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*Serendipity*

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*See No Evil*

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# Chapter one

[It is two years after our last story ended. Danie is going to the airport in her "old" car to pick up Abigail, who is due back from Madrid. She parks her car, gets out, and walks inside. Nothing happens aside a few curious looks from people, and soon Danie comes across a tallish girl with dark hair and violet eyes.]

**Danie:** Abby?

*(The girl looks up. Through her curly locks she grins happily, almost forgetting her luggage.)*

**Abigail:** MOM! (Runs to Danie and gloms her.) Ohmigod! It's been so long! (Steps back to look at Danie.) And you haven't changed one bit! I like your hair!

**Danie:** Thanks dear. And I like yours too!

*(They laugh.)*

**Danie:** Oh goodness--we'd better get your stuff and get going. There's a whole group of people that are waiting to see you.

**Abigail:** (Smiling) I'll bet....

*(Danie's car on the way to the Yuy house.)*

**Danie:** So honey, how was Madrid?

**Abigail:** (Grinning) Beautiful! I loved everything about it! I almost didn't want to leave-- (Kinda solemn) But then I remembered you guys and, well, I figured I had to come back.

**Danie:** (Smirking) Doesn't sound like you wanted to part with your dear Madrid.

**Abigail:** I can always go back...

**Danie:** Well, don't make it too soon, okay? I think we wanna keep you awhile. (Pulls into the driveway.) Well, here we are! Home, sweet home.

*(Abigail and Danie get out of the car with her luggage. As they are struggling with it, the door opens and out come Heero, Duo, and the others.)*

**Kristana:** Cousin Abby!! (Hugs her) I missed you!

*(Heero helps with the luggage.)*

**Heero:** Did you enjoy your stay in Madrid?

**Abigail:** Yes I did! It was wonderful, simply wonderful. Me gusta mucho!

**Danie:** Oh here we go! She's gonna be talking in Spanish for the rest of her life.

**Duo:** Subtitles, please?

**Abigail:** Very funny, Uncle Duo. (Hugs him.) How's it been?

**Duo:** It's been okay. Glad to have you back, squirt.

**Abigail:** Thanks! Glad to be back. (Looks around.) Where's everyone else?

**Kristana:** They're in the house of course!

**Heero:** (Grins) Angel's waiting inside...he's been waiting for you for the past week to get here...

**Abigail:** (Blushing) Gosh... (Walks slowly to the house)

**Danie:** This is going to be quite interesting, I think...

(Abigail walks to the door way and pauses. Suddenly, she is glomped simultaneously by Shannon, Helen, and Hayley.)

**Shannon:** Sissy!

**Helen:** Mate!

**Hayley:** Luv!

**Abigail:** (Bursting into tears) Hi you guys! (Hugs them all.) It's finally good to see you all again...

**Helen:** Likewise.

**Hayley:** Yeah! It was so weird here without you!

(Abigail turns to her sister.)

**Abigail:** Well, it looks like Shannon the star is back.

**Shannon:** And loving it! (Grins.) You have to meet Josie. She's the sweetest thing on earth!

**Abigail:** (With a huge grin) I can't wait...

(Abigail pauses. A shadow from behind Helen catches her eye.)

**Abigail:** Angel?

**Angel:** (Smiles) 'Bout time you got here...

(Tears filling her eyes, Abigail hugs him.)

**Abigail:** (In a soft voice) Oh how I missed you, Angel...

**Angel:** I missed you too, Abigail.

**Shannon:** This is all very sweet and all, but we have a welcome back party to proceed on with.

**Helen:** Yeah. It's fabulous, darling!

(Abigail laughs, dries her eyes, and lets Angel go. She allows Shannon and Helen to lead her into the living room, where everyone else is sitting.)

**Jessica:** Abby!

**Abigail:** Aunt Jessie! (Looks around.) Aunt Mo! Aunt Claudia! Cousin Jenny! Aunt Crys! (Hugs them all.)

**Jennifer:** Gosh, you've grown up, haven't you?

**Jessica:** (To Danie, gesturing to Abigail and Angel) If I were you, I'd watch those two.

**Danie:** (rolling her eyes) Sure Jess.

**Shannon:** Where's Josie?

**Heero:** Danie...I think she wants to see her little sister...

**Kristana:** She's so cute!!

**Danie:** Okay, I'll go get her... (Exits.)

**Abigail:** Who does she look like?

(Pause.)

**Shannon:** Well, she kinda reminds me of Mom a little but she has Heero's eyes and hair. She's really pretty for a two

year old...

(Enter Danie again, with Josie.)

**Danie:** Here she is!

**Josie:** (Holding out her arms to Abigail) Sissy!

**Abigail:** (Gently taking Josie) Hi Josie! You're so cute!

**Josie:** Me cute!

**The whole room:** Aw...

**Abigail:** She kind of reminds me of you, Dad... (Smiles wistfully.) I really regret not being here for her birth.

**Crys:** You missed Heero fainting...it was priceless!

**Heero:** (glares at her) Shut up.

**Crys:** (crosses arms) Now you know how Quatre feels when you tease him all the time. Deal with it.

**Abigail:** Dad--you fainted?

**Danie:** He sure did. I think Duo got a picture of it...

**Duo:** (Grins) You know me. Had to get a shot for future use...

**Heero:** (To Duo) Omae o korosu...

**Crys:** There's the old Heero phrase...

**Abigail:** Wouldn't be home without it...

(Some hours later. The adults are catching Abigail up on what she missed.)

**Jessica:** ...And so, we learned that night that you don't mix Duo Maxwell and a pina colada together on a dark and stormy night.

**Abigail:** (Laughing) Oh dear. Now that would have been picture worthy! (Stomach rumbles.) Gosh, I didn't realize how hungry I was!

**Danie:** (to Shannon) You didn't tell your sister about her plans?

**Shannon:** Plans? (Gets it.) Oh! Those plans... (Smiles devilishly.)

**Abigail:** What's going on?

**Shannon:** Well, we were talking the other day about when you came home and stuff and Mom suggested that we young people take you out on a night on the town.

**Abigail:** (to Danie) Really?

**Danie:** (Shrugs) Well, I figured you would want that.

**Abigail:** Well, what are we waiting for?

**Helen:** For you to get dressed, luv.

**Abigail:** Huh?

**Hayley:** Shannon sort of picked you out something to wear.

**Abigail:** She did?!

**Shannon:** Aw come on. It's not that bad! It's just a little black dress.

**Kristana:** Yeah! So hurry up and get dressed!

**Abigail:** Why do feel as if I'm gonna regret this?

**Shannon:** Believe me--you won't.

(Abigail goes upstairs to get dressed in the little black dress that Shannon picked out for her. When she emerges, she is beet red.)

**Abigail:** Shannon, I am going to maim you.

**Danie:** The dress is very pretty, dear.

**Kristana:** Let's go!

**Shannon:** My girl Kris has the right idea! (Grabs Abigail's hand.) C'mon little sis! (Over her shoulder) Bye guys! (Rushes out.)

**Abigail:** Eep!

**Crys:** (sighs) Something tells me I'm gonna regret letting Kristana go..

**Heero:** As long as Shannon doesn't do anything too extreme she'll be fine...

**Angel:** I'll make sure nothing happens you can count on it.

**Crys:** You better...if anything happens to my little girl I'm gonna maim you...

(Angel shrugs and goes out the door to catch up with everyone else. A few minutes later, the gang finds themselves at a very fancy restaurant. Shannon is leading the way with a big smile and Danie's credit card.)

**Shannon:** (to the maitre 'd) The Yuy party.

**Maitre 'D:** (Scanning the list) Oh yes... Right this way, please. (Leads them to a table.)

**Abigail:** Whoa! When you said dinner, I wasn't expecting this!

**Shannon:** Well, we have to be treated somewhere... (Brian pulls out chair for her.) Thank you.

**Abigail:** Well, it's a bit expensive...

**Shannon:** Don't worry so much. Mom knows these people so we're practically eating for free!

**Abigail:** Oh. Right.

**Kristana:** So talk! What's Madrid like?

**Abigail:** Muy divertido! We would go to school in the day like usual, and on the weekends, we would go out on the town.

**Shannon:** Was it wild?

**Abigail:** I think it would have suited you perfectly!

**Shannon:** Ooh! I HAVE to go to Madrid now...

**Abigail:** Well, I think you would like it.

**Shannon:** (Mischievously) So how are the guys down there?

**Abigail:** Oh, they're there all right. (Smiles at Angel.) But I didn't notice them.

**Kristana:** (Grins) That's because you had someone else on your mind...eh Angel?

**Angel:** (Blushes) Um...no comment.

**Helen:** Ah, mate! I think that's sweet! She skipped all the Spanish blokes just because she had you waiting here at home.

**Abigail:** Not all of them were Spanish, Hel. I met some Americans there, too.

**Shannon:** You did?

**Abigail:** Yeah. But there was this one guy... His name was Terry Landon.

**Kristana:** Terry Landon? Never heard of him before...(smiles) Is he your friend?

**Abigail:** I guess you could say that. (Blushes) But he kept pestering me for a date...

**Kristana:** Did you tell him you had someone waiting at home?

**Abigail:** Of course I did! (Shannon snorts.) But he wouldn't get off my back--that is, until I let him see what Angel looked like.

**Shannon:** And he became scared, huh?

**Abigail:** (Laughing) Basically.

**Maitre 'd:** Are you ready to order your drinks?

**Shannon:** Yes we are. I will have water with lemon.

**Brian:** I'll have the same.

**Helen:** Coke here, mate!

**Hayley:** Just water.

**Kristana:** Coke please!

**Angel:** Water.

**Maitre 'd:** (to Angel) And your wife, sir?

(Pause.)

**Angel:** Um...she's not my wife.

**Maitre 'd:** Oh dear. My apologies, sir. (to Abigail) Ma'am?

**Abigail:** Just water.

(The Maitre 'd exits.)

**Abigail:** (Blushing) Wife?

**Shannon:** Well, you two do look like a cozy couple...

**Kristana:** She's right, you two do look like a married couple...

**Angel:** You're not helping the situation.

**Abigail:** (Turning red) I don't think I'm gonna survive this one...

**Helen:** Oh lighten up, Abs! You and Angel make a very handsome couple.

**Hayley:** Yeah! And your mum and dad come here all the time. He probably just mistook Angel for your dad.

**Abigail:** (Shrugging) Well, even so...

**Shannon:** (Being nosy) So...have you guys talked about "the big step"?

(The two blush.)

**Angel:** That's none of your business.

**Abigail:** Yeah. I'll have to agree.

**Shannon:** Whatever you say, sis. I'll just beat it out of you later...

(Abigail sighs. The maitre 'd appears again to take everyone's orders. Dinner goes on without incident. After they are done eating, they go out into the rose garden.)

**Shannon:** Now I know why mom and Heero love this place! It's utterly romantic!

**Helen:** Immensely. (Sighs.)

**Abigail:** (Picking up a rose) The beauty of a rose is something always desired... (to Angel) We haven't gotten a chance to talk alone... How has it been?

**Angel:** Just fine...although me and Shannon have been getting into fights most of the time, but it's nothing serious.

**Abigail:** (Laughing) I figured as much. I could tell from the tone of Shannon's letters that you two haven't been getting along. What about Josie?

**Angel:** Well...Heero swears the two year old nearly cut his head off with a beam of light...other than that, she's a cute kid...

**Abigail:** I'm glad you like her. (Seriously) You know, Shannon, in her own unique way, brought up something I've been thinking about.

**Angel:** What is it?

**Abigail:** I know this is kinda fast, but when you're alone on a plane for several hours, your mind starts wandering. I had been thinking about us one day, a little after I turned eighteen, and I had thinking seriously about, well, you know. The "M" word...

**Angel:** Really? Well isn't that strange, because I've been thinking the same thing...

**Abigail:** Really? Wow...

**Angel:** Yeah well it's been pretty dull around here since you left and my mind's been wandering a lot...

**Abigail:** I wouldn't have guessed that, with Josie and Shannon around... (Pause.) I mean, I don't want to get married to you now, but I know I want it to be someday. I think you're the one I want to spend the rest of my life with.

**Angel:** And I want to spend the rest of my life with you...I just don't think we're ready yet though.

**Abigail:** Yeah, I think so, too... But there's one thing I do know. I love you, Angel and always will, no matter what.

**Angel:** And I love you. (Kisses her.)

(Suddenly, Shannon emerges from the shadows, breaking their embrace.)

**Shannon:** Hey you lovebirds! Come up for air for a sec! It's time to return home!

**Abigail:** Okay, Shannon...

**Angel:** (to Shannon) I seriously don't like you right now...

**Shannon:** (Sticks out tongue) Well, deal with it. (Exits.)

**Abigail:** Oh dear... Just ignore her, okay? I know it's hard, but trust me. You'll be happier you did.

**Angel:** I've been trying to ignore her for the past two years...didn't happen.

(Abigail sighs. She takes his hand and lifts him off of the ground. (They were sitting on the ground to avoid everyone else.) They walk to the group and go home.)

# chapter two

*[The following Monday. Kaminari University campus.]*

**Abigail:** Gosh, Kaminari is so pretty!

**Shannon:** You should see the classrooms... ('Ick' look on face.)

**Helen:** Lighten up! It's not that bad!

**Abigail:** Well, I have English lit class next. What do you guys have?

**Shannon:** Eng lit, same as you, sissy.

**Hayley:** Me too.

**Helen:** Got drama class.

**Kristana:** I've got Society and the Individual.

**Naomi:** That is what I got.

**Crys:** What kind of class is it anyway?

**Naomi:** I believe it is a world history class.

**Kristana:** Ew! History!

**Price:** It's not that bad...I've got geometry.

**Yuko:** ESL.

**Zoe:** English lit. Looks like I'll be in your class Abby.

**Angel:** Chemistry.

**Abigail:** That's great! We can all sit together. (to Angel) Well, I'll see you for lunch. (Quick kiss on the lips.)

**Shannon:** You two are so sappy it's sickening.

**Zoe:** You're just mad because you don't have what they have.

**Kristana:** Zoe! That was mean!

**Shannon:** Like I could half care. (Curtly, to Abigail and Hayley.) Come on and let's get to class before we're late. (Walks off.)

**Abigail:** I don't understand it. What's gotten into her?

**Hayley:** I don't know. She was just fine.

**Kristana:** Maybe she wants a boyfriend.

**Abigail:** But she's got Brian!

**Hayley:** Shannon didn't tell you?

**Abigail:** Tell me what?

**Helen:** She and Brian sort of parted ways last night. He wasn't about to put up with her sh-- any longer.

**Angel:** I know this sounds mean but who'd want to? She's got a short temper and a really bad attitude.

*(Abigail sighs.)*

**Hayley:** Well, we must be going. Happy studying everyone!

**Helen:** Yeah right!

*(Everyone goes off to their classes. Angel goes to his chem class and find that he has a new lab partner.)*

**Angel:** (sits down at his lab) Who are you?

**Guy:** Oh. I'm new here. My name is Terry Landon. I'm your new lab partner.

**Angel:** Angel. Abigail's boyfriend...

*(Terry looks confused for a moment. Then his eyes light up.)*

**Terry:** Oh! You mean Abigail Thomas! (Frowns.) So you're Angel?

**Angel:** Yeah, you got a problem with it?

**Terry:** (Jovially) Oh no! I just didn't think I'd ever see in person. You are a lucky guy, Angel.

**Angel:** Thanks.

**Terry:** Look, I didn't mean to make a move on Abigail. It was just that she was the only other American around and she was nice to me. I can understand if you don't like me but let's not bring this in to chem class, okay?

**Angel:** (eyes him for a moment then shrugs) Deal.

*(Terry nods, but doesn't say a word. Class begins and there is not much to say after that.)*

**[Lunchtime. The gang, minus Shannon, Brian, and Angel, has met at The Moon Spot. Angel is a little late.]**

**Abigail:** Did everyone have a good time in class?

**Helen:** Yes, Mummy, we did. (They laugh.)

**Abigail:** Oh ha ha. So funny.

**Helen:** I thought so. (Looks at menu.) I feel like a huge cheeseburger with a chocolate shake...

**Kristana:** That sounds good I think I'll have that too..

**Price:** Where's Angel?

**Helen:** I dunno, mate. Maybe he needed to stay after class or something.

**Abigail:** I hope nothing's wrong...

*(Enter Angel, followed by Terry.)*

**Abigail:** (Eyes huge) That's him!

**Zoe:** Hey he's kinda cute.

**Kristana:** Hi Angel!

*(Angel and Terry walk over to the group.)*

**Angel:** Sorry, had to tie up some loose ends.

**Price:** Probably threatened this poor guy didn't you?

**Angel:** Not really...

**Terry:** Don't worry about me. I'm fine. (to Abigail) Nice to see you again.

**Abigail:** Likewise. (Gestures to others.) These are my friends Helen, Hayley, Kristana, Price, Zoe, Yuko, and Naomi.

**Terry:** Nice to meet you all.

**Yuko:** Doozo yoroshiku!

**Kristana:** She means it's nice to meet you too.

**Yuko:** Yeah!

**Terry:** (Laughing) Thank you. (Sits down.) So. What's the nightlife like around here?

**Abigail:** (laughing) Shannon would just love him...

**Helen:** I know.

**Terry:** Shannon? Who's that?

**Angel:** Abigail's bitch of a sister...

**Kristana:** Angel! She's not that bad!

**Angel:** Yeah well you don't live with her.

**Terry:** She's that bad, huh?

**Helen:** Well, she can be a good mate when she wants to be.

**Hayley:** And that's not very often...

*(Enter Brian.)*

**Helen:** Brother?

**Brian:** Hey sis. I just wanted to stop by and tell you that I won't be coming home tonight.

**Hayley:** You won't? Why not?

**Brian:** (Grinning) I've got a date. (Places a kiss on the top of Helen's forehead.) Don't wait up, luv! (Exits.)

**Kristana:** That was Brian! He's cool!

**Zoe:** Wonder who his date is?

**Terry:** Brian?

**Abigail:** Me too. But whoever it is, I know Shannon won't like it.

**Helen:** Oh dear. I can see it now. The Shannon Thomas Massacre.

**Voice:** Massacring what?

*(They all look up.)*

**Abigail:** Shannon!

**Zoe:** How's it going Shannon?

**Shannon:** (In a not so happy voice) I guess it's going okay.

**Hayley:** You haven't seen Brian yet today, have you?

**Shannon:** (Confused) No. Why?

**Hayley:** Just making sure.

**Shannon:** Hmm...

**Terry:** So you're Shannon, huh?

**Shannon:** Yes.. And who might you be?

**Terry:** Terry Landon.

*(Shannon's jaw drops to the floor.)*

**Shannon:** You're Terry?

**Terry:** Yeah. Nice to finally meet you, Shannon. I've heard a lot about you.

**Shannon:** Was it all good?

**Angel:** Yes and no...mostly no.

*(Shannon glowers.)*

**Abigail:** I'm wondering how we're all not dead right now...

**Helen:** Me too, mate...

**Shannon:** You know, Angel, I wouldn't be so venomous if I were you. I've heard some things about you too.

**Angel:** (Shrugs) I could care less about what you've heard.

**Abigail:** Okay, you two. Stop arguing. Lets have lunch without event, okay?

**Shannon:** Fat chance of that. (Rolls her eyes.) Look--I was just stopping by to say that I had a date tonight.

**Zoe:** Oh, who's the guy?

**Shannon:** (Smiling) No one you know. (Wiggles fingers at them.) Toodles! (Exits.)

**Abigail:** I think my sister has been replaced with an alien...

**Angel:** I agree with you on that...Someone has switched Shannons on us.

**Helen:** Yeah! Shannon never says, 'Toodles'! Something is amiss, mates.

**Hayley:** Who cares? I'm hungry! I want to eat!

**Abigail:** Yeah, me too. (Reaches for the menu.) I feel like a Luna Burger.

**Helen:** Me too.

**Hayley:** Luna Burger time is among us again!

**The Midnight Senshi:** Yay!

**Yuko:** Food! Yay!

**Zoe:** Great...she's turning into another Sarah...

**Price:** We better start de-pranking our rooms then...

**Kristana:** Sarah's funny you guys!

**Zoe:** You just say that because she doesn't prank you.

**Abigail:** I haven't seen any pranks yet!

**Helen:** Well, Abby my dear friend, there is a first time for everything...

*[At the Yuy house. Heero, Danie, and little Josie.]*

**Danie:** Heero, I don't get it. What's so strange? She's just a two-year-old. What's this "power" you're talking about?

**Heero:** She just pointed her finger and came inches from cutting my head off, Danie...

**Danie:** (Laughing) Oh come on! Like she could cut off your head.

**Heero:** Danie...I'm serious. I've never been this serious in a long time. She's got the gift of power Danie and I saw it with my own two eyes.

**Danie:** Darling--honestly! I think you're imagining things. (Stands.)

*(Suddenly, before Danie can react, a little flash goes past her head and breaking a vase.)*

**Danie:** (Gasping) Ohmigod!

**Heero:** (Crosses his arms) NOW do you believe me?

**Danie:** (Sighing) Yes honey, I believe you.

**Josie:** Dada? Mama?

**Heero:** What is it honey?

**Josie:** Me got light!

**Danie:** (Grimly) Yeah, you sure do, kid. (to Heero) We've gotta do something about this. I don't want her killing us and running off on her Big Wheel into the night.

**Heero:** I don't know what to do, Danie. She's just two, she doesn't know what she's doing...

**Danie:** Phew. I'm gonna have to contact Selene if we don't figure this out...

**Josie:** Mama? Dada?

**Danie:** Yes, sweetheart?

**Josie:** (Seriously) I gotta go.

**Danie:** (Laughing) Okay, sweetie. You be careful!

**Josie:** 'Kay Mama! Love you!

**Danie:** Love you, too, Josie.

*(Exit Josie.)*

**Heero:** This is going to be difficult having a toddler in the house that can shoot beams of light.

**Danie:** Yeah. I thought living with Shannon and Angel was bad... I'd hate to see what would happen if we had another child...

*(Pause.)*

**Heero:** I think one's enough...

**Danie:** You're not the only one...

*(Meanwhile, Kaminari U. Angel and Terry talking among themselves but in the group.)*

**Terry:** You know, I meant what I said earlier about you being lucky.

**Angel:** Just what are you getting at? I know I'm lucky. Abigail's a gem.

**Terry:** She sure is...

**Angel:** (Raises an eyebrow) What? You still like her?

**Terry:** Well no... Not like that. She's a very sweet individual and you can tell that she's different when you first meet her. (Raises an eyebrow) Now why would I pine for a girl that's already taken?

**Angel:** (Shrugs) Good point. But you still constantly asked her for a date in Madrid when she DID tell you she had a boyfriend.

**Terry:** (Sheepishly) Sorry about that. It's part of my nature. I don't stop until I've gotten what I wanted. Hereditary I think. My dad had it so bad for a woman that he didn't marry ever and he died still loving her.

**Angel:** Sounds like he had it bad. I take it the woman didn't love him back.

**Terry:** Not at all. It was kinda tragic too. He gave his whole life to try to win her heart but she was already taken. (Sighs.) So I kinda vowed to myself that I would never do such a thing. I mean, there's always someone else for me!

**Angel:** Good thing you're not falling in your father's footsteps. You'd end up with a heartbreak all your life. I'd rather die than live with a broken heart.

**Terry:** Wouldn't we all?

*(Abigail looks up at them.)*

**Abigail:** Hey! What's all the seriousness about?

**Terry:** Nothing. We were just talking.

**Abigail:** Are you sure?

**Angel:** We're sure.

**Abigail:** (Smiling) Okay. (Kisses Angel then goes back with the girls.)

**Terry:** See? She's a very sweet girl, no matter what anyone says. That's why I like her--but not like that.

**Angel:** Yeah, you're right on that account. She's a great friend and I love her for being like that.

**Terry:** Well, I'm glad she has someone so great. Otherwise--I'd might have to fight her for ya.

**Angel:** Yeah, and if you did you'd probably lose. I may not look strong but looks can be deceiving.

*(Silence. Terry looks slightly abashed.)*

**Abigail:** (Bursting in) Hey you two. Alright over here?

**Terry:** Perfect. (Glances at watch.) Well, I have to go now. The books await me in my dorm.

**Abigail:** You live on campus?

**Terry:** (Smiling) Most of the time. (Waves at everyone.) See ya.

**Kristana:** Bye!

*(Exit Terry.)*

**Abigail:** (to Angel) He looked weird. What were you two talking about?

**Angel:** Just stuff. He seemed a little TOO friendly to me...I think he still has a crush on you.

**Abigail:** (Sighing) Oh my... Look, Angel, I know it seems that way, but I'm sure he's completely over me. Just try not to become TOO possessive, okay? If he tries anything, I'll be sure and tell you about it.

**Angel:** (Sighs) Thanks Abby...I'm just new to this love stuff. I don't want to lose you.

**Abigail:** You won't lose me--if you don't give me up.

**Angel:** I'm not giving you up. You can count on that.

**Abigail:** Now that I am happy about. (Kisses him.)

**Helen:** Hey mates! (They break apart.) Aunt Jessie just called. She wants to have dinner with us at the park.

**Abigail:** Oh cool. (to Angel) Well, another family outing. C'mon. I'm getting hungry for dinner anyway...

**Angel:** Me too.

*(Angel and Abigail go along with their friends to Gracia Park. When they arrive at the picnic tables, Jessica is there with Wufei, Duo, Moira, and the rest of the adults and food.)*

**Abigail:** Aunt Jessie! Uncle Wufei! How's it been?

**Jessica:** Ask him. He's been the one taking care of the kids mostly.

**Abigail:** You watch David and Daphne, Uncle Wufei?

**Wufei:** Yes. You have a problem with that?

**Helen:** Well of course not, mate! I think it's kinda sweet actually...

**Jessica:** That's what I said! (Hand on hip.) You know, Helen, you and me think so much alike, it's scary!

**Helen:** Indeed!

**Duo:** You ain't never lyin'... Where's the food around here?

**Crys:** (To Duo) You and food...

**Yuko:** Food!

**Zoe:** (To Yuko) Is that all you can say?

**Sarah:** Hey! Food's a good word!

**Shylene:** In your dictionary anyway.

*(Shylene and Sarah glare at each other)*

**Crys:** Alright you two...I remember telling you two no fighting or you'll end up in water, Shylene, and you, Sarah, will not be allowed to pull pranks for 2 months.

*(The sisters sit down and be quiet.)*

**Danie:** Well, you go on with your bad self! Got some order around here!

**Duo:** I don't know about ordering, but I would like something to eat.

**Moira:** (Groaning) Here you go, honey. (Sets him a plate down.) Eat--

*(Before they can finish, Duo starts munching away.)*

**Moira:** Oh dear...

**Jessica:** I'm not going to say a word...

**Danie:** So where's Shannon?

**Abigail:** (Taking a seat) She has a date tonight.

**Crys:** A date? Well good for her!

**Quatre:** Who is she dating?

*(The teenagers glance at each other.)*

**Abigail:** Shannon won't say.

**Helen:** She kept mum about it. She wouldn't tell us a thing.

**Danie:** She's tricked you guys. I know EXACTLY who it is.

**Kristana:** Auntie Danie, who is it?

**Danie:** It's Brian King. She's gotten back together with him and she didn't want to tell you.

**Helen:** You mean my brother is back with her?!

**Danie:** Yeah. He didn't tell you?

**Helen:** No!

**Danie:** Oh dear...

**Hayley:** Something is amiss...

**Helen:** We've already went through that, sis...

*(Hayley sweatdrops. Before anyone can say anything, a man with dark hair and light eyes stops to stare at their table.)*

**Man:** Jessica?

*(Jessica, confused, looks up and gapes at the newcomer. She is speechless.)*

**Danie:** Oliver!

**Jennifer:** Well, if it ain't Detective Cameron prowling the dangerous lawns of Gracia Park!

**Oliver:** I'll say! I've been run over by two big wheels and got sideswiped by a golf cart all in thirty minutes! (Laughs.)

**Kristana:** Auntie Jenny, who's he?

**Jennifer:** (to everyone) Well, when Gretchen's late husband's family got her into some trouble some time ago, Oliver solved the case and helped us out of it.

**Danie:** Yeah! He's the bomb, man!

**Moir:** No need for the exaggerations, Dans.

**Danie:** (Sheepishly) Sorry...

**Oliver:** Well, it was nice seeing you all--

**Jessica:** No, wait. (Smiles.) Come and sit down. Haven't seen you in a while, anyway.

*(Oliver sits down. Duo raises an eyebrow.)*

**Kristana:** Hi Mr. Oliver! I'm Kristana!

**Zoe:** A Detective huh? Sounds cool.

**Oliver:** Nice to meet you, Kristana. You know, you remind me a lot of my niece.

**Abigail:** Do you not have any children, Det. Cameron?

**Oliver:** Call me Oliver. And no--I don't have any children. I never married.

**Helen:** Oh! Such a sad story there, mate! Why no ball and chain?

**Oliver:** I, uh...I kinda lost the person who I wanted to be my "ball and chain" as you so eloquently put it. And you

are...?

**Helen:** Helen. Helen King the first, the one, the only, and the last.

**Hayley:** And thank the Lord for that!

**Yuko:** I am Yuko! Nice to meet you!

**Oliver:** Nice to meet you too, Yuko. Are you all going to Kaminari or what?

**Helen:** Yep!

**Hayley:** We're gonna be alumni.

**Oliver:** That's nice...

**Jessica:** So, uh, Oliver, how's...

**Oliver:** Don't worry about that. I'll be fine.

**Jessica:** You're sure?

**Oliver:** I'm positive. (Hugs her.) Thanks for asking, though. (Smiles at everyone.) Well, I must be off again. The sidewalk crawlers await me. (Gets up.) It was nice meeting all of you.

**Crys:** Nice meeting you.

**Kristana:** Bye!

*(Oliver waves. Then leaves.)*

**Jennifer:** The poor man! He just walks around in search of nothing but hope and love.

**Danie:** Gee, Jen. Make a charity case out of him or something...

**Jennifer:** (Defensively) Well...

**Maira:** What was it that you asked him, Jess?

**Danie:** Yeah. It was kinda deep. (Frowns.) Does it have anything to do with--

**Jessica:** (Abruptly) No. It doesn't.

**Danie:** Oh.

*(Terry enters the scene.)*

**Kristana:** Hey, isn't that your friend Angel?

**Zoe:** You have a FRIEND?

**Angel:** Hey I'm not THAT terrible.

**Terry:** Hey guys! Long time no see!

**Abigail:** Hi Terry! This is my family.

**Terry:** Hi you all. I'm Terry Landon.

**Jennifer:** Well, sit down, Terry.

*(Terry sits down next to Angel.)*

**Crys:** It's nice to meet you Terry.

**Kristana:** Told ya he'd make a friend!

**Sarah:** Yeah!

**Terry:** Well, we all need friends sometimes, you know?

**Duo:** You ain't never lyin...

**Danie:** WOULD YOU STOP SAYING THAT MAXWELL!! I'M SICK AND TIRED OF HEARING YOU SAY THAT!!

**Duo:** Oh get over it, Danie.

**Danie:** (Glowers) Omae o korosu...

**Crys:** She's turning into you Heero...you better stop her before she DOES kill him.

**Heero:** I won't stop her. Besides, it'd be fun to watch Duo get maimed by Danie.

**Crys:** Heero!

**Heero:** I'm just joking, Crys...

**Crys:** (Sighs) Yeah, I know...

**Heero:** Calm down, Danie.

**Danie:** (Sighing) Yes, honey.

**Terry:** Is that your mom, Abby?

**Abigail:** Yeah. That's Daniella Thomas Yuy for ya.

**Terry:** You're a very interesting woman, Mrs. Yuy. And beautiful, too.

**Danie:** (Blushing) Oh stop it, Terry! You're embarrassing me!

**Heero:** Well you are beautiful Danie. (Puts arm around Danie's shoulders.) All of my girls are beautiful.

**Danie:** Aww! Heero honey! That's so sweet! (Smooches.)

*(Everyone sweatdrops.)*

**Helen:** I don't know why Shannon was complaining about Abby and Angel. This is sickening.

**Abigail:** I think it's sweet!

**Hayley:** You would Abs.

**Crys:** Well I think it's sweet too.

*(Trevor Winner comes running up.)*

**Trevor:** Mom! John's not playing fair! He's hitting the ball too far!

**Johnathan:** I am not!

**Crys:** Johnathan Winner you play nice or I'll call Rashid to send you home!

**Johnathan:** But mom-

**Quatre:** Listen to your mother young man.

**Johnathan:** Yes sir. Come on whiner.

**Trevor:** I am NOT a whiner!

*(The two run to a field some distance away where there are their cousins.)*

**Crys:** (Sighs) Those two are going to be the death of me...

**Abigail:** I hope not, Aunt Crys.

**Jennifer:** I hope he's getting along with the other kids okay...

*(Before anyone can speak, they hear:)*

**Diana:** You jerk! Give me the ball back!

**Crys:** I think that answered that...

**Kristana:** John's mean to everybody...(Frowns) I don't think he likes me much...

**Shylene:** That's just because he thinks he should be mister powerful instead of us women. That boy has a serious attitude problem.

**Sarah:** it probably came from you Shylene...

**Shylene:** (To Sarah) I'm not saying a word because I don't want to end up in a tub of water when we get back.

**Danie:** Nice attitude, kid.

**Moir:** I hope Diana holds her tongue. She likes to fight, I believe. (glances at Duo.) Gets it from her father...

**Duo:** Well, that's not a bad thing...

**Diana:** Don't make me hit you, Johnathan Winner!

**Melissa:** Calm down, Di!

**Matt:** Yeah, he's just being a boy. Let's just go and play now.

**Diana:** Forget it! I'm not playing with him!

**Demi:** Diana!

**Diana:** Hmph!

**Johnathan:** I don't want to play with you either! Hmph!

**Diana:** Good! Because I like your brother better anyway!

**Johnathan:** Trevor and Di sitting in a tree! K-I-S-S-I-N-G...

**Quatre:** Johnathan Winner get over here this instant!

*(Johnathan walks over.)*

**Quatre:** You're sitting with the grownups. Now sit down!

*(Johnathan crosses his arms and sits next to Quatre.)*

**Danie:** Johnathan, I don't know if I'd go that far if I were you. You forget that Diana is your and your brother's cousin.

**Duo:** Only by marriage my dear. If you and Heero split, they'd be kissin' cousins.

**Danie:** Thank you Duo. And here's a nice tip--shut up before I kill you.

**Johnathan:** Cool! Use your wicked cool powers on him Aunt Danie!

**Crys:** Johnathan...you're being punished. I don't want another word coming out of your mouth young man.

**Johnathan:** Yes mom...

**Danie:** You, know, I would kid, but your parents, his wife, and my husband would kill me.

**Heero:** I wouldn't stop you.

**Crys:** Don't even start!

**Heero:** You're not my boss.

**Crys:** Yeah, but I don't want Johnathan to get any ideas got it?

**Heero:** Got it.

**Jessica:** I don't know about you guys, but I'm ready for dessert!

**Danie:** You're not referring to--

**Jessica, Moira, and Jennifer:** DANIE!!

**Abigail:** We're only kids, you know.

**Danie:** I wasn't even going to say that. You guys have some dirty minds... Step back on to the curb!!

**Jennifer, Jessica, Moira:** US?!

**Heero:** Yes, you.

**Jessica:** We need to get back home before something happens...

**Abigail:** See how crazy our family is, Terry?

**Terry:** I'm sure it gets crazier than this...

## *chapter three*

***(Later on that night. The girls, Abigail, Helen, Hayley, Kristana, Zoe, Naomi, and Yuko are in Abigail's room chatting about girly things. They are doing the usual girl thing--painting nails, doing hair, and such.)***

**Helen:** (Grabbing some Cheetos) What is about these orange things? I can't stop eating them!

**Abigail:** I wish I could eat like that. I look at a bag of chips for a second and gain an ounce!

**Zoe:** Oh you do not! Come on Abby! This is girl's night!

**Yuko:** Cheetos good!

**Abigail:** Oh all right. But if I turn into a blimp and Angel breaks up with me, your shoulders are gonna be snot rags.

**Hayley:** Ew, mate! Nice way of putting that.

**Helen:** Angel's not the type that likes looks, is he?

**Abigail:** Nah. I think he'd love me all the same if I were 300 pounds. Or at least I hope so...

**Helen:** (Throwing a pillow at her) Don't worry about him, mate! He loves you with all of his heart.

**Kristana:** Yeah! He'll love you no matter what!

**Abigail:** Yeah... (Looks off into space for a minute.)

**Helen:** I think we've lost her guys...

*(Pause.)*

**Abigail:** Sorry. Just thinking about Saturday when I came back.

**Hayley:** What happened, luv?

**Abigail:** Well...

**Helen:** C'mon mate! Spill!

**Abigail:** Well, Angel and I were talking and...

**Zoe:** Well? What happened? Come on spill!

**Abigail:** Well, we talked about getting married.

*(Pause.)*

**Helen:** Nu-uh!

**Hayley:** No way, mate! So what did he say?

**Abigail:** Well, we decided that we'd get married someday, just not now.

**Helen:** Ohh man! (Lies on her back staring at the ceiling dreamily.) I had always wondered how it would be if I were married...

**Hayley:** Fast, hard, and dangerous. Just like everything else with you.

**Helen:** (Throwing a pillow at her) Oh shut up, you.

**Kristana:** That's so sweet!

**Zoe:** Sounds kind of like the talk you and Price had Kristana.

**Kristana:** (Blushes) Zoe! I thought you said you weren't going to tell anybody!

**Helen:** Ohmigod! You and Price, Kristana! (Lies back on the floor.) Ohmigod I'm gonna die of jealousy!

**Hayley:** Ignore her. She's high off the Cheetos.

**Abigail:** So what'd he say? Spill, Krissy!

**Kristana:** Well...(blushes) We talked about the marriage thing...We're gonna wait a while though.

**Yuko:** Kawaii!

**Abigail:** Oh yes it is...

**Helen:** You guys haven't started talking about the other thing have you?

**Abigail:** What..."other thing"?

**Helen:** You know...

*(Pause.)*

**Hayley:** Ohhh!

**Abigail:** Helen! Of course not! We're going to wait, duh!

**Helen:** Well, just checking.

**Abigail:** I wouldn't think of.... (Blushes.) At least not now.

**Kristana:** No way will I do that! No how! Mom'll have a cow!

**Abigail:** Yeah, really! You know how Mom is about that... (Frowns.) I think Shannon and Brian have, though.

**Helen:** WHAT?! You mean...

*(Abigail nods.)*

**Hayley:** I take it you don't like that very much.

**Helen:** Well, what do you think, mate?

**Kristana:** She's too young...

**Naomi:** I hope she had protection.

**Kristana:** Ew!!! This is nasty!

**Naomi:** Nasty or not Kristana, it is a way of life.

**Kristana:** No thank you. I'll wait till I'm thirty.

**Zoe:** You're dad'll love to here that.

**Helen:** You know you'll be wanting to on your and Price's wedding night, Krissy...

**Abigail:** Wedding night! Oh dear... I hope I can hold that off for a while. The thought of...with Angel...is scary! Even if I do love him.

**Kristana:** Yeah! I'll wait a LONG time before I even THINK of doing that with Price!

**Helen:** Good. I hope you both use your heads wisely while being with these men.

**Abigail:** We will, O Big Sister.

**Helen:** Ha, ha--

*(The door opens. Shannon strolls in, grinning.)*

**Shannon:** Hello...darlings...

**Abigail:** Shan--are you drunk?

**Shannon:** Off love, my dear Abigail.

**Zoe:** She's got it bad...

**Kristana:** Yeah.

**Abigail:** What happened?

**Shannon:** My lover and I...had the best night of our lives.

**Helen:** Lover being?

**Shannon:** My ex-boyfriend.

**Hayley:** Uh, which one?

**Shannon:** Brian, you DA!

**Abigail:** So you're back together, huh?

**Shannon:** (Smiling) I'll say...

**Kristana:** That's sooo sweet!

**Helen:** I don't think so. What the hell are you thinking screwing my brother like that? Are you crazy, Shannon Thomas?!

**Shannon:** No I am not and keep your voice down! This isn't something I want my mother hearing about!

**Zoe:** I can't believe you did it! You're too young Shannon!

**Naomi:** I hope you used protection...

**Shannon:** Well of course! I'm lovestruck not struck stupid. And besides, I went on birth control after Heero came back. So I am fine in the protection department.

**Abigail:** But what happens if you break up for real? Shannon, you'll be hurt beyond any feeling imaginable. If the two of you have sex like this, then--

**Shannon:** I don't need the lecture, okay? (Turns to go to her bedroom.) I'm going to my room. See you all at school tomorrow. (Closes door.)

*(Silence.)*

**Abigail:** I can't believe this... My sister. She's--

**Helen:** Grown up without ya, mate.

**Zoe:** Growing up a little TOO fast is more like it.

**Abigail:** (Sadly) I know... (Sighs.) I honestly don't know what else could go wrong here.

**Helen:** Well, I'm sorry but I don't want them getting married. To hell with it if she comes out with a baby that shoots out bloody flamin' roses or something!

*(Everyone sweatdrops.)*

**Hayley:** Only you would think of that, Hel.

**Helen:** Well someone had to say it.

**Zoe:** Oh lord I don't even want to THINK of a baby that can do all that Helen....No offense Abby, but if your sister ever had children, I'd be staying FAR away from them.

**Kristana:** Zoe! That was mean!

**Zoe:** Well it's true!

**Helen:** I agree with you, mate. I'm moving to Cloud Nine if she bears my brother's child.

**Hayley:** You wouldn't. You don't hate Shannon.... Do you?

**Helen:** I don't think I should say really.

**Kristana:** Why would anyone want to hate Shannon? She's not all bad.

**Naomi:** She didn't necessarily say she hated Shannon...

**Zoe:** Aw stuff it with the technical stuff Naomi. (To Helen.) Come on, you can tell us anything. Whatever we say won't leave this room.

**Helen:** (Sighs) Fine, mate. I'll tell you. At first I liked Shannon because she was so blunt and she seemed to believe in all of things I did. Suddenly, she turned eighteen. Then it was all over. She and Brian began spending more time together and she became harder and harder to deal with. She began saying how much she wanted to marry him and all that. Not long afterwards, she began her little possessive stint and I totally lost respect for her.

*(Pause.)*

**Abigail:** But Helen... You two were so close....?

**Helen:** It's all on her. She chose him over me. If that's what she wants, she's got it.

**Kristana:** That's terrible.

**Yuko:** Yeah...she not a friend anymore because of guy, that wrong.

**Zoe:** Took the words right out of my mouth Yuko.

**Helen:** And what makes it worse is that Brian doesn't even do anything about it!! My own bloody sibling, mates!

**Hayley:** He is just in love with her. He'll come around.

**Helen:** I don't think so...

**Abigail:** You have to talk to her.

**Helen:** The bloody brat won't listen to reason! She's already had sex with him! She's committed herself totally heart and bloody soul!

**Voice:** Who are you all talking about?

*(Abigail's face pales. She turns.)*

**Abigail:** Mama!

**Danie:** Who are you all talking about?

**Kristana:** Um...well... Auntie Danie...

**Naomi:** We were talking about a friend of ours.

**Danie:** Are you sure?

*(Abigail squirms.)*

**Danie:** Abigail Josephine Thomas, are you hiding something from me?

**Helen:** No she isn't, Mrs. Yuy. (Glares.) But your eldest is. I suggest you have a little chat with her.

*(Danie's face changes from questioning to astonished. She stands there for a long moment, then walks out slowly.)*

**Helen:** Good night, Mrs. Yuy.

*(Danie doesn't seem to hear. She goes back to her bedroom. Heero's there. He sees her and becomes worried.)*

**Heero:** Danie, what's wrong?

**Danie:** (Speechless) Heero, we have to talk.

**Heero:** What is it, Danie?

**Danie:** (Takes his hand) Come in here. I don't want the girls to hear.

*(They go into their bedroom. Heero sits down on the bed while Danie is pacing worriedly.)*

**Heero:** Come on Danie. I hate it when you start pacing like that. It means something's up, so start spilling.

**Danie:** I think my daughter is having sex with Brian King.

**Heero:** WHAT!?!? (Stands.) She's doing what!?

**Danie:** She's... (Unable to speak.) I never thought it'd turn out like this... I had always told her... (Clenches fists.) Dammit why didn't she listen to me!!

*(Knock on door.)*

**Heero:** Come in.

*(Helen storms in, followed by Abigail.)*

**Helen:** Excuse me for being spiteful, but I thought you'd just like to know that--

**Abigail:** Helen, don't do this!

**Helen:** Abigail Yuy. My brother has been making a big mistake. He forced himself to have sex with her.

**Danie:** (Coming out of stupor) WHAT?!

**Helen:** Shannon wanted to go further so badly. But he said no. At some point he gave in.

*(Silence.)*

**Danie:** (In a dark voice) Abigail, get your sister.

**Abigail:** (Crying) Pero mama--!

**Danie:** Do it. Now.

*(Abigail goes and gets Shannon.)*

**Shannon:** Yes, mother?

**Danie:** Don't 'Yes, mother' me. Helen, could you please take Abby. I have to talk to Shannon.

*(Helen and Abigail look at each other. They exit.)*

## chapter four

**[The next morning. The girls, who vary from weary to worried, sans Shannon, are in the dining room along with Angel and Josie. It's Angel's turn to feed Josie.]**

**Josie:** (Sitting in chair) Angel! Food!

**Angel:** Alright, hold on kid. (groans) When did I ever agree to help feed Josie? (feeds her)

**Kristana:** She's so cute!

**Abigail:** (Sadly) Yeah.

**Yuko:** What wrong Abby-chan?

**Abigail:** Mom is mad at Shannon.

**Helen:** That's what she deserves for being so flighty.

**Hayley:** Helen! That was bad, even for you!

*(Enter Danie, dressed in suit, ready to go to work.)*

**Josie:** (Happily, throwing hands in air and cereal all over Angel in the process) Mama!

**Danie:** (Kissing her on the forehead) Morning, sweetie.

**Angel:** (murmurs) I'm starting to hate kids... (Stands) I'm going to get cleaned up. (Leaves)

**Kristana:** Morning Auntie Danie!

**Josie:** Angel! No go! Me hungry! Me like you!

**Kristana:** That's so cute! She likes you Angel!

**Angel:** (rolls eyes) Alright kid, I'll stay.

**Danie:** Morning, Krissy. Morning everyone. (Sighs then laughs at Josie.) Well, I'll be off. (to Abigail) I want to talk to you when I get off.

*(Abigail nods.)*

**Josie:** Angel stay! Mama no go!

**Danie:** I have to, sweetie. (Kisses Josie.) Take care of Daddy for me.

**Josie:** (Grinning) Take care Daddy!

**Danie:** That's my girl. You be good and I'll see you later. Bye, sweetheart.

**Josie:** Bye-bye Mama. Love you.

**Danie:** Love you too. (to others) I'll see you all later. (Kisses Abigail.) Don't worry okay?

**Abigail:** Too late for that...

**Yuko:** Ja ne Danie-san!

*(Angel glances at Abby's worried face then turns back to feeding Josie.)*

**Danie:** Ja mata, Yuko-chan. (Leaves.)

*(The door closes. Abigail bursts into tears.)*

**Helen:** Abby!

**Hayley:** Abigail, what's the matter?

**Abigail:** (Sniffling) Mom, she putting on a farce... Shannon's gonna be mad at me...

**Naomi:** Do not worry Abigail, everything is going to be alright.

**Abigail:** Thank you, Naomi. (Wipes face.)

**Josie:** No cry, Abby! No cry! Be smiley!

**Abigail:** (Small smile) Thanks, kid. (Tweaks her nose.)

**Yuko:** Josie wa totemo Kawaii yo!

**Angel:** She's cute, but she's also two...the terrible twos...

**Naomi:** When a child is two it goes through a stage known as the 'terrible twos'. It is this year that the child is very curious and can get into much mischief, thus the parent sets the rules and in years to follow, the child knows what is right and wrong.

**Zoe:** Since when did you know about kids?

**Naomi:** I read it in a book on child psychology. It was very interesting.

**Kristana:** That's cool, Naomi!

**Abigail:** I just hope nothing happens--

*(Door slams. Enter Shannon, stonily silent. She glares at Abigail and Helen.)*

**Helen:** (Sarcastically) Well, hello Miss Lovey Dovey. No speech?

**Shannon:** Shut your damn mouth, Helen.

**Helen:** Gee, full of venom aren't we?

*(Shannon's nose flares.)*

**Hayley:** That's quite enough. We have classes to go to today. (Grabs Helen's hand.) Step along, you.

**Helen:** Hey! Stop messing me about!

**Zoe:** Same goes for you Shannon, we don't want someone dead alright? just calm down and let's get to class.

**Kristana:** Yeah! Come on Shannon or we'll be late!

**Shannon:** I'll go by myself. (Exits.)

*(Abigail's mouth trembles. She remains silent.)*

**Hayley:** Look Abby--why don't you chill out here. You need to sort out your thoughts and stuff.

*(Abigail nods.)*

**Josie:** Shannon go bye-bye?

**Helen:** That's one way of putting it, kid...

**Hayley:** Come on you! (to Abigail) I'll be back later. (Drags Helen out of the door and exits.)

**Abigail:** I have this bad feeling all of a sudden... Like this is just the beginning of something horrible.

**Angel:** Let's just hope Shannon doesn't let lose her temper...

**Zoe:** (groans) That's all we need today, a bad-tempered Shannon.

**Naomi:** But she is already in temperament.

**Zoe:** Duh...I'm talking about when her last nerve snaps! She'll be unstoppable with that temper of hers.

**Angel:** Let's just hope that doesn't happen.

**Abigail:** Yeah...

***(On Kaminari campus. Abigail and Angel. Abigail is still worried. They are walking to meet everyone else for lunch.)***

**Abigail:** (In a fake excited voice, trying to cover up her feelings) So Angel, how was class?

**Angel:** It was fine, don't try to cover up your worry. I can still see it. (Throws an arm around her shoulders.) Don't worry so much okay?

**Abigail:** (Sighing) Okay. I won't. Thank you for being so understanding. I don't know if I could live with me if I were you.

**Angel:** I probably won't be able to, just cheer up okay? You look prettier when you're happy.

**Abigail:** Thank you.

*(Before they can say anything else, a crazy-haired though cute thespian dude wearing an oversize sweater and jeans comes out and posts a poster on the wall.)*

**Abigail:** Oh cool. A new play. (Walks up to it.) Othello! I haven't seen Othello in years.

**Angel:** Othello? Never heard of it.

**Abigail:** It's this play about this Moor and his wife. There's this guy who's supposed to be his friend that tries to ruin his life. It's very intriguing.

**Thespian Dude:** Yeah. It is one of the most fabulous plays out there.

**Abigail:** So what do you do for the play?

**Thespian Dude:** I am the casting director. Tristian Harper.

**Abigail:** Abigail Yuy. This is Angel, my boyfriend.

**Tristian:** Nice to meet you, Abigail, Angel. So are you actors?

**Abigail:** Oh, not really.

**Tristian:** Sure fooled me. Say--would you like to audition for the play?

**Angel:** I don't think I'm good at that acting stuff...so I don't plan to audition.

**Abigail:** Yeah, me too.

**Tristian:** Aw come on. I promise it'll be an experience you'll never forget.

*(Pause.)*

**Abigail:** Well...

**Tristian:** Look, if it doesn't work out then...I'll buy you Frappachinos for the rest of the year! Just...please?

**Abigail:** Oh alright. Angel?

**Angel:** (sighs) Alright, I'll do it.

**Abigail:** (Kisses him) Thank you! (to Tristian) So where do we go to audition?

**Tristian:** Well, follow me. I'll show you the way...

*(Tristian, with Abigail and Angel in tow, goes back inside the theater. They go into a room with the door marked "Green Room," and there is a dark-haired girl with a blonde, backs turned.)*

**Tristian:** Hey yo, Miss Director and Set Director. Found two more.

**Blonde:** Well, you actually did something right this time, Tristian. (to Abigail and Angel) I'm Rosaline. (Blinks.) Hey, Jo-jo, she looks just like you!

*("Jo-jo" turns and gasps.)*

**Abigail:** Shannon!

**Angel:** What are you doing here Shannon? And might I ask why she's calling you "Jo-jo"?

**Shannon:** They call me and Rosaline "KC and Jo-jo" around here... (Glowers at Tristian.) Nice one, Harper.

**Tristian:** Why are you mad at me?!

**Rosaline:** Look guys, we need to go on with auditioning despite whatever drama is going on. (to Abigail) I'm gonna give you and him a script. Just look over it a sec and then we'll start.

*(Rosaline shuffles around until she finds a script. She gives one to Abigail and one to Angel.)*

**Abigail:** (After glancing over it) Hm...

**Rosaline:** Ready whenever you are.

**Shannon:** I don't like this...

**Tristian:** Stuff it, Jo-jo.

*(Shannon fumes.)*

**Abigail:** Well, here goes....

**(Several minutes later.....)**

**Helen:** You did what?!

**Abigail:** We auditioned for the play, Hel. It was...quite an experience.

**Angel:** Very interesting...Shakespeare sure had interesting characters in his plays...especially this one.

**Hayley:** So did you get it?

**Abigail:** Tristian said he'd come down here and tell us. (Glances at watch.) Must have had a long day...

*(Enter Tristian.)*

**Tristian:** Hey guys!

**Helen:** (Awed) Oh my bloody Mary... It's him...

**Abigail:** Something wrong, Hel?

**Helen:** No...nothing...

**Tristian:** (Seeing Helen) Gee...I...

**Abigail:** Well, what's the verdict?

**Tristian:** (Breaking out of trance) Well.....I hate to break it to ya but...

**Angel:** But...?

**Tristian:** You and Abigail are our new Othello and Desdemona.

**Hayley:** Oh cool!

**Helen:** Hey luv--are there any parts left?

**Tristian:** I, uh... (Slightly abashed.) There sure is. Just come and talk to me...or...Rosaline....

**Helen:** (Smiles coquettishly) I will.

*(Tristian leaves.)*

**Angel:** I'm OTHELLO!!!? (Shouts at Tristian's retreating back) COME BACK HERE SO I CAN HURT YOU!!! (sighs) I can't be a major character! There's too many lines!

**Tristian:** (turning) Huh?

**Abigail:** Angel honey, calm down. (Smiles.) Look at it this way... You'll be my leading man... You wouldn't want anyone else to do that, now wouldn't you?

**Angel:** Alright you've got me there...fine I'll calm down.

**Abigail:** Thank you.

**Tristian:** Sorry, man. If there was some way to make it up to you, I'd do it. But you're an actor man, pure and simple.

**Helen:** (Under her breath) Well, why don't you make it up to me...

**Tristian:** Huh?

**Helen:** (Red) Uh, nothing, mate...

**Tristian:** See you on Monday for rehearsals.

**Abigail:** We'll be there--

**Helen:** (Interrupting) Hey wait! (Runs to catch up with Tristian.) I wanna be in the play too! (Exit Tristian and Helen.)

**Abigail:** Oh dear...

**Hayley:** Poor Tristian's gonna be worn out... I think she fancies the bloke.

**Abigail:** Me too.

**Hayley:** Well, I'd better get going.

**Abigail:** Leaving so soon?

**Hayley:** Yeah. Your friend Terry asked me for help in a class. See you all later.

**Angel:** Later.

**(A funny scene with Tristian and Helen.)**

**Helen:** So...

**Tristian:** So...

*(Both laugh bashfully.)*

**Tristian:** I'm sorry. Was there something you wanted to say?

**Helen:** Not really... (Blushes.) I just wanted to be in the play.

**Tristian:** Look Helen...I've heard some things about you...

**Helen:** And none of it is true, luv. It's all rumor.

**Tristian:** I was hoping that...

**Helen:** (Astonished) Really?

**Tristian:** (Shifting nervously) Well yeah. I've...uh...been watching you for a long time. I remember that thing you did for Patterson's Stage Etiquette class.

**Helen:** (Laughing) I hope no one would remember that!

**Tristian:** (Meaningfully) It wasn't that bad...

*(Helen smiles, then turns away.)*

**Helen:** So no ball and chain, luv?

**Tristian:** Well, no. Not this semester. Rosaline and I dated for a little while... (Winces.) A long while...

**Helen:** How long?

**Tristian:** Ever since we started here at Kaminari. I'd say that would two and a half years.

**Helen:** Gosh... You still love her?

**Tristian:** Love? He he... I don't know how to describe how I feel about Rosaline. She's just...a very good friend who just happened to be one of my ex-girlfriends.

**Helen:** And that's all?

**Tristian:** (Frowning) If I didn't know any better I'd assume that you liked me.

**Helen:** And if I didn't know any better, I'd assume the same thing.

*(Long pause.)*

**Tristian:** You're not a bad person, Helen King.

**Helen:** Tell that to my mum. She might be horribly mistaken.

**Tristian:** Well, I've got to go. Gotta do the actor thing. (Smiles.) I hope to see you again soon.

**Helen:** Same here, mate.

***(Later on that evening. The Yuy House, with Josie, Abigail and Danie.)***

**Abigail:** So what was it you wanted to talk to me about?

**Danie:** (Sighing) Listen, darling, I know that you and Angel are very careful—

**Abigail:** Mom, are you trying to say what I think you're saying?

**Danie:** I guess I am.

**Abigail:** Look, Mom, I know must be quite disconcerted after what happened with Shannon, but Angel and I... Angel and I haven't even talked about that yet.

**Danie:** You haven't?

**Abigail:** Well, no... But we DID talk about marriage...

**Danie:** Well what did you decide on?

**Abigail:** We're going to wait until we're both ready. There's no sense in getting married when one of us isn't prepared for the responsibility. Besides, we're still too young to have considered it in the first place, and we needed to establish that.

**Danie:** I am glad you're taking a mature approach to things.

**Abigail:** You're not the only one...

**Danie:** So did Shannon tell you about her and Brian?

**Abigail:** (Sadly) No. She didn't.

**Danie:** Abigail, I am going to tell you something and I want you to remember it. Shannon may be expanding in so many ways that don't include you. And you will do the same. But, not matter how mad she makes you or how much she wants to kill you, you two are twins and have an unbreakable bond no one can shatter. She might not forgive you today or tomorrow, but there's always someday.

**Abigail:** Yeah...

**Josie:** Mama! Abby! Lookie! (Points her finger at her stuffed animal.)

**Abigail:** That's cute—

*(Suddenly, the stuffed animal glows and explodes into tiny flaming pieces.)*

**Abigail:** (Leaping away from a small flame and putting it out with her hands) Oh crap!

**Danie:** (Jumping off of the couch with Josie in her arms) HEERRROOO! GET THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER!! AND HURRY!!

*(Heero races in with the Fire Extinguisher and puts out the fire.)*

**Heero:** What the hell happened here!?

**Josie:** Daddy! Bear go bye-bye...

**Abigail:** Oh dear...

**Danie:** Apparently, Josie wanted to show us her new trick. (Sighs.) I think it's time to talk to Selene.

**Heero:** Yeah...the last thing we need is the house to burn down.

**Danie:** I'd have to agree with you on that...

**(Conference with Selene some time later. It's Danie, Heero, and Josie.)**

**Selene:** I have no idea what to tell you, Danie, Heero. Your child has extraordinary powers.

**Danie:** But who could they have come from? I mean, it's nothing like Sunfire at all. And Heero isn't Death anymore. So it can't be from him.

**Selene:** I'm sorry, Danie. But you remember—I warned you before.

**Danie:** Yeah, I know, Selene. (Frowns.) There isn't anymore elements left for the Chibi Midnight Senshi.

**Selene:** Actually, there are. (Reveals a crystal ball.) In the kingdom where I once lived, there was a coveted crystal called the Jewel of Selenity. In the Moon Kingdom adjoining us, they had the Jewel of Serenity, or the Silver Crystal. When a witch from the woods where I lived tried to take over the Altar of Wirshire, the Jewel split, therefore creating the elements. Destiny--the element that controls fate and chance, Rose--the element that controls the roses, their thorns, and the dangerous beauty of the Earth, Dream--the element controlling our subconscious brains and our hopes and fears, Sunfire--the element controlling the celestial fire and the Sun Star Plane, and Infinity--the element that controls the darker recesses of Outer Space, Time, and Humanity.

**Danie:** Infinity?!

**Selene:** Yes. When Evangeline passed on, she was just about to receive the powers of Infinity.

**Danie:** But that can't be...

**Heero:** So there's a possibility that our daughter is Infinity?

**Selene:** Perhaps. Since there is no one else to receive it, she might be Infinity.

**Danie:** So what happens now? Do we train her or what?

**Selene:** You yourself cannot. There is someone out there with the power to guard Infinity that must do it. If one of you were to do it, it is possible that she could kill you--no matter how much she loved the two of you.

**Heero:** Then the only alternative is to find this person before she ends up blowing up our house.

**Selene:** That is right, Heero. But... (Sighs.) No one here knows who this person is.

**Danie:** Well damn. We're stuck.

**Selene:** Not quite... (to Josie) Josephine Midori Yuy....

*(Josie looks up. She stares at Selene, puzzled, then her eyes focuses on Selene.)*

**Josie:** I am here, Selene.

**Danie:** Whoa, how did you--

**Selene:** You must open up the gates to your soul. We have to find your protector and you must seek him out with your heart. Do you understand?

**Josie:** I understand.

**Selene:** Good. (to Danie and Heero.) Do not be alarmed. Now everything will be taken care of.

**Heero:** Thank you.

**Selene:** It is my pleasure. Expect a guest in the near future. He will be your saving grace. Farewell.

**Danie:** Good-bye, Selene.

*(Selene disappears.)*

**Josie:** Pretty lady go?

**Danie:** She'll be back, sweetie.

**Josie:** 'Kay, Mama. (Yawns.) Me sleepy.

**Heero:** Let's get you to bed squirt.

**Josie:** Yay! Daddy bed!

**Danie:** Do you mind taking her up to bed, Heero? I've got to call Jessica and the others.

**Heero:** Sure. (Takes Josie to bed)

**Danie:** I hope this turns out right. (Sighs.)

## *chapter five*

***(Some days later. Rehearsal.)***

**Rosaline:** Okay thespians, time for another rehearsal.

**Helen:** What? No break?

**Rosaline:** No, Helen. We have to work today.

*(With Terry, who is Iago, and Angel on the stage.)*

**Terry:** Hey man. Where's Abigail?

**Angel:** (Shrugs) I don't know. Last time I saw her she was at lunch.

**Terry:** Hmm... That's strange. When I last saw her, she was with Brian King.

**Angel:** Really? (Shrugs) She'll be here shortly. He probably caught her in the hallway somewhere and they're talking. No big deal.

**Terry:** I, uh...I don't think I'd call it 'no big deal'.

**Angel:** I trust her okay? It's not like she's going out with him or anything. That's not the Abigail I know.

**Terry:** Sometimes you don't know a person as well as you think you do... (Sighs.) I hate to be the one breaking this to you man... But...

**Angel:** But what?

**Terry:** I've got proof of something I don't think you want to see.

**Angel:** What is it?

*(Terry glances around once to make sure no one's watching. Then he pulls out a sheaf of pictures of Abigail and Brian together.)*

**Terry:** Here. See for yourself.

**Angel:** (Says nothing for a minute) Where the hell did you get this!?

**Terry:** I was outside one night doing my photography class assignment and I saw them together. (Apologetically) Look man, I wouldn't have done it if I didn't think that it wasn't serious. But it is. You love her with all your heart and look what she's done to you.

**Angel:** (crumbles up picture) I'm gonna kill Brian...Then I'm gonna kill a certain little bitch. (Eyes flicker black then back to normal. He sighs) I've got to calm down...thanks Terry.

**Terry:** No problem.

*(Suddenly, amid the playing around in the seats, Brian and Abigail enter, laughing and talking.)*

**Terry:** There she is.

*(Angel says nothing.)*

**Abigail:** (Seeing Angel and Terry together) Hey guys! What's all the silence about? Don't we have to rehearse?

*(Angel nods then walks on stage.)*

**Abigail:** (Confused) Terry....?

**Terry:** I wouldn't mess with him if I were you, Abigail. You know what you did was wrong. (Walks on stage.)

**Abigail:** What....?!

**Tristian:** Okay guys. It's time to start. We've pretty much gone through the play already. But there's a scene I want to go over again. Angel? Abigail? Lets do the scene where Othello kills his wife.

**Angel:** Let's get this over with.

**Helen:** I wonder what's up with that bloke.

**Hayley:** You've got me on that one.

**Rosaline:** Well, lets not worry about it much. (to Abigail and Angel) Ready whenever you are.

**Abigail:** (Sighing, then lying down on the makeshift bed) Who's there? Othello?

**Angel:** Ay. Desdemona.

**Abigail:** Will you come to bed, my lord?

**Angel:** Have you pray'd to-night, Desdemona?

**Abigail:** Ay, my lord.

**Angel:** If you bethink yourself of any crime/unreconciled as yet to heaven and grace,/Solicit for it straight.

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**Abigail:** Kill me to-morrow: let me live to-night!

**Angel:** (A little smirk appears on his face) Nay, if you strive--

**Abigail:** (Apprehensively) But half an hour!

**Angel:** Being done, there is no pause.

**Abigail:** But while I say one prayer!

**Angel:** It is too late.

*(Pretends he's choking Abigail. Suddenly, a strange power envelopes Angel's mind. It causes him to clutch Abigail's throat tightly.)*

**Abigail:** (Choking) Angel-- Angel--

**Rosaline:** Whoa...

**Tristian:** That's almost too good...

*(Pause.)*

**Brian:** Dammit! Can't you see he's choking her for real!

**Abigail:** Angel-- Why--?

**Angel:** I'm not doing it! I swear!

**Brian:** (Running onto the stage) Get off of her! (Pulls Angel off while Helen and Rosaline go to Abigail's aid.) How dare you do such a thing?

**Angel:** I didn't want to kill her Brian! I didn't mean to!

**Helen:** (Pointedly) Or sure you didn't, mate! It was just all a bloody accident!

**Terry:** He didn't mean it, Helen.

**Helen:** You shut up! He almost killed Abby. He should pay for what he's done.

**Angel:** I'm out of here! I don't have to pay for what I didn't mean to do! (storms out of the auditorium.)

**Terry:** See what you've done?!

**Helen:** You shut the hell up before I knock your teeth out!

**Terry:** Go ahead!

*(Helen stands, charges forward, and pummels Terry.)*

**Rosaline:** Helen! You just knocked out Iago!

**Helen:** I don't give a rat's ass. I'm leaving. (to Abigail and Hayley) Come on you two. (Exits.)

**[The Yuy House. Abigail, Heero, Danie, Helen, and Rosaline are in the living room.]**

**Danie:** How could he have done this?

**Helen:** Don't know, Mrs. Yuy. He said he didn't do it.

**Heero:** That doesn't matter. He almost killed Abigail. I'm not forgiving him for that.

**Rosaline:** Look, I'm sorry for all this. We drilled them so hard on this scene. Maybe he just got frustrated or something.

**Danie:** I think it's more than that. Abby dear, have you any idea?

**Abigail:** No... But Terry said something about something wrong I did. But I didn't do anything wrong!

**Danie:** I know, sweetie.

**Helen:** I'm gonna kill that bastard...

**Hayley:** Cool your jets, Hel. No need for you to get into this.

**Helen:** Hmph. I'll let you and Mr. Yuy take care of him.

*(Front door opens. Angel walks in.)*

**Heero:** (glares at him.) Pack your bags, you've just been kicked out.

**Angel:** (glares back.) Fine. I don't care anymore. (walks to his room to pack.)

**Abigail:** Father!

**Danie:** Be quiet, Abigail. This is for the best.

**Abigail:** But maybe he's right. Maybe this is a misunderstanding. Something must have happened. I have to go talk to him.

**Heero:** You're not going near him. This is the last straw Abby. He nearly killed you!

**Abigail:** But--

**Helen:** He's right, mate.

**Hayley:** Yeah. Why would you want to talk to him anyway?

*(Abigail pauses. Then she bolts upstairs.)*

**Abigail:** Angel! Come out! I want to talk to you!

**Angel:** There's nothing to talk about! Leave me alone!

**Abigail:** Yes there is! I want to know what happened. Tell me!

*(Angel storms out of his room, carrying a small suitcase.)*

**Angel:** Look Abigail. It's done there's nothing to talk about.

**Abigail:** How many times do I have to tell you that there is something! Why are you mad at me?

**Angel:** You must be extremely stupid to not know! You practically cheated on me! And what worse, it was with Brian!

*(Pause. Shannon's door opens.)*

**Shannon:** What?

**Angel:** I wish I never met this damn family. I'm sick of everything and everyone. (Calmly walks away.) Oh and Shannon, you should ask your sister why she was with Brian on a date.

*(Shannon looks to Abigail then Angel.)*

**Shannon:** You're lying!

**Angel:** See for yourself. (Throws her the crumbled up picture.) I'm out of here. (Walks out of sight.)

*(Shannon stares at the picture. Then it turns into ash in her hands.)*

**Shannon:** YOU LITTLE LYING WHORE!!

**Abigail:** I didn't-- That wasn't--

**Shannon:** YOU KNEW HOW MUCH I LOVED HIM!! HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME?!

**Abigail:** But Shannon--I wouldn't ever do such a thing to my own sister!!

*(Front door slams as Heero walks upstairs.)*

**Heero:** (sees Shannon's pissed) Shannon calm down before you burn the house down!

**Shannon:** YOU SHUT UP HEERO YUY!! YOU CANNOT TELL ME WHAT TO DO!! YOU'RE NOT MY FATHER!!

*(Shannon turns and storms out.)*

**Heero:** (sighs) Great. What else could go wrong today? (Turns to Abby) What's wrong with her Abby? How did she get to be so mad?

**Abigail:** I don't know... I don't know... (Turns to go to her room.)

**Rosaline:** Oh dear...

**Helen:** I don't like the sound of any of this.

**Danie:** You're not the only one...

*(Meanwhile. Terry's dorm on Kaminari Campus.)*

**Terry:** So they kicked you out? Just like that?

**Angel:** Yeah and I don't care anymore. I'm sick of life. (sits down on bed) I shouldn't say that...I'm not really sick of life...but I just wish all this would go away...(slams fist on bed) Dammit! I'm just so pissed off right now I don't know what to do!

**Terry:** Well, I wish there was something I could tell you, man. But I guess the best thing to do is not think about it. Go find some other girl that will take your mind off of Abigail.

**Angel:** No thanks. I'm sick of women...hell I'm sick of everyone...you're probably the only one I can tolerate right now.

**Terry:** That's nice to hear...

**Angel:** (eyes flicker black) Be grateful...(shakes his head) Sorry...I must be losing my mind. I'm gonna lie down if it's okay.

**Terry:** Fine with me. Make yourself at home.

**Angel:** Thanks. (lies down) My life sucks. You're probably the only friend I've got now Terry.

**Terry:** I wouldn't go that far. I'm sure everyone will come to their senses and see what Abigail has done to you.

**Angel:** Yeah right...They're more her friends than me. I'm just around cause I had to be. They're all probably plotting to kill me right this minute and I wouldn't care at this point right now.

**Terry:** Kill you? Kill you? No one can kill you, Angel my good man, and we both know why.

**Angel:** (sits up and stares at Terry.) How the hell did you know that?

**Terry:** Lets just say I know more than you think I do.

**Angel:** (stands) Then you know I'm dangerous. Especially right now.

**Terry:** Yes. I know how dangerous you can be. (Stands to face him.) So what do you wish to do now?

**Angel:** I don't know. But I do know that I'm not going to have a repeat of the last time I was like this. I'm just going to calm down and hope everything turns out alright.

**Terry:** Whatever you want, Angel...

# chapter six

**(The next week. Kristana runs into Terry after class.)**

**Kristana:** (A little sad at the moment) Hi Terry...

**Terry:** What's the matter, Kristana? Why do you look so down?

**Kristana:** To put it bluntly, my mom and dad got into a fight...That and I hope Angel's alright, I know he didn't mean to hurt Abby, but I didn't tell anyone cause I don't want my friends to turn into enemies.

**Terry:** Oh man... What did your parents fight about?

**Kristana:** I don't know. I saw my mom run out of the house. My dad looked mad and I guessed he got mad at something my mom did. When I asked him he said everything's alright but I don't believe him. He and mom've NEVER fought. I'm just worried and a little sad that everything's turning bad.

**Terry:** Oh. Well I'm really sorry though and... well... I...I wish I could tell you something that would make you feel better.

**Kristana:** That's alright, telling somebody made me feel a little better. I'm heading to my uncle Heero's house cause I think mom went there. I wish I knew why everyone mad at each other...it's so strange...Oh well, see you later Terry.

**Terry:** Bye. See you later.

**(At the Yuy House. Living room.)**

**Danie:** Oh Crys--the world seems to be going crazy at the moment.

**Crys:** Yeah...I know. (Crying) I just wish I knew what happened. Quatre's never been mad before...I'm worried Danie, Heero...

**Heero:** It's alright. (hugs Crys) Quatre's not going to get away with this. I'm going to punch his lights out...

**Crys:** Don't you dare Heero.

**Heero:** I'm your brother and he hurt you. He's going to pay, whether you like it or not Crys. Nobody messes with my sister and lives.

**Danie:** Yeah. He's right.

*(The doorbell rings.)*

**Danie:** I'll get it. (Goes to the door and opens it.) Hello?

**Tristian:** Uh, hi. You must be Mrs. Yuy.

**Danie:** Yes I am.

**Tristian:** Well, I'm here to see Shannon. Is she here?

**Danie:** (Sighing) Barely... (Louder) SHANNON!

*(Shannon comes down the stairs. She looks ruffled.)*

**Shannon:** Tristian?

**Tristian:** Hey Jo-jo. You doing okay?

**Shannon:** I've had better... Listen, why don't I put on something and we get outta here?

**Tristian:** I...uh...

**Shannon:** Good. I'll be right back. (Exits.)

**Danie:** Why don't you come in here and wait, Tristian. (Leads him to living room.)

**Tristian:** Hello.

**Crys:** Hello. Sorry, I'm not in the mood to meet and greet right now.

**Heero:** This is my sister Crys, she's not feeling too well at the moment.

**Tristian:** Oh, well I regret that you're feeling so bad. I hope you feel better soon.

**Crys:** Thanks.

**Josie:** Thanks!

**Tristian:** Oh hi there. I'm Tristian.

**Josie:** Trissy! (Blows him a raspberry.)

**Danie:** I think she likes you.

**Tristian:** May I? (Danie nods her head. Tristian picks her up.) Hi little one.

**Josie:** Little! Me! Trissy! See light?

**Tristian:** Light?

*(Suddenly, Josie does it again. Only this time, Tristian catches it.)*

**Heero:** You caught it? How the hell did you do that?

**Crys:** Heero...you didn't tell me my niece could do that...

**Heero:** I didn't think about telling you until now.

**Tristian:** I don't know... I just got this instinct and here I am with this light in my hand!

**Danie:** Heero, do you think--

*(Enter Shannon.)*

**Shannon:** Ready! (Ignores parents.)

**Tristian:** (Giving Josie to Danie) Well, it was nice meeting you all...

**Josie:** Trissy! No go!

**Danie:** He has to go sweetie.

**Josie:** (Sadly) Trissy no go! (Sniffles.)

**Danie:** it's time for her nap. It was nice meeting you.

**Tristian:** Like wise. (Exits with Shannon.)

**Heero:** Danie, I think he was the one we needed to look for...

**Crys:** (stands) I better leave...

**Heero:** (To Crys) You are going nowhere. You're staying here. You can use Angel's old room.

**Crys:** (blinks) You kicked him out?

**Heero:** Yes and I'd rather not talk about it right now. You're staying and there's nothing you can do about it.

**Crys:** Old lord...the old over-protective brother is back.

**Heero:** And he's here to stay. Now sit down. I've got a Winner to hurt VERY badly. (opens door and sees Kristana)  
Kristana? What are you doing here?

**Kristana:** Where's my mom?

**Heero:** Living room.

(She races inside and he storms out.)

**Kristana:** (Hugs Crys, crying.) Mom! Don't leave! Dad didn't mean it!

**Crys:** It's alright Kristana...everything's fine.

**Kristana:** No it's not! Peace says everything's wrong! Everyone's getting mad at each other because of things that didn't happen or were misjudge! It's all wrong!

**Danie:** Peace said that?! But how?

**Kristana:** (sniffles) She's my friend...she tells me things...like now. She said Mom and Dad were meant to be together, like Angel and Abby are supposed to be together...but now she's afraid he'll come back and hurt everybody! I don't want a repeat of last time!

**Crys:** Shh. It's alright Kristana...people fight because of stupid reasons. I'm sure everything will be alright in the end.

**Danie:** Yeah. Don't cry. It'll only get better, I promise. (Looking around.)

**Josie:** Daddy go?

**Danie:** I think he did... Oh dear...

**Crys:** We better go after him before he kills Quatre...because I know he will.

**Kristana:** Uncle Heero can't kill dad! It's not right!

**Crys:** I know dear, your uncle is just a little over protective over the ones he loves. He sometimes gets carried away.

**Josie:** Kill?

**Danie:** Yes darling. We'd better go then.

**Josie:** Go? We go to Daddy?

**Danie:** I think she's got it.

**Crys:** Then let's go. Before anything else happens.

**[Winner Mansion. Quatre, Trowa and his family, Duo and his family, and Wufei and his family are there.]**

**Quatre:** You didn't have to come to calm me...

**Wufei:** We didn't come here to calm you...knowing Heero, he'll be out for your blood.

**Jessica:** Yeah. Yuy is one unwieldy little man when it comes to his sister, man.

**Duo:** Needless to say, you're gonna need protection, dude.

**Moira:** Duo!

**Quatre:** He can come and kill me...I feel like killing myself. I just yelled at Crys and what's worse, I think Kristana witnessed it. (Holds head in hands) I wish I could take back everything I said...hell I don't remember half of what I said...I just remember Crys running out crying...

**Duo:** Hey Winner--it's gonna be alright, okay? We'll make sure that Heero doesn't "korosu" you.

**Jessica:** Like you could stop him!

**Duo:** Well, why don't you try?

**Jessica:** When and if he comes, I will!

**Quatre:** I don't want any of you to stop him got it?

**Wufei:** You coward! You'll let him kill you!?

**Quatre:** (glares at him) I don't give a damn about my life anymore Chang! Got it?

**Wufei:** Whatever.

**Moira:** You don't mean that!

**Jennifer:** Quatre! Don't be so bleak!

**Jessica:** Yeah! I'll pop him one on my own free will!

*(Door bursts open and a VERY pissed off Heero Yuy is holding out his gun, glaring at Quatre.)*

**Heero:** Omae o korosu Quatre, and this time I mean it... (walks in)

*(Suddenly, behind Heero there is a loud rumbling. Everyone pauses.)*

**Jessica:** What the--

*(Bam! In comes Nicole Smith!)*

**Nicole:** War! Good God y'all...what is it good for... absolutely nothing...

*(Pause.)*

**Jessica:** Huh?

**Moira:** Nicole?

**Duo:** What the hell?

*(She knocks Heero out with a baseball bat.)*

**Trowa:** Well, that's one way to stop him...

**Nicole:** Yes! That's the way, as one such J.Lo said.

**Jessica:** What in the hell are you doing here?

**Jennifer:** Oh dear...is Heero okay?

**Moira:** That's an awfully big knot on his forehead...

**Quatre:** He'll be fine...hopefully...(sighs) I guess I should thank you Nicole, you saved my life, literally...

**Nicole:** No prob, Winner. Just remember my weddin...

**Jessica:** How could we forget....?

*(Enter Danie, Josie, Crys, and Kristana.)*

**Danie:** Heero! Heero! Don't kill-- (Sees Heero.) Uh, what happened?

**Trowa:** Nicole knocked him out with a baseball bat.

**Kristana:** Dad! (hugs him) don't be mad at momma! She didn't do anything!

**Quatre:** It's alright Kristana. I'm not mad at her...I'm mad at myself.

**Danie:** I suppose that's better, but then it isn't...

**Josie:** Daddy sleep!

**Nicole:** Well, I'm sure he sleepin' good, too.

**Danie:** Why'd you knock out my husband?

**Nicole:** He was gonna kill Winner. And you KNOW we couldn't have that!!

**Jessica and Duo:** You ain't never lyin'...

*(Trevor races in.)*

**Trevor:** Dad! Johnathan's being mean again! He says you kicked mom out!

*(Walks over to Crys and kisses her cheek.)*

**Quatre:** I'm sorry, I don't know what came over me.

**Crys:** (smiles) It's alright.

**Quatre:** Then will you guys excuse us, we have a son to punish...

*(They leave.)*

**Kristana:** Yay! Mom and dad are together! (frowns) But Abby and Angel aren't...that's bad...

**Danie:** They will be, in due time.

**Moir:** Abigail and Angel broke up?

**Jennifer:** How sad!

**Trowa:** I thought they were in love with each other...

**Kristana:** (frowns) There was this big misunderstanding...Angel's hurting because of it...so's Abby...

*(Door bursts open again and a mad Price walks in, followed by Yuko, Naomi, and Zoe. Naomi stands in front of Kristana and glares at Price.)*

**Naomi:** Those were rumors and you know it!

**Price:** How the hell can it be rumors!? Nobody makes a rumor about THAT!!!

*(Yuko goes to the adults and sighs)*

**Yuko:** This no good...

**Zoe:** (Angrily at Naomi) Why are you siding with her!? You heard all the things she said about you!

**Naomi:** I do not believe what others say. I believe what is in my heart, something you and Price should consider.

**Zoe:** Whatever. I'm not protecting someone who called me a slut!

**Price:** And I'm not protecting someone who called me a dumbass!

**Kristana:** I didn't call you that!

**Zoe:** Shut up! We heard it all over the school! You've been spreading bad things about all of us, including poor Yuko! She

probably didn't understand anything!

**Nicole:** Whoa whoa whoa hold up wait a minute. What is goin' on up in 'ere?

**Yuko:** People say bad things about Zoe-chan, Price-chan, and Naomi-chan. People said Krissy-chan told them bad things and they believed them.

**Naomi:** I do not believe in any of those stupid rumors.

**Zoe:** Fine! You stay and protect the spoiled little rich kid! I'm outta here! (storms away to get her things.)

**Price:** Same goes with me! (Storms away as well.)

**Kristana:** Wait! (Runs after them but Yuko stops her.)

**Yuko:** Gomen Krissy-chan, but they not happy...not good to be around them when they not happy.

**Naomi:** (sighs) I do not believe this is happening...

**Duo:** Here we go again...

**Nicole:** Okay okay. We've gotta figure out where this started.

**Duo:** You ain't ever lyin... (Danie glowers.) You shut up.

**Danie:** I didn't even say anything! Hmph!

**Josie:** No cry Krissy! No cry!

**Kristana:** (crying) It's not fair! I didn't do anything!

*(Naomi hugs her and Kristana cries on her shoulder.)*

**Yuko:** This bad...this first fight...we no fight until today... (frowns) Crys-san will not be happy...

**Duo:** You ain't never lyin'...

**Girls:** Shut up, Duo!

*(Price and Zoe come back, each carrying a suitcase. They say nothing as they storm out of the front door and slam the door behind them. Shylene runs up.)*

**Shylene:** What happened!? I heard the door slam! (Sees Kristana and runs to her.) (To Naomi.) What happened!?

**Kristana:** Zoe and Price left!

**Naomi:** They took their bags and stormed out.

**Shylene:** What!?

**Naomi:** That is what happens when one believes in rumors.

**Shylene:** (slaps forehead) I don't believe this...

**Danie:** Quite sad I think.

**Jessica:** Could things get any worse?

**Jennifer:** Let's hope not. I hate to see what 'worse' could be...

# chapter seven

*(Later on that night. The Chang house. Jessica is coming up the stairs after a conversation with Oliver.)*

**Jessica:** Wufei? Where are you?

**Wufei:** I'm in the bedroom!

**Jessica:** (Walks into the bedroom) Hey! (Frowns.) You don't look so good. What's the matter?

**Wufei:** I was told something... (glares at her.) Why didn't you tell me my own kids weren't of my blood!?

**Jessica:** What? What do you mean? 'No of your blood'?! Are you nuts, Wufei?

**Wufei:** You slept with Oliver and those brats are his! I can't believe you would dishonor me like that!

**Jessica:** Whoa... (turning ghetto all of a sudden) No you didn't just accuse me of cheating on you...! How dare you say something like that to me?! (Rubs palms together.) If I were you, Chang, I'd get out of here--and fast.

**Wufei:** Gladly...(Walks out of the room and storms out of the front door.) (yells at the top of his lungs) I never want to see your face ever again! Go marry Oliver you slut! (slams door behind him.)

*(Jessica is furious. She follows behind him with a string of curses.)*

**Jessica:** And if you're dumb enough to think that I would do such a thing Wufei Chang, then we should have never gotten married anyway! So good riddance you bastard!

**Wufei:** Good riddance to you, you bitch!

*(Several minutes later.)*

**Oliver:** So he accused you of cheating on him with me and bearing David and Daphne.

**Jessica:** That's the gist of it...

**Moir:** Why would he do such a thing?

**Jennifer:** Yeah! I mean, you wouldn't have cheated on Wufei...even if...

**Jessica:** Jennifer!

**Jennifer:** Sorry...

**Trow:** First it was Quatre and Crys, then it's Jessica and Wufei...This is very strange...

**Oliver:** I know one thing. If Wufei shows his face around here again--

**Jessica:** Oliver. Please don't say that.

**Danie:** Let him! I personally have no pity for the bastard.

**Heero:** Neither do I.

**Moir:** Well, this doesn't call for violence.

**Jessica:** But what can I do, though? That's the question. I can say that they're his until I'm blue in the face.

**Oliver:** What about a paternity test?

**Danie:** What if...?

**Jessica:** Look, we should deliberate on this later. Go home. I'll be fine.

**Trowa:** You sure?

**Jessica:** Positive. But thanks for asking though.

**Oliver:** I'll see you later, okay?

**Jessica:** Yeah. And leave Wufei alone for a while.

**Danie:** I don't think you wanna do that. He might be doing what he's accusing you of.

**Heero:** He's too proud to do that.

**Trowa:** I agree.

**Danie:** Whatever you say...

**Jessica:** Don't argue. We've had enough of that.

**Jennifer:** She's right. (Hugs Jessica.) 'Night, cous. Don't take it so hard.

**Jessica:** Easier said than done...

***[The next afternoon. Yuy House.]***

**Abigail:** I need to get out for a little while.

**Danie:** I know what you mean! Every time I have a free moment I remember what happened yesterday...

**Heero:** (glares) I'm still going to hurt Quatre for making my sister cry...

**Danie:** Calm down, honey. Maybe you should find Nicole first. She's the one who hit you over the head.

**Heero:** True...

**Abigail:** Dad, don't do that. We don't need anymore violence. Besides, I'd hate to see what Mrs. Smith'd do to you. She's got an amazing backhand.

**Danie:** Don't you mean pimp-slap?

*(Abigail sweatdrops.)*

**Danie:** Oh sorry.

**Heero:** I don't give a damn anyway. The next I see Nicole OR Quatre they'll be sorry.

**Danie:** Well good luck. You can probably get to Quatre but Nicole...well...

**Abigail:** Let's not talk about this anymore. (Picks up the newspaper.) Hey Mom look! There's that movie you wanted to see. It's playing. Maybe we can go down and see it.

**Danie:** Really? (Grabs the newspaper.) Oh, I dunno, honey. It's kinda a romantic movie.

**Abigail:** That's no problem...

**Heero:** You sure Abby?

**Abigail:** I'm fine. (Smiles.) Let's go!

***(Several minutes later. Danie, Heero, and Abigail are at the movie theater.)***

**Danie:** It sure is packed!

**Abigail:** (Seeing someone) Hey look! There's Terry! Hi Terry!

**Terry:** Hey!

**Danie:** Do you know what's going on here?

**Terry:** No....

**Person 1:** Hey look! That's her! (Points at Danie.)

**Danie:** Huh?

*(The people rush toward Danie like a pack of wolves.)*

**Person 1:** Are you Dana Thomas?

**Person 2:** Can I have your autograph?

**Person 3:** What was it like working with Tom Cruise?

*(Danie's eyes bulge.)*

**Heero:** What the hell is going on!?

**Danie:** I don't know...

**Person 1:** Are you nuts?! It's like, *Parting Is*, the cutest movie ever!

*(Pause.)*

**Danie:** PARTING IS?!?!?!?

**People:** Uh, duh!

**Danie:** (Smiling tightly) They're playing my movie! (Faints.)

**Heero:** Danie! (Goes to her and shakes her) Danie! Wake up!

**Danie:** (Dizzy) Can I have fries with that, Mommy...?

**Abigail:** Oh dear. She's gone I fear.

**Terry:** What are they talking about? I thought *Parting Is* was an old movie!

**Abigail:** It is! (Pauses.) Mom did the movie a long time ago.

**Terry:** Oh! That one! The one where everyone thought that she was having an affair with Tom Cruise! Okay. I get it now.

**Heero:** WHAT!!!!!!????

*(Everyone pauses.)*

**Person 1:** Are you like deaf?!

**Person 2:** Yeah! It was like the only news story during that time.

**Abigail:** Oh dear..

**Heero:** (glares at Person 2) For your information...she is my WIFE!!! And if you and your stupid groupies don't get the hell away I'm going to beat the crap out of you, got it?

**Person 2:** Geez, don't kill the messenger!

**Abigail:** Too late for that...

**Person 1:** Well I don't know what he's tripping about. (Evilly.) But I'd be pissed off too if my wife and some sexy

megastar were romping around...

**Heero:** (death glare all around.) You had your chance, leave or die, your choice.

*(People get a move on.)*

**Terry:** That was intense.

**Abigail:** I know... (Leans down.) Mom?

**Danie:** (Slowly waking up) Oh my head... (Sits up.) What's going on? And why does Heero look like he's gonna kill someone?

**Abigail:** Someone just said something kinda mean, that's all.

**Danie:** Oh. Heero honey, you okay?

**Heero:** No I'm not...(grabs Danie) I want to have a talk with you NOW! (Pulls her into a corner and glares at her.) Any OTHER secrets you haven't told me about? Or is the long time affair everyone's talking the only thing you haven't told me?

**Danie:** (Astonished) Whoa. Hold on a minute! How in the world do you think I would be able to live with myself if I ever did that to you! (With a headache, softly) Look Heero, after you left, a friend asked me for a favor and I said I'd do it. As it turns out, it was a year-and-a-half commitment. To my surprise, I was working beside one of the most handsome guys in the business--but that didn't mean anything to me. I didn't tell you because I didn't think it was important.

**Heero:** First you didn't tell me that you had kids, now this...It may not be a big deal to you, but it is to me. Everyone is saying you had an affair with this dweep actor that probably doesn't know a computer from his script! Who am I supposed to believe!?

**Danie:** Me, Heero, me! I am your damn wife! You're supposed to f--king trust me for godsakes... Do you actually believe that I would do something like that?! Look at me, Heero Yuy, and answer me truthfully.

**Heero:** Oh I trust you alright, I just wish you'd trust me! You didn't even TELL me any of this!!! I told you practically EVERYTHING that happened in MY life, why didn't you tell me this!? Or are you just trying to piss me off!?

**Danie:** The only reason I didn't tell you was because I didn't want this exact thing to happen. How could I explain it? I go off and do this movie that has gossipmongers all over it! Then they start saying that I am going out with my co-star DESPITE the fact that we are BOTH married. What am I supposed to do? I just didn't want you to endure the kind of sh-- that those kind of people put me through.

**Heero:** Oh? So you don't think I couldn't handle it? Are you saying I'm weak? You SHOULD have told me sooner than this!

**Danie:** That's not what I'm saying at all! And you're right--I should have told you sooner. (Looks down.) Maybe I'm the one to blame here. Maybe I should come out with the truth.

**Heero:** (crosses arms) Oh? There's more? Do tell the clueless husband...

**Danie:** The truth is... (Pauses, then looks up.) Wait a minute! How dare you talk to me like that?

**Heero:** Like what? The wife who didn't tell her husband something that he thinks is important? Yeah I dare talk to you like that!

*(Danie growls, obviously fed up. Her eyes flicker for a moment, then she slaps him.)*

**Danie:** Grr... Go to hell, Heero Yuy! (Stalks off yelling in Spanish the whole way.)

**Heero:** The same to you bitch!

*(Danie stalks past Abigail without a word. The people follow her.)*

**Abigail:** Mom! Dad! What's going on?

**Heero:** (VERY mad) Nothing's wrong alright! You people mind your own damn business! (stalks out of the movie theater, minutes before Danie left.)

**Abigail:** (Sighing) I can't believe this...

**(The Winner mansion. Abigail is ringing the doorbell.)**

**Abigail:** (Tearfully) Hello? Anyone home?

*(Kristana answers the door.)*

**Kristana:** Cousin Abby! Come in! What's wrong?

**Abigail:** (Crying) Mom and Dad had a fight.

**Kristana:** MOM!!!!!!!!!!!!

*(Rosa races to the door.)*

**Rosa:** Your mother is with your father dear... (Sees Abby.) Oh my, what happened?

**Kristana:** (frowns) Auntie Danie and Uncle Heero got into a fight...

**Rosa:** You poor girl...(Hugs Abby.) Let's get you to a chair so you can sit down and tell me all about it, okay?

**Abigail:** Okay....

*(Rosa leads Abigail to a chair. Abigail begins to speak.)*

**Abigail:** See, it all started a few years ago. Aunt Miranda asked Mom to do her a favor because she was so depressed about Dad leaving and she did it for her. It was some movie or something. After a while, Mom had forgotten about it, and when Heero came back, she had totally omitted it from her mind. So today, we go to the movies and there's the movie she's in, playing. So she and Dad fought about her not telling him.... Oh, it was so horrible....

**Rosa:** I'm so sorry dear...I'm sure everything will be fine once they calm down.

*(Trevor races in.)*

**Trevor:** Rosa, can I ask you something?

**Rosa:** What is it? And aren't you supposed to be at your lessons with your brother?

**Trevor:** Oops...but this is important!

**Rosa:** (Sighs) Alright what is it?

**Trevor:** What does divorce mean?

**Rosa:** (Blinks) Why?

**Trevor:** Because me and Johnathan heard mom and dad talking about it.

**Rosa:** Oh my god...Kristana, stay here with Abigail, I'll be right back. (runs out of the room.)

**Abigail:** Divorce?! That's horrible... Uncle Quatre and Aunt Crys CAN'T get divorced!

**Kristana:** (teary eyed) What's going on!? Everyone's mad at each other! Now my mom and dad are gonna separate! It's not fair!

**Trevor:** Mom and dad are separating? (cries) But I don't want them to!!!!

*(The doorbell rings, adding to the confusion.)*

**Kristana:** (sniffles.) I'll get it.

*(Kristana opens the door and finds Irene and Jessica, looking pissed off, standing on the doorstep.)*

**Irene:** Kristana, darling! What's the matter with you, dear?

**Kristana:** (hugs Irene tightly and cries) Mom and dad are getting a divorce!!!!

**Irene:** (Hugging her back) Oh darling!

**Jessica:** Is everyone going nuts?! (Glowers) Where's Heero Yuy?! I wanna know where he is cuz I am about to kill him!

**Abigail:** Aunt Jessica! Don't hurt Dad.

**Jessica:** I'm not gonna hurt him, Abigail. I'm just gonna snap his neck--quick and painless...

**Kristana:** Uncle Heero's not here! This isn't right!!! Everyone's mad at each other!!!

**Irene:** Oh darling, I wish there was some way to remedy this...

**Jessica:** I know how I'm gonna do it. I'm gonna make beef jerky out of Heero Yuy!

**Abigail:** Aunt Jess! Don't!

*(Jessica storms in. Irene follows behind.)*

**Irene:** Kristana, where are your parents? I'd like to talk to them.

*(They see Trevor.)*

**Trevor:** (crying) Me and Johnathan heard them in the library upstairs...dad was mad a mommy and...and...

**Irene:** Thank you, darling. (Goes up to the library. Knocks twice.) Quatre? Crystilline? Are you in there?

*(Crys opens the door.)*

**Crys:** (quickly wipes away tears.) Irene. What are you doing here?

**Irene:** That's not the proper question at this moment. What, may I ask, is going on here?

*(Crys walks out of the room and shuts the door. She's staring at the floor.)*

**Crys:** I guess there's no hiding from you, huh? (Tears appear) Quatre got some calls from many politicians... They told him I'm not worthy of being his wife anymore, because there's an article in the Enquirer saying that I cheated and had another man's kid... He believed them AND the article and now...he's calling his lawyers in his office next door...we're getting a divorce...

**Irene:** Crystilline...I don't like this. (Wipes her tears away.) Don't cry, darling. Things will be okay soon. I have a feeling that something from above is egging this on. This is too strange to be real.

**Crys:** I know...(sniffles) And I hope something happens soon, because I think he wants us to go to court as soon as possible...

**Irene:** That will not happen! (Storms into Quatre's office.) Quatre, if I could have a word with you...

**Quatre:** If it's about Crys then no. I've made my decision and it's final.

**Irene:** Are you that stubborn that you would believe some silly little tabloid over the person you've chosen to spend the rest of your life with? If you are, then you are not worth of my time. As a matter of fact, I will be defending Crys in this divorce proceeding. If you want a battle, then bring it on.

**Quatre:** I don't want to believe it but it's all over the world! How can I tell the ENTIRE world that it's not true when their politicians are calling me day and night, telling me that if I don't get rid of the quote unquote "disloyal little bitch" then I will be the laughing stock of the entire world! My family will be thrown out of their house because of this so I have no choice BUT to believe it. So if you wish to defend her then go right ahead. I'm not stopping you.

**Irene:** Fine. Believe what you want. (to Crys) Come along, Crystilline. There's no need to be in a place where there is so much animosity. You can come stay with me if you like.

*(Crys just nods, too worked up to say anything. Irene and Crys come downstairs. Jessica is comforting Abigail and Kristana.)*

**Irene:** Come along, you all. We're going back to my house for a little while.

**Abigail:** What's going on, Grandmother?

**Irene:** We're going to find out what in the world is going on here.

**Kristana:** Momma...(hugs her.)

**Crys:** I'm fine Kristana honey...Irene's right, something is definitely going on...

**Trevor:** Mom! I don't want you to go!

**Crys:** Trevor honey I'll be back. You stay here and keep your brother out of trouble okay?

**Trevor:** (sniffles.) But mom...

**Crys:** Everything's going to be fine. Now go on, I think you were supposed to be at your lessons...

**Trevor:** Yes mom...(Walks away.)

**Irene:** The poor little boys...

**Jessica:** Yeah. Ain't it sad? I'd hate to see such cute kids the products of divorce.

**Abigail:** You aren't the only one....

## Chapter eight

**[Irene's house. The T Squad, Rebecca Dunne, the Chibi Midnight Senshi, sans Shannon, Crys, and the Celestials.]**

**Rebecca:** As Mother Earth, I do not like the sound of all of this.

**Irene:** Yes. I was quite chagrined to hear of all of this. But I believe that this is coming from some source that isn't human or natural.

**Jessica:** Well, how do we find this out?

**Cassandra:** I guess we do what we always do. Call on Selene.

**Helen:** Do ya think it'll help?

**Claudia:** It had better...

*(The girls call on Selene. When Selene appears, she looks very worried.)*

**Selene:** Good evening. I have heard bad news about you all. I am especially anxious about the behavior of Quatre Winner. But I must tell you all that I finally found out what's going on.

**Crys:** What is it? Please tell us.

**Selene:** The Black Star Prophet has been very busy. It will be of no surprise to you that this whole dilemma is a hoax.

**Crys:** (angry) He's going to pay for this...

**Selene:** Unfortunately, he cannot pay directly.

**Jessica:** What is that supposed to mean?

**Selene:** Well, he has entrusted much power in someone very near to you. Who that person is I am not sure yet.

**Danie:** Well, find him quick so I can kill him...

**Irene:** Daniella...

**Danie:** Sorry Mom.

**Selene:** Anyhow, I have some uplifting news. You will have a new ally in this battle.

**Crys:** A new ally? Who is it?

**Selene:** I cannot say. But he is a very worthy fighter and noble. He will be a promising warrior in the future.

**Jessica:** So what about our enemy?

**Selene:** All I can say that things will come to a head in the near future. Very soon. As a matter of fact, watch out for the full moon.

**Abigail:** Full moon?

**Selene:** Everything will occur on the night of the next full moon.

**Jennifer:** That's soon, I think.

**Selene:** Then you should be glad. But I would get ready, Chibi Midnight Senshi. This might be one of your hardest battles yet.

**Helen:** We will, Selene.

**Selene:** You're welcome. Any thing else?

**Crys:** Actually yes...where is Angel? Not to mention my brother...

**Selene:** Angel is in a dark place, the poor child. And Heero...

**Danie:** (Hopefully) Yes?

**Selene:** Your husband has found solace in a beer bottle.

**Danie:** Oh dear...

**Jessica:** I think I feel a 'drunken Heero' episode coming on...

**Crys:** That's not a good sign...Heero drunk is equal to an atomic bomb...and there's a chance that Angel has turned again...(frowns) No this is DEFINITELY not good.

**Selene:** Quite grave situation I fear. (to Danie) I would go to Heero and try to apologize. At least try to get him away from the bar. (to Abigail and Kristana) Try to find Angel. If you cannot, then do not fear.

**Abigail:** That I will do.

**Danie:** I accept my mission.

**Kristana:** I'll help Abby! We'll find him don't you worry!

**Abigail:** Thank you, Krissy...

**Selene:** If I were you, I'd help find Heero, Crys, since you are his sister.

**Crys:** Yeah...It'll get my mind off of certain things...

**Danie:** Thank you, Crys.

**Crys:** (smiles) Don't mention it. After all he IS my brother.

**Danie:** Can't forget that...

**(At the Bug-a-Boo Bar. (Had to name it something, ne?) Heero is sitting by himself with a woman in a blond wig comes up to him.)**

**Woman:** (In a breathy, Marilyn Monroe voice, wearing a black dress) Hello...stranger.

**Heero:** (Doesn't look at her.) Get away from me whore. I don't want to talk to you, got it?

*(Long pause.)*

**Danie:** (Pulling off the wig) Okay, that's enough. I've had it, Yuy. Look--I'm gonna talk and you're gonna listen, okay?

**Heero:** (takes a swig of his beer.) Go away or I'll kill you.

*(Crys walks up and slaps him.)*

**Crys:** Heero Yuy! You better shut the hell up and listen!

**Heero:** Crys? What are you doing here?

**Crys:** I'll take this-- (Takes his beer and throws it away.)

**Heero:** You bitch! You threw my beer away!

**Crys:** Don't you dare call me a bitch! Now you are going to listen or I'll do more than a slap...

**Heero:** I don't want to hear anything...

**Danie:** Yes you do. And if you don't **I** will be the one killing some people, alright?

**Heero:** Fine, you've got five minutes and don't think I'll believe it because there's a 99% chance I won't.

**Danie:** Fine. I can do it three minutes. (Walks toward stage.)

**Heero:** (To Crys.) What the hell is she doing!?

**Crys:** Just shut up and listen.

**Danie:** (Pushing the singer out of the way) Get out of my way... (Singer falls on her butt. Taps the mike.) Excuse me? Can you hear me?

**Audience:** Hell yeah!

**Danie:** Good. Because I'm about to tell you all something about the way I feel about my husband and you better listen up. (Clears throat.) Hit it.

*(Music comes on.)*

**Danie:** (Singing) Ain't nobody else but you

Ain't nobody else but you

Ain't nobody else but you

There is nobody who can make me cry

Nobody else can do it

Nobody but you (2x)

There is nobody who can make me lie

Nobody else can do it

Nobody but you (2x)

Ain't nobody body else

Nobody, nobody but you

Give me one more chance to make it right

The time has come for us to reunite

'Cause baby it's true

Ain't nobody else but you

There's no one like you

**Danie:** (Now becoming comedic) There is nobody who can make it right

Nobody else can do it

Nobody but you

You know what to do

Nobody, nobody but you

Somebody tell me 'cause I can't

eat or sleep

When you're not close to my body

you're a bittersweet delight

Come and help me through the night

Ain't nobody else can make me cry

Ain't nobody else can make me lie

Nobody but you

Ain't nobody else but you

Nobody but you

No one can make me lie

Give me one more chance to make it right

Time has come for us to reunite

'Cause baby it's true

Ain't nobody else but you

There's no one like you

*(The audience breaks out into cheers. Heero blinks and says nothing.)*

**Crys:** Heero?

*(He says nothing. Crys slaps him back to reality.)*

**Heero:** Huh? What?

**Crys:** You didn't pay attention!

**Heero:** I did... (bows head as Danie walks over.) I...think I owe you an apology...

**Danie:** No, don't... I'm the one in the wrong here. I...I should explain. You see...I was depressed very much after you left. So when Miranda came to me with *Parting Is*, I saw a chance to lighten up. Unfortunately, I didn't really like it. And so I dreaded telling you. When you came back, I was so overjoyed that I had forgotten everything that I had done in my loneliness--including that. I'm sorry for not saying anything.

**Heero:** I shouldn't have been so mad though...

**Crys:** Hey don't worry about it, 'kay Heero?

**Heero:** I'm still going to say sorry for the way I acted...I wasn't thinking.

**Danie:** Well, thank you anyway. (Kisses him passionately.)

**Audience:** Whooooo!

**Danie:** Ah shutap! (to Heero) Let's go home, okay?

**Heero:** (Smiles) Okay.

**Crys:** I'm glad you two are back together... (Frowns) If only things were easy with Quatre...

**Heero:** What's wrong this time? Did he hurt you? Because if he did...

**Crys:** I'll handle it Heero. It's not that bad.

**Danie:** No. I'm not letting you go on like that. We're gonna have a little talk with Mr. Winner..

**Crys:** Irene talked to him and he still is set on it.

**Heero:** What? What's he set on? Crystilline Yuy, you better tell me this instant!

**Crys:** He's wanting a divorce Heero.

**Heero:** That's it, he's on my hit list.

**Danie:** I second that! We're gonna make mincemeat out of Quatre Winner for hurting you so!

**Crys:** I don't want him hurt!

**Heero:** He's going to whether you like it or not Crys. I'll not stand for this.

**Crys:** You are WAY too protective Heero.

**Heero:** I told you many years ago to get over it. Now we're taking a little trip to Mr. Winner's house and beat the crap out of him.

**Crys:** But Heero---

**Heero:** No Crys. We're going. End of discussion.

**Danie:** he's right. We have to do something, Crys.

**Crys:** (Sighs) I guess you're right, but he wouldn't even listen to Irene and he won't listen to me.

**Heero:** He'll listen with a gun to his head.

**Danie:** Damn right.

**Crys:** Hope you're right.

**(Winner Mansion, several minutes later.)**

**Trevor:** Momma! (Hugs Crys.)

**Danie:** Hey kid, where's your dad?

**Trevor:** His office...(frowns) There's a lot of people in there...They're all in suits and stuff.

**Crys:** Thanks dear. Where's your brother?

**Trevor:** (shrugs) Probably with Shylene and Sarah.

**Crys:** Well why don't you go and make sure he doesn't get into trouble.

**Trevor:** Okay... (leaves)

**Danie:** Well, let's get it on. (Leads the way to Quatre's office.)

**Crys:** Guys I don't know if this is such a good idea...

**Heero:** You stay out here then.

**Crys:** (glares at him.) I will not! How do I know you won't kill him!

**Heero:** You don't.

*(They bust through the door.)*

**Man1:** What is this outrage!?

**Man2:** Mr. Yuy! How dare you show your face after what your sister did! She has disgraced your father's name!

**Man3:** (to Crys) And how dare you even show your face!

**Heero:** (pulls gun out) Get out now. All of you. Or do I have to start shooting?

*(The men look at each other then bolt out of the room. Quatre stands from his chair at his desk.)*

**Quatre:** I'm not afraid of you Heero Yuy...or you Mrs. Yuy.

**Danie:** I think you should be afraid, **Mister** Winner. It's not what you know that we can do to you--it's what you don't know. So I suggest you listen before we give you some surprises.

**Heero:** And if you listen or not, I'm still going to kill you.

**Crys:** Heero don't!

**Quatre:** Very well. You have three minutes before I call the Maganacs to come in here and kick you three out of my house!

**Danie:** Listen, Quatre, this whole thing isn't real. Someone's after us and making up these crazy stories about us and breaking us up. So this whole thing....it's all a hoax.

**Quatre:** And where is your proof of this?

**Heero:** Selene told us.

**Quatre:** I see...then it must be true...Oh god what have I done!?

**Heero:** You just asked for a death wish.

**Crys:** Heero please don't...

*(Quatre walks from his desk.)*

**Quatre:** No Crys...I deserve to die...I almost...(closes eyes.) Go ahead Heero, kill me.

**Heero:** Gladly...

**Danie:** (As Heero points the gun at Quatre) No Heero. Don't. I...what if you were in his place? What would you do?

**Heero:** (drops gun and sighs) Alright...(glares at Quatre) But don't think you're off the hook. I'm keeping an eye on you.

**Crys:** Quatre! (Runs to him and hugs him, crying.) I almost lost you.

**Quatre:** (kisses her passionately.) It's my fault...I can't believe I believed in such rumors...

**Heero:** (to Danie) You should've let me kill him.

**Danie:** Heero... I couldn't let you do that. That would have scared me I think. (Sighs.) I almost thought "The Perfect Soldier" was back again...

**Heero:** He was until you brought me back to my senses. Nobody messes with my sister and lives remember?

**Quatre:** I better tell those people out there to call off the divorce...I can't believe I almost wanted to do that...(glares) Whoever did this is going to pay dearly.

**Danie:** You've got that right...

## *Chapter nine*

**[Several nights later. Opening night.]**

**Rosaline:** Is everyone all right?

**Abigail:** I suppose so.

**Helen:** I guess, mate.

**Brian:** Better than last week...

**Tristian:** Look, everything'll be okay. We'll get through opening night just fine. (Frowns.) Where's Terry and Angel?

**Kristana:** (frowns) Hey...where's Shannon?

**Hayley:** Got me there...

**Abigail:** I wouldn't know. She's still mad at me.

**Tristian:** Maybe she's roaming around. I'll go see if I can find her. (Exits.)

**Rosaline:** Well, he's gonna go fins Shannon. So I have to cheer you guys up.

**Brian:** It's no use, luv. We're lower than Britney Spears' knickers.

**Helen:** No matter how gross that was, he's right.

**Rosaline:** Well, don't worry. Things will iron themselves out....

*(Meanwhile...)*

**Tristian:** Shannon? (Glances around.) Shannon?

*(Hears a high-pitched scream.)*

**Tristian:** Oh damn... Shannon!

**Faraway voice:** HELP ME!!! (Fades out.)

**Tristian:** Oh man... I've got to tell the others...

***(In the Green Room....)***

**Abigail:** WHAT?!

**Helen:** You're pulling my leg here, mate!

**Tristian:** No! It's true! I heard a girl....

**Brian:** And it sounded like her?

**Tristian:** Yeah...

**Rosaline:** This is not good! This will not do! The play starts in fifteen minutes! And we've got no director!

**Helen:** Why don't you do it?

**Rosaline:** Me?! You're off your rocker.

*(Enter Terry.)*

**Terry:** What's the commotion?

**Kristana:** (frowns) Shannon's missing...and there's something else...(to Abby.) Peace says he's in control again...

**Abigail:** (Ashen) What?!

**Helen:** The Demonic Angel is back.

**Rosaline:** He? He who?

**Terry:** Yeah. Who is 'he'?

*(The heroes glance at each other.)*

**Brian:** Uh...that's not important now... We need to go tell her parents so we can do something about it.

**Helen:** Good idea, luv. Let's get a move on!

*(They go to the audience where Danie and Heero are sitting with Josie and the Maxwells and everybody else.)*

**Danie:** Hey! What's going on?

**Abigail:** Mom, Dad! Shannon's missing!

**Heero:** What!?

**Kristana:** Mom! He's out again! Peace said so!

**Crys:** This is bad!

**Danie:** Yes it is! I'm glad we still have the dagger..

**Abigail:** but we can't use it if we don't know where Angel is!

**Danie:** (Sighing) Look, I hate to be like this, but you are going to have to look for Shannon first.

**Helen:** Good idea.

**Abigail:** Yeah. I have a feeling she might lead us to Death.

**Rosaline and Tristian:** DEATH?!

**Brian:** Uh, long story mates! One for the road?

**Rosaline:** Oh dear...

**Danie:** Gather everyone else and we'll split up.

**Crys:** I just hope we find Shannon and Death before something happens.

**Kristana:** Tristian, you said you heard a scream...where did you hear it?

**Tristian:** Backstage, near the fire escape.

**Heero:** We'll check that out first.

**Crys:** Kristana honey can you feel where Angel is?

**Kristana:** No mom...something's blocking the connection...(Frowns) I don't know where he is.

**Danie:** Maybe...

*(Diana Maxwell comes up.)*

**Diana:** Auntie Danie! I think I know where Shannon is!

**Danie:** You do?

**Diana:** Yeah! She said something about going to some mansion...

**Danie:** Mansion? But who....

**Moira:** I don't know either, but maybe we should try it.

**Helen:** Sounds good, mate. Let's go find Shannon.

**Kristana:** Yeah! Then maybe we can figure out who's been making our parents hate each other! And then Price and Zoe'll be my friends again!

**Helen:** That sounds like a plan to me.

**Danie:** Well, let's go!

**Terry:** I'll stay here and watch Josie.

**Danie:** No, that's okay. she can come with me--

**Terry:** No. I insist. You have to find Shannon. I'll take good care of little Josie.

*(Josie yelps when Terry picks her up.)*

**Terry:** What's wrong, squirt?

*(Josie bursts into tears.)*

**Josie:** (Tearfully, holding her arms out) Mama! Daddy! Trissy! Sissy!

**Kristana:** I don't think she likes you Terry...

**Terry:** She's just sleepy that's all... Go on, you all. I'll be fine here.

**Danie:** Whatever you say... (Kisses Josie.) Bye sweetie. Be good for Mommy.

*(Josie nods tearfully. The heroes leave. They are exploring in groups of three and four. Kristana, Price, and Abigail are grouped together.)*

**Abigail:** My guess is that we should go down toward the Gracia Village.

**Price:** Just so you two know, I'm only doing this because the world might be at stake and Shannon's missing of course. I'm still mad at you Kristana.

**Kristana:** (frowns) I know...

**Abigail:** But you shouldn't. You really shouldn't. (Leads them to the gates of Gracia Village.) There's no reason.

**Price:** Why shouldn't I be!? She practically destroyed my reputation!

**Kristana:** I already told you I didn't do it!

**Abigail:** Look Price, this has been a huge mistake. Kristana didn't say a thing about you. Nothing that was bad anyway.

**Price:** And just HOW am I supposed to believe that!?

**Abigail:** Because Selene said so!!

**Price:** (pauses) Selene?

**Kristana:** Yeah! I told you I didn't do it!

**Price:** Oh my god....I'm sorry Kristana...please forgive me...

**Kristana:** (smiles) it's alright! I forgive you! Now let's start looking!

**Abigail:** Well, here goes...

*(The three teens walk into Gracia Village. Everything looks normal until they get down to the last house on the block. It is emanating dark vibes.)*

**Abigail:** I don't like this place but I am drawn to it somehow.

**Voice:** Well, well look what I found...a bunch of brats wanting to die.

*(Death walks out of the shadows.)*

**Death:** Can't say this is a pleasure because it's not...you will die this time, no matter what.

**Abigail:** Death! (Glowers.) Nice little threat you got there. But I think you're full of it, Death.

**Death:** Such big words for a brat. Too bad I can only kill two of you...After all I cannot exist without my useless sister.

**Abigail:** You're not killing anyone. (Pulls out henshin wand.) And I'll bet that you know where Shannon is, too.

**Death:** Indeed I do...as well as your other sister too. (Smirks) You and your family are complete fools, in fact, all of you are fools.

**Abigail:** Fools can learn as much as anyone else. And this "fool" is about to teach you a good lesson. DESTINY PRINCESS STAR POWER MAKE UP!!

*(Abigail transforms.)*

**Abigail:** Ready to rumble?

**Death:** Fool! All I have to do is touch you and you die! And you don't have that damn dagger either...I suggest you just give it up while you can...I promise to make your deaths as painful as possible.

**Price:** You're all talk man! (stands in front of Kristana) We're not afraid of you!

**Death:** You should be...because you, Mr. Price, will suffer much more than all the others. I do not tolerate men around

my sister's host mind you.

**Price:** You're asking for it!

**Abigail:** Damn right you are! I'm sick and tired of you ruining my life in the first place.

**Death:** (rolls eyes) Since you think you can harm me, I'll let you have the first strike. Go ahead, I dare you.

**Abigail:** Fine. You asked for it. (Takes a deep breath.) Eternity--

**Voice:** I wouldn't do that if I were you.

*(They all turn and get the shock of their lives.)*

## *chapter ten*

**[Meanwhile, with the others.]**

**Danie:** I just got a message from Abigail. They've found Shannon!

**Heero:** Good, where are they?

**Danie:** She says that it's in the Gracia Village.

**Duo:** Ain't that where are the stuck up people live?

**Danie:** I think so.

**Helen:** Well, who cares! Let's go!

**(Our group arrives at the mansion. When they get to the yard, no one is there.)**

**Danie:** I feel strange...

**Jessica:** I don't like this. Not at all.

**Moira:** This is a death trap.

*(Suddenly, the ground opens up below them and they fall down an endless tunnel into a dark, stony-walled room.)*

**Heero:** What the hell!?

**Danie:** Stole the words right out of my mouth. (Looks around, sees Shannon, Kristana, Price, and Abigail on the wall.) Ohmigod! (Races forward.)

**Voice:** Not so fast, Mrs. Yuy.

**Danie:** What?!

**Jennifer:** Who are you?!

*(The light becomes brighter. Terry is revealed.)*

**Terry:** Surprise....

**Voice:** I do not like it that you placed my sister's host on the wall with those brats... (Death appears)

**Terry:** Man, my bad! (releases Kristana) Had to make an example of 'em. I forgot she was your sister.

**Death:** (Shrugs) It is a usual misunderstanding.

**Terry:** True... But back to business.(Grabs Shannon by the hair.) It's about time you learned who I really am.

**Danie:** Yeah. Who are you anyway?

**Terry:** Does the name Theodore Baxley sound familiar?

**Crys:** Why bring up that jerk's name!?

**Terry:** That jerk is my father.

*(Pause.)*

**Zoe:** Great...the crazy man had a son...

**Danie:** You bastard!

**Terry:** Father told me you'd say that... (Laughs.) Oh well. Lets not get stuck on the past, shall we? Let's move on to the future. (Holds Shannon up by hair.) I'm sure you remember how my father died, right?

**Helen:** Sure do, mate. Shannon gave him hell--literally.

**Terry:** Well, it's nice that you remember. Because little Miss Shannon here is going to have the liberty of dying the exact same way.

**Heero:** Not if I can help it!

**Crys:** Heero! You're not going there!

**Heero:** Shut up Crys.

**Crys:** I will not shut up!

**Death:** You people are pathetic...

**Danie:** PATHETIC?!! I'LL SHOW YOU PATHETIC....

**Abigail:** No! No, Mom, don't!

**Danie:** I have to save her! What do you expect me to do? Sit here like a lump on a log?

**Jessica:** Never stopped you before...

**Danie:** Hey! What's that supposed to mean?!

**Jessica:** Exactly nothing. What's your problem anyway?!

**Danie:** ME?! I don't think so--

*(Jessica and Danie are fighting.)*

**Shannon:** Uh, HELLO OVER HERE! CAN'T YOU SEE I AM ABOUT TO BE KILLED OVER HERE!!

**Heero:** You'll shut up if I say so!

**Crys:** You're not the boss of me!

*(Heero and Crys are fighting.)*

**Zoe:** I don't believe this!!!

**Price:** Aw shut up Zoe!

**Naomi:** Um excuse me...but we are in the middle of a fight...

**Zoe:** You challenging me Price? Well bring it on!

*(Zoe and Price are fighting while a sweatdropping Naomi is looking on...Soon everyone starts fighting over something. They're ignoring Shannon.)*

**Shannon:** UH HELLO! LIKE WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE?! I'M IN DANGER HERE!! THIS MAN IS ABOUT TO KILL ME, OHMIGOD, LIKE YOU NEED TO HURRY UP AND SAVE ME DAMMIT!!

*(Long pause. Everyone starts apologizing to each other.)*

**Shannon:** AHM!!

**Terry:** You guys are so pathetic. Death, why don't you take care of them so they can watch their little Shannon turn into ashes.

**Death:** Gladly. Which one of you wants to die first or do you want me to pick?

**Hayley:** I'll go first since you asked so nicely.

**Helen:** Hey luv...what's the dealy yo?

*(Sweatdrops.)*

**Brian:** No comment on that one...

**Terry:** I've got a better idea... (Pulls Josie out of nowhere by her shirt.) Get rid of this one first, Death.

**Death:** Even better. (smirks) This will be too easy...

**Josie:** No go! I will not go! (Infinity symbol appears on her forehead.)

**Danie:** Oh crap...

**Death:** Interesting display, brat...but you'll be dead in mere seconds. I'm not afraid of a little light show...

*(The Infinity symbol turns black.)*

**Jessica:** I think I'd like to say 'oh crap' now...

**Danie:** You just did.

*(Jessica glowers.)*

**Josie:** Bad man! Go away bad man! (Places palm on Death's forehead.)

*(Death is blasted into a wall.)*

**Death:** You little brat! You die! (Throws black energy ball at her.)

**Voice:** Black Hole!

*(The heroes turn as the attack sucks Death's attack up.)*

**Helen:** Tristian!

**Tristian:** (In black suit) Yeah. It's me.

**Danie:** So you're the guardian of Infinity!

**Tristian:** You got it!

**Death:** It makes no difference to me if you are the guardian of dirt! I'll make your death slow and painful for stopping

me! You cannot stop me because you cannot kill me! And you do not have the dagger! You've failed this time!

**Voice:** I don't think you wanna go there, Death.

**Danie:** (In exasperation) Man! What is up with these damned mysterious voices?

**Voice:** (Going on despite Danie) There's one in the night that watches you. Watches how you breathe. Watches how you sleep. Watches how you become evil. Death--there is one part of your adversaries you have not met yet--one part that will intrigue you and kill you at the same time--so like you and so unlike you... (Steps out of darkness.) I am the one that controls the shadows in your heart. I am...Sailor Darkness.

*(Pause.)*

**Danie, Jennifer, Jessica, and Moira:** Gretchen!

**Death:** (crosses arms) Well this is quite interesting...A Sailor Darkness...I like the name but you don't scare me.

**Gretchen:** Oh? (Holds up dagger.) I think this does. (With other hand) Darkness Zigzag! (Frees Abigail and Price.) I don't hear you saying anything, Death.

**Death:** Dammit! I will not be entrapped in that dagger! You couldn't do it last time and you will not be able to again!

*(Kristana awakes and goes to Price and Abby.)*

**Kristana:** Price! Abby! Wake up NOW!

**Abigail:** Kristana...

**Danie:** Gretchen's got the dagger! Use it!

**Abigail:** Aunt Gretchen?

**Gretchen:** Abby! Here!

*(She throws the dagger. Abigail catches it. She stares at Death menacingly.)*

**Abigail:** Now what were you saying about fools, Death?

**Death:** (smirks) You cannot kill your pathetic boyfriend...You won't do it.

**Abigail:** The hell I won't... (Charges for Death and pins him up against a wall) Gee, what fine words you seem to have, Death. Any last requests?

**Death:** Just one. GO TO HELL!

**Abigail:** Sorry. I can't do that. So your request is null and void. Now shut up so I can talk.

*(Abigail puts the dagger right at his heart.)*

**Death:** Going to say goodbye to your boyfriend? I doubt he will listen to a slut like you.

**Abigail:** Slut? I think nada. (In a lower voice.) Angel...if you can hear me, I hope you know that I love you and Brian and I never did anything and will never do anything. I would never do such a thing to the man I want to spend the rest of my life with. Nothing happened and nothing will ever happen with me and Brian King. Don't be mad at me, Angel. I love you... You are...you are MY Angel and you can't be if you're stuck down there. Please come out.

**Death:** How pathetic...do you expect--(holds head and screams) Damn you! Not again! (Falls to the floor.)

**Abigail:** Angel?

*(A minute goes by.)*

**Angel:** I'm REALLY starting to get annoyed with this Death crap...(stands) Yeah it's me...

**Kristana:** Yay! He's back!

**Danie:** I'm almost astonished to feel...relieved.

**Moira:** You like Angel. Admit it!

**Danie:** Okay, he's not a bad kid...

**Abigail:** (Crying) Angel... You're back...

**Angel:** Yeah I'm back, hopefully for good. Sorry I didn't believe you...(glares at Terry.) Bastard...I'm going to kill you.

**Terry:** Good try. I don't think that's gonna happen.

**Shannon:** And you know...the most exasperating thing is that I'm still hanging here by my hair... (Sighs.) Okay you. Let go of me.

**Terry:** What? You've got to be kidding me.

**Shannon:** I SAID LET ME GO!! (Kicks him in the shins.)

**Terry:** (Grabbing his shins) Aw! You wench! I outta kill you!

**Shannon:** You know what they say...if they can't do it right, you gotta do it yourself...

**Terry:** I'm gonna kill you for that... (Pulls out a sword.)

## *chapter eleven*

*(Josie suddenly stands from her point on the ground. She takes a step toward Terry and suddenly she grows until she looks like she's Shannon and Abigail's age.)*

**Danie:** What the--

**Price:** Took the words right out of my mouth...

**Josie:** You know, Terry Landon, I don't like your attitude toward my big sister... (Pulls out henshin wand.)

**Terry:** Well, well, well. Looks like the little baby has turned into a big girl.

**Josie:** (With a bit of Heero Yuy-like abrasiveness) More than you'll ever know, jerk. INFINITY PRINCESS STAR POWER! (Transforms.)

**Terry:** Cute little trick, but I've seen it all before. What can you do?

**Josie:** (Grinning) That is for me to know and you to find out. (Beckons him.) Why don't you come over and kill me.

**Terry:** What an invitation! (Rushes toward her.)

**Josie:** Ah...dumbass...DRAGONFLY DEATH KISS! (Blows him a kiss.)

*(Terry stops in his tracks. Then he grins.)*

**Terry:** How pathetic. What can that do?

*(Josie just smiles. Then the attack hits him in the stomach and he dies.)*

**Crys:** That's my niece!

**Heero:** Um...Danie...Is she going back to a two year old or is she going to stay that age?

**Danie:** I uh....Tristian?!

**Tristian:** I don't know what to tell you, Mrs. Yuy. I THINK she might go back to normal.

**Danie:** Well...

**Shannon:** (High-fiving Josie) Wicked cool, little sis! How'd you do that?

**Josie:** It's all in the wrist... (Laughs.) Do I get to stay like this?

**Tristian:** I don't think so. But I think you might get to be a little older than what you were before you changed. It takes a lot of power to change age so quickly.

**Josie:** Aw... I was beginning to have fun a little bit... (Suddenly faints.)

**Kristana:** (To Tristian) Is Cousin Josie gonna be alright?

**Tristian:** She'll be okay.

*(The Infinity symbol appears on Josie's forehead. It turns gray and she turns back into a baby again. When that is done, she lifts her head.)*

**Josie:** Mama? Daddy? I got boo-boo.

**Danie:** (Smiling, relieved) Oh, my baby! (Scoops up Josie and kisses her.) You're okay! (Then scoops up Abigail and Shannon.) You're all okay!

**Jessica:** What a motherly type moment!

**Gretchen:** I can't wait for mine...

*(Pause.)*

**Jennifer:** Are you--?

*(Gretchen nods.)*

**The Midnight Senshi:** Aahh!

**Jessica:** That is SO cool!

**Moira:** We're so happy for you.

**Duo:** This calls for a celebration!

*(Pause.)*

**Zoe:** Just one question...how do we get outta here?

**Shannon:** No prob! Just go up the stairs, turn left at the big tiger looking thing, then turn right at the huge fish...

**Duo:** I'd rather find another way, thanks.

**Moira:** We can just teleport.

**Jessica:** With these many people?!

**Danie:** Either that or burn down the house.

*(Pause.)*

**Jessica:** Teleportation?

**Jennifer:** Teleportation sounds good to me...

*(The girls join hands. They say their henshin phrases and soon everyone is standing out on the street.)*

**Crys:** I'm glad that's over..

**Kristana:** I'm just glad everybody's together again!

**Danie:** Uh...not quite... Jess?

**Jessica:** What? I didn't do anything.

**Danie:** Don't you have to make up with a certain Chinese katana-carrying pilot?

**Heero:** No one knows where he is.

*(Oliver is seen running for his life, Wufei is after him with his katana.)*

**Wufei:** Come back here you dishonorable rat! I'm going to kill you!

**Jessica:** (Sweatdropping) Oh dear...

**Jennifer:** Hey you! Lay off, okay! It's all over! Selene says it was all a hoax!

**Oliver:** The hell it isn't! The man is running after me with a sharp object! (Pulls out gun.) You're gonna pay for that!

*(Wufei stops in his tracks.)*

**Wufei:** A hoax? Who the hell did it!?

**Crys:** He's dead Wufei. And Oliver don't kill him.

**Oliver:** (Sighing) Okay, I won't. But if you hurt Jess—

**Jessica:** Oliver! Don't worry about me. I'll be fine on my own.

**Duo:** That kid Terry did it. But Josie killed him.

**Wufei:** Yuy's two year old killed him!? How is that possible!?

**Duo:** That ain't no normal two-year-old...

**Moira:** Besides, she's a Yuy. How ever else can you explain it?

**Shannon:** She's Infinity. Isn't that cool?

**Wufei:** Well that would explain it. (To Jessica) I am sorry.

**Jessica:** (Frowning) I don't know if I should forgive someone who told me 'good riddance to you, you b--ch...'

**Danie:** Ohmigod...

**Moira:** That Jessica is stubborn...

**Wufei:** I was mad alright! You know how I get when I'm mad! (sighs) But I know you are as stubborn as hell so I do not expect you to forgive me.

**Jessica:** Well, you have a good point there, Chang. But what do I get if I forgive you?

**Wufei:** I don't know! (murmurs) I'll do anything...

**Duo:** I don't think you wanna promise that, Wufei...

**Moira:** Duo, you're ridiculous...

**Danie:** Aw, who cares? Just forgive him so I can go to bed already! I need my beauty sleep.

*(Pause. Duo opens his mouth to speak but Danie stops him.)*

**Danie:** Oh don't you dare say that stupid phrase again!

**Duo:** What? I wasn't even going to say anything! (Glowers.) I'd watch my wife if I were you, Yuy.

**Heero:** (glares at him) Better watch yourself Maxwell. The Perfect Soldier will be out for your blood if you try anything...

**Duo:** Like you could do anything to me.

**Moira:** Duo...

**Danie:** You wanna bet, Maxwell?

**Duo:** I sure do!

**Crys:** Alright! Enough Duo! We've had enough fighting to last a life time! Cut it out!

**Jennifer:** Yeah. Crys is right. Haven't we fought enough?

**Duo:** I guess you've got a point there. Sorry Heero, sorry Danie.

**Danie:** I'm sorry too. And you're sorry--aren't you darling?

**Heero:** Yeah. I guess so.

**Moira:** Not that that is settled, we can all go home.

**Shannon:** Yeah. (Smiles at Angel.) You comin' man or what?

**Angel:** I don't know...Yuy kicked me out.

**Heero:** You can come back.

**Angel:** (smiles) Then I'm coming.

**Danie:** Yeah! Welcome home, Angel.

**Abigail:** (Eyes misting over) It just wouldn't be the same without you. (Hugs him.)

**Josie:** Angel back! Angel back! Me happy!

**Angel:** It's good to be back.

**Kristana:** Yay! Everything's back to normal again!

**Jessica:** Well, I don't know if I would go that far...

**Duo:** Whatchu talkin' 'bout, Jessica?

**Jessica:** Quite ironic that you'd ask, Duo. Maybe I should direct that one toward Moira.

*(Everyone looks to Moira.)*

**Moira:** (Blushing) I, uh...

**Duo:** Yes?

**Moira:** Well, I...I...I...

**Danie:** Spit it out, Mo.

**Moira:** I might be pregnant again.

*(Pause. Duo faints.)*

**Zoe:** Well this is great...

**Crys:** Well, he DID say he wanted more children...he might just get his wish...

**Heero:** Not another one...I can't take another Maxwell kid...

**Danie:** You aren't the only one...

**Moira:** Well, I don't know for sure yet... I could just be reacting to all of the stress that was coming from everyone. It could be a false alarm.

**Jessica:** Well, you can come in and see me tomorrow for a check-up. In the meantime... (Grabs Wufei's hand.) We've got some things to talk about.

*(Wufei nods.)*

**Danie:** Well, good night everyone!

**Jessica:** Night, Dans.

**Jennifer:** Don't let the bed bugs bite.

**Moira:** That just might wake Duo up..

**Danie:** Let him sleep. Let him sleep as long as he likes...

**Heero:** Yeah. He needs it.

## Chapter twelve

***(Some days later. The Yuy House answering machine.)***

**Nicole:** *Hey y'all. Wassup! Just thought that y'all might like a little reminder for my weddin'...it's very soon ya know so gets ya scimps done and pick your corns 'cuz it's gonna be off 'da heezy! Oh yeah...and Heero? Don't think about no firearms 'cuz we don't need no gang wars goin' on at my weddin' seeing that we already have enough... But anyway, that be all. I'll see y'all on the flip side around. Peace! I'm ghost! (BEEEEEEEEEEEEEP!)*

*(Meanwhile, in the living room.)*

**Danie:** I'm gonna pretend I just didn't hear that.

**Shannon:** You're not the only one.

**Josie:** Daddy! Daddy! Piggyback ride!

**Heero:** Okay squirt. (gives Josie a piggyback ride.) Nicole better think twice before she even thinks I'm going without my gun.

**Josie:** Yay! Woo!

**Danie:** Well, I'm sure she was kidding...

**Abigail:** Nicole? I don't know about that. And speaking of which, who are her bridesmaids?

**Danie:** Uh, well... Let's see...we've got her sisters Rachel and Melanie....Jessica...some other friend I don't know...Helen....and....me.

*(Pause.)*

**Abigail:** You?

**Shannon:** Really, Mom?

**Danie:** Yeah. I think it was out of desperation though...

**Shannon:** What's the dress like?

**Danie:** Purple. Long. Nicole-like.

**Heero:** Great...something tells me this is not going to be like any other wedding...

**Shannon:** What ever gave you that idea?

**Danie:** It's a Nicole wedding. Can it be explained any other way?

**Abigail:** Not in words...

**[That weekend. A church.]**

**Jennifer:** (Sitting with everyone on Nicole's side) It looks really weird in here...

**Duo:** You got that right. It looks like an ice-cream sandwich in here.

**Moira:** Duo! Now that wasn't nice.

**Quatre:** I would have to agree with him.

**Crys:** Quatre!

**Trevor:** Mom, way are we the only people with white skin on this side? Isn't this what Rashid called segregation?

**Crys:** (sweatdrops) We'll talk about it later okay?

**Trevor:** (smiles) Okay!

**Johnathan:** You're a brownnoser!

**Quatre:** I don't want to here another word coming from your mouth Johnathan, you're still on punishment for putting ants in the Maganacs pants.

**Johnathan:** But Sarah said it'll be funny!

**Crys:** I'm going to have a talk with Sarah...

**Duo:** (Laughing) I'm sorry, but I found immense humor in seeing Rashid doing the ant dance.

**Jennifer:** You're evil, Duo.

**Duo:** That's why they call me Shinigami!

**Moira:** And they're gonna call you dead if you don't be quiet...

**Irene:** Shh! The wedding march is starting!

*(Everyone stands and faces the doorway. Rachel, Melanie, Jessica, some girl, and Danie come out to soft, classical music.)*

**Duo:** Well, well, well. Looks like Smith has some taste after all.

**Shannon:** Doesn't Mommy look pretty, Josie?

**Josie:** Mama! Pretty lady!

**Crys:** I guess we misjudged Nicole...

**Trowa:** I was expecting rap or something like that for a wedding march...

*(The bridesmaids and groomsmen line up on the altar. Suddenly...)*

**DJ:** (Entering with a mike in hand) Hey yo yo yo! Y'all ready for the bride?

**Nicole's Side:** Hell yeah!

*(Suddenly, the opening chords of "Today's a Wedding Day" fill the church. The Tigers sweatdrop.)*

**Moira:** I remember this song. We wrote it a long time ago after Amber got married...

**Jennifer:** Figures she'd do something like this...

*(Some strobe lights come on. Nicole walks down the altar, doing a Chris Tucker jig. People are waving their hands in the air.)*

**Moira:** This is crazy!

**Duo:** It's like a club up in here!

**Johnathan:** This's a wicked cool wedding!

**Trevor:** I'm scared momma... (hugs Crys.)

**Johnathan:** Scaredy cat!

**Quatre:** You are trying my patience Johnathan...

**Johnathan:** Sorry dad...

*(Nicole arrives at the altar. Wayne looks like he's in a cross between wanting to die and wanting to laugh.)*

**Nicole:** Ready, baby?

**Wayne:** Might as well...

***(The reception....)***

**Jessica:** What the...

**Duo:** It looks like a backyard BBQ!

**Moira:** Nope. Look. There's fried chicken.

**Danie:** Wouldn't be a Nicole weddin' without it...

**Crys:** I thought it wasn't a Nicole wedding without the Bar-B-Que sauce...

**Quatre:** That too.

**Duo:** And hot sauce. Can't forget the hot sauce.

**Nicole:** (Seeing them) Hey y'all! So how'd you guys like the ceremony?

**Jennifer:** Uh...

**Moira:** Well...

**Danie:** It was...unique!

**Crys:** Um...yeah! What she said!

**Nicole:** Well...why don't you guys get something to eat? My mama made it all and it's off da hook.

**Duo:** You ain't got to tell me twice... (Goes for the food.)

**Moira:** And I thought I was gonna be the hungry one...

**Jessica:** Oh yeah...Mo? I got some news for you.

**Moira:** What?

**Jessica:** You're not pregnant after all.

**Moira:** No? I'm not?

**Jessica:** Nope.

**Moira:** Duo's gonna be disappointed.

**Danie:** Really? Why?

**Moira:** I don't know. You'd think he'd be cured after having the quads but...I dunno...it's like he wants to prove himself to me or something by having another child. I really don't see why; he's an amazing father despite it all.

**Danie:** That's a surprise...

**Crys:** People change when they have kids so I'm not surprised...

**Danie:** I guess you've got a point...

*(After a little while, everyone gets their food and sits down. Nicole goes up to the mike on the makeshift stage and raps on it.)*

**Nicole:** Hey yo! How's the food?

**Duo:** Great! (Moira sweatdrops.)

**Nicole:** Good! 'Cuz now we about to get our music on. (Gestures to her bridesmaids.) Let's get it on, girls!

*(Jessica sits behind the drums. Rachel sits behind the keyboard. Melanie grabs the trumpet. Danie gets her electric guitar. Nicole is on the mike.)*

**Nicole:** Ah, yeah! Here we go again!

**Danie:** Today's a wedding day

Today's a wedding day

**Nicole:** So here we go again with da invitation in the mail

So the news go 'round makin' its trail:

*"Nicole Smiff's gettin' married! What 'da hell?"*

Pickin' bridesmaids for the special time

No girls with gold teeth shinin' bright (Rachel: no not this time)

Picked out the dresses with da purple color

Cousin doing hair taller than your brotha! (Melanie: ooh scary)

Bachelorlette party with all the kinks

Showin' the world that we're all freaks (Jessica: Nicole?!)

Next mornin', getting' up with the legs all shakin'

Feelin' all nervous, the heart is quakin'

Well lo and behold

There's da hot plate sittin' on da floor!

Hook one foot and down she goes!

Just another mishap in a long day  
And you know why because today  
today's a wedding day  
Today's a wedding day

**Nicole:** Starts out with the bride sliding out with the music

Groom looks like he's been shot by Cupid  
And the rev'rend looks struck stupid  
Organ player ain't got no room to play  
Cuz da sound system's in da way  
We ain't got no wedding march cue  
Just the DJ and his club-scratchin' tune  
Got guests fresh from the club last night  
Smellin' like bootleg (man you know that ain't right)  
Mama fannin', about to pass out  
What's the air-conditioner trippin' about?  
Here comes the line, to the blushing bride  
"Do you forever take your boo?"  
Bride says "A'ight" instead of "I do"  
So we all know why it's this way  
Because you know what?  
today's a wedding day  
Today's a wedding day  
Today's a wedding day

**Nicole:** Moves on to the reception where granny plays spades

all iced out with the Kreature Kooler and Kool-Aid  
Got those ghettonian tents good for shade  
Toss in 'da lawn chairs and youz got it made  
Soul Train line with da Electric Slide  
Make a plate for the road just to get on by  
Get in line, grab some greens and grub on  
Mama's the caterer, got the food goin' on  
Man I wish she'd get off da telephone!  
So we know the deal  
What, when, and why?  
Today's a wedding day  
Today's a wedding day  
Today's a wedding day

**Rachel, Danie, Melanie, and Jessica:** So the bride is leavin'

Can't throw no rice this time  
Don't wanna poke out no lazy eye  
And you know why it's done this way

Because today is ...

Today's a wedding day

*There ain't a weddin' like a Nicole weddin'*

*Oh yeah*

**Nicole:** (Spoken) "Ya got that right! Ha ha ha ha!"

**Crys:** O...kay. That was an...interesting song...

**Heero:** What did you expect? This IS Nicole's wedding...

**Crys:** True...

**Duo:** I kinda liked it!

**Jennifer:** I bet you did... I'll bet the part about fixing the plate to go just turned you on.

**Moira:** JENNIFER?!!

**Jennifer:** Well...

*(With the teenagers.)*

**Shannon:** This is the tightest wedding I've ever been to!

**Brian:** It's certainly unique...

**Helen:** Well, can you blame the girl? She just wants to go out with a bang!

**Shannon:** If Wayne has his way, she certainly will later on...

**Brian:** Oh you...

**Abigail:** (to Angel) Enjoying yourself?

**Angel:** Actually yes...this is my first wedding to appear at. It's very...interesting...

**Abigail:** That's good.

**Shannon:** So I've bet this whole experience has had you thinking, hasn't it, Abby?

**Abigail:** What? What do you mean? I haven't said anything about marriage.

**Tristian:** (Holding Josie) Aw come on. You know all girls have those "wedding" thoughts at times like this. Right Josie?

**Josie:** (Chocolate smile) Yeah!

**Helen:** The bloke has a point.

**Shannon:** And don't forget the Thomas curse...

**Angel:** What might I ask is the Thomas curse?

**Shannon:** Whoever catches the bouquet gets married to the one she's with. If she's already married, she's gonna have a baby. If neither, then she has a one night stand with the man of her dreams and then marries him.

**Abigail:** Hey! That's not part of it!

**Shannon:** Yes it is! Mom told me so.

**Tristian:** So that means if Abigail catches the bouquet, she and Angel will get married?

**Shannon:** Basically.

**Angel:** I see...weddings sure are strange...

**Tristian:** More binding to me...

**Helen:** It's not like I'm gonna catch it or something.

**Tristian:** I'll bet...

**Brian:** Hey! I've got an idea! Let's make a bet on it!

**Tristian:** That's not a bad idea. (Grins.) I'll put twenty bucks on... (Helen looks at him expectantly.) Abigail.

**Helen:** What, luv! Are you out of your bloody head?

**Brian:** Well, I'll have to put twenty on Shannon and me. (Shannon smiles, pleased.)

**Abigail:** I don't know if I want to do this...

**Angel:** Betting on who catches it is wrong.

**Tristian:** Aw come on.

**Abigail:** He's right, Tristian.

**Shannon:** Well, I'll bet you won't be so unhappy when you're forty bucks richer.

**Abigail:** Forty bucks! Oh wow! That's make me richer than Bill Gates! Besides, I don't want to be a part of this. If Angel and I are meant to be married, then we don't need some curse to help.

**Shannon:** Or so she says...

**Helen:** Look, I agree with Abby. This is kinda barmy if you ask me.

**Tristian:** Well, we already shook on it. Besides, it'll be fun. That's the fun about it--we don't know what's gonna happen...

**Josie:** Yeah!

**Angel:** I'm not betting...you can go ahead...it's still wrong to bet on things like that.

**Tristian:** He's a stubborn lad.

Brian: Well, it doesn't matter. We can still go on, right?

**Shannon:** Fine with me...

*(Later on. Nicole and Wayne are about to leave, but she has to throw the bouquet first.)*

**Tristian:** Ladies, step right up. Let the bouquet sparring match begin.

**Shannon:** It's not gonna be that bad...

**Nicole:** Hey y'all! I'll bet you're just itching to get rid of me!

**Danie:** (With affection) Damn straight!

**Nicole:** Aw very funny, Mrs. Yuy. But now here comes the part you've been waiting for....the throwing of the bouquet!

**Abigail:** I'm going to go stand over here.... (Stands away from everyone.)

**Shannon:** (Joins group.) Suit yourself....

*(Nicole turns. She counts to three and throws the flowers over her shoulder.)*

**Shannon:** I've got it!

**Helen:** No mate--I've got it!

*(Unfortunately, none of them have it and they crash into each other. The flowers go sailing across the air into....Abigail's arms!)*

**Abigail:** On my....

*(Abigail and Angel blush crimson.)*

**Kristana:** Aw! That's so sweet!

**Danie:** Well, we all know what this means. Heero darling, I'd think you'd better practice your father of the bride speech.

**Heero:** They're not getting married anytime soon, I've got a few years to think about it...(glares at Angel) right Angel?

**Angel:** Uh...yeah Mr. Yuy...

**Abigail:** Dad, don't pester Angel so much. We've talked about it-- don't you worry.

**Danie:** That's good. But we'll all be happy when you do.

**Helen:** Yeah, mate!

**Shannon:** I got dibs on maid of honor!

**Abigail:** Of course! Who else would be? (Laughs then turns to Angel.) Well, I don't know what to say. I guess this means we have to get married sometime in the not-so-distant future.

**Heero:** It better be in the distant future.

Crys: Heero! Leave them alone! God, you're worse than usual!

**Angel:** (Shrugs) If Yuy agrees then I guess but I'm just not ready for that kind of thing yet...one day I will though...

**Abigail:** I hope so. (Kisses him.)

**Danie:** You know what? I'm having flashbacks... (Sniffs.) Excuse me...

**Jessica:** Daniella Thomas, you're...you're just you. That's all I can say about it.

**Danie:** Well I know one thing. I'm calling Vera Wang tomorrow. We've got a dress to make.

**Abigail:** MOM!!

**Nicole:** (With a laugh) Here we go again!

THE END

*Now you know it's not the end....*

**Angel Girl 1:** Man, I thought we were going to be in this one?!

**Angel Girl 2:** We're in the next one, sis. Don't worry. I wouldn't be in such a hurry to get us into one of these anyway.

**AG 1:** Well, I wanted to be in the wedding.

**AG 3:** And do what? Play the diva?

**AG 1:** Grr...you!

**AG 2:** Don't fight you two.

**AG 1:** Whatever.

**AG 2:** We'll be back, don't worry.

**AG 1:** Yeah, like black lightning.

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