

PRWC 19- "Realizations"

*"How does one reconcile what they regret?
After all is said and done the parties done the dust sets
In time I know things work out
I'm sorry so sorry I know I let you down
I let you down...
And I never wanna make that mistake again...
True friendship is a bond you never wanna break
But I can't take it back I can only...
Make it up to you!"*
~ "Realization and Reconciliation" The Code

"You're not turning yourself in." I said.

"Yes I am. End of discussion." Michelle said.

"Hunter's right, we'll get Harley out of there somehow but you can't turn yourself over. We won't let it come to that." Derek said.

We had gotten a note from Arissa informing us she had Harley and would only release her in exchange for Michelle. There was no way I was turning my wife over though. I had called in the Wild Cats and we were having a meeting.

"Savannah, talk some sense into them." Michelle said.

"Listen, I'm the last one to want to protect you but they're right. If we turn you over and Arissa gets a hold of your Amethyst the world as we know it is over." Savannah said.

"That settles it then. We formulate a plan and get Harley back and get rid of Arissa once and for all." April said.

"Sounds good to me. I'm sick of fighting her." Chris said.

"Then let's make a plan...where do we start?" Tiffany asked looking at Savannah.

"Well, for starters why Reefside Tower? It's been abandoned for years." Savannah said.

"Maybe it's her hideout." Jesse suggested.

"That makes sense." Derek said.

"I have an idea..." Savannah started.

Stacy

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"Dad, you understand what you've done? The DA is trying to give you 30 years in prison!" I cried.

"Better me than Nikki." Dad said.

"NO! Sentencing is next week! If you don't tell Jason the truth is 48 hours I'm going back to Turtle Cove and I'm never coming back." I said.

"Stacy, don't do that."

“I’m not gonna stand by and watch you throw your life away for her. This is it Dad. Your last chance to salvage a relationship with me. It’s me or her. Take your pick.” I said turning and walking out.

I went back to my mom’s house and picked up the phone. I dialed my friend, Steven’s, number and waited for someone to pick up.

“Hello?” a female said.

“Hey Aurora, is Steven around?” I asked.

“Stace, hey...sure hold on.” She said.

“Hello?” Steven said.

“Hey, long time no talk.”

“Stace...I heard about your dad, I’m sorry.”

“It’s ok. He’s doing this to himself.”

“So what’s going on?”

“I just needed to talk to a friend...Reefside just isn’t home anymore.”

“You miss Turtle Cove?”

“More than I ever thought I could.” I said.

“When are you coming back?”

“That’s up to my dad...soon probably.”

“It’ll be ok Stace...everything will work out.”

“Now how could you tell I needed to hear that?” I asked.

“I could hear it in your voice.”

“You know me too well.”

“What are friends for?”

I laughed, “I can’t wait to get home.”

Arissa

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I looked around my ‘home’. I was ready for the trade. I went in to check on Harley. She was waking up.

“Where am I? What’s going on?” she asked. Then she looked over at me and her eyes flew open wide. “You’re not Marissa! You’re Arissa!”

“You remember?” I asked.

“It’s all coming back...I remember everything! Let me go Arissa!” Harley cried.

“You really think that’s gonna work? In case you hadn’t noticed you’re powerless and chain up and I’m the one with the key.” I said laughing.

“The Wild Cats will save me.”

“That’s what I’m counting on.”

“It’s a trap?”

“Uh-duh! You’re finally catching on.”

“They’ll never fall for it. My parents are too smart to fall for a trap.”

“They’d do anything to save you...anything.”

DJ

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“Honey, can you go get your sister? The phone’s for her.” Mom said.  
“Yeah, whatever.” I said, “BETH!”  
“I could have done that. I said to go get her.” Mom said as Beth came running downstairs.  
“You can’t tell me what to do. I don’t live her.” I said.  
“Maybe not, but you eat here, do laundry here, watch the satellite here...you do everything but sleep here. Beth, phone.” Mom said.  
“So?” I asked.  
“Thanks.” Beth said getting the phone.  
“So, you better learn some respect.” Mom said.  
“Respect? Why should I respect you or Dad? You guys cheated on each other... since then you have hardly said anything to each other.” I said.  
“We’re working on things, but these things take time.”  
“Yeah...whatever.” I said walking out. I drove back to the apartment I shared with my brother. He was in the living room working on homework. “Hey Noah.”  
“Hey Deej.” He said.  
I plopped in the chair next to him.  
“Are you ok bro?” he asked.  
“Fine.”  
“What are you doing home then? You fight with Mom?”  
“Yes. I wish she would just work things out with Dad already. At this rate they’ll get a divorce.”  
“Maybe...but what can we do? If they divorce then they divorce.”  
“How can you be so cool about this?”  
“Why worry about things we can’t fix?”  
“Why do I get the feeling this has less to do with Mom and Dad and more to do with you and Savannah?” I asked.  
Noah sighed, “She’s my cousin and I kissed her...I thought I was falling in love with her.”  
“You didn’t know she was Uncle Conner’s daughter at the time though.”  
“So? I still fell for her and now nothing can happen. But I can’t do anything about it so why worry?”  
“It’s all kinda weird though.” I said.  
“What do you mean?” Noah asked.  
“I just mean Savannah links the Bradleys and McKnights...my girlfriend’s sister is my cousin...it’s just a weird link.”  
“But you’re not directly related to Harley.”  
“I’m really sorry about this bro...”  
“Yeah...thanks.”  
I sighed, “Come on, let’s go out.”  
“Out? Out where?”  
“Clubbing.”  
“You know I hate clubbing.” Noah said.  
“Oh bah, come on dude, you need to get out. Get your mind off her.” I said.  
“Fine, I guess.”

Tally

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I sighed after DJ left. I didn't know how to fix things with him. I needed to focus on fixing things with Eric. I was lost in thought when I heard Beth slam down the phone and come back in the room.

"I'm changing my last name!" she cried.

"What happened now?" I asked.

"Anna happened! She's a freak and because I share her last name Cathy Williams, head cheerleader, doesn't want me on the squad. She said that she didn't want to be associated with a McKnight!" Beth cried.

"But Cathy doesn't decide if you make the squad. The coach does."

"I know, but Cathy can make my life hell for the rest of the year!"

"Stop it. Anna is your cousin and I expect you to try and get along with her better."

"Whatever...I have to call Cathy and find a way to get around this name thing."

"Wasn't that Cathy on the phone?"

"No, that was Jessica. Kelly told Heather who told Jenna who told Eliza who told Jessica what Cathy said."

"Of course."

"Anyway I need to call Cathy." Beth said running up to her room.

I sat down in the living room and was still sitting there when Eric walked in a few minutes later. He and I really needed to figure things out. I still loved him a great deal but knowing he slept with Kira...it hurt me so much.

"Hi." I said.

"Hi." He said.

"How was work?"

"Fine."

"Good."

"How was your day?"

"Fine."

"Good." He said.

"Eric? We need to decide if this is going to work..."

"I know. Do you want it to work?"

"Of course. I love you Eric."

"I love you too Tally."

"Do you? Or do you love Kira? Have you always seen her when you looked at me? I know you care about her."

"Tally...that's not fair...I'm not the only one at fault...you've always had a thing for Conner."

"A crush maybe, but I've never been in love with Conner. I've always been in love with you."

"It was the same with Kira and I."

"No it wasn't! You loved Kira...maybe you still do..."

"I think Kira is a great girl, but I'm in love with you."

"Then why did you go sleep with her without confronting me first? Why was your first reaction to hop into bed with her?" I asked.

Eric froze. "Ok fine, maybe I do love Kira, but I can't have her, Conner beat me to that. Happy now?" he screamed before storming out of the house.

I put my head in my hands and cried.

Hunter

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“OK, we’ll take Savannah in as a decoy. Once we get Harley Savannah will use her staff to take out Arissa and then we’ll finish her off. That about cover it?” Derek asked.

“Exactly.” I said.

“Be prepared for anything though. Arissa isn’t stupid...she’s got to know we have a plan.” Michelle said.

“Harley is depending on us. We won’t let her down.” April said.

“Oh boy...I think we have bigger problems. Arissa has sent a monster downtown.” Savannah said.

“Great...we have to save the civilians.” Derek said.

“We have to save Harley.” Tiffany said.

“Civilians first. Savannah you stay with Hunter and Michelle and try to figure something out. We’ll handle Arissa’s friend.” Derek said.

“Let’s do it then.” Chris said.

“Wild Cat Transformation!” the Wild Cats called before taking off.

I turned to walk out.

“Where are you going?” Michelle asked.

“My daughter is in trouble. I won’t let Arissa kill her. I’m Harley’s father, I have to protect her.” I said.

“I’m coming with you.” Michelle said.

“No, it’s too dangerous.” I said.

“She’s my daughter too.” Michelle said.

“There’s three of us. We should all go. Keep the plan as it was. I’ll be a Michelle decoy, in the meantime Michelle can go in and get Harley.” Savannah said.

I sighed, “Fine. We don’t have any other option right now.”

We headed out to Reefside Tower and went inside.

“Arissa? We’re here! Show yourself!” I called.

“I knew you’d see things my way. Hand over the Queen and you’ll get the Princess.” Arissa said from the shadows.

“You think I trust an evil being like you? Release Harley first then I’ll give you Michelle.” I said.

“Not a chance. I don’t trust you either.” Arissa said.

“Then we have a problem.”

“I’d say we do. Ok, fine...on the count of three?”

“I still don’t trust you.”

“You have to if you want to see Harley alive again.”

“Where is she?”

“Behind me.”

“Have her say something.”

“No.”

“No deal.” I said.

“Fine.” Arissa said stepping out of the shadows. She turned a light on Harley, who was chained to a chair and gagged. “Now hand over the Queen.”

“Fine.” I said as Savannah started towards her.

“At last... I will have my revenge!” Arissa grabbing Savannah’s wrist, “Goodbye Michelle!” She looked at Savannah and caught a glimpse of her face. “You thought you could trick me?! You will pay! Or better yet Harley will pay!” she cried grabbing a spear and going directly at Harley.

“NO!” I screamed jumping at her.

“Stop!” Michelle cried coming out of her hiding place.

“There you are Queenie... come quietly or the Princess dies!” Arissa cried.

Eric

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I was furious with Tally for pushing me so far. Did I actually love Kira? I did... there was a time I really did...but I loved Tally now and I didn’t want to let her go. I decided if I let this go any further I’d lose her forever.

I drove home and went inside. I saw Tally crying. I pulled her up off the sofa and pulled her into my arms.

“I’m sorry. I love you and only you now. You’re it and I won’t lose you. I’ll do whatever it takes but we will work this out.” I said.

She hugged me tightly. “I’m sorry too...Eric I don’t want to lose you...I don’t want to lose us...we have to work this out.”

“We will sweetie, somehow we will.” I said as Beth came running downstairs.

“Eww, stop you guys, no PDAs around me... anyway can I go to the mall and eat dinner with Cathy?” Beth asked.

“I thought you didn’t like Cathy.” Tally said.

“I do, besides we have cheer business to discuss.” Beth said.

“I guess you can go.” Tally said.

“Daddy, can I have some money?” Beth asked.

I sighed, I was such a push over, “Here you go.” I said handing her 20 dollars.

“Thank you Daddy, I love you.” She said running out of the house.

“Her life is so dramatic.” Tally said.

I laughed, “Yes, it is.”

Harley

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It felt so good to remember everything...however, this whole being kidnapped by Arissa thing was putting a damper on my celebration. She was trying to get my mom to turn herself over and being as I was gagged I couldn’t speak.

“Michelle don’t!” Dad cried.

“I have to Hunter, she’s my daughter.” Mom said.

“I know...she’s my daughter too...damn you Arissa!” Dad cried ready to attack.

“One more step and Harley dies!” Arissa cried.

“Let her go!” Mom begged.

“Why would I do a stupid thing like that? You know what I’ve had enough of these games. I’m killing Harley then I’m killing the rest of you too, Hunter included.” Arissa said.

“What does Hunter have to do with this?” Mom asked.

“Nothing but I’m sick of all of you!” Arissa said about to stick a spear through me. Suddenly red lighting lit up the room.

“Arissa stop it!” a voice boomed.

“Aunt Aria?” Arissa asked.

“Yes, I told you do not kill Harley...and do not kill Hunter.” The voice said as a woman appeared with it.

“But why?” Arissa asked.

“Because you do not know everything...when you know then you can decide if you really want them dead.” Aria said.

“What do I need to know? Tell me!” Arissa demanded.

“Alright, the time is right I suppose. Harley is your sister Arissa.” Aria said.

“But...how?” Arissa asked.

Aria looked at Dad then back at Arissa, “Because Hunter is your father...”

Oh great...another sister...