

*"Someday I just keep pretending
That you'll stay
Dreaming of a different ending
I wanna hold on but it hurts so bad
And I can't keep something that I never had"
~"Something I Never Had" Lindsay Lohan*

I paced around my room. I had just gotten out of jail on bail...not that it mattered. If the DA offered a plea bargain I planned on taking it over facing a trial. I didn't care about my freedom anyway. Harley was my world and without her life served no purpose. I turned on the stereo and a song that reminded me of Harley was on. I turned it off and turned the TV on. Motocross was on the first channel that I turned it to. I turned the TV off. Everything around me reminded me of Harley and was an idiot I was to hurt her. I knew this was all my fault. I knew Harley's scars so I couldn't blame her for how she was acting. I should have known better.

I sat on my bed and noticed my knife on the bedside table. I picked it up thinking how I could so easily end it all. End my suffering...end Harley's suffering...I was so close. God what was happening to me? Was I going literally insane? Had I already gone insane? Maybe I really had assaulted Breanne and didn't remember. Nothing would surprise me at this point. I felt like I was outside of myself...out of my mind. And that knife...so easy. Such an easy way out. I wanted to do it so bad, but my parents had told me about Anna's baby on the way home and I knew that Anna would need all the help she could get since Trent left her.

Trent...

What an asshole. He got my sister pregnant then left her. He would pay for hurting her so badly. I would see to it. And I could. What did I have to lose now anyway? I would be spending the next several years in prison for something I didn't do anyway...may as well do something to warrant being there.

That was it!

I wouldn't kill myself...I would kill Trent Fernandez.

Arisa

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I was sitting in the lodge with the Wildcats and our visitors. Aaron, Allison, Logan, Kristy, Alex, Cali, Nick, Lindsey, Jay, and Crystal were still there. So far everyone had just been ignoring Jay and Crystal.

"So any word from Harley yet?" Lindsey asked walking over from the kitchen.

"Not yet. She obviously doesn't want to be found yet." I said.

"Obviously...can you blame her? Look at everything the poor girl has been through." Cali said.

"Yeah, and look who started it all." Alex said looking at Jay.

"What? You can't blame me for what Josh did!" Jay said.

"You know, I can't even believe you had the nerve to show up here. You have no right to be anywhere near this place. This is Harley's home. You don't belong here." Alex said.

"I'm a member of this team too." Jay said.

"No you aren't, you never were a member of this team and you never will be...you made sure of that." Alex said.

"Oh I'm not a member but the former Prince of all evil is?" Jay asked pointing to Nick.

"Excuse me? I'm not the one who cheated on Harley and tried to force her to sleep with me." Nick said.

"You did worse. You used her." Jay said.

"Shut your mouth on what you don't know." Nick said.

"Oh please, you're the one who really started this. You and Aaron. It was you two that set all this in motion." Jay said.

"What? How did I get dragged into this?" Aaron asked.

"If not for you two she wouldn't have been so guarded." Jay said.

"Yeah, and it would have been easier for you to get in her pants? That's all you were after in the first place." Aaron said.

"It would have saved our relationship...I cared about her but I needed more than she could give me." Jay said.

"You needy son of a bitch." Alex said attacking him.

"Alex!" Cali cried.

Aaron pulled Alex back, "He's not worth it man, let it go."

"Come on Jay, we need to get to the airport. Let's just go." Crystal said.

"Fine. I don't want to be here anyway. You're right Alex, I'm not a member of this team and I sure as hell don't want to be." Jay said taking Crystal's hand and walking out.

"Are you ok sweetie?" Cali asked.

"I'm fine. We should head to the airport too. We're going to miss out flight. Arissa, please have Harley call us when she makes contact." Alex said.

I nodded, "Of course."

"Thanks for everything." Cali said.

"Thank you." I said. We watched them leave.

"As for me, I think I'm going to get to Anna's. You coming Logan?" Kristy asked.

"I think I'll stay here and hang with Aaron." Logan said.

"Um...actually I have plans." Aaron said.

"You do? With who?" Logan said.

"None of your business...I should be heading out through. Catch you later." Aaron said taking off.

"Ok, that was weird." Lindsey said.

"No kidding." Logan said.

"We're gonna go get something to eat then head to the airport ourselves. We'll talk to you later...and same goes for us, if you hear from Har..." Nick said.

I nodded, "Of course."

"I'm so glad I finally got to meet you and get to know you a little bit." Lindsey said hugging me.

"Me too." I said hugging her back.

"See you soon cuz." Lindsey said smiling.

"See ya." I said.

They left and I was left with Logan and Allison.

"Um, I have some work to do but make your selves at home." I said.

Allison nodded, "Thanks."

"No problem. Ok, Wildcats, dinner duty." I said.

They all groaned and headed to the kitchen.

I was walking to the office when Julia stopped me.

"So, lots of visitors all of a sudden?" she said.

"Yeah, they came because they wanted to help find Har, we told them she didn't want to be found." I said.

"Yeah...oh I've been meaning to talk to you. Your Wildcats seem to disappear a lot. I think you should keep a better eye on them. We can't have them disappearing without signing out." Julia said.

"I have my group under control Julia, thanks."

"So you're aware they're leaving campus."

"They aren't leaving campus and yes I know their whereabouts. Just worry about the Wolves and let me handle the Wildcats." I said.

"There's rules here Arissa...this is a school, not summer camp. If I have to I'll go report you to Hunter and Michelle." Julia said.

"Go right ahead. Knock yourself out."

"Just because you're the headmasters' daughter don't think you're free and clear of the rules. There's reasons we have rules."

"Damn it Julia, mind your own damn business. I know good and well what the rules are and I know exactly what I'm doing with my Wildcats so stay the hell out of my business and away from my group." I said walking away.

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I was sitting in Cyberspace with Bridge, Syd, and Sky (Jack and Z had gone home.)

"I feel horrible about almost killing you guys." Syd said.

I laughed, "Yeah, thanks. You know you can be pretty damn scary when you wanna be."

"No kidding, I thought you really were going to kill us...or that we'd have to kill you." Sky said pulling Syd close to him.

"Yeah, you actually got Sky to get out of commander mode and show emotion on the battle field, you should be proud, that's quite a feat." Bridge said.

"Aww...baby, I'm so sorry. I'm sorry I worried you." Syd said resting her head on Sky.

"It's ok. The important thing is I have you back." Sky said.

I smiled, "You know, I think things finally are how they're meant to be."

"What do you mean?" Bridge asked.

"Well, I have you back. Syd and Sky are back together...we're all friends...this is how it's meant to be." I said.

"Yeah, I agree. We're two people that never should have been married." Sky said nodding.

"No kidding. That's why it didn't last long. I'm surprised we didn't kill each other." I said.

"Not to touch on a sore subject but why did you two get married? I never did understand that." Syd said.

"Because after you and Sky broke up he was very hurt. I had heard something about Bridge being serious with someone else and I was hurt because even though we'd been apart for so many years I still hoped we'd get back together. Sky turned to me because I was close at the time and we consoled each other. We thought that equated love. It wasn't and so the marriage obviously didn't last." I explained.

"But like you said, it all worked out in the end." Bridge said kissing my head.

"Yes it did. I got the man of my dreams back and I couldn't be happier." I said.

Syd smiled, "Good neither could I...oh...I heard you finally found out who your birth father was."

I nodded, "I did."

"Well? Who?" Syd asked.

"Conner." I said.

"Conner? As in Conner McKnight? Are you serious?" Syd asked.

"Yeah. I've known him my whole life...and he was more shocked than me to find out he was my father. He never had a clue. Michelle did a good job of hiding me." I said.

"Why didn't you tell me sooner?" Syd asked.

"Because at the time our friendship was strained because of Sky. We only recently got close again and it just hadn't come up."

Syd nodded, "Ok, fair enough."

"So how long are you two staying in town?" Bridge asked.

"Just over night. We're heading home in the morning." Sky said.

I nodded as the phone rang. "Oh, excuse me." I said going to answer the phone. "Hello, Hayley's Cyberspace, Savannah speaking."

"Savannah, hi, this is Kristy Myers, I have a favor." Kristy said.

"Oh, hi Kristy. What is it?" I asked.

"If you could do you think you could book Anna for a gig there? I think she has some real music to share with the people of Reefside." Kristy said.

"No more of that techno crap?" I asked.

"No. I think I talked her out of that." Kristy said.

"OK then, when?" I asked.

"Tonight? 8 pm?"

"Consider it booked."

"OK, thanks...and book it under Anna McKnight...that's her name." Kristy said.

I smiled, "Will do."

Anna

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I'd filled Kristy in on my disastrous career as Anna Ford and my even worse relationship with Trent. She helped me write a new song and made me finally feel ok about everything. She promised she'd be there for me through all of this

even if she had to take a short leave from her military academy to do so.

“OK, I just talked to Sav. You have a gig there tonight at 8. You’re gonna present your new song?” Kristy asked.

“Yeah.” I replied.

“Good.”

I nodded, “Can you do me one more favor?”

“Anything”

“Make sure Trent is there. I need him to hear this.”

Kristy sighed, “Ok, fine. I’ll call Stacy and tell her to take Trent to Cyberspace tonight.”

“Stacy won’t help me!”

“She will if she doesn’t know she is. I won’t tell her why I’ll just tell her to do it. Don’t worry. I have my ways.”

“Nice to see you haven’t changed much.” I said.

“Thanks. Now go get ready!”

I nodded and went in my closet to pick some clothes. It was weird looking at all my old clothes. It was almost they they’d belonged to another girl...I’d changed so much in such a short time because of being with Trent.

I looked at the clothes and tried to pick something that truly represented me. Luckily I was still the same size because I wasn’t showing yet. I finally settled on a pair of fitted jeans I rarely wore because I used to like baggy jeans and a yellow sleeveless shirt with a silver guitar on the front. I finished off the outfit with yellow Converse shoes. I didn’t look like the girl I’d been before Trent but I also didn’t look like the girl I’d been with Trent. For the first time since graduation day I felt like I was just me. I wasn’t trying to be someone else or find who I was. I knew who I was and I felt just fine with that.

I pulled out my guitar and tuned it. As I did I called and left messages for a couple of old friends. Tonight was going to be a passing and a rebirth. The passing of Anna Ford and the rebirth of Anna McKnight.

Josh

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I went downstairs and my parents were in the living room.

“I’m going out for some air.” I said.

“Oh ok...stay in town.” Dad said.

“And your sister is having a gig at Cyberspace tonight at 8 if you’re interested in going.” Mom said.

I nodded, “I’ll try to be there.”

“See you then.” Dad said.

I headed out of the house and went to stake out Fernandez Estates. I noticed Stacy and Noah’s cars were there. I didn’t mind having witnesses when I murdered Trent but I loved Stacy, she was my sister. I wouldn’t be so cruel as to make her witness her father’s death.

I crept onto the grounds and watched them in the house. They looked like they were getting ready to go somewhere. I knew exactly what to do. I just had to keep a tail on Trent. When he was alone then I would strike. I would hurt him... kill him...make him pay for what he did to Anna. Stacy would come to understand. He had to pay. Anna was Stacy’s sister too, surely she’d come to understand he had to pay. It was just the way it had to be.

Arissa

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I got to my dad’s office and went in.

“We need to talk.” I said.

“What’s wrong?” he asked.

I sat down. “I’ll tell you. Julia is starting to ask questions. She’s noticed the Wildcats taking off and she’s noticed that we bend the rules for them. She threatened to report me to you if I don’t start doing my job better.”

“You’re doing a perfect job.” Dad said.

I looked at him. “Not in Julia’s eyes...and can you blame her...the Wildcats to go off a lot.”

Dad sighed, "I know...I'll deal with Jules. Don't worry about her."

"Too late. I am worried. You better handle this fast before our cover is blown." I said.

Dad nodded, "I will. Just keep doing what you're doing. After the Pink Ranger fiasco you don't have time to worry about outside people."

"I know that. Liem and Sankua are really getting desperate. We need to get baby Felicity out of there before it's too late."

Dad nodded solemnly.

Felicity

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Aaron met me at the park and we went for a walk.

"I'm so glad to finally be alone with you. I thought your friends would never leave." I said hanging on to him.

He smiled, "I know...but I can't tell them about us."

I nodded, "I know...my family can't very well know either. They'd flip in a major way."

Aaron nodded, "Don't worry. No one needs to know but us."

He pulled me into his arms and kissed me. I about melted right there. I know, I know...in the future he's married and everything but I could enjoy the here and now couldn't I?

We ended up back at the Academy and snuck into the cabin he was staying in. We started kissing and ended up in bed again. We were going at it when we heard a knock on the door.

"Aaron? Are you in there? Let me in." Allison said. We'd locked her out and she was staying in the room too.

"Crap." Aaron mumbled, "Just a second!" he called.

We rushed to get dressed and I hid under the bed and he let her in.

"Aaron, what were you doing?" Allison asked.

"Reading. I guess I accidentally locked the door." Aaron said.

"Oh, ok. Well, I was wondering if maybe you wanted to go hang out...it's been awhile since we really spent time together." Ally said.

"Um, sure. Let's go into town." Aaron told his twin.

They left and I got to come out from under the bed and sneak out of the room. That was way too close. I really had to be more careful.

Anna

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I was backstage at Cyberspace and very nervous. I saw Savannah walking over to me.

"Hey, good luck. Kristy wanted me to tell you she got Trent here. He's out there and she's going to keep him here if it kills her." Sav said.

I nodded, "Thanks."

"Ok, I'm going to announce you. You ready?"

"Ready as I'm gonna get."

Savannah nodded and took the stage.

"Good evening, I'm Savannah James, manager of Cyberspace and tonight we are proud to present a wonderful new artist, Anna McKnight."

I took the stage and looked out. I smiled. My ex-band mates were out there, my parents were out there, Trent was there, Stacy was there, Josh was there in the back...it was perfect. I took a deep breath, everything I had to say was in my lyric, I knew when I looked out at Trent during the song I would see an expression of anger, acceptance, and shock all in one. I mentally prepared myself. "Good evening everyone. Some of you may know me as Anna Ford, I'm not her. She's a different girl and someone I don't even know anymore. I'm Anna McKnight. This first song is about letting go of what you never really had." I started to play my guitar.

*"Do you see me*

*Do you feel me like I feel you*

*Call your number  
I can not get through  
You don't hear me and I don't understand  
When I reach out I don't find your hand*

*Was it wasted words  
And did they mean a thing  
And all that precious time  
But I still feel so in between*

*Someday I just keep pretending  
That you'll stay  
Dreaming of a different ending  
I wanna hold on but it hurts so bad  
And I can't keep something that I never had*

*I keep tellin' myself things can turn around with time  
And if I wait it out you could always change your mind  
Like a fairy tale where it works out in the end  
Can I close my eyes have you lying here again  
Then I come back down  
Then I fade back in  
Then I realize its just what might have been*

*Someday I just keep pretending  
That you'll stay  
Dreaming of a different ending  
I wanna hold on but it hurts so bad  
And I can't keep something that I never had*

*Am I a shadow on your wall  
Am I anything at all  
Anything to you  
Am I a secret that you keep  
Do you dream me while your sleeping after all*

*Someday I just keep pretending  
That you'll stay  
Dreaming of a different ending  
I wanna hold on but it hurts so bad  
And I can't keep something that I never had  
That I never had  
I wanna hold on but it hurts so bad  
And I can't keep something that I never had*

*You don't see me  
Do you feel me like I feel you"*