

PRWC 9- "Reality Check"

*"I can't deal with reality
It's nothing but excruciating agony
I can't deal with my apathy
It's just in my genes and personality"
~ "Reality Check" Konkhra*

"Derek, we've been going in circles since you've gotten here. A star athlete doesn't just decide to give it all up one day. I'm gonna try the direct approach here...what happened to you?" Hunter asked.

"I told you, peer pressure got to me. Nothing else happened. Can I go now?" I asked.

Hunter sighed, "OK, we're done for now. See you later."

"Thank you." I said taking off. There was no way I could tell Hunter what really happened. He'd never understand.

I headed for the field, it was gym time.

"Hey Conner" I said.

"Derek, hey. Just in time." He said tossing me a football.

"Yeah, let's do it Wild Cats." I said putting on my flag belt.

"The odds are uneven." Chris said.

"Yeah, with Tiffany on shuns it's 4 on 5." April said.

"Sorry guys, nothing I can do about that." Conner said.

"It's ok. Doesn't matter, we'll take them anyway. Let's do it." I said as the game started.

Harley

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I had spent the last few days going between school and baby-sitting Tiffany. I knew it had to be done but I was missing my friends in a major way. I so wanted to go hang out at Cyberspace. Only 2 more days...

At this moment I had finished my classes for the day so I was watching Tiffany eat. I had to make sure she ate and that it stayed down.

"Harley?"

"Yeah Tiff?"

"You've been a Ranger awhile?"

"Yeah."

"What was your hardest battle as a Ranger so far?"

"Probably fighting Viper...or Nick. He went from good to evil so much you never knew what side he was on. It's hard to not know what is real and what isn't. Now eat." I said.

She was just about done when my mom came in.

"How's it going?" she asked.

“She’s almost finished eating.” I said.  
“Good...listen Har, if you want to go to Cyberspace I’ll take over for a few hours.” Mom said.  
“Are you sure? This is my job.”  
“I’m sure. Go.”  
“Are you ok with that Tiff?” I asked.  
“Totally. Go, have fun.”  
“OK later.” I said taking off. I got in my car and went to Cyberspace.

Anna was on stage with her band, Josh was doing homework, DJ was watching Beth flirt with some guy like a protective big brother, and Noah was watching Savannah’s every move...I think Savannah was glancing back at him when she got the chance too.

“Hey guys,” I said.  
“Har, hey long time no see.” Josh said.  
“Yeah, I missed you.” DJ said pulling me into his lap.  
“Missed you guys too.” I said kissing DJ.  
“So how’s Tiff?” Josh asked.  
“She’s doing better I guess. My parents are meeting with her’s tomorrow to discuss what happened.” I said.  
“I feel sorry for her. It must be awful to think your parents don’t love you.” Noah said.  
“Sad how many kids think that.” Josh said.  
I nodded. “Hey, Anna looks even happier than normal on stage, what’s going on?”  
“Oh you haven’t heard yet? There was a teacher strike at Blue Bay U and they expect classes to be out for a month so Aaron is coming to stay here for a couple of weeks.” Josh said.  
“Aaron Kay?” I asked.  
“Um...he is Anna’s boyfriend, duh.” Josh said.  
“Just checking...wow...I haven’t seen Aaron in awhile.” I said.  
“You’re over him right?” Josh asked.  
“Yeah...I mean I’ve moved on, but he was my first love. You don’t forget something like that.” I said.  
“Sometimes love gets more intense as you get older anyway.” DJ said wrapping his arms around my waist.  
I smiled.  
“What time is it?” Josh asked.  
“Five till four, why?” I asked.  
“I need to go meet Marissa at the movies. I’ll catch you guys later.” Josh said.  
“Ok, have fun.” I said.

Josh

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I got to the theater and found Marissa.
“Hey baby.” I said kissing her.
“Hey yourself. I’ve missed you.” She said kissing me back. I bought us movie tickets and popcorn then we found seats and waited for the movie to start.

“So how was your day?” I asked.

“Uneventful. Just talked to my aunt and stuff. What about your day?”

“School...normal stuff. My sister’s boyfriend is coming in tonight so I helped set up the guest room.”

“Your sister has a boyfriend?”

“Yeah he lives in Blue Bay Harbor. I’m kinda worried about him visiting.”

“How come?”

“You remember I mentioned my friend Harley? Well Aaron was her first love and now he’s dating Anna. Harley says she’s over Aaron but I just worry she might not be and cause problems for him and Anna.” I said.

“I’m sure it’ll be ok.” Marissa said as the movie started.

Arissa

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If you haven’t figured out I’m Marissa by now how stupid are you? I knew that the Purple Ranger was friends with this guy and hooking up with him was giving me valuable information...like this Aaron guy...what if I had the Bots kidnap him? Harley would go insane with worry and it would cause tension between Anna and Harley which would cause tension among everyone else. It was a great plan. It had to work. My aunt was getting very impatient with my failures, and I was in no hurry to age at a human rate anyway. I needed to take over Earth and get back to my TK-91 fast.

After the movie I kissed Josh goodnight...the guy was a good kisser I could admit that much...and I headed back to my lair. I pulled out my picta-phone and got my aunt on screen.

“I won’t fail you again, by this time tomorrow the Rangers will be doomed.” I said.

“Good...see that you don’t fail again.” She said.

“I won’t...I won’t.” I turned off my Picta-phone and set to work. I would need several monsters for this project. Of course they would all be copies off a main one, but they could all serve my purpose...these shape shifter monsters would bring forth the Rangers’, past and present, worst fear. First thing first, I had to separate them. I sent down scattered armies of Bots.

Derek

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We had just finished dinner, Wild Cats had kitchen duty again. I was washing come plates when Hunter came in.

“Derek, telephone.”

“Oh? Who is it?” I asked.

“Your mother. She said she really wants to talk to you.” Hunter said.

Hearing that she wanted to talk to me made something in me snap. I picked up a plate and threw it at the wall, shattering it. “Tell her she can fuck herself!” I screamed as I ran from the kitchen. I ran into the woods before I finally fell against a tree and started to cry. I was alone for a little while before I heard someone.

“Something you didn’t share in group?” April asked sitting next to me.

“Fuck off.”

“I would, really...but you look like you need to talk and you’re obviously not going to tell Hunter what’s going on so you can tell me. I won’t tell Hunter.” April said as an army of Bots showed up. “Bad timing much?”

“Come on, we have a job to do.” I said as we started to fight.

“April, Derek, there’s an army of Bots in the city.” Michelle said over the communicator.

“There’s one here too.” April said.

“They are scattered all over the city.” Michelle said.

“Go, I can hold it down here.” I said.

“OK. I’m gone.” April said taking off.

I continued to fight on my own. “I’m so sick of you bots!” I cried. I was just about to finish them off.

“Derek, come here. Mommy needs her boy.” A voice said.

I turned around and saw my mother.

“Go away.” I said.

“Sweetie, come here...I love you my baby.”

“No...go away. Just leave me alone!”

“Don’t you love me anymore Derek?”

“No! No I don’t! Just go away!” I screamed

“I love you.”

“No you don’t. Mothers shouldn’t do what you’ve done.”

“I just want to show you how much I love you.” She said coming at me.

I froze. “No...” I whispered as I cried.

Anna

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I was nervously waiting at the airport when I finally saw Aaron come down the stairs. I ran over to him.

“Aaron!” I cried jumping into his arms.

“Oh god, Anna!” he said hugging me tight.

“I’ve missed you so much.” I said.

“I’ve missed you.” He said kissing me.

I kissed him back. “We should get outside. Josh is waiting in the car.”

“Ok, let’s go.” Aaron said.

We went back outside and got in the car.

“Hey Aaron.” Josh said.

“Hey Josh, how’s it hanging?” Aaron asked.

“Pretty good.” Josh said.

“How’s Harley?” Aaron asked.

“She’s good. She’s dating our cousin DJ.” I said.

“She sure gets around.” Aaron said.

“Like mother like daughter.” Josh mumbled. We finally got to Cyberspace.

“I need to run to the restroom.” Aaron said.

“Ok. I’ll be here.” I said sitting down. While Aaron was in the bathroom Harley came in.

“Hey guys.” Harley said.

“Hey Har.” I said.  
“Aaron get in ok?” she asked.  
“Yeah, he’ll be right back.” I said. He ended up being gone for quite awhile.  
Finally he came back.  
“Aaron!” Harley said standing up to hug him.  
“Hey baby...I’ve missed you.” Aaron said kissing Harley right in front of me!

Michelle

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I was about to call Harley to join the fight when there was a knock on my door. I ran to the door and opened it. There stood my worst nightmare. Sara Austin.
“What do you want?” I asked. I noticed she was holding a baby that looked to be a little less than a year old.
“I came to introduce my little son to his father.” Sara said.
“What? Liar!” I cried.
“Don’t believe me? We can do a DNA test. You know Hunter and I have been carrying on an affair since the week after you guys got married. I’m so happy I was finally able to give him a son...something you could never do.” Sara said rocking her baby.
“No! You’re lying!” I cried. I felt like my world was crumbling around me.
“What’s the matter Michelle? Truth hurt?” Sara asked.
“No...this can’t be...it’s a trick...Hunter would never cheat on me...ever.”
“Of course, because you’re so faithful. Gave him plenty of reasons not to stray and its not like he cheated on you already or anything.”
I turned pale. She was right. Hunter had cheated on me with Cam before. “NO!” I screamed.

Hunter

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I was sitting in the office waiting for word from Michelle when someone walked in.  
“Oh, hey Rocky. What can I do for you?” I asked.  
“I came to get \*my\* daughter.” Rocky said.  
“Harley? She’s out right now.”  
“Not Harley. The daughter that shares my DNA.”  
“What are you talking about?”  
“Felicity.”  
“What? No. Felicity is my daughter.” I said.  
“I thought so too but I got a call from the hospital. Seems Michelle lied about who the father was again. She’s making that a habit, don’t you think?”  
“No...I don’t believe it. Felicity is my daughter...how could she be yours?”  
“Michelle and I may have done a lot of fighting, but we did a lot of making up. You know all about how Michelle ‘makes up’ don’t you?” Rocky said.  
“But if Felicity is yours...”  
“She cheated on you with me. You didn’t honestly think Michelle could stay faithful, did you? She cheated on me with you, what made you think the reverse wouldn’t be true?”

“But Felicity is my baby girl.” I said. I felt tears well in my eyes. This was my worst fear. I couldn’t lose my little girl.

Tally

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I was working on sewing some patches on Beth’s cheerleading uniform when there was a knock on the door. I went and answered it. It was Conner.

“Hey Conner, Eric isn’t here right now.” I said.

“Good. I didn’t come to see Eric. I came to see you.” Conner said.

“Oh, ok. What’s up?” I asked.

“Having you back in Reefside has made me realize what a mistake I made. You’re the one I should be with. Not Kira. I want you...I want you right now.” Conner said pulling me into his arms and kissing me. My mind was racing. It was like a dream. I had thought about something like this happening but never expected it would. I returned the kiss and wrapped my arms around his neck.

Kira

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I was headed to Tally’s. I needed to ask her a question and I happened to be close by. When I turned the corner I saw her making out with Eric...\*Wait...that isn’t Eric...that’s the other twin...my twin! Conner! NO!\* my mind screamed. I continued driving. I needed to go somewhere and think about this. I needed to let this all sink in. It didn’t feel real. I ended up at the Storm Chargers office. I guess Eric was the closest friend I had in town. I went in and ran back to his office.

“Eric? Are you busy?” I asked.

“Oh hey Kira? Not too busy. Wait, what’s the matter? You look like you’ve been crying.” He said.

“Can we go somewhere and talk?”

“Sure, how about I drive you home? You don’t look in shape for driving.”

“Ok.” I agreed. I got in his car and I stayed quiet until we got back to my house. He walked me in and we sat down on the sofa.

“What happened?” Eric asked as he wiped a tear from my eye.

“Conner...he...Conner cheated on me.” I said.

“What? How do you know?” Eric asked.

“I caught him making out with someone else.”

“Who?”

“You don’t wanna know.”

“Who?”

I took a deep breath. “Tally.”

“What? No.”

“Yes. I was going to ask Tally a question and they were at the front door making out.” I said crying again. Eric looked ready to lose it but instead he pulled me into his arms and held me.

“How could they do this to me? My own brother and my wife...”

"I know...I couldn't believe it myself. I mean what's wrong with me? Am I not pretty enough for Conner? Not smart enough? What's wrong with me that he couldn't be faithful?"

"Oh god Kira, you're gorgeous and nothing is wrong with you. He's an idiot to cheat on you." Eric said brushing my hair with his hand.

"I think I ended up with the wrong twin." I said softly as I moved my head towards Eric's.

"I think I may have picked the wrong girl." Eric said as he moved towards me. Soon our lips met. So much pain and passion was in that kiss that we couldn't control it.

"I want you Eric." I said.

"Are you sure? If we do this..."

"If we do this what? What do we have to lose? Conner and Tally are probably doing the same as we speak. Let's just go upstairs. I don't want Anna or Josh coming in." I said.

"Ok." Eric agreed. He picked me up and we went to the bed room. He set me on the bed and kissed my neck. I helped him get his shirt off and then took my own off. I needed him so much and the clothes were only in the way. I hastily got the rest of our clothes off and pulled Eric down on me.

"I need you Eric." I moaned as I felt our bodies join.

"Oh god...Kira..." Eric moaned.

After we both climaxed I pulled myself closer to Eric. I still needed him. My pain was so great that I didn't want to remember it. I want to stay in this moment with Eric. "More...again." I moaned breathless.

Eric fought to catch his breath. "Ok." He said pushing back into me. I was nearing climax when I heard a voice.

"What the hell is going on here?!" Conner cried.

Eric pulled out and covered us with the sheet.

"Finished with Tally already? Figured you'd be over there till dinner." I said.

"What are you talking about? Eric? How could you do this to me?" Conner asked.

"You tell me." Eric said.

"Fuck you both." Conner said running off. I curled into Eric's arms and cried.

Conner

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My brother and my wife...my brother and my wife...

I couldn't believe it. I started driving towards Tally's but in the end I couldn't do it. I kept driving. I could go sleep with Tally and get revenge on them but what would that do? It would cause more hurt. I didn't love Tally. I loved Kira. I just wish I knew what she was talking about with me being 'finished with Tally'. Something wasn't right, I could feel it.

I stopped at Reefside Café. I needed to think about some things. When I was walking in I saw Trent.

"Hey, for what it's worth I'm sorry." Trent said

“What?” I asked
“Kira didn’t tell you? I would have figured the lawyers would have called you by now.” Trent said.
“What? Lawyers?” I asked.
“Yeah. She’s filing for divorce. She’s getting back together with me.”
“What? Why?”
“Isn’t it obvious? I can offer her more than you ever could. I have more money than you ever dreamed of. I already had Anna and Josh pick out their rooms. Anna’s is getting a practice area for her band too. I’m getting it soundproofed next week. I’m also working on lining up a tour for Anna.” Trent said.
“No...you can’t take my family.” I said.
“They’re my family now Conner. Revenge sucks doesn’t it. You took my family now I’m taking yours.”
“Fuck you.” I said getting back in my car and taking off.

Savannah

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“May I take your order?” I asked a customer. He was new, I hadn’t seen him before.  
“It is you isn’t it? Savannah?” he said.  
“Do I know you?” I asked.  
“No...but you should. I’m your father...your birth father.”  
I just about dropped the coffee pot I was holding. “It’s really you? You do know about me?” I asked sitting down.  
“Yes. I’ve spent years looking for you. Michelle and I were only together for a brief time and when she found out she was pregnant I told her I’d be happy to take the baby, only you were taking from the hospital before I ever got to see you.”  
“Mom kidnapped me?”  
“Yes.”  
“And Michelle knew?”  
“She didn’t care, not as long as you were out of her hair.”  
“Oh my god...” I was about to have a break down right there. This was unreal. I finally found my real father.

Jesse

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I was fighting off the Bots when I turned around and saw my parents. “No...” I did a double take. “Mom, Dad? But you’re...”
“Dead? No. Though that was a bit elaborate to get rid of you.” Dad said.
“If we had been smart we would have done what your aunt did and send you away.” Mom said.
“What? No...” I couldn’t believe what I was hearing.
“You’re such a pain Jesse, who could possibly want you?” Mom said.
“The only reason they accept you here is they’re paid.” Dad said.
“No! No! Stop it!” I screamed.

"You're the worst son ever" Dad said.

"So bad we would rather fake our own deaths than be anywhere near you." Mom said.

"No! No! This can't be real! No!" I screamed.

Chris

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"You bots are seriously starting to piss me off." I said as I fought. It was tiring. If Arissa was trying to wear us down on our own it was working.

"You don't deserve to be a Ranger." A voice said.

I turned around and saw Mike, the leader of the gang I had been in. "Mike? Bro, how's it going? Kinda busy here." I said.

"You're a disgrace. Because of you Dave is dead...now so are Anthony, Kiko, Jack, and Gus."

"But that's half the gang."

"You weren't there to watch our backs. You let the family down. All we ever did was be there for you and you left us to face a territory war."

"But it wasn't my choice...they made me come here."

"You could have gotten out if you wanted. You should have been there, now you think you can be a badass Power Ranger? You don't deserve it."

"No....Mike..."

"You're nothing anymore. Without the family you're nothing. Go play super heroes with your new posse but just remember how much blood you have on your hands."

April

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I was really worried about how Derek was holding up. He didn't seem much in a way to be fighting when I left him. I was trying to hurry and get rid of the bots when I saw a face that made my blood curl.

"Ed?" I asked.

"Hello Angel." He said reaching for my face.

It was my step-father. I pulled back. "Go away! Don't you ever touch me again! Ever!"

"But you're so young and beautiful, how can I stop myself?"

"You've ruined my life enough! Go away!"

"But you're my girl. I've never done anything but love you."

"That wasn't love! It was rape!"

"I just wanted to show you how much I love you. Come here...let me show you again."

"NO! Stop!" I screamed. I stumbled back and fell to the ground. "Leave me!" I screamed as I curled into a ball.

Arissa

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After capturing that Aaron guy I watched the various shows on my viewing screen. It was the best comedy ever. Poor little Rangers facing their troubles. The veteran

Rangers were just as funny though, and the effect this had on the Red DinoThunder Ranger's twin and his wife, pure bonus. I couldn't have planned that better. The best part? There was no destroying the monsters unless the central shape shifter was destroyed. And I wasn't stupid. I placed the central monster in charge of the Pink Ranger. That wimp would never gather the inner strength it took to destroy it. Speaking of which, it was time to check up on Miss Pinky.

Tiffany

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I wanted out of shuns, of course, but fighting Bots wasn't my perfect idea of how to get out.

"Wild Cat Transform!" I cried. What good were powers if not to help?

"You shouldn't be wearing pink spandex. It makes you look fat." A voice said. I turned.

"Mother?"

"You've turned into a cow since you've been here. You're an embarrassment."

"I've tried, but they make me eat here."

"Your weight is well above what we agreed on. But I suppose pleasing me means nothing to you. You're rather make me be evil when all I want is to provide for you."

"No...that's not it!"

Hunter

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I was staring at Rocky, facing my worst nightmare when I got a grip on the situation.

"No...this has to be a trick. You've said yourself there was no way Felicity was yours..." I closed my eyes and tried to find the ninja in me. It knew what to do. I jumped kicked "Rocky" and when he fell back a monster was reveal. "Just as I thought...a shape shifter." I was very pleased I figured that out when it hit me...if I was facing a shape shifter, so were the Rangers! I ran to the house to call the Rangers. When I got there Michelle was facing off with Sara, who was carrying a baby.

"What's going on?" I asked

"You ass! Did you think I wouldn't find out? How could you cheat on me with her?" Michelle asked as tears fell from her eyes.

"Baby...baby...no. This isn't real. I never cheated on you with her. It's a shape shifter, we need to contact the Rangers before they get defeated by their worst fears." I said.

"Shape shifter? You bitch!" Michelle cried attacking "Sara". Sure enough the shape shifter lost it's shape.

Harley

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Ok so I was more that shocked when Aaron kissed me. I thought we were way past over.

“Aaron?” Anna asked.
“Why are you doing this to her?” I asked.
“Why does any guy get with you? They expect you to be easy, like your mother. Jay, Nick, me...every guy.”
“But I’m not like her.” I said.
“Sure you are...you just have to stop fighting it. Come with me.” Aaron said.
“No!” I cried.
“Leave her alone you ass. God to think I thought you loved me!” Anna cried.
“I don’t believe you Aaron Kay...I don’t believe you.” I said.

Savannah

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I was sitting with my birth father when my mom walked in.  
“Who’s this?” she asked.  
“You should know. Don’t you remember? The man you kidnapped me from? My birth father?” I said coldly.  
“What? I didn’t kidnap you.”  
“That’s not what he said.”  
“And who is he? He’s not your birth father.”  
“What?”  
“She’s right, I’m not.” The man said turning into a monster and attacking.  
“Mom, run!” I cried.

### Michelle

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I couldn’t believe I fell for a shape shifter.
“Rangers, whatever you think you’re seeing isn’t real. You have to fight it. Be strong.” I said.
“No. I can’t!” Jesse cried. He sounded like he was in a great deal of pain.
“It’s too much to take!” April said.
“I can’t.” Derek said weakly.
“No...” Chris said.
“Tiffany?” I asked.
No response.
“Oh god...” I said.

Tiffany

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“You aren’t worthy to be a Jennings.” Mother said  
“Stop it!” I cried.  
“Why do you try to make my life so hard? All you have to do is maintain the weight we discussed. Is that so hard?”  
“No! You have no right to say this to me! I’m sick! Don’t you care mother? I’m sick!”  
“If you’re sick you shouldn’t be around. We should send you away. Lock you up like the monster you are.”

“YES! Please! Send me to Starlight! Anything to get away from you! I’m not worthy to be a Jennings? Fine! I don’t want to be! I just want to be me! I want to have control of my own life without cutting! I want to get well!” I screamed. “Too bad.” “Mother” said as she changed into a monster. “I always knew Mother was a monster. Panther Baton! Full Power!” I cried attacking with everything I had. I defeated the monster on my own.

Arissa

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“NO!” I screamed. When the Pink Ranger beat the central monster all the others disappeared as well. “This can’t be happening. Oh well at least I still have that Aaron.” I said turning around to see where I locked him up but he was gone. “What? No!” “Looking for me?” he asked stepping out of the shadows. “How did you get free? Come back here!” I cried. “Sorry, you obviously didn’t get the memo. I’m a Ranger too. Genesis Evolution!” Aaron called as he morphed into a Green Ranger. “NO! I’m so sick of Rangers! How many of you are there?!” I cried. “Too many for you to ever beat.” Aaron said attacking. I fought back. I couldn’t believe my luck. “It’s been fun but I think I have a girlfriend to make up with.” Aaron said taking off. “NO!” I screamed.

Michelle

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After rounding up the Rangers and talking them through what they saw we let them all turn in to their dorms early...I also decided to let Tiffany off shuns. After what she went through she didn’t need to be alone. “I’m sorry Hunter.” I said. “It’s ok. I was pretty angry with you when I thought Felicity wasn’t mine.” “Oh she’s yours. One look in her eyes and you know she’s yours.” “She does take after me doesn’t she?” “Yes. She does. Hunter? I love you so much.” I said hugging him tightly. “I love you too.” He said holding me. “Um, excuse me. I hate to barge in but I was wondering if I can stay in the dorms or something for a bit.” Conner said coming in. “Um...why?” I asked. “Kira...well Kira cheated on me.” “What? Why?” Hunter asked. “She said something about me and Tally but I don’t know what she was talking about.” “Oh no...the shape shifters were messing with former Rangers too, not us and our Wild Cats.” I said. “Shape shifter?” Conner asked. “Come with me. We need to round up Kira, Eric, Tally, and Savannah.” I said.

We got everyone to meet at Cyberspace and I filled them in.

"So it wasn't you who I saw kissing Tally?" Kira asked.  
"No! I'd never cheat on you Kira. I love you too much. Even after I caught you with Eric and I wanted to cheat for pay back I couldn't." Conner said.  
"Oh god...what an idiot...I'm so sorry Conner." Kira said crying.  
"We'll work this out. Somehow. I love you and we will find a way to work through this." Conner said.  
"I'm sorry too Eric." Tally said softly.  
"I think we have bigger problems to fix if we were able to cheat on each other. We have some talking to do." Eric said.  
"So do we...Mom, you know who my birth father is. You pretty much said so when you knew that man wasn't him." Savannah said.  
I turned pale.  
"I...Savannah..." Hayley started.  
"My birth mother said she was the only knew who knew, that isn't true though, is it?" Savannah asked.  
"It's better you don't know." Hayley said.  
"Would everyone stop telling me what's best for me?! I want to know who he is!" Savannah cried storming out.  
"You should tell her. She has a right to know." Conner said.  
"Trust me, that wouldn't be good for anyone involved." Hayley said.  
I sighed.

Harley

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Anna and I were eating pizza when Aaron walked in.
"So were you one of those shape shifters too or are you just a jerk?" I asked.
"I got captured by that Arissa." Aaron said.
"You what? Oh god Aaron, I'm so sorry. I should have saved you." Anna said.
"You didn't know...and lucky for me I still carry my Morpher...Arissa didn't know I was a Ranger." Aaron said.
"So you do love me?" Anna asked.
"More than anything. And Har? I saw what that shape shifter said to you. He was wrong. You're amazing too and someday you'll find a great guy." Aaron said.
I smiled. "Thanks Aaron."

Derek

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We were told we could go to the dorms but I just wanted to be alone. I went and sat in the woods, where I had been earlier.  
"She did it to you too didn't she?" April asked sitting next to me.  
"What?" I asked.  
"It's ok...it happened to me too...my step-father...he did it to me too."  
"Do you even know what you're talking about?" I asked.  
"I know...I saw it in your eyes when you heard she was on the phone. She raped you didn't she?"  
"Look at me! I'm the leader of the Power Rangers! The powerful Red Ranger and I can't even fight off my own mother!"

"It's not your fault Derek and it doesn't make you any less of a Ranger or a man."  
April said.

"Oh, it doesn't?"

"No it doesn't. You should talk to Hunter about this though...he can help you."

"He'll have to report her though."

"Yes he will. But don't you want her in prison?"

"Yeah, of course...but what if no one believes me."

"I believe you Derek. Hunter will too. It'll be ok. You have all of us." April said as she hugged me.

I wanted to push her away at first but instead I hugged her back and cried freely for the first time.

"You need to tell Hunter and Michelle...they will help you. I'll even go with you to talk to them."

I took a deep breath. "Ok." I agreed. "I'll tell them."