

*"I see you looking over your shoulder  
Tell me who do you think's out there  
You're reaching for your four leaf clover  
But baby there ain't no luck down there  
I swear that there's no heart in this city  
It's here the slogan reads  
"Do your time" everybody's doing  
their sentence  
It's just there ain't nobody here  
Who knows just what's the crime...  
I read the rules  
And yeah I know them  
Still you ain't ever gonna  
Make me play the game of  
Fear"  
~ "Fear" Bon Jovi*

*"No...please..." I begged as he handcuffed my wrists to the bed and held my feet down. I tried to kick him but his hold was too strong. After my wrists were secure he tied my feet down. "Please...I'll do whatever you want, just don't do this."*

*"You know you want this...besides I'm getting what I want. I want to make love to you." James said as he ripped my clothes off.*

*"This isn't making love! This is rape! You really think you'll get away with it? You won't!" I screamed.*

*"Sure I will, because after we make love you have two choices, you marry me or I kill you. Your call." James said as he ripped the last bit of clothes from my body. I was so incredibly scared. I couldn't believe this was happening to me. I was a Power Ranger...how could this be happening?*

*"Please, just let me go." I pleaded.*

*"No. We are going to be together forever, this is only the beginning...oh and if that stupid Hunter guy comes to save you he's good as dead so you better hope he doesn't find us." James said as he started to undress himself.*

*"No! Leave Hunter out of this!" I screamed.*

*"You're mine now. I can't let some other man try to take you from me." James said as he climbed on top of me.*

*"NO!" I cried as I tried to wiggle to force him off. He pressed me down so I couldn't move and forced himself into me. I cried out in pain as I felt tears stream down my face. I cried as I watched him. He was enjoying this. He was getting off by forcing me into having sex with him.*

*"NO!!!" I screamed as I sat up with a jolt.*

*"Sweetie? What's wrong?" Hunter asked sitting up next to me.*

*I started crying. "Oh god...it was a nightmare."*

*"What happened?" Hunter asked as he pulled me into his arms.*

*"It was James...I had a nightmare about that night with James." I said crying harder.*

*"Oh sweetheart, he's in jail."*

*"But I saw him. Hunter, I know I did. I saw him...he's watching us again...he got out somehow. I know it."*

*"Even if he did I won't let him hurt you again. I'll kill him if he comes near you."*

*I took a deep breath and we laid back down. "I know...Hunter, hold me." I said cuddling into his arms.*

*"I'm right here." He said holding me closer as we drifted back to sleep.*

The next day we were in our office doing paperwork when Beth walked in.

"Oh, hello Beth, ready to start your community service?" I asked.

"Sure. I guess." Beth said.

"Ok, well we'll start you off with some basic cleaning till you get the hang of things around here. Our shuns dorm needs cleaning top to bottom. You can start there." I said.

“Yes ma’am.” Beth mumbled as she went off to start.

“What are we going to do with her for six months?” Hunter asked.

“Well after the Academy is clean we’ll get her involved in group. I think that’s the real reason Tommy sent her here, so she could get help without officially getting help.” I said.

“Smart.” Hunter said.

“Isn’t it? Yes, my brother is good.” I said as Harley came in.

“I have some demands.” Harley said.

“Oh?” I asked,

“I want my powers back and I want Tamara out of the dorm. I’m moving back in with Julia and I don’t want to hear any argument against it. I’m so sick of these sisters popping up out of nowhere and taking over my life. I want my life back, like it was before I found out about Savannah.” Harley said.

I looked at Hunter.

“Seems fair enough to me.” Hunter said.

“Can we start with the dorm thing and work our way back to Rangering?” I asked.

“No. All now.” Harley said.

I sighed. “Fine...I’ll call Savannah over here.”

“Thank you.” Harley said.

“I’ll tell Tamara she needs to move in with her parents.” Hunter said.

“You mean her mother, Daddy is not her father.” Harley said.

“Of course sweetie.” Hunter said.

## Savannah

I had been trying to live as normally as possible considering I was a Ranger again and my birth father turned out to be someone I’d known my entire life. I have to admit it, I had been avoiding Conner since I found out he was my father. It was sort of weird. He was Dad’s friend, one of his best friends...and the idea Michelle slept with him when he was so young...underage even. Needless to say when Conner and Josh came in for lunch I was kind of on edge.

“What can I get for you?” I asked.

“I’ll take a ham sandwich.” Josh said.

“Yeah, me too. You’re welcome to have lunch with us if you have time.” Conner said.

“Um...I...we’re very busy.” I said.

“It’s ok Sav. I got it covered.” Mom said taking the notepad from me. “What do you want sweetie?”

“A tuna wrap.” I said.

“Ok. I’m on it.” Mom said.

“So how have you been?” Conner asked.

“Fine...all things considered.” I said.

“Oh?” Conner asked.

“Well, Harley hates me and is set on making me miserable.” I said.

“Harley doesn’t hate you. She hates all these sisters popping up out of nowhere.” Josh said.

“Well she doesn’t need to take it out on me.” I said.

“Give the girl a break. She’s got a lot to deal with.” Josh said.

“I’m yours and Anna’s sister too and you guys haven’t been treating me like crap.” I pointed out.

“Yeah, you also didn’t push us in front of Trent Fernandez’s car.” Josh said.

“That was an accident.” I said.

“I would hope so. In any case, you can’t expect Har to accept you over night. Anna and I might be nice enough to you but we still don’t consider you a sister the way we do Stace. That will take time.” Josh said.

“Josh...” Conner said.

“It’s ok...I get it. I’m the one who wanted nothing to do with my birth parents...well birth mother anyway.” I said.

“That’s another thing, how can you expect Harley to like you when you always bash her mother to her. Michelle gave you up, ok we get it, and she hasn’t always been a great mom to Harley but she’s a pretty good one now and she and Har are finally getting close.” Josh said.

“Ok fine...” I said.

“Savannah, would you like to have dinner, just to two of us sometime this week?” Conner asked.

“Conner, I know what you’re trying to do...don’t. I know you want to be my father now but it’s a bit late for that. I have two great parents.” I said as my cell rang. “Hello?”

“Savannah? It’s Michelle, can I see you when you get the chance...sooner the better.”

“I’ll be right there.” I said hanging up, “Speaking of the wicked birth mother of the west she needs to see me.”

“Savannah, don’t...I happen to like Michelle, you should give her a chance.” Josh said.

“Whatever...I’ll catch you later.” I said taking off for the Academy.

Stacy

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I pulled into my dad’s driveway and smiled. Nikki’s car was there. I went in the house and found Nikki in the dining room.

“I see you had the cook make you a great meal.” I said.

“Oh, hello Stacy...I’m so glad you’re here. It’s so lonely without your father, would you like to join me?” Nikki asked.

“Oh cut the phony step-mother act.”

“What are you talking about?”

“I know all about you blackmailing my father, I know all about what you had on him, I know everything. I also got him to sign the company over to me and I’ve taken care of the finances so you have nothing on him anymore. I’m telling Tommy everything then you’ll be in prison for the accident and for blackmail.” I said.

“You know everything I have on him?” Nikki asked with a smirk.

“Yes. About Fernandez Industries going under...I know all about it.”

“Oh? You know it all? So then you know about Conner and Trent’s little love affair?” Nikki asked.

“What?” I asked confused.

“I have him confessing to it on tape. When they were teenagers Trent and Conner slept together. Sure it was a one time thing and they were experimenting but I can make it seems like it’s an on going affair. Wouldn’t the press love that, ‘Millionaire Businessman Linked to Ex-wife’s Husband’”

“No, you’re lying...Conner and Dad never slept together.” I said. I felt the color draining from my skin. The idea of it was beyond sick.

“You thought you beat me you brat? You can’t beat me. I’m too smart for you.” Nikki said.

I had to think fast...Nikki couldn’t win. “Ok fine...tell the press about Dad and Conner, I’ll just tell the press that you made passes at me. I’ll go under oath and tell them all kinds of things.”

“It would be lies and you know you couldn’t pull it off.”

“Ok so I’ll tell everyone...I’ll tell everyone your real age.”

Nikki paled, “You could never prove it.”

“Sure I could. There’s this great thing called a birth certificate. I happen to have a copy of your real one stored for a rainy day Nicolette JoAnn Cruthers...your last name isn’t even Valentina...I bet the press would love to know that.” I said.

“You brat.”

“Yes I am...now I’d rethink taking your knowledge pubic. Face it Nikki, you’ve been beat. And it feels so good after the crap you’ve put me through for all these years. To think I’m the one who gets to bring you down, it’s so sweet. And fair warning...oh and don’t run...it will make you sentence harsher.” I said turning to leave.

I got in my car and raced home. I needed some answers from Conner...I couldn’t believe what Nikki had told me.

Tiffany

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“Hey Chris, head’s up!” I cried throwing a wet dish rag at him. It hit him in the face.

“Oh, you are so gonna pay for that.” Chris said with a smile as he came after me.

“Ugh, guys, can we finish up in here?” Destiny whined.

“Hey, may as well make it fun.” I said giggling as Chris caught me and tickled me.

“We’re being punished, fun isn’t part of it.” Destiny replied.

“You’re such a downer.” I said.

“Come on Dest, have some fun.” Chris said putting some soap suds on the end of her nose.

She smiled, "You're such a jerk." She ran and jumped on his back.

I rolled my eyes. It was ok for her to goof around with Chris but I couldn't. What was the deal here? "Hey Destiny, could you make your crush on Chris a little less obvious?" I asked.

She glared at me and got off his back.

"Cat fight!" Derek called.

"All over Chris? You guys are insane." April said.

"Hey!" Chris cried.

"I don't have a thing for Chris...if you do you can have him." Destiny said turning her nose up.

"Aww, she does have a crush on Chris, look at her!" April cried.

"I said I don't!" Destiny cried.

"So if Chris asked you out you'd say no?" I asked.

"I didn't say that." She said.

"You so have a crush on him." April said.

Chris looked on with amusement. "You both have a thing for me?"

"No." Destiny and I said together.

"Oh god, stop lying, you both do!" April said.

"I have to agree...it's kinda obvious." Derek said.

"I don't have a crush on anyone...anyway, what would the point be?" I asked.

"What?" Chris asked.

"Look at me...even Destiny is more attractive than I am." I said turning to leave the kitchen.

"Where did that come from? Tiff?" Chris asked.

"It's true...why would I bother liking anyone? Look at me, I'm a cow!"

"You are not. You're beautiful." Chris said.

"Oh god...look at me, I'm a princess who needs attention." Destiny said.

"Destiny?" April asked.

"Yeah April?"

"Shut up!"

"What?" Destiny asked.

"You heard me. Leave Tiff alone. It's one thing to bag on her when she's really being princess like, but she needs support right now." April said.

"And after what happened with Jesse we should all realize how important supporting each other is." Derek said.

"Oh come on! This is all for attention!" Destiny said.

"Like you never do anything for attention." April said.

"I'm so not as bad as Miss Pink over there." Destiny said.

"Just leave me alone Destiny, you don't know anything about me so don't pretend you do." I said storming out of the kitchen.

"Tiff!" Chris called as he ran after me.

"What?" I asked.

"Don't listen to her...or yourself for that matter. I think you're amazing." Chris said.

"Ok...who do you have a crush on?" I asked.

"Well, until now I thought it was on Tamara and Destiny."

"And now?"

"And now all I want to do is show you how beautiful you really are."

"Oh? How can you do that?"

"I can start like this." He said leaning in and kissing me. It felt so good, I had never been kissed like that before. The kiss finally broke. "Was that ok?"

I nodded, "That was amazing."

"Did it work?"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Do you feel as beautiful as you are?"

I smiled, "I think I'm getting there."

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After Savannah left I went home and found Kira.

“Hey babe.” I said pulling her into my arms.

“Hey sweetie, what are you doing home?” she asked.

“It occurred to me just how little we see each other lately and I figured I’d come see you while the kids were in school.”

I smirked as I moved the radio. I turned on the CD player. Maroon 5’s “She Will Be Loved” played. It was the first song that was ever ‘our song’. She smiled and I took her in my arms again. We danced around the living room to the song.

“I love you so much Conner, I’m so lucky to have you.” She said.

“I’m the lucky one. I have the girl of my dreams. I love you so much Kira. You’re everything I ever wanted.” I said kissing her.

“You’re everything I never knew I wanted.” She replied as I held her closer. I was really enjoying this when suddenly the door flew open.

“I want some answers now!” Stacy cried.

“What the hell? Stace? What’s wrong?” I asked letting go of Kira.

“Nikki said she has proof you slept with my father Conner! Please tell me she’s bluffing and that never happened.” Stacy said.

I gasped. I couldn’t believe Nikki knew about it, much less had proof...I also couldn’t believe Stace knew about it. “I’m sorry Stace, it’s true.”

“Mom, did you know about this?” Stacy asked.

“Yeah, I knew. I found out years ago.” Kira said.

“Oh great...thanks for filling me in!” Stacy cried.

“God...Stacy, I never wanted you to know. We were teenagers! It was a mistake and I’ve tried really hard to forget it ever happened.” I said.

“I can’t believe this...this is so totally gross.” Stacy said going upstairs.

I sat on the sofa and sighed, Kira sat next to me. “She’ll get over it sweetie...it’s just a shock.”

I sighed, this was so embarrassing, “I hope so.”

Destiny

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“They’ll make a cute couple.” Derek said.

“Yeah, princess and the thug, sounds like a fairy tale.” April said.

“Oh you know you’re happy for them.” Derek said.

“We don’t know that they’re together.” I said.

“Oh you saw the way he chased after her.” April said.

“Yeah, they’re together.” Derek said.

I couldn’t believe Chris cared about that princess. I had to find some way to make him notice me...I had to figure out how to beat her.

For the time being all I could do was wait, when a thought suddenly occurred to me...if that Arissa chick got a certain Pink Ranger she’s be out of my way.

“Guys, I’m done with my stuff. I have...homework to do. Catch you later.” I said running back to my bunk. I started to plot how to get rid of Tiffany once and for all.

Arissa

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“You were seen?” Aunt Aria asked.

“Yes.” James replied.

“You idiot! You weren’t supposed to be seen yet!” I cried.

“It’s ok. Only Michelle saw me. Hunter probably thinks she losing her mind or something.” James said.

“For your sake you better be right. In the meantime what’s the next plan?” I asked.

“You distract Hunter while James deals with Michelle.” Aunt Aria said.

“I can do that.” I said.

“Soon we will have our revenge on the Queen...she will pay for what she did to Lilianna.” Aunt Aria said.

I went to the Academy and found Hunter.

“Hey, can we talk?” I asked.

“Talk or battle?” he asked.

“Talk.” I said.

“OK...that we can do.” He said walking with me.

“Listen, I’m sorry things have to be this way.”

“They don’t...you could give up this crazy quest for revenge...I’ve been there, it’s not a good place to be.”

“No. My mom was murdered in cold blood. I have to avenge that.”

“She wasn’t murdered in cold blood. She was murdered in self defense.”

“That’s what Michelle wants you to believe.”

“That’s the way it happened...listen, I know you love your mother’s memory but just look what she did to me. She date raped me...she wasn’t a good person.”

“Stop it. I didn’t come here to hear you bash my mother.”

“I’m just telling you the truth.”

“Your truth. She isn’t here to defend herself.” I said getting angry.

“But I am here to be a father to you...trust me Arissa.” Hunter said as we heard a cry in the distance. I disappeared, hoping James hadn’t messed up.

Michelle

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I was in the office when I heard the door slam.

“Hunter?” I asked walking out of the back. I saw James standing there.

“Hi honey, I’m home.” He said with a smirk.

“Oh shit...you are back...how did you...what are you...” my entire body was shaking with fear.

“I knew you’d be happy to see me.”

“Get the hell out.”

“Relax, it’s not you I’m after this time. I have Aria and Arissa convinced you’re the target, but I have a bigger goal...”

“Bigger goal?”

“Yes. You’ll find out any second now...”

Just then Harley walked in the office and James grabbed her. “See I’m after a purer love this time. I will be back for you, and this time your sweet Hunter won’t be alive to save you, I’ll make sure of it.” James said running off with Harley. When I tried to run after him he zapped me. Don’t know when he got powers. Anyway I did the only thing I could do. I screamed as loud as I could. Hunter came running over.

“What’s wrong?” he asked.

I started crying. “I was right...James is back. He’s working for Arissa and Aria and he’s got Harley.”