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Lexie's life has now changed for the worse. Her twin sister Allie died with cancer, she got raped by a guy and is now pregnant. Will her best friend Blake become more than that? Will she be able to handle her sister's death? Will her life get better or worse? Read on my friend



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Chapter 1

Allie, NO YOU CAN'T DO THIS! I thought this to myself as I watched my twin sister slowly slipping away from me. We are sixteen years old and four years ago my twin sister Allie was diagnosed with Leukemia, and after a long four years of her fighting that horrible battle it was finally the end of her battle. "You can keep fighting, Allie. You're stronger than this." I said looking into her icy blue eyes and saw the sparkle that I longed to see. "Lexie, it's about time." She whispered "No sissy." I said, crawling into her bed with her. She was told to go home, that even the doctors were giving up but I can't do that, she's my sister, my best friend. It was horrible to see her suffer for as long as she has but I know she can recover it, she's a strong person. "Yes sissy." She whispered and I hugged her, I didn't want to let go but I knew I had to. "Will you wait for me at Heaven's gate sissy?" I asked her "I promise sissy." She whispered and I smiled at her. "I love you sissy." I said "I love you too sissy." She said and with that my sister slowly slipped away from us. "Momma!" I yelled and my mom came running in and almost fainted at the sight. I was up above her bed now and walked over to my mom and embraced her as she slowly sobbed for her daughter who died at sixteen.

We live in Port St. Lucie, Florida my parents are still together so we were a family of six, both parents and four kids. We have icy blue eyes and strawberry blonde hair. It was Allie and me, Callie is thirteen, and Ryan is ten years old. All too young to experience a sibling's death. She shouldn't have gotten cancer, we shouldn't have to be put through this ongoing pain of losing someone we are so closed to. Growing up Allie was also the first to get a cold and everything and when we found out she had cancer our whole worlds started crashing down. Allie and I have always been so close, probably because we're twins. Mom was sixteen when we were born, we were told we weren't going to survive, she was going to abortion us, or put us up for adoption, we were born a month too early and since then Allie has fought for her life.

I called the hospital and let them know and then I called my daddy and let him know. My mom was crying too hard to do any of that so I had to step up to the plate. "Lexie?" Callie asked me and I looked up "Is she in a better place?" Callie asked me, "Yeah Cali. No longer in pain." I said and Ryan looked up "You're strong sis. Not crying and she's your twin. You two have a bond." He said and I nodded, biting my lip so I wouldn't start to cry. I remember when she started losing her hair, I have been by her side throughout everything, chemotherapy was brutal but I was here, bone marrow transplants I matched perfectly and I gave whatever they needed when they needed it.

Daddy came in and took my place with mom and I went to comforting Callie and Ryan while the E.R people came in and carried Allie's body out in the blue bag. I excused myself to go walking and I went walking down the dirt road and up to my best guy friend Blake's house. "Good Afternoon Lexie." His mother Carrie said. "Afternoon ma'am. Is Blake in?" I asked her "Yes ma'am, his room." She said "thank you ma'am." I said and walked up to his room. I knocked and he said come in. "Whoa, who died?" He asked kidding until he saw my facial expression. "Oh Lexie." He said pulling me into a big hug. "She was so young." I said hugging him back, we have been friends since we started school together so many years ago. "Have you cried yet?" He asked me and I gave him a look "I don't cry." I said and it was his turn to give me the look and I laughed. "I'm fine Blake. No need to worry. I just thought you would want to go. I need to get back home." I said "I know Lex." He said and I started to walk away. "If you need anything I'm here for you Lexie." He said "thanks, I know that." I said and he smiled at me.

"Lexie can you take Callie and Ryan to McDonald's?" Daddy asked me when I walked into the house after seeing Blake. "Sure thing daddy, get you and momma something?" I asked and he nodded. "Ca, and Ry come on we're going to McDonald's." I said and they slowly got up and walked to the car. We should all have prepared ourselves from her death, but it still came as a shock. I always thought she would pull through and go through remediation but not this time anyways, the cancer came back nine months ago to claim her life and after fighting that huge battle. I turned the radio onto our favorite country station and when it came to a song we knew we would sing along like nothing ever happened.

I remember for our 16th birthday last month, our birthday is July 16th and it's August 16th now. But I remember all of us loading up in the jeep, Allie with her oxygen tank and we spent the day at the beach, it took all of her energy out but at the end of our stay we walked across the beach like we used to do so many times whenever we went. I have a ton of memories of Allie a ton of great memories and some not so good. I remember when we were fifteen and I got invited to a cool party, Allie was in the hospital so she didn't get invited. But I was told I couldn't go that I had to go spend the night with Allie. As soon as I got into her room I crossed my arms around my chest and gave her the stink eye. "What?" She finally asked she couldn't ignore me anymore, "Because of you I have to miss the coolest party." I said "Well I didn't ask for this to happen, I didn't ask for you to come." She said "Well I'm stuck here. I just wish you would go ahead and die, so we can move on." I had said and she narrowed her eyes at me, "It isn't that easy Alexis. Or I would be dead. Do you think I like being in pain? Or seeing my family in pain? It's killing momma in the inside." She said "Allison, do you really think I don't know that? We would all be better off. You're just tearing this family apart." I said "Lexie, I know for Jesus Christ! I didn't ask to get cancer! I didn't ask to miss out on this party, I didn't ask to miss out on school a lot!" She said and that is when I finally broke down in tears and told her I was sorry. We were typical teenage sisters, we had our fights about boys, clothes, school and everything like that. We ordered the food and sat outside near the playground. We were eating in silent, enjoying the cool breeze that comes and goes when it pleases. My aunt and mom have been making the funeral arrangement the past three weeks and it was set for the Wake to be the night after and then the funeral the day after that. Schools begins August 22nd, so she died right before our junior year, we started school early so we're one of the younger students. "So it is official, huh?" Callie asked me "Yup." I said and Ryan looked at me "Will we get through this?" He asked me "Yup." I said "You promise?" Callie asked me "I promise you two, that as siblings we will get through this together." I said knowing that I just couldn't respond with another yup. I'm the oldest, I have to be the strongest, I can't show weakness in front of my little sister and brother. "I want to go play in the playground." Ryan said and I nodded, he followed the rules and left his shoes by me. Callie looked at me and I nodded they both went in to play and I just brought my knees up to my chest and wrapped my arms around them. "Impressive, that you take your little siblings out." A cute guy said coming near me with a little girl going to the playground and an infant with him. "It has to be done, you know." I said and he smiled at me, "may I sit?" He asked "I guess so." I said kind of glad that I don't have to worry about thinking about Allie as much right now. "I'm Kyle." He said smiling at me "I'm Lexie." I said "It's nice to meet you Lexie." He said "You too." I said smiling. "How old are your brother and sister?" He asked me "Callie is thirteen and Ryan is ten." I said "that's amazing, and you're what seventeen?" He asked me and I laughed "not hardly. Only sixteen." I said and he smiled "I'm seventeen." He said "How old are your sisters?" I asked watching the little girl playing on the playground with Ryan and Callie. It took a minute for that to register with him. "Lyndsey is two today and Kelsey here is six months." He said and I smiled at Kelsey, "She's adorable." I said and he smiled "Thanks." He said "It's amazing seeing a guy like you with his two little sisters." I said "I have a confession to make." He said and I raised an eye brow at him, "they're my daughters." He said "Oh, so you're flirting with me and you're in a relationship or married?" I asked "Not at all. She left me and the girls when Kelsey was two weeks old." He said "Sorry to hear that." I said "Now tell me why you're really here with your siblings." He said "My sister died today." I said "I'm sorry to hear that." He said "Don't be, she had cancer. It was her time." I said and he nodded. "Do you mind if I hold Kelsey?" I asked him and he handed her over to me. "Hey Sweetie, aren't you just a doll baby?" I asked and she did that cute baby smile and then the baby giggle. I gave him my cell phone number as I went to get my mom and dad a burger and fries and then we went home. "Momma you need to eat." I said as daddy was slowly chewing on his meal. "Fine." She said taking three bites and getting up to go on the back porch. We live in a four bedroom house, so my parents had a room, Ryan had his room, Callie had her own room, Allie and I shared a room; and I don't want to go in there because she died in there so I walked to the porch and wrapped a blanket over my mom's shoulders. "How was McDonald's?" She asked me not liking the silent between us too, we were always so close especially when Allie went into the hospitals. "Great, I met this guy." I said and she half-way smiled at me. "Do tell." She said I couldn't tell if she was faking interest or what. "His name is Kyle, he's seventeen. He's a teen dad to two girls. Lyndsey and Kelsey, he's cute, funny, smart, charming, saracist." I said and she actually smiled at

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that.

The next day everybody that actually cared was over at the house being supportive. Around six we got dressed into appropriate clothes and went to the funeral home. I spent the night in Callie's room and she didn't seem to mind because she had me to comfort her. Blake and his family was the first one in here, he hugged me and we walked away after he paid his respects to Allie. "How are you?" He asked "Fine, the best you can be with losing a sister." I said and he nodded at me. He hugged me, and we talked about school and then I saw Kyle, he smiled at me and nodded at Blake. "Kyle." Blake said they shook hands "you two know each other?" I asked "We use to play baseball together on a team." He said "I came to pay my respects." He said and I smiled at that I told Blake I would catch up with him later and led Kyle to the casket. "She's beautiful." He said then smiled "looks like you." He said and I nodded "I'm so sorry for your loss Mr. and Mrs. Summerland." He said my dad nodded "thank you." He said "Daddy this is Kyle." I said and he nodded, momma smiled at him "Lexie told me about you. It's nice to meet you." She said and then went to the other people. At the end of the time frame we had Kyle looked at me "You want to get away from here?" He asked me and I nodded. I went and told my dad and he understood, "Where are the girls?" I asked getting into his car. "With my mom, she loves watching them I just don't let her much."

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Chapter 2: Life must go on

He took me up to a huge hill over looking the town and took out a blanket and a picnic basket. We ate sandwiches and drank Dr. Peppers and then I snuggled up closer to him because it was getting a little chilly. "It's beautiful." I said talking about the sunset that I was watching fall. "I know you are." He said and I actually smiled at him. "Thanks, you're pretty cute yourself." I said and he laughed at me. I went back to looking at the sunset and rested my head on his shoulder. It felt like we belong how good it was to sit in silence with him, out over looking the city with my sister in Heaven as of yesterday. He looked at me and titled my chin up and turned his head and leaned in to kiss me. Our lips met and it was like sparks flew. He didn't pull away his tongue made it's way into my mouth and it was like they were dancing together as fire flies flew around us. He laid me down and when he was trying to undo my pants while of course I was caught up in the moment to where I was doing the same I realized what I was doing and tried pulling away. He wouldn't let me though; he put all his weight against me pinning me down. I tried squirming around but he only got angrier with me. He finally took my skirt off and took his pants off and thrust his manhood into me and after fighting I finally gave in and slowly fought back the tears. But the tears finally came when I felt the cool liquid rush inside of me. When he was finished he kissed my lips and held me into his arms but I wiggled free and walked to the edge. "Leave me alone." I whispered "Fine." He said "I'm going home." He said and I only nodded and when he left I slowly dialed Blake's number. "Blakey, can you come to the huge hill over looking the city?" I asked, knowing my voice sounded shaky and he said he would and hung up. When he pulled up I was crying a flood. Crying for Allie, crying for myself, crying for being so stupid and falling for Kyle, and now he raped me and took something that was meant to be saved. I was prepared for the what happened crap but all he did was hug me close to him. He kissed the top of my head and wiped away my tears. "It's going to be okay Lexie." He said and I just buried my head into his chest, breathing in his aftershave it was breath taking. "Everything that can go wrong went wrong." I said "I understand." He said "He raped me." I said sobbing into his chest again and he rubbed my back. "It will be alright Lex." He said and I looked at him "No it won't. He went in me. No condom." I said "Lexi, if you're pregnant then the baby must have a reason to be on this earth. The baby needs you as much as you need it. But it doesn't mean you will get pregnant." He said "thanks Blake." I said "I would have tried warning you but you didn't give me enough time." He said "Are Lyndsey and Kelsey really his kids?" I asked him "Actual siblings." He said "He does have five kids, but the mothers kept the babies." He said and I only cried some more. "Lexie, I'm here for you." He said hugging me good-bye as he dropped me off at my house. "Thanks." I said walking in and my mother knew right off the bat that something was wrong. "What's wrong?" She asked me "I miss Allie." I said coming into her open arms and cried. She didn't protest and I knew she wouldn't because she would believe my lies right now. Mainly because Allie was my twin and my best friend so of course I was going to cry. I walked into my room and just cried my eyes out for Allie, for the family, and for me even. I slowly cried myself to sleep not caring that I was in my skirt outfit, or that I was actually in my room and if I looked to the side I would see Allie's stuff. I didn't let that sink in I just knew that I needed to cry into my own pillow and not in Callie's. I couldn't let her see me like that not when I need to be strong. I woke up around three I'm assuming and realized my eyes were all puffy and red, I felt my hair and it was all messy. I slowly changed into a pair of shorts and an old cheerleading shirt and walked to the bathroom. I heard my mom crying and then walked past Callie's room and she was crying. I walked into the kitchen to get something to drink and my dad was on the couch he nodded when he saw me, I came back with a diet Dr. Pepper and was going to walk to my room "Lex come here." He said and I agreed sitting next to him and he moved his arm around me so I curled up and laid my head on his chest, something we would always do when it was just him and I at the hospital with Allie. "Lexie, I know you miss Allie. But she's in a better place." He said and I nodded. I couldn't tell him the truth I knew it would hurt him too much to find out why I'm so upset. It's now the first day of school and these last few days has been brutal. Mom hasn't stopped crying, daddy works all day long, Ryan hangs with his friends and Callie just reads. While I on the other hand hangs out with Blake and then spend the remaining time comforting my mom and Callie. Kyle has texted, has emailed, has called but I have blown him off all the time because I don't want to listen to his excuses. I woke up and

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found my favorite pair of ripped jeans and paired it with my gray low cut shirt with a pink flower on the front, and HCO in silver letters. I wore my hair down and found my rainbows. I wore my Always In My mind and heart Allie bracelet and my heart diamond necklace. I walked downstairs and my mom was actually up and making breakfast for us. "Happy First day of your junior year sweetie!" She said and I nodded taking my seat beside Callie, who will be entering the eighth grade and Ryan will be in the fifth grade.

Allie and I would have spent the night before discussing what to wear to our first day of school. Or how we were going to enter the school doors for the first time that year since we would be making first impressions on future crushes and future friends that will later on break our hearts and stab us in the back. But we didn't care we were facing school together, the toughest year of my life in school and Allie isn't here to joke about things that will happen. She won't laugh at the people that we know we won't laugh, she won't joke about our classes and how we're going to hate and love them, instead I'm facing this year alone.

I dropped Ryan and Callie off at school and Blake met me in the school's parking lot. "You ready Lexie?" He asked me and I faked a smile, I have been doing that a lot although they don't know that I cry myself to sleep at night. For Allie, for me, for what happened to me, for my family they all don't know that. Not even my best friend Blake. "As ready as I will ever be." I said and he hugged me tightly. "Good Luck Lexie." He said and I nodded and as soon as I entered the building the whispers started like she's Allie Summerland's twin, the one who died. Her sister died over the summer. I just walked to my locker and focus on setting it up.

My best girl friend besides Allie, Hope walked up to me with her usual perky self. She was visiting her dad all summer, "I'm so sorry about Allie. I know you two were so close." She said and I smiled at her, even my own best friend doesn't know how to act around me. "Trying out for cheerleading this year?" She asked me as we were walking to our homeroom. "Nope, I'm going to focus on education." I said "Will you still support me?" She asked me and I nodded "Of course I will! You're my best friend! So why wouldn't I?" I asked and she only smiled at me and talked about her amazing summer. While mine happened to be the worse one that I could ever even imagine of having.

"Worse day ever so far." I said to Blake and Hope as we were sitting down for lunch. "What do you mean?" Hope asked and I looked at them "Teachers saying how sorry they are, then whispering about you, students whispering about you and saying useless crap, everything is just utterly wrong." I said and they nodded "Did you see?" Blake asked me and I knew who he was talking about "Yeah." I said "Details?" He asked but his football group of friends called him over to their table so he quickly said he would call me. Hope looked at me strange "I will fill you in later." I said and she nodded at me "You okay?" She asked me as my best friend I know, but I had to lie to her like everybody else. "Yeah I'm fine." I said and she smiled at me "I hope so anyways."

I said that this was my worse summer yet, and I know four summers ago Allie found out she had cancer but this has to have been the worse. Having to enjoy summer and knowing your sister is dying and you can't do a thing about it. That just broke the straw, I couldn't enjoy my summer knowing she was in our shared bedroom coughing up blood, losing color, losing weight, losing energy all because God decided to make her sick. I remember the good old days when we would go on family vacations during the summer, Allie would be laughing and joking with all of us, I remember the silly useless fights we would have and how much I would give to be able to pick a fight over who's going to hug our grandpa first.

During Cheerleading tryouts I was half watching everybody try out but my thoughts were on Allie and I trying out up until we were twelve. How we would have so much fun doing cheerleading moves in our backyard, enjoying the summer breeze as it came and went. Memories were made that to this day I will not forget. We both had the same crush on the same guy at the exact same time, but neither one of us got him. We fought over that too but we made up quickly because we realized we were only eleven and no guy was that important especially with us being sisters forever.

"Lexie how did I do?" Hope asked me smiling at me after tryouts were called quits for the day. "Amazing Hope, You will make the team for sure." I said and she smiled at me "Alright to the gas station." She said we got our normal Dr. Pepper and a bag of chips and I told her all about what happened and she was actually speechless for once. "Does your mom or dad know?" She asked me and I shook my head no "Why not?" She asked me "because of all that has happened with Allie and them I don't want to make them worry about it." I said "Alright Lex." She said and I nodded knowing she didn't like my reasoning because I threw a fit at the

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age of fourteen saying I was just as important as Allie was.

The weeks went by and it was officially the fifth week since Allie's death. We were all getting a little bit stronger; we were walking at night as a family. I realized that I am now two weeks late and I don't know who to turn to. But Blake has called to make sure I was okay "Yeah Blake, I'm fine. I know. Thanks for the concern. Did you do the homework?" I asked and I heard him laugh "Yes ma'am, I want to play in Friday's game." He said and I laughed at that. "Can I ask you for a huge favor?" I said twirling a piece of hair between my finger, "Sure thing Lexie." He said "Will you go to the doctor's with me tomorrow?" I asked and he took a minute to answer "Make it after practice, Coach would freak if I missed it." He said "thanks Blakey." I said "No problem Lexie." He said and we talked a little more about our English Three class and he had to go help his mom with dinner. With that I slowly fell asleep not even bother with eating my own dinner, or waking up for the nightly walk that we did. Because it wasn't as important.

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Chapter 3

After the very brutal day of school I had Blake and I were on my way to my doctor's appointment. "How late are you?" He asked me "I'm not telling you that!" I said "Come on you're having me go to a doctor's appointment!" He said and the song A Little Bit Stronger by Sara Evans came on so I turned the radio up and put up a finger and started singing along. He was laughing at me but didn't say anything, when it ended I finally answered him "Two weeks. I'm normally only three days late at the max." I said and he nodded "to much info." He said and I laughed at him "You're the best. You know that right?" I asked him and I saw his famous million dollar smile that I love so much and then his dimples. "Yeah I know that." He said and I laughed at him on that one.

We pulled into the doctor's office and I felt a sudden feeling of being at the doctor's and hospital so many times for Allie that I felt a lump in my throat. I walked up to the nurse and she handed me a paper to fill out and afterwards I handed it back to her and sat next to Blake. "You'll be fine." He said and I nodded, he knows I hate doctor's due to what we found out about Allie and how because of that it has changed my life forever and this will do the same thing with what the doctor will tell me.

"Miss Summerland, you are indeed pregnant. I would say five weeks along." She said and I nodded she went into details about what needs to happen and I nodded. Blake hugged me as we walked out. Little did I know that we wouldn't be just friends for long, he was my best friend I couldn't even ask Hope to come to this with me yet I asked Blake who is a guy. "Lexie I'm here for you." He said "I'm pregnant." I whispered I don't know who that was for but I felt like I needed to say it. "I know Lexie." He said and I hugged him "I can't believe this." I said and he nodded he leaned in and hugged me to calm me down. "This baby might be just what my family needs." I finally said as we were on the highway home. "I know Lexie. You will be fine." He said "Or on the other hand it could break the family worse." I said "No it won't Lexi." He said "How can you be so sure?" I asked him "Because I have confidence in you, I believe in you, and I'm in love with you." He said and I looked at him and he blushed I guess he meant to kept that last part in his mind. "You're in love with me?" I asked and he nodded "Since when?" I asked feeling the sudden change. "Since I first met you." He said and I smiled "I'm in love with you too. Since the first day of sixth grade." I said and he smiled at me, we were at my house now.

I hugged him good-bye and walked in, my mom was making dinner and my dad was reading his newspaper. "Can you talk?" I asked them two and they nodded, she sat down at the table and he placed his newspaper down. "What's up sweetie?" Daddy asked me, and I took a deep breath and heard a voice that sounded just like Allie's in my head say "You can do it sissy." And I slowly began "You remember Kyle right?" I asked them and they nodded. "Well he raped me five weeks ago, and I'm pregnant." I said and my mom's mouth dropped open and my dad had a blank expression on his face. "What are you going to do?" Daddy asked me "Keep the baby if I can." I said and daddy looked at momma who looked at me "Yes you can." Daddy said and I smiled. "Honestly Lexi, this might be what we all need. I know we're supposed to mourn for Allie. But this will be a huge step toward healing. She will always be in our heart and mind but we can't have her here physically and we need to move on. With a new baby in the house we will do that." She said and I nodded "I agree with her. A new baby will bring new life into the house, now it's not going to replace Allie by any means but it will fill the hole that she left and it's a new life that we can spoil all we want and I can get away with it." I laughed at that.

"Lexie can I come in?" Momma asked me it was after dinner and our nightly walk. I was in my room studying for a test that I had tomorrow. "Yes ma'am." I said pushing my books to my floor and sitting up. "Why didn't you come to me? When you got raped." She said "Because it was right after Allie's death and I knew you were more focus on Allie than any of us so I didn't want to bother you." I said "Lexie, I will always have time for you kids. Especially something that tragic that happened to you." She said and I only nodded at her. She hugged me and decided she was tired so she went to bed, I just sat there focusing on everything that has happened and grabbed my phone. It was getting chilly out but I didn't feel like finding my jacket but I made the way that I knew too well to Blake's house. His mom was on the porch and nodded up to his room and I smiled at her.

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Blake opened the door and smiled "I saw you coming, I was looking out my window day dreaming and then I saw you walking up." He said and I got close enough to him where I could smell that he has been eating hot fries, his weakness. I looked up and I kissed his lips. He didn't pull away, instead he pulled me closer to him wrapping his arms around my waist as I wrapped my arms around his neck. We finally pulled away and his green eyes sparkled "Wow." He said and I smiled at him "I know." I said and sat down on his bed. "So we're crossing the very thin but important line of friendship?" He said "Yeah." I said "Friends that go farther never last." He said "We can prove them wrong." I said and then looked down at my belly "But I'm carrying someone's kid and it's not yours." I said "I will tell everyone it is. I love you Lexie, I don't want the baby to grow up fatherless." He said and I nodded at him I knew he meant well so I didn't say anything about it. "We're doing this." He said and I nodded at him and then he smiled at me. "Walk you home?" He asked and I nodded but I shivered because I was finally cold, so he gave me his hoodie and I put it on. "You two finally gave into faith?" His mom asked him and he shot her a look but I found my way to his hand and smiled. "You're pregnant. You have that glow." She said I figured she would have asked it but I figured out wrong. "Yes ma'am." I said "It isn't Kyle's." She said "No ma'am. I was raped." I said "I know. I can tell." She said and I smiled "I'm walking her home." Blake said and she nodded and went back to what she was doing. "The school will find out soon enough." Blake said and I only nodded, I wasn't sure what he was talking about but honestly I wasn't sure if I cared at that moment. I hugged him good-bye and walked into the house without giving him his hoodie back, it was mine now.

Allie, are you proud of me? I finally admitted my feelings for him. Something you wanted me to do for oh so long. I thought to myself as I curled up in my bed ready to fall asleep and drift off to my dreamland. I remember so many times Allie telling me to tell Blake how I feel. That I shouldn't be a chicken but instead I should just do it. I should trust Allie because she knew what she was talking about. I imagined Allie and I sitting up in my bed probably or laying in her where we were on our sides and us talking about the new baby in the life and everything. I knew that this weekend Allie's things will be moved to the attic so I could have room for the baby stuff that I needed. It was going to be hard going through all of Allie's stuff but we had to do it. I did pack all of Allie's stuffed animals and put it in my closet. But everything else will be packed up and in the attic, her clothes by the time she was dying were too small for me and I was a size zero and XS and now I know I'm going to gain weight so I was worried about that.

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Chapter 4: No matter what I'll be your dreamer

Saturday finally came and we all made it to the room with boxes. It took all morning but we packed up Allie's stuff and carried it to the Attic, we kept her dresser for the baby clothes, we brought down the old crib and changing table, and rocking chair and rearranged my room so everything looked right. They knew that I kept her stuffed animals but nobody said anything. Afterwards Blake came over and I showed him the room and he smiled at me. He looked down and smiled at my small baby bump. "You're showing it off." He said and I smiled "Am I really?" I asked and he smiled and kissed my lips. My shirts were getting too tight, so it did show off my baby bump. Everybody at school knows anyways and Blake is taking the blame. I smiled at him "I can't believe I'm six weeks pregnant in three days." I said and realized that Allie has been dead for going on six weeks. I will be due May 18th, and I hope that I do have a girl.

It's now October 18th, so Allie has been dead for two months. It's hardest on my mom but she is so excited for the new baby that is arriving she isn't focusing just on Allie's death. My Facebook Status is: It's been two months without you Allie. I miss you. Plus side is second month appointment today! Blake smiled at me after school today, you could tell that I was pregnant. I did research and it is proven that if you are a twin then you have a chance of having twins. "Miss Summerland everything is okay, you are healthy. Your first sonogram is now." She said and we nodded and she zoomed in. "You are having twins Miss Summerland." She said and Blake smiled at me, I knew I had room for the other crib we just had to rearrange the room some more but that doesn't bother me.

"So how did it go?" My mom asked me, I sat down on the couch rubbing my small bump. I then felt the urge to puke so I ran to the bathroom and let it all out and then my mom smiled at me when I walked back in. "Morning sickness." She said and I rolled my eyes at that "I'm having twins." I said and she smiled at me "Amazing." She said and I smiled "What do you want?" She asked me "Girls." I said and she smiled at me "You will do good with girls." She said and I smiled at her because I knew she was right.

Blake and I were in my room the following week. Morning sickness was kicking my butt but I didn't really care. "Want to think of baby names?" He asked me and I smiled at him. "I think I do." I said and he laughed at me. "Alexis Nicole Summerland." He said and I nodded "Allison Hope Summerland." I said and he smiled at me "Starlet Lynn?" He asked me and I smiled "Storm Hope." I said and he smiled at me, "Connor Richard and Austin Jacob." I said and he smiled at me, he held my hand as we walked downstairs to tell my mom and dad. "Starry and Storm. Connor and Austin." I said and they smiled at me.

School that following Monday was brutal. "Pregnant Lexie!" A kid yelled when I walked by in the hall. I didn't care though, I knew kids were going to be cruel, so I just went to my locker and tore down another "Put this on your back: Wide Load." Sign and placed my books in my locker. Blake and Hope came up and smiled at me. "How are you?" He asked me and I smiled "Good, morning sickness seems to come during lunch or break. That's a good thing." I said and he smiled at me, "You're ten weeks right?" Hope asked me and I nodded she smiled at me. Blake smiled at me and hugged me "You ready to go home?" He asked "Yup. I just can't wait for six more weeks." I said and she looked at me "I can find out the sexes and then go shopping!" I said and they smiled at me, they have been my friends long enough to know that I love to shop. Blake dropped me off then went back to practice and I decided to go take a nap, I was tired all the time, my back hurts now, and my feet are hurting and swollen and my boobs are finally bigger.

Dreamland:

I'm feeling dizzy so I sit up and I look around my surroundings, I'm in a beautiful place that I wasn't sure of where it is. There is a water fall over to the left into a beautiful river. The most beautiful fish are swimming in it, I see beautiful trees around me. Then I finally see a person, it looks like a girl with long hair flying behind her. "Hello?" I said finally gaining my voice back and able to speak. "Hi." The voice said sounding confidence and sounds familiar. The girls slowly walks towards me and I recognize those icy blue eyes and that knee length strawberry blonde hair anywhere. "Allie?" I asked her and she smiled at me, her famous smile. "The one and only." She said "Where am I?" I asked her "A part of Heaven." She said "It's beautiful." I said "I know." She said sitting next to me wrapping her arm around my shoulder. "Things haven't been the same without you sissy." I said "I know sissy, trust me I know. But I'm not in pain anymore sissy. I'm proud of what

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you're doing. I'm so glad that you told Blakey how you feels! I'm glad momma and daddy are getting stronger, I'm glad Ryan is and Callie is too. Life is moving on for you guys and that is wonderful." She said "But we all miss you deep down." I said "I know that, why do you think I'm not mad? Lexie, you did the greatest thing. Two new babies will be born in May, mom is going to be so happy. You will hear her normal laugh, not her fake laugh. Around Thanksgiving Callie and Ryan are getting back to normal. Daddy will be back to normal around Christmas. Momma not so much but as soon as she holds her first grandchild she will be." Allie said "I don't know if I can wait that long." I said and she laughed at me "Always impatience sissy." She said "Wait you know what I'm having don't you?" I asked and she looked away "I can't tell you sissy. I know you will be a great mommy to your two wonderful children." She said and I smiled "I love you sissy." I said "I love you too." She said and then she vanished and so did the beautiful place I was in.

"Honey, dinner is ready." Daddy said and I slowly got up and hugged him. In two more weeks it will be November 18th, and then Thanksgiving will be right around the corner so they will be back to normal if my dream comes true. I was thinking about that throughout dinner and momma looked at me "What happened?" She asked me "A dream." I said "Go on." Daddy said and I told them everything and momma only nodded she couldn't even speak of anything else. "Wonderful." She said and I nodded at her and we went back to eating in silent but nobody complained about it. Until Callie looked over at Allie's spot and we all did and momma had tears in her eyes and so did Callie. I just stared at it regretting that I said anything.

I went over to Blake's after the dishes and he comforted me as I told him all that happened. "Everything will be okay Lexie." He said and I only nodded at him hoping he was right about this. I ended up falling asleep in his arms and woke up it was morning. "I'm so sorry." I said but he was half awake, "It's okay my mom came in around eleven and saw and called your parents." He said and I nodded "I gotta go get ready." I said and he smiled at me "I know." He said and I smiled at him as I walked home and got dressed and smiled at my daddy who was sipping coffee and day dreaming I guess about Allie. "Daddy, things will get better." I said and he only smiled at me "I know. Just think next month we could find out if you're having girls or boys or both." He said and I smiled at him. "I know daddy. Allie is happy for us." I said "I believe you sweetie. It's hard though. A parent isn't supposed to out live a child. It's supposed to be the other way." He said "Daddy, everything happens for a reason. We just have to keep on living our lives."

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Chapter 5: things will get easier

Thanksgiving is finally here! On the 18th of December I can hopefully find out the sexes of my babies! I'm wearing a cute dress that doesn't show off my baby bump too bad. I had my hair down and Callie came in and smiled at me as I was brushing it. "Can I brush it for you?" She asked me and I smiled at her "Are you sure? It's mighty long." I said and she smiled "I know, I love your hair." She said and I smiled and handed her the brush. "I hope you have girls." She said "Me too, you will be a great aunt." I said and she smiled at me. "I sure hope so anyways." She said I turned around and saw the old sparkle in her eyes again. "You ready to go girls?" Ryan asked us and I realized he was back to normal, he was only ten. Did we expect him to mourn for his big sister forever? "Yeah." I said wrapping my arms around both of their shoulders.

It's the 18th and I'm up early due to the babies kicking me. "Soccer players, aren't ya?" I asked giggling and smiled that not only do I find out the sex of my babies but today is the last day of school for this year! Because of the Christmas break! We go back January 3rd. I'm wearing maternity clothes, but I'm enjoying the pregnancy, I'm happy and not a pain to many people. I walked downstairs and saw my dad back to his normal self, my mom was slowly getting there but perked up when she saw me. "So. Today is the day, huh?" She asked me and I nodded "Yes ma'am. After school." I said and she smiled at me.

Another brutal day, they are back on me about Allie and especially about being pregnant. But it was Christmas time, and I find out the sexes today so I just focused on the final midterm and then walked with Blake out of the school's building and into his car. "You ready baby?" He asked me and I smiled "Sure am." I said and he smiled at me, she took my weight and blood pressure. "How are you?" She asked me "Wonderful, best experience!" I said and she smiled at me "I'm sure it is." She said "You two ready to see if they will let us find out?" She asked us "Yes ma'am." I said and she placed the blue liquid gel on my stomach and rubbed the thing over my belly and zoomed in "It looks like both of them are girls." She said and Blake smiled at me "Best Christmas present." I said and she smiled "Congratulations. Next month we will do another sonogram since it will be your halfway mark." She said and I nodded "Stay healthy, don't stress over school or the drama they are giving you." She said and I smiled at her "Yes ma'am."

I kept what I'm having secret until today, it's Christmas Eve and we're opening one gift. They all picked my name out of the hat so I gave them each a little box. Which I scribbled Strom Hope and Starlet Lynn. When they all opened it momma had a huge grin on her face and she hugged me. "I knew it! So on the 26th we're going baby girl shopping!" She said and I smiled at her "thank you mom." I said everyone else was happy. Blake knocked and asked if he could take me somewhere and I looked at my parents who nodded. "Lexie, I love you." He said we were on the beach "I love you too." I said and he smiled at me, "is that Selena Gomez?" He asked and I turned around to look and then turned back around and he was on one knee with a beautiful box. "Alexis will you marry me?" He asked me and I couldn't speak, I couldn't even think. Alexis Nicole you better say yes. Allie's voice was back in my head and I smiled at that but then smiled at Blake "Yes I will." I said and he smiled at me. I told him when we were twelve when they were doing tests on Allie that I wanted a Christmas wedding. "Do you still want a Christmas wedding?" He asked me and I smiled "Yeah but it's a day away." I said "Consider it done." He said and I smiled at him, I was clueless on how he was going to pull it off. But I knew Blake would because he loves me and our daughters!

I can't believe it but I was awoken at six by my mom saying that it was time to get up so we can go to my wedding. He asked them about a month ago and they secretly set it up with all of my dreams from when I was five to in July. I slowly got up and mom said that I was going to love my dress but I didn't want to listen. I took a long and relaxing shower and then got dressed in sweats and threw my hair into a ponytail as I was directed. We celebrated Christmas and then at eight we were on the way to Church, our old pastor was willing too since all of his kids were grown and his wife was with his getting ready for the huge Christmas dinner. I fell in love with my dress, it was my dream dress, floor length white, with little crystal like beads on the waist it was fitted for my side, it was strapless like I wanted and it went good with my tan. My hair was made into super curly and part of it was put into a twisted ponytail thingy and then they added the last few items and my mom looked at me and smiled "You're beautiful." She said and I smiled "thank you." I said I looked in the mirror and I looked at least eighteen not like I was sixteen but I was beautiful. Lexie is Gorgeous! Allie's

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voice said and I smiled at that, daddy came in. "Lex you ready?" He asked me and I nodded. We walked down the aisle, of course there wasn't that many people here but it was enough to count for me. We exchanged our vows and then he we kissed and we were now Mr. and Mrs. Blevins. The reception went great and I couldn't believe that not only was I having twin girls but I was married. It is hard to believe how much your life can change within a year. First it was Allie's death, then being raped, finding out I'm pregnant, my junior year began, admitting my feelings to Blake, finding out the sexes and now I'm married. A lot has happened and I'm glad some of it has but I just wish Allie would have been here in person although I know she was here in heart it isn't the same.

The next day I was awoken at four thirty to get up and to get ready. We were leaving at five to spend the day shopping. Callie, momma, Aunt Dana, and me. Aunt Dana is my mom older sister by two years they have always been so close. I took a shower and looked down at my beautiful wedding ring and engagement ring. I got dressed in what I could wear and brushed my hair and made it downstairs in time. "You look good." Daddy said hugging me and I smiled, it felt good to have daddy back to his normal self and my mom is getting there slowly. We made it Aunt Dana's and she got in and smiled at us "Congratulations on the babies and the marriage." She said and I smiled at her "thank you." I said we went shopping for clothes for me within my next few stages, clothes for Callie, then we hit the baby store in the mall.

A lady in her early twenties walked up to me and smiled at me, "Hello I am Sara, I will be at your assistant. How may I help you?" She asked me and I looked at my mom "I can't help you. I'm just buying it." She said and I looked at her feeling my confidence boost up a level "I'm looking for everything for twin girls minus the cribs, dresser, and changing table." I said and she smiled at me "You seem nice, follow me." She said and I did as I was told she told me all of the things I needed to know, told me more books to read up on especially since I'm having twins, showed me the top car seat, the top stroller, the breast-feeding pump, and last but not least she pointed at the clothes and we stocked up on that. When we were done she smiled at me and rang it all up. The total wasn't cheap but my mom didn't complain "You need all of this." She said as we loaded everything in the car. We then ate at the food court before we went home where I had rearranged my room yet again. Blake was moving in the next day, since we're married.

"Lexie it's amazing." Blake said as we made the room perfect for all of us. "I think so too." I said sitting next to him on the bed rubbing my not so small belly. I was craving pickles and ice cream but I didn't want to bug him. "You need anything baby?" He asked me "Pickles and ice cream." I said and he laughed at me "I'm on it." He said and I watched him leave and sat in the rocker imagining me in a couple of months with a baby in my arms instead of in my uterus. Kyle did a great thing for me, he is giving me two new lives sure it has changed my life dramatically but for the better I think. I'm married to the boy of my dreams and I'm still finishing out high school. School lets out June 6th so I'm going to miss the end of the school year, the finals but they are letting me take it home and do it. I will finish up the year at home with my newborns but then I will begin my senior year.

That night was strange, my first night with somebody else in my room since Allie's death, and he's in my bed. He had his arms around me it felt so normal although it wasn't. I can't wait until May 18th to be able to hold Stormy and Starry in my arms and to kiss their cheeks. I can't wait for them to grow up, I can't wait for them to get old enough so I can tell them about their Aunt Allie. I ended up having another dream with Allie in it. It was in a beautiful field with beautiful flowers all around me. I saw the same waterfall a distance away. Allie came bouncing up and smiles at me "I knew you were having girls! I also know they are going to be amazing little girls, then they will make you proud of them. I'm so proud that you're married. I was there, by your side the whole time. I love you sissy." She said and I smiled at her "I wish I could know what they will be when they grow up." I said "It's unpredictable to say. They will struggle throughout life that is for sure. But you will be proud. Just remember your teenage life." She said and I laughed at that "It's wonderful. I'm having two baby girls in May, I'm married to the boy of my dreams. All I'm missing is you." I said "Oh Lex, I'm always here with you. I'm that voice in your head you hate. I'm the flower you see. I'm everywhere you are. I'm part of you, I'm your sister. I love you, I'm always here when you need me the most." She said and again with that she was gone.

I woke up and slowly got out of bed, Blake did look up but I told him to go back to sleep and he listened. I walked into the living room where my mom was looking at old pictures of us, she had a tissue in her hand and

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tried to hide it when she saw me walk in. "It's okay." I said sitting next to her and smiling at the baby pictures of Allie & me. We were adorable babies, we were happy babies, we never cried for hours on ends. "I hope my girls are like me and Allie." I said "I'm sure they will be, they will be so close." She said "Mom, will there be a chance.." I tried asking but she cut me off "It doesn't always happen. Allie was just one of the victims Lexie."She said and I nodded she got to one picture that I remember faintly. It was Allie, me, and Callie baby Ryan was in mine and Allie's lap Callie was next to Allie. We were all smiling at the camera, Ryan was probably three months old. "I love this one." I said and she smiled "I do too. My favorite is this one." It was a picture of momma, daddy, me and Allie. Aunt Dana must have took the picture. We were at a circus, people in the background but we were near the sign. We were two, momma was pregnant with Callie in this picture. "I loved that day from what you guys told us." I said and she smiled at me "We had some good times, camping as a family and going on road trips. Going to see your grandparents and you girls spending a couple weeks with them, enjoying camp as a preteen and then we found out the news." She said and I only hugged her hoping she would stop and she did. We didn't need to cry.

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Chapter 6: everything has a reason

The month of January for me was really brutal. School was tough, they were prepping us for the SATS which will be in March. My fellow classmates are being little pain in my butts, always teasing me, always picking on me, making fat jokes to me, calling me a slut, a hoe, and a whore. School work was only getting tougher on me and it was hard to maintain my A average but I was doing that I didn't know how but I was. Then at home everybody was still adjusting to Blake living with us, with me being married, and it just brings back more memories of Allie, so when we thought my mom was normal again she crumbled under our eyes. She was a wreck, we had to clean the house and cook dinner because she just couldn't bring herself to do it.

Then with me being pregnant it is worse. I'm more emotional, my mood swings are really kicking in. I feel so huge, my ankle are swollen, I'm having leg cramps. I hate the feeling of being fat, but I'm having more and more craving so I stuff my face when I'm at home so that just makes things worse for me. "Lexie, it's your turn to cook." Callie said "Alright." I said but the tone was one of the worse ones, I bit her head off and she almost started crying. "Sorry Callie, mood swings." I said "Oh My God. I'm not getting pregnant." She said when she walked out and daddy laughed "good job." He said and I smiled and walked to the kitchen, I was in the mood for curly fries and chili cheese dogs. So when I got done with making dinner when we all ate but momma they went on their normal walk. Blake went to work, he decided when he moved in to give up his sports and to get a job. But I told him he is doing Foot Ball his senior year, he needs a scholarship to Brown. I'm probably going to do cheerleading so I can get one not only by my grades. I walked into my parent's room with a plate and handed it to her. I watched her eat half of it and then she curled back up in bed. "Momma, it's okay. Everything will be alright." I said "Oh Lexie, I hope you never go through this." She said and I nodded and I hugged her hoping things will be okay because I'm not even sure anymore.

February was even tougher for all of us. School was kicking it into high gear, piling school work on us, plus cramming in SATS sessions, we had a ton of home work every night and even more on the weekends. The good part about us being crammed with so much school work everybody doesn't have that much time to make my life like crap. It was lunch time on the 19th so I was six months pregnant now and I'm not ashamed to show off my belly. Hope handed me a bag of chip and I slowly started eating it. "Three months to go." She said and I smiled she was so excited for Starry's and Stormy's arrival. "I know, trust me I'm counting it down." I said and Blake nodded until his friends called him "I'll see ya in English Three." He said to us and walked off. English three is our last class for the day and we all have that class. "So?" She asked and I knew what she was talking about "God no." I said "It's safe." She said "Eh no." I said and she laughed at me. "After they are?" She asked me and I looked away "uh-oh!" She said and I slapped her and we busted out laughing. I made it home to see Aunt Dana cleaning the house up. Today we were all going to pitch together and get it spotless. "Afternoon Lexie. How are the girls?" she asked walking over and rubbing my belly. "They are good, healthy, growing at the right pace. Three more months." I said and she smiled "I remember those days." She said and I smiled "How is she?" I asked "Not so good. Her Birthday is March 16th, so she is going out with your daddy that night and then me on the 18th since it's a Friday." She said and I smiled at her. "When are your SATS?" She asked me "Her birthday. I'm studying all I can, but then I have to read up on my pregnancy and then about what to expect."

Alright so I woke up today and smiled at myself. Sure in two days I will be seven months pregnant but today is my momma's birthday. She is thirty-three today so it's a big day for her. Callie, Blake, Ryan, daddy, and I went shopping last Friday when she didn't feel like going on our nightly walk so we got her two gifts one from daddy which she will get tonight and one from us kids. Ryan loves having Blake around because now he isn't the only boy in the house expect for daddy. Momma was up when Blake and I walked down and she smiled at us "Happy Birthday momma." I said hugging her Blake was told to call her mom. "Happy Birthday mom." He said and she smiled "thank you." She said and then added in "Callie is sick today so she isn't going to school." Momma said and I looked at her "Alright, she's skipping school. You have to." She said and I smiled "what are the plans?" I asked "Shopping early this morning, visiting your grandma with having lunch, then watching a movie, and then we'll be home." She said and I smiled "Have fun." I said and she smiled "Good luck both of you." She said and I smiled "thanks." We said and left so we wouldn't be late.

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It took all morning but the whole 11th grade was finally done with their SATS so we were all ushered into the gym to be rewarded with the rest of the day being free. "How did you think you did?" Hope asked me "good, I hope I got my names right." I said and she laughed "Did you do Lexie or Alexis?" She asked me "Alexis. Psst, I'm not going to get my name wrong for doing my nickname." I said and she laughed Blake made his way over after he finished the game of basketball. "Having fun?" He asked me "Sure am." I said and he laughed "A good luck kiss?" He asked and I kissed his cheek as he left me.

I remember so clearly right now my mom's last birthday. Allie was going through chemo but it hasn't taken the toll on her body yet. But we skipped school that day and made it my mom's best birthday yet. We took her to the spa, they gave her whatever she wanted, we went out to eat with our grandma, and then went shopping instead of seeing a movie. We were all laughing and Allie looked almost healthy until she threw up on the way home in a bucket. The next day though chemo really took it toll on her, she woke up to find a chunk of blond hair on the bed and I held her tight as she cried and so did momma when I had to go to school.

"Lex?" Hope asked me and I realized she was still talking to me. "Oh sorry, lost in thoughts." I said "About Allie? And today being your mom's birthday?" She asked and I nodded "It's okay Lexie." She said and I smiled at her "I know Hope." I said and she smiled at me and I looked at Blake who was throwing the ball into the basket and I smiled at that. "Daddy is taking momma out tonight." I said and she smiled at me "I hope she has fun." He said "I hope so too." I said and she smiled at me and the bell that let us know that school was finally over rang and we all went our separate ways.

Sure enough momma got all dressed up and ended up looking beautiful for her date night with daddy. Nobody was brave enough to bring up Allie. When she got home though she met me on the swing porch and smiled.

"Remember last year? How much fun us three had?" She asked me and I smiled "Yeah. Allie was so beautiful that day, so were you." I said and she smiled at me "Good to know then huh?" She asked and I smiled at her.

"How do you think you did?" She asked me "I'm hoping good." I said "My straight A daughter since third grade? You probably did do great." She said and I smiled "thanks mom." I said "No thank you." I said and of course on the 19th she was back to the new her we were all so sure her birthday made her happy again but it didn't.

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Chapter 7: Almost time!!

April 18th the day I go to the doctor's for my eighth month appointment we were sitting in English Three and our English teacher Mrs. Woods came by and handed all of us an envelope. "These are your SATS scores. Take them home and show them to your parents. We will discuss it tomorrow in class. Have a good day you guys." She said and we all nodded at her as we stuffed it in our notebooks and went to our lockers. I stuffed mine in my book bag and Blake held my hand as we made it to the doctors. "Everything is going fine Lexie. I will like to see you on the 14th." She said and I nodded Blake went to work and I went home and everybody was looking at me weird. "Did you get it today?" Daddy asked me "Yeah, let's wait for Blake." I said and we all took our nightly walk and when we made it home Blake was there. Callie was in her room studying, Ryan was playing a video game and we were outside with the envelope in our laps. I was on the swing porch Blake was on it with me, momma and daddy were in the chairs in front of us because they turned it around. Allie and I would always talk and laugh about this moment how we were going to tease our parents with it. How this is the most important information we could ever receive in our junior year minus junior prom but still. Speaking of that I remember all those long days in the hospital Allie and I would joke about our prom dresses for both years. This year after a lot of talk it was decided that I go, I shouldn't miss out on this and I'm not going to. I was teasing them by being lost in thoughts but daddy finally broke the ice "Allie and you always said you were going to tease us but come on!" He said and I smiled at him. I looked at Blake "You open it first." I said and he smiled at me "Alright." He said "No on three both of you open it." Momma insisted and we did just that. I studied my score for a minute without saying anything to anybody. "Is it that bad?" Daddy asked me "Oh no it is that bad." Momma said and Blake even looked worried. I haven't spoken in about five minutes and finally cleared my throat. "Miss Alexis Summerland, you took the SATS in March and your score is.." I said "Is what?" Momma asked me and I looked like a lost little puppy I could tell. "Your section on the writing SATS is an 800, your section on math is an 800, and lastly your score on critical reading is an 800. Your total score is 2,400 congratulations Miss Alexis." I said momma glared at me but then smiled at me we looked at Blake who was speechless. "Math score: 750, Writing score 750, critical reading is 800. Your total score is 2300, Congratulations Mr. Blake." He said and I smiled "Congratulations!" I said and after all this celebrating we saw Hope pull up, she has always been as smart as me but has gotten one B on a pop quiz. "I got a perfect score!" She said running up and my parents smiled "congratulations. Were your parent's home?" My mom asked her "No ma'am, away on a business trip." She said "Come on. You're spending the night here. We're celebrating." She said not letting her protest and we knew she was almost normal again. "What did you get?" She asked Blake "2300." He said and we smiled. "Mom we have to tell his parents." I said "Hurry we're going out! They can come too but come on!" She said and we took Hope's car to make it there fast. "Blake?" His dad asked "Is everything alright." Carrie asked, his dad's name is Connor. "Yes ma'am and sir." He said "What is it then?" She asked "We got our SATS scores back." I said "How did you do son?" Connor asked Blake "2300." He said "Same score as me." He said "Lexie?" Carrie asked me "2400." I said and she smiled at me. "You guys going out?" She asked "My mom said so, so yeah." I said and she smiled "You can come." Blake said and they smiled as my mom pulled up "Come on!" She said and daddy was driving so we all got in the cars and left.

We had an amazing night and now we're at school the next day. Everybody is asking about what they got. We were in homeroom and the principal came on over the loudspeakers. "As you all know, our Juniors took the SATS last month. I am sad to say that some didn't do so good, but at least we have four people that got a perfect score! Alexis Summerland, Hope Wakefield, John Picket, and Heather Bells." John was a nerd and Heather was the captain of the cheerleading team.

As soon as we made it into English Mrs. Woods looked at us. "Write a short essay on your reactions of your score. How you did your families and what you did to celebrate." She said and we all began on our essays.

Alexis Summerland April 20th, 2011

To begin with my boyfriend and I made a pact to wait until he got home from work to open it. So all afternoon I was teasing my family, my mom was on edge because she wanted to find out so bad. My dad acted like he didn't care but I knew he did but what do I know? So Blake finally came home from work. We

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were on the porch while my siblings were in their rooms. I stalled by not opening it being lost in thoughts but Blake and I finally opened ours. I was speechless, stunned when I saw those scores. I couldn't believe it, who knew all those long hours of studying and going nuts would pay off. I was finally able to tell my parents and they were so happy for me. We ended up going to the ice cream shop for ice cream.

The remaining days of April quickly passed by and it was now May 13th. So in five days I will be a mother. Mother's day for my mom was okay she had a blast and said she couldn't wait until next year. The 14th is my last day of school so I had to return all my books tomorrow but I didn't care. I will still finish up the school year but just give my assignments to Blake. Finals are May 26th to June 4th. Then school is out on the 8th so I'm not really missing much but I will be doing my finals.

The next day I cleaned out my locker, and returned the papers to the right person and then left the campus with Blake and Hope. I wouldn't return back to school until the fall where I would begin my senior year. That night and on the fifteen, I did all of my school work for the rest of the year minus the finals which I won't be given until the 26th and then every day they get a final I get that one too. My mom is supposed to time me but I'm not sure if she will. All I know is I was excited about the babies being due in three days. I can't wait for that, during the 16th I was on the swing porch with my laptop and my mom walked out. "What are you doing?" She asked me "looking up information for Brown." I said "You sure you can do it?" She asked me "Yeah, the girls will be five but it will work." I said "if you say so." She said I knew she didn't agree with me going to Brown that I should do a local one that takes two years but if I don't get accepted then I will do a two years one but if Blake does then it will be a two years one near Brown.

I was mad at her, I couldn't believe she would even talk me out of going to a college like that because it was one of the best out of colleges. I went walking not really caring if she was all for me walking along or against it. I made it down to the creek and slowly sat down. "Oh Allie, what have I done?" I asked and the voice in my head wasn't there. I felt all alone now because didn't answer me. Nothing at all. Mom will cool down.

You're due in two days. Of course she will. I smiled at that and realized I couldn't get up so I ended up dozing off. I was awoken by my mom tapping me on my shoulder. "Need help?" she asked and I nodded she helped me up and hugged me. "You're going to be a great mom. If you go to Brown or not, trust me on that sweetie." She said and I smiled.

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Chapter 8: it's time!

It's the 17th now and Blake will not leave my side. My mom had to force him to go to school, it was a Friday and I told him I would be fine but he didn't believe me. My mom was slowly going back to her old self but I know she will be when she sees those little girls unless the hospital brings back memories and I'm sure it will, the doctors does with me. "You ready?" She asked me and I nodded "My over night bag is packed, the car seats is installed in the car, the room is baby ready, I'm emotionally ready." I said "I do not think you can ever be emotionally ready Lexie." She said and I nodded at her "You're right." I said "Breast-feeding or formula?" She asked me "Breast." I said "Good choice." She said and I smiled at her "Yeah I know momma." I said and she smiled as I rubbed my belly "I can't believe you're pregnant and married. You're a good daughter, you are growing up." She said "I'm proud of you." She said and I looked at her so she kept on. "You finished out your school year, you're going to school next year, you're either going to a four year or two year college with twin girls. That takes guts." She said and I smiled at her. Blake was home in no time after work and he smiled at me "You okay?" He asked me and I only nodded. After dinner we all went walking, a little extra this time talking about how life is going to change for all of us but especially Blake and I. "You ready Lex?" Daddy asked me before he went to bed "Yes sir. As ready as I ever be." I said and he smiled at me "You will be great." He said and I nodded I went back to watching The Notebook and when it came to around midnight my first contraction happened. It hurt like crap too, I held on to a pillow and slowly made my way to bed. They became more regularly throughout the night and finally around six thirty I knew I couldn't put it off anymore. "Blakey." I said shaking him trying to wake him up. I was huge; I couldn't even see my feet so I was ready to get them out as they were ready to get out as well. "What Lexie?" He asked me sleepily, "What time is it?" He asked me "Six Thirty." I said "Five more minutes?" He asked me "NO Blakey, it's time." I said and then another contraction came so he jumped out of bed and ran into my parents room. He put his flip-flops on and didn't even bother grabbing mine. Instead he lifted me up and carried me to the car as my mother grabbed my bag and flip-flops. I squeezed his hand as we road to the hospital. "Oh my god!" My mom said she was freaking out like I was but I wasn't that bad. "I can't believe it's time! My daughter is having twins." She said "Yes momma." I said and then another one came. "Oh Allie." I whispered low enough for nobody to hear me. I'm here Lexie. Holding Stormy and Starry, getting them ready. Their souls to enter the bodies. I'm not leaving you. I promise. I smiled at that and then frowned when another contraction came. "Mommy it hurts." I said "I know sweetie. It will. Labor hurts like hell." She said "No kidding." I said "Oh baby, this is only half of it." Daddy said and I rolled my eyes at that. The nurses brought a wheel chair out and my dad was filling out the paper work as they wheeled me into a hospital room. They got me set up and everything it felt strange with me being a patient. My mom took one look at me all sweaty, and hooked up, lying in a hospital room and about broke into tears but then smiled. I wasn't ready yet, I wasn't that far along I still had time. People told me it could take a long time and I hated the thought of that. Somebody even said they were in labor for seventy-two hours I couldn't imagine that. It was now eight o'clock and I still wasn't far along enough so I was a total pain for people to be around. They all understood though but still. Around eleven o'clock I was far along so they got everything set up for the last part of labor. "Oh my God! I'm going to kill you Blake!" I said we have been saying that it was his for so long I actually believe it. "Kill Kyle." He said trying to make a joke as he held my hand. I had my mom and Blake in here with me and I knew my mom wasn't going no where. "Pain medicine now." I said and the nurses looked at mom who went to work on that. Around noon, twelve hours after the easy labor began I was finally able to start the last stage of it. "We're going to push on three alright? Do your biggest push possible." My doctor said and I did as was directed when he said "One. Two. Three push! One, two, three push! One, two, three push! One, two, three push!" I did so too and the first baby was out. "It's a girl." He said and I smiled at Blake, they went to cleaning her up as we started the next one. "It's a girl." He said after she came out, I smiled at that but felt all dizzy. "We're losing her! Somebody do something!" The doctor said "Oh my." My mom said I didn't hear the other part I was fading out. "Lexie-poo it isn't your time. You can't come here, I know you want to be here with me." Allie said she was standing in front a huge golden gate. "What happened?" I asked realizing I was in a hospital gown. "You died giving birth. You can't die. You have two beautiful girls who needs their mommy more than ever. I need you too but

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I'm fine with waiting many years for you. Don't fight to stay. Fight to go Lexie." She said and she got up and hugged me but pushed me off a cloud. Next thing I know I hear "She's back. Lexie can you hear us?" My mom asked "Babies." I said and she smiled at me, "They're okay. Ready for their mommy to hold them. You scared us." She said hugging me and leaving to go tell everybody. "Lexie you scared us." He said and I nodded as they handed me my girls. I looked at them carefully I smiled at them, they had my icy blue eyes, my curly strawberry blond hair, my nose, my ears shape, my lips, my ears, my cheeks, the one in my right had dimples on her cheeks, while the other one had dimples on her cheeks and chin. "Starry." I said to the one on my right "Stormy." He said to the one on my left. They were born weighing two pounds three ounces being twelve inches long. Two days later after everything was checked out alright and the girls and I were both healthy we were able to go home. Blake had went home once with my parents and came back in our car so we could take the babies home. He was missing school today but will be back on the Tuesday. I slowly got out of the hospital bed, I was sore. Blake was holding Starry and Stormy. I got dressed in my favorite ripped jeans and a cami that fit. I pulled my hair into a sloppy ponytail and got wheeled out to the car and we got the girls in their car seats and headed for home. We showed the girls around the house and then around after school let out Hope showed up. "Congratulations! They're beautiful!" She said smiling at Stormy, she was holding her as I was holding Starry. "Momma said Allie and I looked both like them at that age." I said and she smiled "That's good. How is she?" She asked me "Wonderful, back to normal. Especially after the death scared I had, she loves being a Grandma doesn't take it for granted. Carrie and Connor are coming over tonight for dinner so they can see the girls." I said and she smiled "It's nap time." I said and we walked up the stairs and placed them in their cribs. I put the baby monitor on Starry's crib to the side and then took the other one downstairs with me. "You're a great mom already." She said "I know or so I've been told. You have my grades?" I asked and she handed me my assignments and I smiled at them, all one hundreds. "Thanks." I said and she smiled at me, final exams began soon and I would return my last one with the girls on the last day.

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Chapter 9

When I did get the final exams Blake would watch the girls in the living room as I locked myself in my room and took the exams. I was on my last exam and I would bring it in tomorrow morning and as my teacher excused herself from class she would grade it and then get together with all of my teachers this afternoon and get my grades for my final exams. I finished this one in no time and walked into the living room and everyone smiled at me. Momma was holding Starry and daddy was holding Stormy. "I think I did good." I said and they smiled at me "Good job." Momma said then went back to focusing on Starry. "You're going to spoil her." I said "And?" She asked and I laughed at that, I sat down between her and my dad.

Life with two newborns have changed my life, it is nothing to be up almost all night with the girls. Either they are hungry, they need changed, they want attention or whatever it is I'm up most of the night. Blake wants to help but I won't let him since he has school so he goes back to sleep. "I can watch them tomorrow." She said "No ma'am. Mrs. Woods wants to see them." I said and she smiled "Could you blame her? They're adorable." She said and then handed me Starry and helped Callie and Ryan with their homework. Ryan doesn't seem to care for the girls but Callie loves having them here so that's a good thing.

At around eight thirty, I got dressed in my ripped jeans and old cheerleading shirt. I put my hair into a pony-tail, changed the girls and got them in their car seats. I got the diaper bags ready and loaded them up in the car. I was told to call my mom when I got there and when I was leaving. Since I died, she is over protective of me and the girls. At least I was saved I would tell her but that wasn't good enough for her so I just rolled my eyes and I said I would.

I turned the radio down low and spent most of the ride talking to the girls explaining what I'm about to do and everything. I pulled into the Visitor's parking lot and pulled out my Iphone. "I'm here mom. I will call when I'm in the car to leave. Bye love you." I said and after she said "Ok, love you too." I hung up and got the girls out and with both car seats in my hand I made my way to the front office. The secretary told me to sit down and I did. The girls were put in the seat next to me with the car seats sideways so I could keep an eye on them. Mrs. Woods came in and lead me to the teacher's lounge. "They're beautiful Lexie." She said and I smiled at her "Thank you." I said and she got a sad look on her face. "I had a little girl, I got in an accident and although I tried to save her I didn't so she died on impact, she was three months old. My baby at that, my three other girls were with their dad so they didn't get hurt." She said and I nodded and she went to grade my exam. "You did great on all of them, one hundreds for each subject." She said and I smiled "Thank you for doing this." I said "no problem sweetie. Can I hold Starry?" She asked me and I gently picked Starry up and she held her smiling at her. It was ten thirty when I made it to the car and Blake and Hope caught up with me, it was in between classes, we talked for a little bit and then they left. But I wasn't alone, Kyle came out and smiled "My girls." He said "No, they are Blake's" I said "you're not fooling me." He said "Leave me alone." I said "I want to see them." He said luckily I had locked the doors "Leave me alone." I said again, he didn't listen tried to get the keys from me so I kicked him in the balls, got in my car as quickly as I could and pulled away. I needed gas so after I got the gas I called my mom and told her I was on my way and would be home shortly. When I did get home I told her all about what happened and she hates Kyle even more.

It's June 18th and Blake and I are at the doctor's office. I hate being at the doctor's office but this time it's for Stormy and starry, who are already so spoiled by everybody. Blake looked away when they gave the girls their shots, but I couldn't pull away something just made me watch them, watch the girls cry a little because of it. That brought back so many memories of me holding Allie's hand as they stabbed a needle in her, or an IV in her it just made me think of Allie. Afterwards we went to my grandma's house and she enjoyed the little visit. We did the drive through thingy at McDonald's and brought everyone lunch at home.

"How did they take it?" She asked me "they cried a little. Blake couldn't watch." I said and he rolled his eyes at me. "That isn't it." He said and we all laughed. Everything is back to normal, we do our normal things minus Allie and plus Blake and the girls. I heard the mail and with Starry in my arms walked out the door and got the mail. We were supposed to get our reports cards today and sure enough we did. Next year I'm known as Lexie Blevins instead of Summerland. "Ryan let us see." Mom said he was twelve as of June 10th. "94 in English, 92 in Math, 93 in Social Studies, 98 in History, 95 in Science. 100 in Gym, 96 in Art. You are a

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middle schooler now." She said and he smiled. Callie's birthday is in September so she will be fifteen this fall. "100 in English, 98 in Math, 96 in Social Studies, 93 in science, 100 in History, 100 in Gym, 100 in Computer Literacy. You are a high schooler now." She said smiling and she opened mine. "100 in English 3, 100 in American Government, 100 in Civics, 100 in Algebra 2, 100 in Marine Biology, 100 in Creative Writing. You are a Senior." She said and I smiled and she read Blake's. "96's in all classes, you are a senior." She said and he smiled at her and me. "I hope the girls are as smart as you." He said and I smiled "oh they will be." I said and he smiled at me.

Hope came over when Starry and Stormy were taking a nap so I met her on the porch. "So?" I asked her "100's in all my classes." She said "me too. Blake got all 96's." I said and she laughed "You are getting into Brown next fall." She said and I smiled "I hope so anyways." I knew it was going to be a lot of work, the first five years of my girls life I will be in school and then they enter school. We walked up to my room and checked in on the girls and then walked back downstairs. "Any plans for your birthday?" She asked me "Not yet, we're not really sure." I said and she smiled "that's understandable. I hope it's a good one." She said and I smiled "me too." I said and she smiled at me.

Later that night Blake and I were on the swing porch with the girls in their swings facing us asleep sucking on their pacifiers. "I think for your birthday we should do a road trip." He said and I looked at him "Where to?" I asked him his birthday is July 3rd. "Providence, Rhode Island." He said and I smiled "good idea." I said "my parents have the money for us to go for our birthday presents. The girls will be two months old so they can travel more." He said and I smiled "I like that." I said and my parents came out, my dad had a beer in his hand. "Road trip one?" She asked and I nodded "Good idea, you should go." Daddy said "And check out Community College of Rhode Island: Liston campus and Down City." She said and I rolled my eyes at that but only nodded I knew it would be a good idea. "Alright so we're doing this." I said and he smiled at me, and it hit me that this will be my first birthday without Allie here to celebrate it with. I couldn't believe I was just now thinking of that. Hope's dreams has always been to go to Brown as well, we have all dreamt of that day since we were eight. Allie was in on it too but she didn't get to go as you can tell by her not being here with us that is.

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Chapter 10

We woke up around two on the 15th of July; he loaded up the car while I got the girls ready. He then took the girls and I hugged my mom and dad good-bye. I was kind of glad I wasn't going to be here for tomorrow. It's going to be hard on my mom I could already tell. It was a twenty-two hour car ride up there. We started out making great time until we hit North Carolina when there was traffic. I took pictures of every welcome to signs. I have been all the way to Maine once so I have been to these states. But mainly we stayed in Florida. When we made it to the Virginia's Welcome rest stop the girls were crying so I carried both car seats into the bathroom and changed them and then fed them real quick. I went to the bathroom quickly and came back and they were staring at me with their icy blue eyes. We left at three in the morning and it was four Pm, we knew we couldn't travel too late at night. I ended up talking him into letting me drive so I drove all the way to the middle of Ohio where we ended up getting a motel room. It was late as we made it to the room but I called my parents and let them know that we stopped.

We woke up around for the next morning and headed out again, wanting to make good time. "Happy Birthday." He said kissing my lips as we loaded the girls in the car and started driving. We were in New York by noon and then made it to Rhode Island around ten, we got to the hotel and then crashed we were exhausted. The girls even slept all night, so my birthday was spent driving but I honestly didn't care I was with my husband and girls. He woke me up around four and kissed my lips, I kissed him back and we took it to the next level, he ended up putting a condom on and I was already on the pill after I was told I could get on it when the girls were born.

We woke up at eight and began sight seeing around Rhode Island. We made it to Brown and looked around with the girls in their carrying pouch. We went to the two community colleges and looked around, they were manageable for if I decided to do that instead of a four year college. We loved Rhode Island we didn't want to go home on the 21st but we knew we had to. We went through Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and then to Virginia. I drove home from North Carolina to Florida, that trip took longer but we enjoyed ourselves. We spent the night in Savannah, Georgia and went sightseeing the next day before we went home.

Things seems to be easier for everyone now that we're home. The girls are making the house more alive, more peaceful than what it was before and we all appreciate that. My mom ended up made us go out the other night without the girls, sure it was nice but I ended up missing them too much so we came home before ten o'clock. It's August 14th and we all have all of our school supplies and new school clothes. School begins August 20th this year, so we have six more days of summer left. "I will watch them during the days." My mom said and I smiled "Lexie you're trying out for Cheerleading this year. Blake, football. No buts if you don't make it then that is one thing. But you're tying out." She said and I smiled at her "Alright mom." I said and I quickly called Hope to let her know what I found out and she was more than thrilled to have her best friend back to trying out. Callie is a nervous wreck about high school, Ryan can't wait to begin, I'm a nervous wreck leaving the girls for eight to ten hours a day. Blake is still working his job, and he will be doing school, Football and then working and he has saved up money and I've saved up money all my life for college so I'm ready for if I need to dip into it for anything. But when my mom goes to the store she buys the baby diapers and everything they need. They are going on three months now and it makes me feels so old because they were once in my stomach not too long ago it feels like.

On the 19th I woke up and got tired of my hair being so long so I decided to go get it cut. I had Starry on my hip and Blake had Stormy as we walked into the kitchen. My mom had pancakes on the table. "I'm getting my hair cut today." I said "Alright." She said "I want mine cut." Callie said and momma nodded. "Have fun." She said and I nodded and then it hit me what today was. Allie's one year anniversary, no wonder she is in a mood. Blake handed me Stormy, kissed my lips and went off to work and I smiled at Callie. "Do you want to make a stop on the way?" I asked and she nodded not sure of what I'm talking about. We loaded up the girls and drove to the cemetery where Allie was at. We paid our respects dropping sunflowers at the ground and slowly made our way to the car. "It's hard to believe." Callie said and I smiled "I know it is. I miss her too." I said and she smiled at me as we made it to the car and put the car seats back in and drove to the mall.

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Callie had a good view of the stroller as I was called to get my hair cut. "How short do you want it?" She asked me "To the boobs, but in layers please?" I asked and she smiled at me "Alright." She said and after she washed it she looked at my sister "Are those hers or yours?" She asked me "Mine." I said "they're adorable, what are their names?" She asked me "thank you, Starry and Stormy." I said and she smiled "I love those names, how old are they?" She asked me "They will be three months in two days." I said and she smiled "I remember when my little Savannah was that age." She said "How old is she?" I asked her "Two, and boy is she a handful but I love her." She said "it's kind of hard not to." I said and again she smiled at me, and she was done with my hair in no time, it was an inch away from my feet and now it's to my boobs. Callie got hers to the same length and with layers as well.

We went to the baby's stores while we were at the mall, and the same girl that helped me before smiled at me as she saw me and then really smiled when she saw the girls. "They're adorable." She said and I smiled "Thank you." I said and we got them each a new outfits for Church something we're starting to do now. We made to the food court and found something to eat and then made it home and my mom about had a heart attack. "You basically cut it all off." She said and we smiled "We like it." We said and Callie asked if she could go show her best friend, who is Blake's sister Nicole. And she nodded at her and then looked at me. "It's beautiful." She said and I smiled "thank you." I said and she just shook her head at me.

She picked up Stormy as I picked up Starry and we walked into the living room and sat down. "You nervous for tomorrow?" She asked me "Oh yeah, I am now a Senior, this year really counts for if I want to get in any college, I have to leave my girls for eight to ten hours a day." I said "Oh Lex, you can handle it." She said "Can I really? Can they?" I asked her and she smiled "I'm sure they can." She said and I smiled at her "Alright then." I said and she just shook her head at me, I decided to load the girls up and take them to Blake's work. He works at a diner just barely in town and I showed up with the girls and he about fell over. "It's beautiful, it looks good on you." He said and I smiled at him "Thanks." I said and left at that so I could help my mom with dinner. We had tacos and tater tots, Allie's favorite meal. Done the way she loved we all smiled at that especially when my mom was laughing and telling embarrassing stories about Allie and me to Blake. I rolled my eyes and daddy looked over at me "Nice hair cut Lexie-poo." He said and I smiled "Thanks." I said after dinner we got the girls in the stroller and did our nightly family walk something we're always going to do.

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Chapter 11

I was awoken at five thirty to Starry's cries. So I slowly got up, fed her and then changed her and did the same with Stormy who was now awake and was about to cry. I then took a shower and found my short denim skirt, it was long enough where I didn't need leggings but it was short. I paired it with a brown cami and an orange Abercrombie & Fitch shirt, I wore my rainbows and had my hair down and then found my Cheerleading bag with my name on it and shoved in my Sperry's. Blake was up now and kissed the girls good-bye and carried my bags into the living room and went up to get his bags.

Callie came down in her ripped jeans and a white cami, with a hot pink Baby T-shirt. She had her rainbows on as well and her hair was done and she was smiling. This year she is in the same school as me and she can't wait for that. We ate breakfast and waved good-bye to Ryan as he caught his middle school bus. While I carried my bags to the car, Blake carried his, and Callie carried hers and we all got in. Hope was at my locker waiting for me when I walked in, Callie has went to her locker after we wished her good luck. "You cut your hair!" She said and I nodded "I love it!" She said and I smiled at her "I'm glad you do." I said and she got to talking and I saw a girl with knee length light brown hair, about my height which is 5'4 walk over and she smiled at me. She had baby blue eyes. "Hi, is this Locker 210?" She asked referring to the one next to me. "Yes it is." I said "thanks." She said "You're new here, I'm guessing?" I asked "Yeah, this is my first day, along with my sisters." She said "I'm Lexie." I said "I'm Noah." She said "I'm Hope." Hope said and she smiled at Hope. "I will catch ya in First." Hope said and I nodded at her. "Are you a senior?" I asked her "yup." She said "What's your schedule if you don't mind me asking?" I asked and she showed it to me "Follow me then, we have all the same classes." I said and she laughed "that's good to know." She said and I knew that I had a new friend.

During Lunch she followed me to our usual table and then a girl that looked just like her came up "Mind if I sit?" She asked "Not at all." I said Blake and Hope weren't here yet but I knew they wouldn't mind. "I'm Lexie." I said "I'm Steph." She said and smiled at Noah. "You two are twins?" I asked and they nodded "Cool." I said and Noah looked at me "Everything okay?" She asked me "Yup. I have a twin sister." I said and Steph looked up from texting "Where is she?" She asked me "Heaven." I said "I'm so sorry." She said "It's okay." I said and somebody passed by "So Lex, where are you babies?" He asked and I rolled my eyes "You're a mom?" Steph asked me amazed at the comment. "Yup, I have twin girls." I said "Do you have pictures?" She asked me and I showed them some pictures.

"Where are you two from?" I asked as I saw Hope and Blake in the lunch line. "Providence, Rhode Island. My dad got a job transfer in our senior year down here." Noah said and I nodded "You ever been to Brown?" I asked "Oh no." Steph said and I looked at her "It's my favorite school. I want to go there but I'm not sure if I'm able to." She said and I looked at her but she didn't say anything because Blake and Hope showed up. "Blake this is Noah and Steph, Hope this is Steph." I said and they all smiled at each other. "You still on for Cheerleading tryouts?" Hope asked me and I smiled "Of course!" I said "Wow, you're doing cheerleading with two little girls?" Noah asked "Yeah, my mom said so." I said and she smiled at that "She's a great mom." She said and I smiled at her. After school we ended up exchanging phone numbers and I told her I would call her later on. I got into my cheerleading work out clothes and did the tryouts it felt weird.

On the way home Callie was going on and on about her first day and how wonderful it was. She was already making new friends and she loved all of her classes and they remembered her from whenever she came to school due to Allie and me. As soon as I got home I headed straight to the swings where they were wide awake sucking on their pacifier. I picked up Starry and Stormy and did my homework with them in my lap and then played with them until it was time to eat. After I ate they got their dinner and then we all went for our nightly walk. Afterwards I sat on the porch with both my girls in their swings watching the sunset something they love to do.

I dialed Noah's number and a woman answered I'm assuming it was her mom. "Hello, is Noah there?" I asked her "Yes she is, may I ask who is calling?" She asked me "I'm Lexie, a friend from school." I said and I could tell she perked up "Oh really? That's nice." She said and called for Noah, who took the phone and I could tell she was walking to her room. "Hey Lex. " She said "Any luck with Pre-Calculus?" I asked her "Yup, you?"

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She asked "It's easy for now." I said "Yeah that is the key word here." She said and I smiled "I have to admit I'm amazed that you called. I figured it was just some act to impress me on my first day of school." She said I looked at Starry who was looking at me and I smiled and she smiled finally. "No way, I'm not that type of person. Especially with me being a mom now." I said "I wasn't really sure." She said and then quickly added "Do you mind if I come home with you tomorrow to hang out?" She asked and I smiled "Let me ask my mom real quick." I said "Alright." She said and I walked to the yard where she was sitting "mom can my friend Noah come over tomorrow?" I asked and she nodded "She said yes." I said "Alright." She said we talked some more about school and then a lot about Brown.

The next day after school she came over, Cheerleading tryouts weren't held today but it will be tomorrow. She saw that part of my room was cover with stuff from Brown. And smiled at Starry and Stormy who were asleep in their cribs. "Starry and Stormy." I said and she smiled at that and sat down on my bed beside me. We did our homework together and she finally looked at me. "Do you want to know the real reason I'm down here?" She asked me "only if you want me to know." I said "I trust you which is strange for me." She said and I nodded "I got pregnant last year, and my parents didn't want to stay in the town. Especially when the father of my baby decided it wasn't his that I cheated on him which I didn't. So as soon as my dad got a job offer down here he took it." She said "Did you keep the baby or put the baby up for adoption?" I asked her "I kept them." She said and I looked at her "I had twins. Autumn and Summer, they are three months old." She said "When is their birthday?" I asked her "May 18th." She said and I smiled "Theirs too." I said "Want to come see them?" She asked and I nodded. I loaded up the girls and we made it over there.

Steph was holding them and Noah took them, "My family is really supportive. Especially Steph." She said and Steph smiled and went to do her homework. Her mom came in "You must be Lexie?" She asked me "Yes ma'am." I said and she smiled at me then smiled at the girls. We made it outside and had the girls on our lap, she lived down the road from me. Not too long away so I knew we would be using this path a lot. They had her brown curly hair and baby blue eyes. She was applying to all of the colleges I am, she has been a Straight A student, just made a stupid mistake and I told her what happened with me and she smiled saying I was so brave for doing this and I knew I was. It felt weird thinking that maybe Allie and I would be friends with both of them.

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Chapter 12: Chapter 12

"Lexie you did it!" Hope said as I was walking up to where everybody was gathered up to see who made the Football team, Volleyball team, Soccer team, and cheerleading squad. Only six seniors were going to be on both seasons and I'm one of them! "Did you?" I asked and she was bubbly so that answered my question. "I can't believe it! I have something to put on my college application!" She said and I rolled my eyes in our English class we're working on our applications for the colleges we want to apply to. Brown, Community college of Providence Liston campus and down city. I looked at my Brown's application. I had everything filled out but my essay questions on all of them. I have one hundred hours of community service, my sophomore year.

The question was staring at me daring me to make myself look like a fool. "What make you difference from all of the other thousands of people applying for a spot in our school?" "Begin on your essay portion now." Mr. Bryan said and we all slowly began.

Well, what makes me difference is probably that I am a very determined, well trained to focus, smart teenage girl. I know everybody probably says that but I have a lot of bad past, enough to be amazed at how I'm a Straight A student yet I am. My sister had Leukemia and died of it my Junior year, I was raped and got pregnant so now only did my sister die I found out I was having twins. Down the tube my dreams went, but I knew college is important so I kept focusing on good grades and I did that. No matter what happens in my life I'm going to focus on my education. I know I have to work on my schedule with everything that has gone on but I know I can make it through with no problem. I need a dare, a challenge and Brown is just the school to do that to me. I know school should be my number priority and in a way it is but my girls comes before that, I'm not saying I would blow off classes but they still come first. School is important to me, this school is equally important to me. My sister and I have always dreamed of attending this school since we were young. This would mean the world to me, like I'm sure it would mean the world to many other students.

I finished all of my applications and handed it to Mr. Bryan after class and he nodded at us. We would find out in Spring for early admissions. Noah, Steph, Hope and Blake all meet me at the normal spot for lunch. "That essay was tough." Steph said "yeah it was." I said and Blake nodded in agreement. "You three needs a boyfriend." He said "why?" Steph asked him "I'm tired of being the only boy." He said and I laughed "Aw baby." I said and they all smiled at that. "Blevins, come on! Leave those girls! Your wife will understand!" A football player nodded and he looked at me "Go. You need boy time." I said and he laughed. I saw Callie head my way and I nodded at her "What's up?" I asked her "Grandma." She said and I looked at her weird "is dying." She said "Oh my." I said "We need to go home now." She said and it hit me cheerleading practice. "Forget it. I'll cover for you." Hope said reading my mind and I just blew off Blake and ran to my locker and ran to the office to sign myself out and they understood.

We made it to the middle school and droved as fast as I legally could and make it to the house. My mom had all of our bags packed and crammed it in the car. She got the girls in their spot and looked at me. "Drive to the airport. We have to be there in half an hour." She said and I did as I was directed not really caring about Blake being clueless because I knew Hope would fill him in and he would stay with his mom more than likely. We met up with my dad at the gate as they checked our tickets and my mom and dad sat together, Callie sat with me and Ryan was on the other side of me. I had both girls in my arms. Momma reached across the isle for Stormy and I handed her over.

Aunt Dana was at the airport to pick us up, her plane left earlier so she had the rental van ready. We droved straight to the hospital, nobody saying a word. My Grandma lives in North Carolina so we droved to the Duke Hospital and my mom went in first and Aunt Dana followed her. Daddy waited out when it was my turn with the twins and I walked in there and smiled at my grandma. Allie was the closest to her for some reason but I was pretty close to her. "I love you Grandma. Tell Allie I love her." I said and I saw her eyes sparkle. "I love you too Lexie. I love your girls." She said and I hugged her good-bye.

She died that night and we were all at her house with our Grandpa who was silent but he held Starry without giving her up unless she cried for food or to be changed. They were four months old now and are still as beautiful as ever. "Grandpa?" I asked and he looked up at me it was getting near their bedtime. "It's almost

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their bedtime." I said "Lexie-boo?" He asked me "Yes sir." I said and I looked at my Iphone Blake was calling me. "Hey Baby." I said "How is everything?" He asked me "She died." I said "I'm so sorry Lex." He said "It's alright, she's with Allie." I said "Yeah, I will get your schoolwork. Coach Riley understands and knows you will work harder." He said and I rolled my eyes at that.

Starry ended up sleeping with my grandpa so I slept in the living room with him with Stormy between me and the couch so she wouldn't fall off. I hardly slept keeping my eye on Starry so he wouldn't drop her. He woke up at six and saw she was staring at him "Hey beautiful. You remind me of your Grandma, and your momma. You are well loved." He said and she did her baby giggle at him and I smiled at that. "You up?" He asked me "yes sir, I'm used to it." I said "Go to Bo jangles and get some breakfast." He said and daddy came out "It's three blocks going to your right. You can walk." He said and I nodded Callie came in "Can I go?" She asked and I nodded. Stormy was still asleep so daddy sat beside her.

On our walk Callie looked at me "What sissy?" I asked her "Why is this happening to our family?" She asked me finally "I don't know sissy." I said I didn't have the heart to tell her that we will be back before the end of the year. We made it to the store and the cashier looked at me "You one of the Wakefield?" She asked me and I nodded "He's my Grandpa." I said "You're Karen's girls aren't you?" She asked me "Yes ma'am." I said "One of her twins." She said and I nodded "News got up here about her other one." She said and I nodded "how's Ann?" She asked me "She died last night." I said and she nodded "She was a good lady. All of your family is." She said not even asking what I wanted but she knew. We paid and then walked back home. I had my arm around her waist bringing her closer to me and then had my arm around her shoulder.

Grandpa smiled at us when we made it in with the food and he took his and we smiled as he ate it. Starry started crying so I picked her up, changed her diaper and fed her. My mom had Stormy and wouldn't let go of her, as soon as Grandpa finished eating he took her again so I was without my girls. I called Blake "Morning, making sure you're getting ready. " I said "uh huh. I'm going don't worry. Football practice." He said and I laughed I had forgotten all about those. "Uh huh. Enjoy it." He mumbled, he sounded half awake to me and knowing him he probably was only half awake. I hung up soon after promising him I would call when we were on our way home. Grandma's wake was today and her funeral will be tomorrow and then we're going home that night and back at school the next day. The next two days Grandma wouldn't let go of Starry for anything.

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Chapter 13: Chapter 13

Between Cheerleading practice, school work, homework, the girls, and my family I have been so busy this month. Thanksgiving is three days away but we're still going to be practicing. Five hours long practices to be exact. I couldn't believe it, we're practicing every day but Thanksgiving during this break. It was brutal but I loved it although the time it took away from Starry and Stormy who were growing up way too fast for me. They are six months old, teething some what, they can hold their own bottles now and is sitting up more than what they used to be able to do.

It's the day before Thanksgiving and we're at practice, while we were taking a break I looked up in the bleachers and saw Steph and Noah, they both had two sets of twins so I ran up the bleachers and sure enough Steph had Starry and Stormy. "Hey babies. You see mommy cheering?" I asked and they giggled at me. Coach Riley walked up and smiled at Noah and Steph. "Which set is yours Blevins?" She asked and I picked up Starry who giggled "This is Starry." I said and she smiled at Starry "And this is Stormy." I said and she smiled at me, after she enjoyed the baby time it was back to another two hours of harsh practice. When they motioned for me to go up to them I just shook my head and they came down to me.

They smiled at me and Steph handed me Starry and Stormy, I balanced them on my hip with my gym bag and we walked to our cars. "Why are ya'll here?" I asked "We're going shopping together with the girls." Noah said "Ugh." I said but Hope jogged up "hey you guys," She said : "Hey wanna go shopping?" Steph asked her "Sure." She said and we got the girls in their car seats and made it to the mall in no time. Stormy loves Hope, so Hope took her in her carrying pouch, I had Starry, Noah had Autumn who loves her the most, and Steph had Summer. We shopped for about three hours and then went to my house into my room and my girls were in their cribs and her girls were in the playpen.

The next day I wore my decent flowery skirt with a white tank top, I had my hair down it was down past my mid-back now close to my butt again. It doesn't take my hair no time before it is back to normal. I got the girls dressed in matching dresses with only socks on their feet since we're having it here this Thanksgiving. Blake and I stayed up in our room until all of the guests has arrived and then we slowly walked down. I had Stormy and he had Starry. Stormy was messing with a piece of my hair and I was smiling at that. Grandpa has proved me wrong; he is still alive and is still kicking. "Starry?" He asked me and Starry looked at him giggling. He sat down and Blake walked over and Starry went to her Great-Grandpa. My mom is thirty-three, and my grandparents were eighteen when they had Aunt Dana who is Thirty-five so they were twenty when they had my mom. So my Grandpa is only fifty-three years old my Grandma just had heart problems and lung cancer so she died of that.

I walked around from person to person and they all had to talk about how last year I was pregnant and now look at me. Aunt Dana smiled at me but motioned to the phone so I slowly walked over to the phone with Stormy on my hip. "Hello?" I asked "Can you come get me? Drama has arrived." She said and I looked at my mom "Mom?" I asked "Sure what is one more mouth to feed." She said "I'll be there." I said handing my mom Stormy and grabbing my keys. It was maybe a three minute drive and she was waiting with her diaper bag, purse, and the girls she didn't have their car seats but I had my girl's car seats in here so they got in that and we drove home. She didn't offer anything and I didn't ask. All I know is drama was there and I wasn't sure about that though.

After the family left and I had both of my girls, my dad went into the attic and brought out Allie's and my double stroller. I got Stormy and Starry in theirs and she got Autumn and Summer in my old one. Blake, Ryan, my dad, and Connor was watching the football game that was on. My mom, Aunt Dana, Carrie, Blake's sister Ashley, and Callie were all playing cards game. So we took this as our chance to go for a long walk and talk. We had our diaper bags just in case we needed anything. We went walking north near Blake's house where there is a park and everything. We sat down at the benches once we made it to the park and turned the girls around so they were facing us but still asleep in their strollers.

"Their father, my ex-boyfriend Chad is at my house. Now is he actually saying that they are his and everything. My dad is taking care of it, my little sisters are crying because they scare him now, Steph is completely silent, my mom is trying to comfort all of them while staring at me blaming me for this. But I see

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how it's my fault and everything because I get Au and Su. Now I regret it because of all of the pain my family is going through." She said and I looked at her "Never regret it. You are a great mother, things will get back to normal once he leaves." I said and she smiled at me. "You are a truly great friend." She said and I smiled at her "Well I try to be anyways." I said and she laughed at me.

The next day when I was walking out of the gym from practice I saw Noah leaning on my car. She has been crying, I could tell by looking at her. Her eyes were all red, she was trying to hide it though I could tell. I set my bag in my side of the car and put my arms around her and hugged her. "What's wrong?" I asked her "Can we drive somewhere?" She asked and I scooted my bag in the back and she got in and we drove to

Downtown Fort Pierce where the Marina is. We sat on the brick wall and she looked out in the waves. "My dad asked his boss if he could be transferred to a different location. His boss asked why and my dad told him and he agreed to it. We're going to Oklahoma. We leave in a week." She said "It's the middle of your senior year! I need you! Our girls needs each other!" I said "I know Lexie. I don't want to leave you guys." She said "anyways I could stay with you guys?" She asked and I thought of that so we headed back home.

"We think it would be possible. My office can be moved into the den." Daddy said but momma looked at him "We will have to check with your parents of course." She said and Noah nodded. "They're coming over anyways." Callie said and we looked at her but right on cue the door bell rang. Noah was handed her girls and we walked into my room and listened to them talk. "Noah and Lexie." My daddy said and we slowly walked down the girls were sleeping. "What is it?" I asked "We have decided you can stay here." His dad said and she smiled at them all "Thank you so much." She said and they all smiled at her.

So we spent the next day moving everything and then the following weekend Noah moved in with her stuff and her girls stuff. She will finish out the year here and then see if she gets into Brown and if she does then she is going back to Rhode Island if not then she doesn't know where she is going to be in her life. I'm still doing amazing in school, I'm trying my best on everything because I want to get into Brown. Noah and I are enjoying this too, it just brings back memories from time to time about Allie and me. I miss her so much but I know she is in Heaven, so she is in a better place with our Grandma right next to her. I can't wait for my time to come, I know it will be awhile.

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Chapter 14: Chapter 14

The month flew by and it's now December 18th! And we're on a half day schedule, so we're waiting for the bell to ring. Noah, Hope, and I are going to the mall this afternoon. Santa Claus is going to be there, so we're taking the girls to see Santa for the first time. They are seven months old today, and I feel so old that are they growing up so fast. The bell finally rang and we all ran to the doors. Our first day of Winter break, and we're in flip-flops! We made it home and my mom had the girls in their car seats ready and waiting to go. I hugged her good-bye and we walked away. The house is beautiful, it's ready for Christmas. We have a huge beautiful Christmas tree, sparkling lights, ornaments, beautifully wrapped Christmas presents under the trees, a beautiful angel on top of it. The Christmas village was set up on the Coffee Table, our stockings were hanging up above the fire place, including the girls. We have Christmas lights up outside, the floats things in the yard including candy canes leading you up the walk way.

"I have never seen anybody this big on Christmas." Noah exclaimed December third when we were all getting everything ready. Blake only laughed at her and told her welcome to the family. Now we're driving past all the other decorated houses on the way to the mall. I got the girls in their carrying pouches and doubled stacked it and we walked into the mall. And found the line for Santa, of course it was a long line. "Hard to believe Christmas is so close." She said and I smiled, this is our second Christmas without Allie, our first as a new family, the girls first. Blake and I will have been married for a year.

The girls got their pictures taken with Santa and we went into the baby's store and looked around. We then made it home and decided to get to work on our take home test for English four. Afterwards we spent much needed time with our girls and they loved every second of it. I found some home videos and without thinking put it on up in my room, Noah was on my bed with me and the girls were in their playpen sleeping. It was labeled Beach Trip. So I wasn't sure which one until I saw Allie all sick like. "Sissy!!!!" Allie said and I ran over soaking wet from being in the water, my hair was swinging all over her splashing her. "What sissy?" I asked "Help me up?" She asked and I only smiled at her. I got her up and leaned on me, I supported her across the beach for her to go walking for the last time. She enjoyed it but ended up sitting down beside my mom watching us have fun. Ryan and daddy was out swimming, Callie was tanning, I was talking to Allie about endless things and had her laughing at everything. Aunt Dana was video taping it because you could hear her do her own input from time to time.

The next video was when we were fifteen, she was in remission again and it was our first day of high school. "I'm cancer free! High School here I come!" Allie said jumping up and down and we started dancing. "Oh yeah! Go Allie!" I said and I did a cartwheel and she did a back bend. "I'm back and I'm better than ever!" She said "You tell them!" I said "I am duh!" She said and Noah laughed at that "Oh whatever." I said "Don't you whatever me, young lady." She said acting like mom. "I jut did. Whatever. Whatever. Whatever!" I said and she ran after me so I ran away screaming but she jumped on my back. "DADDY! She Got me!" I yelled and we could hear him laughing in the background. She tackled me down and all you could hear is us laughing. We ran back to in front of the screen. "So if I can be in remission then you can be too! Don't give up!" She said "You listen to her!" I said "Oh shut up Lexie." She said rolling her eyes at me "NO way! Why don't you make me?!" I said and saw her coming so I ran and climbed a tree and she followed but I jumped down and took off running and the video ended with her tackling me again. "Wow Lexie." She said and I nodded at her and we giggled.

The last and final video was a documentary that I made. "So sissy, we just found out the news. That you at the age of twelve has Leukemia. You're scared, momma is crying, Callie is crying, Ryan is confused, me well I have confidence. You're going to beat this cancer thingy. You're a Summerland, and we don't give up. Oh no we don't." I said and it showed all of what she has been through and ended with me saying "We got the news that you're on your death bed, you aren't expected to live much longer. Sissy you can't give up. We don't give up. Keep fighting for me?" Noah looked at me "Wow." She said and I nodded and she had to go excuse herself so I pulled out the video camera with the tape in.

"Sissy, it's almost Christmas time. Yeah, momma's craziest time of the year. We would normally be rolling our eyes at her traditions that she wants us to do. But this year just like last year you aren't here with us. For

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the first year things went crazy and now things are back to normal minus you." I said and I had Stormy in my lap. "Yeah I know you put up a big hard long fight. I have never been so proud of you in my life. You're my hero sissy. I want to be just like you. We all miss you so dearly and we know you are in a better place. I hope you're keeping your promise and you are waiting for me." I said and with that I closed it after saying I love you sissy and I miss you.

It was now Christmas Eve and everyone is in the living room. We sang some Christmas songs, told the girls about Santa and Jesus. We had cookies set out for Santa along with milk. Ryan has outgrown Santa but we're doing this for Stormy, Starry, Summer, and Autumn. Truth be told I still love having Christmas like this, it still feels like Allie is sitting right next to me. But it's Noah, my new best friend. Hope is my best friend and always will be. She is just in New York right now with my family for their Christmas.

We find out in May if we get into the colleges we applied to, on the 18th too I believe or around then so I'm going to be really nervous around then not only because they will be a year old but because I want to know what college I will be attending. Christmas went great, the girls were giggling over everything. We all loved our gifts and we had a great time as a big messed up family.

It was January 18th now and Callie was yelling at me, after I put the girls down for their nap. "How can you just replace Allie?! It's like you don't even care! Noah is your new Allie, do you even think of what it is doing to us? Seeing you so close with somebody, Noah stole Allie's spot in your heart, in your life, and in your mind! You know what! I hate you! I want you out of my life! I can't wait for you to go to college! I hope you never come back! We will be better off without!" You screamed at me and ran into her room slamming her door. Between the yelling and the scream all four girls were screaming at the top of their lungs. "Starry and Stormy it's okay." I said rocking them trying to get them back to sleep. Of course it didn't work they wouldn't go back to sleep.

I walked downstairs and my mom was ready to hear it, knowing I would have something to say. I didn't though I just smiled at her and stepped outside on the porch with Noah who was comforting her girls. "They are going to be cranky tonight." She said "I know." I said but Allie didn't really seem to care, I knew she needed to blow off her anger so I wasn't that mad, it just hurt a little bit to be treated like that. "She'll calm down." Ryan said "I know buddy. Are you upset?" I asked "Nope, she's a cool person. A good listener. Allie understands sissy." He said and I smiled at him Ryan is a cool twelve year old, I will miss him I know that but I'm not sure if he will miss me I think so.

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Chapter 15: Chapter 15

February went the same way, her biting my head off for no reason, her complaining that she wants me out of the house how she can't wait for me to graduate and go off and to never come back. "Mom, I think she's pregnant." I said "No Lexie." She said and I just rolled my eyes and picked up Starry who giggled at her mommy. School work was getting easier, since we all earned most of the final credits we needed. I needed one more and that is my English four class, the rest we just go to different classes enjoying it all. Our Senior pictures finally came in and we all looked good, I have been biting my tongue with Allie since January and I don't know how much longer I can.

Alright so I met my match in April when she was screaming at me. I had just put the girls down for their nap and she just started on me. "Callie, shut up." I snapped back and she looked at me about to protest. "I have put up with your childish drama for the past couple of months. I either do this or I kick your ass. I prefer this. You have to grow up and get over it. Noah is not replacing Allie in this family, nobody is. Allie is gone, she wouldn't get upset. You need to stop bitching at me for every little problem that you have. I will find out in a month if you get your wish or not. I don't care the day I turn eighteen if I don't get into one of those colleges. I'm gone and I won't come back because of you. You're pushing me away more and more, every time you treat me like crap. Oh and next time you decide to scream at me don't do it when it's their nap time or I will kick your ass." I said walking away to comfort Starry and Stormy again but it was too late.

May 16th is here, and we're planning the girls birthday party and getting everything set up. School ends June 8th and our graduation is June 10th, the prom got canceled last weekend but it is tomorrow. Blake, Noah, and I have been checking the mail daily to see if we got anything. I'm sitting on the couch with the girls playing on the floor and my cell phone started going off. "Hello?" I asked "Get the mail now! My letter came in. I'm on my way." Hope said and I looked at momma who was knitting. "What?" She asked but I took off running to the mail box and sure enough four for me, four for Blake and Noah as well. I dialed Noah's number "they came!!!" I said and she hung up and Blake was walking in. Noah ran down the stairs, with that though Hope was pulling up and she ran in.

I had Stormy on my lap bouncing her and Hope had Starry on hers. "Open SFU first." Hope said and we all did and all read the words. "Hope you begin." I said "Dear Miss Wakefield I am pleased to inform you that you are accepted!" She said Noah looked at hers and read it "Miss Summers I am pleased to inform you that you are accepted!" She said, Blake said the same and so did my. I bounced Stormy and she giggled at that. We read both of the Community of Providence and we all got in those schools and now we're staring at the Brown letter. Lexie open it. Don't be scared. Allie's voice was back in my head again. "Miss Wakefield I am pleased to inform you that you are accepted." She said and she stood up and spun around with Starry. "Miss Summers I am pleased to inform you that you are accepted!" Noah said who kissed Autumn and Summer, Blake read his and I slowly opened mine. "Mrs. Blevins I am pleased to inform you that you are accepted." I read aloud and my head started spinning. Congratulations sissy. Which school? Um Brown of course! You want your girls to be five when you graduate? Um no. Well it will happen if you go to Brown. Ugh, you're right. When am I not? True. Community College of Providence it is. Blake looked at me "you did it baby." He said and I smiled I looked down at Starry who was looking up at me "Mommy is going to the community college." I said and she clapped her hands and I just stared out the window.

The next afternoon I had Starry and Stormy on my hip pulling out my prom dress with one free finger and set it on my bed. "Tonight is mommy's day and tomorrow is yours." I said and they giggled. "Can you say mama?" I asked and they stared at me blankly and I laughed. Noah and Hope came in with their prom dress and one baby on each side of them. My mom came in and helped us get ready, my hair was down and super curly, it was back to knee length and I decided to leave it like that because it looked prettier. I was wearing a white floor length dress, my nails and make up was nicely done, it was a low cut dress, it was strapless and looked amazing. "How do I look?" I asked spinning around and they all smiled, I picked up the girls for my picture taken with them.

Blake, Jacob who is Hope's date, Jack who is Noah's date came over and of course we got a ton of pictures thanks to my mom and dad. My daddy was about in tears but he smiled at me anyways, I know why my mom

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had a sad look in her eye, Allie was supposed to be getting ready for prom, she was supposed to be about to graduate, about to go off to Brown this fall but she isn't. We all left and went out to act like actual teenagers even though we aren't regular teenagers we're mothers and Blake is a father.

Prom Queen and King was handed out and we ended up leaving and going to the beach instead. Blake wrapped his arms around me and was kissing my lips, but knew I wasn't in it. "Allie would have been here, we would be planning the dorm room, joking about graduation." I said "it's okay Lexie." He said and I nodded knowing everybody is going to say that even though it isn't true. "I'm not going to Brown." I said and he nodded "I know honey, it's a four year school." He said "You're going." I said and he rolled his eyes "Fine, I'll go with Hope." He said "go with me where?" She asked "to Brown, Lexie isn't going." He said "I'm not either." Noah said and I smiled at her.

Things are not how I pictured they would be two years ago. I didn't picture that I would be sitting out at the beach on my Senior prom. If they said that Allie wouldn't have made it I would have said they were crazy, that she would make it through it. Or that Callie wasn't speaking to me I would have laughed in their faces because Callie and I were close. That I would be married to Blake I would have laughed and said we were just friends and always would be. If they would have said that I would have gotten pregnant with twins I would have said they were crazier than crazy. Or that I would pick a community college over Brown I would have laughed in their faces.

Yet all of this is true, I will be graduating on the tenth of June, my twin daughters Starlet and Storm will be a year old tomorrow, Allie never made it to her junior year, Callie hasn't talked to me since I stood up for myself, Blake and I are married for a year now and I am not going to Browns. "I need to go somewhere." I said suddenly not realizing that we haven't spoke in about five minutes so they all jumped. "I know." Blake and Hope said, Hope's and Noah's dates has already left and Noah was at home with her girls it was just the three of us now.

We pulled up to the cemetery and I made my way up to her grave and sat down on the ground. "So sissy, it's our prom night. I bet you would have looked so beautiful. I miss you sissy. Stormy and Starry are a year old in exactly a minute." I said and with that I just left I couldn't handle any more of this and Blake held me tight as I cried my eyes out. Steph is graduating June 9th, so Noah and the girls are flying out of the 8th and will be back on the 9th in the evening for her graduation on the 10th. We made it home and my mom looked worried but I just hugged her and then she held me tight. "You're okay Lexie. I promise you that you are." She said and I only nodded and went to my room.

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Chapter 16: Chapter 16

I woke up around seven and looked in their cribs and Starry was up and waiting for me with her arms out. So I picked her up and placed her on my hip when I walked downstairs I heard yelling outside. Callie was yelling at my dad, who reached out and slapped her. "I hate you!" She yelled and open the door to come in but my dad grabbed the door. "Starry come on." I said and she only giggled at me. Momma came in from the laundry room wiping her eyes. "Callie is a drug addict. That's why she has been acting up." My mom said and I froze, Starry was looking at me. Somewhere between the transfer from Middle to High school and Allie's death, Noah's and Blake's moving in, the girls being born my sister became addicted to drugs. Blake came down with Stormy on his hip and she held her arms out for me to take her. They both had longer hair now, still looked just like Allie and me. "BLAKE!" My dad yelled and he went running and helped pinned Callie down who was struggling. Noah came down with two half awake babies and my mom took Autumn.

Callie just finally stormed in the house and up to her room locking her door refusing to come out. Ryan came down and smiled at his nieces and his adopted nieces. "They are a year old today." He commented and I smiled "Why yes they are." I said and we all started talking with the Callie drama we all forgot what today was. So within no time we got everything ready and the guests started to arrived. Mostly family but Hope was here, yet Hope is consider family to us all. "To the girls! May they have the best year of their lives!" My mom said and we all cheered and video taped the girls eating their birthday cake.

I told Hope all about Callie and she couldn't believe our sweet Callie. Who will leave for treatment after school lets out. My mom wants her to at least finish school, so we're keeping an eye on her at school and off of school she is grounded so she doesn't go anywhere. I hate how things have turned up but Callie created it on herself. "I'm done!" Callie yelled trying to interrupt my girls birthday. "Callie shut up." I said and she stalked in here. I could smell alcohol on her breath and she stunk of pot. "You're drunk and high." I stated but she didn't care. Blake just picked her up and carried her back to her room standing guard so she wouldn't leave as the party ended quickly after that.

The 20th- 4th was final exams mixed with Graduation practices. We have a big Cheerleading competition on the 6th. Then on the 7th and 8th it will be full gear into graduation processing. On the 6th we all got in our cheerleading uniform and with my family and friends support we won the competition. All the seniors really cared for that because it was amazing, our last time as a team and we won the biggest things of our lives. We will all be starting our journey down life in a matter of days. On the 8th Noah left with the girls and Blake brought boxes home.

We packed four boxes and called it quits for the night. I was by the rocker and he was by the bed and he had Stormy and I had Starry. "Walk to dada." I said and she slowly took a step walked a little, then fell, got back up, walked a couple, and then she fell again, but walked to her daddy. "Dada." She said momma was video taping this whole thing. "Walk to mama." Blake said to Stormy who giggled. She took a few steps fell, rolled over got back up and walked a couple steps, fell, but then walked to me and said "mama" Starry crawled to me and said "mama." Stormy crawled to Blake and said "Dada." She said and we all smiled at that, daddy came in and smiled "Looks like they're learning something too." He said and we smiled Noah texted me and said that they walked some! I texted back and agreed and said that they walked a little too!

I woke up early due to being so nervous and excited at the same time. Callie has been a pain, getting an attitude at everybody expect for Stormy and Starry, she is actually as sweet as can be to them. I walked into the kitchen and started a pot of coffee. I knew I should have taken advantage of this time and took a shower with nobody being up but the sun was now rising and the sky was beautiful. I poured myself some coffee and walked onto the porch and sat on the swing. I brought my legs up to my chest and slowly sipped my coffee watching the sky, the birds, our neighbors going on with their business for the day. I heard the door open and turned around to see my daddy holding Stormy in his arms. "She was up, just a babbling away." He said sitting next to me, he traded me Stormy for my coffee cup. "Baby girl." I said and she giggled laying her head in my lap. Daddy then walked out with his cup and my cup and handed it back to me. "Thanks."

After about five minutes of silent my mom came out with Starry, "Let me guess she was just a babbling away?" I asked her "Yes ma'am." She said and handed Starry to me. "Are you ready for today?" She asked me

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"As ready as I will ever be." I said "We're proud of you sweetie. You're graduating high school, going off to college in August. And you're an amazing mom to Starry and Stormy." Momma said "Thanks." I said and looked at the time. "Do you mind feeding them?" I asked and my mom held out her arms for Starry who agreed quickly, Stormy followed so she walked inside with both girls on her hips. I kissed my daddy's cheek and went inside to my room and Blake was waking up now "I call shower." I said getting my cute summery light pink dress and bra and thong set. He nodded and kissed me good morning as I walked into the bathroom and shutting the door.

I came out with my hair down and all curly, my make up was done and I was ready to go already. I picked up Starry and placed her on my hip then picked up Stormy and carried them to my room. I got out a purple summery dress for Stormy and a pink summery dress, same style for Starry. After Blake, and then Ryan took his shower I got the girls a bath and Callie actually helped me and then she took her shower. But I got the girls dressed and ready and kissed their foreheads. "I will see you at the ceremony." I said to them and they smiled at me. "Thanks mom." I said and she smiled, Blake followed me with our caps and gowns, we had to go to our final rehearsal right before the big thing.

But of course we were all told to go to the gym one last time as a huge group. Our group sat together one last time. Memories of Allie, Hope, Blake, and I sitting on these very bleachers for class lectures, pep rallies and everything came to my mind. Now it's the new group, Blake, Hope, Noah, and me sitting together. "I can't believe this!" Hope said and I smiled "I know this is our last day together like this in high school and in college." I said "I know, I'm sorry but Brown is a great chance for me." She said and I smiled "I know, but we have to hang out when we're all in Rhode Island." I said "You know it." She said and I smiled, her family was going to Paris for the summer to celebrate her finishing High School and her older brother Jake finishing College.

Noah will be spending half the summer down here and the other half in Oklahoma with her family. So the girls will still get to play together and we all love that, I can't believe that this is our last day as a family. Callie is going to treatment, my parents thought they didn't have to send her because she promised she wouldn't touch the stuff anymore but they found a stash last night. So she ships out tomorrow to a medical treatment in Jacksonville. They all handed us out breakfast sandwiches saying we needed to eat and then we were given the big speech about how to act today and everything.

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Chapter 18: Chapter 18

When they said it was time to get our gowns and caps on everything got a little crazy. Hope put my cap on and I put hers on and then she helped me with my gown and I helped her with hers. We then helped Noah with hers and Blake smiled at me, "See you after." I said to them because I was no longer Summerland so I wouldn't be with Hope Summers and Noah Wakefield. I got in front of Blake and he squeezed my hand as Mr. Jackson started his announcements and then he started on the names. Before I knew it he was on to the B's and I looked and I was next. "Alexis Blevins." He said and I smiled and walked with confidence onto the stage and shook his hand and took the diploma. I smiled at everybody and sat down. He finally finished with everybody and we were all waiting for his final speech. "As well all know this been a huge adventure for all of these students. High school is never easy, but they made the best of it. A lot has happened to these students but they have made it this far. I wish the best of luck to them for their futures, I know they are ready. I know we're missing a couple of our truly amazing students but everything has a reason." He said and we all nodded, some people wiped away their tears and others just smiled.

"Please take your tassel to the left side." He said and we all did that "Congratulations class of 2013." He said and we all threw our caps in the air and the crowds started to form, but we all held onto each others as we made our way to our family. My gown was open now showing my dress and I made it to my family and smiled at them. Starry instantly held out her arms for me so I took her and Stormy did the same thing to me. My mom took a picture of that and I only smiled, Blake got in on the picture by taking Stormy for me and my mom took that. Then of Hope and me, then all of the possible choices for pictures it happened. My favorite would have to be of my mom, and dad and me.

We ended up stopping at Publix and got groceries for a cook out for my family, Blake's family, Hope's family, and Noah's. Stormy and Starry loves being in the buggy so they were just giggling the whole time. Callie waited in the car, she didn't want to be seen with us but I didn't care today was my graduation day. "Star wants a cookie?" I asked as we got to the free samples and she smiled Stormy did too so they got one. "Beautiful girls." She said and I smiled "Thank you." I said and we met up with my mom and dad and we paid.

Now we're all about to eat our Hot dogs, burger, or chicken when my dad decided to make a toast. "Here is a cheer to Lexie, Blake, Hope, Noah, and Steph. We are all proud of you guys." He said and we all smiled at him. "Lexie, you do not know how proud of you I am. I love you baby girl." He said and I smiled at him. I had Stormy on my lap and Blake had Starry on his and they both got to eat a half of a hotdog and loved it.

Hope spent the night with us since it was her last night in the states. I woke up early to tell her good-bye. Blake and Noah said their good-byes last night. We walked to the car since I was driving her to the airport. Starry was up so she was going with us. "Thank you so much for being here for me. I'm so glad that you are my best friend. You helped me through Allie's death, this pregnancy, elementary, middle, and high school, now it's college time." I said and she smiled "I know Lexie. I'm going to miss you. You're my sister at heart. I love you." She said "I love you too." I said we made it to the airport and we walked in together and she met up with her family, I hugged her good-bye and Starry said bye to her and we watched my best friend leave me for the summer.

It's July 5th, Blake is eighteen now and I will be eighteen in a couple of weeks. The girls are enjoying the summer; Noah is already in Oklahoma waiting for August to come so she can move to Rhode Island. We're renting a house in the middle of the two colleges so we can be close enough to both. We were leaving August 1st to get everything settled and to enroll the girls in day care. Callie will be coming home on the 3rd from her treatment and she is back to her normal self too. I looked down at my Iphone which was going off with the song: You Lie, Hope's favorite song. I quickly answered she wasn't supposed to call me from Paris. "Hello?" I asked and I could hear she was crying. "Where are you?" I asked her "I'm home." She sobbed "I'm coming over." I said not even giving her a chance to respond. I had to take Starry and Stormy, my mom took Ryan to a baseball game so she wasn't home and Blake was working.

I arrived and carried the girls up to the porch and saw Hope in the living room wrapped in a blanket. I opened the door not bothering to knock and set the girls down and they walked a little to the dog they had, Emma was a Saint Bernard that was gentle with kids. I walked over to her and hugged her. "What's wrong Hope?" I asked

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her "I met a cute guy, fell for his trap, and had sex, now I'm pregnant. I'm going to your college, I can't believe I was so stupid, then he told me he was married! He was married!" She said "Hope it's okay." I said "I'm getting an abortion, that's my only choice." She said "No it isn't. This baby needs you as much as you needs him or her." I said "Fine." She said and I stayed with her to comfort her to make sure she wasn't going to do anything stupid.

My 18th birthday finally rolled around, and we are all in packing mode to get ready for the big move. I'm sitting on the couch with my knees brought up to my chest watching the girls play with their toys and the phone rang. I turned around grabbed it and answered it. My dad was at work, my mom and Ryan are birthday shopping, Blake is working too so it's just the girls and me. "Hello?" I asked "Lexie?" It was Aunt Dana. "Yes ma'am." I said "Are you doing anything for lunch?" she asked me "no ma'am." I said "Meet me at La Paradise. Around 11:30." She said "Alright, but you know I have to bring the girls." I said "I know sweetie. I'm okay with it." She said and I smiled "Alright I will see you then. Bye." I said "Bye Lexie." She said hanging up and I smiled at the girls who needed to get dressed in something else like me.

I gave them a quick bath got them dress in a summer dress, got myself dressed in a white skirt and hot pink cami. I saw the time and got the diaper bag ready and then held out my arms to Starry who came with no problem and then Stormy. I placed one on each hip and carried them to the car. I got them in their car seats and turned the radio up and rode down the streets into Stuart. I found my favorite restaurant La Paradise; it has every type of food you can think of. I picked up the girls and started walking to the front of the building. I saw my sixteen years old cousin Abby and she smiled at me and my Aunt Dana waved. "Hey Lexie." She said smiling at me "hey Aunt Dana." I said sifting the girl's weight. Aunt Dana held out her arms for Stormy who agreed in no time, leaving me with just Starry. "Happy Birthday Lexie." Abby said "thanks Abby." I said and she smiled at me "it's so cool that you're leaving in a couple weeks for college." She said "I know, it's a crazy, scary experience though." I said and she smiled at me "I see that." She said we sat down and ordered the girls had their own lunch with them since they aren't that old enough to actually try food like this. "I'm going to miss you Lexie." She said "I know Aunt Dana. I'm going to miss you too." I said and she smiled at me.

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Chapter 19: Chapter nineteen

When I went home after walking around the beach with the girls we said our good-byes and I promised to see them before the final good-bye party on the 31st. My mom and Ryan were smiling at me when I walked in with the girls all covered in sand. "Beach day huh?" He asked me "No, we went out with Aunt Dana and Abby and then went to the beach. Beach day is when you can go too." I said "Ah don't do that." He said and I just smiled at him. I carried the girls to the table and took a rag to wash off the sand and then they followed their Uncle Ry to play. "Ry!" Stormy said "RY!" Starry said and he stopped and smiled. "Wanna play dolls?" He asked and they nodded "Do not tell my friends." He said and we smiled "Uh huh sure." I said and there was knock on the door. He picked up the girls and their dolls and took off to his room so nobody would see. "Hey Hope come on in." My mom said and Hope who is about a month along is looking a hot mess. Her hair wasn't brushed, it looked like she has wore the same outfit for days. "You need a bath, and new clothes." I said and she just rolled her eyes. "Mom and daddy came home yesterday. Mother let me have it about how she knew she should have never let me hang out with you once you got pregnant because you are a bad example, a bad friend I should just ignore you and do better in college." She said "Oh Hope." I said hugging her and she sniffled "I'm not going to be able to handle this." She said to me. "Yes you are. You got me, Blake, Noah, Steph, my mom and dad to support you." I said and she smiled. "Take a shower and borrow some of my clothes." I said and she nodded.

My mom looked at me when she walked up "It's harder on her Lex, she has nobody to actually love her like you had Blake. She has nobody at all." She said "I know mom." I said and then I heard a voice that I haven't heard forever, Happy Birthday Sissy. Hope is going to be okay, she just needs to hope for the best of things. Trust me. I smiled at that and realized it was the girls afternoon nap time. I looked in and they were all asleep curled up with Ryan. I took a picture of that and walked into my room at how it was half packed still. Hope came in with a towel wrapped around and I handed her, the extra bra and thong set she left over here, then my baby blue cami and gray short shorts. She smiled at me as I brushed the tangled out her hair, "I'm sorry to be doing this on your birthday." She said "Oh Hope, it's okay you know it is. I'm here for you. We can make it through this." I said "You're going to help with my mood swings, my cravings, my pains?" She asked me "I will try." I said and she smiled at me "You're the best Lexie."

Blake and my dad came home at the same time. I was outside with Hope and the girls were playing in the yard. Stormy saw her daddy and started doing her baby steps to him and held up her arms. Daddy got to Starry and he picked her up, she loves her Grandpa or as they say it papa. They call momma meme, I'm mama, Blake is Dada, Ryan is Ry, and when they talk to Callie she is Ca. "Happy Birthday Lexie." Daddy said and I smiled "Thanks daddy." I said and he smiled, Blake came up and kissed my lips and I smiled at him.

That night we just had a simple dinner for me but I didn't complain. I was with the people that I love and care for the most. Hope was spending the night tonight like old times before we go off to college, we have all the same classes so we're going to see each other but it's still tough to know that things will never be the same between us. We're both parents, we're both adults, we have our lives ahead of us to worry about and we're scared out of our minds but we know it's for the best. When I graduate Callie will be graduating High school as well. Ryan will be in the ninth grade then but still.

Two years laterâ

Alright so we all figured I would end up pregnant during my college life, right? Well it happened in November of my freshmen year, I found out I was pregnant. Rhode Island is a cold state, especially compared to Florida where I have lived my whole life. But our first/third baby was born on July 8th, eight days before my 19th birthday and five days after Blake's 19th birthday. A little girl that was named after Allie, I asked my mom first and she was honored. Allison Marie Blevins. Marie was my Grandma's middle name, the one who passed away. Hope ended up having a baby girl named Lindsey Nicole Summers, but in her junior year of college she met a guy and they're dating.

"Are you ready?" Blake asked me, we were still packing up some of the house that we had left. We were moving back to Florida, Blake decided to skip going to Brown to be like the rest of us. Starry and Stormy are three years old and Allie is almost a year old, it was in May 12th. Our graduation was tomorrow and then

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Callie's graduation is June 10th. I picked up Allie and placed her in her car seat, the girls followed us to the car. We made it to the restaurant and greeted my mom, dad, Callie, and Ryan. "I missed ya'll." I said, although we saw them over Christmas Break. "I missed you too." My mom said but she picked up Allie, Stormy went to my dad, and Starry went to Callie. Ryan was fifteen years old; Callie was almost eighteen years old.

After dinner they went to the hotel and we went back to the rental house to finish packing. We were leaving May 15th when they went back home, we will be staying with them for a little bit until our house is ready and then we're moving in. Noah and Steph came up and smiled at me, Steph is engaged to a guy, Noah is dating a guy with a five year old son. Stormy, Starry, Summer, and Autumn went off to play and I still had Allie in my lap. Stormy is a daddy's girl, Starry can go either way, and Allie is a momma's girl. Hope came in next with Lindsey, who is two years old and looks just like her momma. Hope and I are going back to Florida, Steph is going to Texas, and well Noah is going South Carolina but we're still going to stay in touch.

I dropped the girls off at the hotel and we went to the college to get ready. Hope smiled at me and hugged me "promise me no matter what we will still be best friends?" She asked me "I promise." I said and she smiled of course we have always made this promise for so many years. My mind went back to Allie, how she would be graduating with us, she would be getting ready to adventure out and everything. I will be twenty-one this year and it will be the fifth year without Allie and it feels like it was just yesterday that she was with us joking and laughing about the beach.

"Alexis Blevins." The Dean said and I walked up got my college diploma and then after everyone was called I went to my family. "I'm proud of you Lexie. Making it through high school with two babies, then college with three." My mom said and I smiled, I know she thinks that Allie should be up here too that it shouldn't just be me. "Are you ready to finish packing the final touches up?" My mom asked and I nodded, they were taking the girls back to the hotel to go swimming while we finish up.

"Blakey, I'm all packed with everything." I said as I was walking into our room, he was finishing up his last box. "Looks like we're all packed then." He said and I smiled at him, "Best years of my life." I said "Really? You got pregnant, had a baby and finished college with three little girls." He said "Yeah, but three little girls that look like their mommy." I said and he smiled at me "You're amazing." He said and I only smiled at him. "I know, but I can't wait to be at home in Florida." I said and he only laughed at me.

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