alright? You're very pale." I said.

"I'm fine...I just need to go lay down." She said.

"Here, let me help you to bed then I'll hang around for a few minutes to keep an eye on Felicity so you can rest." I said.

"Thank you Tony. You don't have to do that."

"I know. I want to." I said taking her hand and walking her to bed. I left her alone and did the dishes then sat in my cousin's nursery. She started to fuss so I picked her up and walked around with her. We ended up in Harley's room. I looked around. Harley's racing trophy's sat on a shelf. Her purple computer chair had clothes flung over it. Her DVDs were randomly stacked by the DVD player. The purple sheets on her bed were slightly untidy. Next to her bed was a picture of the whole team that Cam took right after we defeated Cobra. I sighed. I missed my cousin.

After about an hour Aunt Michelle came in and told me I could go. She said she called my mom and she agreed to baby sit. She wanted to talk to Hunter without Felicity in the house so I would be taking her home with me.

Michelle

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OK, so my husband cheated on me. Don't laugh. I know what you're thinking. This was my karma for cheating on

Rocky with Hunter. Well you would be right but still, don't laugh. Despite the irony of the situation I was in quite a bit of pain. I finally thought Hunter and I had the chance we never had when we were younger. When Hunter came in that day I was ready for him.

"Where did you go?" I asked

"Track. I had some business to take care of." He said.

"Is that where you were last night too?" I asked.

"What?" he asked.

"Last night when you came in late, where were you?" I asked.

"Um...I...working." He said.

"Yeah, I'm sure screwing your ex and then coming home to your wife and keeping a straight face is a lot of hard work. I know all about you and Cam." I said.

"How did you find out? Did Cam tell you?"

"No. It doesn't matter how I know...what matters is that you cheated on me Hunter."

"I know. I'm so sorry baby. Please, it will never happen again."

"You're damn right it won't happen again. Get out of my house."

"Baby..."

"Don't you dare call me baby."

"Mich...please...we can work this out."

"You screwed your ex Hunter, which also happens to be your foster sister's fiancée. If I know about this you know damn well it's gonna get back to LeAnn. Face it, you fucked up." I said.

"I know I did but can't we work this out? I really want to make this work. I love you Michelle. I thought I loved Cam too but I was wrong. I realized that last night. I thought if I had you and Cam I'd have it all but I realized I don't need Cam because I already have all I could ever want with you." He said.

"Sounds like you rehearsed for this."

"Rehearsed?! I mean every word of that."

"Hunter, I love you more than life. I always have, but right now I'm hurting very badly. My daughter is missing and I find out my husband cheated on me with his ex. Do I think we can work this out? Honestly, yes. We've made it through worse. But we can't work this out tonight so if you will just pack a few of your things and leave for a few days I think that would be for the best." I said.

"Ok, only if you promise we will talk this out when you cool off." He said.

"I wouldn't make me promise anything right now." I said.

"Ok...fine, fair enough." He said going upstairs. He packed a bag and left. I went to my bedroom and cried.

Hunter

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Ok I don't know how Michelle found out about what happened but whoever told her was dead. I was lucky she was even speaking to me. I got a few clothes and went to Blake's. He said I could stay with them for a few days after I explained things to him.

"I messed up so bad Blake. I don't know how to fix this." I said.

"Dude, I thought you said things were over with you and Cam." He said.

"I thought so too." I said

"You better hope Michelle is in a forgiving mood...I can't believe you'd do that to her, especially at a time like this. Harley is missing and now this...poor girl." Blake said.

"Damn, I feel bad enough already, lay off the guilt trip." I said.

"Don't worry, I'm sure Tor has plenty to say about this. Cam and Michelle are her two best friends next to Dustin." Blake said.

"Don't remind me." I moaned not looking forward to Tori's lecture. Lindsey chose that moment to walk in the room.

"Did you really cheat on Aunt Michelle?" she asked.

"Lindsey, leave your uncle alone. He has enough to deal with." Blake said.

"No, Daddy I know what Aunt Michelle feels like. I felt that way when I thought Nick cheated on me with Harley. It's a horrible feeling. How could you do that to her?" Lindsey asked.

"Linds...it's complicated." I said.

"What is so complicated about it? No one forced you to sleep with Cam." Lindsey said.

I sighed. "I'm going to take a nap"

Lindsey

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Ok so maybe I was a bit harsh on my uncle...but I couldn't believe he would do this to Aunt Mich. I knew I was about to get it major.

"Lindsey April Bradley, what the heck were you thinking? Your uncle did not need that. He feels horrible enough." Dad said.

"Good, he should feel horrible. He did a horrible thing! And Cam...poor Aunt LeAnn..." I said.

"Not another word about this." Dad said.

"Does Aunt Le know about this?" I asked.

"No and we're gonna keep it that way." Dad said.

"WHAT? Daddy, you have to tell Aunt Le the truth before she marries Cam! She deserves to know before she makes a step like this." I said.

"It won't happen again, Hunter knows better now."

"He knew better before he did it." I said as Mom walked in.

"What's going on in here?" she asked.

"Nothing." Dad said quickly.

I rolled my eyes. "Yeah sure...Uncle Hunter slept with Cam and Aunt Michelle found out and she kicked him out. He's in the guest room and I wanna tell Aunt Le about this before she marries Cam but Dad won't let me."

"I said not another word..." Dad said.

"Hunter and Cam? Again...god..." Mom sighed, "I hate to say it but I agree with your dad. As long as it doesn't happen again there is no need for LeAnn to know."

"Good now that is settled...now not another word about this...especially to Hunter. That means you too Tor." Dad said.

"What? I know you didn't just tell me not to talk to Hunter about this because that would involve you telling me what to do." Mom said.

"Actually I did. Tor he doesn't need you to lecture him." Dad said.

I could see Mom's face turn red. "Ok fine...then you and Hunter stay here and don't talk about it. Lindsey and I are spending the night at Michelle's. Linds go pack an overnight bag."

"Yes ma'am" I said going to my room. I grabbed a few things and went to find Mom, she was ready to go.

"Tor don't leave..." Dad begged.

"Come on Lindsey." Mom said helping me into her SUV.

We drove to Aunt Michelle's and rang the doorbell. She opened it.

"Tor..." she said.

"It's ok Mich...I know." Mom said hugging Aunt Mich. I felt so horrible for her, she started to cry as Mom hugged her. It was clear how much she was hurting. After a couple of minutes Aunt Michelle pulled away.

"Come on in guys." She said.

"Can we stay here tonight? Blake and I had a fight." Mom said.

"Of course. I hope I didn't cause it by kicking out Hunter." Aunt Michelle said.

"Oh no, it had nothing to do with you." Mom said.

"Ok...well Lindsey, you can sleep in Harley's room if you want." Aunt Michelle said.

"Thanks." I said going up to Harley's room. I looked around. It was so Harley. Everything purple and clean but untidy. I sighed. I really was worried about her.

PRG 2-10- "Strong Enough"

I woke up and was startled. I had forgotten where I was. I looked around and remembered what happened. My parents had a fight because my dad was telling my mom what to do and so we were at my aunt's house.
"Hey Linds, you want breakfast?" Mom asked. I looked up and saw her standing in the doorway.
"Um, sure. Be right down." I said.
I sat up and let myself wake up some then I went downstairs. Tony and his mom were sitting at the table with my mom. Aunt Michelle was holding Felicity and walking around the kitchen.

"Good morning." I said.
"Good morning Linds." Kim said.
"Mornin'" Tony said.
"Mom, are we going home today?" I asked.
"I don't know yet. I have to talk some things over with your father." Mom said.
"Tor, what happened with you and Blake anyway?" Kim asked.
"He had the nerve to try and tell me I wasn't allowed to discuss the situation between Mich and Hunter with Hunter." Mom said.
"Ohh, bad move." Kim said.
"I'm really sorry about all of this." Tony said.
"It's not your fault. You did what you had to do. I'm sorry you were in such an awkward position." Kim said.
"Yeah, I'm glad you told me." Aunt Michelle said as we heard music coming from outside.
"I know that song..." Kim said.
"That's mine and Hunter's wedding song..." Aunt Michelle said going to the door and opening it. Uncle Hunter was standing outside with a dozen purple roses. He had the windows on his truck down and was blasting the song from the car stereo. Aunt Michelle handed Felicity to Mom. It looked like she was gonna cry as she walked outside.

Michelle

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I was more than a little shocked when Hunter showed up like that. I went outside to see him.  
"I'm really sorry Mich. I never should have done this...being away from you made me realize how much I need you. Michelle, I love you and my biggest mistake was hurting you. I know it will take time but I hope you can find it in your heart to forgive me and maybe even trust me again. I don't want to lose you." Hunter said.  
I started to cry. "Hunter, god, I love you so damn much it drives me crazy but every time I think we're on the right track you run back to Cam. It's a cycle and I can't handle this anymore. I don't know if this will work..."  
"Please Mich...one more chance. I promise I won't screw up again." He begged.  
I gave this some thought. I did need him now more than ever, especially with Harley still missing. I knew I couldn't make it without him. "I swear, if you ever cheat on me again I will send such a bolt of lightning through you that you won't know what hit you." I said falling into his arms and crying. He wrapped his arms around me and held me tight.  
"I swear. Never again." He whispered.  
"I love you." I said.  
"I love you too Mich, more than life." He said.  
"Let's go inside. I think Felicity was missing her daddy." I said smiling at him.  
"I miss my baby girl." He said turning off the car. He took my hand and we went inside.

"Aww, they made up." Kim teased.  
"As if there was ever a doubt." Tori said.  
"You're taking him back?" Tony asked.  
"Yes Tony. I love him enough to forgive him this time. If he ever pulls this again he's dead." I said.  
"I don't believe this..." Tony said as the phone rang.  
"I'll get it." I said grabbing the nearest phone. "Hello?...Yeah...what?...Oh my god...yeah, I'll tell him. He'll be right there." I hung up. "Tony, you need to get to Mel's. That was Dana. She said Melody had a horrible nightmare and now they can't even get her to get out of bed. She won't move. Dana was hoping there was something you could do."  
"Oh my god...Mom can I go?" Tony asked.

“Of course...take all the time you need with her.” Kim said.  
“OK...see you guys later.” Tony said.  
“You’re gonna walk?” Lindsey asked.  
“Yeah.” Tony said.  
“I need to head that way anyway. I have to go take care of something. I’ll give you a ride.” Hunter said.  
“Um...ok...” Tony said.  
“Be back in a bit.” Hunter said kissing me goodbye.

Tony

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I wasn’t thrilled about going anywhere with Uncle Hunter but I knew it was faster than walking and I had to get to Mel. On the way over he started talking to me.
“So you told Michelle about Cam and I didn’t you?” he asked.
“Yes I did. I felt she should know. If you hadn’t screwed around on her it wouldn’t have been a problem.” I said.
Hunter sighed, “You’re right.”
“I know I am. And if you ever do anything like this to her again I won’t hesitate to tell her again so you better keep your word and stay faithful to her.” I said.
“I intend on it.” He said as we pulled into the Grayson driveway. Hunter turned off the engine.
“What are you doing?” I asked.
“I’m gonna go in with you. Make sure everything is ok. Carter and Dana are my friends and Mel is Harley’s best friend, ya know.” He said.
“Oh, right...” I said as we walked in the house.
“Where is she?” I asked.
“Still in bed. She won’t get leave the bed.” Dana said.
“You’re a doctor, do you have a clue what it might be?” Hunter asked.
“Well, we see this a lot in abuse victims but we don’t abuse Mel and I’m sure you don’t Tony so I don’t think that’s it.” Dana said.
“Of course I don’t abuse her.” I said as I ran to her room. “Mel, love. Come on get up.” I said sitting next to her on the bed.
“Get away!” she screamed.
“Mel? What’s wrong with you?” I asked.
“Get away! Don’t hurt me!” she screamed.
“Hurt you? Why would I hurt you? I would never...”
“Get away!” Mel screamed again.
Mel’s parents and Hunter ran in.
“Tony, I think you’re making it worse.” Carter said.
“But I didn’t do anything...” I said confused.
“May I have a moment alone with her? I think I might have an idea.” Hunter said.
“Are you sure?” Carter asked.
“Yes...please, just 5 minutes.” Hunter said.
“OK, if you think you can.” Dana said leading me away from the room.

Mel

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I didn’t know what was going on. I was just so scared. I heard someone sit on the chair next to my bed.  
“Melody, hey it’s me. Hunter...what’s going on?” he asked.  
“Nothing...just leave me alone.” I said.  
“You’re scared of something...I know what it’s like to be scared...especially of people.” He said.  
“You do?” I asked.  
“Oh yeah, I have been through a lot of crap in my life.” Hunter said.  
“Nothing like I have been.” I said.  
“Your mom says your acting like an abuse victim but that there’s no way you are one because they don’t abuse you and Tony doesn’t. You know I was abused when I was a few years younger than you and it was a teacher that did it.” He said.

"A teacher? Really? What happened?" I asked sitting up.

"Well...I trusted him. I thought we were friends but one day he started touching me and...he eventually raped me and beat me. He did this several times through the school year." He said.

"Did you tell anybody?" I asked.

"No. But I should have. I didn't say anything until 6 years later. I was dating Michelle and I told her about it because I was having nightmare. She gave me the strength to press charges. This guy is still in jail." Hunter said.

"Wow..." I said.

"Mel...did a teacher do something to you? You know it's ok to tell me. You need to tell somebody." Hunter said gently touching my hand.

After hearing his story I knew that he understood. I started to cry. "One of my teachers raped me a few months ago and I haven't felt the same since."

Hunter hugged me. "I'm so sorry this happened to you. It's a horrible feeling I know...I wish there was something I could do for you but I know there isn't. I am here if you ever want to talk though...which teacher was it?" he asked.

"Mr. Johnson, my math teacher." I said.

"You know you have to do something about this so he doesn't do this to other girls." He said.

"No...I'm too scared."

"Listen, I know it's really scary. I've been there too, but in the end you'll feel better once he's in jail. I think you need to tell your parents about this...Tony too."

"NO! Tony will hate me if I tell him and my parents will think I'm a slut." I said.

"That won't happen. They will rally around you and support you. I promise you nothing bad will happen if you tell them. I'll even be right here for support. You have to tell them." Hunter said.

"But what if you're wrong?" I asked.

"I won't be. Trust me. Please, you have to tell them. Your mom is a doctor. She'll be able to help you." Hunter said.

"You promise?"

"I do. I promise." He said.

I sighed, I knew he was right. I did have to tell them. "Ok. But stay here."

"Of course. Let me just go get them and I will be right back" he said. A minute or so later he came back with my parents and Tony. "Ok Mel wants to tell you what she is so scared about." Hunter sat in the chair next to me again and held my hand for support.

I took a deep breath and squeezed Hunter's hand. "OK...please don't hate me for this...I'm so sorry this happened but..."

"You're stalling Mel." Hunter said.

"Right...sorry...ok...you see...a few months ago when I was helping Mr. Johnson after school...you remember that?" I asked

"Yeah." Tony said.

"OK well...he...one day he..."

"It's ok Mel, I'm right here. It's ok to say it." Hunter said softly.

I closed my eyes and squeezed Hunter's hand really tight. "He raped me." I said before I lost my nerve.

"Oh my god..." Mom said.

"I'm sorry...I didn't mean to let it happen. Please don't break up with me Tony." I said.

"Break up with you...Mel...you have nothing to be sorry for. This isn't your fault. I'm sorry for not realizing you needed me sooner. I love you and I should have been there for you before." Tony said walking to the other side of my bed and taking my other hand.

"Oh my god...baby...Angel." Daddy looked like he was about to cry. He sat on my bed on the same side Hunter was on. I pulled my hands away from Hunter and Tony and hugged my Dad. I started to cry.

"I'm so sorry Daddy." I said.

"You didn't do anything wrong Angel. I am sorry this happened to you. It's not right...I promise you this man will pay for doing this to you." Daddy said holding me tight.

Mom looked stunned. "Oh my god...Mel...I'm so sorry...I should have seen this sooner..." she sighed, "I really think we should get you to the hospital and have some exams done."

I nodded, "Ok." I agreed. I had been wanting to get checked out since this mess happened.

"This rape was your first sexual experience right?" Mom asked.

"Um...actually...no." I said honestly.

"Oh?" Mom asked.

“Um...yeah. Tony and I have slept together. But not on a regular basis and not since the rape.” I said. I thought Dad was gonna hit the floor. Tony looked a little embarrassed but he understood why I had to tell them.  
“Oh ok...well that’s good information to have. Ok. Let’s get to the hospital.” Mom said.

Hunter

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I felt bad for Mel. I knew exactly what she was going through and it was scary to go through. We left Mel alone to get dressed so she could go to the hospital. As we headed downstairs Carter stopped me.

“I don’t know how you got her to open up like that but thank you.” He said.

“When I was a few years younger than her I was raped by my teacher. I told her what happened to me and she told me her story in return.” I said.

“Oh Hunter...I had no idea...that can’t be easy to relive....thank you for doing that for her.” Carter said.

“No problem. I was glad to do it. I’m just happy she came forward. Now that the truth is out she can begin to heal. And if she ever needs to talk I’m there for her night or day.” I said.

“Thanks Hunter. And I’m sorry about Harley.”

“Thanks.” I said, “Well, I should get home to Michelle now.”

“Ok...thanks again” Carter said as I left.

I headed for home. Reliving my past wasn’t easy. It still hurt. But I had helped Mel and that made it worth it. Ok so maybe I made my share of mistakes. I was far from perfect but...right now I felt pretty content with who and where I was.

PRG 2-11- "The New Guy"

"OK guys, Mel is having serious problems with all this and Tony really needs to be by her side. At the same time we can't forget about Cal, Har, and Aaron. Tony has asked me to take over as leader for the time being." I said.

"That all well and good Alex but we're still down to five Rangers." Allison said.

"Yeah, if we keep losing Rangers we're at a major disadvantage." Nick said.

"There was a time you would have cheered." Logan mumbled.

"Don't start Logan. Not now. The others are depending on us." I said.

"Nick does have a good point. We need help. Should we call the Neo Rangers?" Lindsey asked.

"No. Not unless we have to. I don't want to disrupt their lives. We are getting a new Ranger though...well a semi new Ranger." I said.

"How? I mean Zordon said that Nick's Black Power was the last of the Genesis Powers." Allison said.

"It was. It's not a Genesis Ranger." I said.

"Then what is it?" Nick asked.

"I think Cam would better explain it." I said letting Cam in the room.

"OK Cam, so what's the deal?" Allison asked.

"Quite simple. My power...the Green Samurai Power, is one of legacy. My mother passed it down to me, even if unknowingly, and thus I should now pass it on to my son." Cam said.

"That's great Cam, except you don't have a son." Logan said.

Lindsey smiled, "He does now."

"What?" Nick asked.

"LeAnn's son. Since LeAnn is coming to town she's bringing her son obviously. He's never had a father so with LeAnn's and my pending nuptials I have agreed to adopt him. He will be my son, most likely the only one I will ever have, thus he will get my amulet allowing him to help you. He's already been informed of this and is more than ready." Cam finished.

"That's great. We could use the extra back up and Jay will be perfect." Lindsey said.

"Jay?" Logan asked.

"Jay Omino...soon to be Watanabe. He is LeAnn's son."

"Great. How soon can he get here? We need to fill him in." I said.

"I pretty much filled him in already but he will be here shortly." Cam said.

"I don't think any Ranger team in the history of the world has had a turn over rate like us." Logan mumbled.

"But when we get everyone back we'll be that much stronger." I said.

"Right now we need to focus on getting my brother and the others back." Allison said.

"Right...I don't see any way to do it other than just storm the ice palace and raid it." I said.

"We don't have the man power for that. We would all get caught and the world would be at the mercy of the Ice Kingdom." An unfamiliar voice said.

"Jay!" Lindsey said jumping up and hugging him.

"Hey Linds. Good to see you again." Jay said.

"Guys, this is Jay. Jay, this is Alex, Allison, Nick, and Logan." Lindsey said.

"It's nice to meet you. Welcome." I said, "And I suggest you don't shoot down my ideas until you know the whole story."

"I take it you're the leader." Jay said.

"Temporary leader. Only while Tony is gone." Lindsey said.

"I'm leader for the time being, yes." I said, "And I don't need you questioning me without all the facts."

"I have all the facts I need. The Ice Kingdom is ruthless and they have 3 of our own. We have to use caution or risk all being captures. I don't know about you but I don't want to be an ice sculpture for the rest of my life." Jay said.

"So you have a better idea?" I asked.

"Actually I do. We need to lure the Ranger out one by one and melt their hearts. Dad and I have been working on a project that can do just that but we need more time." Jay said.

"So in the meantime just try to keep the Ice Kingdom at bay." Cam said.

"Fine." I mumbled. I didn't like the new guy already.

"Why don't you guys go take a dinner break. Check on Tony and make sure he's ok while you're at it." Cam said.

"Ok. Let's go to the Juice Bar." I said.

“You coming Jay?” Lindsey asked.

“No thanks. I’m gonna go explore the city alone for a bit. Thanks.” Jay said.

Jay

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I had a feeling fitting in with these Rangers wasn’t going to be as easy as I thought. Of course there was Lindsey, and I was happy for that, but the others...especially Alex. I don’t think he thought to much of my trying to help. I really wished I could have just finished school at Thousand Oaks High. Transferring in my junior year was not going to be a cake walk. This town was nice though, I’d say that much for it. I was walking in the park when I saw this hot chick. She had long brownish blonde hair and was dressed in jeans and a purple tank top. I walked over to her.

“Hey.” I said.

“Hey. You’re new around here aren’t you?” she asked.

“Yeah actually. How can you tell?” I asked.

“This is a small town. You’ve seen one person you’ve seen then all...you’re new though. You have a name?” she asked.

“Jay. You?”

“Ha...um, Nicole. You can call me Nicole.” She said.

“Pretty name Nicole. So you maybe wanna show me around sometime?” I asked.

“I’m available now. Are you?” Nicole asked.

“Sure. Lead the way.” I said.

“Ok, first off, be sure to stay away from the Juice Bar. Only losers hang out there.” She said.

I laughed. That’s where the others went. “I wouldn’t doubt that.” I said.

“Now if you really want a good hangout may I suggest Angel Grove Pizza. Awesome food and none of the losers.”

Nicole said.

“Sounds good.” I said.

“OK, let’s go.” She said as we headed over there.

We got there and found a table then ordered.

“This is nice.” I said.

“Yeah. So what brings you to Angel Grove?” Nicole asked.

“My mother is getting married and her husband lives here.” I said.

“That sucks that you have to switch schools.”

“Yeah kinda but I’m getting a father finally so I guess it’s not all bad.”

“You never had a father?”

“No. My mother doesn’t even know who my father is.”

“At least she’s honest. Mine did know and didn’t tell me for years.” She said.

“That’s horrible.”

“No kidding. But it’s ok. I’m free of all that now.”

“That’s good. Freedom is always very nice.”

“That it is. You know you’re a really cool guy.”

“Thanks. You’re pretty cool too.” I said smiling.

After dinner we headed back to the park.

“I really should be going.” Nicole said.

“Ok. I had fun. I hope we can do this again sometime.” I said.

“Yeah, totally.” She said.

“Can I get your phone number?” I asked.

“I don’t have a phone...just...meet me here. Same time Tuesday.” She said.

“Ok...see you then.” I said.

“See ya.” She said taking off.

OK so she was a little weird...but she was beautiful and I really liked her. She had spunk to her. I figured I should get back to the Command Center though and help Cam...my father work on the machine to help the other Rangers. If only there was some way to draw them away from the Ice Kingdom.

Tony

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Don't think badly of me. I know it might seem as if I abandoned my team when they needed me most, but really, I'm just being by Mel's side when she needs me most. I can't leave her alone to deal with this and Rangering is the last thing she needs to worry about right now. Besides, I did call for back up. This Jay guy seems like he knows what he's doing, and he's been trained as a ninja and samurai. I think the Rangers will be fine for a little while without me.

As far as Mel goes...she's been through a lot. I feel horrible about what happened. I should have been able to figure out something wasn't right with her. I just...I can't believe someone would rape Melody. My Melody. Who would ever want to hurt her? Only a monster. I hope that the slime that did this pays, teacher or not he deserves to be locked up forever.

I was sitting with Mel in a doctor's office. Dr. Wells was her name and she was a therapist.

"Melody, I know this is very hard to talk about...would you rather your boyfriend leave?" Dr. Wells asked.

"No. I want him with me. He has been so wonderful through all of this." Mel said.

"Are you sure? I can leave if you want. I'll be right outside." I said.

"No, please, stay." Mel said.

"Ok...then we can begin. How are you feeling right now?" Dr. Wells asked.

"Nervous...scared...anxious." She said.

"Why is that?"

"Because I don't want to be here. I know what happened to me was horrible but I'm the only one who can do anything about it."

"You believe that?"

"I know that."

This was going to be a long hard road to take...

Jay

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I arrived back at the Command Center. I would be living there until my mother could find a house and get it settled for Dad and I to move in.

"Hey." I said.

"Jay, glad you're back. Did you have fun?" Dad asked.

"Yeah. I met a girl." I said.

"Already? Man you work fast." Dad said.

"You should see her. She's beautiful. Her name is Nicole and I have a date with her." I said.

"Sounds good. Now come here, I need your help here." He said.

"Ok, with what?"

"I'm trying to figure out how to reverse what the Ice Kingdom did but first I have to find a way to analyze what was done in the first place. I have this scan I got of Harley when she attacked. So far it's all I have. I need your help to catch anything I might miss."

"No problem." I said looking over the scans. I really hoped we weren't too late.

## PRG 2-12- "Team Tension"

"So how's Mel?" I asked.

"As well as can be expected." Tony said.

"How long is she going to be home schooled for?" I asked.

"Until everything with Mr. Johnson dies down. I mean with him getting fired and being brought up on charges...it's a circus there and Mel doesn't need that." Tony said.

"Yeah, this is best for her. Any idea when you two might rejoin the team?" I asked.

"No. That's the last thing she needs to be worrying about."

"Is she? Worrying I mean..."

"Yeah...of course. Her best friend is still missing. She's very worried but...well she needs to put herself first right now." Tony said.

"Understandable." I said.

"So how's Jay working out?"

"Jay? Ugh..."

"What?"

"Well...he hasn't had to fight yet so we'll see...there's just something about him...I don't like him Tone." I said.

"Alex, you have to try to work with him. You guys are down too many Rangers already."

"I know that...I'm just saying...I'm keeping an eye on him."

"Do what you have to, just find a way to keep the peace."

"I'm trying." I said as my communicator beeped. "Alex here."

"Alex, the Silver Ranger and Prince Frost are attacking with some Flurries in the park. We need your help." Jay said. I froze. Cali...she was back...I took a breath. "On my way." I said.

"Can you handle this?" Tony asked.

"I have to. Give Mel my best. See ya." I said pulling out my Morpher, "Genesis Evolution!"

"Cali! Stop!" I cried as she attacked Allison.

"Ah, Gold Ranger...I've been waiting for you to show up. I want to kill you first." Cali said coming at me.

"Cali stop!" I cried.

"Goodbye Gold Ranger!" Cali cried as she pulled her weapon on me.

"Do it! I can't hurt you!" I cried.

"Alex!" Lindsey cried running over. "Back off sister..."

"How cute. The little Blue Ranger thinks she can stop me." Cali said.

"Cal...come on this isn't you. You're one of us." Lindsey said.

"You have to chill out." Nick said coming over to help Lindsey.

"Bad expression babe." Lindsey said.

"Oh...sorry." Nick said.

"Enough!" Jay cried as he attacked Lindsey with a saber.

"Jay! Stop this!" I cried.

"She has to be stopped! She's evil!"

"Don't hurt her!" I cried as he knocked her back with the saber. She pulled herself up, obviously hurt.

"Cali!" I cried.

"You may have won this time Genesis Rangers but I will be back. You can count on that. Let's go babe." Cali said standing by Frost's side. They disappeared. This hurt so much...fighting Cal...seeing her by Frost's side calling him 'babe'.

"Back to the Command Center. All of you!" I barked.

We got there and de-morphed. I looked at Jay with a heavy glare.

"Don't you ever attack against my orders again." I said.

"I thought we were a team. I didn't realize you gave orders." Jay replied.

"I do when it comes to the safety of our team mates."

"The Silver Ranger is our enemy now."

"She is under a spell...we can...and will get her back."

"You need to stop letting your emotions cloud your judgment and start using your head. That's what a good leader would do."

"You ever question my leadership again you'll be on the street so fast you won't know what hit you."

"You wouldn't do that. You need my help."

"We don't need you. We were fine before you showed up." I said.

"Obviously not if three of your team mates got turned." Jay said.

"Just...get the hell out of here."

"Sorry, I live here. You can leave at any time though."

"You..." I started to charge him.

"Alex stop." Nick said holding me back.

"I can't believe you got appointed leader. Anyway, I have some place to be. See ya round." Jay said teleporting out.

"I can't stand that guy!" I cried.

"Alex, you have to calm down. Like it or not he's right. We do need him. He's a team mate now." Nick said.

"He could have killed Cali!" I cried.

"I know...I didn't say he was right in going against you. I agree with you...but how else are we supposed to handle Silver, Purple, and Green right now? They are evil...not by choice...but still evil." Nick said.

"We have to find a way to get them back." I said.

Jay

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Alex was the worst leader ever. I had heard good things about Tony and I couldn't believe he would let Alex take over for him.

I went to the park and waited for Nicole. I really wanted to see her right now because aside from Lindsey she was really my only friend around here. I finally spotted her.

"Hey Nicole." I said.

"Hey." She said smiling.

"How's it going?" I asked.

"Pretty good. How are you?" she asked.

"Okay." I said.

"Good." She said as Lindsey and Nick headed over.

"Oh there's a couple of my friends. Can't wait for you to meet them." I said.

She got pale. "Um actually...I...I gotta go...I forgot to...do...something...see ya!" she said as she rushed off.

"That was weird" I mumbled.

"Hey Jay...what's wrong?" Lindsey asked.

"Well I was talking to this girl and suddenly she said she had something to do and she took off." I said.

"Odd...well...maybe she had a really good reason." Lindsey said.

"Jay, I've been needing to talk to you anyway. Can you lay off Alex. He's having a hard enough time taking over for Tony." Nick said.

"Well then maybe he shouldn't be leader." Jay said.

"Who else will? I haven't earn their trust enough to lead considering my past, Logan couldn't lead if his life depended on it, Allison wouldn't want to, and Lindsey..."

"Lindsey is a great Ranger but not leader material." Lindsey said.

"You forgot someone." I said.

"Who?" Lindsey asked.

"Me." I said.

"You? You've been with us less than a week and you think you should be our leader?" Nick asked.

"No offence Jay but you haven't exactly earned the right to lead." Lindsey said.

"I could do better than Alex...hell Logan couldn't do much worse than Alex." I said.

"All I'm saying is you better get yourself in line or it won't matter how good you are or who's son you are because you'll be out." Nick said.

"Yeah...whatever. I'm gonna go look for Nicole. See you later." I said taking off. I was tired of their lecture.

Nick

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I sighed. Jay was being more difficult than I could ever dream of being.

"I have a feeling this squabble between Jay and Alex is going to get worse before it gets better." I said.

"I know...I don't know what Jay's problem is." Lindsey said.

"Whatever it is he best be getting over it." I said.

"Yeah...I know...hey look at the time. Your mom is going to be worried if we're late for dinner." Lindsey said.

"You're parents know you're eating at my house?" I asked.

"My mom know, yeah. My parents still aren't speaking. Mom is sleeping in the guest room and Dad is hardly ever home. The longer they go without talking the worse things get. They need to talk it out and get it over with." Lindsey said.

"I'm sorry Linds." I said.

"It's ok. Let's get going." She said.

We walked into my house.

"Hey Mom, I'm home." I said.

"Hey, perfect timing. I just finished dinner. Lindsey have a seat. Nick, please go get your dad." Mom said.

"Yes Ma'am" I said walking into my dad's office. He was playing some motocross video game. "Hey Dad, dinner." I said.

"Oh ok. I'm coming." He said pressing pause.

We walked in and sat down.

"Hi Lindsey." Dad said.

"Hey Uncle Dustin." Lindsey said.

"How are your parents? Speaking yet?" Dad asked.

"No. Not yet." She said.

"Those two..." Dad said.

"I say we lock them in a room and let them fight it out." Mom said.

"They are both so stubborn. We should do something to get them to talk." Dad said.

"Um, Dad, I think Mr. and Mrs. Bradley should work this out for themselves." I said.

"Tori and Blake will just let this get worse and worse. We need to get them back together." Dad said.

"Ohh, I bet Michelle and Hunter will help." Mom said.

"What could Aunt Michelle and Uncle Hunter do? It was Uncle Hunter that caused this." Lindsey said.

"It was a messy situation but we can fix it." Mom said.

"Oh geez." I mumbled.

"I have an idea. I'll call Hunter after dinner." Mom said.

I sighed. Why couldn't people just mind their own business?

Logan

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After Cali's attack things got quiet so I took chance to go hang out at the country club with my other friends. I found my best friend, Michael Denetti, on the tennis courts.

"Hey!" I called.

"Collins! Hey man, where ya been?" Michael asked.

"Just around. You know things to do and all that." I said.

"Yeah, yeah. Thought maybe you abandoned us for those low class losers you hang out with." Michael said.

"You know the only reason I hang with them is their parents are really good friends with my parents. It's the whole generational thing." I said.

"That's too bad. They are all freaks." Michael said.

"Hey don't know Allison Kay. She's a hot one." Daniel Madison said walking up.

"Allison Kay? Yeah she's ok. Or she was when she was a cheerleader." Michael said.

"Didn't you date her?" Daniel asked.

"Yeah, we dated...it's ancient history now though." I said.

"She's friends with Melody Grayson too right?" Daniel asked.

"Melody Grayson? She's the chick who got raped by Mr. Johnson right?" Michael asked.

"Yeah, the hot blonde choir kid." Daniel said.

“Oh yeah. I’d rape her too. She’s hot.” Michael said.

“Mel is going through hell right now thanks to Mr. Johnson. You don’t understand what that whole thing did to her.” I said.

“I’m sure it was bad or whatever. I’m just saying, she’s very hot...so is that new freshman though...what’s her name...Harley’s cousin.” Michael said.

“Lindsey Bradley.” Daniel said.

“Yeah, yeah. She’s hot. Too bad she’s a freak like her cousin.” Michael said.

“You know they all have boyfriends.” I said.

“Yeah, Tony Oliver is with Melody and his boyfriend Alex Scott is with that freaky surfer chick.” Daniel said.

“Boyfriend?” I asked

“Yeah, you know Melody and freaky surfer chick are just covers. It’s so obvious that Alex and Tony are gay with each other.” Michael said.

“You guys, chill...they are still my friends.” I said.

“You’re too good for them Collins. You belong with people like us.” Michael said.

“But...I...”

“Glad you agree. Now who’s up for some tennis?” Michael asked.

Alex

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I was beyond pissed at Jay about attacking Cali. I went to the Gold Dragon. (It was Rocky’s old dojo, the Blue Dragon but my dad and Uncle Tommy renamed it when they bought it. Gold was for when my father was the Gold Ranger and Dragon was for Uncle Tommy’s Green Dragon and Dad’s Red one.) I walked to a punching bag and went to town on it. When I dad walked in he knew something was bugging me.

“Alex, what’s wrong?” he asked.

“The new guy. Jay. Cam’s son. He’s a pain in the as...um, neck.” I said.

“Why?” Dad asked.

“He is always questioning my leadership and he disobeyed a direct order and attacked Cali today.” I said.

“Have you talked to him about it?”

“Of course. It didn’t do a thing. All he did was tell me I sucked as leader.”

“Hmm...well maybe you could try not giving direct orders. Being leader isn’t about giving orders, it’s about keeping your team safe.”

“That’s what I was trying to do. Cali, Har, and Aaron are still our team mates.”

“I know...I wish I knew what to tell you. Being leader is tricky. I didn’t mind in the least when Tommy took leadership from me. It’s a hard role to fill.”

“How did you do it?”

“Well...I was the first Ranger leader and I had no example to go by. The world was in danger, my friends needed guidance so I guided them. I just did what had to be done...”

“I’m trying but it’s hard with Jay always second guessing me.”

“I know...I have faith in you...just do your best. And I know you...you’re blaming yourself for letting Cali get captured. Don’t. It wasn’t your fault.”

“It hurts so much. She’s actually dating Frost now!”

“No she isn’t...not the way she was dating you. She’s been brain washed into loving him. It’ll be ok. You’ll find a way to get her back.”

“I hope so.”

“I know so. Now go get cleaned up. Your mom is fixing dinner.” Dad said.

“Ok.” I said as I walked back into the shower area. I took off my work out clothes and stepped into the warm shower and let the water hit my skin. It felt really good. I started to think. The more I did the more I thought about Cali. I loved her and I missed her. I had to find a way to get her back at all costs.

PRG 2-13- “Another one bites the dust...”

“Where have you been?” Alex asked.

“Out.” Jay said.

“When I say we have a meeting at 2:00 I mean 2:00 not 2:45.” Alex said.

“Chill out. What do we have to meet about anyway? We still can’t get the others back.” Jay said.

“I’ll tell you what we have to meet about. I made a decision. We’re raiding the Ice Palace.” Alex said.

“What?” Lindsey asked.

“You’re insane Alex. We’ll all be destroyed.” Jay said.

“Our friends have been gone for weeks now. It’s time we did something to get them back.” Alex said.

“You’re letting your feelings for the Silver Ranger cloud your judgment. Until we know how to reverse what it Ice Kingdom has done to them we can’t do anything. All that will happen if we go charging in there is our destruction. The others don’t want to be saved. They’ll just attack us.” Jay said.

“I hate to agree with him, really, but he’s right.” I said.

“Ally, your brother is in there too...” Alex said.

“I know. I’m very worried about Aaron too but...I don’t want to do anything to put him in more danger.” I said.

“So then what do we do? I’m sick of sitting around and doing nothing.” Alex said.

“Just hang tight. I’m working on it.” Jay said.

“Yeah, at a snail’s pace. What the hell are you off doing all the time anyway?” Alex asked.

“He’s got a girlfriend.” Lindsey teased.

“You’ve been spending your time with a girl?” Alex asked.

“Not that it’s any of your business but yes...and she’s not my girlfriend...not yet anyway...we just hang out a lot.” Jay said.

“You better get your head out of the clouds and do some work around here. Every moment our friends are there it becomes less likely we’ll get them back and I won’t lose Cali, not again.” Alex said.

“Ok, sure. Can I go now? I have work to do.” Jay said.

“Fine, go.” Alex said.

“I don’t like him.” I said after Jay was gone.

“Join the club” Alex said.

“He’s really not so bad you guys, he just needs to learn some team spirit.” Lindsey said.

“That’s putting it mildly.” I said.

“Give him a chance. Maybe he’ll turn out to really help us.” Nick said.

“If you say so...um...speaking of lacking team spirit...where’s Logan?” I asked.

“Good question...” Lindsey said.

“Yeah that is...I was so worried about Jay missing I didn’t even realize Logan was missing...” Alex said as he tried to contact him. There was no response. “Ok great...will somebody go track Logan down and make sure he hasn’t been captured too?” Alex asked.

“Nick and I will go.” Lindsey said.

“No, I’ll go. I know where he is and you two wouldn’t be able to get it. I’d bet a million bucks he’s at the country club. They know me there, I might be able to get in.” I said reluctantly.

“Are you sure Ally? I know how you feel about...” Alex started.

“I’m fine Alex...really. Logan and I are over...it’s all in the past, really.” I said.

“Ok...if you do find him get him here.” Alex said.

“Sure thing.” I said teleporting out.

I got to Angel Grove Country Club and headed in naturally. I got stopped at the desk.

“May I help you?” the lady asked.

I turned around, “Hey, I’m looking for Logan Collins.”

“Oh Ms. Kay, good afternoon. Yes, Mr. Collins is on the tennis courts with Mr. Denetti” the lady said.

“Oh. Ok thanks, I know where that is.” I said walking over.

Sure enough Logan was playing a game of tennis with Michael Denetti...the world’s biggest asshole. He saw me before Logan did.

“Look who it is. Hey hot stuff.” Michael said whistling at me.

“Bite me.” I said.

“I’d love to, just name the time and place babe.” Michael said walking over to me and cornering me against the fence.

“Ugh, back off creep. I’m here to talk to Logan.” I said pushing him away.

“Why you want him back?” Michael asked.

“No, we’re just friends now.” I said

“Good because you’re not good enough for my boy over there anyway. He needs someone that’s high class. Not some slutty white trash. Hey Log, how about Rhonda Foster? She’s hot and right up your ally.” Michael said.

“Just chill Denetti.” Logan said walking over. “I need to talk to Allison alone for a second.”

“Suit yourself. Not my fault if you ruin your reputation by being seen with her.” Michael said.

“Ignore him.” Logan said pulling me to the side. “What’s up?”

“Alex is pissed. You missed the meeting we had today. He wants to see you right now.” I said.

“In case you hadn’t noticed I’m busy. Alex isn’t my boss. I do what I want when I want. You can go tell him that. When you guys actually have an idea to get the others back let me know but until then I’m not going to sit with you all and mourn and complain. Was that it?” Logan said.

“Well...yeah.” I said.

“Ok then. Goodbye Allison.” Logan said.

“I don’t know how I ever liked a guy like you. Ya know Michael was right. You should go for Rhonda Foster. She is up your ally. Snobby and stuck up just like you.” I said turning and walking away from him. When I was clear I teleported back to the Command Center.

“Did you find him?” Alex asked.

“Oh I found him.” I said.

“Where is he?” Alex asked.

“He said he’s busy and not to bother him again unless we actually have a plan to get the others back because he won’t sit here and mourn and complain with us.” I said.

“What? He didn’t say that.” Lindsey said.

“Yes he did. He was busy playing tennis with Michael Denetti and he told me that.” I said.

“Ok, one more Ranger down. Man, at this rate the world is doomed.” Nick said.

“You’d like that wouldn’t you?” Alex accused.

“What?” Nick asked confused.

“You heard me. Maybe you’re working with the Ice Kingdom. You did try to kill us god knows how many times... maybe you’re still working for the enemy.” Alex said.

“That’s not fair Alex, Nick has taken great pains to prove his loyalty to us.” Lindsey said.

“I have. Alex, you know I’ve reformed. I know what Cobra and Raven did was wrong. I’m not that way anymore. My parents and Lindsey have shown me a better way to be.” Nick said.

“And exactly how do we know that?” Alex said.

Nick stood up, “Well I guess you don’t...you know what, I don’t need this. I know who I am now and what I can do to make my life better. I’m out of here.”

“What?” Alex asked.

“You obviously don’t want me on your team. I’ll work alone to save the others.” Nick said.

“I’m going with him.” Lindsey said standing up.

“What? But what about your cousin?” Alex asked.

“I will help Nick to rescue the others. You’re doing nothing but causing inner team problems.” Lindsey said walking out with Nick.

“What happened in here?” Jay asked walking in.

“They walked off the team. They think they can work to find the others better if they’re not under Alex.” I explained.

“I agree...in that case I’m out of here too.” Jay said.

“Looks like it’s just us.” Alex said.

“Um...actually...I hate to do this to you Alex, but they stand the better chance of finding my brother. I’m going with them...nothing personal...I just have to get Aaron back.” I said.

“Fine! Go! I’ll get them back myself!” Alex cried.

I walked out to find the others.

"I'm with you guys." I said.  
"Good. Four Rangers isn't so bad." Lindsey said.  
"So who's going to lead now?" I asked.  
"I will. Trust me, I know what I'm doing." Jay said.  
"Fine. Just so long as we get my brother back." I said.  
"That's the plan." Jay said.  
"I hate to interrupt here but you guys should know the city is under attack." Cam said walking in.  
"Who this time?" Lindsey asked.  
"It's Aaron. He's with Frostine in the city." Cam said.  
"Frostine actually came out of the palace. That's rare." Lindsey said.  
"Who cares about that? My brother is out there. This is my chance to save him. I can get him back! I know I can." I cried.  
"Let's move out." Nick said.  
"What about Alex?" Cam asked.  
"We don't need him." Jay said.  
"Let's go." I said.  
"Genesis Evolution!" we cried.

We got to the area Aaron and Frostine were at.  
"Aaron! No, don't do this! Stop!" I begged.  
"Ah, the Rangers are finally here." Aaron said.  
"Go get them for me my love." Frostine said sitting back.  
"As you wish my Princess." Aaron said bowing to her as he came to attack us. He went for Nick and I jumped in front.  
"Aaron stop." I said trying to hold him back.  
"Move out of my way Yellow Ranger or you will pay." Aaron said.  
"Yellow Ranger? That's all I am to you? Aaron, it's me. Allison. Your twin sister..." I said about to cry.  
"I am following the orders of my Princess," Aaron said.  
"No. Aaron, stop. Frostine and her family are our enemies...looks at me." I said taking off my helmet. "It's me Aaron. Allison. Please...you have to remember."  
"You are just a Ranger." Aaron said.  
I de-morphed. "Do I look like a Ranger now? I'm your sister Aaron. Please...snap out of it. I need you back. Mom and Dad are so worried. Please...snap out of it bro."  
"I..." Aaron paused.  
"Get her Aaron. For me my love." Frostine commanded.  
"As you wish my Princess." Aaron said blasting me.  
"No!" I screamed as everything went black.

Nick

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"Allison!" I cried.
"No!" Lindsey screamed.
"Bring the Yellow Ranger to me Aaron. She will be a fine prisoner...and my siblings said I was useless. I at least got another Ranger." Frostine said.
"It's been fun Power Rangers...we will be back for the rest of you" Aaron said disappearing with Allison.
"Damn it!" Jay cried.
"Ok genius, at least with Alex none of us got captured. We're down to 3 active Rangers." I said.
"4." Alex said walking up.
"5 once we tell Logan about this. He may not admit it but he still loves Allison. He'll fight for her." Lindsey said.
"Maybe it's time to tell Tony and Mel that we need them." I said.
"No, we can't pull Mel back into this until she's ready...if things get any worse we'll call Tony back. Let's hope it doesn't come to that." Alex said.

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"Why me?" I asked.

"Because you know him better than we do." Lindsey said.

"And you're the one who thinks you make such a great leader." Jay added.

"Not to mention your father is a respected member of the AGPD. You can actually get in the Country Club." Nick finished.

"Ok, ok...I get it. I'm going." I said.

I left the Command Center and got to the Country Club.

"Good afternoon." I said to the person at the front desk.

"Alex Scott...good afternoon sir. May I help you?" The clerk asked.

"I'm looking for one of my friends. I was wondering if I could go in and look for him..." I said.

"Of course. Who are you looking for?"

"Logan Collins."

"Oh yes...Mr. Collins is in the dining room with Mr. Benetti. You will find them there."

I nodded. "Thank you."

"Thank you sir. Please tell your father hello for us."

"Of course." I said as I went into the dining room. Sure enough Logan was in there with Michael.

I sighed. This would be fun.

"Logan, we need to talk." I said as I got to their table.

"Oh look who it is. One of Angel Grove's finest sons." Michael teased. "So how's your boyfriend?"

"What?" I asked confused.

"Oh it's ok Alex. I know all about you and Tony. You can come out of the closet now." Michael said.

"What are you talking about? Tony and I are friends and besides we both have girlfriends." I pointed out.

"Yeah. The cry baby victim and the freaky surfer. Nice cover."

I felt my blood start to boil. "Melody and Cali are wonderful girls. You're just sour because you know you'd never get a girl like them."

"Why would I want a girl like them? Melody is majorly fucked up with serious emotional issues and Cali is just a freak."

"You little..." I was about to attack him when Logan stood up and pushed be backwards.

"We'll be just a second." Logan said pulling me to an area away from Michael.

"That little punk is lucky you were here or he'd be toast. I can't believe you let him get away with talking about Mel and Cali like that!" I cried.

"He's just talking. He doesn't mean it. Anyway, what's up?" Logan asked.

"You obviously don't care about us so I doubt you will care about this but Allison is gone." I said.

"Gone? What do you mean gone?"

"Taken. She was trying to turn Aaron back to our side and she got kidnapped. She's a prisoner of the Ice Kingdom." I said.

"What? No!" Logan cried. He looked like he was about to start crying.

"I thought you didn't care..."

"I do ok? I still love her. Don't spread it around though..."

"So you gonna get back to the Command Center and help us? We're down to 4 active Rangers without you."

"Make it 5. If I was there in the first place Allison would still be here. I owe it to her to help save her. I've let her down enough."

"Then let's go." I said.

"Ok." Logan said as we went back to the table. "Hey, I'm leaving."

"With him? What will people think?" Michael asked.

"I don't care. Alex and the others are my friends and if you don't like then fuck off." Logan said as he picked up his stuff and we walked out.

When we were clear we teleported back to the Command Center.

"Hey guys." Logan said softly.

"Oh my god, he's still alive..." Nick mumbled.

"Don't start Nick. We need to get Ally back." Logan said.

"Yeah. You guys plan. Nick and I have something to take care of." Lindsey said.

"What?" Jay asked.

"My parents have a plan to get Lindsey's back together and we're part of it." Nick sighed.

"What plan?" I asked.

"Uncle Dustin invited my dad over to watch movies and stuff. Aunt Marah invited my mom and I over for dinner. They don't know they're both gonna be there." Lindsey explained.

"We're gonna be late. Call us if you need us. We'll be back after dinner." Nick said.

"Good luck." I said as they left.

Lindsey

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I was very nervous about this plan. I really wanted it to work. Nick went home to get ready and I went to Mom's office and waited for her to get off work.

"Hey sweetie. You ready?" she asked when she came out of her office.

"Yeah. Let's go." I said.

"Ok, just one minute. I have to fax this information to a client then we're gone." She said.

I sighed. Sometimes my mom being a lawyer really sucked.

"Let's go." She said when she finished. We got to the Brooks home and knocked on the door. I didn't see Dad's truck so I guess either he wasn't there or they made him park in back.

"Hey Tor, come in." Aunt Marah said when she opened the door.

"Thanks." Mom said as we went in.

When we went into the dining room Dad was sitting at the table with Nick and Uncle Dustin. Mom was shocked to see him.

"Tori..." Dad said in equal shock.

"What is he doing here?" Mom asked.

"Tor, just calm down. You guys can't keep this up. It's not good for either of you or Lindsey. You guys need to talk this out." Uncle Dustin said.

"Please Tor...just talk to me. I miss you and Linds." Dad said.

"And I miss Daddy. Please talk to him." I begged.

Mom sighed, "Fine."

"You can go to the bedroom if you want some privacy." Aunt Marah said.

"Ok." Dad said as he and Mom walked in the bedroom and shut the door.

"I wish I could hear them." I said.

"We can. I turned on the intercom system." Aunt Marah said.

"Marah!" Uncle Dustin said.

"Chill. It's for them. If things get too heated we can go in." Aunt Marah said pressing the 'listen' button. We all were very quiet so we could hear what was being said.

"There's nothing to say." Mom said.

"Would you tell me why you are so upset about this? It's not like I cheated or anything. I just told you not to bug Hunter." Dad said.

"I know...I...I didn't like the tone in your voice though. It scared me. I hadn't heard you sound that commanding before. I didn't know how to react except to get defensive." Mom said.

Dad let out a heavy sigh. "Tori...don't let everything we've gone through end like this. I'm really sorry if I scared you. I didn't mean to. I was just trying to protect my brother."

"I know..."

"And you know you would do the same for Emily."

"Yeah...I would."

“Victoria Bradley, I love you so much and you have no idea how sorry I am. Please come home though. I miss you and Lindsey so much. I need you.” Dad said.

I heard sniffles like Mom was crying. “I love you too Blake. I’m sorry I over reacted. I shouldn’t have left. I miss you too.”

“Why are you crying sweetie?” Dad asked.

“Because I love you...I’m happy to have you back...because I put Lindsey through all this. I feel horrible about that.”

“She’ll understand and I’m sure she’ll just be happy to come home. It’s a high stress time for everyone. I don’t blame you for over reacting. With all the kids missing everyone is a little on edge.”

“Yeah...do you think we’ll get Harley and the others back?”

“I hope so. With Jay helping they have a better chance.” Dad said.

“Did you hear Allison is gone now too?”

“No. Allison too? Oh my god...” Dad said.

“I know...I’m worried about Lindsey.”

“Lindsey is strong and she has Nick looking out for her. He’s got himself taken before he’d let anything happen to her.”

I smiled at Nick and leaned back into his arms.

“We should get back out there. I’m sure everyone wants to eat and we are holding up dinner.” Mom said.

“Ok...just a second. There’s something I’ve really missed...” Dad said. Everything got quiet. We guessed they were kissing so we turned off the intercom. A few minutes later they came out of the room.

“So?” I asked as if I didn’t know.

“We’re going home after dinner.” Mom said smiling.

“Yes!” I cried.

“And I want to thank Dustin and Marah. You guys were sneaky but it worked. Thanks.” Dad said.

“No problem.” Uncle Dustin said smiling.

“So can we eat now?” Nick asked.

“Yes we can eat now.” Aunt Marah said laughing.

After dinner Nick and I got my stuff back into my room then we headed back to the Command Center. To our shock Mel and Tony were there.

“Mel...” I said running and hugging her.

“What are you guys doing here?” Nick asked.

“We heard about Allison. If I had been here that wouldn’t have happened.” Tony said.

“We have to get them back.” Mel said.

“While you two were gone we made a decision.” Jay said.

“OK...” I said.

“We’re raiding the Ice Palace. It’s our only hope of getting them back. We have no choice.” Alex said.

“But isn’t that dangerous?” I asked.

“Yes. It’s the only chance we have though. We’re not doing any good sitting up all night here worrying. We have to take action and we have to do it now before it’s too late to get them back.” Tony said.

“Are you sure you’re up to this Mel?” I asked.

“I’m not disabled Linds. I’m fine. I’m getting help and I’m doing much better. I want to do this.” Mel said.

“Ok, well if it’s the only way...” Nick said.

“We attack at dusk tomorrow. We have a lot of preparation to do.” Jay said.

“Who’s leading the attack?” Nick asked.

“I am.” Tony said.

“But we’re dividing into two teams.” Jay said.

“Right. Jay will lead up one team. I’ll take the other.” Tony said.

“What are the teams?” I asked.

“I’m taking Alex and Mel. Jay is taking the rest of you. We’re going to do this in intervals. My group will go in first. 62 minutes later the rest of you will follow.” Tony said.

“62 minutes?” I asked.

“Yes. They will be expecting an attack in 60 minutes intervals. 62 is an odd number they will never guess.” Tony said

“Ok. I guess that makes sense.” I said.

“For now take care of anything you have to then get some rest and meet back here in the morning to go over final plans.

There's a chance some of us may not make it back." Tony said with a pained honesty.

"Right..." we all agreed. Nick and I left and went to the lake.

"Babe...do you think we'll make it?" I asked.

"You will. I promise you. I won't let anything happen to you. Like your parents said, I will protect you...even if it means my own life." He said.

"No. I don't want you to do that." I said.

"I love you Linds. I'm not letting you get hurt."

"I love you too Nicky." I said hugging him.

He held me tight, "Don't worry...we'll get them back...we have to. The world is depending on us and this time I can't fail my mission."

## PRG 2-15- "Preparation"

"Dad, do I have time to make a quick errand? There's someone I need to see before I go." I said.

"Sure Jay, everyone is off tending to things. They won't be meeting for another hour. Go ahead. I have things covered her." Dad said.

"OK, I'll hurry." I said teleporting to the park. I really hoped Nicole would be there. Sure enough she was there with another girl. I couldn't see the other girl's face because she was leaving. "Nicole!" I called.

"Hey Jay." She said walking over to me.

"I was hoping I'd find you here. Who was that?" I asked

"Oh, just a friend of mine. We had a minor falling out. No big deal. What's up?" she asked.

"Well...I...there's something I have to go do and I'm not sure...well I'm not sure when...or even if I'll be back and I just wanted you to know how much I've enjoyed hanging out with you." I said.

She smiled. "I've enjoyed hanging out too."

"Would it be too forward of me to kiss you?"

"Kiss me? Um...no! Don't...please..." she said.

I looked at her oddly. "Ok...I won't."

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean it like that. I mean I really want to...I can't..."

"OK, don't worry about it. How about a hug then?"

"That's fine." She said.

"Ok then." I said as I pulled her into my arms and hugged her. She held on to me tightly as if I were some sort of lifeline. "Hey, you ok?" I asked as I held her.

She caught her breath and let go of me. "I'm fine...really...I should be going."

"Ok...goodbye Nicole."

"Don't say that. We'll see each other again."

"I hope you're right."

"See ya later Jay." She said taking off.

I sighed. I knew something was up with her but there was nothing I could do about it now. I had other work to do.

Tony

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Mel and I were at her house. My parents had come over too and the four adults sat on the sofa looking at us.

"Are you sure you're up to this Mel?" Carter asked.

"Yes Daddy. I need to do this. Harley needs me. I can't let her down...I owe it to her...I owe it to Hunter. He helped me through a really hard time. I have to get Har back." She said.

"And she's my cousin and Aaron and Cali are our friends. I have to go too." I said.

"I have faith in you...just be very careful. An ambush is a very dangerous thing to try to pull off." Dad said.

"I know...I just don't see any other way." I said.

"There isn't one...just be careful." Dad said.

"Be very careful." Dana said as the doorbell rang.

"I'll get it." Mel said running to the door. A few seconds later Mel walked in with Ashley and Andros.

"We heard about the ambush..." Andros said. He had his arm around Ashley, she didn't look so good.

"We'll get the twins back" I said.

"I know you'll try your best. We just wanted to thank you for trying if nothing else." Andros said.

"Aaron and Allison are friends. We wouldn't just give up on them. We'll find a way to get them back. Cali too." I said.

"How are Zhane and Karone doing?" Dana asked.

"Karone has made herself physically ill about this whole thing. Zhane has been taking care of her." Andros said.

"We should be going now." I said.

"Yeah, the others will be waiting." Mel said.

"Listen, Mr. Grayson, Mel will be with me the whole time. I'll protect her no matter what it takes." I said.

"Thank you Tony. I trust you." Carter said.

"I love you Daddy. I love you Mom." Mel said hugging her parents.

"We love you Angel." Carter said.

“Very much.” Dana added.
“Mom?” I asked. She had been very quiet.
“Be very careful. I love you.” She said hugging me.
“I love you too Mom. I love you Dad.” I said.
“I love you son...I have faith in you. You’ll be fine.” He said.
“Good luck.” Andros said.
“Please bring them home.” Ashley pleaded.
“We will. Somehow...we will.” I promised as Mel and I left.

Lindsey

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Nick and I had gone to my house. His parents, my parents, and Uncle Hunter and Aunt Michelle were all there.  
“I’m not sure I trust Jay to lead this.” Nick said.  
“I agree. I don’t know why Tony put him in charge.” I said.  
“I’m sure Tony had his reasons. You have to trust him.” Dad said.  
“I do...I don’t trust Jay. He doesn’t even know the others.” Nick said.  
“Maybe that’s why he’s in charge. He’s unbiased.” Mom said.  
“Don’t worry. You guys will be fine. You’re great Rangers.” Aunt Michelle said.  
“Yeah, you are. If anyone can get the others home it’s you guys.” Uncle Hunter agreed.  
“Thanks.” I said.  
“Just have faith in yourself. You’ll be fine.” Uncle Dustin said.  
“Nick...I’m very proud of you. You’ve come so far from trying to destroy the Ranger to risking your life to save them.” Aunt Marah said.  
“Thanks Mom. I only hope I can someday make up for all the evil I’ve done.” Nick said.  
“I think you’ve more than made up for it.” I said.  
“I agree. You’re an excellent Ranger Nick.” Dad said.  
“Thank you Mr. Bradley.” Nick said.  
“You guys should go.” Aunt Michelle said.  
“Be very careful.” Mom said.  
“We will be.” I assured her.  
“I’ll look after her. She’ll be fine.” Nick said.  
“You look after yourself too.” Aunt Marah said.  
“I will.” Nick said.  
“I’ll look after him.” I said smiling.  
“I love you Linds.” Dad said.  
“I love you too Daddy...and Mom. And Uncle Hunter and Aunt Michelle...and Uncle Dustin and Aunt Marah. I love you all.” I said taking turns hugging everyone.  
“We love you.” Uncle Hunter said.  
“Very much.” Uncle Dustin said.  
“Be careful.” Mom said again.  
“We will be.” I said.  
Nick hugged his parents then we left.

Logan

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I was at home with my parents.
“We have a lot to discuss when you get back.” Dad said.
“What about?” I asked.
“Your attitude. I talked to Jason. Alex told him what Michael was saying and that you did nothing to stop him. The Rangers are your friends and team mates. You can’t treat them that way.” Dad said.
“You shouldn’t treat anyone that way.” Mom added.
“Yes Ma’am.” I said.

“But on to more current matters...be very careful. This ambush will be very dangerous.” Dad said.
“I know. I have to go though. I have to get Ally back.” I said.
“You know this doesn’t change anything right?” Mom asked.
“What do you mean?” I asked.
“I think it’s great you’re going with your team mates to do this but you know that just because you save her doesn’t mean she’s going to forgive you and want you back.” Mom said.
“I know...but I can’t just leave her there.” I said.
“Good. I’m glad you feel that way.” Mom said.
“Anyway I should go.” I said.
“Good luck.” Dad said.
“Thanks.” I said walking out. I was about to go a very dangerous mission and my parents were more concerned with my attitude...

Alex

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“Are you sure about this?” Mom asked.  
“I’m sure there’s no other way.” I said.  
“He’s right. They have to save the others before it’s too late.” Dad said.  
“Exactly.” I said.  
“I know you’re right. Harley is like family and the others are friends...” Mom said.  
“I’m proud of you.” Dad said.  
“I don’t know why. It’s my fault Allison is gone...for that matter it’s my fault Cali is gone.” I said.  
“It’s not your fault.” Mom said.  
“It is too. I was leader when Ally was taken and if I had been at Cali’s side that night she wouldn’t have been taken.” I said.  
“You were the best leader you could be. It’s not your fault Jay was being difficult.” Mom said.  
“And if the Ice Kingdom wanted Ally they would have found a way to get her...who knows, you might have been taken too.” Dad said.  
“I don’t know. I just know I’m gonna save my friends and I’m going to spend the rest of my life making this up to Cali.” I said.  
“I’m sure she won’t find that necessary.” Mom said.  
“I do.” I said, “I should go.”  
“Just be careful.” Mom said.  
“Of course. Cali depends on that.” I said.  
“I love you so much.” Mom said hugging me.  
“I love you too Mom.” I said hugging her back then I hugged my dad. “I love you Dad.”  
“I love you too and I’m very proud of you Alex.” Dad said.  
I smiled and prepared to go.

Jay

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I got back to the Command Center and found my dad.
“Did you do what you need to do?” he asked.
“Yeah.” I said.
“Listen, I want you to be careful on this mission. I know you have to go but...just watch your back.” Dad said.
“Of course.” I said.
“Your mom is worried about you.”
“She shouldn’t be. I can handle this fine.” I said.
“She’s on her way here now. She wants to be here when you get back.”
“Ok. Listen Dad, I’ll be fine. I’m leading one of the teams. I got it covered.”
“That’s what worries me. I know Tony said you could lead but the others don’t know you that well and they might have problems with following you.”

“They don’t have a choice. I’m their only hope to save the other Rangers.”

Dad sighed, “Don’t get over confident. That will be your downfall.”

“I’ll be fine”

“I love you Jay. I just don’t want to see you hurt.”

“I love you too. And I’ll be fine.”

Dad sighed again. “I know...” he said as the others started teleporting in. Within minutes everyone was there.

“You guys ready for the final plan?” Tony asked.

“Yeah. Let’s hear it.” I said.

“Ok. Unlike when we invaded Cobra we don’t have an insider to tell us what to watch for. We’re going in blind here. We don’t even have the guarantee that our communication system will work there. I am assuming there is a back was into the Ice Palace. Mel, Alex and I will go in first, 62 minutes later I want the rest of you to follow, if you haven’t heard otherwise from me, by going in a side entrance if there is one. Otherwise follow through the back. We don’t need to alert them. Look for any place that Ally might be. As far as we know she isn’t brain washed so she should come willingly. After you have Ally then you can look for the others. We have to kidnap them back. Once you have them, even one of them, get out before you get caught and don’t wait to find the other rescue team. Getting one back is better than getting none of them. Once back here Cam will know what to do. Everyone got it?” Tony finished.

“I think so.” Nick said.

“Got it?” Tony asked me.

“I got it.” I said.

“Then let’s do it.” Tony said.

Allison

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I was sitting in a jail type cell. I couldn’t believe my own brother kidnapped me. I had tried to get through to my friends with no success. Right now I was sitting there listening to Harley and Ice fight.

“You are my girlfriend. You don’t go flirt with guys!” Ice yelled.

“I was talking to him. I talk to who I want when I want.” Harley countered.

“You are mine.”

“I belong to no one.”

“You are mine! You will destroy the Rangers on my orders! Don’t you care about me?”

“I do care about you Ice. I only go after the Rangers to please you. He’s just...I don’t know...he’s a friend.”

“If he’s a friend why did you lie about your name? I’ll tell you why, you didn’t want me to know.”

“I lied because he looked to be in high school. I didn’t want him talking about me and having the Ranger catch on to my visiting Earth. I love you Ice. You’re the one I’m with.”

“I know you care about me. I just get jealous. Please stop seeing him”

“I won’t. But it changes nothing.”

“Ok...fine.” Ice said leaving the room.

Harley followed.

I smiled. Maybe Harley was starting to snap herself out of it. She wasn’t totally void of freewill anymore. Maybe that stubbornness of hers would come in handy afterall.

## PRG 2-16- "Saving Silver"

"Ok, let's move in." I said.

Mel and Alex followed me in through the back.

"It's so cold here." Mel said softly.

"Hence the name 'Ice Kingdom'." Alex said.

"Ha, ha, funny Alex." Mel said. I could almost see her rolling her eyes in her helmet.

We moved in the back way carefully. We didn't know where the guards or Flurries would be.

"Stop chatting guys. We need to find Ally." I said.

"Right." They whispered in reply.

We moved quietly into the palace and looked for any sort of dungeon.

"Looking for someone?" a voice said.

I turned around.

"Cali!" Alex cried.

Jay

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"Ok, let's move." I said

"Ok," Nick agreed as we went in the side entrance of the palace.

"Remember guys, keep on the alert. We don't know where the guards are and I'm sure the other Rangers are lurking around here too." I reminded.

"Good call Samurai Ranger but I think green is my color." A boy said.

"Aaron!" Lindsey cried.

"Yes. It's time to finish this. Genesis Evolution!" Aaron cried, "Now then, let's find out who the ultimate Green Ranger is."

"Bring it on." I said taking a fighting stance.

"You got it." He said.

Tony

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"You have to help us get Ally out of here Cal, snap out of it!" Mel said.

"The Yellow Ranger is safe...for now...do not worry. You on the other hand, you all are going down." Cali said.

"Genesis Evolution!" she cried as she morphed.

"Cal, don't do this...please..." Alex begged.

"You are so pathetic Gold Ranger." Cali said attacking him first.

"Alex, you have to fight back, you have no choice!" Mel cried.

"I can't! I love her!" Alex said as he let himself get attacked.

"You're gonna get yourself killed man!" I called.

"Then so be it. I won't hurt Calypso!"

"Goodbye Gold Ranger!" Cali said as she went for the final strike.

"NO!" I cried as I attacked her. "You heartless....Alex loves you enough to let you kill him...how can you not feel anything?"

"My heart is ice. I feel nothing." Cali said as she fought me back.

"Power down!" Alex called as he de-morphed. "Cali, stop...look at me."

"Alex what are you doing?!" Mel cried.

"Trust me. Cal...baby...stop...please...give me one minute and then if you still want to kill me I will surrender." Alex said.

"Alex!" I cried.

"Fine, that sounds fair enough. One minute." Cali said backing off and walking over to Alex.

"Take off your helmet." Alex said.

“Why?”  
“Please, just one minute...”  
“Fine.” She said removing her helmet.  
“You are beautiful. I can’t believe you don’t remember our love...what we’ve shared. I love you Calypso Waters. No matter what you do to me that will never change...”  
“What are you doing?” Cali asked cautiously.  
“Before you kill me you have to know how I feel. I will die loving you...forever.” Alex whispered as he drew Cali into his arms and kissed her. Something in her changed right then. Her Ranger form shattered and she de-morphed entirely. Her skin became more colorful and her whole demeanor changed. The kiss finally broke.  
“Alex? What’s going on?” she asked weakly.  
“Cali? Baby? Is that really you?” Alex asked.  
“Yes...where are we?” she asked.  
“The Ice Palace...you were brain washed.” Alex explained.  
“We have to find Ally...do you know where she is?” I asked.  
“Um...” Cali thought for a minute. “Wait...I remember...this way...”  
We followed her.

Jay

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“Aaron, stop...you’re on our side!” Lindsey cried.
“You have to help us save Ally...” Logan said.
“Man, snap out of it.” Nick said.
“Back off, this is between me and the Samurai.” Aaron said.

We proceeded to fight. He was good but not a match for my saber technique. I got him pinned to the ground.
“OK, now you’re coming with us, like it or not.” I said.
“I don’t think so.” Aaron said fighting to get up.
“Um, I do think so. Now come on.” I said pulling him up with Logan and Nick’s help.

“Stop right there Power Rangers! You aren’t taking my boyfriend anywhere.” Frostine said as she appeared.
“Frostine! I’m so glad you are here!” Aaron cried.
“Leave him alone Rangers.” Frostine warned.
“Get him out of here!” Lindsey cried.
“Not without you!” Nick called back.
“I said go! Now! I’ll be fine.” She said.
“But I promised to protect you...”
“You can’t...just go! Before he gets free!”
“She’s right...let’s move out.” I said as we took Aaron out of the palace, leaving Lindsey behind to block Frostine’s interference.

Tony

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“We have to hurry and get out of here.” Mel said.  
“I know...we have to get Ally first.” I said.  
“We’re almost there.” Cali said.  
“We need to get out of here before Frost shows up.” Alex said.  
  
“Did I hear someone call?” Frost asked as he appeared.  
“You had to say it...” I said.  
“Sorry.” Alex mumbled.  
“Calypso my sweet...how could you betray me? You have fallen for this...this human...” Frost said.  
“I’m not yours! I never was! You brainwashed me!” Cali cried.  
“And so I shall again. Come here.” Frost said.  
“No...I may not have been able to resist your kiss before, but I am immune now.” Cali said.

“Then you will pay.” Frost said attacking her.

“Cali!” Alex cried as he jumped to push her out of the way. He went back at Frost.

“Alex, don’t!” Cali cried. He ignored her and kept fighting until Frost threw him to the side. He was unconscious.

“Enough is enough! Genesis Evolution! Genesis blaster!” she said pulling out her laser gun. “Melt in hell.” She said as she fired. The heat from the laser burned him and he retreated. “Alex!” she cried running to his side.

“We have to get him out of here.” I said.

“What about Ally?” Mel asked.

“We’ll have to hope the others can get to her...he needs medical attention.” I said. The girls helped me lift him and we headed for the Command Center. When we got there we found Jay’s team there with Aaron locked in a cage cell.

Lindsey

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“Move out of my way Blue Ranger!” Frostine said.

“Oh I’m scared of you. Wimp! You couldn’t take me on if your life depended on it.” I taunted.

“Give me back Aaron!” Frostine whined.

“Oh poor baby...lose your boyfriend?”

“You are so going to totally pay!” Frostine cried.

“I’m so sure...Genesis Blaster!” I called drawing my laser. I fired at her.

“Ew, heat! Don’t do that here! We’re not protected from heat while we’re in the Palace.” Frostine said jumping back.

“Oh really? Good to know.” I said firing again.

“Oh, I am so out of here. This isn’t over Blue Ranger.” Frostine said retreating.

“Thank you Frostine...you just told me how to beat you.” I said as I took off for the Command Center.

Tony

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“Why isn’t she restrained?” Jay asked pointing to Cali.

“Alex broke the spell. She’s one of us again.” I said as we all powered down.

“Alex is hurt, we have to help him.” Cali said.

“I’ll take him to med bay. He’ll be fine.” Cam said as he took Alex from us and left to go take care of him.

“So who’s the other Green guy?” Cali asked.

“Oh...this is Jay, the Green Samurai Ranger, he’s Cam’s son. Jay, this is Calypso, the Silver Ranger.” I said.

“Nice to meet you.” Cali said.

“Yeah, likewise...sorry about attacking you before.” Jay said.

“Hey, did what you had to do. I respect that.” She said.

“Hey guys.” Lindsey said coming in.

“Linds! You’re ok!” Nick said running to her and hugging her.

“I’m fine. Cal! You’re back!” Lindsey said.

“Yeah...” Cali said.

“Which side are you on?” Lindsey asked.

“Don’t worry. I’m with you. Alex broke the spell.” Cali said.

“Awesome!” Lindsey cried.

“This is great but we still have to break the spell on Aaron and get Ally and Har back.” Nick said.

“Well how did Alex break the spell on Cali?” Lindsey asked.

“He kissed her.” Mel said.

“It was true love’s kiss. Love is warming and it melted her heart.” Zordon said.

“Too bad the only person Aaron loves is Harley and she’s still evil.” Mel said.

“It’s not about who they love, it’s about who loves them.” Zordon said.

“Ok, well I still don’t know anyone in love with Aaron, in that case not even Harley would work.” Mel said.

“So how do we do this then?” Lindsey asked.

“I’m not entirely sure...” Jay said.

“We need to figure something out fast. Cam gave him something to sedate him but it won’t last that long.” Nick said.

“I’m going back to get the others.” I said.

“Tony, no! You’re insane! You know that Frost and Frostine have to be pissed right now.” Mel said.

“Don’t worry Mel. I know a way to win. Frostine said they aren’t protected from our lasers as long as they are in the Palace. If we use the lasers we can take them out.” Lindsey said.

“Are you sure?” Mel asked.

“Well...that’s what Frostine said. She flipped when I used the blaster on her.” Lindsey said.

“OK, we need to get back in there and get Har and Ally back.” I said.

“Getting Har back isn’t gonna do us any good until we can break the spell.” Nick said.

“But we have to get Ally back. Frost is down a girlfriend. Who knows if he’s going to try and turn Ally in Cali’s place...” Logan said.

“Logan makes a point...we have to get Ally out and figure out a way to break the spell.” Nick said.

“If we can get the spell broken on Aaron maybe he can break the spell on Harley...he still loves her no matter what she’s done.” Lindsey said.

“Are you sure about that?” Cali asked.

“He still loves her.” Lindsey said.

“She just doesn’t love him.” Mel added.

“Ok, here’s what we do. Lindsey and Mel. Stay here and work with Cam on finding a way to cure Aaron. Cali, Nick, and Logan, go find Ally and get her back here. Don’t bother messing with Harley, your goal is to rescue Allison. Jay, you and I will find Har.” I said.

“Why is Jay going with you?” Nick asked.

“Because all of us, myself included, are too attached to Harley. Jay doesn’t know her. He’s impartial.” I explained.

“Are we ready?” Jay asked.

“Ready.” Everyone said.

We all morphed and went on our own missions.

## PRG 2-17- "Reuniting the Team"

"So you know where she is?" Logan asked.  
"Yes. If they haven't moved her." Cali said.  
"Anything we need to watch for?" I asked.  
"No, it's a long walk though." Cali said.  
"Well we better get moving then." I said.

We walked for awhile then we came across an army of Flurries.  
"Great. Just what we needed." Logan mumbled.  
"Let's take these guys." I said as we got into fighting formation and battled them.  
"Hey, if the royal family doesn't like the lasers I bet the Flurries hate them." Cali said.  
"Good thought." I said as we drew our blasters and fired. It melted the Flurries in no time.  
"OK, let's move." Cali said.

Tony

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"Ok, so how exactly do we get Harley back willingly?" Jay asked.
"We don't. We take her back kicking and screaming if we have to." Tony said.
"You'll be the only one screaming when I'm done with you." Harley said coming up behind us. She was morphed as we were.
"Har...snap out of it!"
"Goodbye Rangers." Harley said using her staff to attack.
"I don't think so." Jay said attacking her.
"Jay, don't hurt her." I said.
"I'm not trying to but you want her captured don't you?" Jay asked as he pulled out his saber.
"Of course..." I said
"Ok then." Jay said as he continued to fight. He really was impartial. He had no problems full on attacking.
"You are such a pain Samurai." Harley said.
"The feeling is mutual." Jay said.
"I think it's time for you to say goodbye." Harley said raising her staff for a final blow.
"Oh yeah...right." Jay said using his saber to block her and send her flying across the room. She landed hard and it demorphed her, but didn't knock her out.
"Har!" I cried as Jay and I ran over to her. She lifted her head and we saw her face. Jay froze.

Lindsey

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"We have to hurry. Aaron will wake up soon." Mel said.  
"I know...I'm trying." Cam said.  
"How's Alex?" I asked.  
"Fine. He's sleeping now but when he wakes up he should be ok. Sore, but ok." Cam said.  
"Good." I said.  
"There has to be some way to break this." Mel said frustrated.  
"There is...we just have to find it." Cam said.  
"Well, what causes the spell?" I asked.  
"Ice." Mel said.  
"So we melt the ice...warmth of love is one way to do it...but...wait a second...I have an idea. I'll be back." I said taking off.

Nick

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"How much further?" Logan asked.
"Not much...just keep going." Cali said.

“Yes, keep going...” Frost said appearing again.

“Dude, you just don’t give up.” Cali said.

“I will have you back Calypso. As the daughter of Astronoma it is your destiny to be by my side...and Black Ranger... you were once a great warrior by the side of your father, Cobra. You could be great again if you joined us.” Frost said.

“Cobra is not my father. Viper and everything about him is gone. I’m not evil any longer and I will defend the Earth from creatures such as you.” I said.

“And Astronoma is not my mother. Karone is. Astronoma is ancient history...just like you will be soon.” Cali said.

“Big talk, little Rangers. You will never win.” Frost said.

“Oh yeah? Genesis Blaster!” Cali said as we all drew our blasters. Frost cried out in pain before pulling a shield to block the lasers.

“You will pay for that Power Rangers.” He said drawing his sword.

“Big talk, little villain.” I mocked as I pulled my own sword and attacked.

Jay

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I looked at the de-morphed Purple Ranger in shock. It couldn’t be. I blinked and sure enough it was...

“Nicole?” I asked.

“What?” Tony asked confused.

“That girl...the one I met in the park...Nicole...that’s her...she’s Harley” I said as I de-morphed. “Nico...Harley, it’s me...Jay.”

Harley looked stunned. “Jay! You’re the Samurai Ranger?”

“Yes...I know you’re not evil. We’ve talked...you’re good.” I said.

“No...I have to destroy the Power Rangers.” Harley said.

“No, you don’t. Harley, you’re a Ranger too. You’re one of us.” I said kneeling beside her.

“But...”

“No Harley, no but...just...come with us. We can help you. I see it in your eyes. You know this isn’t right.” I said.

Harley looked down for a second. “I haven’t felt right about this lately...” she paused. “Ok. I’ll go with you.”

“Thank you.” I said taking her hand.

“Stop!” Ice called as she appeared.

“Ice!” Harley said jumping up.

“So this is the boy you have been cheating on me with. This is unacceptable. You are mine Harley.” Ice said.

“I’ve told you, I belong to no one.” Harley said.

“You belong to me.” Ice said as she started to fire at us.

“Um, I think she said she doesn’t.” I said going back at her.

“Out of my way or pay the price Samurai Ranger.” Ice said.

“Why do you evil types feel the need to make idle threats? It doesn’t help your creditability.” I said as I attacked full force.

“Protect me Harley.” Ice commanded.

“Yes...I...” Harley started.

“Har, I’m doing this for you.” I said.

“What?” she asked.

“I’m protecting you...I...” I couldn’t say it too her but I was in love with her. I hadn’t realized it until I realized who she really was and that I could lose her so easy.

“You what?” she asked.

“Yeah, you what?” Ice asked holding her attack position.

“I...” I started. “I love you Harley.” I said as I brought her quickly to me and kissed her passionately.

“NO!!!!” Ice screamed.

“Whoa...” Tony said.

The kiss finally broke and I looked at Harley.

“Are you ok?” I asked her.

Harley nodded. “I’m fine...I feel funny...but fine.”

“You will pay for this!” Ice said.

“More idle threats.” I mumbled.

“Yeah, really. Genesis blaster!” Tony called firing at her. She screamed and took off before we could do any real damage to her.

“Let’s get you out of here Har.” I said helping her hold her balance.

Nick

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The battle raged for quite sometime. I had sent Cali and Logan on to get Allison by this time. I was beginning to tire and I could tell Frost was too.

“Give it up Black Ranger!” he said.

“Never.” I said as I continued fighting.

The battle seemed to go on forever. Finally I saw Logan and Cali taking Allison out through the corner of my eye. I knew I had to finish this and get out before it was too late.

“I’ve had enough of you.” I said as I reached for my blaster and blasted him when he wasn’t expecting it.

“AH! That was dirty fighting!” he cried.

“You’d know all about that. Now if you’ll excuse me I have some place to be. It’s been real.” I said as I took off.

I got back to the Command Center and found everyone there, except Lindsey.

“Harley...” I said.

“Hey Nick.” She said.

“Are you alright?” I asked.

“Fine...thanks to Jay...he broke the spell.” She said.

“Jay?” I said confused.

“Yeah...remember Nicole?” Jay asked.

“Yeah, that chick you met in the park.” I said.

“Yeah...turns out Nicole was really Harley. Also turns out I’m in love with her.” Jay said.

“Whoa...” I said.

“My thoughts exactly.” Tony said.

“Do you love him?” I asked Harley.

“I...so much is happening so quickly. I honestly don’t know. I’m sorry Jay...” she said.

“It’s ok. I understand you’ve been through a lot. I can wait for your answer.” Jay said.

“Where’s Lindsey?” I asked.

“She said she had an idea about how to cure Aaron...she should be back soon.” Mel said.

“Try right now.” Lindsey said walking in with Ashley and Andros.

“Mommy! Daddy!” Allison cried.

“Oh my god! Ally! Baby!” Ashley cried as she took her daughter in her arms and hugged her.

“Allison, you’re safe...thank god...” Andros said taking his wife and daughter in his arms.

“Daddy, we have to save Aaron though. He’s still under that spell.” Allison said.

“This is where my plan goes into effect...Allison, I’m so glad you’re ok. You can help.” Lindsey said.

“What’s the plan babe?” I asked.

“Well, there are different kinds of true love. If we all surround Aaron with love it might break the spell.” Lindsey said.

“You’re so smart Linds; that’s a great idea!” I said hugging her.

“Thanks” she said smiling as Aaron started to wake up.

“Where am I?” Aaron asked.

“The Command Center.” Tony said.

“Aar, look over there. That’s your Mom, Dad, and twin sister. You have to remember how much they love you.”

Lindsey said.

“No...” Aaron said

“Yes...” Allison said.

“We love you Aaron. Please, you have to fight this.” Ashley pleaded.

“No...” Aaron said again.

“Son, you’re stronger than this...you can break this...” Andros said.

The feeling of love in the room was so strong...I could see it taking effect on Aaron.

“NO!” Aaron cried.

“Yes, Aaron. I know you’re in there....I know it...” Allison said.

“UGH! NO!” he cried again.

“Aaron...we love you...all of us do.” Allison said.

“Come on Aar, I snapped out of it, so can you.” Harley said.

“No!” Aaron cried again as his skin suddenly brightened and he passed out.

“You did it!” Cali cried.

“Yes! Thank god!” Allison cried.

“Rangers, it is good to have everybody back, now I think you should all go see your parents. I know they are worried. Especially yours Harley.” Zordon said.

“Oh awesome, I can’t wait to get home. I’ll call you later Jay...see ya guys!” Harley said teleporting out.

Harley

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It had been months since I had been home...hell it had been months since I had been me. I couldn’t even believe I had succumbed to an evil spell. It was insane...I also couldn’t believe I had been dating a chick...this left me with some mass confusion...but for now I just wanted to see my Mom and Hunter. I ran in the house.

“Hello?!” I called.

“Who’s there?” I heard Hunter call as he and Mom came downstairs.

“It’s me! I’m home guys!” I cried

“Harley? Oh my god, is it really you?” Mom asked.

“Yes...I’m really home.” I said about to cry.

“Oh god...I’m so glad you’re ok!” Mom said running and taking me into a big hug. Hunter was right behind and it was soon a group hug. Lots of tears were shed.

“I love you guys so much. I’m so sorry this happened.” I said.

“It’s ok. The important thing is you’re home.” Hunter said.

“Are you alright?” Mom asked.

“I’m fine.” I said as I heard a baby cry. “Liss! Can I see her?” I asked.

“Sure.” Mom said taking me to Felicity’s room. “Want to hold her?”

“Yes, I do.” I said as Mom handed me the baby. “She’s gotten so big...” I said as I held my baby sister.

After the reunion was over I went in my room. It pretty much was how I remembered leaving it. I fell on my bed and sighed. It was so good to be home. Now to get back in the swing of things...

## PRG 2-18- "Catching Up"

"Mom, Dad! I'm home!" I called.

"Cali, is that you?" Dad called back as he and Mom came in.

"Yup, I'm home!" I said running to hug my parents.

"I can't believe it...you're really home." Mom said.

"Are you ok?" Dad asked.

"I'm fine...really. Thanks to Alex. He saved me." I said.

We did the whole hugging thing forever, not that I minded in the least. I was just happy to see my parents again.

"How are the others?" Mom asked when we finally all sat down in the living room.

"Harley is fine. She's home with her parents. Ally is with her parents waiting for Aaron to wake up, we're hoping the spell on Aaron was broken too. Alex is still recovering from a blow he took from Frost. He should be fine when he wakes up. Everyone else is fine." I said.

"Alex was hurt?" Mom asked.

"Yes. He was protecting me and he was hurt." I said softly.

"But he'll be fine right?" Dad asked.

"Yeah, yeah he'll be fine." I said.

"So what happens next?" Mom asked.

I sighed, "I don't know. Before this all happened we weren't even a team anymore, that's how this all happened in the first place. We need to all put issues behind us. Aaron needs to forgive Harley. Allison needs to forgive Logan. Everyone needs to accept Nick and Jay. We need to all be there for Mel. If this doesn't happen then we'll never be a tight enough team to actually take out the Ice Kingdom and this could happen again."

"I think you should tell the team this." Dad said.

"But it isn't my place. I'm not leader...not even close." I said.

"I know, but you are a member of the team. It's your job to bring problems to attention when no one else will." Dad said.

"Your father is right...you need to help the team move past their issues. If you don't you're right, this could happen again." Mom said.

I nodded. "Alright...but first I just want to see my own room."

Harley

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Hunter had told me about what happened to Mel and I felt horrible for not being here for her. I went to her house but her parents said she wasn't there so I headed to her next favorite spot...the lake.

"Hey girl." I said sitting on the grass next to her.

"Hey Har." She said.

"I'm really sorry I wasn't here for you" I said.

"It's so not your fault. Don't even worry about it." Mel said.

"I do worry. I'm your best friend and...I should have been here when you needed me." I said.

"But you weren't. No use feeling bad now." Mel said.

"Well, I'm here now if you wanna talk about it." I said.

Mel nodded. "I would...are you sure...I mean I'm sure you went through a lot yourself..."

"I'll make you a deal...you spill your guts to me when you're done I'll spill my guts to you and we can be there for each other." I said.

"Sounds good to me." She said as she took a deep breath. "It was horrible Har...I wasn't even expecting it to where I could defend myself. Being a Ranger didn't help me at all. He didn't care about me...I was just some sort of sex object to him. He wasn't careful and...it hurt so much but the physical pain didn't even compare to the emotional. He told me if I told anyone that Tony would leave me and my parents would think I was a slut so for months I kept quiet...if not for Hunter I never would have said anything at all."

"Yeah, Hunter told me what he went through...god Mel. I'm so sorry." I said hugging her.

"And I felt so horrible because I knew we had to find you but I was dealing with this and...I felt helpless..." she said

crying on my shoulder now.

"It's ok...we're all ok now. That monster is going to pay for what he did to you. It'll be fine." I said hugging her tighter.

Allison

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I couldn't hang around the Command Center anymore. I needed to get some air so I teleported to the park to go for a walk.

"Ally, wait..." a voice said.

I turned around. "What do you want Logan?"

"To talk...I realized after you were kidnapped how much I love you. We need to give this another chance." He said.

"No. We don't. Logan, there was a time I thought I loved you and you will always be my friend but not anymore. Not after what you've done and who you've become." I said.

"Who I've become?"

"Yes. You've become just like Denetti and all the other Country Club snobby A-crowd. I'm not a Country Club kind of person Logan. I could never be happy with someone who was and you could never be happy with someone who wasn't. We're just too different. I'm sorry."

"But...I can do without the material things if I had you." Logan said.

"I wish I could believe that Logan, I really do." I said walking away.

Tony

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I knew Mel needed some time to herself so I headed over to check on Harley. I knocked at her door. Hunter answered.

"Is Harley around?" I asked

"No, she went off to find Mel." Hunter said.

"Oh...ok." I said.

"I'll tell her you came by." He said.

"Hey...Hunter...thanks for what you did for Mel...she said that had it not been for you she never would have told the truth."

Hunter nodded. "I'd do anything for Mel. She's Harley's best friend and like another daughter to me. I'm just glad she was able to get help earlier in life than I did."

"So am I." I said.

"And Tony...I'm sorry I put you in the position I did when I was with Cam. It was a mistake. I never should have done that and I don't blame you for telling your aunt. I would have done the same in your place."

I nodded. "Aunt Mich is like a second Mom to me. I won't stand by and let her get hurt."

"I'm glad...it's good to know she has a loving family."

"You're part of the family now too...just...don't do anything stupid like that again."

He laughed, "Thanks Tony...and I won't."

"Just tell Har to call me later." I said.

"Sure thing..."

"Bye."

"Bye."

As I walked away I smiled. I was glad things worked out...I really was.

Harley

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After about half an hour of crying Mel sat up.

"Ok, so it's your turn to spill...what did they do to you?" Mel asked.

"Oh boy...well it started at that party. I saw Ice and...I don't know, it was something about her. I was drawn to her and I couldn't resist." I started.

"But she's a girl." Mel said.

"It didn't matter. I couldn't resist. I went and danced with her then she kissed me. When she kissed me it was like I was no longer me. Everything I had ever loved or cared about no longer mattered. I went cold and my entire being went into obeying Ice. Eventually I started to come out of it, a bit faster than the others. I don't know why. Mom thinks it was the

Amethyst. Dad thinks it was Jay. I think it was a little of both. Anyway, when Jay kissed me this amazing warmth took over and I felt like me again.” I explained.

“So are you in love with Jay?” Mel asked.

“I don’t know. I don’t think so. I like him a lot and I wouldn’t mind seeing him to see if there is more there.” I said.

“What about Aaron?”

“I loved Aaron but...it’s over...I don’t think I’d even want him back at this point.”

“He loves you still.”

“I know...he does...I don’t think Jay does.”

“What?”

“Jay doesn’t love me...he thinks he does. He got caught up in the moment.”

“Then what broke the spell?”

“I don’t know...but it wasn’t true love.”

“You know you dating Jay will be very weird.” Mel said.

“Why? Cause he’s Cam’s son and I’m Hunter’s daughter? Yeah. It’ll be a bit odd but the parents can deal.” I said.

“You know he’s your cousin.” Mel said.

“That sounds so gross Mel! We’re not going to be related by blood. LeAnn is only Hunter’s foster sister! It’s not like Jay is Aunt Haley’s son or anything!”

“Yeah...she’s going to be my Aunt Haley too you know...”

“Yeah...her and your Uncle Ryan are still planning on getting married?”

“Yup. Crystal is ecstatic. She loves Haley a lot.”

“Aunt Haley is a good person.” I said.

“So, you’re gonna date your cousin?” she said laughing

“Mel stop, that is so sick!” I cried pushing her.

“You get to be kissing cousins.” Mel laughed.

“I’m going to hurt you.” I said pushing her again. She pushed me back and we both fell back on the grass laughing.

“I’ve missed this Har.”

“Me too Mel.” I said as we lay in the grass and looked at the sky.

Cali

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After I had been home for a little while I went to the Command Center so I would be there whenever Alex woke up. I was sitting in with him and his parents when Tony came in.

“How is he?” Tony asked.

“He should be ok. Hopefully he’ll be awake soon.” Jason said.

“He’ll be fine...he’s tough.” Kat said.

“Good...how are you feeling Cal?” Tony asked.

“I’m fine...hey Tone? Can I talk to you outside for a second?” I asked.

“Of course.” Tony said.

We walked out into the hallway where no one could hear us.

“What’s up?” Tony asked.

“I was thinking about it and I really don’t think we can beat the Ice Kingdom the way things are going. Too much bad blood between us all. The reason we took out Cobra is we were united. It’s not that way anymore and we’ll never win until everyone resolves their issues with everyone else. I came to you with this rather than the whole team because I know this is your team and you’re leader and I didn’t want to step on your toes but I thought this needed to be said.” I explained.

Tony nodded. “Thank you for respecting me enough to discuss it with me. You didn’t have to but I appreciate it. And I agree. We have to become a tight team again if we have a prayer against the Ice Kingdom. As soon as Alex and Aaron are back on their feet we’ll have a team meeting and deal with it.”

“Thanks Tone.” I said.

“No problem Cal. If you ever have a problem or thing there is something wrong with the team you can always come to me.” Tony said hugging me.

“Thanks...now I’m gonna get back in with Alex.” I said.

“When he wakes up call me.” Tony said.

“Of course.” I said as I turned to go back in the room.

Allison

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I had gone back into Aaron’s room and was watching him while my parents went to talk to Zordon about something. I was dozing off sitting there when I heard him move. I jumped awake and watched him like a hawk. Slowly his eyes fluttered open. I put one hand on his arm and one on my Morpher, just in case the spell wasn’t broken after all.

“Aaron? Are you ok?” I asked.

He held his head. “Oh man...what happened? Where am I?”

“Command Center. Are you ok?”

“I feel like I was run down by a million ninjas.”

“Which side are you on?”

“What are you talking about Ally? I’m a Ranger, of course I’m on your side.”

I smiled and released my Morpher. “You’re back.” I said hugging him.

“Back from where?” he asked as he seemed to suddenly remember. “Oh my god...I kidnapped you...Ally I’m so sorry!”

“It’s fine...we’re all safe now...it’s going to be ok.” I said hugging him.

“Where’s Mom and Dad?” he asked as he hugged me tight.

“Talking to Zordon. Want me to get them?”

“In a second.” He said releasing me from his grip.

“Ok...what’s wrong?”

“Are the other’s ok? Harley? Cali?”

“Yeah, we freed them too.”

“Is Harley still with Nick?”

“No. And you’re not with Lindsey...she told us everything about how you guys weren’t really dating. She’s back with Nick.”

“So Harley is single?”

I rolled my eyes. “How can you still care after everything she did?”

“Because Allison, I realized I love her. Right before this all happened I was already trying to figure out how to get her back.”

“Aar...I don’t know how to tell you this...I think she’s seeing Jay.”

“Jay? Who’s Jay?”

“The Samurai Ranger. Cam and LeAnn’s son.”

“Wouldn’t that make him her cousin? LeAnn is Hunter’s sister.”

“Not by blood.”

“So in other words I’ve lost her again?”

“I’m sorry Aar...”

“Don’t be...I’ll find a way to get her back...somehow...”

## PRG 2-19- "Team Meeting"

"Ok, I called this team meeting because we have a lot to discuss...first of all this is the first time we've all been in the same room at the same time. For those who don't know this is Jay, our newest member." I started.

"Yeah, we know." Aaron mumbled.

"Now, I want to welcome back Harley, Allison, Aaron, and Cali. We're all happy to see you back safely but now we have some serious team business to tend to. This team is falling apart. It's time to put the past behind us and move forward. Your petty arguments will only hinder the battle against the Ice Kingdom. It's time to lay it all out...we'll start with you Allison. Air all your problems, everyone else be quiet, we'll go around the table from there and then try to work through everything piece by piece." I explained.

"Ok fine, I'll start...my main problem is that Logan won't leave me alone. He won't accept the fact we could never be happy together. I also have a problem with Harley and the way she keeps messing with my brother's head. Come to think of it I also have a problem with Jay and his need to be on top when he is the new guy." Allison said.

"Is that it?" I asked.

Allison gave this some thought. "For now...come back to me when everyone else is done."

I sighed, "Ok, Lindsey, your turn..."

"I don't have any problems. I'm happy. I have Nick. If I had any problem it would only be the fact we need to be more united." Lindsey said.

"Ok, Nick..."

"Ok. Well I have issues with Jay trying to take over as leader as well. If he can't be a team player we're all in trouble. I also have a problem with Alex and Logan thinking I am going to turn on you guys at any time. I know what I did was horrible but I think I've more than proven I can be trusted." Nick said.

"OK, Harley?"

"Oh, boy, here we go..." Allison mumbled.

"Allison, you had your turn...Harley you can go now." I said.

"Allison just demonstrated my first problem. Her smart mouth. I'm sick of it. She can't be around me and not make some smart comment. I have issues with Aaron treating me like crap and I have issues with my own cousin acting like I'm the devil in disguise." Harley said.

"Me?" I asked.

"No, sorry Tone, not you...Lindsey. I'm also sick of everyone doing their own thing. We're a team. It's time we acted like it and it's time people started respected us as leaders." Harley said.

"Ok, Alex..."

"I have a problem with Nick thinking he should be trusted. He tried to kill us how many times? We're supposed to just forget about that? I do agree with him on one thing though, Jay needs to stop his run to the top and join as a team player. If all he cares about is taking over as leader then he can't be trusted either. I also agree with Harley, it's time we all remember you two are leaders and respected that." Alex said.

"OK, Cali?"

"My biggest problem is the lack of team work. If we could just get it together I think we'd be much more effective." Cali said.

"OK, Aaron, your turn..."

"Ok, fine. I have a problem with Jay coming in like he owns the place. I have a problem with Harley acting like she's so innocent and none of the problems with her and I are her fault. I have a problem with Logan, my so-called best friend, hassling my sister all the time. I have a problem with Nick thinking he can change over night. Viper is still in him. I can't forget that and I can forgive him almost killing me because if not for that Harley and I would still be together." Aaron said.

I sighed, "OK...Jay..."

"I have a problem with the way this whole team runs. I'm only here as a favor to Tony. He saw you needed help and here I am. I can see why he needs help. This team is such a mess. None of you are worthy to be Rangers, except Tony and Harley. You have two good leaders and the rest of you just walk all over them. I'm not trying to take over as leader or act like I 'own the place' but I see a messed up team and I want to bring you all back together again."

"Logan?"

"I have a problem with Jay like everyone else. I also have a problem with Allison acting like she never had feelings for me. I have a problem with Aaron blaming me for everything and I have a problem with all of you thinking of me as nothing more than some 'rich boy'."

"Ok...Mel."

"Well, I hate seeing all my friends at each other's throats. Think about what I'm going through right now...it makes everything else seem small in comparison. I need all of your supporting me right now. This is very hard thing I'm doing. I need my friends now more than ever." Mel said.

I nodded. "I think Jay, Mel, and Harley summed it up perfectly for me. Mel needs us all and we need to be there for her. Jay is here because of me and all he's doing is trying to reunite us. And you all need to remember that Har and I are the leaders. Everything else that was said was normal teenage issues that we can't allow to affect us on the battle field." I finished.

"Now what?" Harley asked.

"Now we work through this bit by bit starting with you and Aaron. Harley, tell Aaron how you feel about him, politely and clearly." I said.

"Ok, fine. Aaron, there was a time I loved you but after everything we've been through I just don't feel that way anymore. I think we should focus on trying to get our friendship back. I'm with Jay now and that's just how it is." Harley said.

"How can you date that creep?" Aaron asked.

"Excuse me?" Jay asked.

"You heard me." Aaron said standing up.

"Care to come closer and say that?" Jay challenged.

"I said, you're a creep." Aaron said getting in his face.

"You're going down." Jay said punching Aaron. Aaron fought back and soon the two were on the ground tearing each other apart.

"Stop this!" Harley cried.

"Guys don't! We're on the same side!" Cali cried.

"Alex help me." I said as I grabbed Jay. Alex grabbed Aaron and we pulled them apart.

"You bitch! This is your fault for using him!" Allison said attacking Harley.

"Get away!" Harley scream as she defended herself.

"Don't start!" Cali cried pulling Allison back as Mel held Harley back.

"This is ridiculous! I'm out of here." Logan said walking out.

"You guys, you were all friends before you were Rangers, just chill out!" Lindsey cried.

"No kidding...man if you acted like this when Cobra and I were attacking we would have won! You can't do this!" Nick added.

"What's going on in here?" Aunt Michelle asked as she walked in with Uncle Hunter, Cam, and LeAnn.

"Just a team meeting." I said sighing.

"Jay Michael Watanabe, go to your room and chill out!" LeAnn said angry.

"Mom...you're here..." Jay said.

"Yes I am...now go, I will talk to you later." LeAnn said.

"Aaron and Allison I think you two should go home." Aunt Michelle said.

"Fine." The mumbled as they teleported out.

"Harlyn Nicole Bradley what is your problem?" Aunt Michelle asked.

"I'm sick of this team! I wasn't even doing anything and Allison attacked me!" Harley cried.

"You weren't doing anything?" Aunt Michelle asked.

"No, she actually wasn't. Aaron and Jay got in a fight and Allison lost it and attacked Harley. Har was defending herself." I said.

"Ok, Harley, go home." Uncle Hunter said.

"Yeah, we left Felicity with your Aunt Kim, go take over for her so she can go." Aunt Michelle said.

"Fine by me." Harley said teleporting out.

I looked at the remaining Rangers (Alex, Mel, Lindsey, Cali and Nick), "Guys, we have a serious problem." I said.

"No kidding...what do we do now? We can't even make it through a team meeting." Cali said.

I sighed. "That's a very good question."

"Well if it's ok I'd like to go talk to Harley." Lindsey said.

"Fine by me if it's ok with Aunt Michelle and Uncle Hunter." I said.

"Sure Lindsey...just remember, she's babysitting so don't get her too upset." Aunt Michelle said.

"No problem. Thanks Aunt Michelle." Lindsey said.

"Want me to come?" Nick asked.

"No babe, I think that maybe I should do this one alone." Lindsey said.

"Ok, well if you need me I'll be there." Nick said.

"I know...thanks babe." Lindsey said kissing him.

"Maybe I should come to mediate...just in case?" Mel asked.

"Mel, are you sure you're up to it? I mean you've been stressed enough." I said.

"Tony, I'll be fine, really. Linds, I'll go if you want." She said

Lindsey gave this some thought. "OK, that might be a good idea."

"Ok, let's go." Mel said as they teleported out.

Lindsey

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I didn't know what I was going to say to Harley but I knew I wanted to work everything out somehow. Mel and I got to her house and rang the bell. Harley answered, Felicity in arm.

"What do you want?" Harley asked glaring at me.

"Well I came to see my two cousins...and to talk to one of them." I said.

"Sorry, Felicity can't talk yet." Harley said with intense sarcasm.

"Not Felicity...you. Please, hear me out." I said.

"Seriously, hear her out." Mel said.

Harley sighed, "Fine come on in." she said. She put Felicity in her play pin then we all sat in the living room.

"So what do you want?" Harley asked.

"I don't think you're the devil in disguise." I said.

"Sure could have fooled me." She said.

"I do like you Har...I just...I was really hurt when I thought you took Nick from me." I admitted.

"What kind of person do you take me for? I wouldn't take my own cousin's boyfriend."

"I know...I should have known then...I really am sorry Harley and for what it's worth I was really worried about you and I'm glad you're home safe."

Harley seemed to soften. "It's ok...I was pretty mad when I thought you were with Aaron and he wasn't even mine."

"Do you still care about him? Honestly?"

"No...too much has happened. I couldn't ever be with him again."

"I'm sorry...so do you really like Jay?"

"I like him...I'm not sure I love him but I like him enough to date him."

"Dude, that's weird...my two cousins are dating..." I said.

"Told you it was weird!" Mel chimed in.

"Shut up Mel!" Harley teased.

"Well...it is weird..." Mel said again.

"Dad isn't even related to LeAnn by blood!" Har cried.

"Har? Did you just call Uncle Hunter 'Dad'?" I asked smiling.

"I...um..."

“You did, I noticed you did it the other day too, I just wasn’t sure I should point it out.” Mel added.

Harley blushed. “OK, so maybe I’m starting to think of him as my dad...”

“That’s a good thing Har. It will make our family even tighter. If our family is tight then that’s one step closer to bringing the team together.” Lindsey said.

Harley nodded. “Yeah...and the team is the important thing right now...we have to find a way to get everyone to be in the same room for more than 15 minutes or we’re doomed and so is the world.”

PRG 2-20- "Divided"

"Ok, I know it's risky getting you all back in the same room but here's the deal...if we can't work as a team then we're not going to be a team." I said.

"What are you talking about Har?" Nick asked.

"I'm talking about the fate of the world. We have two leaders, we'll have two teams. Logan, Lindsey, Nick, and Mel, you guys are my team. Allison, Aaron, Cali, and Alex you're with Tony. Jay you are welcomed to join my team if you want to be a team player otherwise you're on your own." I said.

"Whoa, whoa, whoa...we never agreed to this." Allison said.

"I did." Lindsey said.

"I did." Mel said.

"I did." Tony said.

"I will." Cali said.

"Then I will." Alex said.

"Me too." Nick said.

"Fine with me." Logan said.

"I don't mind joining you Har." Jay said.

"Well I think this is a horrible idea!" Allison said.

"I do too." Aaron said.

"You two are out voted. If we can't work as a team we'll work as two teams. Aside from Harley and I the two teams are not to have any contact with each other period." Tony said.

"Except..." I reminded.

"Oh yeah, except for Mel. Mel still needs all of us supporting her. If you want to show support you can hang with Mel, do not be negative to her in any way. She doesn't need that." Tony said.

"So like I can't talk to Lindsey?" Allison asked.

"Right." I said.

"This isn't fair." Allison argued.

"Should have thought of that before." Tony said.

"Ok, my team gets meeting room B. Tony's team gets this meeting room. This two team system starts now." I said taking my team to our meeting room.

"So Har is this serious?" Nick asked when we were in our room.

"Very. The fate of the world can't be left up to if we can get along or not so this is the best way Tony and I could come up with to solve things." I said.

"Well fine with me. I can work better without Allison around." Logan said.

"Glad you approve." I said sourly.

"So what's the plan? How do we take the Ice Kingdom out before they do?" Logan asked.

"Um...this isn't a race Logan." Lindsey said.

"Sure it is...if they do it first we'll never live it down." Logan said.

"Oh my god. Please tell me you're joking Logan. This is about saving the Earth, not gaining bragging rights." Mel said.

"Whatever." Logan said.

"We do need a plan though, any ideas?" I asked.

"Yeah, get rid of Logan." Nick mumbled.

"You wanna say that louder?" Logan asked.

"I said get rid of rich boy." Nick said.

"Bring it on Viper. I took you once I'll take you again." Logan said.

"You don't stand a chance against me. You didn't then and you don't now." Nick said.

"God! Enough! I give up. We split you guys up and you still fight! You know what? I think it's time we just give in. Look at us! The Ice Kingdom has won!" I cried.

"Har..." Nick said.

"No! I've had it. You guys are on your own! I quit!" I cried.

Tony

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“OK, so what’s the plan?” Alex asked.

“Yeah, we need to get rid of them before Harley’s team.” Aaron said.

“This isn’t about beating Harley’s team this is about beating the Ice Kingdom.” I said.

“Yeah, fine, whatever.” Aaron mumbled.

“No, not ‘whatever’ Aaron. I’m sorry Tony but I can’t just sit by and listen to this anymore. The Ice Kingdom is growing stronger and stronger. If we don’t get it together then it won’t matter how many Rangers we have because they will win. Now stop acting like a little boy.” Cali snapped as she stood up.

“Excuse me, don’t ever use that tone with me again.” Aaron said standing up.

“Then stop acting like a child that needs to be scolded.” Cali said leaning towards him.

“Chill out. I’ve never fought a chick before, don’t make yourself the first.” Aaron said.

“Bring it on. You couldn’t take me if you tried.” Cali challenged.

Aaron attacked her, she fought back.

“HEY! Back off!” Alex cried as he pulled Aaron away from Cali. Allison jumped in and held Cali back.

“This isn’t helping anything you guys! Damn it! I give up! You are on your own, I’m out of here!” I cried as I stormed out of the room.

When I left I found Harley outside her team’s room as well.

“Your team have as much success as mine?” I asked.

“Oh yeah. Worked like a dream.” She said.

“What do we do now?” I asked.

“I don’t know. I’m out of ideas. We can’t work as one team, we can’t work as two...I say we really do let them make it without us.” She said.

“Are you sure that’s such a good idea?” I asked.

She nodded. “I don’t see anything else we can do right now.”

“I guess you’re right...” I agreed.

“So let’s go get a pizza.” She said trying to smile.

I laughed, “You’re on.” I said as we walked out.

Jay

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I sighed we watched Harley storm out the door.

“Just great.” Nick mumbled.

“She’s right you know. We don’t stand a chance at this rate.” Melody said.

“Was she serious about letting us work without her?” Logan asked.

“Yeah, I think so.” Lindsey said.

“Ok, so you’ll need a new leader.” I said.

“Not a chance Jay, don’t you think this is your chance to weasel your way to the top. I say we vote on a leader. If you win the vote then you can lead but not before.” Nick said.

“Fine, nominations anyone?” I asked.

“I nominate Nick to be acting leader.” Lindsey said.

“I nominate Jay.” Mel said.

“MEL!” Lindsey cried.

“What? I feel bad for him. He just wants to help.” Mel said.

“You’re hopeless.” Lindsey said laughing.

“Ok, any other noms?” I asked.

Everyone was quiet.

“OK. I’ll pass out paper and we can vote.” I said.

A couple of minutes later I gathered them.

“Ok, we have one for Nick...one for me...another for me...another for Nick...this one decides...it’s for...Nick?” I said in shock.

“Thank you, I’d like to thank the academy and everyone who voted for me. I consider this to be a prestigious honor that I will not take lightly. Of course behind every good leader there is his love. Lindsey, thank you, I know I wouldn’t be

here without your vote of confidence.” Nick joked as he kissed Lindsey.

“Oh shut up. How did he win anyway? Lindsey voted for him...of course he voted for himself...Mel would have voted for me and I voted for me...Logan? Why did you vote for Nick?” I asked.

“Hey, I hate you both so I had to pick one. Nick is a Genesis Ranger and was trusted by Zordon. You’re just a Samurai Ranger...not even really part of the team. That’s why I voted for Nick.” Logan said.

“Ugh, whatever.” I said.

“Now, down to business...” Nick started.

Cali

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“Look what’s happened now.” Allison said.

“Ugh, this is bad...who will lead us now?” Aaron asked.

“Alex.” I said.

“What?” Alex asked.

“You babe, you’re a great leader.” I said.

“No...” he said.

“Alex, you’re the only one who can.” Allison said.

Alex sighed. “Ok, fine. You’re right...”

“So what do we do first?” I asked.

“We get Tony back.” Alex said.

Harley

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After Tony and I finished off our pizza we decided to go to my house because he wanted to see Felicity.

We went into my house and found Mom, Da..um Hunter, Uncle Tommy, and Aunt Kim in the living room talking.

“Oh...hey guys.” I said.

“What are you guys doing here?” Tony asked his parents.

“We’re concerned about the team.” Aunt Kim said.

“I thought you were having a team meeting.” Uncle Tommy said.

“We were. It sort of fell apart.” Tony said.

“That’s the understatement of the year.” I said.

“What do you mean? What happened?” Mom asked.

“Well Aaron and Jay got in a fist fight over Harley.” Tony started.

“So then we split the team into two teams, I took one and Tony took the other.” I continued.

“But then even with two teams there was inner-team fighting.” Tony added.

“So we said forget it and left them on their own.” I finished.

“Oh boy...” Mom said.

“That’s not a good thing.” Aunt Kim said.

“No kidding.” I mumbled.

“We have to find a way to get our team reunited. I think we could use a little veteran Ranger help here.” Tony said.

“I agree.” Uncle Tommy said.

“What do we do?” Hunter asked.

“We go and lay down the law. Show them what it means to be a team, to work as a team. We put them through the hardest training of their lives. We give them a lesson in what being a Ranger truly means.” Uncle Tommy said.

“In other words training again?” Mom asked.

“It’s one more team Mich, they need us.” Hunter said.

Mom nodded. “I know. Of course I’m in.”

We went back to the Command Center. Tony and I went back to our teams. I walked in and found Nick had taken over. It looked like he was planning world domination or something, which scared me considering his past.

“Ok guys, we need to chat. I’m sorry I went off before. I shouldn’t have done that. I am just sick of all the fighting. We need to work as a team and we will. Now I want everyone in the main room in 10 minutes. Don’t be late.” I said.

Tony

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I walked back in the room.

“Guys, I’m very sorry about before. I shouldn’t have walked out I just didn’t know what else to do. I have calmed down and decided that one way or another we WILL work as a team. Now I would like everyone to meet in the main room in 10 minutes sharp. See you there.” I said walking out. I saw Harley walking out at the same time.

“So?” I asked.

“They’ll be there and they won’t know what hit them. We’ll have our unified team in no time.” She said as we walked into the main room to wait.

## PRG 2-21- “Stepping In”

“So what do you think is going on?” Lindsey asked.

“I don’t know. Harley seemed to be pretty set on us meeting out there tough.” I said.

“Ha, so much for you being the leader.” Jay laughed.

“Stuff is Jay, I can still take you out and I still beat you in the vote.” I said.

“Don’t start you two...it’s been 10 minutes, let’s go.” Mel said.

We left our room the same time the other group left.

“What are you guys doing?” I asked.

“Tony wants us to meet in the main room.” Alex said.

“Harley told us the same...and clue why?” I asked.

“No, let’s go find out.” Alex said as we all walked in the room. We were shocked to find Harley and Tony knelt in front of their parents.

“Join your leaders here.” Michelle said.

We all looked at each other then knelt beside Har and Tony.

“Rangers, being a Power Rangers mean putting the fate of the world before all else. There was a time you did just that. That time is long over and the world is no longer safe in your hands. As veteran Power Rangers it is our job to help you regain your focus.” Tommy explained.

“Your leaders have done everything they know how to do and it hasn’t worked yet. It is time for us to step in. For starters we will be dividing you into groups. Unlike what Harley and Tony did we will not divide you from who you have problems with. Logan, Allison, and Melody you are with Kimberly. Alex, Harley, and Aaron you are with Tommy. Nick, Jay, and Tony you are with Hunter and finally, Cali and Lindsey you are with me.” Michelle said.

“As we work we will slowly intergrade you back into one team, united. When that happens you will be ready to take on the Ice Kingdom and win.” Kim said.

“Now, this won’t be easy and if at any point you want to stop then you are welcome to. Just leave your Morpher at the door.” Hunter added.

“On that note let’s begin.” Michelle finished as we broke into groups.

Allison

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“This is not fair.” I mumbled to Mel as Kimberly took us out to the desert.

“Care to say that louder?” Kim asked.

“No ma’am” I mumbled.

“I didn’t think so. Let’s do some warm ups. 5 mile jog now.” Kim said.

“You’ve got to be joking!” I cried.

“Ok, you’re right. 10...everyone, now!” Kim said.

“Way to go Ally.” Logan mumbled.

“Shut up.” I said.

“Want to add five more?” Kim asked.

“No ma’am.” I said as we started our jog.

Harley

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“Ok, one of the key parts of training and being prepared is sparring with your team mates to keep your reflexes up, however you must remember that it is only a spar. It is not a real fight and the goal is not to hurt your team mate in any way.” Uncle Tommy explained, “Now, Harley and Alex, you’re up first.”

“Fine.” I said as Alex and I took our positions. We had a clean and friendly spar. I won in the end.

“Very good. Now, Harley, you and Aaron.”

“Dude, you have to be kidding.” I said.

“Don’t call me dude and I’m not kidding.” Uncle Tommy said.

I sighed. "Fine." I said taking my stance. It started off clean enough but the more we went at it the more furious I became with him. I started to go full force and he came right back at me. Uncle Tommy let this go on for a minute before he had Alex hold Aaron and he picked me up off the ground.

"Harlyn Nicole this is not at all what I meant!" Uncle Tommy said trying to calm me down.

"I want to kill him!" I cried.

"What did I do? You're the one who cheated on me!" Aaron cried.

"You used my cousin to get back at me!" I cried.

"I didn't!"

"You did too! I hate you! Why didn't you leave the damn team when you had the chance?" I screamed as I tried to go after him again.

"Enough! I want all of you to do a 10 mile jog now!" Uncle Tommy yelled.

We all paused. "Yes sir." We mumbled as we started our jog.

Lindsey

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"I don't get it Aunt Michelle, Cali and I get along fine. Why are we in your group?" I asked.

"Because you two don't have too many problems with anyone and you're not leaders. I'm going to teach you to moderate that way if things get out of hand you know how to deal with it better." Aunt Michelle said.

"Oh, ok, that makes sense." Cali said.

"Now every team has tension...we're not trying to make ourselves sound like we were perfect Rangers. I mean there was a time I tried to kill Tommy." Aunt Michelle said.

"You did?" I asked.

"Oh yeah...I was under a spell granted, but my soul purpose at that time was to kill Tommy...literally kill, as in make him stop breathing. We broke the spell and worked through it. You have to know how to talk things out as a team and you are going to learn to help guide the team in that talking." Aunt Michelle said.

"Ok. How do we start?" Cali asked.

"You start by identifying the people involved in the problem and getting everyone's version of the story. Take the parts that are alike and work from there. Everyone will have varying stories most of the time. Just help them to see that and maybe things aren't how they seem. Whatever you do don't take sides. That is the worst thing to do. Stay neutral. If you don't think you can, like Cali, if Alex is involved you may want to let Lindsey deal with it." Aunt Michelle said.

"What if it's Alex and Nick?" I asked.

"Then you both handle it together the best you can." Aunt Michelle said.

Tony

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I knew why I was put on Uncle Hunter's team. This was a way to make me work with him as much as it was a way to make Jay and Nick work together.

"Ok, we're going to start with some basic training. See the scroll I put on that table over there?" Uncle Hunter asked.

"Barely, it's like half a mile away." Nick said.

"Yes it is. Now you three must work together to get it." Uncle Hunter said as he cuffed our wrists and ankles together.

"No team work, no scroll and no one gets free until you have the scroll. I have the only set of keys to those cuffs so you best work together. Now go." Uncle Hunter said as he stepped back to watch us.

"Great, I have to work with Dr. Evil himself." Jay mumbled.

"Look who's talking Benedict Arnold." Nick countered.

"Don't start you two. We have to get that scroll." I said.

"Fine. Follow my lead." Jay said.

"Here we go again." Nick said.

"Hey, I know how to do this. This is a ninja training exercise. Follow my lead and we'll get it." Jay said.

"You haven't proved yourself to be such a great leader." Nick said trying to go his own way.

"Stop it! You're gonna make us...." Jay started as we tumbled to the ground, "...fall."

"This is your fault!" Nick cried.

"My fault?! This is your fault!" Jay countered.

"You call this teamwork? You barely take five steps? How do you expect to make half a mile? You better figure this out fast because I'm serious. You stay cuffed until you get that scroll." Uncle Hunter said.

“Well then you better get a three way urinal because we’re never getting un-cuffed.” Nick said.

Allison

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“OK, we finished the jog.” I said huffing for air.

“Good, now we can get to work for real. Mel, here’s a map. Go hide according to the “X” on the map. Allison and Logan, in 5 minutes you will have to work together to find her. It will require great teamwork on your part to decipher the riddles that will lead you to her.” Kim said.

I sighed, “Do I have to work with him?” I asked.

“Yes you do. It’s either that or another 10 miles.” Kim said.

“Fine, fine. Go hide Mel.” I said.

“Good, I knew you’d see things my way.” Kimberly said.

“If it makes you feel any better I’m not thrilled about this either. I just don’t want to do more laps.” Logan said.

“Yeah, I’m sure you would rather do this with Kristy.” I said.

“Oh, give it up. Nothing is between Kristy and I anymore. It was one kiss. I’ve gotten over it. So should you. It’s you I want to be with.” He said.

“Should have thought about that before you kissed her.” I said.

“Don’t start.” Kim warned.

“Fine.” I mumbled.

Harley

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I raced ahead of the guys and finished my jog first.

“Done.” I said.

“Harley, you are a leader, you have to learn to work with all your team mates, that includes Aaron.” Uncle Tommy said.

“But I hate him!” I cried.

“Doesn’t matter. You can’t think of him as Aaron, you have to think of him as the Green Ranger.” Uncle Tommy said.

“Yeah except she prefers the newer Green Ranger.” Aaron said getting back with Alex.

“I’m dating Jay now, yes. Now get over it. Uncle Tommy is right we have get over our past and remember we are team mates” I said.

“Whatever you say.” Aaron said.

“I’m serious Aaron...we were friends at one time, we can we again...at least enough to fight side by side.” I said

“Fine...I’ll try if you will.” He said.

“Fine...I will.” I replied.

“Ok good, now we’re getting somewhere. Spar again, this time keep it clean.” Uncle Tommy said.

We went at it again, this time it was a real spar. I won in the end but it was a legal win, not a dirty one.

“Nice spar.” I said smiling as I shook hands with Aaron.

“You too.” Aaron said shaking my hand.

“Good work guys. I’m proud of you.” Uncle Tommy said.

Tony

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We had finally managed to make it ¼ of the way to the scroll. In other words, 1/8 of a mile in an hour. Not very good time.

“You know we’d be done by now if you would stop being so difficult!” Jay cried in frustration.

“Shut it. I’m ninja trained too in case you forgot.” Nick countered.

“You’re trained as a dark ninja. It’s not legitimate!” Jay yelled.

“God, a ninja is a ninja, now can we work this out? My wrist seriously hurts!” I cried.

“A dark ninja is not the same as a Thunder Ninja, right Uncle Hunter?” Jay asked.

“If a dark ninja decides to use their powers for good then they can be redeemed.” Uncle Hunter said.

“See!” Nick said.

“You have yet to redeem yourself that I’ve seen.” Jay said.

“How many times to I have to prove myself before you guys all see that I’ve changed?!” Nick cried, “And what do you

know anyway? You weren't even around back then!"

"I know that once you're evil you're always evil. That is the way of the dark ninja power!" Jay said.

"That isn't true! My mom changed! I have too!" Nick cried.

"That's true. Marah changed years ago." I said.

"Jay, as a ninja you should know that the dark power can only guide you as long as you let it. If Nice decided to turn over a new leaf he can, just as Marah did. You learned that long ago." Uncle Hunter said.

"You're just trying to pin the team problems on me because I'm the easiest target...everyone is at fault though, not just me." Nick said.

"He's right. You do target him Jay. He's been nothing but a great Ranger...give him a chance." I said.

Jay sighed, "Fine, let's try it your way."

"Ok," Nick said as we started to finally make progress. In another hour we had it finished. To think we could have done the whole thing in less than an hour if we solved this sooner. Anyway we got the scroll.

"Good work guys. I'm proud of you." Uncle Hunter said.

"Now what?" I asked.

"Now we see which team is ready to combine." Uncle Hunter said reaching for a walkie talkie looking thing. "Ok we're going to join with Tommy's team now."

"What? That means Aaron, Harley, and Alex?" Nick asked.

"Yes."

"We're back to square one." Nick mumbled.

PRG 2-22- “Common Ground”

“Ok, here’s the first riddle. ‘Answer this to guide you to the next clue. How many letters are there in the alphabet?’ Um, 26...that was easy.” Logan said.

“Too easy...it has to be a trick question.” I said.

“There’s 26. See, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m,...”

“Stop that! I know my ABCs. No, there’s more to it than that. ‘How many letters are there in the alphabet?’ Let me think...OH! 11.”

“How do you figure that one Ally?”

“T-h-e A-l-p-h-a-b-e-t. That’s 11!”

“Ok that makes sense...what does 11 have to do with anything?”

“An apartment number maybe?”

“We don’t know anyone with an apartment.

“Um, locker number?” I suggested.

“Who has locker 11?”

“Wait a second! Mr. Bradley’s moto bike is number 11. That’s it! The clue is on the bike!” I cried.

“You’re a genius Ally, let’s go!” Logan cried as we ran off.

Sure enough we found the clue taped to the handle bars of Mr. Bradley’s bike.

“Ok read the next one Ally.” Logan said.

“Ok, I can sizzle like bacon, I am made with an egg, I have plenty of backbone, but lack a good leg, I peel layers like onions, but still remain whole, I can be long, like a flagpole, yet fit in a hole, What am I?” I read

“Damn, this is why I hate riddles!” Logan cried.

Tony

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Uncle Hunter took us to join with Dad’s group.

“Ok, what we were working on here was the art of spar. You must learn to have a friendly spar. Tony and Alex please demonstrate.” Dad said.

“Ok.” I said as I took my place. Alex and I had a good, clean spar in which I won, but not by much.

“Good job boys. That’s an excellent example. Jay and Aaron, you’re up.” Dad said.

“You’re kidding. This is unfair. I’m a ninja. Aaron doesn’t stand a chance.” Jay said.

“In a fair fight I think you will find he is better than you think.” Uncle Hunter said.

“Fine, let’s begin then.” Jay said.

The spar quickly turned into a fist fight in which Aaron tried to beat the crap out of Jay.

“Aaron stop!” Harley screamed as she jumped in to it. Nick grabbed Harley to hold her back while Alex and I pulled Jay and Aaron apart.

“Boys, this is unacceptable. You two take a 5 miles jog while the rest of us continue here.” Dad said.

“And you will run it cuffed at the wrists.” Uncle Hunter added.

“Not a chance.” Aaron said.

“Then you know where the door is. Leave your Morpher on the way out and we’ll find a new Green Genesis Ranger.” Uncle Hunter said.

“Fine, cuff me.” Aaron mumbled. Uncle Hunter cuffed them and they took off.

“Any other problems?” Dad asked.

“No sir.” Harley said.

“Jay and Tony, spar now.” Dad commanded.

Lindsey

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“Ok so what is the first step to mediating?” Aunt Michelle asked.

“We give them both a chance to speak, reminding them there is no need for name calling or interruption.” I said.

“Very good Lindsey. Ok, Cali, what’s the next step?”

“After you have both sides of the story paraphrase it and ask each party how the situation makes them feel.” Cali answered.

“Perfect. Ok next step.”

“You ask each party what he or she could have done differently to prevent the conflict then ask them how they can help to solve the conflict.” Cali said.

“Good, ok, last step.”

“Help them to invoke the solution if possible and make sure to congratulate them on solving it peacefully.” I finished.

“Awesome. You two will make great mediators. Just remember never takes sides and always be available. Mediation is just as important in your Ranger duties as anything you do on the battle field. As you have seen a conflicted team is an ineffective team.” Aunt Michelle said.

“Yes ma’am.” We said together.

“Now I know you two are supposed to be training but I think you have this stuff down. What do you say we sneak out of here and get some ice cream while the others fight out their problems with the other adults?”

“Sounds great!” I said. I swear I had the coolest aunt in the world.

Allison

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“Ok...there has to be an answer to this riddle... I can sizzle like bacon, I am made with an egg, I have plenty of backbone, but lack a good leg, I peel layers like onions, but still remain whole, I can be long, like a flagpole, yet fit in a hole, What am I?” I read again.

“Well pop rocks sizzle like bacon.” Logan said.

“That’s the only thing they do Dumbo!” I cried.

“Shut up! I was only thinking out loud!”

“So that’s what I smelt...”

“I’ve about had it with you Ally! I never meant to hurt you! I’m sorry! I’m sorry I kissed Kristy! I’m sorry I started hanging out with Denetti and bad mouthing everyone! I’m sorry I fell back into my snobby ways! I’m sorry I let you get kidnapped! And I’m sorry I’m such a screw up! I’m not a great Ranger like my parents were. I’m not even a good Ranger. I suck at this and I know it! All I want is to be your friend again...to be friends with all of you.” Logan said, he looked about ready to cry.

“You really mean all that?” I asked.

“Yes...of course.”

“What about your credit card and your snob club friends.”

“I thought those things would make me happy but the truth is I was happier when my dad took the card away. It was right after that we got so close and it was then that Denetti and the others stopped talking to me. I found out who really cared about me. Who my real friends were...Ally, you were there for me in one of the hardest times in my life. I know it’s shallow but when I lost my credit card I thought my life was over. I never would have learned to do the things on that chore list if not for you. Whatever happened with Kristy was a mistake I made because the truth is you were there when I needed you most. I love you Allison. I always have and always will. Even if we are never anything more than friends again that’s fine with me. I just can’t live with knowing you hate me.”

I was about to cry now. I held back. “I’m sorry I’ve been so unforgiving. You’re only human...we all make mistakes. I should have tried to regain our friendship sooner.”

“So will you forgive me now?”

“Yes. I will.”

“Come here.” He said as he pulled me into his arms and hugged me. It really felt good to be in his arms again.

“Ok...now then, let’s figure out this riddle.” I said pulling away.

“Ok, I can sizzle like bacon, I am made with an egg, I have plenty of backbone, but lack a good leg, I peel layers like onions, but still remain whole, I can be long, like a flagpole, yet fit in a hole, What am I?” Logan said.

“Hmm...well what peels and is long...no leg...I got it! A snake!” I cried.

“Told you you’re a genius! Ok, now what does that mean?”

“I don’t know.” I admitted.

“Snake...python...cobra...ohh...viper...NICK! Nick’s house!” Logan cried.

“Oh, good thinking! Let’s go.” I said as we ran off.

Jay

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"This is your fault you know." I said.

"My fault?" Aaron asked.

"Yes. If you would just accept Harley is with me then you wouldn't have such anger towards me." I said.

"Harley belongs with me. I love her. You don't."

"You don't love her. You dumped her."

"It was a mistake."

"I'll say. I heard all about it. You dumped her when she needed your understanding. She was confused about what happened in the past and instead of being there you dumped her then you move in on Lindsey...how can she not hate you?"

"What about you? You don't even know her. How can you love her?"

"Ok, maybe what I feel isn't exactly love...it's something strong though or it wouldn't have broken the spell." I said.

"Whatever."

"If you love her don't you want her to be happy?"

"Of course."

"Well then..."

"But she could be happy with me again."

"You? How's that? She'd always be worried about you throwing her past in her face. About walking out when she makes a mistake. No one wants to feel they have to be perfect." I said.

"She doesn't need to be perfect...I've forgiven her."

"How noble of you. You've forgiven her yet won't be her friend or even speak to her if she isn't dating you again."

He sighed. "Ok...I see your point...I'll back off...but I swear to God if you ever hurt her I will hunt you down. I've hurt her enough for both of us."

"You've got it man. I'll treat her well."

"Ok. Good...now let's finish this jog."

"Let's do it." I said as we got a rhythm going with the cuffs and finished the jog.

Lindsey

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"Thanks for the ice cream Aunt Michelle." I said.

"Not a problem. I'm proud of you two for staying out of all the quarrels." Aunt Michelle said.

"Well, we have to remain a united team to defeat the Ice Kingdom right? No use fighting each other." Cali said.

"Right." Aunt Michelle said.

"So enough about our Ranger business. What were you like when you were a Ranger? Uncle Hunter was your enemy at one time right? What was that like?" I asked.

Aunt Michelle smiled. "I remember like it was yesterday. The first time I saw your Uncle Hunter I was blown away. Totally took my breath away. It was your storybook love at first sight...that's where the fairy tale ended. I found out shortly after he was the Crimson Ranger that was trying to kill us."

"Dad was too right?" I asked.

"Yes. But Hunter was leading it in everyway. Blake was following Hunter's lead. It was really hard to fight them because I knew it could come down to a point I would have to kill Hunter and I didn't want that. I loved him. The day he finally joined our side and we could be together was one of the happiest. From there we sure had lots of ups and downs but...I'm happy the way it all turned out. I've always loved him and always will. Harley and Felicity are products of that love. I just wish I would have told him about Harley sooner. We wasted so many years."

"But you're together now." Cali said.

"Yes. And we always will be." I said.

Cali smiled. "I hope Alex and I will always be together. I want to marry him someday."

I nodded. "I hope I get to marry Nick someday. I love him so much."

"If it's meant to be it will happen. Just like Hunter and I. So much tried to keep us apart but in the end we found our way back to each other." Aunt Michelle said.

"I think it's more like a fairy tale than you think." I said smiling.

Allison

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We got to Nick's house and sure enough, taped to the door was another riddle.

"Ok, Dies half its life, lives the rest. Dances without music, breathes without breath. What is it?" I read.

"Ok. Dances without music...dies half it's life?" Logan repeated.

"Ok...think about this logically...leaves dance and breathe..." I said.

"And a tree dies half it's life and has leaves!" Logan cried.

"That's it! A tree..."

"Which tree?"

"The picnic tree in Angel Grove Park!" I cried

We ran to the park and found Mel and Kim sitting at the picnic table.

"Good work guys." Mel said.

"Awesome. So did you guys work some things out?" Kim asked.

I nodded. "Very tricky way to make us talk but it worked."

"Good, now back to the Command Center. Time to integrate." Kim said.

PRG 2-23- "Moving Forward"

"Ok, soon as Cali and Lindsey get here we'll begin." Uncle Hunter said.

"Where are they?" Nick asked.

"I don't know. Michelle should have had them here by now." Uncle Hunter said.

"We're here...sorry...took longer than planned." Aunt Michelle said running in with the girls.

"Where were you?" Uncle Hunter asked.

"Off...doing hard work." Aunt Michelle said smiling as the three giggled.

"Ok...right...Hunter you can begin." Dad said.

"Thanks Tommy. Ok now that we have you all back together again the first thing we're going to do is deal with the issues you all seem to have with Nick and we will deal with them as a group. I'm doing this because I know what it's like to switch sides. For those of you not up on your Ranger history I was once on the wrong side of the fight, along with my brother Blake." Uncle Hunter started.

"But that was different. You thought you were doing the right thing." Logan said.

"So did Nick, at the time. You have to remember who his birth parents were. You can't blame him for being born into that family. He was raised to think the way he did and the fact he's been able to overcome that shows amazing character strength. You all should be trying to help him, not discourage him and remind him of his past." Uncle Hunter said.

"I never thought of it that way..." Logan admitted.

"Neither had I..." Jay added.

"Ok, so can we all make an effort to accept Nick and his willingness to change?" Uncle Hunter asked.

"Yes. I'm sorry man...I didn't even think about it..." Logan said.

"It's ok. We can start fresh...we all can." Nick said.

"Yes! We're making progress. Any other issues we need to deal with?" Harley asked.

"Logan and Aaron need to get over themselves and patch up their friendship." Cali said.

"Yeah...Aaron it's ok...we've made peace." Allison said.

"Really? You've forgiven him?" Aaron asked.

"Yeah. We're friends. It's ok." Allison said.

"Friends? How can you forgive what he did?" Aaron asked.

"How did you forgive Harley? It's no good to hate him forever Aar. It's not good for us...or the team. Forgive him." Allison said.

"Ok...dude, I just couldn't stand seeing you hurting my sister." Aaron said sighing.

"I know...I'm sorry man. Can we start over too?" Logan asked.

"If Allison can forgive you I can try." Aaron said.

"And as for Jay...he will stop trying to take over if we can keep our team together. Right?" Harley said.

"Right. I'm sorry I came off so badly to you guys. I'd like a fresh start too." Jay said.

"OK...I think we can work that." Alex said.

"I think that covers everything...hands in a circle guys." I said.

They all did as I said.

"Ok, one, two, three..." I counted.

"Power Rangers Genesis!" we shouted. We were finally a team again, and boy was it great.

"Very well done you guys. I'm proud of you all." Dad said.

"So am I. You guys did really good." Aunt Michelle said.

"Now, you all are free to go about your personal business. You've worked hard today." Uncle Hunter said.

"Just remember what you're learned today because if you stay united as a team you can do anything." Mom added as we all disbanded.

Harley

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Jay and I went for a walk in the park to talk things out.

"So are we really together?" he asked.

"Yeah...this is gonna be a little weird though. I mean our dads have slept together and your mom is my dad's sister." I

said.

“Ok, you seriously need to work on your phrasing Har.” Jay said making a face.

“Sorry, it’s true though.”

“Ok, so it’s going to be a little odd...but whatever happened with our dads has nothing to do with us and we’re not blood related so it’ll be fine. We can be together.”

“I think we should have our parents settle things...I mean things could get tense otherwise.”

“I think things will work themselves out if we don’t push it.”

“Ok, so do you want to come over to my place? You know, formally meet my parents?”

Jay laughed, “I know your dad Har. Uncle Hunter has known me my whole life.”

“Oh god...do you have to call him ‘Uncle Hunter’?”

“I guess not...”

“Well, you still need to meet my mom.”

“Ok, that’s fine. Let’s go.”

We walked into my house and found Mom and Dad (OK I guess it’s just gonna become a habit. Hunter is Dad too. Of course he’ll never be Daddy.) sitting with Felicity.

“Hey guys.” I said.

“Hey Har...Oh, hi Jay.” Dad said.

“Mom, I wanted to formally introduce you to Jay since you know, he’s my boyfriend now.” I said.

“I’m glad you’re here. We need to talk to you.” Mom said.

“Oh, ok, what about?” I asked.

“It can wait until after Jay goes home.” Dad said.

“Oh, if you guys need to talk to Harley alone...I can go.” Jay said.

“No, we can talk to her with you here.” Mom said.

“Ok, that’s fine. I just didn’t want to bore Jay.” Dad said.

“I’m fine. I’ll just sit.” Jay said sitting down on the adjacent sofa. I sat next to him.

“Ok so what’s up?” I asked.

“We’ve made a decision.” Dad said.

“About what?” I asked.

“You’re almost finished with your junior year. You’ll be a senior in 4 months. After that you’ll be an adult and Hunter and I need to think about what we’re going to do next. We finally decided what path to take.” Mom said.

“What are you talking about?” I asked.

“After you graduate we’re moving to Reefside. We’re going to build and run a school there.” Mom said.

“What? A school? What are you talking about?” I asked confused.

“We were talking about what happened to Mel and of course what happened to me. There should be more affordable places for troubled teens. All the schools out there are so expensive. We have more than enough money between my racing and your mother’s singing career to invest it into making an affordable school. It’ll cost 10 times less than the average wilderness camp school.” Hunter said.

“And you two are going to run it?” I asked.

“With staff of course, but yes, we will be the head masters. We’re going to get blue prints drawn up and start the building process within the month. It won’t even be ready until close to your graduation.” Mom said.

“You guys are serious about this...” I said.

“Yes. We are.” Mom said.

“Why Reefside?” I asked.

“Because there’s land there I can buy at a good price and I like the Reefside area. It’s a nice place.” Mom said.

“So why are you telling me about this anyway?” I asked.

“Because you’ll be submitting college apps soon and if you want to take part in this school with us you can apply at Reefside U. and help out part time.” Dad said.

“Oh...wow...I hadn’t even really thought about college yet...I guess I should...but what if the Ice Kingdom is still a threat? All of us will have to attend Angel Grove U.” I said.

“I don’t think it will come to that. I really don’t.” Mom said.

“Well, I’m happy you guys have found a project to dedicate yourselves to. I will consider your offer.” I said. My head was spinning. I never thought my Mom would be leaving Angel Grove again. Did I want to go? I just always assumed I’d stay in Angel Grove forever. I liked it here.

“We’re glad too.” Mom said.

“Ok. Well...I’m going to go now...” I said.

“Ok...bye guys.” Mom said.

I grabbed Jay’s hand and pulled him out the door.

“What’s wrong?” Jay asked when we were outside.

“That just caught me off guard. I just thought we’d all live in Angel Grove forever.” I said

“Are you ok with this then?” he asked.

“I don’t have much choice. They are leaving with or without me.” I said.

“Are you going to go?” Jay asked.

“I don’t know. I’m still adjusting to the fact they are leaving.” I said.

“It’ll be ok you know. There is life outside Angel Grove.” Jay said.

“What are you doing after graduation?” I asked.

“Going back to Thousand Oaks. McKinney University is there and so is the Thunder Academy. I still want to take over as head teacher someday.”

“Who’s running it now?” I asked.

“Mom was until she moved here last week. Right now I think one of the old students is overseeing things. Aunt Haley is going to take over soon as her step daughter graduates at the end of the month.” Jay said.

“Crystal. Yeah I know her. She’s Mel’s cousin.” I said.

“Yeah, Crystal. Anyway she’s going to be going to McKinney U. also.” Jay said.

“Cool. So you’re going to help Aunt Hay?” I asked.

“Yeah, I hope so.” Jay said.

“Maybe I should go to Reefside. It wouldn’t be the worst thing.” I said.

“You still have the summer to think about it before you even summit apps.” Jay said.

“Yeah, I know.”

Mel

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“Ok, the trial will begin the week after school ends. Are you sure you’re ready for this?” Dad asked seriously.

“Yes. I have to do this. Hunter said he’d be there for me too.” I said.

“Of course he will be and so will the team and everyone else. You have a lot of support Mel, you are lucky in that respect.” Mom said.

“Did we decide on a lawyer?” I asked.

“Yes. Tori said she would take the case. You have a meeting with her later.” Dad said.

“But she’s the DA...”

“Yes and this is a case where she would be involved anyway. This is a major issue Mel. A teacher in the public school system raped a student. This is a case the state gets involved in.” Mom said.

“Oh...ok.” I said.

“Are you ok?” Dad asked.

“I’m nervous. I’m very nervous and scared.” I admitted.

“You don’t need to be. Everything will be ok Angel.” Dad said hugging me.

“I know Daddy...I know.” I said.

PRG 2-24- "Father Confusion"

Knock, Knock

"Come in!" I called.

My dad walked in.

"Harley, I think we need to talk." He said.

I groaned. I had seen this coming. "Ok, talk."

"Your mom told me about Rocky coming to town to see you and..."

"And we need to talk about me calling you 'Dad' now..."

"I let it go when it first happened because I didn't want to put you on the spot and I'm glad we've progressed to the point you see me as your dad...I just don't want you to feel guilty about it when you see Rocky."

"Well I do. Rocky raised me...no offence or anything because I know it wasn't your fault and I do love you and I've accepted having two dads but the fact remains that Rocky is the one who raised me for 15 years. He is and always will be my Daddy." I said.

"I know that...so does he I'm sure."

"I hope so..."

"When is he coming in?"

"A couple of hours. He's coming in to take care of some business but he wanted to see me too while he was here."

"OK...so you're having dinner with him tonight I guess?"

"Yeah."

"OK...just remember, I love you very much Har. Don't clam up on me again."

I sighed. "I won't. I love you too." I said hugging him.

"Ok...I'll let you get ready then." Dad said leaving the room.

A couple of hours later the doorbell rang. I ran downstairs but my mom already had gotten the door, she was holding Felicity.

"So how have you been?" I heard Daddy ask.

"Good...taking care of Felicity, working on some new projects." Mom said.

"She's getting big." Daddy said touching Liss's hair.

"Yeah, she's growing fast." Mom said.

"Hey Daddy." I said running over.

"Har, hey baby girl..." Daddy said hugging me tight.

"So what time you think you'll have her home?" Mom asked.

"Around 10 I guess." Daddy said.

"OK. Have fun." Mom said.

"Ok. Bye Mom...bye Dad!" I called to Hunter who was in the living room. I silently cursed myself. I hadn't wanted to call him 'Dad' in front of Daddy.

"Bye Har!" Dad called back.

"So I guess you and Hunter have gotten close." Daddy said after we got in the car.

"Yeah, well...I mean..." I sighed, "I'm sorry."

"Don't be...I know you're still my daughter. I just have to share you with two other parents instead of one. I still love you very, very much." He said.

"I love you too Daddy."

"So where to?"

"The café downtown?"

"Sounds good." Daddy said driving us there.

We went inside and ordered.

"So what's new around here?" he asked me.

"Well, we defeated Cobra with Viper's help. After that Viper turned good, became a Ranger, and got adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Brooks. Lindsey started dating him. Um, Aaron and I broke up and just recently started speaking again. A new evil, the Ice Kingdom, showed up and turned Cali, Aaron, and I evil by making us think we were in love with one of

three of the Ice siblings. I finally snapped out of it. Now I'm dating Jay Watanabe, Cam and LeAnn's son." I explained. "Wow...I missed a lot...why didn't anyone call me when you were under the Ice Kingdom's influence?"

"I don't know..."

"How did they turn you?"

"Princess Isis kissed me. I thought I loved her." I said.

"You...a...um..." Daddy took a breath, "A girl?"

"Yes...why?"

"I didn't know you were..."

"Bi? Neither did I until that happened. Mom didn't seem to think too much of it though."

"That's because both she and Hunter are bi."

"Are you?"

"No. Not at all. I'm a strictly woman kind of man..."

"So any women I should know about?"

"No. I don't even know how to date anymore I don't think. I was with your mother for so long..."

"Do you still love her?"

"Honestly? Yeah, I always will. She hurt me very bad but I still love her."

"Do you regret getting the divorce?"

"I do wish we could have worked things out but I've come to realize I never had her heart. The whole time we were married she really wanted to be with Hunter anyway...I think that's what hurts most..."

"You'll find someone else at some point." I said.

"I don't know...anyway, have you started thinking about colleges?"

"Yes actually. I'm looking at AGU and Reefsides U."

"Reefsides?"

"Yeah, Mom is moving there when I get out of school so she can open a wilderness school for troubled youth. I might go help her with it."

"A wilderness school? What brought that on?"

"Everything that happened with Mel."

"What happened with Mel?"

"You didn't hear? A teacher at school raped her."

"Oh my god...no I didn't hear. That's horrible..."

"Yeah. Thanks to D...Hunter, she's pressing charges. The trial starts at the beginning of summer." I said.

"Wow...poor Mel."

"Yeah. It was really hard on her and her parents but she'll be ok. Tony has been mucho protective of her since it happened."

"I bet..."

"So how's life in Blue Bay Harbor?"

"Good. I'm helping out at the Wind Ninja Academy. It's nice."

"Cool. I'll have to come visit sometime."

"Yeah...I'd really like that. I miss you a lot Har."

"I miss you too" I said.

"So when can I meet this boyfriend of yours?"

"Um, I can call him and see if he wants to come by and have dessert with us."

"Ok, sounds fine."

"OK, let me go call him." I said getting up to go to the pay phone.

Jay

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"I can't believe it. I finally get my own room in a real house!" I cried as I taped up a box. "No offence Zordon...I really like it here but the Command Center isn't exactly a house."

"I understand" Zordon said.

"Plus it makes it hard to escape Ranger business and let loose when it's all around me 24/7." I added.

"If you would stop talking and get to work we'd get moved in faster." Dad said.

"Sorry." I mumbled as I picked up some boxes. We were piling everything up and Zordon was going to teleport the pile to our house. It was the easiest way to move from a top secret headquarters into a real house.

“Almost done.” I mumbled as my cell phone rang. “Hello?”  
“Hey Jay, it’s Har. My Dad is in town and he wants to meet you.” Harley said.  
“I’ve met your parents already.”  
“No, not Hunter, my other Dad. Rocky.”  
“Oh right...” I had forgotten she had to fathers. This was great.  
“Yeah, so you wanna meet us at the diner for dessert?” she asked.  
“Um, let me see if I can, hold on.” I said. “Dad, Harley’s other dad is in town and wants to meet me. Can I go meet him real quick? I’ll be gone half an hour?”  
Dad sighed, “OK. Fine. Be quick.”  
“Thanks...Ok Har I’ll be right there.”  
“Ok, great...see you soon.” She said hanging up.

Harley

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“Ok, he’s on his way.” I said sitting back down.
“Good. I can’t wait to meet him.” Daddy said.
“Daddy, be nice.”
“Of course Princess, I wouldn’t dream of doing anything like...oh I don’t know, scaring him.”
“Daddy...” I warned.
“I’m kidding.” Daddy said as Jay walked in.
“Hey,” I said. “Jay, this is my Dad, Rocky DeSantos.”
“Nice to meet you sir. I’m Jay Watanabe.”
“Nice to meet you Jay. Have a seat.” Daddy said.
“Thank you for inviting me.” Jay said sitting next to me.
“Thank you for coming. I’m glad I got to meet you. So, you’re a junior too?”
“Yes sir.”
“Have you thought about colleges yet?”
“Yes. I’m going to McKinley College in Thousand Oaks.” Jay said.
“Oh, why there?”
“So I will be around to take over the Thunder Academy when it’s time.”
“Very good. I’ve been helping Sensei Clarke at the Wind Academy. Thunder/Wind relations are very good right now.”
“Yes, I intend on keeping it that way. My dream is to combine the two Academies into one.”
“That’s very ambitious.”
“Yes sir. I believe it can be done though.”
“I believe you are right, given the time.”
I smiled at them. They really seemed to hit it off.

Aaron

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“KO-35 has good schools right?” I asked at the dinner table.  
“Yes. Why?” Dad asked.  
“I was thinking of applying for college there.”  
“Why?” Mom asked.  
“Change of pace.”  
“You mean lack of Harley.” Allison mumbled.  
“No...” I said.  
“Sure...”  
“You know you don’t have to leave the planet to get away from Harley.” Dad said.  
“I’m not trying to get away from Harley!” I cried.  
“Ok, ok...” Dad said holding his hands up in surrender.  
I sighed. “I just don’t see why she’s with Jay.”  
“I thought you guys made peace.” Dad said.

“We did. We’re friends but now I’m back to where I was originally. I’m just her friend yet I’m in love with her.” I said.  
“Well no offence but Jay is hot. If she didn’t go for him I would have.” Allison said.  
“ALLY!” I cried.  
“What?” she asked.  
“I thought you found him annoying.” I said.  
“I did, but he’s still hot...and he’s not so annoying now that his plans for team domination have ceased.” She said.  
“We’ll see how long that lasts.” I mumbled.  
“Aaron...don’t start anymore team feuds.” Dad warned.  
“I know, I know.” I said.  
“You guys really need to focus on taking out the Ice Kingdom ASAP.” Mom said.  
“I know...” Ally and I said in unison.  
“But how?” I asked.  
“That’s for your team to figure out together.” Dad said.  
Ally and I sighed.

Harley

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After Jay left to go finish moving Daddy took me to a movie and then drove me home.
“I had a lot of fun.” I said.
“Me too...I’ve decided I’m staying in town a few extra days. I call you tomorrow and let you know for how long.”
Daddy said.
“Awesome! Ok.” I cried.
“Ok. Talk to you tomorrow. I love you.” He said hugging me.
“I love you Daddy.” I said hugging him back.
“Goodnight Princess.” Daddy said as I got out of the car.
“Goodnight.” I said going inside.

“Hey, how was it?” Hunter asked when I went in.
“It was fun. I had missed him more than I thought.” I said.
“Good, I’m glad you had fun.”
“Where’s Mom?”
“Asleep. Liss wore her out today.”
“Ok. I’m going to bed too. Night Hunter.” I said going to my room and getting in bed.

"Do you ever think about what you're gonna do when you graduate?" I asked.

"Sometimes. It scares me. I'm just getting used to this life and in a year it's all gonna change again." Nick said.

"It doesn't have to. I will still have two more years at AGH. You could go to AGU and still live at home. The only thing that would change is we would be in different schools." I said.

"I've thought about that. Where do you want to go when you graduate?" he asked.

"I don't know yet...I guess if you wanted to move I'd follow you." I said.

"You would? Really?" he asked in shock.

"Of course! I love you Nicholas Brooks." I said rolling over and kissing him.

"I love you too Lindsey Bradley." He said returning the kiss. We were laying in my front yard looking up at the stars.

"What do you want to major in?" I asked.

"I don't know. I have so many options I never had before. It's gonna take a while to sort through them all. I do know I want to have a family of my own someday."

"Me too." I said.

"You'll be part of my family right?"

"If you'll have me."

"Of course I will. I'll always love you Linds."

"LINDSEY!" Dad called from the front door.

"Ugh...great timing." I mumbled. "Yes Daddy?!" I called.

"Come inside. It's getting late." Dad said.

"Can Nick come in too?" I asked.

"Sure. Your mom just made some fresh sugar cookies. Come and get some." He said.

"Ok!" I said, "Come on Nick, let's go have a snack."

"Ok." He agreed as he helped me up and we went inside.

"Hey Nick." Mom said as we went inside.

"Hi." Nick said sitting at the table with me.

"How're your parents?" Mom asked.

"Busy. They're preparing for finals the same as us students." Nick said.

"I heard Aunt Marah's final is gonna be way hard." I said.

"It should be. She determined to prove she's just as tough a teacher as Mr. Philips." Nick said.

"She's a great teacher. Everyone knows that." I said.

"On the bright side, Dad's final is easy. He passed out sheet music to the band. They have to play it back from memory and then sight read a piece. That's it." Nick said.

"I know I'm not a musician or anything but I know enough to know sight reading can be very hard depending on the piece." I said.

"I guess. Doesn't matter to me. None of us are in band...right?" Nick asked.

"Um...right. Mel is in choir...all the guys except Logan are in sports...Logan is in accounting...Har avoids school activities at all costs...Ally is banned from all school activities for the rest of the year...Cali is kinda sorta on the swim team...nope no one in band. Aurora is the only friend I have in band and she doesn't live here." I said.

"Have you considered joining the band?" Mom asked.

"Aurora keeps asking me the same thing. She wants me to play flute like her but if I did that I'd never have time to ride or surf." I said.

"It's your call. I just think you'd enjoy it." Mom said.

"I'll think about it." I said.

"Have you talked to Harley lately?" Mom asked.

"No. Why?" I asked.

"You should call her. Rocky is back in town for an unknown amount of time. According to Hunter this is really affecting her but she won't admit to it." Mom explained.

"That's horrible. She was making such progress with Uncle Hunter." I said.

"I think she's regressing now." Mom said.

"And let me guess...you want me to talk to her?" I asked.

“Well since you offered...”

“Yes Mom I’ll talk to her...can’t promise anything but I’ll try.” I said sighing.

“Thank you Lindsey.” Mom said kissing my head.

“I should be getting home. It’s pretty late.” Nick said.

“Ok...I’ll walk you out.” I said getting up and following him to the door. “So I’ll see you tomorrow?”

“Of course. I love you.”

“I love you too.

“Goodnight.” He said kissing me.

“Goodnight.” I said returning the kiss.

When he left I ran up to my room and fell on my bed. Life was so good. I was so happy and I was so in love.

Harley

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“Har, we need to talk.” Hunter said coming in my room.

“What is it Hunter?” I asked.

“Why are you regressing?” he asked.

“What?”

“You’re calling me ‘Hunter’ again. You had been calling me ‘Dad’.” He said.

“I...I don’t know...it’s just confusing with my Dad here to call you both Dad so I simplified it.” I said.

“Did he say something to you?”

“No, of course not.”

“You know you have two fathers...and I admit it’s weird, but that’s the way it is. We both love you very much.”

“I know that.” I said.

“Ok...well, I’ll let you get some sleep. Goodnight.” He said kissing my head.

“Goodnight.” I said laying down and turning off the light. Hunter left the room and closed the door.

OK I know what you’re thinking. I was being pretty shitty to Hunter. He had been really, really wonderful as a father considering he had been lied to about my paternity for 15 years...but try looking at this from my point of view. My father (Rocky) was very hurt by the revelation of my true paternity...so much so he virtually disappeared for a year. I didn’t want to do anything to hurt him more and make him disappear again...including calling Hunter ‘Dad’. I did love Hunter...a lot...he had been a father to me in everyway since the day he found out I was his. I can only imagine how great he would have been to have as a dad for my whole life but the Dad I had was amazing too...GAH! I’m so confused!!!

Then again this is nothing new. My life has been a series of confusion since the day I became a Ranger. First Aaron tells me he loves me then takes it back, then I find out I have two dads, then I find out Nick, my then boyfriend, was really Viper, then my first father skips town, then Aaron and I finally get together, then my birth father marries my mom and gets her pregnant, then I travel back in time and kiss Mr. Brooks, then Aaron dumps me, then I get turned evil, now all of this...oh why can’t life be simple again? Why, oh why?!

I pondered this very question as I started to drift to sleep.

Mel

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“I’m seriously fine. Stop fussing.” I said.

“Are you sure?” Dad asked as he fluffed my pillow again. The closer the trial date got the more my dad had been fussing over me.

“I’m fine! Just tired, now can I please get some sleep?” I asked.

“Ok...goodnight Angel.” Dad said as he left the room.

I wasn’t really tired. I just wanted to get my dad out of my room. After he was gone I pulled out my diary and started to write (my therapist had said that keeping a diary would be good for me).

Dear Diary,

I know what happened to me was horrible but does that mean I'm an invalid now or something? As the trial gets closer my dad gets more and more protective of me. I know he's just trying to be supportive but I'd feel much better if people would start treating me normal again. I'm the same person I was before this happened, I just have more emotional scars. Those scars may never completely heal but Tony has been doing great in trying. I'm very lucky to have him. I'm lucky to have all my friends. Harley has really lived up to the title of 'best friend' ever since we finally got her back. But the one person who I'm most grateful to in all this is Hunter. He knows what I'm going through and he hadn't been afraid to tell me his story and support me as I go to legal battle with mine. There's no way I could do this without him.

As for everything else, I just want to get to graduation. I mean I'll really miss AGH and my friends but I'm ready for a new chapter. I want to go somewhere where people don't know about this whole mess. I'm so sick of the looks I get in the hallways and the whispers I hear in class that I know are about me. I'm tired of people saying I brought this on myself and I'm tired of people saying I'm lying and made this all up for attention. I know I'm the, as Har would say, pink chick, but I guess I'm stronger than even I thought because I'm dealing. Anyway, I'm off to sleep. Goodnight.

Mel

I turned off the light and went to sleep.

Jay

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I had just woken up, it was great sleeping in my own bed in my own room finally, and I decided to do a quick check in at the Command Center. I teleported over and found my dad there.

"Hey, great minds eh?" I joked.

"Jay, I was just about to call you and the others. We have a minor Flurry problem. Seems that the Ice Family is not happy about that ambush you guys pulled. From what I can tell the Flurries are trying to find our base because they aren't attacking, they're searching." Dad explained.

"I think this is one search we need to cancel. I'll go, you call the others." I said.

"OK, good luck." Dad said.

"Thanks....Samurai Storm, Ranger Form! Green Samurai Power!" I called as I went over.

"Hey Flurries, wanna play?" I called as I pulled my saber. They rushed at me. Ok so this wasn't exactly smart on my part. I hadn't realized how many there were. At least 100 Flurries surrounded me. "Oh great." I mumbled as I tried to fight them off.

"Hey, I think these odds seem a bit uneven." Harley said attacking with her staff.

"It's party time." Ally said calling on her daggers.

"And here I thought it had been too quiet..." Alex said attacking with his staff.

"Hey guys, glad you could make it." I said.

"Just had to play the hero and go solo didn't you?" Tony teased.

"Yeah, well ya know, had to prove I'm the better leader." I teased back.

"Leading only works when you have people following. Can't lead a solo mission." Aaron said using his Falcon Sling.

"Can we cut the chatter and fight here?" Nick requested as he slashed at some of the frozen figures with his sword.

After we got rid of the Flurries we were greeted by Prince Frost.

"I'm getting really sick of you Rangers messing up my plans. I will find your base and when that happens it will all be over. Nothing you do will be able to stop me. Until next time." Frost said disappearing.

"Ok, that was weird." Mel said.

"Why does he want to find the Command Center so much?" Lindsey asked.

"To take us out from the inside." Harley said.

"Just great...he can't find it right?" Aaron asked.

"He could, we just have to be very careful." Tony said.

"Jay, you need to get maximum security up." Alex said.

I was about to make a smart ass comment in reply but I figured that wouldn't help anything. Instead I nodded. "I'm on it." I said teleporting back.

Aaron

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After the battle I took off.

“What’s wrong?” I heard Alex ask.

“I know we’re a team but I really hate that guy.” I said.

“No you don’t. You hate that he’s with Harley. If it’s bugging you that much try to talk to her. Maybe she misses you.”

“Yeah right. I tried talking to her. She’s over us. She only wants to be friends.”

“In her defense you told her the same thing once.”

“Yeah, after that damn letter. I never should have taken it back and I never should have over reacted. What she did when she went to the past was nothing that affects us. It’s not like she actually stood a chance with Mr. Brooks. I should have been more understanding...god I messed up.”

“Yes you did.”

“Thanks man.”

“It’s the truth. But it’s not like you can’t fix it. I’ve seen the way she looks at Jay. She doesn’t love him. She maybe attracted to him but that’s it. I think it’s purely a physical thing. They have nothing in common and sooner or later they’ll figure that out and be just friends. That’s when you can make your move.” Alex advised.

“You really think so?”

“You never know till you try. Now let’s go. I know you’re not ready for the Algebra final yet. Let’s go study.”

“Ok, sounds good to me.” I said walking off with Alex.

Someday, somehow I would get Harley back.

PRG 2-26: "Laying Down the Law"

"Hey, did you hear that rumor going around?" Bethany Calloway asked me.

"Um, no, don't think I have." I said.

"That junior...Logan Collins, the rich boy..."

"Yeah I know him."

"Oh yeah, your cousin is friends with him right?"

"Yeah."

"Well I heard he's secretly dating his ex girlfriend's brother, Aaron Kay." Bethany said.

"That's a lie!" I cried.

"What?"

"Aaron, Allison, and Logan are my friends and that's a lie. That creep Michael Denetti started that rumor to ruin Logan's reputation." I said.

"Whatever." Bethany said walking away.

I sighed and turned to go to my locker. I saw Alex walking on the other side of the hall.

"Alex!" I cried.

"Hey Linds." He said.

"Have you heard the rumor Michael Denetti started about Logan?" I asked.

"No...what did that jerk say now?"

"That Logan and Aaron are an item."

"Oh man...Logan's gonna be pissed."

"No kidding, not to mention he'll be embarrassed because people are believing it."

"True. We should tell him before someone else does."

"You think so?"

"Yeah. I have class with him next period. I'll fill him in."

"OK. Meet me at the Juice Bar after school." I said.

"OK. Later." Alex said heading to class. It's amazing that we had become friends after our initial meeting.

I headed off to Aunt Mar...um...Ms. Brooks' class...I'd never get used to that...

"Good afternoon Lindsey." She said as I entered the class.

"Good afternoon ma'am." I said taking my seat.

"Ok, everyone settle down." Ms. Brooks started as the bell rang, "I graded yesterday's quiz and I'm very disappointed. I had 1 'B', 3 'C's, 4 'D's, and those were the only passing grades. This should have been an easy 'A' and I didn't have one 'A'. I'm going to throw out this quiz and give you another chance. This grade counts no matter what it is." Ms. Brooks said passing out the quiz.

After class I headed for the Juice Bar.

"Hey Bulk." I waved as I went to our normal table.

"Hey Linds. The usual?" Bulk asked.

"You know it." I said smiling. I waited for a few minutes then Alex, Logan, Harley, and Nick finally came in.

"Hey guys." I said.

"Linds, hey." Nick said kissing me as everyone sat.

"I can never go to AGH again. I'll have to finish my schooling off at AGP."

"Angel Grove Prep? You're kidding right?" Harley asked.

"No. This is horrible." Logan said.

"There's worse things than being call gay." I said.

"Yeah, there's nothing wrong with liking people of the same gender." Harley said.

"Easy for you to say. Just because you're a carpet mu..."

"I seriously wouldn't go there." I said holding up my hand.

"What were you about you call me? Do you have a problem with my being bi?" Harley asked.

"I didn't say I did." Logan said.

"I didn't say you didn't." Harley countered.

"It's just hard to adjust to." Logan said.

"Fu..."

"Harley..." I warned.

"Screw you. I'm out of here." Harley said taking off.

"Nice going Logan. As if she wasn't having a hard enough time having Rocky around you pull this. I'm going after her." I said running after my cousin.

"Har..." I cried catching up to her.

"Go away Linds." Harley said.

"Logan didn't mean it..."

"Yes he did. He was very clear about how he feels about gays and bis. Well it just so happens I am bi so if he doesn't wanna be my friend now that's just fine by me." Harley said.

"Har...what makes you think you're bi anyway? Just because you had a crush on Ice? It was a spell. That doesn't mean you're attracted to girls in general." I pointed out.

"You don't get it do you? It may have been a spell but I enjoyed my time with Ice. And I do find other chicks attractive." Harley said.

"So you have a crush on a girl?" I asked.

"Well, no..."

"You like Jay?"

"Yes."

"And you liked Aaron and Nick?"

"Yeah."

"Then maybe you're not bi!" I cried.

"I'm so confused Lindsey!" Harley said sinking to the ground. I sat next to her and hugged her.

"It'll be ok Har..." I said. "Have you ever found a girl other than Ice attractive?"

"Yes. Aurora to name one."

"Aurora?" I asked in shock. Was my cousin telling me she had a crush on my best friend?

"Yeah. She's very hot. That's when I first thought maybe I could be bi but I was just getting with Aaron at the time so I pushed those thoughts to the side. Then I found out my Mom is bi and then I got all confused again then the stuff with Ice..."

"Aunt Michelle is bi?"

"Yeah, she never was serious but she had a few flings from what I've been told."

"Maybe it's in your genes..."

"Maybe...both my birth parents are bi."

"Speaking of parents...I heard Rocky is back."

"Yeah, he is."

"How are you dealing with that?"

"Best I can."

"Don't let him coming back mess up things with you and Uncle Hunter. He loves you so much."

"I know." Harley sighed, "I hate having two dads. I don't want to hurt either of them but I don't know how to be close to both of them."

"I know, it kinda sucks but...maybe if you talk to both of them together and explain your position." I suggested.

"That's a good idea Linds. Thanks." I said.

"Anytime...I'm sorry for the way I've been acting. We're family and I've been horrible to you."

"It goes both ways. I'm sorry too." Harley said hugging me.

"Aw, how touching. Glad you could make up before your demise!" Frost said appearing with Flurries and Ice.

"Bad timing much?" Harley said standing up in a fighting stance. I did the same.

"You will pay for betraying me." Ice said.

"Don't do this Ice, just join us. We could team up." Harley said.

"With you? Yeah right. I'm not a wimp like that Black Ranger. I don't switch sides." Ice said.

"Then looks like I'll have to destroy you." Harley said.

"Oh please. Flurries, attack!" Ice commanded.

Harley and I started fighting and we got rid of most of the Flurries.

“Ok, so you took out Flurries. That’s nothing.” Frost said as he and Ice attacked us. We were getting our butts beat.

“I think it’s time to morph.” Harley said.

“With ya cuz.” I said.

“Genesis Evolution!” we cried.

“Oh fun, real Rangers to beat!” Ice cried as she attacked Harley. Harley blocked the attack.

“I’m getting so damn sick of you!” Harley cried plunging her staff at Ice. It did serious damage to Ice’s shoulder.

“DAMN!” Ice cried stepping back. She was oozing some clear gel like liquid. Almost like that stuff in those ice lunch packs.

“Ew.” I said

“Ice!” Frost cried running to his sister’s side. “You will pay for this Purple Ranger. We’ll be back.”

“Whoa! Har, that was killer!” I cried after they left and we powered down.

“Thanks. I so don’t know how that happened.” Harley said.

“You were angry. That took over and...that was amazing.”

“Thanks.” Harley said.

“Hey, everything ok? Zordon said there was trouble.” Tony said running up with Jay and Mel.

“It’s fine. Our cousin kicked Ice’s butt.” I said.

“Way to go Har!” Tony said.

“That’s my girl” Jay said hugging her.

“Are you ok Har?” Mel asked.

“Fine.” Har said.

“You don’t still have a thing for Ice do you?” I asked.

“Oh no. God no. I just...never really fought in anger before...well un-Ranger related anger...I didn’t like it...I won but it was unfocused fighting.” Har said.

“You mean it doesn’t feel like an honorable victory...” Tony said.

“Right.”

“Well what’s wrong?” Mel asked.

“I’m angry because I am stuck with two dads whom I love and it sucks!”

“Go talk to them.” I said.

“I am...right now.” Harley said taking off.

Harley

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I called Daddy and asked him to meet me at my house then I called Hunter and told him to stay at home. I got home before Daddy did.

“What’s wrong?” Hunter asked.

“We need to talk.” I said.

“Ok.”

“No, we need to wait for someone.”

“Who? Your mom?”

“No.” I said as the doorbell rang. “Go sit in the living room.” I said as I went to get the door. I led Rocky to the living room.

“Him?” Hunter asked.

“Har what is this?” Daddy asked.

“This is me talking to my two dads for the sake of my sanity. Now both of you sit down and listen up. This two dads thing is hard on all of us but it’s a fact. Now I need to clarify how this affects me. First of all Hunter is my Dad. I’m sorry Daddy but he is. He’s been really amazing as a father and I’m glad he’s my father now. At the same time, Hunter...Dad...Rocky is my Daddy and always will be as I will always be his Princess. He was the one who was there for my first 15 years. I’m sorry you missed out on that, I really am, but it can’t be changed. He taught me to ride a bike, he was there for my first day of school, he taught me martial arts...that’s just how it is. Now it would make my life much easier if you two could get along instead of glaring at each other every time you see each other and if you accepted each other and didn’t make me feel back about loving the other one. Dad, you got Mom, you got Liss and

me...you have no reason to be bitter. Daddy, you always have me and sure Hunter got Mom, but, as I have learned, they are soulmates, would you really want someone who wanted someone else? As for college, I will make my own decision. It might be Reefsides U, AGU, Blue Bay U, or anywhere else that sounds good but it's my decision and I expect everyone to respect that. Ok, I'm done." I finished.

My dads looked at each other in shock.

"I'm sorry Har, I never meant to make you feel torn." Dad said.

"Yeah Princess...I love you and I guess it's just hard learning to share you." Daddy said.

"We'll try though." Dad said.

"Yes we will." Daddy said.

"And we will respect whatever you do for college." Dad added.

"Thank you. That's all I ask." I said.

"But at the same time you can't expect Rocky and I to be the best of friends. That isn't going to happen. We've never been friends and we never will be." Dad said.

I nodded. "Ok." I said hugging both of my dads. I had a good feeling things would be ok now.

Logan

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"PLEASE, Allison, I'm begging you." I said.

"No Logan. N-O! I won't start dating you again to kill those rumors." Allison said.

"But you're the only single one. Linds, Har, Cali, and Mel are all in relationships." I said.

"This wouldn't be a ploy to get me back would it?"

"Well...no, but if you do fall for me again I wouldn't complain. I just want to kill these rumors!" I cried.

"No Logan. I like being single now. I think it's good for me."

"Just pretend to date me?"

"Then what happens when we 'break up'. The rumors will just start again."

"Please Ally, I don't wanna go to AGP!"

"So don't. Call Kristy, I'm sure she'll be your girlfriend."

"That was low."

"So is trying to cover up a rumor with your ex."

"You should want this rumor killed too. It involves Aaron."

"Unlike you Aaron doesn't care what people think of him. If they wanna say he's gay he laughs it off." Allison said.

"You're not being fair."

"ME? You're the one wanting to give up my happy single life to save your rep."

"Please Ally..."

"No. I can say it in other languages if you need. English, no. Spanish, no. Italian, no. German, nein. Portuguese, não. French, non. Japanese, nain. Need I go on?"

"Não. I get it." I sighed.

"Ok thank you. See you at school." Allison said walking away.

I sighed and put my head in my hands.

"Hey it's Logan. How's your boyfriend?" Michael asked walking in.

"What are you doing here Denetti?" I asked.

"I told you not to cross me Collins and I meant it." Michael said.

"You better stop the rumor or I'll pound you."

"Like you even know how to fight? How you gonna pound me? Get a Power Ranger to do it?" Michael mocked. If he only knew.

"Oh I can fight. I don't need a Power Ranger. I can take you myself." I said standing up and punching him.

"That's it. You're dead meat Collins!" Michael said swinging a punch at me. I dodged. After fighting Vip...Nick and the Ice family Michael was a breeze. I had him down in no time with a broken nose.

"Don't mess with me Denetti. Now, if you don't want me to kill you I suggest you fix my reputation ASAP." I said walking away.

PRG 2-27- "Crazy"

"Logan Collins I am very disappointed in you." Mom said.

"Fighting is not a suitable way to solve your problems." Dad added.

"But you don't understand..." I said.

"Michael was spreading rumors about you. I know. I talked to Mr. Denetti. He apologized for Michael's behavior and besides that doesn't excuse you breaking his nose." Dad said.

"The Denettis hate us. Mr. Denetti isn't sorry at all." I said.

"Logan, this is very serious. You're lucky Zordon didn't strip your powers." Mom said.

"Why? I didn't use any Ranger power. I didn't put the team in danger. This is my personal battle and I dealt with it." I said.

"Logan, you don't get how serious this is." Dad said.

"I guess I don't." I said.

"Well you will. You're grounded for a month. Unless you're at school or fighting a Ranger battle you are not to leave the house." Mom said.

"You've got to be kidding! I'm 17! Summer starts in two weeks! You can ground me the first two weeks of summer!" I cried.

"I can and I am. You're 17, not 18, and as long as you live in this house you obey these rules." Mom said.

"Then I won't live in this house anymore!" I cried.

"What?" Dad asked.

"You heard me! I'm out of here!" I cried storming out of the house.

Alex

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"So you want to work at the beach again this summer?" I asked. I was sitting with Cali on the sand.

"Maybe." Cali said.

"We need to decide so we can submit our apps." I said.

"I don't know Alex." Cali said.

"Are you ok sweetie?"

"Fine."

"You seem distant."

"Why do you try to act like this never happened?"

"Like what never happened?"

"My dating Frost."

"You didn't 'date' him. You were under a spell."

"Don't you think we should talk about it?"

"What is there to talk about?"

"Alex..."

"Well what?"

"I was just thinking...maybe we should stop seeing each other."

"What?!" I cried.

"I think we should break up."

"You've got to be kidding Cal. I love you!"

"I'm not sure how I feel about you anymore. Being with Frost for so long changed me. I need time to think." Cali said getting up and walking away.

I was left in the sand more stunned than I had ever been. What in the hell had just happened? Why had Cali broken up with me after everything we went through to be together?

Harley

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"The trial starts in two weeks. Are you ready?" I asked.

"As ready as you get for this sort of thing." Mel said. Mel's family invited me for dinner and after dinner we had gone

to her room. I was plopped on the bed next to Mel.

“Are you going to testify?” I asked.

“I wasn’t going to but your dad convinced me to. He said it would help my case a lot and he promised to be there the day I took the stand.” Mel said.

“My dad has really helped you a lot?”

“Yeah. More than you know. I couldn’t do this without him.”

“I’m glad he’s helped.”

“I heard he and your mom are gonna open up a school for troubled youth. I think your dad is going to help a lot of kids. He’s really great to talk to.”

I nodded. “You’re right...he will help a lot of kids...”

“Enough about that though, how are things with you and Jay? I don’t see you guys together much.” Mel said.

I sighed. “Yeah, we don’t spend much time together. I guess I like him...I just don’t like him like a boyfriend.”

“Maybe you still have a thing for Aaron?”

“I don’t think so. I think I’m trying to make myself have a thing for Jay so Aaron doesn’t get any ideas.”

“I think you still love Aaron.”

“Thank you Miss Matchmaker. No. Aaron and I are history and it’s for the best.”

“You really believe that?”

“Yes.”

“Well, Jay is a good guy.” Mel said.

“Yes he is...and I do like him...maybe more will develop if I give it a chance.”

“Maybe...” Mel said.

Logan

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After I stormed out of the mansion I really didn’t really know where to go. I walked around town for awhile. I had 200 bucks in my wallet. That would get me a couple night at a hotel and food for a couple of days but then what? I finally had an idea. The Golden Dragon! There was an apartment above the dojo that wasn’t being used. I could hide out there for awhile. I headed to the dojo, which was closed of course, so I went around back. I found an open window and went in. I crept upstairs and found the apartment locked. I picked the lock and went in. It was still furnished. I headed to the bed room and turned on the light...to my surprise I was then attacked from behind and flipped. I landed on my back.

“Oy...” I said.

“Logan?” a voice said.

I opened my eyes and saw Rocky. “Mr. DeSantos? What are you doing here?”

“I’m staying here. What are you doing here?”

“I...ugh...uh...I kinda needed a place to stay. I ran away from home and...here I am.”

“You ran away?” he asked helping me up. I went and sat on the sofa. He sat next to me.

“Yeah. My parents grounded me for breaking Michael Denetti’s nose.”

“Why did you break his nose?”

“He was spreading a rumor that Aaron and I were dating.”

“So you thought beating him up was a good idea?”

“Seemed like it at the time.”

“Well I can see why you’re grounded”

“So you’re sending me home?”

“Yes, but in the morning. I think both you and your parents need to cool off. You can stay in the guest room tonight.”

“So why are you staying here?” I asked.

“It’s home. I lived here for years before Michelle and I got married.”

“Really?”

“Yeah. She lived here with me for awhile too. As a matter of fact when she first met Hunter she was living here. After that she’d stay at Hunter’s a lot but every time they’d fight she’d be back and I was right here to comfort her.” He explained.

“You were like her back up?”

“Pretty much...from the time she met Hunter I was second to him.”

“So why did she marry you first?”

“Because a couple of years before she and Hunter had gotten into a major fight and swore never to speak to each other

again. Hunter got Cam to take him back and Michelle was very upset. I was there for her like always and we ended up together. Should have known I'd eventually lose to Hunter."

"You love her still don't you?"

"I always will Logan. I fell in love with her the first time I met her and haven't let go since."

"How old were you when you met her?"

"16. She was 15."

"I hope I can eventually let go of Allison...I still love her."

"Make yourself move on. If I had done that when I had the chance maybe I wouldn't be in the position I'm in now."

"What position?"

"Sharing my daughter with Hunter."

"That's gotta suck."

"It does. Anyway, it's late. You should get some sleep."

"Ok...goodnight. And thanks."

"No problem. Goodnight."

I went to the room and got in bed. I fell asleep in no time but I had the weirdest dream.

~~~~Start Dream Sequence~~~~

"Logan Jr. come here!" I called.

"Yes father." My son said walking in.

"Your other father wants you." I said.

"Yes sir." He said.

"Logan, what are you doing sitting down on the job? I told you if you are to live with my family and I you must work."

Allison said coming in. She was dressed in a yellow business suit with skirt.

"Yes Mrs. Denetti I am sorry." I said standing up and dusting.

"That's better." She said.

"You know none of this would have happened if you told me Logan Jr. wasn't mine before he was born." I said.

"None of this would have happened if you had gotten over me back in high school." Allison said.

"Collins! I told you to wash my car! It still looks dirty!" Michael Denetti said as he came in carrying Logan Jr.

"I'm sorry sir. I will take care of that right away." I said.

"After you dust this room." Allison said.

"You also need to mop." Michael said.

"And my room is messy." Logan Jr. said.

"And don't forget the study needs cleaning." Michael added.

"And dinner must be made." Allison said.

"And my hamster needs his cage cleaned." Logan Jr. said.

"And the carpet needs to be cleaned." Allison said.

"STOP!!!" I screamed

~~~~End Dream Sequence~~~~

"STOP!!!" I screamed sitting upright in bed. No way was I going to share my son with Michael Denetti and be his butler. I needed a new girlfriend ASAP.

Alex

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When I walked in that night I was very depressed.

"Hey Alex." Dad said.

"Hey." I mumbled.

"Alex? Are you ok dear?" Mom asked.

"Yeah, dandy." I mumbled going up to my room. My mom followed.

"What's wrong?" she asked coming in my room and sitting on my bed.

"Cali broke up with me." I said softly.

"She what? Oh god...I'm so sorry Alex." Mom said hugging me.

Mom hugging me made me lose it. I hugged her back and cried. "I love her Mommy." I said. I hadn't called her

‘Mommy’ since I was like 8 and I broke my arm...guess a broken heart has the same effect.

“I know sweetheart. I know...” she said hugging me tighter. “Did she say why?”

“No. She just said we should stop seeing each other.” I said.

“There has to be a reason...maybe something upset her and when she calms down she’ll talk to you about it.” Mom said.

“I hope so. I can’t lose her. I love her so much it hurts.”

“I know sweetie. My mum once told me something that might help you. Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.”

“Meaning Cali may not know how much she loves me until she’s away from me for awhile?”

“Exactly.

“And if she doesn’t realize it?”

“Then my mum told me something else. A break up is like a broken mirror. It is better to leave it broken than hurt yourself trying to fix it.”

I sighed. “Thanks Mom.” I said hugging her.

“It’ll be ok Alex...it will be.” Mom said kissing my head.

Harley

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After I left Mel’s I went to Jay’s.

“Hey Harley, let me go get Jay for you.” LeAnn said letting me in. I went and sat down in the living room while I waited. Cam walked in.

“Nice place.” I said.

“Thanks.” Cam said.

“So when is the wedding?” I asked.

“Month and a half.” Cam said.

“Cool.” I said.

“Hey Harley!” Jay said running down the stairs.

“Hey!” I said standing up and hugging him.

“What are you doing here? Not that I’m complaining...” Jay said.

“I just wanted to see you.” I said.

“Good. Let’s go outside and sit.” Jay said.

“Ok.” I said following him.

“So what’s up?” he asked.

“My parents are going out of town.”

“Really?”

“Yeah. They’re going to Reefside for a few days to find a site for the school. I’m stuck baby sitting Felicity.”

“That doesn’t sound so bad.”

“It’s not...but it might get lonely at night.”

“Are you inviting me to spend the night?”

“Maybe...you interested?”

“You bet...I’ll tell my parents I’m staying at Tony’s or something.”

“Great. I can’t wait.” I said kissing Jay.

“Neither can I.” Jay said kissing me back.

## PRG 2-28- “Revealed”

I was walking along the shore trying to make sense of all of this. None of it made sense. Calypso loved me...I loved her. How did this happen? Why did she dump me?

I thought about everything we went through to be together. First it was insecurity. I don't know how she thought I was too good for her. She's amazing. Then she went back to KO-35 and that was hell. I missed her so much I actually snuck off to KO-35 to go see her. That caused some trouble. Then there was the Ice Kingdom thing...but it was all in the past. I thought we finally worked it out. I thought we would finally be happy. What had happened?

I was lost in thought when I noticed someone else lost in thought heading my way.

“Aaron?” I asked. He looked up.

“Alex?”

“What are you doing here?” I asked.

“Thinking. You?”

“Same. You thinking about Harley?”

“Yeah. You thinking about Cali?”

“Yeah.”

“I heard about her dumping you. That's way harsh. I'm sorry.” Aaron said.

“Thanks man. I just wish I knew why. I didn't see this coming at all.”

“I thought for sure you two would last.”

“So did I.”

“You wanna go get a burger?”

“Sure, why not.” I said following Aaron.

Tony

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“Why not?” I asked.

“Two reasons. One, I don't want you involved, and two, you're too emotionally attached to me.” Mel said.

“But Mel...”

“No buts Tony, you're not testifying and that's final. You can sit in the courtroom and watch but you aren't getting involved.” Mel said.

“She's right. It's best you don't get involved.” Tori said. I was sitting in on Mel's meeting with Tori, they were discussing strategy.

“There's no way you can lose anyway. You're loved by everyone. Your dad is the fire chief and your mom is a doctor. The whole community loves you and your parents. They'll take your word and that monster will be jailed.” I said.

“Maybe, but maybe not. We have to be ready for them to discredit Mel and her family.” Tori said.

“How? They don't have skeletons in their closet.” I said.

“Mel doesn't but how much do you know about Carter and Dana? You weren't around when they were younger.” Tori said.

“What do you know?” I asked.

“Nothing. I'm just saying, we need to ask them about anything that might hurt their reputations.” Tori said.

“My parents? No way...they've never done anything wild or anything if that's what you mean.”

“Are you sure Mel?” Tori asked.

“Well...I guess I can't be...” Mel said getting a scared look on her face. I think she was scared of losing the perfect image she had of her parents.

Harley

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“Tell me again why Aunt Kim and Uncle Tommy can't watch her...or even Uncle Blake and Aunt Tori...” I said.

“Because we asked you to. You're the one wanting to be an adult. Here's your chance to be one.” Mom said.

“Fine.” I said.

“Ok, now you have our cell numbers. If you need us call. If it’s a major emergency you can call one of your aunts or uncles. If it’s medical call Dana. She knows we’ll be gone. If there’s a monster attack leave Felicity at the Command Center. Cam and LeAnn said they’d go there and watch her. I left money for you dinner in the kitchen along with Felicity’s formula and baby food. There should be enough diapers and clothes for her. If there’s not take the credit card and get diapers. There should also be enough detergent to wash clothes if you have to. If not you can use the credit card for that too. It’s in my bottom drawer.” Mom said.

“I got it Mom. Don’t worry so much. Everything will be fine.” I said.

“She’s right Mich. We need to trust her.” Dad said.

“Ok...ok...we’ll see you in a couple of days. I love you.” Mom said hugging me.

“Be good. Love you.” Dad said hugging me.

“I love you guys too. Now go. I’ll be fine!” I said practically pushing them out.

“Finally!” I cried falling back on the sofa when they were gone. I was about to turn the TV on and relax when I heard Felicity crying. “Great...” I mumbled running to the nursery. “It’s ok Liss.” I said picking my sister up and walking with her. I almost had her back to sleep when the phone rang and woke her up again. “Great timing whoever you are.” I mumbled as I ran with Liss to the phone. “Hello?”

“Har?” Mel asked. She sounded like she’d been crying.

“Mel? Are you ok? What’s wrong?” I asked.

“I was worried my parents might have some stuff in their past that might hurt my case so I’ve been going through some stuff...”

“Oh my god...what did you find?”

“Pictures...”

“Pictures? Of what? What are you talking about Mel?”

“My mom was a...a...a...I can’t even say it...and Daddy was her...I...no...”

I strained my brain to piece this together. “Whore and pimp?” I asked joking since those were the first words that fit in the sentence she gave me. Mel cried harder. “Shit...that’s it? You’re kidding!” I cried.

“A picture is worth a thousand words Har.” Mel cried.

“Oh Mel...I’m sure there’s a good explanation for the picture. Go ask them, I’m sure they’ll explain...after you explain why you found it in the first place.” I said.

Mel sighed. “Ok...you’re right. Thanks Har.” Mel said.

“Anytime. Call back if you need me. For now I need to get Liss back to sleep.” I said.

“Ok, good luck. Thanks.” Mel said hanging up.

Mel

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Har was right. I needed to ask Mom and Daddy about this. I went in Dad’s office where he and Mom were watching TV.

“We need to talk.” I said.

“Ok. Angel, what is it?” Daddy asked turning the TV off.

“Ok, first, I’m sorry I was going through your stuff. I was trying to see if you guys had anything in your past that might discredit you. I should have just asked so I’m sorry...but I found these...” I said putting the pictures on the desk.

“Please explain to me how you two got so desperate for money that you had to sell Mom.”

Dad started laughing and Mom turned red.

“What’s so funny?” I demanded.

“Oh Mel...it’s not what you think. We never sold your mom for money sweetie. That was on Halloween. Some people we knew had a party and we went. Man, that was a long time ago. We were only dating back then.” Daddy said.

“Oh...so that was just a costume?” I asked turning red.

“Yes sweetie.” Mom said hugging me.

“As for anything in our past, I’m afraid your parents are as squeaky clean as we seem.” Dad said.

I laughed. “Oh that’s such great news.” I said hugging both my parents.

Harley

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I finally got Liss asleep and invited Jay over. I didn't know where things would go but I did know I wanted some time alone with Jay. I needed to get to know him better if I wanted to make things work with him. I was just cleaning up a bit when the doorbell rang. I went and got it.

"Hey!" I said.

"Hey Har." Jay said hugging me.

"Come on in." I said.

"Thanks." He said coming in and sitting down.

"Can I get you anything?"

"No thanks. I'm good."

"Ok." I said sitting next to him. "So you wanna watch a movie?"

"Nah."

"Ok, then what do you wanna do?"

"Is your sister sleeping?" he asked.

"Yeah." I said.

"Good." He said scooting closer to me. He leaned in and kissed me. He didn't waste anytime. I wrapped my arms around him and kissed him back. He was a really good kisser. We spent a few minutes making out before he stood up and took my hand. He picked me up and carried me to my room and put me on my bed then he sat next to me and we picked up where we left off. I felt his hands go under my shirt. I let him take my shirt off then I took his off. He started kissing other parts of my body and it really felt good. He unbuttoned my jeans and was about to put his mouth further south when I started to think. I didn't want him to be my first. I didn't love him, I wasn't even sure I liked him. I pushed him away. "Stop." I said.

"What? Why?" he asked.

"I'm not ready for this. I've never...and...I...I'm not ready." I stuttered.

"Oh Har, you're just nervous. It'll be ok. Come on." Jay said moving closer to me and pinning my arms down and kissing me again. I used my knee to push him back.

"I said stop." I repeated.

"Har...come on...don't do this. I thought you wanted me." Jay said.

"I wanted to get to know you. Not sleep with you." I said.

"But Har..."

"There are no buts...just you leaving my room."

"Har..."

"Go."

"You're just a tease...just like your mother. My dad was right about her and you're just like her." Jay said.

"GO! NOW! I'll call my Uncle Jason if you don't get your ass out of my house now!" I screamed.

"Fine. I'm going." Jay said leaving.

When he was gone I fell on my bed and cried. I finally picked up the phone and called Aunt Kim.

"Hello?" Aunt Kim answered.

"I'm so glad it's you. Can you come over?" I asked.

"Are you ok Har? Have you been crying?"

"Just please come...and don't tell Tony or Uncle Tommy."

"Ok. I'll be right there." Aunt Kim said hanging up.

A few minutes later she got there. I opened the door and hugged her and cried more.

"Har, what happened?" she asked closing the door behind her as she hugged me.

"Jay..."

"What about Jay..."

"He tried to...but I wasn't...and he said..."

"Slow down...your thoughts are ahead of your mouth. Let's sit down." She said guiding me to the sofa. We sat there.

"OK, now calm down and tell me the whole story."

"Ok, I invited Jay over here. I figured we'd just hand out but then we started making out and he took me to the bedroom and he tried to undress me because he wanted to sleep with me but I wasn't ready so I stopped him and he got so mad and started telling me stuff about how I was just like my mother and he should have listened to Cam or something." I said.

“Oh god...I’m so sorry Har.” Aunt Kim said hugging me. “You did the right thing though. You should never do anything you aren’t ready for.”

“Thanks...” I said.

“Let’s watch a happy movie together and forget all about this. We’ll pig out on ice cream and everything.” Aunt Kim said.

I smiled. “OK, thanks Aunt Kim.” I said.

“Anytime.” She said smiling.

Logan

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I had spent the day hanging out with Rocky. He was pretty cool. We had stopped at a diner for dinner before he took me home. Rocky went into the restroom and I was looking at the menu when I saw Jay come in. He didn’t look happy.

“Hey!” I waved. I figured I should make an effort to be nice to my team mates.

“Hey Rich boy.” Jay said.

“What’s wrong with you?” I asked.

“I just got teased by a girl. I thought she was gonna give me some but she backed out at the last minute.”

“Hate it when that happens.” I said fighting the urge to roll my eyes. Suddenly it clicked. “Hey, aren’t you dating Har?”

“Not anymore.”

“Was she the ‘tease’?”

“Yes.”

“What happened?”

“I tried to get some. She seemed willing but backed out so I told her off.”

“You told her off? You tried to bully her into sleeping with you?” I asked.

“Something like that. Didn’t work.”

“You asshole! Harley is a great girl and you never should have messed with her. Be glad Tony, Alex, and Aaron aren’t here or you’d be dead.” I said.

“Like I’m scared of them.”

“Oh yes Mr. I’m a Ninja. Well see if your ninja instincts see this coming.” I said as I punched him square in the jaw.

“LOGAN!” Rocky cried running over. “Why on Earth did you punch Jay?”

“Because this creep just tried to take advantage of your little girl.” I said.

“WHAT?!” Rocky cried.

“Oh no...I’m out of here.” Jay said taking off before Rocky could hit him.

I filled Rocky in on what Jay told me.

“Thanks for sticking up for her.” Rocky said.

“No problem. She’s like a sister to me too.” I said.

Rocky took me home and told my parents what happened.

“I’m sorry for fighting again but Jay needed to be taught a lesson for messing with Ha...”

“Stop right there Logan...we don’t disagree with you on this one, we’re proud of you for protecting Harley, and while we still think you’re wrong for punching Michael we are willing to lift your grounding and add a few extra chores.”

Mom said.

“Oh wow...thanks!” I said.

Michelle

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Hunter and I found the perfect piece of land for our school and had marked where we wanted everything.

“This is going to be so great.” I said happily.

“It’s going to be everything we wanted.” Hunter said kissing me.

“Just as long as we stay away from certain Reefside residences.” I said.

“What’s the deal with that anyw...”

“Don’t go there. I’m not discussing it.”

“Ok...ok...”

“I hope Har and Liss are ok.”

“I’m sure they’re fine.”

Harley

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Aunt Kim and I were watching a movie when the doorbell rang. I went to get it.

“Daddy!” I said hugging him.

“I heard what happened. Are you ok Princess?”

“How did you hear?”

“Jay came in the diner Logan and I were at and started mouthing off to Logan about it. Logan punched him.”

“Logan did? Wow...” I said.

“Are you ok?”

“I’m fine Daddy.”

“You want me to stay here with you and Felicity tonight?”

“No thank you. Aunt Kim is here. Everything is fine now. Thanks Daddy.” I said.

“Ok...I just wanted to check on you. I’ll see you tomorrow. Good night Princess.”

“Goodnight Daddy.” I said closing the door. I went back to watch more of the movie.

Alex

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I went back to the beach that night and was heading for the shore when I saw someone sitting there already. It was Cali!

I went and sat next to her.

“Alex...” she said in shock.

“Cal...please, I have to know why. Please tell me.”

“Alex...please just trust me on this.”

“No. I love you and I thought you loved me.”

“I do!”

“Then why did you dump me? I don’t understand. I need you.”

“I’m wrong for you.”

“You’re everything I ever wanted.”

“No I’m not. I messed up so bad Alex...you’d never forgive me if you knew what I did.”

I was taken aback. “What you’ve done? What did you do? Please tell me...please...”

“No...I can’t.”

“Cali, I need to know something! Give me a reason...something. I don’t understand any of this...please...just tell me.” I begged.

“You wanna know? Fine. I’ll tell you.” She started crying. “I wanted you to be my first so bad...I’m so sorry...”

“What? Cali? What are you talking about?”

“I slept with Frost.”

## PRG 2-29- "A Frosty Demise"

"You what?" I asked. I had to be hearing things.

"I'm sorry Alex...I didn't know what I was doing...but I still messed things up...goodbye Alex." Calypso said getting up and walking away. I should have stopped her but I was in too much shock to do anything but stare into the distance.

Calypso, my Calypso, has lost her virginity to Prince Frost of the Ice Kingdom. Of all people it was Frost...he would pay for this...he would pay for making me lose the love of my life. I needed a plan but when I had one I would end Frost's miserable existence once and for all...

Harley

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"Shh, Liss, shhh...Mom and Dad will be home in a couple of hours." I said as I walked my crying sister around the house. I really wanted to go to my room and curl up. I was so angry at Jay and I didn't know how to channel all that anger. This was so not good for team relations. "Never date Liss. Take it from your big sister, boys are nothing but trouble." I said as continued to try to calm my sister.

A couple of hours later, Felicity was asleep and my parent got home.

"Hey guys! How did the trip go?" I asked.

"Very well. Building is going to start within the next month." Dad said.

"That's great."

"So how did things go here?" Mom asked.

"Eh...ok."

"That doesn't sound positive." Dad said.

"Well...I kinda invited Jay over and he kind tried to sleep with me and when I turned him down he kinda got pissed and said stuff about Cam being right and me being just like mom." I said. I saw fire flare up in my Dad's eyes. Seriously. I'm not even kidding. I had never seen my father look so infuriated.

"Are you ok?" he asked hugging me.

"I'm fine. Really." I said.

"Ok. Then I'll be back later." Dad said walking out of the house.

"I hope he doesn't do anything stupid..." Mom said.

"Me too..." I said.

"Are you sure you're ok? Jay didn't hurt you did he?" Mom asked checking me over.

"I'm fine Mom. Really. I'm fine. I got him away from me before he could do anything." I said.

"Ok...is Liss sleeping?"

"Yes."

"Let's go to the kitchen and have some tea...we can talk about why Jay was here in the first place..."

I groaned. "OK."

Jay

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I was in the front yard working on a kata when Uncle Hunter pulled up and bolted for me.

"Jay Omino-Watanabe you better have a damn good reason for trying to pressure my daughter into bed and insulting my wife." Uncle Hunter said grabbing me by the collar. Logan Collins was one thing. I could kill him if I wanted. Uncle Hunter on the other hand...he could kill me...I was seriously scared...too scared to speak. That's when Mom came running out.

"Hunter! What are you doing?! Let Jay go!" Mom cried.

Uncle Hunter let me go and looked at Mom.

"You son tried to take advantage of my daughter!" he cried.

"What?!" Mom cried.

"He tried to get Harley into bed and when she refused he insulted Michelle and Harley." He said.

"Jay, is this true?" Mom asked.

I looked down. I knew lying would be smart but I also knew you couldn't lie to a ninja master. Mom and Uncle Hunter both fell under that title. "Yes ma'am" I said softly.

"I don't believe this...I should let Hunter do what he wants with you. You certainly deserve it!" Mom said.

"MOM!" I cried.

"But I won't...get your ass in the house and to your room and make yourself comfortable because you're not leaving again for a very long time." Mom said.

"Yes ma'am." I said going inside.

Alex

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Cali spent the last week of school avoiding me...I had given some thought and I decided I didn't care if she slept with Frost...I had to get her back. I loved her. Then junior prom happened. I didn't actually go but Mel did and Tony filled me in the next day at the Juice Bar.

"It was insane. I don't know what got into Cali. She showed up with Jeff Richter and they were on the dance floor all night...well until Mr. Brooks caught them grinding 2 times and asked them to leave. They left together and about an hour later Mel called Cali's to see if she was ok...Karone said Cali hadn't gotten home yet. At 2 am Karone called Mel because Cali still hadn't got him. Finally this morning around 9 Zhane called Carter and told him Cali was home safely." Tony explained.

"Damn it...she slept with Jeff..." I said.

"Maybe not...Jeff didn't take her home. Steve Elmore did." Mel said sitting down with us.

"What?!" I cried.

"Steve took her home?" Tony asked.

"Yes." Mel said.

"Did she sleep with Steve or Jeff?" Tony asked.

"Both." Aaron said joining us.

"WHAT?!" I cried.

"I overheard her talking to Ally. She slept with both and she's grounded for staying out all night." Aaron said.

"NO! God! How can this be?!" I cried.

"I'm so sorry Alex." Mel said.

"Me too." I said getting up and leaving. I had to get out of there. I felt like my world was caving in around me. So much for love. I had really lost Cali for good.

Mel

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The trial was three days away from starting and as each hour passed I got more nervous...this whole thing with Alex wasn't helping either.

"I feel horrible for Alex." I said.

"I know. So do I. I wonder what's gotten into Cali." Tony said.

"I don't know. I'm worried about her." Aaron said.

"I'm worried about the trial." I said.

"Three days right?" Aaron asked.

"Three days." I confirmed.

"You'll be fine." Aaron said.

"Thank Aar." I said as our communicators beeped. We went and found a clearing.

"Yes?" Tony asked.

"Rangers, report to the Command Center immediately. There is team business to discuss." Zordon said.

We looked at each other.

"I wonder what that is about." I said.

"Let's go find out." Tony said as we teleported. We got there a few seconds before Alex. Alex looked at Cali with sadness and went to the other side of the room. Everyone was there, except Jay. "What's wrong Zordon?" Tony asked.

“Rangers, I just wanted to inform you all that Jay will no longer be fighting with the team.” Zordon said.  
“What? Why?” Tony asked.  
“Because he has shown behavior unworthy of a Ranger.” Zordon said.  
“He has shown behavior unworthy of a ninja.” LeAnn said coming in the room.  
“It is up to Harley if she wishes to tell you exactly what happened. That is her place. Not ours.” Zordon said.  
“Some of us already know...” Logan mumbled.  
“It’s ok. I’ll tell you.” Harley said as she filled us in. I looked over at Tony. He looked furious.  
“I’ll kill him.” Tony said.  
“No, Tony, don’t...just leave him.” Harley said.  
Alex looked equally as furious. “I have some place to be.” He said teleporting out.

Alex

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“Genesis Evolution!” I cried as I approached the Ice Palace. I didn’t need a plan. I needed action and I needed it yesterday. It was time for Frost to pay for messing up my life. I went in the Palace. Luckily it wasn’t heavily guarded so getting past the Flurries wasn’t hard. I finally got to Frost’s quarters. I listened at the door. He seemed to be alone. I looked through the keyhole. Sure enough. He was at the window looking out. I kicked through the door and aimed the staff at Frost. “You will pay for messing with my life!” I cried as I fired at him. He wasn’t prepared for the attack so it hit him straight on, sending him flying through the 12th story window. He grabbed on to the ledge. I ran over and saw him dangling on the edge. He was holding on for dear life.
“I’m sorry Alex...please help me. You’re a Ranger, you can’t let me die.” Frost said.
I gave this some thought. Tony would probably save Frost. I took both of Frost’s hands.
“Thank you Alex...I knew you wouldn’t let me die. You’re a good man. A Ranger would let someone die.” Frost said.
In that moment I knew what I had to do, right or wrong, “This one would.” I said throwing Frost from the balcony. He screamed as he plunged to the icy ground. When he landed he wasn’t moving. He was dead...I killed Frost. I turned and walked out of the Palace. I got out without being seen and headed home.

Cali

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After the team meeting I went home and back to my room. I was grounded for a very long time.

Ok I know you probably hate me as much as Alex does but let me explain my side of things.

When I remembered about sleeping with Frost I felt like my world ended and I knew that I would never be good enough for Alex but I knew he wouldn’t let go easy so I went and slept with Steve and Jeff knowing it would get back to Alex and he might grow to hate me and move on to someone more worthy of his love. I know, it doesn’t make sense to you but to me it worked out perfectly in my head.

Anyway, I fell on my bed and started to cry more. I still loved Alex so much and it hurt so badly to let him go, but I had to, he deserved someone better than me.

Alex

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I got home. I was very emotionally shot when I went inside.
“Alex? Sweetheart, what’s wrong? You look horrible.” Mom cried running to me.
I stood there in a daze.
“Alex? What happened?” Dad asked standing at Mom’s side.
“I killed him.” I whispered.
“What?” Mom asked.
“Frost. I killed him.” I whispered again.
“That’s a good thing, right?” Mom asked.
“Maybe...Alex you didn’t...” Dad started.
“I did...I broke the number one code of Rangering...I killed in cold blood, not self defense. I staged a sneak attack and

killed him in cold blood.” I said. I finally broke and sank to my knees and started crying. “I didn’t mean to...I just hurt so much...losing Cali...I love her...and Frost...this was his fault...he’s caused so much trouble...he had to pay...I killed him.”

“Oh god...Alex...” Mom said sinking to her knees and hugging me.

“I’m going to talk to Zordon. Stay put.” Dad said teleporting.

“I’m sorry Mommy...I’m so sorry.” I cried as I leaned on my Mom for support.

“It’s ok sweetie...Frost was evil. He had to be destroyed. It had to be done. Everything will be ok.” Mom said stroking my hair.

Jay

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I was laying in my room when Mom came in.

“Ok, Zordon told everyone, you are not to go anywhere near the Rangers period.” She said.

“I got it already.” I snapped.

“If you’d Ranger I can send you back to Thousand Oaks for the summer. I’m sure Grandpa and Haley could use the help.” Mom said.

“Please do. I’d rather be anywhere but here.” I said.

“Fine then. Start packing. You leave in the morning.” Mom said.

“Thank you.” I said as I started packing my stuff. I had enough of Angel Grove and if I never came back her that was just fine with me.

## PRG 2-30 “The Trial Part 1: Taking a Stand”

“You can do this Mel...it’ll be ok.” I said to my reflection as I buttoned my white blouse. I was wearing a pink ankle length skirt with it. I slipped on my white flat pumps and then put a pink headband on. I finished with some light pink lip gloss and looked at my reflection again. “I can do this.” I said again as there was a knock on my door. “Come in.” I said.

Harley walked in wearing black dress pants with a black top, black flat pumps, and a purple blazer. She was actually dressed up.

“Wow. You look good.” I said.

“Thanks.” She said.

“So, what are you doing here?” I asked.

“My dad wanted to be here when you left for the court house. We all are gonna go together I think.” Harley said.

“Oh, ok. Cool.” I said.

“Are you ok?” Harley asked.

“I’m as ok as I’m gonna get.” I replied.

“Ok...well let’s get going. Don’t wanna be late.” Harley said.

“Alright.” I said following her down the stairs. Tony was downstairs waiting with his parents. He looked so nice, dressed up in a grey suit with white shirt. “Hey sweetie.” I said kissing Tony.

“You ok?” he asked holding me.

“Like I told Har, I’m as ok as I’m gonna get. Now let’s go.” I said.

“Ok, you heard the girl, let’s move.” Daddy said as we all left. It took two cars but we all got there.

We finally got to the court house. There was press everywhere. This was a big case for Angel Grove. Michelle took care of them though. She was used to dealing with the press so she talked to them while everyone else got me inside. When we got in I saw more of my friends. Lindsey was there already with Nick and his parents. I figured Lindsey’s parents were actually in the court room. Tori was probably preparing for the trial to start.

“Hey guys!” I said hugging Lindsey.

“Hey Mel...how you holding up?” Lindsey asked.

“Pretty well I guess.” I said, “Hey, love that skirt.” I added looking at the blue shin length skirt she wore with matching blue top.

“Thanks. Your skirt is great too.” She said.

“Nick, you look nice too.” I said noticing his tan pants and black polo shirt. Then I saw a sight I never thought I’d see. Allison Kay walked in wearing a yellow dress! It was knee length and very pretty. Aaron was by her side wearing black pants and a green polo shirt. “Oh my god! Someone take a picture! Allison is wearing a dress!” I cried in mock shock. Allison smiled. “Yeah, yeah...only for you Mel.” She said hugging me.

“You look good.” I said.

“How you doing?” Aaron asked hugging me.

“Good as I can be.” I said hugging him back.

“Everything is gonna be ok.” Aaron said.

“Yeah. I know.” I said, “Do you know if Alex or Cali are going to be here?” I asked.

“No. I haven’t heard from either of them.” Tony said.

“Neither have I.” Aaron said.

“What about Logan?” I asked.

“Sorry, sorry, I’m here. My mom was pressing my shirt...sorry.” Logan said. He had on black pants with a red button up shirt.

“Logan!” I cried.

“Glad you could make it...oh...and by the way...thanks.” Harley said hugging Logan.

“You’re welcome and I’m sorry about what I said. Friends?” Logan said.

“Friends.” Harley said smiling.

“Hey Mel.” Logan said hugging me.

“I’m so glad you’re here.” I said hugging him.

“I wouldn’t miss it.” He said hugging me tight. I was so lucky to have so many friends. And it was so weird seeing them all dressed up.

“Neither would I.” Cali said walking up to me and hugging me. She had on a simple black skirt and light gray shirt. She didn’t quite look herself either.

“Cal! Are you ok?” I asked hugging her.

“I’m fine. I think the better question is are you ok?” she asked.

“I’ll be fine.” I said. Everyone else looked as worried as I did.

“I guess Alex isn’t coming. We should go inside.” Logan said.

“He’s on his way.” Kat said walking up.

“Oh, ok.” I said.

“He’s with his father. He’ll meet you guys inside.” Kat said.

“Ok, let’s go in then.” Tony said.

“Mel!” Hunter called.

I turned around. “Yeah?”

“Can I talk to you alone for a second?” he asked.

“Sure.” I said, “Go ahead guys.” I said shooping my friends inside.

“Yes?” I asked when Hunter and I were alone.

“I just want you to know that even though these next few days will be very hard you are doing the right thing. You have a lot of support and I will be there for you every step of the way. It’ll all work out. You have a lot of courage to do this Mel and I know all of us are very proud of you.” Hunter said.

I smiled. “Thank you Hunter.” I said hugging him.

“Now let’s get in there.” He said as we went in the courtroom. Alex, wearing gray pants and a yellow polo shirt, had joined the rest of my friends. I went and sat with Tori. I admit I felt stronger with all my friends and all their parents there (I even noticed Rocky sitting with the parents). The only one missing was Jay and that maybe for the best.

“You ready?” Tori asked.

“As ready as I’ll be.” I said.

The trial started finally.

Jay

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I had just finished packing. My trip back to Thousand Oaks had been delayed because my grandfather didn’t want me there. He said I should stay here and fulfill my Ranger duties. Mom finally convinced him to let me go back. I sat on my bed thinking. Mel’s trial was starting today. She had always been the one person who treated me nice. She didn’t deserve to have that creep do that...

Wait a second...didn’t I do something similar? Ok I didn’t rape Har but I did try to push her into something she wasn’t ready for...I was almost as bad as that creep who raped Mel!

What a shocking realization to make. I couldn’t leave! I had to be there for Mel and I had to make things right with Harley. I pulled out a green polo shirt and my black dress pants and got dressed. As I ran downstairs I heard Mom call to me.

“Where do you think you’re going?” she asked.

“Mel needs me and I have to fix things. I know I messed up.” I called behind me, not stopping.

By the time I got to the courthouse the trial had started so they said I couldn’t go in until they took a recess. I agreed and sat outside the courtroom to wait.

Mel

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After the opening statements, which were hard to hear in themselves, I was called to the stand. Since I was one of the two eye witnesses my testimony was most important.

“The state calls Melody Grayson to the stand.” Tori said. I walked to the stand. “Do you promise to tell the truth, the

whole truth, and nothing but the truth?”

“I do.” I replied.

“Please state your name for the court.”

“Melody Grayson.”

“Melody Grayson, please tell the court in your own words what happened the afternoon of September 29<sup>th</sup>.”

“Ok, I was in Mr. Johnson’s classroom working on grading like I had been for a week before. That day he started to come on to me.”

“In what way?”

“He asked me if my boyfriend and I had, had sex yet because he couldn’t see someone pretty as me being a virgin.”

“What happened after that?”

“I told him I couldn’t work after school anymore, that would be my last day.”

“How did he react to that?”

“He said I might want to reconsider that and then he locked the door and grabbed my wrist. I tried to fight him off, he didn’t seem to be expecting that, so he grabbed my hair and slammed me against the wall then he handcuffed my...” I paused and took a breath to hold back tears, “...he handcuffed my hands above my head and then fastened the cuffs to the desk. He pinned my legs down and ripped off my clothes.” I paused and took another breath.

“And then what happened Melody?” Tori coaxed.

I took another breath but the tears would stay back anymore. “And then he took off his clothes and forced my legs apart and forced himself into me. When I screamed he slapped me and told me to shut up.” I was crying freely now.

“One more question, what happened after it was over?”

“He told me I better not tell my parents or my boyfriend because they would think I was a slut and my boyfriend would leave me for cheating on him.”

“No further questions.” Tori said.

“Does the defense have any questions?” the judge asked.

“Yes sir. Melody, you say Mr. Johnson raped you, but why? He was a respected teacher. Why were you helping him after school anyway?” the defense attorney asked.

“Because he said he needed someone to help grade and I thought being a TA would look good on my college applications.” I said as I took control of my tears again.

“Is it possible things didn’t happen as you say?”

“No.”

“So it’s not possible you took the job to get closer to Mr. Johnson?”

“No.”

“Are you sure Melody? We’ve all had crushes on teachers in our life. Some of us even act on them and when the affection is not returned we get vindictive and make up wild stories for revenge.”

“What? But it really...” I started.

“Objection your honor!” Tori called.

“Sustained. Please stick to the facts presented.” The Judge said.

“No further questions at this time.”

“Melody, you may step down.” The judge said.

I went back and took my seat.

“I’m calling a recess. We’ll reconvene in 15 minutes.” The judge said banging his gavel.

I stood up and walked over to my friends. I fell into Tony’s arms and cried.

“It’s ok Mel. You did great.” Tony said as my parents walked over. I could tell both of them had been crying. I went over to them and they both hugged me.

“We’re very proud of you Mel.” Daddy said.

“Very, very proud.” Mom said.

“You were great.” I heard Hunter say. I turned around and hugged him tight.

“I know that was very hard but you did good.” Hunter said hugging me.

“Thank you Hunter.” I said.

“We are very proud of you Mel” a familiar voice said. I looked up.

“Uncle Ryan! Crystal!” I cried running and hugging my uncle. “Aunt Haley!” I added noticing her. I hugged her then Crystal.

“I’m so sorry Mel.” Crystal said hugging me tight.

“What are you guys doing here?!” I asked.

“We’re family and family is there for each other in hard times.” Crystal said.

I smiled. “Thanks Crys.” I said hugging her again.

“Anytime...oh and all the others send their best wishes. They wished they could be here too.” Crystal said.

“It’s enough to know they care.” I said.

“Are you ok Mel?” I heard another voice say. I turned around. It was Jay!

“You came!” I cried hugging him.

“Of course. I wouldn’t miss it.” Jay said hugging me back. I noticed the others, namely Alex, Logan, Harley, Aaron and Tony, glaring at him. “Harley, can we talk after this?”

“I have nothing to say to you.” Harley said.

“So let me talk.” Jay pleaded.

“Ugh, fine.” Harley agreed.

“I’m going to get some water, anyone want anything?” Allison asked.

“No thanks.” Aaron said for everyone.

Allison

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I had to get away from all that drama. Hearing what happened to Mel was so hard. I had never actually heard the full story and it was horrible. Mel of all people didn’t deserve that. I was walking around the court house when I saw a familiar face.

“Allison?” the guy asked.

“Mike?” I asked. It was the guy that was driving the car that crashed that night at the club.

“Yeah...”

“What are you doing here?”

“I’m on trial.”

“For what?!” I cried.

“Vehicular manslaughter.”

“What?!” I cried.

“The person driving the car we hit was killed.”

I felt the color drain from my face. “W-what?!”

“It was a 19 year old college student. She was on her way home from college for a visit.”

“N-no...no.” I said.

“So I’m facing several years in prison.”

I didn’t respond. I just turned and ran the other direction. I had never felt so guilty and just all around horrible in my life. If I had insisted we call a cab that girl would still be alive. I helped kill that girl...I was a murderer...

PRG 2-31: “The Trial Part 2: Surprise Witness”

“Where’s Ally?” Aaron asked.

“She said she was going to get water but that was 10 minutes ago.” Harley said.

“I’ll go find her.” Cali said.

“Thanks.” Aaron said.

“No worries.” Cali said walking out.

“So, Mom, do you have anymore witnesses?” Lindsey asked.

“One.” Tori said.

“Who?” Crystal asked.

“You’ll see.” Tori said.

“Aunt Haley, why didn’t you tell me you were coming?” Harley asked.

“Yeah you could have said something!” Lindsey asked.

“I’m sorry girls. We wanted to surprise Mel.” Aunt Haley said. Ok so she wasn’t my official aunt yet but close enough.

“It’s great to see you sis.” Hunter said.

“Yeah, you never call.” Blake added.

“Sorry guys. It’s been busy. Moving and everything.” Haley said.

“So when’s the wedding?” Michelle asked.

“March of next year.” Haley said.

“Awesome!” Lindsey cried.

“So we’ll be official cousins Mel!” Harley cried.

I smiled. Harley and Lindsey would be my cousins when Uncle Ryan married Haley...that was pretty cool.

Cali

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I searched all over the court house and finally found Ally.

“Ally! Are you ok?” I asked. She looked like she’d been crying.

“No!” she cried.

I ran to her and hugged her. “What happened?”

“I’m a murderer!” she cried.

“What?!”

“In that accident I was in...when I was drunk...”

“Yeah, that guy you met at the club was driving.”

“Yeah, well the car we hit...the girl that was driving that car...she died...” Ally cried.

“Oh my god...” I said speechless. I hugged Allison tighter.

“I’m a murderer...” she said again.

“No you’re not! You weren’t even driving. If it hadn’t been you in the car it would have been someone else. It’s that guy’s fault!” I said.

“No, I should have insisted we take a cab or something.”

“Like he would have listened. If you said that he would have picked up some other chick instead. There’s nothing you could have done!” I cried.

“But...”

“No buts Ally...I know this is hard but it is so not your fault. Now Mel needs us, the trial is about to start back up.”

Ally sighed. “Ok, fine.” She said wiping her eyes. We stood up and headed back to the court room.

“Hey Ally, you ok?” Aaron asked.

“Fine.” Ally said as we all sat back down.

Mel

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The trial started back up again. I was curious as to who the other witness was. Tori hadn’t even told me.

“The state calls Amber Denetti to the stand.” Tori said.

I heard my friends gasp in shock. I did too. Amber was a sophomore at AGU and the older sister to a certain Michael Denetti who had been causing chaos in Logan's life, not to mention bad mouthing all of us. I had no clue how Amber could help my case but I trusted Tori.

"Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?" Tori asked.

"I do." Amber replied.

"Please state your name for the court."

"Amber Denetti."

"Please, Ms. Denetti, tell us why you're here."

"When I heard about this case I felt enormous guilt."

"Why's that?"

"Because this never should have happened. Mr. Johnson did the same thing to me 3 years ago and I never reported it. If I had then Melody never would have gone through it." Amber said.

Again my friends gasped. My jaw dropped.

"Please tell us exactly what happened to you Ms. Denetti." Tori said.

"Objection your honor...not relevant to this case." The defense attorney said.

"Yes it is your honor. It shows that my client is not the first child this man has raped."

"I'll allow it but be brief Ms. Bradley."

"Yes your honor." Tori said, "Please tell us your story."

"I was helping him after school one day. I was leaning over the desk reading a paper when he...Mr. Johnson...came up behind me and pushed me on the desk. He tied my arms and legs to the desk and ripped off my clothes and raped me. My little sister was a freshman at the time and he told me as long as I kept it a secret he wouldn't do the same to her so I kept my mouth shut." Amber said crying by the time she finished.

"Did he keep his promise?"

"No. He tried to do the same to her but she managed to get away and tell me. I went to him and told him if he ever touched her again I'd go to the cops. After that he left her alone."

"No further questions."

"The defense had no questions for this witness."

"You may step down Ms. Denetti."

"The state rests your honor."

"Very well Ms. Bradley. Mr. Thomas." The judge said looking at the defense lawyer.

"Thank you your honor. The defense calls Mr. Robert Johnson to the stand. Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you god?"

"I do."

"Please state your name for the court."

"Robert Johnson."

"Please tell us your version of what happened on September 19th."

"Gladly. Melody Grayson was helping me grade papers as she said but that's where the truth ends. She started making remarks to me about how she liked older men and always found me distinguished and attractive. I reminded her I was her teacher and that was inappropriate behavior. She got angry and told me I shouldn't turn her down. I told her I was flattered but I couldn't be anymore to her than her teacher. She left the room very angry and then months later she started making these wild accusations."

I couldn't believe he lied like that. I started softly crying.

"Mr. Johnson, this isn't the first student to come on to a teacher and make threats is it?" Mr. Thomas continued.

"No. Not all incidents get reported though. Melody's best friend, Harlyn Bradley, tried to come on to my former colleague, Mr. Dustin Brooks."

I gasped. 'God no, don't let them drag Harley into this' I prayed.

“Objection your honor! Other teachers and students are not part of this case!” Tori called.
“Your honor, just as Ms. Denetti’s testimony was relevant so it this.” Mr. Thomas argued.
“I’ll allow it with in reason, be careful where you go with this Mr. Thomas.”
“Yes your honor.”

“Mr. Johnson, can you explain Ms. Denetti’s accusations?” Mr. Thomas continued.
“Same situation. Ms. Denetti had a crush on me but when I told her no she became angry. She threatened to make these accusations. I begged her not to and she agreed for the time.”
“No further questions.”

“Ms. Bradley?” the judge asked.
“Yes your honor. Mr. Johnson, you will notice, that although other students are known to hit on their teachers they don’t accuse them of rape. Why would Melody, who is known, through her records, for being a good student and citizen, accuse you of rape when she already has a boyfriend she loves?”
“Your guess is as good as mine. I don’t understand these kids sometimes.”
“Are you aware of the penalty for perjury?”
“Yes, you should remind your client of that Ms. Bradley.”
“Why? She doesn’t need to be. Mr. Johnson, are you expecting us to believe you’re so desirable that two of your students would be out for such revenge as to ruin your life?”
“That’s a question for them not me.”
“No further questions.”
“You may step down Mr. Johnson. Next witness.”

“The defense calls Ms. Harlyn DeSantos-Bradley to the stand.” Mr. Thomas said.
Again we all gasped and Harley looked to be in shock.
“Objection your honor! That witness is not on the witness list and she is not relevant to this case!” Tori said.
“Please your honor. I have a purpose.”
“Ms. DeSantos-Bradley, do you agree to this?” the judge asked.
“If she doesn’t I will find a way to get a subpoena.” Mr. Thomas said.
“I...guess so...” Harley said standing up and taking the stand.
“Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?”
“I do.”
“Please state your name.”
“Harlyn Nicole DeSantos-Bradley.”
“Ok, Ms. Bradley, what is your relationship with Ms. Grayson?”
“I’m her best friend and almost cousin.”
“Almost cousin?”
“Yes, her uncle is going to marry my aunt. It’s so cool. We’ve always been like family but now we’re really gonna be family...it’s so rocks.”
“Right...so you’d say you’re pretty close?”
“Oh totally. She’s like the sister I never had...except now I have a sister, but she’s still like a sister to me.” Harley was obviously nervous. She was gibbering.
“Yes. Would you say you two are alike?”
“Oh god, not at all. We’re total opposites. I mean you can look at how we dress and tell how different we are.”
“Please tell us what happened with you and Mr. Dustin Brooks.”
“Um, can I plead the 5th? It’s kinda embarrassing.”
“I don’t see how this line of questioning is relevant your honor.” Tori spoke up.
“If Ms. Bradley will answer the question the other Ms. Bradley will see.” Mr. Thomas said.
“You can plead the 5th Ms. Bradley, but it would be better if you answer the question.” The judge said.
“OK...fine...I kinda thought I had a crush on Mr. Brooks so I made a pass at him. It was really stupid though. I wasn’t myself when I did it.”
“Why did you do it?”
“Great, how is Har gonna swing thing without talking about the scroll that sent her back in time?” I wondered to myself.

"I did it for a lot of reasons. Mostly it was hurt. I had found out not long before that my father wasn't really my father. My mother had lied to me for 15 years about it. After the truth about that came out my father left my mother and she married my birth father and he got her pregnant again. To top it off my boyfriend broke up with me. My world was changing too fast for me to keep up and I just lost it. I made a pass at Mr. Brooks because he's been a family friend for a very long time and I felt safe with him. I needed to feel safe. It was stupid and wrong but I can't undo it. I really don't see what this has to do with Mr. Johnson raping Mel though. She loves my cousin Tony and I haven't even seen her look at another guy since he moved to town almost two years ago." Harley said.

"Way to go Har" I thought to myself. She totally ruined Mr. Thomas' plan to discredit me. It was obvious by the look on both his and Tori's face.

"No further questions." Mr. Thomas said.

"No questions." Tori said.

"You may step down Ms. Bradley."

"The defense would like to recall Ms. Melody Grayson to the stand"

"You are still under oath Ms. Grayson." The judge reminded me.

"Yes your honor." I said.

"Ms. Grayson, you claim my client raped you. He claims you are out for revenge because of a school girl crush. These stories seem to conflict, wouldn't you say?" Mr. Thomas started.

"Yes sir I would."

"As your best friend said you love your boyfriend a lot don't you?"

"Yes, I love Tony with my whole heart and soul."

"And you would do anything to keep him."

"What are you getting at?"

"If you thought your hitting on Mr. Johnson might get back to Tony wouldn't you cry rape to make yourself look like the victim so he wouldn't leave you?"

"No, that's not what happened!"

"Isn't it? If you had a crush on a teacher that went too far what better way to cover it up than to cry rape. Your boyfriend would never leave you if you were raped."

"No! He raped me! I'm not making this up!"

"Of course not. You would never do that! You have a perfect reputation. Everyone will believe whatever you say... that's what you were counting on isn't it?"

"What? I..." I couldn't speak. He was calling me a liar! I started to cry. "He raped me. I told you the whole story. That's what happened." I finally got out very softly.

"That's one version anyway. No further questions."

"You may step down."

I went back to my seat.

"The defense rests."

"We will take a 30 minute recess before closing arguments." The judge said dismissing us.

This time I didn't move from my seat. I sat there, my knees hugged to my chest, sobbing.

PRG 2-32: "The Trial Part 3: The Verdict"

"Mel!" Tony cried running to me. He wrapped his arms around me.
"I'm so sorry I dragged you into this." I cried.
"Don't worry about it. It's fine." He said holding me.
"I promise you, I didn't make this up...I wouldn't..."
"I know sweetie...I know that." He said as my parents walked over to me too.

Harley

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OK so that whole getting on the stand thing was not fun. It was a shock and it was embarrassing.  
"So you find my husband attractive do you?" Marah asked.  
"I'm so sorry." I said.  
"I have a feeling there's a bit more too this than you said." Marah said.  
"There is but it's Ranger related so I couldn't exactly say it on the stand." I whispered.  
"Understood." Marah said.  
I sighed.  
"Young lady..." I heard my mom say. I turned around and there stood all three of my parents.  
"Uh-oh..." I said.  
"Uh-oh is right...we need to talk." Daddy said.  
"Now?" I asked.  
"Now." Dad said.

Allison

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Soon as I could I bolted from the courtroom and headed to Mike's courtroom. Everyone was filing out.
"What happened?" I asked a cop that was at the door.
"The case is over."
"What happened?" I asked.
"The guy was found guilty."
"What was his punishment?"
"4 years in state prison."
I gasped.
"You ok Miss?"
"Fine...thank you." I said taking off. I was running when I ran right smack into my dad.
"Slow down there. What's wrong?" he asked.
"Mike...that guy from the club...he was just convicted of vehicular manslaughter." I said.
"What?" Dad asked.
"He...the girl in the car we hit...she died."
"Oh my god..."
"It was my fault too...I'm a murder Daddy..." I cried.
"No you're not. Don't ever say that." He said hugging me.
"But I am." I whispered.

Alex

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Sitting in a courtroom with Cali was more than I could take. I walked over to her during the recess.  
"Cali, please talk to me."  
"There's nothing to say Alex."  
"Did you really sleep with Steve and Jeff?"  
"Yes."

“Why?”

“Um, cause I felt like it. Uh-duh!”

“Cal, what’s gotten into you?”

“I’m sick of being tied down Alex. I’m young still. I wanna have fun.”

“I thought we were having fun together.”

“We were, but it’s over now. Just deal with it.” Cali said walking away.

I sighed.

“You ok?” Mom asked.

“Like a broken mirror huh? Maybe it’s time to find a new mirror after all.” I said walking away.

Harley

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After explaining things to my parents they understood but told me I should apologize to Marah and they also advised I don’t take anymore scrolls from Cam. We sat through the closing statements and then got another recess while the jury was out making their decision. I was out looking for Marah when Jay found me.

“Har, can we talk?”

“Ok.” I said.

“First of all I’m sorry. You’re an amazing girl and I totally took advantage of that. I should have respected you enough to stop when you said stop. I’m not much better than Mr. Johnson I suppose. I realize how lucky I was to have you and I’m hoping you can forgive me and maybe even give me another chance...”

I looked in his eyes. He seemed so sincere.

I did like him and everyone makes mistakes...I should know. I smiled. “OK...one more chance, but if you mess up again I’m gonna have to kick your ass.”

“Yes ma’am.” Jay said pulling me into his arms. We kissed.

Aaron

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I was about to go ask Harley out when I heard her and Jay talking around the corner.

“...and I’m hoping you can forgive me and maybe even give me another chance...” Jay begged.

‘Don’t do it Har...please...’ I thought to myself as I peeked around the corner.

“OK...one more chance, but if you mess up again I’m gonna have to kick your ass.” She said.

“Yes ma’am.” Jay said pulling her into his arms. They kissed.

‘Perfect...blew it again’. I thought to myself as I saw Cali run past. I ran after her. I finally caught her leaning against a wall and crying. “Cal?” I asked.

“Aaron!” she jumped and wiped her eyes.

“What’s wrong?” I asked.

“Nothing...just lots of emotion in there.” She said.

“Riiight...talk to me Cal...”

“I miss Alex.” She cried more.

“Well that’s easy to fix. He misses you too.”

“No, I can’t go back to him.”

“Why?”

“Because...I can’t...”

“Why? Because of Steve and Jeff?”

“And Frost...”

“What?”

Cali went on to tell me about sleeping with Frost and why she broke up with Alex.

I hugged her. “Cal, he still loves you...don’t make both of you miserable...go back to him.”

She shook her head. “I can’t. He’ll be better off in the long run. I know it.”

I sighed. “OK...if you really think so.”

Logan

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I was getting a drink of water when someone came up behind me.

“Collins...”

I turned around. It was Michael. He had a nice bandage job on his nose thanks to my breaking it. “What?”

“I’m sorry about everything. I shouldn’t have tormented you or your friends...I had no idea that my sister was...I...I’m just sorry...” he said.

I nodded. Guess he didn’t like how it felt when someone messed with his family. “Don’t worry about it. It’s forgotten.”

“Thanks man...see you at the tennis courts some time?”

“Maybe.” I said walking away.

Lindsey

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“Mom, why didn’t you do something to keep Harley off the stand?” I asked.

“I couldn’t Lindsey. I tried.” Mom said.

“Just back off and let your mom do her job.” Nick said pulling me back.

“Everything is getting so messed up. Everyone is so sad. I can feel it.” I said.

“It’s a sad event here.” Crystal said walking up.

“Hey, how’s Aurora?” I asked.

“Fine. Still happy with Steven. They’re both attending TCU now.” Crystal said.

“That’s great.” I said.

“How are you guys...except for all this obviously...” Crystal asked.

“Good. Nick and I are happy.” I said.

“Still can’t believe a bad guy turned good. That’s pretty amazing. You should be proud Nick.” Crystal said.

Nick smiled. “Thanks. I am. And I couldn’t have done it without Lindsey.”

“It was nice of you to come for the trial.” I said.

“I had to come. I couldn’t let my cousin go through this without me. I know I was horrible to her last time I was here but I do love her a lot.” She said.

“She knows that.” I said.

“Hey guys? Where is everyone? The jury is coming back.” Nick said.

“Already? No. It’s only been 2 hours. How can they be back already?” I asked.

“We should get the others.” Crystal said helping us round everyone up. We got everyone back in and court was called to session as the jury was about to announce their verdict.

Mel

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I was incredibly nervous as the jury started to read their decision. I had asked Hunter to sit right behind me. I needed his support no matter what the decision was. I loved my Dad and all but this was one time I didn’t need a parent. Hunter knew what I was feeling right now and it was nice to know I wasn’t alone. It was time. I reached back for Hunter’s hand and squeezed it.

“Has the jury reached a decision?” the judge asked.

“We have your honor.” The jury speaker said.

“What is your decision?”

“We the jury, find the defendant, Robert Johnson, guilty of one account of rape of a minor. We seek a penalty of 7 years imprisonment.”

“Thank you for your time and effort jury. Robert Johnson you are hereby sentenced to 7 years in a state prison. This case is dismissed.”

I let out a deep breath. I won...he was going to jail. I jumped up and hugged Hunter and cried.

“It’s over. It’s really over. He’d going to pay.”

“Yes he is. You did it Mel. You really did it. Now he can’t hurt anyone else.” Hunter said hugging me tight.

“I couldn’t have done this without you. I wouldn’t have even come forward without you. Thank you for everything

Hunter.” I said.

“Anytime.” He said.

“You’re gonna help a lot of kids at that school of yours. They don’t know it yet but which ever kids end up there are going to be very lucky.”

“Thanks Mel.” He said

After everyone hugged and cried we all went out to dinner to celebrate. It was a total blast and for the first time since this all happened I really felt free again.

After dinner I went home and got into my pajamas and got in bed.

“Mel?” Dad asked knocking.

“Come in.” I said.

He came in and sat on my bed. “We’re really proud of you sweetie. You were really strong today.”

“Thanks.”

“Are you ok?”

“I’m great. Just exhausted.”

“I bet you are. You get some sleep Angel. Goodnight.”

“Goodnight Daddy.

PRG 2-33: "An Icy Predicament"

"Alex, are you ok sweetie?" Mom asked.

"I miss her." I said.

"I know you do dear. I know..."

"It doesn't feel right to go on a date."

"But you have to at some point."

"I know...and Jenna is a very nice girl..."

"But she isn't Cali."

"Exactly."

"Remember, like a broken mirror..." Mom said.

I sighed. "Like a broken mirror."

"Just try to have fun." Mom said as she left me alone.

I was getting ready for a date with Jenna Masters. She was a girl from school that Logan set me up with. I wasn't sure about this dating thing but I figured I had to sooner or later.

"OK, I'm leaving." I said.

"Try to have fun." Dad said.

"I will." I said leaving to go pick up Jenna. I got to her house and rang the bell.

"Hello Mrs. Masters. I'm here to pick up Jenna."

"Oh yes, Alex Scott, come on in." Mrs. Masters said.

"Thank you." I said entering the house.

"You must be Alex Scott. Your dad is quite a legend in town. I hope you have the same morals." Mr. Masters said.

"Yes sir, my father raised me with the same morals and values he has." I said.

"Very well, then I have no worries about Jenna going out with you."

"Thank you sir." I said as Jenna came down.

"Daddy, don't give Alex the 3rd degree. Let's go Alex." Jenna said pulling me out of the house. We went to a movie then dinner.

"I've been hoping to go out with you for a long time." Jenna said.

"Really?" I asked.

"Yeah. Every girl at AGH wants to go out with you, but that surfer chick beat us to it."

"Cali."

"Yeah her. Never made any sense. You two are from different worlds. No shock it didn't work." Jenna said.

I nodded for the sake of agreement. "Yeah, no surprise."

"Dinner was great...you wanna go for a walk in the park?"

"Why not." I said as I paid the bill and led her to the park.

"So where do you want to go to college?" she asked.

"I don't know yet. You?"

"UCLA. Awesome school and great parties."

"Yeah, parties are what I look for in a school." I said sarcastically.

"Me too! That's so cool." Jenna said, obviously not catching the sarcasm.

"Yeah, right...so Logan said you're a friend of his?"

"Yeah, country club buddies. You should hang out with us there sometime. You'd love it."

"I'm sure I would." I mumbled as we got surrounded by Flurries.

Jenna screamed.

"Great, just what I needed." I mumbled. I fought off the Flurries. "Run Jenna, get out of here!" I cried.

"But Alex, what about you?"

"Don't worry about me! My dad's a police officer, remember? I can handle myself. Get back to the Juice Bar and stay put. If I'm not there in 20 minutes call your parents to get you." I called to her as I continued to fight.

"Ok..." she agreed running away as I told her.

“OK, enough of this. Genesis Evolution!” I cried.

I used my staff to continue battle. I finally got rid of the Flurries and Ice showed up with Frostine.

“Nice work Gold Ranger. Now that you’re good and tired take us on. It’s time you paid for murdering our brother.” Ice said.

“Yeah, it’s like so over for you.” Frostine said.

“Frostine dear?” Ice said.

“Yeah?”

“Shut up.” Ice said as she sent out more Flurries and attacked herself. Before I could react they had me trapped in some sort of Ice Dome. It was really, really cold. Next thing I knew I was back at the Ice Palace, still in the dome.

Tony

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I was eating dinner with Mel when Cam called us to the Command Center. We all got there, except Alex.

“Um, where’s Alex?” I asked.

“That’s why you’re here. He’s in serious danger.” Zordon said.

“Oh god...what happened?” Cali asked.

“Like you care.” Harley mumbled.

“Don’t start.” Aaron said.

“Just b....”

“Stop it, let Zordon talk.” I said.

“Thank you Tony...I hadn’t told any of you yet, due to the trial I didn’t think you needed the stress, but Alex planned on telling you tomorrow. He killed Frost.” Zordon said.

“WHAT?!” we all cried.

“He didn’t...” Cali said.

“He did. He snuck into the Ice Palace and killed Frost in an unprovoked attack. It was in cold blood. I decided not to strip him of his powers for it but it was against Ranger code. However, Ice and Frostine, in an effort to avenge their brother’s death, have kidnapped Alex. He is trapped in the Ice Palace inside an Ice Dome. Even with his Ranger powers protecting him he will eventually freeze to death if we don’t get him out.” Zordon explained.

“NO!” Cali cried.

We all looked at her.

“He can’t die guys! We have to save him! We have to get in the Palace.” Cali said.

“That’s the problem. They’ve formed a force field around the palace now. Until I can break through you can’t get in.” Cam said.

“Oh god...” Cali said. Aaron hugged her.

“Cam, you have to find a way in.” I said.

“In the meantime it looks like Ice left a present. We have an abominable snow monster in the park.” Cam said.

“We’re on it. Let’s go guys.” I said, “Ready?”

“Ready.” They all replied.

“Genesis Evolution!” we cried.

“OK, I’ve heard of snowmen, this is insane.” Lindsey said looking at the giant snow creature.

“Let’s take this guy out and get Alex.” Cali said.

“With you. Let’s do it.” I said.

We all pulled our weapons and attacked.

“Dude, this monster is intense!” Harley cried as she was thrown into a tree. She landed with a thump.

“Har!” I called.

“I’m ok.” She said getting up.

“Ok, I’ve seriously had enough of ice monsters.” Allison said.

“Then let’s get rid of this one.” Mel said.

We all tried to attack and were thrown back.

“Ok, that worked well.” Nick said sarcastically.

“Any other ideas? We can’t exactly form the Genesis Blaster without Alex.” Allison said.

“Good point...” Lindsey said.

“I have a plan...keep him busy. Mel, need your help.” Harley said taking Mel and running off.

Harley

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“So what’s your plan?” Mel asked running beside me.

“We need a large fire source and we need it yesterday.” I said.

“Ok, thoughts?” Mel asked.

“What’s hotter than anything else?” I asked.

“The sun.”

“Ok think Earth Mel.”

“Oh, ok...um...what?”

“Boiling tar! We’re gonna tar and melt that monster.” I said.

“Very good idea...um, where are we gotta get a tar truck?”

“Trust me.” I said as we ran into a construction store. “Good evening sir, the Pink Ranger and I were wondering if we could borrow one of your tar trucks to fight a monster.” I said.

“Oh my, the Purple Ranger! Of course, of course. Here’s the keys.” The man said handing me the keys.

“Thank you very much. We’ll have it back in no time.” I said taking Mel and getting in the truck. We headed back to the battle.

“So why did you need me? It wasn’t to get the truck.” Mel said.

“Yeah...um...you’re the bait...climb on the tar tank when we get closer. You need to get the monster to the truck.”

“WHAT?! Har you’re insane! You can’t be serious?!”

“I’m totally serious.” I said.

“Oh god...fine...” she finally agreed.

“OK you heard the girl, keep him busy.” I said.

Nick started using his ninja skills to distract the monster.

“Hey, over here!” Nick called holding up his sword. The monster went for Nick and he disappeared into a tree.

“I didn’t know he was a real ninja...” Allison said.

“He isn’t. He’s been trained but not in the way a ninja student has. Nick only knows ninja basics which is why he doesn’t use his skills often.” Lindsey explained as we watched Nick lead the monster on a merry chase.

“Hey snow dude, over here...” Nick called.

“Dude? He’s been spending too much time with his dad.” Aaron said.

“Nick move!” Lindsey cried.

“I...dude I can’t...” Nick said.

“He’s worn himself out.” Cali said.

“Nick run!” Lindsey cried.

“I...can’t.” Nick said falling to his knees as the monster hovered over him.

“NICK!!!” Lindsey screamed as the monster was about to strike.

PRG 2-34: “Silver and Gold Reunited”

“NICK!!!!” Lindsey cried as the monster moved in. “NO!!!”

“Hey Ice Man, pick on someone your own size!” a voice called. It was Jay! He was morphed and he ninja streaked to the monster and knocked him back with his saber.

“Jay?” Allison asked.

“I know I’m not supposed to be here but it looked like you guys needed some help.” Jay said.

“Thank you Jay.” Lindsey said as we heard a honking sound.

“Hey, Ice Creature! Over here. Come and get me!” Mel called. She was standing on top of a tar tank.

“MEL! What are you doing?!” I screamed. The monster stood up and went straight for her. “MEL!!!” I called.

“Come on Ice Monster. Right here...I’m right here.” Mel coaxed. The monster jumped for her and she jumped off the tank, landing in a roll on the ground. The monster fell into the tar pit and melted.

“MEL!” I cried running to her. “Are you ok sweetie?”

“I’m fine. Thanks.” Mel said as I helped her up.

“Nice work guys.” Nick said.

“Are you ok Nick?” Lindsey asked.

“I’m fine.” Nick said.

Of course the monster grew.

“OK guys, it’s Zord time.” Harley said.

“Oh yeah, it’s been awhile since we got to break out the Zords.” Allison said.

“Then let’s do it. We need Genesis Zord Power now!” I called.

“Oh yeah, I’ve missed this.” Nick said as we each got in the cockpit of our respective Zords.

“Let’s do this.” Harley said.

“With ya Har.” Mel said.

“Stop goofing around. We gotta take out the Ice Guy and get back Alex.” Cali said.

“She’s right. Focus.” I said.

“Right, right.” They said.

We took out the monster with our lasers and went back to the Command Center.

“Any luck Cam?” Cali asked.

“Not yet.” Cam said.

“What do you care anyway? You’re the one who broke his heart, remember?” Harley said.

“Har don’t...” I said.

“She’s right Tony. I did. I broke his heart and it was a mistake. If he dies I’ll never forgive myself.” Cali said walking to the back room.

Cali

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You haven’t a clue how horrible I was feeling. I had messed up so bad. I loved Alex so much and if he died he would die thinking I didn’t love him anymore. That was so not true. I loved him with every ounce of my being. He is the only one I could ever love. Somehow I’d get him back and make this up to him. Somehow I’d right the wrongs I had done... somehow...

I remembered when Alex and I first started dating. I couldn’t believe someone like that would ever even give me a second look, much less fall in love with me...but he did. Alex loved me. He had proven that to me time and time again and I just threw it back in his face...god I was such a horrible person! I’d give anything for one more chance with him.

I sat against the wall and started to cry. “God Alex, I’m so sorry. I won’t let you die...I’ll get you back and I’ll find a way to make all of this up to you...I will.” I whispered. I wasn’t gonna wait anymore. I was gonna get in and get Alex back.

“Back to action!” I cried as I teleported myself to the outside of the Ice Palace. Now getting in. That was the trick. It was obviously an invisible electric force field...electric anything could be shorted out with metal.

“Galaxy Glider! Hang ten!” I cried. My glider showed up and I flew it into the force field and held it there until it blew and sent me flying backwards. “Ugh, mega ouch.” I moaned getting up. I was lucky I hadn’t been fried but now I could get it. I ran into the Ice Palace and began my search for Alex as I fought off Flurries.

Tony

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“The force field broke...” Cam said.

“You did it?” I asked.

“No...I didn’t...but someone did...let me get a visual...” Cam said.

“Cali?!” Lindsey cried when we saw her on screen.

“She’s gone in alone! What’s she thinking?! She’s gonna get herself killed!” Aaron cried.

“We have to go help her.” Allison said.

“Ok Rangers, let’s move out. Back to action!” I called.

We got to the Ice Palace and moved in.

“Ok split up. Mel, Jay, Logan, and Aaron you’re with me. Allison, Lindsey, and Nick, you’re with Harley.” I commanded.

“Ok. Let’s do it.” Harley said taking her team.

I took my team and we were blockaded by Flurries. We used our laser guns to blast them.

“Good work guys. We gotta find Cali and Alex...hurry, we don’t know how much time Alex has left.” I said.

Harley

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I was leading my team around the Ice Palace. I was trying to remember where everything was from the time I had spent there when we were attacked.

“Ok guys, Genesis blasters on full power.” I said. It worked. “Nice. Let’s keep moving. Alex is counting on us.”

“So is Cali.” Allison said.

“Right, so is Cali.” I said.

“Does any of this look familiar?” Nick asked.

“I’m thinking. He’s gotta be close. They wouldn’t have put him just anywhere.” I said.

“We have to work fast or Alex is gonna be a Ranger popsicle forever.” Lindsey said.

“Way to look on the bright side.” Allison said.

“She’s right though. We have to move faster.” I said.

Cali

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I kept looking. Finally I saw something. I ran over. It was a huge ice dome and Alex was trapped inside.

“Alex! Oh god...I’ll get you out...” I said

“Not if I have anything to say about it.” Ice said coming up behind me.

“Ice...you’ll pay for this.” I said taking a fighting stance.

“Oh? Will I really? Says who? You?”

“Yes.” I said pulling my weapon. “Fin Blade full power!” I called attacking.

“You’re boyfriend killed my brother, he must pay for that.” Ice said fighting me.

“Your brother ruined my life.”

“All he did was love you.”

“None of you know what love is because you have no heart. You’re ice creatures. All you know is control.”

“We know enough. I know your boyfriend must die.”

“NO!” I cried attacking with more force. “I won’t let Alex die!”

“Then you will die too.”

“No. I’ll save Alex and we will have a life together again. I won’t mess up again. I’ll beg him to forgive me and we will

finally be happy. Now get the hell out of my way. I'm tired of people standing in the way of my happiness!" I screamed as I hit her full force. As I did my blade also hit the ice dome making crack and break. Ice disappeared and Alex fell to the ground. I ran to his side. His skin was ice cold. "Alex, please...wake up...wake up baby." I said as I brushed my hand in his hair.

Harley

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"They've got to be around here somewhere." I said.

"What if Ice got Cali too?" Allison asked.

"Then we're in trouble." I said.

"Cali's too smart to get captured." Lindsey said.

"I hope you're right." I said as we continued walking. We finally came to Cali. She had her helmet off and was crying over Alex, who was lying in her lap. "Alex!" I cried as we ran over.

"Is he?" Lindsey asked.

"He's not waking up...I think I was too late." Cali said crying.

"No...he can't be..." I said about to cry myself.

"Let's get him back to the Command Center. Maybe Cam can save him." Nick said.

"Good idea." I said holding up my communicator, "Tony, we've got them, report back to the Command Center. I repeat, report back to the Command Center."

"I read Har, we'll meet you there." Tony replied.

"Ok let's move." I said as we teleported.

When we got back we took Alex to sick bay where Cam worked on him. He was able to keep him alive but we still didn't know if he'd wake up.

Cali

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I sat next to Alex's bed holding his hand all night.

"I'm so sorry baby. I never should have left you. We could have worked things out. I should have had more faith in us. I should have had more faith in your love for me. I see now that I was wrong. Please wake up my love. I need to tell you all this and I need to know you'll forgive me. I can't lose you...I just can't. What we hav...what we had was so special.

I want that back. I need that back to be whole. You complete me and I know I complete you. God...I should have listened to you. Why do you always have to be right? We do belong together." I said crying as I put my head on his chest. "Please wake up...for me...please..." I said as memories flooded my mind of all the wonderful times we had together. "God Alex...please wake up...I love you." I whispered as I felt him move. "Alex?"

"I love you too." He whispered weakly.

I smiled. "Alex! God I'm so glad you're ok...can you ever forgive me?" I asked.

"Yes...just as long as I have you back I can forgive anything." He said as he sat up carefully and pulled me into his arms. I smiled and kissed him passionately.

"I think he's gonna be ok." Nick said. All our friends were standing in the doorway watching.

"Hey, private moment here." I said mock glaring.

"Ok guys...let's give them some space." Tony said.

"But...this is the good part..." Harley said.

"Come on guys...move." Mel said helping Tony herd them out.

A couple of days later Alex was back on his feet and we were walking together in the park.

"I was an idiot." I said.

"Yeah you were, but I love you anyway." Alex said.

"Thanks babe...seriously...just so you know I didn't care about Steve or Jeff." I said.

"I know. I didn't care about Jenna...she was actually quite annoying."

"I could have told you that." I said.

"Yeah well...doesn't matter I have you back." He said picking me up and spinning me. He set me back down and kissed me. I kissed him back.

"I'm so sorry about everything I did." I said softly.

“Don’t worry about it. I knew you’d come to your senses sooner or later.” He said squeezing my hand.

“You did? How?”

“Because of something my mom told me.”

“What’s that?” I asked.

“Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.”

I smiled and kissed him. Truer words had never been spoken.

PRG 2-35: "New Loves"

"Aaron, come on...we need to go!" Allison called.

"I'm coming!" I called. Allison and I had planned to go help out at the town fair with a few of our friends. Logan said his parents were expecting surprise visitors. I went downstairs. "OK let's go." I said following Allison out. We got to the fair and found the others, everyone was there, minus Harley and Jay.

"So who's your parents' secret guest?" Mel asked.

"I don't know but I'm worried. They wouldn't tell me because they didn't want me to not come to the fair." Logan said.

"Looks like we'll find out soon. There's the Collins limo." Lindsey pointed.

"How bad could it be?" Allison asked.

"Who knows with my parents?" Logan said as we watched the limo door open. It was just Jen.

"Psych...Wes is coming in the other limo with our guests." She said.

"Mom, just tell me who's coming." Logan asked.

"No. You will see when they get here." Jen said.

"Anyone know where Har is?" Mel asked.

"Yeah, she said she'll be here later. She and Jay are baby sitting Felicity." Tony said.

"Are we sure that's a good idea after last time?" Logan asked.

"Oh I think that Jay knows better than to mess with Har now." Tony said.

"I hope so." I mumbled.

Harley

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"I can't do it Har." Jay said.

"You're ready for this." I said.

"No, I'm not sure I am." Jay said.

"But you are. Please Jay. I need you to do this." I said.

"I'm just not sure I can."

"Of course you can...just take it off and do it."

"Ok...I'm gonna do it."

"Don't talk about it, just do it."

"God, I can't Har. I'm sorry."

"Jay, it's a dirty diaper, not a bomb. I'm trying to fix her lunch. I need you to take diaper duty." I said.

"Ok...ok..." Jay said as he started to change her diaper. "I would so rather be at the fair."

"Join the club. Soon as my parents get home we can go." I said.

"When do you expect them back?"

"Half an hour or so." I said

"Ok..."

"I know I wanna go too. I wanna see who the Collins' surprise visitor is." I said.

"I don't think it's gonna be a big deal. I think they just don't want Logan to find out." Jay said.

"Yeah, but I wanna be there when Logan does find out...if they didn't want Logan to know there's a reason and I want to see what that reason is."

"You just like drama."

"I'm a girl. You expected less?"

"Good point."

### Logan

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I sat and wondered who this secret visitor was and how worried I should be. I seriously had no clue who it could be... but my parents took great pains to hide it from me.

"Logan, you ok?" Lindsey asked.

"Fine...just nervous." I said.

"I'm sure it'll be fine." Lindsey said patting my shoulder.

“Yeah, you’re right.” I said as Harley and Jay walked over.
“So did we miss the unveiling of the visitor?” Harley asked.
“Not yet.” I said.
“Good, good.” Harley said going to help the others.
“But I think you made it just in time...” I said as I saw my dad’s limo pull up. I felt lots of butterflies in my stomach. My friends gathered around as the limo door opened.

My dad got out first, followed by a red head girl I hadn’t seen before...was that the surprise? Someone else got out... another red head I hadn’t seen before...what was going on? Finally I saw the reason my parents kept this a secret. The last person stepped from the limo. It was Kristy!

Yes Kristy Myers was standing right in front of me. I wanted to bolt right then but my feet wouldn’t move. I was stuck.
“Hey guys.” Dad said. “You all know Kristy but I don’t think you’ve met these girls. That’s Stacy Fernandez and her sister Anna McKnight.”
“Nice to meet you. I’ve heard so much about you.” Stacy said.
“It’s nice to meet you.” I said confused as to why these girls were here.
“Stacy and Anna are the children of vets too.” Dad said.
Ok that made a bit more sense.
“We’ll explain more when we’re not in such an open space.” Stacy said.
“Understood.” Tony said.
“Welcome to Angel Grove!” Mel said happily.
“It’s great to see you again Kristy.” Lindsey said.
“Thanks.” Kristy said. She seemed to be keeping her distance from the group.
“It is nice to see you again Kristy.” I said.
“I wish I could say the same about you Logan.” She replied.
“I think we should talk.”
“I don’t know what there is to say.”
“Please...”
“We can talk later.”
“Ok.” I agreed.

We all did our part to help at the fair then went back to the Command Center afterwards so Stacy could tell us their story.

“There came a time that the Neo Rangers couldn’t handle Acacia so they used the Armand Crystal to form two new power sources. The Green and Yellow Neo Rangers. I became Green and I had my sister come and live with me while she took the power of Yellow.” Stacy explained.
“And Kristy invited Stacy to come here with her and when I found out my sister was gonna be close I decided to come and see her.” Anna said.
“So which veteran Rangers are your parents?” Lindsey asked.
“Kira McKnight is our mother but we have different fathers. Trent Fernandez is my father.” Stacy said.
“And Conner McKnight is my dad.” Anna said.
“Kira had one child with each man?” Harley asked.
“No. One with Trent and two with my father, whom she’s still married to. I have an older brother. He was too busy to come visit.” Anna explained.
“So what are you doing here Kristy?” Cali asked.
“Well I’m going to Silver Hills Military Academy in the fall and Mom and Dad said I should come here for a vacation before I go.” Kristy said.
“Why here?” I asked.
“Because they don’t realize I’m still furious with you.” Kristy said.
“Kristy...”
“Sorry guys...I need some time alone.” Kristy said leaving. I went after her.

Aaron

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“Man...always drama with Logan.” I said trying to lighten the mood. Allison was looking glum...and normally I’d come up with some way to cheer her up but these new comers had my attention.

“So, you guys hungry?” I asked.

“Actually I am.” Anna said.

“Well I know a great place if you wanna go.” I said.

“Sounds good, why don’t we all go?” Anna suggested.

“Fine with me.” Stacy said as we all went to the Juice Bar. We sat down and ordered.

“So, Anna, how old are you?” I asked.

“16. I’m going to be junior this year.” She said.

“Really? Cool, I’m gonna be a senior.” I said smiling.

“Cool!” She said.

“So what are your hobbies?” I asked

“Hang gliding...pretty much anything in the air.”

“Oh my god, then I so have the perfect thing for you after we eat.” I said smiling.

“Stacy, where are you going to school?” Harley asked.

“Turtle Cove U.”

“What’s your major?” Lindsey asked.

“Graphic design.” Stacy said.

“Cool. That’s like the stuff in those old Shrek movies right?” Mel asked.

“Yeah, just like that...except we’ve come a long way since those movies came out.” Stacy said.

“Awesome!” Lindsey said.

We all talked awhile more then I took Anna to a secluded area of the park.

“Ok you ready for this?” I asked.

“What is ‘this’?” she asked.

I smiled. “Galaxy Glider, hang ten!” I cried as my glider came to me. I got on and zoomed around a bit.

“Oh my god! That’s amazing!” Anna cried with a smile.

“Want a ride?” I asked bringing the glider down enough for her to get on with me.

“Sure!” she said. I helped her on and stood behind her. We took the glider on a ride.

“This is so cool! I love it!” Anna said.

“Thought you might.” I said.

“Can I try alone?” she asked.

“Sure.” I said bringing the glider down. I got off. “Be careful.”

“Ok.” Anna said. She was doing very well for awhile, then she got distracted and lost her balance and fell.

“ANNA!” I cried running to catch her. She fell right on top of me, knocking me down. I looked up in her eyes.

“Thanks for breaking my fall.” She said.

“Anytime.” I said as I kissed her. There was something about this girl...I felt in a way I hadn’t felt since Harley. I loved it and I wasn’t gonna waste time questioning it. She returned my kiss.

Logan  
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“Kristy, please, let me talk.” I said.

“Fine. You have two minutes and I’m gone.” She said.

“OK. First off I’m sorry I hurt you and I’m every sorrier it ruined our friendship. I hope someday you can forgive me and try to be my friend again.”

“I was wrong. I do have something to say to you. Why? Why did you kiss me? And what did it mean? Was it just for fun or did it actually mean something to you?”

“Kristy...I...honestly, I don’t know what I felt...I didn’t expect to feel anything but I did feel something and I got very confused.”

“Logan, it meant something to me. I thought maybe I finally had a chance with someone I really cared about...but you lied to me...you hurt me so much.”

“I know Kristy and I wish I could make that up to you.”

“How many times has Allison gotten this speech?”

"I admit I did try to get Allison back but that's over...way over. She's moved on and so have I...please Kristy...I want to know what I felt that night."

"What are you saying? Do you want me to let you kiss me again?"

"Well...that would be a nice start to figuring things out."

"And if I told you no?" she asked softly.

"Then I'd have to do it anyway." I said putting my hand behind her head and bringing her face to mine. I kissed her. She resisted at first but finally gave in. We kissed for the longest time before it broke.

"So what did you feel?" she asked.

"The greatest love I've ever known." I said.

"Me too...but Logan...I can't get hurt again." She said.

"I know I messed up but please give me a chance to make it right..."

"How?"

"Let me be your boyfriend."

"But I'm moving to Washington..."

"We'll find a way to work it out. Long distance can work. We'll make it work...please..." I pleaded.

She smiled. "You have one shot Mr. Collins. Blow it and I'll make you pay for the rest of your life."

"Ma'am, yes ma'am." I said saluting her.

"Come here." She said kissing me.

Aaron

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Anna and I spent the evening hanging around the park together. It was great. We talked, we laughed, we sat there in silence staring at each other. It was...for lack of a better term...magical. We were laying my lake and Anna was resting her head on my chest.

"Anna, I've never felt this way about someone before." I said and I brushed her hair with my hand.

"I feel the same..."

"I know you live in Reefside but..."

"Long distance relationship?"

"Yeah."

"We can try."

"Good...because I think it could work...it's not that far." I said.

Anna smiled. "10 hours or so, not far at all." She teased as she kissed me.

I had finally done it...I found someone to make me forget about Harley...for the first time in months I felt like I could breathe again.

## PRG 2-36- "Bittersweet Goodbyes"

"Good morning family." I said as I breezed into the kitchen. I felt like I was walking on a cloud.

"Aaron? Are you ok?" Allison asked.

"Yes twin of mine I am spectacular." I said as I grabbed a glass of juice.

"Aaron, are you high on something?" Mom asked checking my pupils.

"Only on love." I said with a dreamy sigh.

"Love? No wonder you're acting like a love sick school girl." Allison said.

"Allison, don't start." Dad said. "So you and Harley fixed things?"

"No, not Harley. That's history. I've found someone that is everything Harley isn't." I said.

"Who is she then?" Allison asked in shock.

"Anna McKnight." I said

"Anna?! But you've known her for a day!" Allison cried.

"It was love at first sight." I said.

"Nothing can work out with you two." Allison said.

"Sure it can. She's my girlfriend."

"Already?! You work fast."

"She lives in Reefside. It's not that far."

"Half a day's drive."

"Allison, stop. Let your brother be happy." Mom said.

"Fine." Allison mumbled.

"If you'll excuse me, I'm meeting Anna for breakfast at the diner." I said leaving the house.

Logan

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Knock, knock

No answer.

Knock, knock

No answer.

"Kristy! Wake up!" I called through her door. She and her friends were all staying at my house.

"I'm awake." She mumbled opening the door. She was dressed in red sports pants with a red tank top. Her hair was messy but she was beautiful.

"Good morning." I said.

She smiled. "Good morning." She said as I pulled her into my arms and kissed her.

"Good morning ki...oh, I see you made up nicely." Dad said.

Kristy pulled away from me and blushed. "Morning Mr. Collins."

"I didn't mean to interrupt. Don't let Jen catch you guys though, she won't be as understanding." Dad said leaving us alone.

"He's right. You want to go get some breakfast?" I asked.

"Sure. Let me get dressed real quick." Kristy said.

"Can I watch?" I teased.

"Logan Collins! You go wait downstairs. Now!" she commanded with a smile.

"Ma'am, yes ma'am." I said saluting her.

"You know that's gonna get old." She said laughing as she went in her room and closed the door.

I went downstairs and saw my dad.

"So what's between you and Kristy?" Dad asked.

"She's my girlfriend." I said.

"You're serious? Be careful Logan. Don't hurt her again." Dad warned.

"I won't. Never again. I love her." I said.

"I hope so Logan, I really hope so."

A few minutes later Kristy came downstairs wearing jeans and a red baseball jersey. Her hair was pulled back. My

country club ‘friends’ would laugh if they saw her. I smiled because I didn’t care. She was the most beautiful girl in the world.

“We’re going to get breakfast. See you later Dad.” I said as Kristy and I left. We walked to the café and when we got there we saw Aaron and Anna there, looking pretty cozy too. “Guess we’re not the only Rangers who found love.” “Guess not.” She said smiling at her team mate. “Hey guys! Over here.” Anna called as she spotted us. “Let’s go sit with them.” Kristy said. “Ok...” I said hoping it wouldn’t be weird. Aaron and I hadn’t been best friends...or even regular friends...for quite sometime. “Hey guys.” I said as we sat. “Hey...looks like you two made up.” Aaron said. “Yeah...we did...looks like you’re over Harley...” I said. “I am.” Aaron said smiling and kissing Anna. “Kristy, it was a great idea to come here.” Anna said. “Yeah, I just hope your sister doesn’t kill me.” Kristy said. “I was bound to fall in love sometime.” Anna said. “Doesn’t mean she still won’t kill me.” Kristy said. “Well, it took you and Logan long enough to work things out.” Anna said. “How did you know we would?” I asked. “Because Kristy talks about you all the time. She pretended to hate you but anyone could see she was really in love.” Anna said. “Stuff it McKnight.” Kristy said. “Sorry.” Anna said with a pained look. I figured Kristy had kicked her under the table.

Harley

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“Come on Lissy, you can do it.” I said. “She’ll do it when she’s ready. Don’t push it.” Mom said. “But she’s 9 months old.” I said. I was trying to get my baby sister to walk. “Yes, and most babies walk anywhere from 9 to 16 months. She’s not behind on anything.” Mom said. “But I want her to walk.” I said. “Sorry Har...she doesn’t develop on your time table.” Mom said as Dad walked in. “Hey.” Dad said coming in and kissing Mom. “What’s going on?” “She’s trying to get Felicity to walk.” Mom said. “She’ll walk when she’s ready to walk.” Dad said. “Fine...I’ll leave her alone.” I said getting up. “If you want to spend time with your sister you are welcomed to give her a bath.” Mom said. “Ugh...fine.” I mumbled. “Thank you Harley.” Dad said. “You’re welcome.” I mumbled back. I picked up Felicity and took her to the tub.

After Felicity’s bath I put her to bed and went back to the living room.

“OK, all taken care of.” I said. “Thank you.” Mom said. I nodded. “Your other dad is coming over.” Dad said. “Why?” I asked. “I don’t know.” Dad said. “Oh, ok...” I said.

Allison

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I was sitting in my room when the phone rang.

“Hello?” I asked, picking it up.
“Allison?” a familiar voice asked.
“Jenny?” I asked.
“Yes.” The voice of the new cheer captain said.
“Hey! What can I do for you?”
“Well I needed to ask you something. I’ve been talking to the girls and we think you’ve paid enough for your crimes. It’s going to be senior year after all, and if you want back on the squad we’ll let you on Varsity, not as a captain or co-captain of course, but you can be a squad member.” Jenny said.
“Are you serious?! I’d love too! Thank you so much!” I cried.
“You’re welcome. So we’ll see you at summer practices? They start in a week.” Jenny said.
“Of course! See you then!” I said.
“Ok, great to have you back Kay. See you then.” Jenny said hanging up.
“YES!!!” I cried as I hung up the phone and jumped on my bed with glee.
“Allison?! What’s going on?!” Mom asked running in my room.
“I’m back on the squad! I’m back on the squad! They took me back!” I screamed.
“You’re kidding! That’s great!” Mom cried pulling me off the bed and hugging me.

We finally calmed down and sat on the bed.
“I didn’t even know you tried out.” Mom said.
“I didn’t want to tell anyone just in case they told me no.” I said.
“I can understand that. I’m so proud of you sweetie.” Mom said.
“Where’s Dad? I wanna tell him.” I said.
“He’s in the workshop. Where else?”
“OK.” I said getting up and running down to the workshop. “Dad!” I called.
“Yeah Ally?” Dad asked.
“I did it! I’m back on the squad!” I cried.
“That’s great sweetie.” Dad said hugging me.
“Thanks...oh my god...I’m out of practice...I need to work on my back flips...”
“I think you get practice as a Ranger.”
“That’s different...”
“OK, well get your mom to spot you.”
“Ok. I will.” I said running in to get my mom.

Aaron

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After breakfast Anna and I went for a walk in the park. She would be going home that night and so we were spending every spare moment we had together. As we walked we saw Nick, Lindsey, Stacy, and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks having a picnic.  
“Hey guys.” I said.  
“Hey Aaron, hey Anna.” Lindsey said.  
“You work fast.” Nick said high fiving me.  
“Thanks man...thank.” I said rolling my eyes.  
“What?” Stacy asked.  
“Aaron is my boyfriend Stace, isn’t that great?” Anna asked.  
“Hmm, I guess so.” Stacy said carefully.  
“Oh just be happy for me.” Anna said.  
“Sister?” Marah asked  
“Oh yeah, you guys haven’t met. Anna, these are Nick’s parents, Dustin and Marah Brooks.” Stacy said, “And this is my sister, Anna McKnight.”  
“Nice to meet you.” Anna said shaking their hands.  
“Likewise...McKnight...as is Conner McKnight?” Dustin asked.  
“Yeah, he’s my dad. You knew him?” Anna asked.  
“Yeah, we...um, ‘worked’ together, if you get what I’m saying.” Dustin said.  
“As in veteran work?” Anna asked.

"Yeah, your sister tells me you were on a team yourself...I see yellow on you...are you a fellow yellow?" Dustin asked with a smile.

"Why yes I am...wait, you're THE Dustin Brooks...the first male yellow...I've heard about you." Anna said.

"I have a legacy?" Dustin asked.

"Well, Sensei Clarke talked about you a lot." Anna said.

"Ah, Shane...the holder of my legacy. I've made it now." Dustin said sarcastically.

"He spoke highly of you." Anna said.

"We should get going." I said.

"Oh, you're right. I'm leaving town tonight so Aaron and I are trying to spend as much time together as humanly possible." Anna said.

"Have fun. It was nice meeting you Anna." Dustin said.

"Nice meeting you." Anna said.

"Be careful guys." Stacy called behind us as we walked away.

"Man, for an older guy Dustin is hot!" Anna said.

"Oh no..." I mumbled. First Harley, now Anna...what was it with my girls and Dustin?!

"Don't worry Aar. I'm not into older guys...at least not that much older. One year older is good." She said kissing me.

"Then I'm your guy." I said kissing her.

"Yes you are." She said as I pulled her in my arms and held her. "I never thought I could fall in love so fast." She said softly.

"I know...but it happened. I love you Anna."

"I love you too Aaron...I wish I didn't have to go."

"Then don't."

"I have to. My family is in Reefside. I can't leave them again."

"Then promise me you will call or e-mail everyday?"

"I promise...everyday. Where are you going to college?"

"I don't know yet. I was thinking about KO-35 but...I have a reason to stay on Earth now."

"Yes, you do..." she said kissing me as we continued our walk.

Harley

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The doorbell rang and I ran to get it.

"Daddy!" I said hugging him.

"Hey Princess." He said hugging me.

"So what's up?" I asked.

"I just came to tell you goodbye."

"Goodbye?"

"I'm going back to Blue Bay Harbor."

"Why?" I asked.

"Because...I only stayed because I didn't really trust Hunter's parenting skills but after seeing him with you and with Felicity I think he'll be fine. I can go be a Dad from afar...it will be less confusing for everyone that way."

"But Daddy...I love you...don't go again..." I pleaded.

"Oh Princess, I love you too...and I'll always be here if you need me."

"OK...if you have to...be careful."

"I will...and Hunter...take care of her."

"Of course...thanks for your trust...it really does mean a lot." Dad said as he and Daddy high fived.

"I'll see you later Princess. I love you." Daddy said hugging me.

"I love you too Daddy." I said hugging him. Then he went back to his car and drove away.

I went in and sat on the sofa.

"Are you ok?" Dad asked.

"I'm fine...I still have you." I said hugging him.

Logan

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“I can’t believe you have to leave already.” I said.

“I know...but I’ll try to visit whenever I can and you can always come up to Silver Hills.” Kristy said.

“I know...but I’m gonna miss you so much.” I said.

“I’ll miss you too.” Kristy said as I kissed her.

I heard someone clear their throat.

“Allison...” I said.

“Hey...I just wanted to say...no hard feelings Kristy...I think Logan really is who he belongs with. I hope you guys find a way to make it work.” She said.

“Thanks Allison. I appreciate that...will you do me a favor?” Kristy asked.

“Sure, what?” Allison asked.

“Make sure he doesn’t even look at another girl while I’m away. We both know how he is.” Kristy teased.

Allison laughed. “Consider it done.”

“Well, I should get a move on...don’t wanna miss the plane...goodbye Logan.” Kristy said.

“Goodbye Kristy...I love you.” I said.

“I love you too.” She said as she kissed me and walked towards the boarding gate.

Aaron

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“The day went too fast.” I said.

“I know...” Anna said.

“So where are you off too now?” I asked.

“I’m gonna spend a couple of weeks with Stacy in Turtle Cove then I’ll go home.” Anna said.

“I’m gonna miss you so much.” I said.

“I know. Me too...” she said hugging me.

“Hey...Aaron.” Stacy said.

“Yes?” I asked.

“I know I’m far away but I’m warning you, if I hear of you hurting my sister I will have to fly over here and kick your ass.” Stacy said.

I smiled. “Never gonna happen.”

“Better not.” Stacy said.

“God, this is hard.” Anna said.

“I know. It’ll be ok though. We have the net and phones. We’ll talk all the time.” I said.

“I’m gonna miss kissing you.” Anna said.

“I know...that part won’t be so easy but we can make this work.” I said kissing Anna one more time.

“Anna, time to go.” Stacy said.

“OK...goodbye Aaron.”

“Goodbye Anna.” I said as I watched her walk away.

PRG 2-37- "I Could Not Ask For More"

"Are you sure I look ok?" Dad asked.

"Dad, you look fine." I said.

"Ok...I'm just nervous."

"I know...as long as we keep Uncle Hunter away from you this wedding should go fine" I said.

Today my parents were getting married and it was turning into a circus. All my friends, their parents, my grandpas, and a few of Dad's friends were there.

"Jay, can you go help seat everyone and ask Blake to come here?" Dad asked.

"Sure," I said leaving the room. I found Harley, who was already seating people.

"I didn't realize so many people were coming." Harley said.

"They invited people from the Academy." Jay said.

"Obviously." Harley said.

"Jay." I heard someone say. I turned around. "Grandfather!" I called to Grandpa Omino as I ran over and hugged him.

"How's my boy?"

"Very well. I've missed you."

"I trust you got everything worked out among your team mates."

"Yes sir."

"Good boy."

"Where's Mr. Watanabe?"

"Your other grandfather?"

"Would he mind me calling him that?"

"I should say not. Grandpa will be just fine with me." Grandpa Watanabe said.

"It's good to see you again." I said.

"It has been too long." He said as I saw Blake.

"BLAKE!" I called.

"Yeah Jay?" he asked walking over.

"My dad needs to see you." I said.

"Ok...Sensei...and Sensei...it's good to see you again." Blake said hugging both his old Senseis as he headed back to Dad's dressing room.

Cam

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Of all the things I had done in my life I was never more nervous than right now. Getting married was one of those things I didn't think would be a big deal but I was very wrong. My palms were sweating, I was shaking, and I could barely breathe. I finally heard a knock on the door.

"Come in!" I called.

"You rang?" Blake asked.

"I can't do this." I said.

"Yes you can! Everything is gonna be fine! Listen, I brought some back up just in case you tried to run. Hey backup!" Blake called as Shane came in.

"Bet you didn't think I'd make it." Shane said.

"Shane! You came!" I said hugging Shane.

"Of course. Cam finally getting married? I wouldn't miss it." Shane said.

"Any other surprises I should know about?" I asked Blake.

"Not for you. Hunter and I managed to get Haley here for LeAnn." Blake said.

"You're just a man of a million surprises." I said.

"So, you gonna finish getting ready or what? We have a wedding to get you to." Shane said.

"Are all the groomsmen ready?" I asked.

"Yes. Dustin, Hunter, myself, and Shane are all ready...we just need the groom." Blake said.

"Was it really necessary to have Hunter and Michelle in this wedding?" I asked.

Blake sighed.

“Hunter is LeAnn’s brother and Michelle is her friend and sister-in-law...” Shane said.  
“I know, I know.” I said as I looked at my reflection.

Michelle

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“It’s going to be fine.” Tori said.
“If it’s ok why am I so nervous?” LeAnn asked.
“That’s normal. I was nervous right before my wedding to Hunter, and I had two practice runs.” I said.
“I don’t know if I can do this.” LeAnn said.
“You can!” Tori cried.
“It’s ok...I have some reinforcement coming.” I said as there was a knock on the door. “That must be her now.” I went and opened the door.
“Happy Wedding Day!” Haley said coming in.
“Haley! You made it!” LeAnn said hugging her.
“Like I was gonna miss my sister’s wedding day?!” Haley said.
“I’m so glad you’re here.” LeAnn said.
“Me too. Crystal and Ryan couldn’t make it but they send their love and well wishes.” Haley said.
“I’m just glad you came.” LeAnn said.
“So are you gonna stand there or are we gonna get you ready for your wedding?” Haley asked as we all helped LeAnn get ready.

Mel

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I was sitting with Tony, Cali, and Alex. All our parents were sitting in the row in front of us.  
“This is so romantic.” I said.  
“Totally. I love weddings.” Cali said.  
“I can’t wait until I get married. My wedding is going to be so pretty...right Tony?” I asked  
“Whatever you want sweetie.” Tony said.  
Cali laughed, “He’s practicing the role of a husband already. Well my wedding is gonna rock too but the honeymoon is gonna be even better...”  
“Where do you want to go?” I asked.  
“Does it matter? We’ll never leave the hotel room.” Cali said smiling at Alex.  
“Excuse me?” Zhane asked turning around.  
“Um...sorry Daddy.” Cali said turning red.  
“Our daughters are already talking about marriage...when did they grow up?” Daddy asked.  
“I don’t know...sometimes I wish Cali was 6 again.” Zhane said.  
“You have to let them grow up sometime.” Kat said.  
“Our boys are growing up too...it’s a fact of life.” Kim said.  
“Yeah, they’re already agreeing with their girlfriends.” Jason said.  
“Yeah, they’ve been trained...” Tommy said.  
“We’ve taught our girls well.” Karone said high fiving Mom.  
“We’re trained?” Alex asked Tony.  
“I think so...somewhere along the way they did it without us knowing.” Tony replied.  
“Oh but sweetie, you love doing things for me.” I said.  
“Of course babe.” Tony said kissing me.  
“We have been trained!” Alex said.  
Everyone laughed as the rest of our friends and their parents (that weren’t in the wedding) joined us.  
“Ok everyone is seated, finally.” Harley said as she and Jay sat down.  
“It took four of us to do it.” Nick said sitting with Lindsey.  
“And it took the two of us to make sure everyone signed the guestbook.” Allison said as the twins sat. Their parents sat with the other parents.  
“And I had fun watching.” Logan laughed sitting.

“You could have helped!” Harley snapped.  
“Yes he could have. But he’s helping at the reception.” Jen said as she and Wes sat with the parents.  
“Ugh...” Logan moaned.  
“Not so funny now eh Rich boy?” Jay asked.  
“Guys don’t. The wedding is about to start.” Tony said.  
“And who made you leader? You think you’re our permanent leader or something?” Logan asked.  
“Logan Wesley Collins!” Jen said.  
“Sorry Mom.” Logan mumbled.  
“He’s just sour because he’s missing Kristy.” Allison said.  
“Dude, I miss Anna but don’t mess this up for everyone.” Aaron said.  
“Ok, I’m sorry.” Logan said as the music started.

Everyone got quiet. First Tori and Blake walked down the aisle since they were the maid of honor and best man, they were followed by Haley and Shane, Michelle and Hunter, and Marah and Dustin. Cam was already in front and we all watched as Sensei Omino walk LeAnn down the aisle. She was beautiful. She wore a beautiful gown and she was beaming with joy. I looked over at Jay. He actually looked like he was about to cry. Harley held his hand.

“Who gives this woman away?” the minister asked.  
“I do.” Sensei Omino said as he handed LeAnn’s hand to Cam.  
They did the whole normal thing then LeAnn and Cam said their own vows.

“LeAnn Omino, I love you more than I ever thought. From the time I was a child you’ve been one of the few constants in my life and I’m grateful for that. I’m just sorry I didn’t see sooner how amazing you truly were. You’re the only one for me LeAnn and had I seen that sooner I could have saved myself a lot of heartache. You are the bright spot in my life and I will always, always love you.” Cam said.

“Cameron Watanabe...I remember when we were kids and our fathers would bring us together to play...I hated it so much...Hunter and Blake would tease me about meeting my future husband...I never guessed my brothers would be right. You’ve gone from a kid I can’t stand to be around to a man I can’t get enough of. I wish I would have seen it sooner as well. I too could have been spared much heartbreak but the important thing is we have found each other, thanks to the help of a few friends, and we have the rest of forever together. I have you as a husband and my son has a father. You complete our family and I love you for always.” LeAnn said.

“This is a momentous occasion, on top of uniting two people in love we unite two academies that have long been separate. By joining this man and woman we join wind and thunder. Do you, Cameron Watanabe, take LeAnn Omino to be your lawfully wedding wife?”

“I do.”

“Do you, LeAnn Omino, take Cameron Watanabe to be your lawfully wedded husband?”

“I do.”

“Then I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.”

They kissed and we all cheered.

At the reception they sat all the kids together and the parents took up two tables. I watched as all the couples danced. All the parents seemed to be falling in love again...Ashley and Andros, Tori and Blake, Hunter and Michelle, Mom and Dad, Jen and Wes...it was so sweet. Alex and Cali, Nick and Lindsey, and Harley and Jay danced as well.

“This is nuts...I wanna dance. Aaron, dance with me.” Allison said.

“Are you serious?” Aaron asked.

“You’re my brother, you’re supposed to do stuff like that. Now come on.” Allison said pulling Aaron to the dance floor. I looked over and saw Logan helping as promised. He was filling the punch bowl.

“Everyone’s dancing but us...would you like to dance?” Tony asked.

“I’d love to.” I said as he took my hand and walked be to the dance floor.

Michelle

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I admit, being in Cam's wedding was weird, but it meant so much to LeAnn so I did it. The reception was a lot of fun. I danced with Hunter.

"I love you so much." I said as he held me close.

"I love you too Mich." He said

"I remember when we thought we'd never see each other again."

"Right after Lothor's defeat...that was a horrible time."

"Yeah, it was...look how far we've come. We're married, we're opening a school...we're getting everything we ever wanted. Our dreams are coming true."

"My dreams came true the day I married you and became a father."

"God Hunter...I never knew I could love someone so much." I said holding him tighter as a few tears slipped from my eyes.

"Oh babe...I love you too...more than you could ever know." He said wiping my eyes then holding me tighter. I looked over and saw Harley dancing with Jay.

"She looks happy too." I said.

"Yeah...with Jay...who would have thought..." Hunter said.

"Do you think it will last?" I asked.

"I don't know. I don't think so...I think he's her rebound, but she needs that."

"I think so too. As long as she happy." I said.

"May I cut in?" Dustin asked.

"Sure Dusty." I said, "You don't mind right?" I asked Hunter.

"Of course not. I'll take Marah." Hunter said taking Marah's hand while Dustin took mine.

"Long time no see Dusty." I said.

"I know...life got busy. I hear you're moving to Reefsides after Harley's graduation." Dustin said.

"Yeah. I am."

"Can't get enough of Conner?"

"Oh god. No! I'm going to try to avoid Mr. and Mrs. McKnight. I got a good deal on land there." I said.

"Yeah, I heard about the school. If you need a band director you know my number."

"I might hold you to that."

"It won't be the same without you here."

"I know...but you're welcome to visit anytime."

"I might hold you to that. You know I love you right?"

"I love you too Dusty. Always have. You're very special to me. I'm sorry for any mess Harley caused you and Marah"

Dustin smiled and kissed my cheek. "Don't worry about it. Harley's just like her mother. She couldn't resist me." He teased.

"Oh whatever." I laughed pushing him.

"Seriously, Harley is a good kid, I do love her. She was going through a rough time. I understand that."

"Thanks Dusty...you're the best."

"I know."

"So modest too." I said laughing.

Aaron

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I was dancing with Allison.

"So you really like Anna don't you?" she asked.

"I love her."

"I'm happy you found someone new."

"I'm happy you made the squad again."

"Have you heard from Anna since she left?"

"Yeah she sent me an e-mail to let me know she got to Turtle Cove safely."

"Good."

"I think life is looking up for us."

"I think so too." I said



## PRG 2-38: “Worth a Child’s Ransom”

“So where are you staying while your parents are on their honeymoon?” I asked.

“I don’t know...with you maybe?” Jay asked smirking. We were helping clean up after the reception. It had ended but a few of us stuck around (Me, my parent, Tony, his parents, Lindsey, her parents, Nick, his parents, Aunt Haley, and Shane).

“You’re staying at Lindsey’s.” LeAnn said.

“Why?” Jay asked.

“Because I don’t trust you home alone and I sure don’t trust you at Harley’s.” LeAnn said.

“A guy makes one mistake and he pays for it for the rest of his life.” Jay said.

“You’re staying with Lindsey. End of discussion.” LeAnn said.

“Ugh...” Jay groaned.

“Thanks Jay, thanks a lot.” Lindsey said.

“No Linds, I didn’t mean that...I just want to stay with Harley.” Jay said.

“I bet you do.” Nick said.

“Oh shut up Nick, you’re not helping.” Jay said.

“I think your mother is right. You’re better off staying with Lindsey.” Cam said.

“Ok, fine...” Jay agreed.

“I think that’s for the best.” Tony agreed.

“Dude, you’re in leader mode again.” Nick said.

“Sorry...hard to shut off sometimes.” Tony said.

“I’m so tired.” I said yawning.

“It was a long day.” Dad said.

“Where’s Felicity?” Shane asked.

“We left her with a baby-sitter.” Mom said.

“Who?” Lindsey asked.

“Jenna Masters.”

“Ugh...” Lindsey said.

“What?” Mom asked.

“Nothing...just think she’s a stuck up snob.”

“She is. Alex went on a date with her and said she was a total snob. He couldn’t stand her.” Tony said.

“Yeah, but she kept me from baby sitting so I’m not complaining.” I said.

Lindsey laughed, “Good point.

After everything was clean we loaded up the gifts in Cam and LeAnn’s car and Jay pulled me away.

“I talked to my mom, she said I could take you home if I want as long as I go to Lindsey’s afterward.” Jay said.

“Cool.” I said hugging him.

“Thanks for being here for me. I know I played it cool but this was a really important day for me too.”

“I know and I wouldn’t have missed it for anything.” I said kissing him.

“That means a lot to me. You’re really awesome Har.” Jay said.

“You’re pretty awesome yourself.”

“Kids! Are you coming?” Mom called.

“Yeah, coming.” I said as we ran over. “Can Jay go with us to the house? He’ll walk to Lindsey’s afterwards.”

Mom and Dad laughed. “Ok, fine.” Mom said.

“Thank you!” I said as I walked over to LeAnn and Cam. “Congratulations.” I said hugging them.

“Thanks Harley.” LeAnn said.

Jay hugged his parents then we got in Dad’s Durango and waited for my parents.

Aaron

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We finally got home. It was so cool to have us all happy again. Life was good.

“So I guess you’re not checking into schools on KO-35 anymore?” Dad asked.

“No, no...maybe Reefside U.” I said.
Dad laughed, “What about stay here at AGU for awhile?”
“We’ll see...I’ll check into it.” I said heading to my room.
“Where are you going?” Mom asked.
“To check my e-mail.” I said.
“He might have a message from Anna” Allison teased.
“Oh shut it cheerleader.” I said smiling.
“Oh I do love the sound of that. Cheerleader....” Allison sighed happily.

I went to my room and signed on the internet. Sure enough I had an e-mail from Anna. I opened it.

~~Aaron,

I’m having a blast in Turtle Cove. Stacy is out of school right now too so we’ve been hanging out a lot. It’s weird that a few of my friends aren’t here anymore. Only Aurora, Steven, and Richie but they’re doing great. It’s nice being back but Reefside really is home. I’m looking forward to going home, even if I will miss Stacy.

I heard from my brother the other day. I told him about it. He was less than thrilled and made some threats on your life, but don’t worry. I think I worked things out. My parents are happy I’ve found someone.

I really miss you Aaron. I never thought someone could change my life so quickly. I love you so much. Maybe I can go visit for a while before the end of summer. I could stay with Harley or something. I think my parents know her parents.

Anyway, I should go. Stacy is taking me to the zoo. Richie is working there this summer so we’re gonna go visit him and see a few animals while we’re at it. I hope everything is well in Angel Grove. Talk to you soon.

Love,
Anna~~

I smiled and hit ‘reply’.

~~Anna,

I’m so glad you e-mailed me. It made my day. I’m glad you’re having fun. Tell your friends hi for me... especially Steve, he owes me a game of basketball, remind him, ☺.

Anyway, all is well here. Cam and LeAnn got married today. It was a pretty cool wedding but it was hard seeing all the couples. Harley and Jay, Alex and Cali, Lindsey and Nick...they all danced...I danced with Allison...fun, my own twin. I really wished you could have been there. We would have had so much fun.

Anyway aside from that things are good. Allison is back on the cheer squad and she’s peppy as...well as a cheerleader. My family is finally happy again and life is good. I have you to thank for a lot of that. You made my life happy again. I love you Anna. Take care and e-mail again soon.

Love you,
Aaron~~

I clicked ‘send’ then climbed into bed.

Mel

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I walked in the house just as the phone rang. Mom ran to get it.

“Mel, it’s for you.” She called.

“Got it Mom.” I said as I picked up the extension. “Hello?”

“Hey cuz.” Crystal said.

“Hey! So where are you? You missed a great wedding!”

“I know, I wanted to go but Dad and Haley said I should stay here and get settled in. We’re in Thousand Oaks now.”

“Oh cool. You have a house?”

“Yeah, I’m gonna live here with them for the first semester then decide if I want a dorm or not.”

“Sounds cool.”

“Yeah, so how was the wedding?”

“It was so amazing! The flowers were pretty, the music was pretty, LeAnn was beautiful...it was just totally awesome.”

“Cool! Did they write their own vows?”

“Yup. LeAnn did a very good job on her’s.”

“Man, I so wish I could have gone.”

“Me too!”

“Hey, I heard a rumor that Anna and Aaron are together. True?”

“True! Aaron is head over heels for her.” I said.

“Oh my god! That’s cool!”

“Yup. It’s good to see Aaron happy. Everything is finally going great.”

“Yeah, I also hear that Kristy and Logan made up.”

“Yup, sure did. Another new couple.”

“I knew they’d end up together but Kristy never listens to me.”

“It’s so good for everyone to be happy again. The Ice Kingdom has been quiet too. Things are pretty perfect.” I said.

“Let’s hope it stays that way.” Crystal said.

“I know...good never seems to last for us for too long.” I said.

“Maybe this time is different. Anyway, I should get some sleep. I’ll talk to you later.”

“OK. Love you Crys.”

“Love you too Mel. Goodnight.”

“Goodnight.” I said hanging up.

I went up to my room and went to sleep.

Harley

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We finally got back to my house.

“I’m so ready for bed.” I said as Dad unlocked the door.

“I hear that.” Jay said as we went in the house.

We went into the living room to find Jenna. She wasn’t there and it looked like there had been a struggle.

“Oh my god...” Mom gasped.

“Where’s Jenna and Felicity?” I asked.

We all ran up to the nursery. We found Jenna very scared and tied up but no Felicity. In the crib there was a note.

~~~~~Rangers,

If you ever want to see your little friend again you will surrender to the Ice Kingdom. If surrender has not been met by noon tomorrow then the baby will be the next in line for the Ice throne.

Princesses Frostine and Ice~~~~~

## PRG 2-39- "The End of Genesis Part 1: Return of Viper"

"No..." Mom whispered.

"How?" I asked holding on to Jay for support. He wrapped his arms around me.

"I don't know...we should notify Zordon and the others though." Dad said as he held Mom.

We teleported to the Command Center and showed Zordon the note.

"This is very grave news indeed. Jay, contact the other Rangers." Zordon said.

"Yes Zordon." Jay said doing as he was told.

"Thanks." I whispered to him. He nodded.

Minutes later the whole team was there.

"What's wrong?" Tony asked.

"It's Felicity. Ice and Frostine kidnapped her." I said crying.

"Oh my god...no..." Lindsey said.

"Why?" Allison asked.

"To get us to surrender." Jay said.

"Well that'll never happen. We'll save Felicity and take them down." Aaron said.

"How? If we go anywhere near the Ice Palace while morphed they'll turn Felicity into the newest Ice Princess." I said.

"And if we don't morph before we go then we may not be able to morph." Tony said.

"Right." Jay said.

"This is bad...this is very bad." Mel said.

"Thanks for stating the obvious." Allison said.

"Allison, stop." Tony said.

Allison sighed, "Sorry Mel."

"I'm open to suggestions." Tony said.

"Maybe I could get in? I know the Ice Palace well. I might be able to get her out." Cali said.

"No. Too risky. If you go in without powers and they find you then you're dead." Alex said.

"He's right...overprotective, but right." Allison said.

"First things first...Aunt Michelle, Uncle Hunter...go home and sleep. We'll handle things here." Tony said.

"But..." Mom started.

"He's right...let's get out of their way Mich, come on." Dad said teleporting out with Mom.

"I'll be right back too..." Nick said teleporting out before we could question him.

"Ok, now, Harley, are you ok?" Tony asked.

"Much better now. Seeing my mom upset was making it worse." I said.

"I figured as much. Now, did they get anyone else or just Liss?" Tony asked.

"Just Liss." I said.

"What about Jenna?" Lindsey asked.

"She was tied up. We let her go and Mom used the Amethyst to erase her memory of it."

"Ok, that's good." Lindsey said.

"Now we have to work out a plan to get my sister back." I said.

We all went to a meeting room and started tossing ideas around.

"What if we fake a surrender in the park? When the show up we morph and kick their butts." Logan said.

"They'll never fall for that. We have to surrender, unmorphed, on their turf." Aaron said.

"He's right." Nick said walking in and joining us.

"Besides we're forgetting one very important person." Alex said.

"Who?" Lindsey asked.

"Queen Snow. She's not happy about what I did to Frost and if we cross her girls she'll surely attack us with all she's got." Alex said.

"And she's much stronger than her children." Cali said.

"Well we have to think of something. We can't just leave Felicity there!" I cried.

“Of course we won’t. We’ll think of something.” Mel said.  
“It better be fast. We don’t have much time.” Tony said.  
“I wouldn’t worry about it. Every will happen like it’s supposed to.” Nick said.

We spent the next few hours trying to come up with a way to get in the Ice Castle and morph.  
“This isn’t working guys. I’m going in alone and hoping for the best.” I said standing up.  
“Oh no you don’t!” Jay said grabbing my arm.  
“He’s right, we’ll figure this out as a team.” Tony said.  
“Before or after my sister becomes cold as ice?” I asked.  
“Just calm down...this isn’t new...remember when Cobra kidnapped Lindsey? It seemed hopeless then but we won.” Tony said.  
“Only because we had inside help.” I said.  
“That’s true...Nick helped us a lot and somehow I don’t see Ice or Frostine helping us.” Cali said.  
“That’s true, but my point is, this isn’t a hopeless situation. We can get Felicity back...we just have to try.” Tony said.  
“Isn’t that what we’re doing?” Alex asked.  
“Yeah, I think it’s time to stop the fearless leader talk and exert some action.” Jay said.  
“I hate to agree with him but he’s right.” Allison said.

Michelle

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I couldn’t believe my daughter was gone. I was in total shock. Hunter and I sat on the sofa. He held me close. Tori and Blake had come over to sit with us.
“She’ll be fine.” Tori said.
“Yeah, those kids are good Rangers. If anyone can get Liss back it’s them.” Blake said as the doorbell rang.
“I’ll get it.” Tori said going to answer the door. Dustin and Marah walked in.
“Mich, are you ok? We just heard.” Dustin said sitting on the other side of me.
“Dusty...” I cried leaving Hunter’s arms to hug Dustin. Dustin held me.
“It’ll be ok Mich...the Rangers will get her back.” Dustin said.
“I hope so...” I said.
“How are you holding up Hunter?” Dustin asked.
“Best I can.” Hunter said.
“Everything will work out. Rangers always win.” Marah said.

Harley

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The computer beeped.  
“You wanted action? I think we’ve got it. Flurries in the park.” Tony said.  
“Let’s do this. I’m so in the mood to kick some Flurry butt.” Alex said.  
“Ready?” Tony asked.  
“Ready.” We said.  
“Genesis Evolution!!” we cried.

We went to the park and fought the Flurries. These weren’t your everyday Flurries though, they were super charged Flurries. Much harder to fight than normal Flurries. I screamed as I got thrown into a tree. Logan landed next to me.  
“Ok this isn’t working.” Logan said.  
“What was your first guess?” I asked as Lindsey landed beside us.  
“These guys must have ate their Wheaties this morning.” Lindsey said.  
“We can’t give up yet. Let’s keep fighting.” I said standing up. The other two stood up and we went back to fight.  
“You ok?” Tony asked.  
“I’m fine. Just decided to go for a short flight.” I said pulling my staff on the Flurries as Mel flew over head.  
“Mel!” Tony called.  
“Ugh...I’m fine.” Mel said getting up.

“I didn’t know Rangers could fly.” Jay said.  
“We don’t. Not by choice anyway.” Aaron said as he was thrown.  
“Ok, this isn’t as easy as normal.” Alex said.  
“No kidding.” Nick said.  
“Ok, enough is enough Super Genesis Blaster guys!” Tony called.  
We combined our weapons and shot the Flurries. They were incinerated.

We heard someone clapping.  
“Bravo Rangers, bravo. You beat the Super Flurries. I’m impressed.” Ice said, she was sitting up in a tree.  
“Where’s my sister you creep?” I cried lunging for her. Jay held me back.  
“She’s safe, for now. So, are you going to surrender or do I have myself a new sister?” Ice asked.  
“Give her back!” I screamed.  
“Ok. Just surrender and she’s yours.” Ice said.  
“We’ll never surrender so you can forget that.” Tony said.  
“You’re willing to give up your cousin? I underestimated you White Ranger. I thought for sure you’d put family above fighting...doesn’t look like the Purple Ranger feels the same.” Ice said.  
“We’d never surrender the Earth to someone like you! All you want is to turn the Earth into a giant ice cube!” Lindsey cried.  
“Uh-duh! That is what I’m doing here. Not the brightest Ranger are you? Even Frostine is smarter than that.” Ice said.  
“You seriously expect us to just surrender?” Alex asked.  
“Only if you want to see the kid again? What’s her name? Felicity? Princess Felicity of the Ice Kingdom...I like it. Don’t you?” Ice said.  
“NO!” I cried.  
“And even better, when we kill you and your mother Purple Ranger we gain access to all Purple Power and get control of Saturn. Pretty good deal, wouldn’t you say?”  
“You monster!” Mel cried. Tony held her back.  
“You’ll never gain control of the Power of Purple...I’ll see to that...and you won’t be keeping my cousin.” Tony said.  
“We’ll just see about that.” Ice said.  
“We will.” Tony said.  
“Ok, ready for round two? You rested up? Fired and ready to go? Here we go! Let’s get ready to rumble! Super Flurries attack!” Ice called as another army of Flurries appeared.

“Oh just great.” Lindsey mumbled as we went back to fighting.  
“This is getting ridiculous.” Cali said.  
“No kidding. How many of these Flurries do they have?” Aaron said.  
“As many as we need Green Ranger.” Ice said laughing.  
“We can’t give up. We have to keep fighting. The sake of Earth and Saturn depend on it.” Tony said.  
“I won’t give up.” I said using my staff to knock out a Flurry, but my staff was knocked out of my hand, and not by the Flurry. I turned around. “Nick?” I cried as Nick turned and knocked Aaron against a tree.  
“Nick, what are you doing?!” Lindsey cried.  
“He’s turning on us!” Allison cried.  
“I knew it!” Aaron cried as he struggled to get up.  
“What? Nick? No! Please, no...” Lindsey begged as Nick knocked us all into a pile.  
“Sorry Ranger, it’s been fun, but now it’s over. Goodbye Power Rangers.” Nick said as he raised his sword over us.

## PRG 2-40: "The End of Genesis Part 2: Melting the Ice"

"Nick, stop...what are you doing?" Lindsey asked.

"He's not Nick...he's Viper..." Aaron said.

"Why?" Lindsey asked.

"You didn't honestly think someone as evil as I was could ever turn good did you?" Nick asked.

"So why did you help us destroy Cobra?" Alex asked.

"Because he was in my way. Plus I knew I could gain your trust. I've been planning this for a year. I was going to wait until we took the Ice Kingdom out and then take you out but Ice was very convincing. She and I made a very good deal that I can live with so I have no need for any of you anymore." Nick said.

"But, Nick...what about us? You love me..." Lindsey said.

"Yeah, that was a great convenience, you falling for me...made everything look more real." Nick said.

"And what about Dustin and Marah? They took you in...they adopted you..." I said.

"Yeah, another lucky break. Everything fell right into place. I fooled all of you." Nick said laughing.

"I knew it! I told you we couldn't trust him!" Aaron cried.

"Yeah, should have listened to Aaron before. He knew all along what I was planning...must have been those Kaotian senses." Nick said.

"You bastard! We all trusted you!" Jay cried.

"Once an evil snake, always an evil snake." Nick said.

"No, Nick...don't do this! Please, you love me...I know you do!" Lindsey screamed. I couldn't see her face because of her helmet but I knew she was crying.

"The name is Viper dear. I'm so glad to finally be done with this charade. All that mushy talk of the future was really starting to get to me." Nick said.

"No..." Lindsey said crying.

"Enough talk Viper. You explained yourself, now let's get them and be done with this." Ice said.

"Of course Princess." Nick said as he dropped a net on us and some gas was released that knocked us out

Next thing we knew we were back at the Ice Palace, all chained, wrist and ankles, to an ice wall.

"Just great...we stood a chance of winning but it's all over now." Aaron said.

"It's not over yet." Tony said.

"Oh just stop it. Face it Tony, we lost. We lost and the world is going to be turned into a giant ice cube." Allison said.

"I can't believe Nick turned on us." Lindsey said.

"Nick didn't. He never existed. Viper turned on us." Jay said.

"What are we gonna do? If they kill me no one will be able to save my sister." I said.

"They won't kill us, guys we can't give up!" Alex said.

"Um, Alex, not to be a downer but we're chained to a wall. I think now is a pretty good time to consider giving up as an option." Cali said.

"Smart Silver Ranger. Giving up is your only option because you all are about to die." Ice said walking in with Nick, still morphed, and Frostine.

"So, after all this is over do I get the Black Ranger?" Frostine asked.

"Not like I want him." Ice said.

"You get whatever you want Princess." Nick said putting his arm around Frostine.

"NO!!!!" Lindsey cried.

"Yes! He's mine, all mine!" Frostine said with a smile.

"All yours." Nick repeated.

"Take your helmet off. I want to taste those sweet lips." Frostine said.

Nick backed off. "After the destruction of the Rangers, give me something to fight for."

"Of course. I understand." Frostine said.

"Where is Mom? She should be here for the demise of the Rangers." Ice said.

"I'm right here my children. I wouldn't miss this for anything. I want to see the death of the one who killed my son."

Snow said coming in the room with Felicity.

"NO!!!" I cried.

“As you wish mother.” Ice said.

“What genius it was to strike a deal with the Black Ranger. I’m proud of you my Ice.” Snow said.

“Thank you mother. May we begin?” Ice asked.

“You may.” Snow said.

“Then let’s waste no more time.” Ice said.

“Remember, you agreed to do this my way.” Nick said.

“Of course..” Ice said.

“And the baby doesn’t see this...having a baby in here is just asking for trouble. Give me the baby and you can carry on.” Nick said.

“Very well, take her to the nursery on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor if you will.” Snow said.

“Of course.” Nick said taking Felicity.

“NO!” I screamed as Nick picked up my sister.

“OK...there’s just one more thing before I go.” Nick said.

“What?” Ice asked.

“Never trust a Ranger...” Nick said hitting a red button that released us. “Go guys! I’ll get Felicity home, you handle these creeps!” he cried running as fast as he could to get Felicity out of there.

We all stood in shock for a moment.

“You heard the man, let’s do it!” Tony cried as we drew our weapons and started battle with Ice and some Flurries.

“Frostine! Help your sister!” Snow screamed.

“I can’t believe he betrayed me!” Frostine said.

“Why would he want you when he’s got a real woman?” Lindsey said striking Frostine.

“You bitch!” Frostine cried charging Lindsey.

“That’s my girl!” Snow cried.

“I’m so sick of you Rangers!” Frostine cried.

“We don’t exactly think the world of you either sister.” Lindsey said fighting her.

“Ok, you Rangers have gone too far...it’s all over.” Ice said.

“You’re right it is.” I said attacking her.

“It’s a shame I have to kill you Harley, you’re a great warrior.” Ice said.

“Wish I could say the same about you Ice dear, but you’re not even a challenge. Buh-bye.” I said firing my laser blaster at her.

“NO! I’m melting!” Ice cried as she was diminished to nothing more than a puddle.

“ICE!” Snow cried.

“NO! ICE!” Frostine cried. It took that second of no focus for Lindsey to get rid of Frostine.

“That’s it, you Rangers have killed all of my children, now you will pay with your lives!” Snow said angrily as she began to grow.

Nick

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Did you really think I had turned on the Rangers? Good that was the plan. That’s why even the Rangers didn’t know about it. It had to seem real to Ice. I was the only who knew about it. Risky? Yeah. But effective.

I ran with Felicity until I arrived at Harley’s house. I went in.

“Hey, it’s the Black Ranger.” Dad said smiling.

“I think someone wants her Mommy.” I said handing Felicity to Michelle.

“Oh my god...thank you so much Nick.” She said taking her daughter.

“Don’t mention it.” I said.

“Where are the others?” Hunter asked.

“Destroying the Ice Kingdom as we speak. I should get back and help. I’m sure they’ll need it.” I said.

“OK, go...” Dad said.

“Thank you so much.” Michelle said.

I nodded and took off back for the Palace. When I got there I saw that Snow had grown and run the Rangers out of the Ice Palace.

“Glad you could join us.” Jay mumbled

“Hope I’m not too late.” I said.

“To do what? Destroy us?” Aaron asked.

“Oh get over it. It was a plot against them, not you. I’m with you guys.” I said.

“Enough talk...we have a giant snow queen and no way to get our Zord here without freezing them...any thought?”

Tony asked.

“Yes.” Harley said holding up a purple stone.

“Your Amethyst?! Are you nuts?!” Tony cried.

“What is that even doing here?!” Lindsey added.

“In case of emergency put the world before your own life.” Harley said.

“Um...no. Put that away!” Tony said.

“You have a better idea?” Harley asked.

“I do...” I said.

“What?” Alex asked.

“Well, be beat my father with the power of 9 Rangers, imagine what the power of 11 can do...” I said.

“He’s right...let’s melt the Ice Palace and everything around it.” Tony said.

“I’m on it!” Lindsey said. “Blue Ranger Power!”

“Yellow Ranger Power!”

“Green Ranger Power!”

“Red Ranger Power!”

“Green Samurai Power!”

“Silver Ranger Power!”

“Gold Ranger Power!”

“Black Ranger Power!”

“Pink Ranger Power!”

“Purple Ranger Power!”

“White Ranger Power!” Tony finished.

All of our powers combined and made a giant ball of color which engulfed the Ice Castle and the Snow Queen and imploded them, leaving nothing more than a giant puddle.

“Um guys...” Logan said.

“Yeah?” Allison asked.

“That’s a lot of water...” Logan said.

“And?” Aaron asked.

“When that comes at us it’s gonna flood.” Logan said.

“Oh I get it...in other words, RUN!” Allison cried.

We got headed for the Command Center.

Harley

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We finally made it back to the Command Center and de-morphed.

“I’m proud of you Rangers. Because of you the Ice Kingdom is no more.” Zordon said.

“Yes, we did it!” Mel cried.

“So, Nick, what was all that stuff about Viper?” Alex asked.

“Oh, that was a plan I had. I knew we’d never just walk in the Ice Palace morphed but if we got captured we could...but if we all got captured there wouldn’t be anyone to free the others so I pretended to strike a deal with Ice so I could be the one to free you when you were captured.” Nick said.

“You were very convincing.” Lindsey said softly.

“I know...I’m sorry. It’s a good thing my helmet was on though because my facial expressions didn’t match my words

at all. It hurt me to say what I said. I do love you Linds, with all my heart. I hope you can forgive me.” Nick said.  
“Of course I can...but you’ll be paying for this for a long time.” Lindsey said kissing Nick.  
“It was a great plan Nick but you could have filled us in.” Allison said.  
“I could have but I wasn’t sure how convincing it would be if you knew I was acting. It had to look real.” Nick said.  
“It was very risky.” Cali said.  
“I know, but in the end it worked out.” Nick said.  
“Yes it did and now everything is back to normal. We can go back to our normal lives again and enjoy summer!” Mel said.  
“Yes, and then we can enjoy senior year as real seniors!” Allison said.  
“Um guys...I think we’re forgetting something.” Cali said.  
“What?” Alex asked.  
“No more Power Rangers...last time this happened we didn’t see each other for a whole summer.” Cali said.  
“We also weren’t friends then...we’ve fixed things...” I said.  
“But we won’t all get together any more...” Cali said.  
“I have an idea.” Tony said.  
“Why am I not surprised?” Aaron asked.  
“I’m serious, one Friday a month, until graduation, we all gather here and have pizza and a movie...if that’s ok with Zordon...” Tony said.  
“Of course. You are all always welcome here.” Zordon said.  
“OK, which Friday?” Allison asked.  
“The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month?” Tony asked.  
We all agreed.  
“Ok, then I guess we can all go home...I think we need the rest.” Tony said.  
“No argument there.” Aaron said.

We all teleported home. I got home and saw my mom sleeping on the sofa with Felicity. Dad was sitting up watching them.  
“Hey...” I whispered.  
“Hey, it’s over?” Dad asked.  
“It’s over. No more Ice Kingdom, just back to being a normal alien princess teenage girl.” I said quietly laughing.  
“I’m proud of you Har.”  
“Thank you...Daddy.” I said hugging him as I went up to my room and got in bed. As I turned out the light I thought about things. I was happy now. We were all friends again, I had a great family, all in all life was good.