

PRWC 12- "Coming Clean"

*"Let the rain fall down
And wake my dreams
Let it wash away
My sanity
Cause I wanna feel the thunder
I wanna scream
Let the rain fall down
I'm coming clean"
~ "Come Clean" Hilary Duff*

Savannah James was my sister....

This was unreal...

I took a deep breath and put the folder back before going out and getting in my car. I sat there for a moment trying to let this sink in. I was trying to decide how to handle this. My thoughts finally became too much and I started my car and sped back to the Academy.

Michelle

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I was in the lodge with Hunter and the Wild Cats. Josh and Conner were helping us out with their group session.

"Ok, anyone have anything to share?" Hunter asked. I noticed some headlights outside and figured Harley was back. I thought nothing of it.

"I do..." Jesse said softly.

"Ok, go ahead." Conner said.

"How dare you!!!!" Harley yelled storming in.

Harley

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I was furious. I didn't even know how to react. I ran into the lodge, not caring who was there.

"HOW DARE YOU!!!!" I screamed as I walked over to my mother.

"Harley, what is the matter with you?" Mom asked.

"Would you care to tell me exactly what kind of a slut I have for a mother?!" I cried.

"Harley this is uncalled for, don't speak to your mother like that." Dad said.

"Shut up Dad, you don't know what kind of whore you're married to." I said.

"Harley? What are you taking about?" Dad asked.

"I know Mom, I know everything. Savannah...she's yours. You're her birth mother. When were you going to tell me I wasn't your first born? Were you ever? I have an older sister I never even knew about!" I screamed.

"What? Michelle? Is this true?" Dad asked.

Mom looked down. "Yes."

"But Savannah is 27...27 years ago...we were together...you hid your pregnancy from me then put the baby up for adoption knowing how I feel about that?" Dad asked with more hurt in his voice than I ever heard.

Mom just nodded.

"You know how I felt about being adopted. You know the emptiness I felt...I shared that all with you and you still...how could you?" Dad asked.

"Hunter, try to understand, I didn't want to lose you. I got pregnant before we got back together. Once I had you back I didn't want to lose you again." Mom said.

"Who's the father?" Dad demanded.

I noticed Conner taking a few steps back.

"It's not important." Mom said.

"Damn it Michelle, it is important." Dad said.

"Who's the father?" Conner asked

Mom shook her head.

"Is it me?" Conner asked softly.

Mom started to cry. "Yes."

"Oh my god..." Conner said as he paled. He looked like he was about to pass out.

"Dad? You slept with Harley's mom?" Josh asked.

"We were young and lonely...it never meant anything more." Conner said softly as he turned to Mom, "How could you hide this from me? I have a daughter I never even knew about? I can't believe you'd do this."

"I'm sorry Conner, I never meant to hurt anyone...I just...I was so scared of what would happen if I ever told anyone." Mom said.

"Who knew before now?" Dad asked.

"Does it matter?" Mom asked.

"Yes." Dad said.

"Aside from myself just Hayley and Dusty."

"Dustin knew? And he never told me?"

"He's one of my best friends Hunter, you really think he'd betray me?"

"I can't believe this is happening. First I find out you lied about my father, then the whole princess thing, now this! What's next? You gonna tell me Felicity is really Rocky's?!" I cried.

"I'm almost expecting that now." Dad said angrily.

"No...I...I'm sorry." Mom said crying.

"Wildcats, why don't we get you guys to the dorms?" Julia said walking in.

"But it's just getting good." Chris said.

"Now." Julia said rounding them up and taking off with them.

"Um, Dad?" Josh asked.

"What?" Conner asked.

Josh kind of stood there in a state of shock. "Savannah is my sister too then right?" he finally said.

"Yes." Conner said.

"That would make Noah and DJ her cousins?"

"Yes"

"Noah is on a date with Savannah right now." Josh said.

"What? No...oh god..." Mom said.

"You just can't stay out of trouble can you? You always have to make trouble for people. Damn it Mich." Dad said.

"I know I fucked up ok? There's nothing I can do to change it now." Mom said.
"You're right. What's done is done." Dad said turning for the door.
"Hunter? Where are you going?" Mom asked.
"I'm going to take Felicity and go to a hotel tonight. I need to think about some things."
"Like if we should be together..."
"Among other things."
"Please don't take my baby..."
"Oh god Mich, like you care about being a mother. You gave up Savannah and lied to Harley...I'll be damned if I let you play mind games with Felicity too." Dad said storming off.
"Hunter! No!" Mom cried as he walked away.
"How are you going to tell Mom about this?" Josh asked.
"Good question." Conner said.
"I can't believe you mother...I guess I shouldn't be surprised but this is big, even for you." I said turning to leave.
"Harley...where are you going?" Mom asked.
"None of your business." I said.
"Harley wait...I'm coming with you." Josh said.
"No. I need to be alone." I said taking off.

Michelle

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I sat down in a chair and started to cry.  
"Damn you Shell! How in the hell could you hide something like this?" Conner asked.  
"Conner, try to understand, I never should have slept with you in the first place and then when I found out I was pregnant...I got scared. You were barely 18 and not even out of high school yet, I had just got Hunter back and we were working through things...I didn't know what to do. I guess I was afraid I'd lose Hunter...and really, do you think you could have been a father at 18?"  
"We'll never know now will we?"  
"Conner...I'm sorry. I know that doesn't cut it but what else can I do? I can't change history."  
"So you were pregnant before we defeated Mesogog...that means you fought while you were pregnant?"  
"Yeah, I knew if I stepped out of battle I'd be questioned."  
"You put your unborn child in danger to keep her a secret then you went off and had her in secret and let Hayley adopt her without even telling me I had a daughter? Of all the insane, irresponsible things you've done this takes the cake, and considering this is you that's saying something." Conner said.  
I sighed, he was right, "What are you going to do? Are you going to tell Savannah?"  
"Yes. She has a right to know. As for Kira and the rest of my family, I'll just have to hope everyone understands...especially Kira." He said.  
I nodded.  
"Josh, you coming?" Conner asked.

“Yeah, I think we should all be together when Mom finds out about this.” Josh said walking out with his dad, not another word was said to me.

I went back to the house and saw Hunter had taken quite a few of his and Felicity’s things and left. I fell on the sofa and cried. I knew I messed up again and I didn’t really know what to do. I couldn’t fix this. After everything I went though to get Hunter...damn to lose him again...I wasn’t sure I’d survive it. All over a mistake I made 27 years ago...and I was sure that Conner, Hunter, Harley, and Kira weren’t the only ones who would be mad at me. Tommy would be furious when he found out about this. This discredited me greatly as a trainer. And poor Noah...I couldn’t believe it...not to mention how pissed Savannah would be when she found out the truth...God, what have I done?

April

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Ok, talk about family issues. I know the Bradleys try to act like the perfect family but I guess when Michelle Morris-Bradley is involved nothing is ever perfect. I couldn’t believe she was Savannah’s mother and lied about it...this was all very... intense.

“I guess Michelle really is a ho.” Destiny said.

“Takes one to know one.” Tiffany said.

“Stuff it both of you. Michelle isn’t a ho, trust me I’ve met some.” I said.

“You were one.” Tiffany countered.

“I said stuff it.” I said.

“Enough.” Julia said.

“I know Michelle was wrong but she really loves Hunter. I hope they work this out.” Jesse said.

“How can they? She has a kid from another man and lied about it.” Chris said.

“Not to mention the fact Michelle knew how strongly Hunter was against adoption.” Derek said.

“But why? He was adopted.” Tiffany said.

“It’s not that he’s against adoption, it’s that he has zero respect for anyone who can give up their child.” I said.

“If Michelle knew that then thought she wouldn’t get caught she’s just stupid.”

Destiny said.

“Hey, chill, Michelle is a nice person...we all make mistakes or we wouldn’t be here.” I said.

“I guess...whatever.” Destiny said.

“Derek, you’ve been quiet, how is all of this making you feel?” Julia asked.

“I guess I don’t see the big deal. So what if Michelle lied...at least she never touched any of her kids.” Derek said.

“He makes a point.” I said.

“She still hurt Savannah, there’s more than physical stuff that can hurt a kid.” Tiffany said.

“Princess is right for once. Michelle could have done major mental damage to Harley and Savannah here.” Chris said.

“What about you Julia? How do you feel about this?” I challenged.

"I don't know honestly. I guess I'm shocked. I have to say I love Michelle and she's been really great to me but I didn't know so much trouble could follow one woman." Julia said.

"Poor Hunter...I feel bad for him." Tiffany said.

"Hunter has had his own share of trouble follow him around. Michelle and Hunter are definitely a match...sometimes I think they match too well." Julia said.

"Yeah, I've heard about Michelle and Hunter's past misadventures. The person I really feel sorry for is Harley. Her mom kept this from her for years. It's crazy." Chris said.

Destiny sighed, "Yeah, her mom seems to have kept a lot of stuff from her...what princess thing was she talking about though?"

"Um...it's just a family thing. Not really important." I said

Destiny sighed, "Ok...I guess I'm kinda worried about Harley too..."

"So am I. She's very emotional, who knows what she'll do..." I said.

Conner

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"Ok, I want to tell your mother this alone. You can tell Anna while I talk to Kira." I said.

"Ok." Josh agreed.

Josh and I went in the house and saw Kira and Anna sitting in the living room watching a movie.

"Hey guys." I said.

"Dad, hey." Anna said.

"We need to talk Kira." I said.

"Ok..." she said following me to the bedroom. We sat on the bed. "What's wrong?"

I took a breath, "I found out something today and I should tell you before you find out some other way."

"What? Conner what is it? You're scaring me."

"I..." I took another deep breath. "While I was at work today Harley came in furious at Michelle for hiding a huge secret."

"Not surprising, what secret?"

"Michelle is Savannah's birth mother."

"What? For real? That's insane. Wait a second...Savannah is 27...that means she was pregnant towards the end of our Ranger days..."

"Right..."

"And I assume the father isn't Hunter..."

"Right..."

"Ryan?"

"No."

"Ok...so how does this affect us?"

I took another deep breath, "I'm Savannah's birth father."

Kira went pale. "You? But how? You guys never..."

"Yes we did. We had a secret thing going on behind everyone's backs. No one knew about it."

"Did you love her?"

"No...never. It was purely sex based...nothing more."  
"And you never had a clue about Savannah being yours?"  
"No, I never had a clue about Savannah being Michelle's."  
Kira took a breath. "Ok...anything else you would like to tell me?"  
"No."  
"Ok...then can you leave me alone please? I need some time to let this process."  
"Ok. I'll be downstairs." I said.

Josh

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"I wonder what that was about." Anna said as our parents walked away.
"Actually I need to tell you. Dad wanted to tell Mom alone though." I said.
"Oh? What is going on?" Anna asked.
"Well...Harley found out who Savannah's birth mother is."
"Who?"
"Michelle."
"You're kidding!"
"No...so Harley went off at Michelle and Michelle finally fessed up to who Savannah's birth father is?"
"Who? Hunter?"
"No of course not, she wouldn't hide that."
"Then who?"
"Dad."
"Dad? Our Dad?" Anna asked in shock.
"Yes, our Dad. Savannah is our half sister."
"Like Stace?"
"Exactly."
"Oh god...I can't believe Michelle would hide this from Dad...wait...Dad is 45... that means...he was 18 when Michelle had Savannah..."
"Yeah.Exactly."
"Oh my god...how old was Michelle?"
"Um...she's 51 now...so...24."
"She was sleeping with an 18 year old when she was 24?" Anna asked.
"Actually I think Dad was 17 when they started."
"Eww, sick...wait Michelle is 51? She doesn't look that old."
"Yeah...she's Sataurian remember? Different aging rate. Michelle will look 25 until she's 75 or something. The same will go for Harley, Felicity, and I guess Savannah too." I said.
"This is all insane." Anna said.
"No kidding." I agreed as Dad came downstairs.
"Josh, did you fill Anna in?" Dad asked.
"Yes sir."
"Ok. Any questions Anna?"
"Um...why were you sleeping with a 24 year old when you were 17 and why were you not protected when you always tell us to be?" Anna asked.
"OK...fair enough. I slept with Michelle because I was lonely. I loved your mother but she loved Trent. I turned to Michelle for comfort, who was also lonely at the time because she thought she would never see Hunter again. Age and status wasn't

really a thought, we just needed something. As for protection, it was stupid not to... all I can say is I let myself get lost in the heat of the moment and didn't think about it." Dad explained.

"How did Mom take this?" I asked.

"As well as can be expected." Dad said.

"I hope Harley is ok...she gets a little crazy when it comes to her mom sometimes." I said softly.

Harley

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I sped to Cyberspace and saw Savannah and Noah sitting on the sofa talking when I busted in.

"Savannah, we need to talk...now!" I commanded.

"Um...ok...be right back Noah." Savannah said leading me outside. "What's wrong?"

"How come you never told me you were my sister?" I demanded.

"What? You know?"

"Yes I know. I knew everything. I know more than you do. I know you've been bashing our mom without telling me who she is...why? Why didn't you tell me? I trusted you as a friend and all this time you knew I was your little sister!" I cried.

"I'm sorry Harley...I didn't feel it was my place to say anything. I wanted to so bad but I couldn't...it just wouldn't have been right. It was your mother's place, not mine, to tell you the truth."

"Bullshit. Like I'd believe a word you say to me now. Why does everyone keep fucking secrets from me? I'm so sick of it. I'm not even the true heiress to the Purple Ranger powers or the Sataurian throne. It's you! Well you know what that's fine. I'm gonna do what I should have done a long time ago and leave." I took off my Morpher and threw it at her, "Here you go, you're the true Purple Ranger. You go deal with Arissa, you're the one she really wants anyway."

"Harley stop." Savannah said grabbing my wrist. "I don't want your power. I'm only Michelle's daughter in blood, nothing more. I don't consider her my mother. You're the true inheritor"

"Let me go." I said pushing her away.

"Harley just listen." Savannah said reaching for me again.

I pushed her back. "I don't want to listen.

"Damn it Harley! Just listen to me! Nothing has to change. I still want to be your friend." She said pulling me by the wrist again.

"Everything's changed! I can trust anyone around me anymore! As for you, you're not my friend or sister or anything! You're just a lying nothing! You're nothing to me!" I screamed.

"Fine! Then just go the hell away." She said releasing my wrists in a throwing motion that made me stumble backwards. I fell back into the street and before I could move I saw headlights, then.....