My Life Compared to Cupcakes and Rainbows

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Get ready!

"Alex! Where are you? We have to leave in 2 minutes!" Sasha yelled from the stairs.

"I'm coming!" Alexandra yelled back.

Alexandra couldn't wait for today, because she would audition for a skate show with her best friend Sasha.

Alexandra loved to skate, she's been doing it since she was 2, for 10 years!

Alexandra came down the stairs finally.

"Wowww! Alex! You look beautiful!" Sasha said.

"Come on girls," Alexandra's mom gestured them out the door.

They walked together hand-in-hand to the car.

"Thanks again for taking me Mrs. Pelefski," Sasha said in a shy voice, what seemed like the hundredth time.

"Like I said earlier Sasha! I can take you girls anywhere at any time," She smiled.

Alexandra was scared you know, if you were skating for 10 years and this is your first audition, how would you feel? Half of her belly was filled with butterflies, and the other half was filled with excitement and joy.

They hopped in the car and buckled up. After they relaxed in there seat a bit, Sasha looked at her best friend.

"Are you nervous?" She asked drily.

Alexandra repeated those words in her inside her head. She took a deep breath in.

"What? Are you kidding me? We're gonna have a blast!" Alexandra did the action like a bob blasting. She wanted to keep her nervousness a secret for now, at least until the show was over.

"Alexandra Pelefski!" Alexandra's mom said as she was pulling out of the driveway. What she said was so loud it startled the girls a bit.

"What?" Alexandra was confused,

"You're NOT nervous? Even I'm a little nervous and I'm not even going to be on the ice!" Alexandra's mom confessed.

"Ok, OK, maybe just a tad nervous, but isn't it normal?" "Oh! Of course it is!" Sasha chimed in.

"That's what I thought. That's what I thought," Alexandra repeated.

The ride

"One two three, one two three," Alexandra watched this skate instructions video a million times. She wanted her audition to be perfect.

"Alex, you can stop watching that video now. You've been on it for a week!" Sasha was confident no matter what.

"Nooooo. Must. Keep. Watching," Alexandra said with massive lines under her eyes.

"Ok, that's it!" Sasha clicked the off button on the tablet. "Hey!" Alexandra yelled.

"So nowww you're paying attention?" Sasha raised an eyebrow.

"Sasha! This is our first audition! Don't you understand it must be as close as it can to perfect! Don't you understand that??"

"Nooo, it doesn't have to be perfect! Stop putting so much pressure on yourself!" Sasha patted her back, Alex pushed it away and let out a little sigh.

A text appeared on Alexandra's tablet.

Kyle: Hi. I heard you had an audition today. Good luck!!

Alex blushed.

"Oohhhhhhh, Kyle Brooks, huh?" Sasha kept raising her eyebrows.

Alexandra elbowed her.

"Ow! I was joking!" She rubbed her elbow.

Alexandra had the biggest crush in her middle school on a guy named Kyle Brooks.

"Why are you just staring at the text?" Sasha asked.

"Write him back or I'm going to do it for you!"

Alex: Ya I do have an audition! Fingers crossed it will all go well!

"Ok, done, now ya happy?" Alex asked.

"No, no honey, the question is, are YOU happy?!" Sasha shot back.

Alex blushed again.

"Ok girls, get out your lip gloss and refresh your lips because we are here!" Alexandra's mom made it sound like a big announcement because well, it was!

Alexandra's fingers were trembling to open the car door.

"I can't do this!" She froze.

"Yes you can Alex, come on!" Sasha pushed in front of her and opened the car door like it was no big deal. She took her hand.

"Ready?" Sasha asked.

[&]quot;Uh, fine."

Alexandra gulped and nodded.

Don't cry don't cry don't cry Alexandra kept repeating this in her head.

The audition

Alexandra's mom showed the passes to the door greeter.

Sasha leaned in, close to Alex.

"Wow, this place has a door greeter. Fancy, fancy" Alex giggled.

But the door greeter seemed to hear them because he shot a stern look at the girls and they stopped giggling right away.

Alex was nervous, so she's going to think of silly things Sasha did in the past. They walked down a long hallway. Alex thought of once Sasha stuffed a whole donut into her mouth. Alexandra thought it was so funny she held her breath in her mouth. She held it for so long she let out a laugh and boogers came flying out her nose.

"Ew! Alex!" Sasha took a kleenex out of her purse and gave it to Alexandra.

"Great, just great, I haven't even been here for 5 minutes and I'm already messing it up," Alex hung her head.

"No your not! It was an accident, sweetie" Alex's mom said as she threw the dirty kleenex out.

Alexandra's mom found a good seat at the figure skate arena. The person up a few seats above them was on the microphone, calling up people to audition.

"Get on your skates, ladies," Alex's mom reminded as she handed the girls their skates.

"Are you ready?" Alexandra asked her best friend.

"I'm game if you are."

"Very good Niko!" The mic person clapped.

Niko took a bow.

"Um," The mic person was searching for the next performer.

Alexandra was secretly crossing her fingers for her and Sasha not to go up next.

"Alexandra Pelefski and Sasha Broughard up next please" the mic person announced.

Alexandra couldn't hear her own heartbeat for a second, then her heartbeat was in her ears.

"Go make me proud," Alex's mom whispered to Alex before they entered the ice.

They entered the ice.

"Let's do this Sash" Alex whispered.

"I'm ready Alex," She whispered back.

Everything went smooth until the hard part came.

"Please be perfect!" Alex whispered inside her head. They spun and spun around each other until Sasha's skate got tangled in Alex's blade and they couldn't pull away!

Sasha managed to yank it out but also pushed Alex away! Her skate flew off and Alexandra fell and thumped across the ice. She lay there in pain.

"No!!" Alex's mom rushed to the ice to get Alexandra.

Chapter 4

Bad News

"Alex? Alexandra do you hear me?" Her mom asked.

Alexandra woke up and saw her mom, Sasha and the mic man surrounding her.

"She's awake!" Sasha pointed.

Alex tried to sit up because the ice was extremely cold and she was laying on her backside.

"Oww!" She wailed.

"Honey, lay down, you need to rest," Alex's mom ordered.

"But the ice is soo coold!" She protested.

The mic person ran to get a stretcher.

"This might come in handy," he said.

"This is to dramatic!" Alexandra thought.

Alex was in serious pain and nothing went perfect. No, not at all.

"Honey, just breath and relax ok?" Her mom asked.

"Mom, a-are you mad at me?" Alex practically whispered.

"What? No! I'm not even close to mad!"

That's when Alexandra smiled and fell asleep.

She woke up with a familiar face up in her face.

"Aunt Sarah?" She murmured.

"Shh, honey lay down," She said.

Her aunt Sarah was a doctor at the hospital. Wait, was Alex at the hospital?

"Am I in the hospital?" Alexandra asked.

"Yes, sweetheart."

Sarah told Alex how she crushed 4 bones in her left leg. She broke it.

Alex turned her head seeing lots of surgeries and medical tools.

"This is your hospital room, Alexandra," Sarah said.

"But I can't see anything, I'm laying down," She said.

"Here's the fun part," Sarah smiled.

"There are buttons next to your hand that can elevate the bed." She demonstrated.

When the bed elevated she could see the full hospital room. It had flowers and hearts and it said:

ALEXANDRA across the wall.

"I love it!" She said.

When she elevated the bed back down, she noticed a TV on the ceiling for her to watch Netflix.

"Where's the remote to the TV up there?" She pointed.

"Ha, that's right where the buttons are, you can watch anything you want,"

"Where's mom and Sasha?"

"My sister and your friend went back home to wait till you rest a little," Sarah said as she was touching Alex's leg.

"Ow!"

"Sorry, is that where it hurts?"

"Yes, ok?!"

"Alexandra, you can talk to me, what's wrong?"

"What's wrong?! Everything's wrong! My audition failed! I've been training for 10 years and now, I'm half dead!" "Alexandra, you're not half dead! Your leg justs needs a break. And to stay in the hospital for a week and a half."

"Ha, I thought you just said for a week and a half," Alex laughed.

"I did Alex, don't pretend you didn't hear me," Sarah snapped.

"WHAT?" Alex almost sat up.

"Don't worry, It will go by fast," She said.

"Pst! Like it will!"

"Go to sleep again, Alex, you seem a little overwhelmed. And don't worry, it's not the end of the world." Sarah reminded.

Alex let out a little cry when her aunt Sarah left the room and then fell asleep again.

"Why is life so complicated?" She asked herself, and then fell asleep.

Phones

"Sasha? Huh?" Alexandra woke up from her 3 hour nap hearing Sasha's voice and her mom's voice in her hospital room. She turned her head and elevated the bed to see them better.

Her mom had a damp kleenex and she was crying, Sasha had a worried face on too.

"Sasha?" Alex said louder.

"Alex!" Sasha came rushing over but Sarah stopped her and shook her head.

"I hate being at the hospital," She rolled her eyes and muttered.

Alex mouthed the word "sorry" to Sasha.

"Time will fly" She mouthed back.

Sarah wrote some stuff down on her clipboard.

Alexandra sighed.

"Mooom. Don't let Aunt Sarah do this to meeee!" She reached out her hand. She could also see her little sister, Alyssa standing behind her mom.

"Alyssa?"

"Mom? What is Alyssa doing here?" She asked.

"I wanted to take her," She replied back quietly.

Everybody just felt so sad.

Suddenly, Alex saw Sasha brighten up.

"Oh! I got something for you!" She handed Alexandra a phone.

"What?"

"It's my dad's old phone, I told him what happened and he was very sorry. So he gave me this to give to you! It's completely empty, so you can put whatever you want on it."

"But Sasha, I have a tablet," Alex said, grinning.

"I know, but it's convenient. In this case, a tablet's to big for the hospital," Sasha replied.

"Thanks Sasha!"

Alex looked at her mom to see if it was ok to keep a phone for now, she nodded happily.

"I'm so glad we can help you out!"

Alexandra smiled.

"Oh! And here's the charger!" Sasha put a small white charger on the table beside Alex's bed.

"Hey! I want a phone!" Alyssa yelled.

Alex's mom crouched down.

"Honey, you can get one when your a bit older."

"But I want one nooooooowww!!" She started to cry, and within minutes, she was having a nervous breakdown.

Alex's mom came to Alex.

"I gotta go, ok?" She said.

"Ok, mom. I love you."

"I love you to." And Alex's mom kissed Alex goodbye on the cheek. She pulled Alyssa out of the room screaming "I want a phone! I want a phone!!"
When they left the hospital room, you could still hear faint sounds of Alyssa screaming. That left Alex and Sasha alone in the room.

Sorry

"I'm sooo sorry!" Sasha suddenly said, digging her hands in her face.

"For what?"

Sasha looked up.

"I'm the one who tripped you, right? Don't you remember?"

Alex thought about it for a while, and then she remembered.

"Ohhh. Now I remember."

Sasha looked like she was about to cry.

"So, your not mad at me?" She asked.

"No, of course not! I mean, I know it was only an accident!"

"I know but, uh, I'm just never forgiving myself," Sasha said.

Alex elevated herself even more.

"Hey. I promise to call you every day, ok?" She nodded.

Alex came in for a tight hug.

"How bad is it?" Sasha said, wiping her tears.

"Ohh, you know, 4 crushed bones is not a big deal," Alex said.

"Four crushed bones!?" Sasha started crying again.

Alexandra started to cry too. It's like laughing, ya know? When someone else laughs for a long time, you start laughing too. It's the same with crying. "I think we're done now," Alex said.

Sasha nodded, smiling, Alex smiled too. They said goodbye and Alex promised to call Sasha every morning. And Sasha promised to tell everyone at school what happened, and to make get-well cards.

The Night

By the end of the day Alexandra put all of her contacts on the phone because, well all she can do all day is lay in bed.

She wondered about what was happening at school. And how much homework she'll get when she comes back, and to see if Kyle really cared about Alex.

At night, Alexandra couldn't sleep. There was to much going on in her head. And plus, how could she fall asleep anyway? All she could hear were bubbling noises and beeping sounds. Every 3 hours aunt Sarah would come and check on Alexandra. She came in.

"Hi, Alex. I see your not asleep, what's wrong?" Sarah asked quietly.

Alexandra looked at the time. 2:52 AM.

"I can't sleep aunt Sarah, it's so different from my room at home."

"Oh, that, don't worry, we have lots of patients here with sleeping problems here like you. Wait here, I'll come back with something."

Sarah came back 5 minutes later with a pink liquid in a glass.

"What's this?" Alex asked.

"It's a fluid that makes you sleepy right away when you drink it, it's only a hospital medicine, so it has an interesting taste," Sarah said.

Sarah handed it to Alex, and she gulped it down.

"Ew!" She stuck out her tongue.

"Not the best medicine" Alex said, smiling. Sarah laughed.

"Goodnight aunt Sarah," Alexandra said, closing her eyes.

"Goodnight sweetheart," She whispered back. She left the room with a kiss on Alex's forehead.

The day

Alexandra woke up first wondering where she was at first, but then she remembered she had an accident on the ice yesterday at 8 in the morning.

She picked up 'her' phone from the night table and . 3 new messages, wow.

One from her mom: Good morning! Call me when your awake

Another from from Sasha: **Hows the hospital? And how did you sleep?**

And the last on from Kyle Brooks: I heard what happened at the audition from Sasha. So, SO sorry!

So maybe Kyle did really care about Alexandra. She wrote back to all of them and called her mom. Then she heard a knock in her hospital door.

[&]quot;Come in!" Alex called.

[&]quot;Hi Alexandra. Pelefski?" She asked as she came in. Alexandra nodded.

[&]quot;How do you spell it?"

[&]quot;P-E-L-E-F-S-K and I" She replied.

"I'll be back with breakfast, what would you like?" The nurse handed Alex a menu.

"My name is Sophie and I will be your hospitalian. I heard Sarah is your aunt?"

Alex nodded.

"Well, if you need me, just press the buzzer," Sophie pointed to the buzzer.

Alexandra nodded and smiled.

"I would like some bacon and eggs with a pancake on the side please," Alex said.

"Coming right up!" Sophie said as she wrote the order down in her notepad. Then she exited the room.

Alex de-elevated herself and put on some Netflix. Her leg was so numb she couldn't even feel it. It was like hell and heaven at the same time.

"I'm staying here 5 more days" She whispered.

[&]quot;May as well get used to it while I can."

Breakfast

When Sophie came with breakfast, she told Alex how it will work. She will stay in the hospital for 5 more days, then she can go home with a cast and crutches for 3 weeks, then she won't need the crutches anymore because 2 of the bones will already be healed. Then she has to be in the cast for a month until everything completely healed. Alex was very surprised of how long it would take.

"By the way, Sophie, this breakfast is delicious!" Even though Sophie was 10 years older than her, Alex considered her as one of her close friends.

"Oh, we have professional cooks here and I do agree with you," Sophie replied.

Alexandra laughed and took a sip of her hot ginger tea. Mmmm... Alex loved hot ginger tea. She liked the spice, and how it tingles when you swallow it. They both started laughing because of the awkward silence. Alex poured more maple syrup on her pan cake.

"I'm not at home so I can put as much maple syrup on my pan cake as I want!" Alex exclaimed. Sophie laughed.

"Oh! I wanted to give you something." Sophie handed Alexandra a diary.

"A notebook?"

"Not just a notebook, a hospital diary. Since you don't get to do as much as you do at home, we give each of our patients a hospital diary. You can write what you do at the hospital, or make up a story, or just write notes in it."

Alexandra looked at the diary. It was very good quality. It said: MY HOSPITAL DIARY across the front of it. "Thanks Sophie, I love it!" Alex held it close to her. Sophie laughed.

"Oh, and special doctors are coming in a few hours to take a professional x-ray and to rap a cast around your leg," Sophie explained.

"Oh! Will it be one of those casts where you can draw on them?" Alex asked.

"You mean hospital casts?" Sophie giggled.

[&]quot;The yes."

The cast

Dear diary,

I got this diary from Nurse Sophie. I love it so much. My accident was pretty horrible ya know. I had a figure skate audition with my best friend Sasha. I have 4 crushed bones in my left leg. Sophie says professional people will come in half and hour to take a proof x-ray and rap my leg with on of those fun draw-on hospital casts!! I can't wait to tell Sasha! And my mom!!

Love,

Alexandra

Alexandra thought for a second, then took out her phone and texted her mom and Sasha on group text.

Alex: Hi guys, ya there?

Mom: Hi, ya here

Sasha: Doin' homework Wuz up?

Alex: In half an hour professional doctors r coming

2 take a proof x-ray and rap my leg with a fun

hospital draw-on cast!!

Mom: That's so cool! Gotta go put Alyssa down for

her nap.

Alex: Bye mom.

MOM HAS LEFT THE CHAT

Alex: Sasha, you here?

Sasha: Ya, that's so cool! Can I ask my dad to drive me over when your done? So I can draw on the

cast?

Alex: I wouldn't have it any other way

Sasha: Txt me when its over

Alex: ok Bye.

Alex buzzed the buzzer and Sophie came. Alex asked if Sasha could come, Sophie said yes. After half an hour Sophie was in the room and the doctors were here too. Alexandra noticed there was a australian doctor with a funny australian accent.

"Hi! I'm Tim!" The australian guy's name was Tim. Alex shaked his hand.

"Hi Alexandra! I see what you have with your leg there. Can I take an x-ray?"

Alex figured she had no other choice, so she nodded. "All right!"

Tim had a gadget that can take an x-ray without Alex standing up.

"Ah, yes, 4 crushed bones," Tim said as he wrote something down on the clipboard.

"Ok, let's wrap this bad boy up!" Tim said.

They rapped the cast very tightly around the leg.

[&]quot;And what's your name?" He asked.

[&]quot;Alexandra," Alex managed to spit out.

"There, snug as a bug in a rug," Tim said and put his hands on his hips.

"Now Alexandra, what do you say to me?"

"Thank you!" Alex plastered a big smile on her face, meaning, she wasn't shy anymore.

Once Tim left, she texted Sasha.

Alex: Sash! U can come over now! The cast looks great! And the doctor's name was Tim! Come over when u feel like it! SO MUCH 2 TELL U!!!

Sasha: Great! My dad agreed to drive me over! I'll b there, 10 minutes tops!

Alexandra wrote in her diary.

Dear diary,

The doctors just left. I texted Sasha to come over because she wanted to draw on my cast. The doctor's name was Tim and he had a funny australian accent. Sophie was there the whole time, watching me. I gotta go now diary, Sasha will be here soon.

Love,

Alexandra

Somebody was calling Alex on the little guest phone attached on her night table. It was Sophie.

Alex answered it.

"Hi Soph. What's up?"

"Hi Alex! Somebody's here to see you, her name is Sasha. Do you know who she is?" Sophie asked over the radio phone.

"Oh, ya, I know her. Let her in."

"No prob. Enjoy."

Sophie ended the call and a few minutes later there was a knock on the door.

"Come in!" Alex yelled.

Sasha opened the door, but it was weird because she only poked her head in.

Kyle Brooks

"I have a surprise for you," Sasha said, smiling cheek to cheek.

"Yeees?"

Sasha flug the door open and she could see what the surprise was, Kyle Brooks.

Alex felt like a cage of butterflies burst out in her tummy.

"What? Kyle? What are you doing here?" Alex asked.

"Don't pretend you don't want him here!" Sasha snapped.

Alex thought it was wayyy to embarrassing for Sasha to say that.

They both blushed.

"Kyle, ok, um. Hi!" Alex felt like a complete idiot because her hair had been a mess.

She pushed a button to elovate herself to see him better.

"Hi, Alexandra! I was looking forward to seeing you! And, I wasn't planning it to be at the hospital. But this place is pretty cool," Kyle said, looking around.

"Here, I can show you around!" Alex said.

Kyle and Sasha took a seat on Alexandra's medical bed. I have a buzzer here so if I need my nurse, Sophie's help, all I have to do is buzz the buzzer and...."

Alexandra showed Kyle everything in her hospital room: the buzzer, how she elevates her bed, the TV, the radio phone, the diary that Sophie gave her, the crutches she'll go home with in a few days, and the awesome breakfast, lunch and dinner menu they have here. Then finally, she came to the cast part.

"....and finally, my cast," Alex shoved the covers off her foot to show it off.

"Sophie gave me special bandage markers to keep," Alex took the 10 markers Sophie had given her.

"Do you guys want to draw on my cast?" She asked. Kyle and Sasha nodded and took a marker. Kyle took brown and Sasha took blue.

Kyle wrote: Hope you feel better Alex! Can't wait till' you come back to school!

His writing was floppy, but also clear to read. And his message was sweet, but also not to much. It was the perfect thing to write.

Sasha wrote: You will always be my BFF no matter where you are. I love you and I hope you feel better!

Alex smiled.

"Thanks guys!"

Kyle checked his watch.

"Better run Alex. Text me later, ok?"

Alexandra nodded.

On the outside she looked calm, but on the inside, the butterflies were doing loopty-loops and going cray-cray! Kyle left and me and Sasha squealed.

Alex and Sasha yelled and laughed. Then Sasha stopped.

She got a text from her dad:

Dad: Sash? Where are you? Are you still in the hospital? Kyle is already here!

"Gotta go," Sasha said as she shoved her phone in her jean pocket.

Dear diary,

Guess what? Sasha came with a visitor! Kyle Brooks! I was so excited I couldn't calm my nerves down!!!! CAN YOU BELIEVE KYLE BROOKS CAME?! I'm wondering if he likes me back. I told myself to be chill but I was just goin' crazy! I gotta go text my mom who came!!

Love,

Alexandra

Alex: Mom! Guess who came with Sasha to visit me?

Mom: Lemme guess. Um, maddie stocks?

[&]quot;How did you get him to come?" Alex asked.

[&]quot;I texted him if he wanted to go and guess what he texted back?"

[&]quot;What? What?!? Tell me I wanna know!"

[&]quot;He said: Sure! I've been wanting to talk to her for days! Can't wait to see her again!"

[&]quot;Say hi for me to your dad," Alex told Sasha.

[&]quot;Thanks, I will, text me later if you can, bye." "Bye."

Alex: What? No ewwww! That would of been a

disaster!

Mom: Ok lol, so, who wuz it?

Alex: Kyle Brooks!

Mom:???

Alex: Mom, Don't u remember? It's the guy I have a

crush on!

Mom: Right! U told me that before!

Alex: I gotta go eat dinner, bye love u!

Mom: Luv u 2!

The crutches

Alex's aunt Sarah was right. Soon, the last day at the hospital came. Meaning to leave Netflix, relaxing in bed all day, no screaming 3 year old sister at night, amazing food service, and leaving Sophie.

And it turned out not to be the end of the world at all. Alex got lots of prizes and toys from Sophie. Plus, each meal she got, came with a Kinder egg. Ya! A Kinder egg!

"Sophie, I don't know If I'll be able to do this," Alex said one afternoon on the last day she was at the hospital. Sophie and Alex were such good friends they got each other's phone numbers and started to text. She told Alex she was very lucky to have a close hospitalian friend like that.

"Sure you can do it! All you have to do is sit up, and get on the crutches," Sophie said.

"Ya, might seem easy for you, but I haven't been on my leg for almost 2 weeks!"

That's when Alex took a deep breath, sat up and got on the crutches.

"See? That wasn't so hard!" Sophie patted Alexandra's back.

"Yeah, I guess it wasn't, it's easier with the cast," Alex said.

Sophie nodded.

"Welp, how do I look?" Alexandra asked on the crutches.

"Um, smoothen your hair and change your clothes, but otherwise, you look perfect!" Sophie said and giggled.

"Sophie!! Stop! I mean how do I look on the crutches on?"

"Ya, ya I know, I was kidding! Alex, you look great! Before you know it, you'll be a professional on those bad boyz!" Sophie giggled.

"Why don't you try to walk in them?" Sophie suggested. Alexandra managed to walk around in them.

"It's a change, and a little bit to get used to, but I'll be fine," Alex said.

"You gotta tell you mom and dad how great you look!" Sophie said.

Alexandra's smiled wiped right off her face.

"What? Is it something I said?" Sophie asked, noticing.

"No, no, It just. I don't have a dad. He died when I was a month old," Alex replied.

"Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't know," She apologized.

"It's ok, lots of people ask about my dad. Ok, changing the subject, how long was it again until my mom comes?" Alex asked.

"An hour. Hey, I have an idea, I'll go downstairs in the front office to wait for your mom, ok? I'll call you on your

radio when they're here. You can watch Netflix in the meantime," Sophie suggested.

"That's sounds like a good idea," Alexandra agreed.

Chapter 13

Going to leave

Sophie left and lay back down on the medical bed.

Alex: Hi mom, i have a lot 2 bring home from the hospital, can u bring a few bags? Thanks!

You know, just in case.

Her mom wrote back a few minutes later.

Mom: Sure! No prob. I'll be there in 15 min 2 pick u

up. Cant wait 2 c u again!

Alex: me 2! C u then!

Dear diary,

This is my last day here at the hospital. I'm going to have crutches for 3 weeks and then be on a cast for the rest of the month. I'm kind of nervous to sleep back in my own bed, I know it sounds crazy, but it's true. Every night at the hospital Sophie gives me this sleeping medicine that totally works! I will write in you probably when I come home. And i forgot to mention! Tomorrows school again! ACK! Everything's going to feel soo different!! And everyone will give attention to me! Even worse! I hate a lot of attention. I gotta go, I think I have time for an episode on Netflix.

Love,

Alexandra.

Alexandra turned on the TV and managed to watch half an episode on Netflix. Until she got a call from Sophie on the radio phone.

"Sup Soph?"

"You know who it is, I'll let her in," Sophie said over the radio phone, her voice cracky.

"Alright."

Alexandra elevated herself and threw off her covers.

There was a knock on the door.

"Mommy? Can I have a candy when we get home?" Alex heard Alyssa say through the door.

Great! Alexandra's mom to Alyssa again? What was her problem? Alex rolled her eyes.

"Come in!" She yelled.

Her mom flug the door open and smiled.

"Hi Alex!" Her mom said.

"Alex!! We missed you!!!" Alyssa jumped up and yelled.

"I've missed you guys too!" Alex confessed, because, it was true.

"Let's see what ya got here!" Her mom stepped in.

"Alexandra get's toys? No fair!" Alyssa stamped her foot.

"Honey, remember what we talked about at home, then Alyssa smiled and nodded.

Alexandra was actually impressed.

Alex showed her family everything from one side of the room, to the other.

"You guys can draw on my cast now!" Alexandra took out the 10 bandage markers.

Alyssa drew a pig saying 'hope you feel better!" on the side. And her mom wrote:

You were very brave through this accident. I'm very happy you thought it was ok and not the end of the world. I love you -Mommy

Alexandra didn't care of how long or short the message was. It felt great!

"I think it's time to head back now!" Mom said, putting her hands on her hips.

"Ok, mom? Did you bring the bags?"

Her mom nodded and got 2 bags.

Alex packed up and left the hospital room, but before she left, she took a picture from her phone and made a mental note to print it out and put it in her hospital dairy. Alex's mom help Alexandra with the crutches, and decided to take the elevator. When they were on the last floor, Alexandra's eyes met Sophie's.

Saying goodbye to Sophie

"I see you're going now," Sophie said.

"I'll text you," Alex promised.

Sophie nodded and came in for a tight hug.

"I'll miss you," She said.

"Me too."

"Maybe we can meet this summer, or have a sleepover sometime?" Alex asked.

"I'd like that," Sophie smiled.

Alex took a deep breath and closed her eyes, then she opened them again and looked at her mother.

"Are you ready?" Her mom asked.

Alex looked down at her hands, back up again, at Sophie and then at Alyssa. Then she nodded.

Click! Click! The crutches made clicking noises as Alex walked.

Alex looked at Sophie one more time when she was about to push the door open. Sophie smiled nodded and mouthed "Go and have fun!" She did a thumbs up and Alexandra smiled, and pushed the door wide open.

She smelt the fresh air of pines as a wind went through her hair.

"I feel, like I'm free," She whispered.

Chapter 15

Annoying Alyssa and the impossible car ride

Alex hated the fact of how she had to sit beside her pain-in-the-butt neverending screaming sister, Alyssa in the car.

This time, Alex couldn't just hopp in the car like she normally does, she'd have to get in slowly, sit down, and put the crutches leaning against the carseat.

It wasn't a very long drive home.

"Alex?" Alyssa asked.

"Yes?"

"Does it hurt?"

"What?"

"Your leg! Does your leg hurt?"

"Oh! Sure it does!"

"Then why aren't you crying?"

"Just because it hurts doesn't mean I have to cry!" Alex said, getting annoyed.

"Ya! It does!" Alyssa stuck out her tongue.

Alex rolled her eyes and took out her phone.

"Ohh, I'm Alex, and I have a phoooone! Look at meee!!!" Alyssa said in a baby voice trying to imitate Alex.

"Alyss, please be nice to Alex, please," Her mom reminded.

Alex folded her arms.

"Yah! Be nice to Alex!" She snorted.

Alyssa spit in her face and looked out the window. "Huph!"

Alex rolled her eyes again, her mood lifted when she saw a text from Sasha.

Sasha: Hiii!!! I heard ur coming home 2day! C u in school tom!!!

Alex: ya, i'm in the car rite now. TBH, i'm nervous 2 go back 2 school tom

Sasha: thats ok, i know how u feel! Its a change, but people will all be nice 2 u tom!!! Just think of it!!

Alex: Ya, everyone but MADDIE!!!!

Sasha: I hate maddie.try to avoid her tom. Gtg, my dad has din ready, text u at 9?

Alex: cant, i wanna early night 2day, maybe txt u

tom? First thing in the morn?

Sasha: No prob! Night

Alex: Nighty night.

"Can I play games on your phone?" Alyssa asked.

"No way!! Never in a million years!" Alex snapped.

Alyssa folded her arms.

"Were here!" Her mom pulled into the driveway. Alex took a deep breath.

She got out of the car and stepped first in the house. "We have a present! A present present!!YAY!! How do you spell present? P-E-S-T!!That's how you spell present!!!!" Alyssa kept repeating this.

"Huh?" Alex made a face.

[&]quot;Honey! Alyss you spoiled the surprise!!"

[&]quot;What?"

The surprise

"I don't get it," Alexandra said.

Her mom bent down and whispered something in Alyssa's ear. She giggled and surried off.

"Mom?"

"You'll just have to wait and see."

Alyssa came back with a blindfold.

"What the whaaat?" Alex said as her mom rapped the blindfold around her head, covering her eyes.

Alex's mom led Alex to the kitchen with the blindfold on.

"SURPRISE!!!!"Alyssa and her mom yelled as they yanked the blindfold off.

The kitchen had a banner across it saying WELCOME BACK ALEX!! WE MISSED YOU!!!

And on the table there were her 3 favourite sweets:

Gummy bears, sour patch kids and a full bag of potato chips!

Alex gasped. "You two did all of this for mee?" Alex pointed to herself.

"I painted the banner," Alyssa said, puffing up her chest in pride.

"Dig in!" Her mom said.

Alexandra's mom put Alex's favourite song on the boombox, Shake it off, by Taylor Swift.

Alex went to the bathroom. She knew it was really gross to be on the toilet and text at the same time but, this was an emergency text!!!

Alex: Guess what? Alyssa and my mom threw a welcome back party with sour patch kids, gummy bears and potato chips!!!

Sasha: rlly? Your kidding!! Rite!?

Alex: nope! Not one tad of a lie! And i'm texting on

the toilet, if u were wondering.

Sasha: Ew!! Don't need to know that! TMPI! Alex!

TMPI!!!!

Alex laughed and continued the party with her family. "We got something else for you!" Alyssa said, turning off the music on the boombox.

"Oh, yeah! I almost forgot!" Alexandra's mom pulled a chair to get what was on top of the fridge.

Alyssa was jumping and squealing.

"This is for you," Alexandra's mom handed the gift to Alexandra.

It was neatly wrapped with a yellow sparkly ribbon.

"What's this?" Alexandra said, taking a seat on the kitchen table. She leaned her crutches against the table and popped a few gummy bears in her mouth.

"Open it! Open it!" Alyssa jumped.

"Ok! I will!" Alexandra said ripping the wrapping.
There was a box, it said Alexandra on it. The letters looked messy, so she guessed Alyssa did it.
Inside the box, there were stickers, and a rainbow cloth thingy Alex didn't know about yet.
"Huh?"

Alyssa and her mom looked at each other and giggled. "Alyssa, why don't you explain?" Her mom suggested.

"Ok! So the stickers are for your crutches and the rainbow cloth is for your pit thingys for you crutches also!!!" Alyssa explained.

"So I can *decorate* my crutches?" Alex asked, but it wasn't really sounding like a question because she already knew the answer.

Her mom and Alyssa nodded anyway.

There were star stickers and heart stickers, there were also some glittery ones.

"Thanks guys, I really appreciate it! You guys are the best, but I want to get an early night tonight because I'm very tired and it was a very long day for me," Alex said. "Sure sweetie, you can shower and get right to

bed,"Alex's mom smiled.

"Ya, buuut, how DO I shower? Because....." Her voice trailed off into question, she looked at her mom.

"I already figured that out," She said, smiling.

Bedtime

For the shower, Alex would have to do it on one foot, (the cast was waterproof, don't worry) But then she would slip. Right? Well, Alexandra's mom brought in a shower mat for her, it totally worked! There was a strong grip of not slipping off.

Alex's family was a small one, so Alex had her own room, thank God she didn't have to sleep with her impossible but very adorable sister Alyssa.

Alex sruggled into her Pj's. It was hard with a cast, but she also had to do it sitting down in her bean bag chair. Then she sat down at her desk and decorated her crutches. She could hear the water pouring for Alyssa's daily bedtime bath, she could hear her singing "Row row, row your boat, gently down the streeeeam!" She got into her bed and started writing in her diary.

Dear diary

I'm home!! YAY!! I already miss Sophie and Aunt Sarah a bit. You're never going to believe this, diary, When I came home, Alyssa and mom threw a welcome back party! With gummy bears, sour patch kids, and POTATO CHIPS!!! I also got a present, its stickers and a cloth for my crutches!

I'm scared to go back to middle school, everybody will be looking at me, and no, I DON'T like attention! Good thing I have a best friend Sasha with me the whole time. I hate how were in different classes. It's horrible! But

at least we have lunch together. I'm also scared of Maddie. She hates me and I know it. I need to go to bed. Even though it's only 7:30, I'm really, really tired and I can't keep my eyes open! Goodnight!!

Love,

Alexandra

Since Alex had a phone to keep, she let Alyssa have her tablet, she erased most of her contacts and games, but just in case, she kept them on a USB, ya know, for emergencies.

A text from Kyle appeared on her phone.

Kyle: Hi! I heard your home, how was it? Do u like being home?

Alex figured it was a weird text, maybe all he wanted to do was to text Alex, or see Alex write back! She wrote back anyway, to be polite.

Alex: Ya, I am home, Alyssa and mom threw a welcome back party!

Kyle: Rlly?? Thats awesome!!! C u in school tom.

Alex: AVOID MADDIE!!!!!!

Kyle: Yep, PLEASE AVOID MADDIE!!!!!

Alex: ok, lol goodnight

Kyle: night

To think of it, Alexandra and Kyle were becoming good friends. Like Alex had a guy friend, not a boyfriend, a guy friend, there is a difference, ya know.

Alexandra's mom bought Alex a google home mini last year, it was very handy in this case because she had a broken leg.

"Google. Turn off the lights please," Alex said in her most clearest voice so the Al could understand.

"Turning off lights," She replied.

The lights flicked off and Alex put her phone on her night table and set her alarm for tomorrow at 6:30 am.

She fell asleep right away, because before Alex knew it, it was 6:30 am.

First day back

Alexandra woke up with the sound of her alarm. This was it.

This was the day everybody was waiting for. And besides, Sasha probably told almost everybody in the school that today Alex was coming back.

Alex stuffed some cereal in her mouth and packed her back. She took some markers to school if anyone wanted to draw on her cast. It still looked pretty empty even though 4 people drew on it.

"Goodbye Alex!" Alex's mom yelled from upstairs.

And with that Alex shut the door off to the bus stop. Click, click, click, click, The crutches went. She made it to the bus stop, and since Sasha wasn't on her bus, she decided to text her.

Alex: Hi Sash, waiting 4 the bus now

Sasha: u nervous?

Alex wanted to tell the truth this time.

Alex: Ya, a little, all im thinking about is maddie

Sasha: totally, try to avoid her A

Alex: yep

[&]quot;I love you!"

[&]quot;Love you too mom, bye!"

Sasha: c u at school

Alex: def

The bus came and on the steps of the bus she had to hobble up them. The bus driver had to hod Alexandra's crunches.

"Thank you," Alex said, not trying to make eye contact with the bus driver.

The bus ride was fine. She finally arrived at school and hobbled off the bus again. She tried to avoid eye contact with everyone. She could hear whispering and laughing.

Great, I haven't even been here for 30 seconds and people are talking about me! Alex thought.

Alex found Sasha.

"Sash! Over here!" Alexandra waved her hand so Sasha could see her better.

"Alex!" She yelled back, waved her arm, and ran awards her.

"What's up?" Sasha asked.

Alexandra sneezed.

"Oh, just a gazillion butterflies in my tummy," She confessed.

Sasha laughed.

"Wow! Your crutches look beautiful!" Sasha said.

"Thanks. But I need to ask you a question," Alex leaned over to Sasha's ear.

"Have you told everyone in this whole school about me and my broken leg? Cuz if you did, peeps are whispering about me."

"No! I just told our close friends, Julian, Marcus, Samantha and Kyle. Oh! And Harper!" Sasha said.

"HARPER!?!?!"Alexandra's eyes buled out.

"Yaaa, was there a mistake?" Sasha tilted her head, like when she does when she's wondering.

"Harper is one of Maddie's best friends! Are you crazy Sash?"

Sasha had just remembered.

"I know, but she's one of our....." Her voice trailed off to shameness and her cheeks were bright pink.

Alexandra's cheeks, however, were flaming hot.

The bell rang, at the worst possible time.

Sasha wasn't in Alexandra's period one class, Alex had math, and Sasha had language.

"Gotta go to period one!" Sasha ran off, and Alex *clicked* to class. Maddie was in her math class, greeeeaaat.

Maddie

She got in class. And the first person she saw was, yep, Maddie.

"Alexandra! Nice to see you again!! What are those? Things to help you stand up because you are a late walker?" Maddie snorted.

Alex totally ignored Maddie and sat down in her desk, her crutches leaning against her desk.

"Good morning class!" Mrs. S chriped.

"Mrs. Pelefski, I see you recovered from your injury, welcome back yes," Mrs. S shifted her glasses up from her nose.

Everybody stared at Alex.

She looked down at her hands, embarrassed.

"Would you like to share what happened with us?" Mrs. S asked.

Alex thought about it. If she did, would kids laugh at her? She looked over at Maddie, who was smiling her most evil smile, like she knows what Alexandra is thinking. Alex shook her head no, keeping it private for now. Mrs.S nodded like she understood. Soon that evil grin of Maddie's wiped off her face.

"Ha, take that!" Alex thought.

Alexandra knew texting in class was not allowed, so she played by the rules.

There's this huge gossip around school that Maddie knows how to text under her desk without looking. Teachers heard this gossip and are watching Maddie like a hawk. Alex thinks it's funny because Maddie always seems to get her way and now finally, cupcakes and rainbows hit Alex and not Maddie.

Maddie loves the attention she's always getting. Her father sells houses and is super rich. Her mom is a lawyer, so she works day and night. She is also super rich.

Sasha went to camp with one of Maddie's BFF's, Harper. Sure, she's nice, but she can also be a drama llama sometimes. That's probably why Sasha told Harper, she's bigger friend with Sasha then with Alex.

Lunch

Half of the day went by quickly, before Alex knew it, it was time for lunch.

Click, Click The crutches went. To be honest, it was kind of annoying.

"Hi Sash," Alexandra met Sasha at their favourite lunch table.

Then Harper came out of nowhere. Oh-oh.

"Scoot over!" She said to Alex.

"Um, A-alex, I forgot to tell you something," Sasha took a deep breath.

She continues. "Since you were in the hospital for a week and a half, I shared the table with Harper," Sasha said, looking down at her hands.

"What?"

"I'm sorry! You were gone for awhile, so I was lonely at the lunch table, sooo I invited Harper over," Sasha said. Alexandra bit the inside of her cheek.

"But now I'm here! So Harper has to go!" Alex could feel her cheeks on fire.

Sasha shrugged.

There was a table near the entrance nobody sat at. It was by a vent and people were freezing at that spot there. Alex ran from her ex-best friend to leave her with her new best friend. Alexandra ran to the freezing table, (they call it that) and sat there, freezing cold. She

opened the aluminum foil wrap from her sandwich and started eating it. She was secretly crying and her tears dripped to her sandwich. It made a salty taste, ew. She wished to be back at the hospital with Sophie laying in her medical bed all day. That reminded her, she texted Sophie.

Alex: I need help

Sophie: 4 what? Wait, aren't u supposed 2 b at

school?

Alex: im on my lunch break

Sophie: ok, whats up?

Alex: when i was @ the hospital, Sasha didn't have anyone to sit with, so she invited the meanest girl in the schools best friend, to sit with her. Now she refuses 2 sit with me, and im alone, @ the worst lunch table.

Sophie: Wow, thats a problem. And this happened just now?

Alex: Ya idk what 2 doo!!! This is the worst first day back ever! And now im crying!!

Sophie: dont worry! Just ignore sasha 4 now and text her when u get home. Maybe that will help.

Alex: thx, ur the best Soph, i just wish i was back at the hospital with u

Sophie: aww! Me 2 gtg, a patient's waiting 4 me in

the waiting room

Alex: bye

Sophie: bye bye

Alex had 2 more classes with Sasha. Ouch, but that's not a lot.

She tried to stay focused on her work later but it was no use. It was almost impossible to do it. And her leg had been icty, and no one signed her cast at school today. That reminded her of what Sasha wrote on her cast.

You will always be my BFF no matter where you are. I love you and I hope you feel better!

It made Alex a little said. Now her best friend was Maddie's best friend, the worst person in the whole entire school.

A talk with mom

"Hi, Alex. How was school?" Alexandra's mom asked when Alex got home from school.

"Horrible mom! I hate this school now! Can I transfer? Please?" Alex asked when she threw her backpack down on the ground.

"Take a seat, Alex," Her mom pulled a chair for her from the table. They sat face to face.

"What's wrong? Why was school so horrible?"

Alex took a deep breath, to prevent herself from crying.

"Remember Maddie? The worst person in the school?" Her mom nodded, understanding.

"Well, Maddie has a BFF, her name is Harper, and Sasha went to camp with Harper before so they became quick light friends,"

"Ok, so get to the point,"

"When I was at the hospital, Sasha was alone at our favourite lunch table, so she invited Harper over!" Alex started to cry.

"I went to the freezing table mom! Alone! I hate the freezing table!!" Alexandra sobbed.

"That's a problem," her mom rubbed her back.

"That's exactly what Sophie said!"

"What? You're nurse heard about this?"

"We were really close friends mom. She gave me her number, I texted her in the cafeteria and she said to text Sasha after school. She's the one who gave me the diary!" Alex reminded, wiping her tears.

"I do remember that, yes. So why don't you text Sasha?" Alex shrugged.

"Hey, tell you what, if you go text Sasha, I'll make your favourite pumpkin cake for dessert," her mom made a deal.

"Ok, but what am I going to write in the text?" "Something like... um.. I'd like to talk to you sometime alone about this situation, er' something like that, ok?" "Ok mom," Alex gave her mom a big hug for her help. Some of the weight lifted off her shoulders, but not all of it. Alex unpacked her paper lunch bag out, and unpacked the food she didn't eat. She grabbed her backpack and raced off the stairs, taking a deep breath at the same time. She went to the bathroom to go pee, and to wash her face with some cold water to remove the red stains from crying. She creeped into her room, and was almost scared to touch her phone. Then she also remembered that Sasha's dad gave Alexandra the phone. Ouch, so much situations involve Sasha! Alex took the phone, turned it on, and went on the texting app. No texts from anyone, wired.

The text

Her fingers were trembling, really shaking hard. She wrote:

Alex: Sasha, I miss you, I want you back! Can we talk?

Alex waited a few minutes. No response. She tried again.

Alex: Meet me at the park, 7:30, ok? I want to talk to you.

Alex stared at the text, but didn't press send. Why wasn't she pressing send? Finally, after a long 5 minutes, the longest 5 minutes of her life, she pressed send. The second she pressed send, she was regretting it. What is Sasha didn't like Alex anymore? What if Sasha wanted to be part of Maddie's group of drama-llama BFF's? What if she hated Alex now? Alexandra wrote in her diary.

Dear diary,

The oddest thing happened today. When I was at the hospital, Sasha invited Harper (Maddie's BFF) over to our favourite lunch table! I had to eat at the freezing table! It was horrible! I texted Sasha to meet me at the park at 7:30. I know, that's when I go to bed now, but Sasha has piano lessons up until then. I gotta go do my homework.

Love, Alexandra

Then, the most weirdest thing happened, she got a text from Sasha! But it wasn't a text like ok, or see you there.

Sasha: Hi, this is Sasha's brother, Axel, remember me? Anyways, Sasha wanted me to text you on her phone that she will meet you at the park at 7:30 when she comes home from her piano lessons Alex: Thanks Axel! Thanks for letting me know

Axel was Sasha's big brother. It was funny because Alex, is Axel but spelt in a different way. It was weird because why couldn't Sasha text that herself? Maybe Alexandra could ask that when they met at the park. Even though it was Alex's ex-best friend, Alex was still scared to talk to her. Maybe Alex worried to much.

Soon enough, it was 7:00 pm. Witch meant Alex only had 30 minutes to tell her mom about it, but it was hard because her mom would be giving Alyssa a bath at 7:00.

The talk

"Mom, I'm going to the park to talk to Sasha," Alex yelled over the water pouring into the bathtub for Alyssa's bath. "Ok, can you please be back by 9? At least 9? That's your regular bedtime," her mom said.

"I know, I'll be back by 9, bye mom!"

"Bye Alexandra! Be safe around the cars!" Her mom yelled as Alex ran down the stairs.

"I will!"

Alex took the keys to the garage and took her bike to the park, it was 7:20 and it didn't take long for Alex to bike-ride to the park.

Soon she got there and it was 7:31. Where was Sasha? Was it a lie? False alarm?

It was 7:40 and still no sign of Sasha. Alex worried until she saw a black shadow coming up to her. She turned on her light on her phone.

"AHHHH!!!" Alex screamed.

It was Sasha!

"Alexandra!"

Alexandra? Sasha only called Alexandra Alex!!

"Alexandra! It's me! Sasha!"

"Ya, I know it's you Sasha," Alex rolled her eyes in the dark, even though Sasha couldn't see it.

"Sorry I'm late. My brother had to write you a text because I had piano homework, then I was so late because....." Her voice trailed off.

"What? Because what?"

"Because I was calling Maddie! OK! MADDIE!"
"What? Why Maddie? Why not Harper?" Alex could feel tears coming down her cheeks but she didn't care anymore.

"Because I wanted to tell Maddie what a bully she is to you! I became friends with Harper because I was all alone! But then I tried to stop you when you were running but it was too late. I saw you crying and I felt really bad, I told Harper and Maddie that they were big fat bully's and I hated them, and yes, even Harper." Now it all make sense, Sasha didn't hate Alex. "Ohh, I'm sorry Sasha, I got it all wrong! I'm a dumb friend," Alex felt ashamed.

"What? You're not a dumb friend! You're the best friend ever! I don't know what I would of done if you were in the hospital forever!" The two hugged each other and made up. The rest of the time they talked of how they could tell the principal about Maddie and her ways. Soon it was 8:39.

"I gotta go Sash, my mom told me to be back by 9," Alex said.

"OK, I'm supposed to meet my brother here because her was hanging out with some friends, too."

They smiled and Alex rid home.

A happy ending

The next day at school everything was perfect, Sasha and Alexandra told the principal about Maddie and Harper, and they got suspended. Now that's a happy ending.

Some people say that when friends get into a fight, after they make up, their friendship is stronger. At least that's what I think, and it's true! I had numeral fights with my friends and now we make a great happy team. It's the same with Alexandra. She didn't focus on her crutches or the annoying clicking. She didn't even focus on Alyssa, Alex tried to actually be nice to her! Soon enough, Her crutches were gone! She was only in a cast!

One lazy afternoon, the day after she got her crutches off, she just had to think "This is my life compared to cupcakes and rainbows," She sighed.