

*"You drive me crazy
I just can't sleep
I'm so excited, I'm in too deep"
~ "Crazy" Britney Spears*

"Hey Sunny." I said walking into the lodge.

"I told you not to call me that." She said.

"Don't pretend you don't like it."

"What do you want?"

"Well, I heard you're not doing so hot in English. I was going to offer to tutor you."

"Maybe I don't want to do better in English."

"Ah, but you do want out of here and if your grades go up you have a better shot at getting to go home sooner." I pointed out.

"Hmm...you might have a point. Ok. Tutor away."

I smiled and sat next to her. "Ok Sunny, let's begin."

"That name is really getting old. Anyway, what do I do if you decide to off yourself before I get my grades up?"

"Ok, I promise you, I won't off myself until your grades are up to a B." I said.

"You've got a deal."

I nodded, "Deal." I said. We shook on it and she pulled out her English book.

Arisa

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"There's one down side of being a Ranger." I said.

"What's that?" DJ asked.

"Less time with you." I said taking another lick of my ice cream cone. DJ and I were walking through downtown together. He had one arm around me and an ice cream in his other hand.

"I know what you mean. We don't get to be alone nearly as much as we used to. I miss it." DJ said.

I nodded, "So do I."

"But you've also been spending a lot of time with Savannah."

"Yeah I know...I think she's lost her mind though."

"Why do you say that?"

"She's dating Dustin Brooks."

"Are you serious?"

"Oh yeah, I'm serious."

"That's insane."

"See...our trainer has lost her mind."

"No kidding. I see what you mean. I thought she was head over heels for Bridge."

I sighed, "She dumped him."

"What? Why?"

"Because of the distance."

"Well...that kinda makes sense."

"Yeah, but going after a man old enough to be your father isn't...especially when he's still legally married."

"Oh god...you have to talk some sense into her babe."

"I tried Dee...I tried. Nothing works. She's happy with him."

"Maybe the newness will wear off and she'll snap out of it."

"God, I hope so." I said.

"In the meantime why don't we go back to my place? Noah is off doing...whatever Noah does...so we have the place to ourselves..." DJ said.

"Hmm...that's quite an offer." I said.

"Gonna take me up on it?"

"I think I just might." I said as we headed for the apartment.

Harley

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"Mom, she won't eat." I said.

"Hold on. I'm trying to get a repair man on the phone." Mom said.

"But..." I started. Mom left the room.

"Ugh...Liss, eat." I said.

"Cake." Liss said.

"No cake until you eat your carrots." I said.

"Ick." She said turning her nose up.

"Liss..."

"Cake!"

"No cake."

"Cake!"

"No cake."

"Cake!"

I was getting sick of this. "FINE! Here." I said handing her a slice of cake.

She just started eating it when Mom came back in. "Harlyn Nicole Bradley, I told you not to give her cake until she ate her food!"

I sighed, "I'm not even gonna go there. I have work to do." I said walking out of the house and heading for the lodge.

When I got the lodge I saw two blonde girls wandering around like they were lost. One was older, the other was a younger version of the older one.

"Um, may I help you?" I asked the older one.

"Maybe. I'm looking for Hunter Bradley. He does own this school right?" she asked.

"Yes. He's in his office. I can take you there." I said.

"Thank you. Come on Breanne." The older woman said to the younger one.

I got her to the office and went in.

"Dad, you have some visitors." I said.

"Thanks Har..." he paused and looked up.

"Sara?!"

"Hi Hunter." Sara said blushing, "I had no idea this was your daughter."

"Yeah, I'm his daughter..." I said confused.

"Oh...Harley, this is an old friend of mine, Sara Austin. Sara, this is my daughter Harley Bradley." Dad introduced.

"Nice to meet you Sara." I said.

"Likewise...and Hunter...I think we were more than just friends." Sara smiled then looked at me. "I dated your Daddy back in high school."

"Ohhh..." I said.

"Yeah...um...anyway...who is this?" Dad asked looking at the younger girl. I knew he just wanted to change the subject.

"Oh, this is my daughter, Breanne Austin." Sara said.

"Austin? She has your last name?" Hunter asked.

"Yeah, don't exactly know who her father is...always wished it could have been you. So, Harley, who's your mom?" Sara asked.

"Michelle is her mom Sara. Michelle and I are still happily married. If you came here to cause trouble..." Dad said.

"Oh of course not. I wouldn't dream of it. I'm glad you're so happy. I wish I could be that happy." Sara said.

"So why are you here?" Dad asked.

"That's what I'd like to know." Mom said. She was standing in the doorway with Felicity in arm.

"Oh hello Michelle. So good to see you again. And who is this cutie?" Sara asked as she touched Liss's hand.

"This is mine and Hunter's youngest daughter Felicity." Mom said

"Wow...two kids...impressive." Sara said, "Do you have any other daughters?"

Dad nodded, "I have one other daughter."

"Oh...she's not Michelle's?" Sara asked.

Oh great. Now Dad had to find a way to explain why he had a 30 year old daughter that looked and acted like his 20 year old daughter and that the said daughter was the daughter of an alien.

"Yes I am." Arissa said walking in. "Mom, there's some trouble in the lodge."

"Oh...wow...you have three daughters..." Sara said.

"This is my other daughter Arissa Bradley." Dad said.

"Nice to meet you. You look a lot like Harley, you even look about Harley's age." Sara said.

Arissa smiled a smile that looked happy, I knew it to be evil though, "Well we should look alike. We're twins."

I looked at her wide-eyed.

"Wow...twins." Sara said.

"Twins..." I mumbled.

"Not identical mind you but pretty close, don't you think?" Arissa asked putting her arm around me.

I could tell Mom was holding back laughter.

"So, this brings us back to our first question. Why are you here?" Dad asked again.

"Well...can I talk to you alone Hunter?" Sara asked.

"You can talk to Michelle and I alone." Dad said.

Sara sighed, "Fine."

"Ok. Girls, will you show Breanne around the school? And take Felicity with you?" Dad asked.

"Yes Daddy." Arissa said smiling. She took Felicity from Mom and gave her a kiss on the cheek. "Love you Mommy."

I glared and followed her and Breanne out.

Michelle

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I won't lie...part of me liked hearing Arissa call me Mom. I'd grown to really love her. I didn't even think about the fact she was Lilianna's anymore. What I wasn't happy with was the fact Sara was here. She was like that damn cat in the song. Every time I thought she was gone for good she came back.

"So, what do you want?" I asked sitting next to Hunter. Sara sat on the other side of the desk.

"Oh...I know I shouldn't be here...I didn't know where else to turn though." Sara said turning on the water works. I fought the urge to roll my eyes. I knew tears would come in somewhere here.

"What's wrong Sara? What happened?" Hunter asked.

"It's Breanne...I've failed her so horribly. She's in major trouble and it's all my fault." Sara said crying more.

"What kind of trouble?" Hunter asked.

"She's been busted for identity theft...she was going to go to prison....but I was able to cut a deal. I need your help though. Please..." Sara begged.

"What sort of help?" Hunter asked. I wasn't liking the sound of this.

"The judge is willing to give her a second chance...but to get this second chance she needs to spend a year here...at Starlight."

"WHAT?!" I cried.

"Michelle, don't. Sara, you want to enroll Breanne in Starlight?" Hunter asked.

"Yes." Sara said.

"Ok...well we are full at the moment. To take another one on we'd have to discuss it with the councilors and see if any of them would be willing to take on another kid. If you take Breanne into town and come back in a couple of hours I'll have an answer for you." Hunter said.

Sara nodded, "Ok. Thank you."

"I'll show you out." Hunter getting up. He walked Sara out then came and sat down next to me.

"You can't even be thinking about it." I said.

"Michelle, we shouldn't punish Breanne for her mother's mistakes." Hunter said.

"I'm sorry, I know this sounds bad but I don't want any excuse around for Sara to use to be around you."

"You know there's no way anything is going to happen. I love you Mich, I always have. You've always beaten out Sara and you always will."

I sighed, "I know...she just doesn't give up though."

"I just don't want Breanne to go to prison if she can be helped. We started this school to help every kid in need."  
"I know...you're right...fine...but she can not, under any circumstances, be a Wildcat." I said.  
"Agreed." Hunter said.  
"Ok, fine, let's call Julia in and see if she'll take her into the Wolves."

In the end Julia agreed and we accepted Breanne into the Academy. It was going to be a fun year...

## Harley

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After Breanne left with her mother I pulled Arissa to the side and pushed her against a wall.
"Twins?! Are you insane?! We're not even sisters!" I cried.
Arissa laughed, "Harley, like it or not we're sisters. We look alike, we act alike, we share parents."
"We share *A* parent. We do not share mothers." I said.
"Yeah...about that...I was thinking about asking Michelle to adopt me." Arissa said.
"YOU WHAT?! Oh hell no..." I said.
"Oh come on, twin..."
"Stay the hell away from me." I said pushing her away.
Arissa smirked, "Have it your way. I need to go to Cyberspace anyway. I'll give Savannah your best.
I glared as she walked away.

I headed into the office.
"Mom, you're not adopting Arissa." I commanded.
"Adopting Arissa?" Mom asked.
"No matter how sweet she asks you are not adopting her." I said.
"Awww, she wants me to adopt her? That's so sweet." Mom said smiling, she looked like she wanted to cry.
"NO! This isn't sweet! She is trying to steal my family!" I cried.
"Um, sweetie, she's part of your family." Mom said.
"No she isn't! God I'm so sick of this!" I cried storming off.

Melanie

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It was lunchtime. My favorite part of the day. I grabbed my tray and went to sit with Jesse. He sat alone everyday and I didn't much like the other Wildcats anyway so I figured I could sit with him.  
"This seat taken?" I asked.  
"Hey Sunny. No. It's yours if you want it...why are you sitting with me?" he asked.  
"Because this is the closest thing to an empty table...'sides I figure I should stake my claim on it now for when you off yourself. I'll get my own table." I said.  
"Remember our deal." He said.  
"Yeah, not until I get my grades up. I'll try not to keep you. Maybe they'll go up pretty quick. Anyway...you may not live that long if you don't start remembering my name."  
He smiled, "I know your name. Sunny."  
I sighed. Most of that was for show. Secretly I was loving this. For the first time I felt like someone cared about me... someone cared about me for me and not any image. Yeah...it was pretty cool.

## Hunter

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There was a knock at the office door.
"Come in." I said. It was Sara.
"So?" she asked.
"Breanne can stay here." I said.
"Oh god...thank you Hunter! Thank you so much!" Sara cried running over and hugging me. She kissed my cheek and I

could tell Michelle was pissed so I pushed her away.

“You’re welcome Sara. Michelle will go and check in Breanne if you’ll stay here and fill out some paperwork.” I said.

“Ok.” Sara agreed.

Michelle glared then walked out to go get Breanne.

Breanne

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I got checked in and searched and all that stuff then I was introduced to my group leader.

“Breanne, this is Julia Locke. She’ll be your group leader.” Michelle said.

“It’s very nice to meet you Breanne.” Julia said.

“It’s very nice to meet you too Julia. I’m sure we’ll become very good friends and I’m excited at the adventures we are sure to have.” I said happily.

Julia smiled. “Good. If you’ll come with me I’ll show you to your dorm.”

“I think you have it covered. I’ll be in my office.” Michelle said walking away.

“This way.” Julia said.

We went to the dorms.

“You’ll bunk in this room. This is a room you’ll share with your fellow Wolves as well as the Windchasers and the Wildcats.” Julia said.

“Oh wow. Exciting. Just like a summer camp.” I said excitedly.

“And if you’ll come this way...”

I got a whole tour of the campus...again. We finally got back to the lodge.

“And here we are back in the...” Julia paused when she saw two kids about to fight, “Excuse me. I’ll be right back.

Wait here.” She took off to break it up.

I was standing there looking around when I saw the finest creature I’d ever seen in my life. “Well hello...and who might you be?” I asked.

“I’m Josh McKnight. I work here.” He said.

“Oh wow, so do I. I’m Breanne Austin, the new councilor.” I said.

“New councilor? I didn’t know they were getting another one.” Josh said.

“Yeah...they wanted one to work with all the groups. Which group do you work with?” I asked.

“The Wildcats. They’re actually my girlfriend Harley’s group but I help out.” Josh said.

“Harley? Bradley? As in the daughter of the owners? She’s your girlfriend?” I asked.

“Yeah. You’ve met her right?”

I nodded, “Yeah, sweet girl. Good taste in men.”

Josh blushed, “Um...thanks.”

“I only speak the truth.” I said as I noticed Julia coming back, “Well I should get back to work. Busy, busy, busy.”

“Nice meeting you.” Josh said.

I smiled then went off to meet Julia. “Let’s go see the kitchen again.” I said heading for the kitchen. Julia followed. I smirked to myself. Harley was a nice girl...too bad I’d have to steal her boyfriend.

Arisa

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I walked into Cyberspace and saw Dustin sitting at the counter watching Savannah work. I sighed. I noticed DJ sitting the sofa watching the scene. I went and sat with him.

“Our trainer is insane...that’s just it.” DJ said.

I nodded, “No kidding. We have to do something.”

“What? Look at them. They look like love sick teenagers.” DJ said.

“It’s sad.” I said, “Maybe if we get Bridge to come see her?”

“Riss, I know your heart is in the right place but I don’t think she’s appreciate you sticking your nose in. Just leave it alone.”

I sighed, “Easier said that done.”

“Come here.” DJ said pulling me onto his lap.
“What?” I asked.
“You need to relax.” He said kissing my neck
I giggled, “We relaxed this morning.”
“We can always go back to my place and relax some more.”
I smiled, “Tempting...very tempting...but no. I need to try to talk some sense into Savannah.”
“It won’t work.”
“Maybe not, but I gotta try.”
“I know you want to but it’s only going to mess up your friendship.”
I sighed. “So what can I do?”
“Enjoy dating an amazingly hot man.” He said.
“Who are you talking about? I’m dating you.” I teased.
“Oh...you’re gonna pay for that.” He said tickling me.

Savannah

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I saw Arissa come in and I saw her get into a tickle war with DJ.  
“They look happy.” Dustin said.  
I nodded, “They are. They are very happy.”  
“Are you?” he asked.  
“What do you mean?”  
“Are you happy...dating me...no regrets?”  
“I should be asking you that. You left your family and now you have me.”  
“Nick will eventually understand and Marah...well she’s the one who kicked me out.”  
I nodded. “She’s an idiot.”  
“So is Bridge.”  
“Why?”  
“He let you leave him.”  
I smiled. “Thanks.”  
“You know you’re pretty amazing Savannah.”  
“You’re said that...many times.” I said smiling brighter.  
“It’s true.”  
“Oh it is?”  
“Yeah. It is.”  
“You’re gonna give me a big head one of these days.”  
“Come here.” He said reaching over the counter and pulling me forward. He leaned over and kissed me. I love kissing him...he was an amazing kisser. God my life rocked.

## Anna

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We’d been gone 2 days and this trip was amazing. I love everything about being with Trent opening. We got to go out and eat instead of getting room service. We went to clubs and danced without worrying about someone seeing us. We got to go to bed together without Trent worrying about going home. It was great waking up next to him. We made love until the late hours of the night because Trent didn’t have any early meetings. It was just heaven. I never wanted this vacation to end.

While Trent was at work I went down to the pool to lay out. I got settled on a cot chair and closed my eyes.
“Is this chair taken?” I heard a voice ask. I opened my eyes and saw a woman standing there.
“No. It’s yours.” I said.
“Thank you. Is this your first trip to Hawaii?” she asked.
I nodded. “Yeah, first time.”
“Yeah? I figured.”

“What’s that?”

“I noticed you with your father in the lobby. You seemed really excited about everything.”

“My fa...oh...that isn’t my father. That’s my boyfriend.” I said.

“Oh, I’m sorry.”

I nodded, “It’s ok.”

“How old are you?”

“18.”

“Oh...you look younger.”

I forced a smile, “Thank you. If you’ll excuse me, I have some calls to make.” I got up and walked back to the room. I sat on the bed. I loved Trent...so why was I so bothered? And why was I thinking that this wouldn’t happen with Aaron.