

PRWC 16- "Returning to Life"

*"I'm livin' in the real world
Everything's written in black and white
Livin' in the real world
Where you don't get nothin' unless you fight"
~ "Real World" Richard Marx*

"Trent Fernandez?" I asked.

"Yes." Jason said.

"It can't be...is it the same Trent?" Hunter asked.

"Yes. Our friend Trent Fernandez." Jason said.

"Well, former friend anyway." I said.

"Oh god...what do we do now?" Rocky asked.

"Since Harley isn't capable of making choices for herself right now it's up to you three if charges are pressed or not." Jason said.

"Yes." Hunter said.

"Definitely." Rocky said.

"I..." I started.

"Mich? You can't seriously be thinking about letting him go." Hunter said.

"It's just...well he was my team mate..." I said.

"Yeah and he almost killed your daughter." Rocky said.

I nodded, "You're right...ok, do whatever needs to be done."

"Ok...I'll talk to the Reefside PD and see about getting an arrest warrant issued." Jason said.

"I'm going with you, partner." Tommy said walking up.

"Are you sure?" Jason asked.

"Yes. I want to be there." Tommy said.

Jason

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I was very lucky the Reefside PD was being so nice about me working on this case. It wasn't really my business but they were pretty cool about it. Anyway, after I had the OK from Michelle, Hunter, and Rocky Tommy and I went back to the police station and got to work on getting that warrant. It didn't take long considering we had it all on tape. After all the paperwork was done I went with some RPD officers to Fernandez Manor. This was not going to be fun. I never had to arrest a former Ranger before. I rang the bell and the maid answered.

"Reefside PD, we need to see Mr. Fernandez." I said.

"What is it?" Trent said coming to the door, "Oh hey Jason, Tommy, what's up?"

"Trent Fernandez you are under arrest for reckless driving in the hit and run case resulting in the injury of Harlyn Bradley. You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney, if you can not afford one then one will be provided for you. Do you understand these rights?" I asked as I cuffed him.

"Jason, you can't be serious." Trent said.

"Do you understand these rights?" I asked again.

"Yes, ok? Yes. Now tell me what is going on here." Trent said.  
"We have you on tape hitting Harley with your car." Tommy said.  
"What? Tommy...you can't be serious..." Trent said.  
"I'm sorry Trent." Tommy said as we put him in the car.

## Savannah

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I had been forced out of the hospital and over to the Academy to talk to my new team by the recommendation of my parents.
"Listen, I know you guys don't want me on this team any more than I want to be on this team but Harley can't do it and you guys need a Purple Ranger so we're stuck with each other." I said.
"Great pep talk." April said.
"Yeah, very motivational." Chris said.
"Guys...I..." I started as the alarm sounded. "It's go time guys, there's Bots downtown."
"Let's do it." Derek said.

We went downtown and started to fight the Bots when Arissa showed up.
"Hello again Rangers, where is my favorite little Purple Ranger?" she asked.
"She couldn't make it, I'm subbing for her today. Ready guys?" I asked.
"Ready." They replied.
"Wild Cat Transformation!" we cried.
"A new Purple Ranger? But how?" Arissa asked confused.
"You're smart Arissa, you figure it out." I said.
"Don't worry, I will...and when I figure out where you guys are hiding Harley you all are toast." Arissa said.
"Big talk Arissa. You know for an evil alien being you sure don't have much action to back up that mouth." Derek said.
"Don't assume Red Ranger, you have no idea what I'm capable of." Arissa said disappearing.
"OK, good job guys." I said.
"Yeah...you're not the leader so don't pretend to be." April said as the Wildcats took off.
I sighed. This wouldn't be easy.

Josh

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I was sitting outside Cyberspace when I saw Marissa walk up.  
"Hey you, long time no see." She said sitting next to me and kissing me.  
"Hey...sorry, life has been hectic." I said kissing her back.  
"What's going on?" she asked.  
"Remember I told you about my friend Harley? Well she was in an accident." I said  
"Oh my god, that's horrible. I'm so sorry. Is she ok?"  
"Well...physically she'll recover but she has amnesia." I said.  
"How bad?"  
"She doesn't remember who she is...who her family is...nothing."

“Oh god...”

“Yeah...so like I said, things have been hectic. I’m having to take over some of her work at the school and stuff.” I said.

“I understand...I’m so sorry.”

“Thanks.”

I sighed. I really needed to tell Marissa I couldn’t see her anymore. It wasn’t fair to her when my heart was with Harley. I couldn’t handle a break up right now though...it could wait a little longer.

“Hey...I just remembered something I need to do. See you later?” she asked.

“Sure. Later.” I said.

Arissa

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This was better than anything I could have hoped for. Harley had amnesia which meant I could convince Harley she was on my side or even just kill her while she was out of it...or both! I was so excited! So much planning so little time!

Tony

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“What do we do Tony? We can’t leave Harley but we can’t miss any more school.” Cali said.

“I hate the idea of leaving her too but really what can we do here? Harley has her family...we can come visit when possible but we really need to think about getting home.” I said.

“I don’t wanna leave either but Tony is right.” Mel said.

“I know my dad is staying here awhile to work on the criminal case.” Alex said.

“I think mine is too.” I said.

“And I’m pretty sure my dad won’t leave Michelle until he’s sure she’s ok. According to my mom he’s always been protective of her.” Nick said.

“See, Harley will be surrounded by people who love her.” Lindsey said.

“And I’m staying for another week or so anyway.” Aaron said.

“OK then, we need to book a flight then.” I said to Mel.

“I’ll call the airport.” Mel said going to the phone.

“And we can all drive back in the morning.” Alex said to the others.

“Sounds good.” Nick agreed.

Anna

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I was at home watching TV when the phone rang. I reached over and picked it up.

“Hello?”

“Hello? Anna?”

“Stacy? Oh my god! Hey!” I cried.

“Is Mom around?” Stacy asked, she sounded very upset.

“No, she’s out right now. Why? What’s wrong Stacey?” I asked.

“I’m coming to Reefsides and I need a place to stay.”

“Well you can stay here of course. Why are you coming to Reefside?”
“You didn’t hear? My father was arrested for driving the car that hit Harley.”
“WHAT?! Oh my god...Stace, I’m so sorry.” I said.
“Yeah...anyway I’ll be there in a few hours.” She said.
“Ok...I’ll see you then.”
“Alright, just let Mom and Conner know I’m coming.”
“Not a problem. I love you.”
“Love you too. Bye.”
“Bye.” I said hanging up.

I couldn’t believe it. I never liked Trent but I couldn’t believe he caused Harley’s accident. I was lost in thought when Mom and Dad walked in.

“Hey guys.” I said.
“Hey.” Mom said.
“Did you guys hear about Trent getting arrested?” I asked.
“Yeah, just a few minutes ago. How did you know?” Mom asked.
“Stacy called. She’s on her way here and she said she needed a place to stay.” I said.
“You told her she was welcome here right?” Mom asked.
“No, I turned her away.” I said sarcastically, “Of course I invited her here!”
“When is she getting here?” Dad asked.
“A few hours.” I said.
“Alright. I’m gonna go get her room ready.” Mom said going upstairs. When Dad and I were alone I looked at him.
“How is she really taking this?” I asked.
“Hard. Part of her will always care about Trent even if she doesn’t like admitting it.” Dad said.
I nodded, “I still don’t believe all of this.”
“I know...neither can I.” Dad said.
“How’s the school?” I asked.
“I’m so over being acting head master. I know Hunter and Michelle need time to take care of Harley but I’ll be glad when they can come back.” He said.
I nodded.

Stacy

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I was in total shock. My father had been arrested for nearly killing Harley. It was unreal. When I got to Reefside I rushed to the police station. My stepmother, Nikki, was already there. I had never really gotten along with Nikki. She was a stuck up actress who I know didn’t like me at all. Anyway when I saw her she had on sunglasses and was acting like a very distraught wife, which I knew was an act because I knew she didn’t love my father...she love his money.  
“Hello Nikki.” I said.  
“Stacy, I’m so glad you could make it. Your father will be happy to see you too.” She said hugging me.  
I rolled my eyes, “I bet.”  
“Stacy...hi.” Tommy said walking over.

“Hi...how did this happen?” I asked.  
“I don’t know...but it’s all on tape. If you’ll follow me I’ll let you see your father.” Tommy said.  
“OK, thanks.” I said following him.

I followed Tommy to a large room where my father sat alone.  
“Hi Dad.” I said hugging him.  
“Stacy, I’m so glad to see you.” Dad said hugging me.  
“What happened? How did all this happen?” I asked sitting across from him.  
Dad looked around and when he was sure we were alone he leaned close to me. “It wasn’t me who hit Harley...it was Nikki.”  
“WHAT?! Dad, you have to tell Tommy!” I cried.  
“No. I can’t. Nikki is my wife and I have to protect her.”  
“You can’t! Not at the cost of your freedom!”  
“I have to. I love Nikki...I already lost your mother, I don’t want to lose Nikki too.”  
“Dad, you will go to jail, do you not get that?!”  
“I can’t let anything happen to Nikki.”  
I sighed, “Fine...what can I do to help you then?”  
“You can find a way to bail me out of here.”  
“Ok, I’ll talk to Tommy. Anything else?”  
“No...not right now.”  
“Ok, I’ll go talk to Tommy then...I love you Dad.”  
“I love you too Stace.” He said hugging me before I left the room to go talk to Tommy.

Michelle

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The next day the Genesis Rangers, minus Aaron, left Reefside. I could tell it was hard for them to leave Harley like that but they knew they had to and I promised I’d keep them up to date on everything happening with Harley’s condition. Shortly after they left the doctor told us we could take Harley home. She would need to be watched 24/7 for awhile but Jason, Tommy, Kim, Kat, Blake, Dustin, and of course Rocky and Aisha were staying to help. Marah and Tori decided to go home with Nick and Lindsey.

Being as Harley wasn’t exactly up for being a dorm monitor right now Hunter and I decided it would be best if she moved in to our house and out of the dorms. Blake, Dustin, Kat, and Jason were staying in the guest dorms and Tommy and Kim were staying at Conner’s. As for Rocky and Aisha, they were staying in our guest apartment. Yes, I was living a few feet away from my ex-husband. This would be so fun! Not.

When we got Harley back to the Academy we got her settled in her new room, which we had set up to look as much like her old room in Angel Grove as possible.
“Welcome home Princess.” Rocky said.
“Thanks Rocky.” Harley said.

"I bet you're tired aren't you?" I asked.

"Actually...yeah."

"OK then, get some sleep." I said as we all left her alone.

"I'll come check on her in the morning." Hunter said heading for the front door.

"You don't have to go..." I said.

"Yes Mich, I do. I'm going to check on the Wildcats then I'm going back to the hotel." Hunter said.

I sighed, "Fine...see you tomorrow."

"Bye." He said leaving.

"Thanks for letting us stay here Mich." Rocky said.

"No problem...you're her father, she needs you right now." I said.

"Rocky...I think we should have Tamara come stay with us. We don't know how long we'll be here." Aisha said.

"Tamara?" I asked.

"My daughter. She's 16." Aisha said.

"Oh...right." I said.

"You really think that's a good idea, having her out of school that long?" Rocky asked.

"No, I was thinking...maybe she could enroll at Reefside High..." Aisha said.

"Are you sure?" Rocky asked.

"Listen, Harley is your daughter and she needs you now, probably long term. I think spending the rest of the school year here is a good idea." Aisha said.

Rocky smiled, "Thanks baby."

"I'll go to the guest house and call Tamara." Aisha said leaving.

When we were alone Rocky turned to me.

"Hey...Mich...for the record, I'm sorry I went off on you."

I nodded, "You were mad...I understand that."

"I was mad but that's no excuse...and I'm glad I can stay so close to Harley...but I promise we'll find an apartment soon."

"You don't have to do that. You can stay there long as you want...oh and I don't know if she'd be interested but we do need another dorm monitor since Harley can't do it anymore...if Tamara wants she can room with Julia and be the second monitor. She wouldn't have to worry about being a group leader or anything because Josh is taking over that." I said.

Rocky nodded, "I'll talk to Aisha and Tamara about it."

"Ok...I didn't even know Aisha had a daughter." I said.

"She had her in Africa. She met a man there and got married. He died 8 years ago and Aisha moved back to California. We ran into each other one day after I moved to Blue Bay Harbor and caught up. It just went from there." Rocky explained.

"Do you and Tamara get along?" I asked.

"Yes, very well actually. She is starting to consider me a father figure of sorts."

"That's good."

"Yeah..."

"Are you happy...you know, with everything?" I asked.

Rocky seemed to consider the question, "Yeah...I am. I mean it hurt a lot when I lost you but I'm finally getting everything back together. I am happy now. Are you? Would you go back and change anything?"

"No. I do love you...even now...but my heart and soul is with Hunter...it always has and always will be...I should have figured that out sooner." I said.

"Would have saved us a lot of trouble."

"I know...I'm sorry."

"Listen, I better go...I'll come by later."

"Ok...bye." I said letting Rocky out. I went into Felicity's room and looked around. I missed her. Hunter was right though, she was better off with him.

Hunter

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I went in to the lodge to check on the Wildcats.

"Hey guys!" I said.

"Hunter!" Tiffany cried running up and hugging me.

I laughed, "Good to see you too."

"So how's Harley?" Derek asked.

"She'll be ok...she just needs to remember but it will come with time." I said.

April looked around to make sure Destiny, who was doing homework a few feet away, couldn't hear, "How long are we stuck with Savannah?"

I sighed, "She's a good Ranger April. Just give her a chance, you might actually find you like her"

"Not likely." Chris mumbled.

"Tiffany, I hear your mom came for a visit, how did that go?" I asked.

"It was fine." Tiffany said.

"Derek, I got a message your parents are coming later this week...we need to talk later about how we're gonna handle it." I said.

"They are coming here? No." Derek said.

"It'll be ok...we'll handle it...I won't break my promise." I said.

Derek nodded, "Fine."

"Anyway, I need to go pick up Felicity and get back to my hotel." I said.

"Are you leaving Michelle?" Jesse asked.

"No. I just need some time away from her to think about things." I said.

"That's understandable." Jesse agreed.

"I'll see you guys later." I said heading out.

Stacy

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I had managed to get my dad bailed out of jail. I took him home but I was still staying with my mom and Conner. Everything got to be too much so I went to Cyberspace to see Savannah, we were old friends.

"Hey." I said.

"Stace! Hey!" Savannah said hugging me.

"How's it going?" I asked.

“It’s going.”

“Sorry about...your sister.”

“Yeah...”

“Weird huh? I mean how you ended up with two sisters so suddenly.”

“Yeah...sorry about your dad”

“No you’re not...I am though. I’m sorry this all happened.”

“I know you are...it’s not your fault.” She said.

“Still...I hear you’re taking over for Harley on the team.”

“Yep, I’m back in uniform again.”

“You know what Tommy says, once a Ranger...”

“Yeah, I know...always a Ranger.” I said.

“So you ready to take out Arissa?”

“Oh yeah...the hard part is protecting Michelle since that’s who she’s after.”

“Michelle isn’t that bad is she?”

“I suppose not...I just can’t stand her.”

I hugged her. “I know...but it’ll all work out...for both of us.”