

PRWC 16- “The Hard Part of Breaking Up”

*“Nobody, nowhere holds the key to your heart
When love's a possession it'll tear you apart
You may have lovers wherever you roam
But sooner or later
We all sleep alone”
~ “We All Sleep Alone” Cher*

“Felicity?” I asked.

“Yes Harley...this is Felicity from the future. It was her enemy that kidnapped her younger counterpart and she’s here to help you get baby Felicity back before she is destroyed in the future.” Dad explained.

“So you’re Felicity...this is too weird...how old are you?” I asked.

“15.” Felicity said.

“Wow...she grows up to be hot...” Chris said.

Tiffany hit him.

“Not as hot as you of course.” Chris said.

Felicity smiled, “Tiffany! I remember you!”

“You do?” Tiffany asked.

“Yeah...you we...” Felicity started before Dad held his hand up.

“Felicity, you need to be careful about giving away our futures to us.” Dad said.

“Oh...right...sorry...anyway, yeah I remember you...most of you.” Felicity said.

“A lot has happened today and so we’re going to spend the rest of the day letting Felicity get settled in. Harley, Arissa, can you take Felicity to the house?” Dad asked.

I nodded, “Sure. Come on...Liss.” I said...it was very weird having my sister from the future here.

Arissa and I walked Felicity to the house.

“This is too weird.” Arissa said.

“Yeah...as if my week wasn’t weird enough.” I mumbled.

“Is something wrong Harley?” Felicity asked.

“Just broke up with my boyfriend.” I said.

“Um...which boyfriend?” Felicity asked.

“Josh.” I said.

“Josh?! Um...oh...why?” Felicity asked.

“He cheated on me.” I said.

“I’m so sorry. I’m sure things will work out though.” Felicity said.

“Not with him. It’s over.” I said as we walked into the house.

“Here’s your room...but I guess you knew that...” Arissa said.

Felicity nodded. “Yeah, this is my room...looks quite a bit different though...”

“Feel free to decorate or move anything around to make yourself more comfortable.” Mom said walking up.

“Thanks Mom...can I call you Mom?” Felicity asked.

“Of course.” Mom said.

“People are gonna start questioning this...maybe as far as any non-Ranger is concerned she should be Uncle Zack’s daughter that considered you and Dad like second parents.” I said.

Mom nodded, “That’s a good idea.”

“Alright, I can go along with that.” Felicity said.

This was turning into a very weird week.

Anna

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“The showcase is all set up. I don’t believe this is happening. Thank you so much.” I told Trent at dinner.

“You’re welcome. You know I’d do anything for you Anna.” Trent said.

“So, Christmas is coming up...what are we going to do?”

“You’re going to go have dinner with your family.”

“What? Why?”

“Because Stacy told me your parents are having everyone over for a huge dinner.”

“Everyone but you...the one person I want to spend Christmas with.”

“I’ll be with Krista anyway. You go and be with your family.”

I sighed, “Fine. But they make any comments about my clothes or attitude and I’m gone.”

Trent laughed, “Fair enough.”

“I’m gonna miss you.”

“I’ll miss you too but maybe we can spend New Year’s together. I’ll tell Krista I have to work or something.”

I nodded, “Ok, that could be fun.”

Melanie

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I was sitting on the dock on campus with Jesse.

“So Felicity came from the future to save herself as a baby. That’s so trippy.” I said laying down, I rested my head on Jesse’s lap.

“No kidding...it would be nice to go back in time though. I’d give anything to go back and stop that car accident from happening.” Jesse said.

I looked up at him. “I know you would...but I would hope we’d still find a way to meet...I mean you’re pretty cool for a psycho dude.”

“Oh, I’m psycho?” Jesse asked looking down at me.

I nodded, “You’re the one who was gonna off yourself remember.”

“Yeah...I’m glad I didn’t.”

“So am I.” I said as he leaned forward and kissed me.

OK, I admit it, I was happy...really happy. I was wrong about coming here. For once my dads did the right thing. There was no where I’d rather be.

Josh

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I sat in my room staring at the wall. I was replaying everything in my mind. How could I have been so stupid? I fell for all of Breanne’s lies! Because of it I lost Harley...and even worse, I’d broken her heart. She trusted me with something so special and I broke her heart. I felt like a total ass. God...I loved Harley...I’d loved Harley since the day I met her and I’d fought so hard to be more than her friend. I finally got her and I blow it. I was such a moron.

I was jarred from my thoughts by Mom calling me downstairs. I went to see what she wanted.

“What?” I asked.

“Do you know if your sister is coming for Christmas?” Mom asked.

“I don’t know...wait...we’re still having everyone over?” I asked.

“Yeah.”

“Harley is coming?”

“As far as I know.”

“Don’t sit me anywhere near her.”

“Do you two get in a fight?”

“We broke up.”

“Why?”

“I don’t want to talk about it.”

“Ok...fine...”

“If that’s all I’m going back to my room.” I said leaving without waiting for an answer.

Harley

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After Felicity was settled in I went back to my room. I couldn't believe I'd been such an idiot. I thought Josh was the one. I thought I loved him. I was moving past the sadness and more to the anger. I felt the rage in me building. I grabbed a picture of us and threw it across the room into the wall. It felt good. I grabbed other things at random and started throwing them too. I pulled the sheets off my bed and threw them. I punched the pillows and threw them across the room. Everything reminded me of him and I was just so mad. I couldn't believe he'd cheat on me when he knew what he meant to me. I finally fell to my knees in the middle of the room. About that time Felicity and Arissa walked in.

"Whoa...Hurricane Harley hits hard." Arissa said.

"Are you ok?" Felicity asked kneeling next to me and putting her hand on my shoulder.

"I will be. I'm not gonna mope and be sad. I'm moving on." I said.

"Moving on?" Arissa asked.

"Yup. There's a guy I've always found very sweet and attractive and he just happens to be single. I think I'll invite him to Christmas." I said.

"Are you sure that's smart? Right in front of Josh?" Arissa asked.

I nodded, "I'm positive."

"Just...be careful." Arissa said.

"I know what I'm doing." I said as I went to the phone and dialed a number.

Arissa

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Harley seemed to be at least pretending to be her old self. I took this as a good sign and Felicity and I decided to go to Cyberspace.

"Hey guys." Savannah said when we walked in.

"Hey Sav." Felicity said.

"What can I get you?" Sav asked.

"The usual." Felicity said.

"Um...what's that?" Sav asked.

"Oh...right...I forgot...tuna wrap with tomato and a chocolate cherry milkshake." Felicity said.

"Alright, Arissa?" Sav asked.

"That sound good. I'll have the same." I said.

Savannah got our food and something for herself. We all sat at a table together.

"So, everything going ok?" Savannah asked.

Felicity nodded, "Yeah...things aren't that different in this time that I can tell. There's times I forget I'm not at home... except for missing Blaine, Connie, and Katrina."

"Who are they?" I asked.

"Oh...friends." Felicity said.

"So, are you going to Conner's for Christmas dinner too?" Savannah asked me.

"Yeah. Kira and Conner invited everyone I guess." I said.

"Yeah, my parents, Dusty, and I are going. Who all is? Do you know?" Sav asked.

"Well, my parents, Harley, myself...I assume Felicity?" I said.

Felicity nodded, "Christmas 2033? Oh, I wouldn't miss it."

"Ok, then also Eric and Tally and their kids, I'm pretty sure Uncle Blake and Aunt Tori are coming in with their daughter Lindsey and her boyfriend Nick." I said.

"What? Nick is Dusty's son...oh Dusty will be so happy." Sav said.

"Oh yeah...um, of course Conner and Kira will be there, Josh too...I assume Anna and Stacy. I think Eric invited Kyle and Derrick so I guess they'll be there and probably take Ellie and Melanie with them. I think that's about it...oh yeah, Harley new boyfriend." I said.

"Harley has a new boyfriend? I didn't even know she and Josh broke up." Sav said.

"Yeah. Josh cheated on her and she's got it in her head she needs to move on ASAP." I said.

"He cheated on her? Oh god...I'm not Harley's biggest fan but I know she really loved him. That's horrible."

I nodded, "You have no idea...I stayed up with her the night it happened. She was a mess."

“On the bright side they weren’t really together that long.”

“Oh...you have no idea how close they were.”

“What do you mean?” Sav asked.

“Well...you didn’t hear this from me but...” I started.

“Josh was her first.” Felicity finished.

“What? Oh my god...she waited all this time and...she felt like it was supposed to be him? I didn’t know she was waiting...” Sav said.

I nodded, “Yeah...she was taking it very hard.”

“I can’t even imagine...so who is this new guy?”

“I don’t know, she wouldn’t tell me. I guess we’ll find out at Christmas...I think she’s doing this to throw something in Josh’s face.” I said.

“Well the jerk deserves it! What he did was horrible! After the way she must have trusted him, then for him to cheat on her...he deserves whatever she dishes out!” Sav cried.

“Yeah, and we’ve seen her wrath and we don’t deserve it. If she treats people that don’t deserve it then Josh is really in for it.” I said.

“Well...Christmas will certainly be interesting.” Sav said.

“Oh, you have no idea.” Felicity said.

I looked at her and shrugged. I noticed DJ walk in. “Hey sweetie.”

“Where’s your sister?” DJ asked.

“Sav?” I asked.

“No. Harley. I have a bone to pick with her.” DJ said.

“Why?” I asked.

“She dumped my cousin and now he’s miserable.” DJ said.

“Don’t you dare get on Harley for that.” I said.

“What? Why?”

“Because she’s upset enough! Josh cheated on her!”

“He was lied to!”

“He still cheated! There’s no excuse for that!”

“He didn’t know what he was doing! He loves her!”

“You stay away from my sister. I’ve already told Josh if he goes near her I’m kicking his ass.”

“What? You can’t seriously be on Harley’s side here?” DJ said.

“Of course I’m on Harley’s side here.” I said.

“I can’t believe this...well you do what you want. I’m going to find her.”

I grabbed his arm. “Don’t you dare. If you go anywhere near Harley you’ll be the next single McKnight.”

“You’d break up with me?”

“If you go and bitch at Harley now? Yeah, I would.” I said.

“I can’t believe this...you know what, I’ll save you the trouble...it’s over.” DJ said.

“DJ, wait.” I said pulling him back.

“Don’t worry, I’ll stay away from your dear sister...for now.” DJ said pulling away from me and walking out.

I sat down in total shock. “Did that really just happen?”

“I’m so sorry Riss.” Savannah said putting an arm around me.

“I can’t believe he dumped me...” I said.

“This is not a good week for couples.” Felicity said.

“No kidding...I think I’m gonna go home.” I said.

“Oh, ok.” Felicity said.

“You can stay here if you want. You know the way home.” I said.

Felicity shook her head, “No, I’ll go back with you.”

We went back to the house and went in. Dad and Mo...Michelle were in the living room watching TV.

“Hey guys, how was dinner?” Dad asked.

“Well, everything was great then DJ dumped me for defending Harley. Yeah, good times.” I said.

“DJ dumped you? I’m so sorry sweetheart.” Dad said.

“Doesn’t matter.” I said going to my room. Harley was coming out of her room as I was heading down the hall.

“What’s wrong with you?” Harley asked.

“You’re not the only single Bradley around.” I said.

“What? You dumped DJ?” she asked.

“Actually, he dumped me.”

“What? Why?”

“Because...it’s not important...I’m gonna get some sleep.” I said going into my room. I fell on my bed and cried. I hid it from everyone but I was really, really hurting. I was just more withheld about it than Harley.

Harley

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I couldn’t believe Arissa and DJ broke up. I went to Felicity’s room and knocked.

“Come in!” she called.

I walked in, “Hey...did DJ really dump Arissa?”

“Yeah. It’s so sad.”

“Why would he do that?”

“Because he wanted to come bitch you out for dumping Josh and she was defending you and it pissed him off.” Felicity said.

“She was defending me?” I asked in shock.

“Yeah? Why do you seem so surprised? Sav or I would have done the same. We’re all sisters.” Felicity said.

“Wow...I guess we are...”

“You don’t get along with Arissa or Sav do you? Why is that?” Felicity asked.

I sat on her bed. “Well...because Arissa was evil just last year...I still don’t know that I can trust her.”

“She only did that because she didn’t know any better at the time...she changed...and Sav?”

“She pushed me in front of a car and almost killed me.”

“She what?!”

“We got into a fight right after I made Mom tell me the truth about Savannah. I went to go confront Sav and we got into it...it resulted in me getting pushed in front of a car.” I said.

“Sav pushed you on purpose?”

“Well...I guess maybe not on purpose...but I still could have died!”

“I really hope you see that we’re all sisters someday...we’re family...like it or not.” Felicity said.

“Yeah...sisters...” I turned and walked out and headed to Arissa’s room. I knocked on the door.

“What?” Arissa called.

“Can I come in?” I asked.

“Sure.” She said.

I went in and closed the door then sat on Arissa’s bed next to her. “Why didn’t you tell me DJ left you because you were defending me?”

“I didn’t think you needed to know...or that you’d care for that matter.”

“Of course I care...I’m sorry it went down that way and...for what it’s worth...thanks.” I said.

“It’s worth a lot.” Arissa said hugging me.

“You cared about him didn’t you?” I asked.

“A lot...it wasn’t like he was my first anything...except maybe my first love.” Arissa said finally crying.

“That’s a lot. I’m really sorry Arissa...trust me, I know how you’re feeling” I said.

“Yeah I know...and I’m really sorry this happened to you.” She said.

“I’m sorry this happened to you too...but, for the record...this doesn’t make us friends...not past this week anyway...I could use a friend tonight.” I said.

“So could I. Deal. Next week we go back to hating each other?”

“You’re on.” I said, “Now, I think you’ve earned a peek in my stash.” I ran to my room and grabbed a box and came back and got in bed next to Arissa, “Here’s my special heartbreak first aid kit.” I said opening the box. Chocolate of all kind filled it.

“Oh wow...just what the doctor ordered.” Arissa said as we munched on it.

“You know, guys really are trouble. They’re so untidy...never clean up after themselves.” I said.

Arissa nodded, “Oh I know...such slob. And they never put the toilet seat down, I mean if you put it up then you can

put it down!”

“Totally...and do they have an aversion to phones? I mean they never call! Not even when you tell them to!”

“That is so true. It’s like, dude, it’s a phone. It won’t bite!”

“And when they get sick, it’s like they turn into 5 year olds.” I said.

“It’s so pathetic!” Arissa said as Felicity peeked her head in.

“Hey...can I join?” Felicity asked.

“Do you have an ex-boyfriend?” I asked.

“Yeah, Dylan.” She said.

“Then come on in sister, join the party.” I said.

Felicity climbed in the bed with us.

“So why did your man and you break up?” Arissa asked.

“It was a parent forced break up but it was for the best...he didn’t exactly treat me well. He slept around a lot.” Felicity said.

“Sounds like a creep.” I said.

“I guess he was.” Felicity said.

“The only good guy is Dad.” I said.

“Which one?” Arissa asked.

“Our dad...and my dad...I got lucky...both of them are good guys. Unlike some other guys I know.” I said.

“I think we’re all pretty lucky.” Felicity said.

Arissa nodded, “You’re right...but guys still suck.”

“No doubt...but I still miss him.” I said.

Arissa nodded, “So do I.”

“It hurts so much.” I said.

“Yeah...it does.” Arissa said.

“I know...I’ve been there too.” Felicity said.

We did some more guy bashing, crying, and chocolate eating before we all fell asleep in Arissa’s bed.

Josh

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I lay in my bed staring at the ceiling. It was so lonely knowing I wouldn’t wake up and get to go see Harley in the morning. It was so lonely know I was...alone. I watched the shadows on my wall for awhile thinking about how much I missed Harley and how much I wanted her back.

DJ

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I didn’t even feel like going clubbing. I got in bed early and laid in the dark thinking about Arissa. I really cared about her but I couldn’t believe she’d defend Harley over me.

But I missed her...her smile...her laugh...they way she brushed her hair out of her face when the wind was blowing. I didn’t like being in my bed alone...I didn’t like knowing she wouldn’t be by the next morning to get in bed with me...god I missed her.

Savannah

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“Dusty, hey guess what I found out.” I said sitting next to him.

“What?” he asked putting his hand on mine.

I smiled, “Nick is coming with Lindsey and her parents for Christmas.”

“Really? Oh that’s great!” Dustin said.

“I knew you’d be happy. I can’t wait to meet Nick.”

“I want him to meet you too...you do realize he may not like you at first though, right?”

I nodded, “I know, but it’ll be ok.”

“It will be...he’ll eventually love you as much as I do.” He said kissing me.

I froze, “You love me?”

Dustin nodded, “Yeah...I think I’m falling in love with you.”

“Oh...me too.” I said for loss of anything else to say. When Dustin said that it made me wonder...did I love him? I wasn’t honestly sure I could say I did...what was I going to do? Was Dustin expecting me to be a step mom to Nick? I didn’t know...suddenly I was confused.

What was I going to do?