

# Where it All Started

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*Ulrich finally asks Yumi out, but how does the date go. Aelita and Jeremy seem to have their relationship undercontrol. How will Sissi take and William? And does Odd find someone at the right time?~On Hold For The Moment~Sorry Need Ideas*

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# 1 - BEFORE

OKAY EVERYONE THIS IS WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE ABOUT SO YOU DON'T GET CONFUSED THE STORY WILL START AFTER THIS. I JUST WANT YOU TO HAVE AN IDEA OF THE STORY'S BACKGROUND BEFORE YOU STARTED REAED MY STORY.

## BEFORE

Okay well this is before Yumi and Ulrich started dating. Like before the night he asked her out. Now in this story everyone is in the same grade and they are in high school in their junior year and they have almost defeated X.A.N.A. Also Jeremy has found the memory Aelita lost. Well that was a just to let you know section so you didn't wonder what I was talking about later in the story and you didn't get confused.

## 2 - QUESTION

HERE IS THE FIRST PART OF MY STORY. I HOPE YOU LIKE IT!

### QUESTION

"Wow, I never knew that," said Yumi. "Well I don't know how you didn't," replied Ulrich. Ulrich look down at his watch "Oh! I better go before Jim catches me." "Time flies when I am talking to you!" said Yumi. She got up leave; Ulrich grabbed her hand and said nervously "Wait! Yumi I have to tell you something." She sat back down and questioned "What is it Ulrich?" "Well umm...Yumi will you go to the movies with me?" Ulrich said almost fainting. Yumi was surprised, but answered quickly "YES!" Then she kissed him on the cheek and ran off. Ulrich stayed for a moment he too was surprised. He got up and left to go to his room still thinking about what he just did, something he couldn't do for a long time and then that night. He wondered why did he wait till then to ask her why didn't he do it before. Then when he got to his room Odd asked "Where have you been?" Ulrich didn't answer right away "I was talking with Yumi." he finally responded. "So? Did you ask her to go out with you?" Odd asked. All Ulrich said was "Yeah. Yeah I did." Odd who was laying on his bed quickly shot up and look at Ulrich who was laying on his bed, speechless. Ulrich knew what Odd had just done and said "Yeah I know I was too when she said yes. That's why it took so long to get here." "Finally!" Odd said.

### 3 - FRIDAY

CODE LYOKO

FRIDAY

The next day when Ulrich saw Yumi he didn't know what to say since only Odd knew. He couldn't give her a kiss on the cheek cause Sissi would see and go all crazy. "Hey guys!" Yumi said and came over to Ulrich and asked, "When are we going to the movies?" "Umm.... when ever you are free Yumi." and at that moment Jeremy had finally closed his jaw that had dropped because of what Yumi had just said, then Sissi came over. "So Ulrich maybe me and you should go to the movies today after school?" said Sissi. Ulrich without think said, "I can't. I'm going to the movies with Yumi today." Sissi had on a face of discus and said "WHAT? When did all this happen?" "Last night." Yumi said grabbing Ulrich's hand. Sissi took notice of what Yumi just did and walked off. "Wow! I didn't even no about this. Why didn't anyone tell me?" asked Jeremy. "Well, when I got home I just thought about what just happened. I was still in shock," answered Yumi. "Same here only I thought about it on the way back to my room and then Odd asked where had I been so I told him. He was speechless and I just laid there and thought." added Ulrich. Yumi and Ulrich looked at each other until Yumi said "What movie are we going to see and at what time?" after she said that she let go of Ulrich's hand and turned to face him. "You decide the movie and time I will come and get you when it is time to go." answered Ulrich.

## 4 - DOUBLE?

DOUBLE?

Then Aelita ran up to them. "Hi everyone. Sorry I am late. Did I miss any Sissi moments?" Aelita asked "Yeah a big one" Odd answered. "What happened this time?" Aelita asked. "Well she asked Ulrich to the movies today after school." Jeremy answered this time. "Oh! Not again. What did you say this time Ulrich?" Asked Aelita. "I said no," mumbled Ulrich. "That not all you said" Odd questioned. "Was there something else Ulrich? By the way you mumbled there has to be more," said Aelita. "He said no because he is going to the movies with me." Yumi sad quickly. With Aelita in shock that ended that conversation. Yumi whispered to Ulrich "Maybe we should make this a double date since your nervous. It could be me, you, Aelita, and Jeremy." Ulrich nodded. He was glad because he was to nervous to say anything to Yumi right now and he couldn't imagine what it would be like with her alone on a date. Ulrich wasn't paying attention while Yumi asked Jeremy and Aelita to join them. They said yes and then the bell rang Yumi gave Ulrich a kiss on the cheek and went off to her class.

## 5 - LUNCH

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Later that day, well lunch. Yumi stayed and sat with the gang, well next to Ulrich. They talked about the movie Yumi had decided to go at 5:45 pm. While they talked Sissi who was across the room could hardly touch her food and was saying to her friends "I can't believe he actually is going to the movies with her. I don't know what he sees in her. I mean she older then he is and she doesn't seem his type." "Well I heard it is going to be a double date," said Herb as he continued to eat his food. "Well, then I will just have to go to their movie with someone and spy that is it that's what I will do. SPY." Sissi said with an evil grin. After that she got up and walked over to their table and sat down. Ulrich notice Yumi's hand drop and so he grabbed it and he thought her heard her give a sigh of relief. Sissi didn't take notice she just began to say, "I heard..." "That we are going on a double date?" interrupted Ulrich. "Good guess. So who else is..." Before she could finish the bell rung and Yumi and Ulrich holding hands walked off. Also Jeremy grabbed Aelita's hand and followed their example.

## 6 - NERVOUS

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NERVOUS?

Ulrich had walked Yumi home and gave her a kiss on the cheek and said "I will come and get you at 5:15 so be ready." "Okay, Ulrich" Yumi said sweetly and went into the house. It was only 4:30 she had 45 minutes to get ready. At about 4:45 Aelita rang the doorbell and yelled "Yumi! I have never been on a date before and I need your help!" "Okay, Okay Aelita calm down I will help you. Does Jeremy know your here and to pick you up here and not at your room?" Yumi said calming her down. "Yes he does I told him before I ran over here." Aelita replied. "Okay, well where do you want me to begin?" Yumi started.

Meanwhile Ulrich was talking to Odd about dating cause Ulrich was so nervous. I mean this was the girl of his dreams and all he could not mess up the first date. Odd was talking and then Jeremy came in and said "Odd I need tips to cause Aelita just told me that she was going to be at Yumi's and now I am more nervous then I was before." "Yeah, okay" Odd said



## 7 - ARE YOU READY?

### ARE YOU READY?

Yumi and Aelita were ready to go and Yumi had told Aelita about the whole date thing, well as much as she knew anyways. Ulrich and Jeremy were so nervous that they could hardly go up the stairs to ring Yumi's doorbell. When they did they heard a voice say "Just a minute." They couldn't tell who it was, but they thought it was Yumi. Aelita opened the door and said, "Okay. We're ready are you?" And with that question it about made them both faint. As Aelita was talking Yumi had come up behind her. Ulrich was not listening to Aelita and instead was looking at Yumi. They almost fainted because they were so nervous, but finally they managed to say "Yeah." At the same time. Aelita walked up to Jeremy and said "Well, let's go then." and she grabbed his hand they started to walk. "You look great." Ulrich said in a nervous tone. He was trying not to talk. Yumi gave him a confused look and then Ulrich grabbed her hand and started to walk down the stairs. They soon caught up to Aelita and Jeremy who were making good conversation. Ulrich had relaxed a little he hadn't really been paying attention to Odd when he was talking. Ulrich couldn't remember why he was not listening to Odd till he looked at Yumi and remembered, he was thinking about Yumi. They got to the theater and they took there seats they were seeing some horror movie with a little romance. And then Ulrich realized the only thing he heard good from Odd was to relax and not acted nervous. Well that will work for a while he thought, but only for a while.

## 8 - HOLD ME?

### HOLD ME?

The movie started and not too much later Yumi got freaked out by one part and Ulrich noticed and grabbed her hand. Aelita did the same thing only Jeremy held her. Another scary part came and this time he held Yumi and whispered in her ear "It's okay. I got you." Yumi looked at him and smiled and held him back. Jeremy had whispered "Aelita hold on to me it will be okay." Aelita looked at him quickly and then held him. Soon after, the movie was over and they were all hungry. They decided to go back to Yumi's house and eat there. Yumi and Aelita were having fun cooking and talking about their date, but the guys were too busy talking about that too that they weren't listening to the girls. Dinner was finally ready, Yumi had made pasta and she showed Aelita how to make the sauce. Also how to make cookies, they were for after dinner. Yumi had put them in the oven and set the timer. They all sat down to eat, while Yumi was saying how good Aelita's sauce was the timer went off. Yumi got up to get the cookies out of the oven; she was not paying attention and forgot to pick up the hot pad so she could get the pan. As soon as she grabbed the pan with her right hand (it was a small tray cause there was only four people to eat cookies) and turned around there was a loud BANG! Yumi had dropped the pan because it was so hot, Ulrich turned around and saw Yumi drop to the ground, so he got up and rushed over to her and grabbed her wrist and pulled her over to the sink and turned it on and put her right hand under the cold water while he got the hot pad and picked up the tray. "Yumi do you have any ace bandages around?" Ulrich asked. "Yeah, Aelita knows where they are." Yumi answered looking at her hand. Ulrich came back with the ace bandage and asked, "Can I wrap your hand up?" He said this like he was having a regular conversation. "Yeah, you can." She answered. She removed her hand from the water and gave it to Ulrich. He gently grabbed it and wrapped it up, "You should be more careful next time Yumi," he said while doing this "Yeah, I guess I should," she said. While all this was going on Aelita and Jeremy had been in a conversation and had almost completely forgotten about Yumi and Ulrich until they sat back down. "Hey, Yumi would you mind if I spent the night?" Aelita asked "No, of course not" Yumi said. Finally Ulrich and Jeremy had to leave. Aelita was talking to Jeremy outside the house and Yumi was talking to Ulrich on the inside the house. "Ulrich, I really had fun tonight and I wish we could do it again sometime." Yumi said. "Yeah, maybe you will remember to use a hot pad next time" Ulrich said making Yumi laugh. "Yumi.... I really like you and we should go on a date just the two of us, maybe tomorrow." Ulrich said in his nervous tone. "Yeah, I feel the same way Ulrich and for a long time." While they were talking Aelita and Jeremy were saying the exact same things. Just as Ulrich was about to turn to the door Yumi grabbed him and said "Thanks." and kissed him on the lips, then said "Call me tomorrow about our date." he smiled. Outside Aelita had done the same thing. Then Ulrich walked out and walked with Jeremy back to the school, they were both talking about what they had just done.

## 9 - BACK IN THE ROOM

### BACK IN THE ROOM

Once Ulrich and Jeremy got back to the school Jeremy asked "Can I come to your room?" "Yeah, I'm sure Odd won't mind. Matter a fact he might want to know how tonight went and all." said Ulrich laughing. When they got to Ulrich's room Odd quickly asked "So? How did it go? Tell me everything!" They had hardly walked in the door before Odd attacked them with questions. Ulrich said "Well lets start at how we could hardly get up the stairs we were so nervous." Odd just about fell over because they hadn't even seen the girls and they were already nervous. "Well we got to the theater holding hands which was fine." Jeremy added. "Don't forget the movie. The girls got scared so me and Jeremy were holding them the whole time." said Ulrich. "You saw a horror/ romance movie good call." Odd put in. "Then we went back to Yumi's house and Yumi taught Aelita how to make sauce for noodles." Jeremy added again. "Yumi also made cookies for dessert, but when she went to take them out she forgot to use a hot pad to grab the pan and burnt her right hand." Ulrich said. "Wait, you rushed over to her and grabbed her wrist and put her hand under the running water while you went to get an ace bandage." Jeremy said. "Go Ulrich" Odd said. "Well after I got the ace bandage I wrapped her hand in it, the cookies were good though, weren't they Jeremy." Ulrich finished. "Well, okay, so you guys didn't do anything exciting with the girls." Odd asked "Well before we left we got another date with them but not a double date just a date, then Yumi said thanks and kissed me on the lips." Ulrich added trying to prove Odd wrong. "Same here, only Aelita said tomorrow." Jeremy added too. "So it sounded like a big date, not some little calm 'go to the movies' kinda thing does it now, but I guess it wouldn't have been that long if you didn't have dinner at Yumi's I guess." Odd said. "Yeah, but I liked it, a lot." Ulrich said lying down. "Hey you guys can I stay here tonight?" Jeremy asked "Yeah." Ulrich and Odd said at the same time.

## 10 - SATURDAY

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Yumi and Aelita decide to surprise the guys by walking into Odd and Ulrich's room (they figured Jeremy spent the night). They got to the school and unfortunately they ran into Sissi. "So how was your date with Ulrich last night Yumi?" Sissi said. Yumi raising her hand to show Sissi what happened. "What happened did Ulrich do this to you?" Sissi said surprised. "No, no, it was all me they came over for dinner after the movie and I had made cookies and I forgot the hot pad and grabbed the pan, but Ulrich wrapped my hand up for me." Yumi said and then took off towards his room with Aelita. They careful opened the door since it was unlocked. They walked in and Yumi sat down on Ulrich's bed and Aelita next to Jeremy on the floor. The girls had decided to give them a great wake up by kissing them on the cheek. Yumi silently signaled to Aelita '1 2 3'. They gave them a kiss on the cheek, which about scared them half to death and it made the girls laugh so hard that they were almost on the ground. "What did you do that for?" Ulrich asked. "Well, cause we wanted to. Oh! And can you please re-wrap the ace bandage?" Yumi said. "That was so good." Odd said, who had woke up cause of noise. When Ulrich unwrapped the ace bandage, it was pretty hard to get off cause it was stuck. They ended up going to the nurse's office (just Yumi and Ulrich) and she asked what happened and they explained the whole story, to a point. The nurse gave Ulrich instruction to take care of Yumi's burn since it was bad. The nurse said "Keep the ace bandage off till lunch and not write for until at least Monday and then we will see okay." She handed Yumi a note saying that she could not write due to the burn. Ulrich grabbed her hand and looked at the burn and said, "Does it hurt?" "No not any more" said Yumi watching Ulrich put the medicine on it. Ulrich was gentle he didn't grab her hand hard he just let it sit there in his hand. "Oww. Don't worry it just stings." Yumi said before Ulrich asked her what was wrong. "Oh. I thought I was hurting you" Ulrich said relaxing Ulrich was about to wrap Yumi's hand up, but Yumi stopped him because the nurse said to keep it in the open. They both walked out and they ran into Sissi again and before they could say anything Sissi grabbed Yumi's wrist really hard so she could see what exactly Yumi's hand looked like "Ouch. That hurts. Stop." Yumi yelled. Everyone who was around turned and looked. They came over and looked, they said stuff like "What happened." or "Ouch did that hurt." "Sissi stop let her hand go." Ulrich said taking Yumi's hand back. "Well, well what do we have here." Jim said Ulrich and Yumi both turned around. Jim looked down and saw Yumi's hand and how Ulrich was holding it carefully. "Oh, Yumi what happened did you see the nurse?" Jim questioned. "Yes, I have seen the nurse and I burned my hand last night so now Ulrich is taking care of me." Yumi answered, "Well then why did he grab your hand?" Jim asked. "Sir, I grabbed it because Sissi had pulled Yumi's hand and she hurt it more." Ulrich answered in his defense. "Oh, so Sissi had hurt you so were just protecting Yumi." Jim asked reassuring that he got it correct. "Yes sir that is exactly what happened" one of the girls said that was standing near. "Well then Yumi, Ulrich, and Sissi follow me." Jim commanded. Yumi and Ulrich were both confused and did not know where they were going. Ulrich still held Yumi's hand keeping it elevated so it didn't hit anything. They had arrived at the principle's office, "Well we will have to explain

this to your dad Sissi since you hurt Yumi. Yumi, Ulrich wait here." Jim said as he walked into the office with Sissi. Ulrich and Yumi could hear Sissi's dad getting mad. "You what? What were you thinking?" They heard him yell. Soon Jim and Sissi came out and Yumi and Ulrich went in. "I'm sorry that Sissi hurt you Yumi. According to her she said that you went to the movies with Ulrich, is this true?" the principle asked. "Yes sir, and after we had dinner at my house. They didn't get back to late I hope. Also Aelita stayed the night at my house." Yumi answered. "What do you mean they?" He asked. "Jeremy and Aelita went with us. Yumi and Aelita made cookies and Yumi forgot to pick up the hot pad and she grabbed the pan and burned her hand" Ulrich answered. "Oh, Sissi said that she didn't know who else you went with." He said. "Sir, why are we here?" Yumi asked. Ulrich was still holding her hand "That's a very good question, I'm not sure. Can I see your hand Yumi?" He answered, "Yes." Yumi responded. Her and Ulrich stood up and walked over. As she moved her hand closer to the principle Ulrich did to. "I see, that looks bad. You saw the nurse Jim said and I see Ulrich is taking good care of you and do you have a note because you are not going to be writing for a while." He asked. "Yes sir." said Yumi. "Thank you sir." Ulrich said because of the complement he got. They soon came out to see Sissi in her regular bad mood. They walked by her and didn't say anything. As they walked down the hall everyone was saying something about Yumi's hand or that Ulrich was holding it. They met up with Jeremy, Aelita and Odd in Ulrich's room. Ulrich and Yumi sat down on his bed and Jeremy came over to look at Yumi's wound along with Aelita and Odd. "Oh, Yumi what do you call that it looks like it hurts." "It's a burn, oh Ulrich how long has it been?" Yumi said, "Since I put the medicine on an hour. AN HOUR!" Ulrich answered. As he pulled the medicine out of his pocket. "What's that Ulrich?" Odd asked. "It is the medicine the nurse gave me so I could put it on Yumi's hand so germs wont get into the wound, I have to put it on every hour." Ulrich answered as he put it on.

## 11 - IN THE NURES OFFICE

### IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Well most of the day Ulrich and Yumi spent either in the nurse's office or in his room. They talked about tonight, last night and other stuff. Lunch came around finally and they were in the nurse's office and she was seeing if they could out the bandage back on. "Well, it looks fine to me, but I don't know. You put the medicine on every hour right Ulrich?" she said. "Yeah he has. He has never let go of my hand." Yumi answered for Ulrich. "Well I think we should let the hospital take a look at it. I will let the principle know now, wait here." she said unsure. "Why wasn't I paying attention before I grabbed the pan. I am putting you though all this and I don't want to." Yumi said. "It's okay I like talking to you and taking care of you. I found out stuff about you I didn't know." Ulrich said back. Outside the principle was trying to avoid sending Yumi to the hospital. "I don't think the principle wants to send me to the hospital." Yumi said. "The should it looks like it got worse." Ulrich said and then the nurse and the principle walked in. "Yumi you are going to have to go to the hospital because according to the nurse your burn need their type of care. Ulrich can go with you since I have seen you two together all day." the principle said. "Oh okay sir." Yumi responded. "The ambulance should be here soon to get you Yumi," the nurse said. With in minutes the ambulance was at the school and the students didn't know why until they saw Yumi on a stretcher (I don't know why they did that, but they did) and Ulrich following. Inside they asked Yumi a bunch of questions along with Ulrich. When they got to the hospital they let Yumi walk since nothing was wrong with her legs. They got into a hospital room and the doctor came in and looked at Yumi's hand. "What happened here... Yumi?" said the doctor as he looked at the names on the paper. "I burnt my hand taking a tray out of the oven without a hot pad sir." Yumi replied as looked at Ulrich. "Your hand was run under cold water wasn't it and then wrapped up by you." said the doctor looking at Ulrich. "Yeah, I did." Ulrich responded to his question. "Well do you mind if we take over now?" the doctor said. "No not at all." Ulrich replied and looked at Yumi and let go of her burnt hand. "Okay well let me go get my stuff and we will take a look at you burn. Okay?" the doctor said. "Okay." Yumi said. She looked at Ulrich giving him a reassuring look because he didn't want anything to happen to her. The doctor was back and was looking at Yumi's hand. He then put this liquid on it and that's when she attempted to grab Ulrich's hand because it stung really bad. Ulrich got the clue and grabbed her hand as she squeezed it as hard as the pain and that was when Ulrich yelled "Oww." The doctor looked up at him and had a confused look on his face. "Yumi was holding my hand because the liquid that you put on her hand caused her pain and so instead of her yelling she held my hand until I yelled because she letting out her pain." Ulrich said quickly. "Oh I thought you could read her mind and yelled out for her." the doctor said making them all laugh, then Ulrich notice a small item the doctor was about to pick up and use on Yumi's hand when he realized that it was the same stuff he had put on her hand before. "I have already put that on for this hour sir." Ulrich spoke out. The doctor once again looked up with a strange look. "You did? Because if you did then her wound shouldn't have looked like this. Let me see that Ulrich." the doctor said. Ulrich handed it to the doctor with his free hand. "Did the nurse tell you that every time you put it on

you have to run her hand under cold water before you put it on?" the doctor asked. "No she didn't. Was that water that you just put on Yumi's burn sir?" Ulrich responded. "I wonder why she didn't. And yes I did and were almost done just let me put this on then wrap it up." the doctor said. He wrapped it up so it just wasn't around her hand but a little bit around her arm. "There all done, you are not to remove this at anytime and I will want to see it in a week okay. You guys can get a ride back in the ambulance okay." The doctor said as he left. In a few minutes they were getting a grand welcome the nurse was told that the ambulance would be back in a week to get Yumi to check up on her and Ulrich because of his hand that Yumi hurt. Ulrich helped Yumi out of the van and as they walked toward the building Ulrich had his hand around Yumi's waist. Him and Yumi went back to his room where everyone else was.

## 12 - THE WAY HOME

### THE WAY HOME

Yumi had told the guys the whole hospital story and they talked about other stuff to. "I'm tired so I think I will go home." Yumi said. "I will walk you Yumi so you don't hurt your self any more." Ulrich said standing up. "Thanks, but I have made you go though enough already today. And I kinda ruined our date today." Yumi said walking towards the door. "Next week is Christmas and if you go some where I wont get to see you." Ulrich said grabbing her left hand. "Ulrich its...just...that...I feel like I have put you though enough already and I don't want to put you though any more," Yumi said walking towards Ulrich, "But if you really want to come, then come I could use the company." she added. Ulrich smiled and he put his arm around her waist and he walked her out. Just before they reached the gate Sissi was there. "So Ulrich I guess your future is set." Sissi said. "What do you mean?" Ulrich asked. "You know you got the girl of your dreams all over you and you aren't going to let her go any time soon." Sissi answered. She had not noticed Ulrich hand until he let go of Yumi to push Sissi out of their way. "Ulrich what happened to your hand? I'm sorry I didn't know. Stop ignoring me!" Sissi yelled. Ulrich had put his arm around Yumi again and they continued walking. After they got around the corner they started to laugh because of what Sissi said. "Man I can't believe what Sissi said. Do you feel that way Ulrich?" Yumi said. "Yeah I can't believe what she said. A little I do really like you and you are the girl of my dreams." Ulrich responded. Yumi stopped look at Ulrich, "You do? Cause I feel the same way. Only you are the perfect guy for me and I really like you." Yumi said looking at Ulrich. "Really?" Ulrich asked. "Yeah, but do you know what she meant by your future?" Yumi replied as she started to walk again. "I'm not sure, but I'm kinda glad that she something so I could tell you finally and it has been so long since I first meet you and after that letter that Sissi gave me, the joke, that really got me thinking about you and I guess that's when I started to like you a lot more than I did." Ulrich said. Ulrich started to think why am I telling her this why didn't I do this before; maybe because I really didn't get to know her before, maybe that's it. They were at her gate and Ulrich seemed like he didn't want to say good-bye but had to. "Ulrich I have to go, but I will see you tomorrow." Yumi said finally. "It is only 3:00 maybe we could do something later when your not so tired. Like going on the date that we planned to." Ulrich asked. "Yeah, we should then maybe I wont feel so bad that I made you go though all of today. I'm glad that you came though I really enjoy talking to you a lot and have you for company." Yumi answered. Then all of the sudden there was a loud bang from inside Yumi's house. Yumi ran towards the door and Ulrich followed they were shocked to see Yumi's mom on the floor holding her hand with a tray of cookies on the floor. Yumi went over to her and looked at her hand. "You did the exact same thing I did when Ulrich, Jeremy and Aelita were over." Yumi said as she lifted her hand. "Oh, Yumi why didn't you tell us we could of taken you to the doctor?" her mom asked. "It was okay Doctor Ulrich took care of me and at least it is your left hand and not your right." Yumi answered and Ulrich tried not to look away. "Why were you cooking on Friday anyways?" she asked. "Well, we had gone to the movies and we were hungry after so me and Aelita made dinner and cookies for dessert and when I went to get the cookies I forgot the hot pad and



grabbed the pan, but Ulrich took care of me." Yumi said as she put her mom's left hand under running water. "Thank you Yumi and you to Ulrich for taking care of Yumi I see your hand is hurt to. Why?" she asked. "Well today Yumi and me had to go to the hospital because of her and the doctor put water on Yumi's hand and she was holding my hand and squeezed it until I yelled." Ulrich answered. "Oh, you really went to the hospital today and is your hand okay. Also Yumi I have to go somewhere and you can't be here so would you mind hanging out with your friends?" her mom said. "Yeah we did and no I don't mind." Yumi replied. She looked at Ulrich and gave him a 'lets go on our date now' look. Ulrich and her walked towards the door and Yumi's mom didn't really have to go anywhere. She looked out the window and saw Ulrich put his hand around Yumi's waist as they started to walk towards the theater. They were going to see another movie.

## 13 - X.A.N.A

X.A.N.A

"Well at least I didn't completely ruin today." Yumi said, "And I don't think my mom had to go anywhere cause I think she over heard me and Aelita talking about Friday so I think she knows." "Yeah, me to cause your mom looked at me in a weird way." Ulrich said agreeing with Yumi. "You know that every thought that we would end up together." Yumi said. "Yeah and I they were right weren't they" Ulrich said. "Don't you think it is weird that X.A.N.A hasn't attacked yet cause everything----" Yumi phone started to ring, it was Jeremy. "Jeremy needs us, its X.A.N.A" Yumi said. They weren't that far from Yumi's house so her mom was at the window. They turned and ran back towards the school past Yumi's house. Yumi's mom saw them and went to the door, but she was too late they wouldn't hear her if she yelled. They met the guys at the front of the school. "Okay what is it." Ulrich asked breathing hard. "Well X.A.N.A has struck, and hard. Yumi it is your turn, you know that bandage that Ulrich put on well, I looked at it more closely and well it wasn't normal lets say. The only thing to kill it was whatever the doctor had in that liquid he pored on your hand and it wasn't just water." Jeremy said. Yumi looked at her hand, "So lets go then before anything worse happens----" Yumi stopped, "Your mom Yumi." Ulrich said knowing what she was thinking. "What about your mom?" Odd asked. "My mom burned her hand on the same pan I did last night and if X.A.N.A still was in that pan then X.A.N.A has her." Yumi answered. "Me and Ulrich will go and take care of her mom will meet you in at factory, I think I know what the doctor used." Yumi said. As him and Yumi turned around they ran into Sissi, "Oh, going to meet her mom." she said. They didn't say anything, ran around her and went to Yumi's house. Her mom was on the steps as Yumi and Ulrich were running towards her they grabbed her and pulled her inside and Yumi ran off to go get the stuff. "What is going on I was just about to leave until I saw you guys running the other way and now back why?" Yumi's mom asked "Well we felt bad so we came back to take care of your hand cause we think something might happen." Ulrich answered. Yumi came back and held her mom's hand and just before she pored it on she said, " Ulrich you know where the ace bandages are right." "Yeah" Ulrich said as he got up and went to get the bandage. Yumi pored it on her mom. "OWWW THAT HURTS!" her mom yelled. Ulrich was back he wrapped her hand up. Then they got up and ran off before her mom had time to question. They ran back towards the school, they went down through the passage and they were soon in the factory. Ring, ring, this time it was Ulrich's phone, "Ulrich, whatever you do don't go in the elevator." Jeremy said. "I can't it isn't here, what do you want us to do?" Ulrich asked. "Well try and climb down Aelita is almost at the tower, oh and if the metal is hot get out and wait we got it." Jeremy answered "Okay I will call you if we can't. Hold on Yumi wants to say something." Ulrich said. "Jeremy we can't get down it is too hot. Is there any way we can help?" Yumi asked. "No not really just be ready for a return journey." Jeremy replied. "Okay, bye." Yumi said. Her and Ulrich start to get out of the factory, they were out when they realized what X.A.N.A was doing, and he was trying to use the sun's rays to in a way bake them. He did this by reflecting the rays off mirrors. Ulrich and Yumi didn't want to go out into the sun because it would be a matter of seconds. "I call Jeremy and tell him because we

can't go outside." Ulrich said. "Hey Jeremy tell those two to hurry up we can't go out it is too hot and will die if we go out there. Is there another way to help?" Ulrich said. "Umm well Aelita is in the tower now so can you wait," Jeremy said. "Ulrich, Yumi..." "Oh yeah sorry it is hard to talk it is so hot hurry." Ulrich said, click he hung up. "Return to the past." Jeremy said.

## 14 - WILLIAM

### WILLIAM

They went back in time to the point Yumi and Ulrich had reached Yumi's house just before her mom grabbed the pan. They both ran in and Yumi yelled, "Don't forget the hot pad!" her mom turned and realized that she didn't have a hot pad and grabbed one. "Thanks, how did you know?" her mom asked. "Just a lucky guess." Yumi said looking at Ulrich, "Me and Ulrich are going to go for a walk I don't know when I will be back." She walked out, her mom went over to the window and watch Ulrich put his hand around Yumi's waist and walked towards the school to walk in the park. They walked slow they took their time since they had a lot of it, but in silence they didn't talk about X.A.N.A or Lyoko or anything they just walked almost as if they knew what each other was thinking. Then Ulrich who was thinking to himself thought that he liked how him and Yumi never jumped to conclusions, and then his thoughts were interrupted by William "Yumi?!" Yumi turned around falling on Ulrich who landed on the bench that was there. "Oh sorry didn't mean to scare you guys." William said as Ulrich helped Yumi. Ulrich was trying to keep in his jealousy in. "Hey I was looking for you all day, I heard what happened. Are you okay." He said. "You heard?" Yumi asked. "Yeah I did and I can't believe you let the guy who did this to you out his arm around you." He answered back. "What did you say." Ulrich said, "If my good hand wasn't busted then I would totally hit you right now." "Dude I didn't mean to get you angry, I just know what happened because of Sissi who told me." he said. Ulrich who was so mad right now said though his clenched teeth "Sissi told you? Why did you listen to her?" Yumi grabbed Ulrich and said, "Calm down Ulrich, he doesn't know what really happened." Yumi said. "What did happen didn't he hurt you?" William said, "I tell you. Me, Yumi Aelita and Jeremy had gone to the movies on a double date. We were hungry after so we went back to Yumi's house and the girls made dinner. Yumi had also made cookies and when she went to go get them she forgot the hot pad and grabbed the pan." Ulrich answered calmer. "Then we had to go to the hospital today and while we were there the doctor pored water or something on my hand and it hurt really bad so instead of yelling I held Ulrich's hand really hard until he yelled." Yumi added. "Sissi made it sound like Ulrich had hurt you really bad and you need someone to talk to." William answered. "Well I don't know about him hurting me, but I did ruin our Saturday." Yumi said. "What do you mean you didn't ruin it." Ulrich questioned. "Hold on what do you mean by 'our Saturday'?" William asked. "Well, Ulrich and I had a date planned for today." Yumi answered as she looked at Ulrich who looked as if he was going to die if he said anything to William. "Well then I am sorry to have ruin your date if you were on one and that's to bad." and with that William turned and left. Yumi looked at Ulrich and Ulrich looked at her and they both sat down on the bench. "What was 'that's to bad' all about?" Ulrich asked. "I think he meant me being with you and I don't think he thought the story was true because he likes me to much and he wont let it go threw to him." Yumi answered. Ulrich changed the subject; he noticed that Yumi didn't want to talk about it. They sat there till Jeremy and Aelita found them half asleep on each other. "You guys have been here for a while?" Jeremy said making Ulrich wake up, but Yumi just laid there on Ulrich's lap. "She must be really tired, how long have you guys been here?" Aelita asked. "Oh I don't

know, but a while. I don't think we are going to get her home." Ulrich answered tiredly. "Why not?" Jeremy asked. "Well we are not going to get though Sissi, and most defiantly not William, well at least alive." Ulrich answered. "Oh we heard that's why we went looking for you, William is telling everyone that you hurt Yumi and that you only went with her because you felt sorry." Aelita said. "He is only doing this because he can't get it through his head that I'm going out with Ulrich." Yumi said waking up and she was hugging Ulrich, "How long have we been asleep and has anyone seen us besides you two?" "Well I don't know about how long and how many people none I think." Jeremy answered. "Well let's get to school and stop this story." Yumi said getting up still holding on to Ulrich cause her legs were tired. By the time they were at school Yumi was walking fine, Odd ran up to them and lead them to where William was. Yumi whispered something to Odd about watching Ulrich because of his temper. "Hey William I head your spreading rumors about me that are the exact opposite of what I told you." Yumi yelled at him as he was getting an interview. "Where would you get such an idea like that Yumi?" he asked. "Well how many reasons do I have to give you, cause you do know that girls can tell when a guy doesn't get something through their thick head," she said. William's jaw dropped and Yumi got him to tell the truth to everyone and he knows now not to mess with Yumi.

## 15 - BACK IN THE PARK

### BACK IN THE PARK

Jeremy and Aelita decided to go their date and Yumi and Ulrich decide to back to the park and finish their date. Yumi and Ulrich went back to the bench they were sitting on before and picked up their conversation as is they never stopped. Jeremy and Aelita, after their date, decide to take a walk in the park. They found Ulrich and Yumi asleep again on the bench. Yumi was lying on Ulrich's lap and Ulrich was sitting up, but almost fallen over. "They must be really tired." Aelita whispered, "Yeah what should we do though we can't just leave them here." Jeremy answered. Jeremy tapped Ulrich on the shoulder and he woke up. "Hey you guys have fun." He asked, "Yeah we did. Did you have a good rest," Aelita answered. "We fell asleep again? What time is it anyways?" Ulrich asked, "Yeah and it is 8:00." Jeremy answered. "Why do we keep falling asleep?" Yumi asked while she was still lying on Ulrich's lap. "Hi. I don't know either." Ulrich responded as he smiled at Yumi. Yumi got up and sat next to Ulrich, "Maybe I should stay the night with Aelita cause I don't think I'm going to get home awake." Yumi said. "Its okay with me, but we might want to go now before you two fall asleep." Aelita said. Yumi got up along with Ulrich; the guys walked the girls to Aelita's room. When they got there Yumi gave Ulrich a kiss good night and went in. Aelita did the same thing with Jeremy and then went in room she found Yumi asleep on the floor, so she went to bed on her bed and was out quick. The guys walked back to there rooms and told Odd the story, well Jeremy did Ulrich was asleep. Jeremy and Ulrich got up early and went to go see is the girls were up. Ulrich was still a little tired, but he wanted to see Yumi. When they went in they saw both girls were still asleep, well at least they looked liked they were. Ulrich sat down next to Yumi and Jeremy next to Aelita. As soon as Ulrich was about to touch Yumi's face she jumped up and gave him a hug that about scared him half to death. Jeremy turned around and about fell off the bed because Aelita jumped on him. "You guys go us again." Ulrich said, "Yeah it's not that hard." answered Aelita. "So you guys wanted to wake us up?" Yumi asked. "Well kind of, as long as you aren't too tired that I might find you asleep." Jeremy said. Ring ring, Ulrich's phone rang, "ULRICH!" Odd yelled, you could here his he was so loud. Jeremy started to laugh the girls looked at him and gave him a 'what the heck' look. "Ulrich as soon as I get out of here you are so dead along with Jeremy. You guys think your so funny." Odd yelled again. "What did you guys do?" Yumi asked, "Ulrich has to tell you, cause I can't." Jeremy said, but pretty hard to understand since he was laughing. Knock knock, Ulrich had just hung up with Odd when there was a knock. Before they could they could answer the door Odd cam in and tackled ULrich. "You two are so mean." He said as he was getting off of Ulrich. He didn't know that on his forehead he had the word 'loser' in marker. "How could you guys lock----" he stopped because Aelita got up and got a mirror to show Odd. "JEREMY!" Odd yelled. "What in the world did you two do to me?" asked Odd. "Well ULrich wanted to lock you in, but it was my idea to write 'loser' on your head." Jeremy said. "I had know idea he wrote 'loser' on your head." Ulrich said trying to hold in laughter. They all started to laugh including Odd who was trying to wipe of 'loser' cause he didn't want to walk around all day with that on his head.



## 16 - WEEK

### WEEK

The rest of the week went like any other. X.A.N.A didn't attack which wasn't too strange. The group didn't really want to talk to anyone because they caused enough trouble. Yumi begged her parents to stay in town for Christmas, the other were staying anyways.

It was two days before Christmas day and they thought X.A.N.A would attack by then, but he didn't. "So how did you get your parents to stay here?" asked Ulrich, "Well I just begged then till they got annoyed." Yumi answered. Ulrich smiled and said, "Well I'm glad." The other walked up to them and Odd said, "I heard you would be here for the holidays." "You going to be here? Why did you tell Odd and not us?" Jeremy answered. "Well I didn't tell Odd. Ulrich and I were going to tell you now." Yumi replied. "Yeah, Odd mind telling us how you found out?" Ulrich asked. "Umm...well I heard you and Yumi in the room as I walked by and I over heard your conversation. Then I listen to the rest of it and kinda decided that you were going to be here because Ulrich sounded happy and was excited after when I saw him." Odd answered, "Well at least everyone knows now." Aelita said. The bell rang (unfortunately they had school) and Ulrich gave Yumi a kiss and they went to class. And Jeremy and Aelita walked to class holding hands.



## 17 - CHRISTMAS EVE

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Well it is Christmas Eve and everyone is ready for the holidays. No school, no homework it's heaven. Well for everyone that doesn't know about X.A.N.A, the gang was trying to be really careful because X.A.N.A hadn't attacked yet and he always does when something big happens in the real world. "Don't you think it is weird that X.A.N.A hasn't made an attack yet and it is Christmas Eve." Ulrich said to Yumi. "Yeah, but I am kinda glad that he hasn't yet." Yumi said. Yumi and Ulrich spent a lot of time talking on the bench in the park. They liked how they could just talk and they didn't worry too much about each other. They didn't have on of those relationships where they are inseparable and when ever you just see one of them you think something has happened, but not Yumi and Ulrich in fact it was normal to see them not together all the time. This made Sissi so mad because she thought it wasn't right that Yumi got Ulrich and a great relationship with him that they are able to be apart for a while, but when they start to talk again they make it seem like they never stopped. There dates were mostly just walks through the park and talking. They hung out with the group a lot because they are worried that X.A.N.A might attack, but whenever Yumi and Ulrich can get away they do. Ring, ring, Yumi's phone started to ring. "Hello." she said. "Okay we're on our way," she said again. "Jeremy needs to tell us something. Lets go." Yumi said and her and Ulrich got up off the bench and walked to Jeremy's room. "Yeah, what is it?" Ulrich asked. "Well...." Aelita said. "It's not X.A.N.A is it?" Yumi asked. "No not X.A.N.A." Odd replied. "So then why did you call us over here then?" Ulrich asked. "I called you here cause I wanted to start our own little Christmas party so we can teach Aelita what the holidays are all about." Jeremy said. "Oh okay then lets get started." Odd said answering for Yumi and Ulrich. They did everything they could think of to show Aelita what Christmas is. She got it by the time they were all about to fall asleep and Yumi still had to get home. Ulrich walked Yumi home because he wasn't really tired and he didn't want Yumi to fall asleep walking. He gave her a kiss good night and said, "See you tomorrow." Yumi smiled and went inside. Ulrich walked back to the room alone. When he got to his room he saw Sissi standing in front of his door so he couldn't get in. "What is it now Sissi?" he asked, then he heard a loud bang from inside his door, it was Odd. "What did you do Sissi?" he asked getting annoyed because she wasn't answering him. "Well I decide that you and me should have a talk with out someone interrupting us." Sissi answered. Ulrich was getting madder and madder and as he did he got even more tired then he was before. "I just want to go to bed and get some sleep." Ulrich said, then Jim walked up behind Ulrich, "What's going on here?" he asked. "Sissi wont let me go in my room." Ulrich complained. "Oh, she won't huh. Well Sissi I'll just have to take you to your dad again or you could just let---" Jim stopped because he heard yelling from inside Ulrich's room. He went over and moved Sissi out of the way and opened the door and saw Odd tied to the chair that was lying on the floor because of Odd who was trying to get to the door. "Sissi that's it I'm taking you to the principles office right now you are in so much trouble. Ulrich untie Odd." Jim said as he walked out of the room grabbing Sissi's arm and taking to her to the principles office. Ulrich walked over to Odd and untied him. "What did Sissi have to say to you that she

had to tie me up for?" Odd said getting up. "I don't know Jim came before she had time to say anything to me." Ulrich answered as he laid down on his bed closing his eyes. Tomorrow is Christmas he thought about what Yumi would look like as he gave her his present.

## 18 - CHRISTMAS DAY

### CHRISTMAS DAY

It was Christmas day and Ulrich was up earlier than ever. He was getting Yumi's present ready. He hoped the Yumi didn't decide to surprise him again. Then there was a knock at the door, Ulrich quickly hid Yumi's present and answered the door. "Hey what are you doing here Jeremy?" Ulrich asked. "I don't really know. Can I come in." Jeremy said. Ulrich nodded and let Jeremy in. Ulrich went right back to working on Yumi's present. Jeremy was trying to see what Ulrich got Yumi. "You're not going to be able to see it, even if he left the room." Odd said noticing what Jeremy was trying to do. Ulrich smiled because he knew that they were talking about him. Another knock at the door. Before Jeremy could move Ulrich had already answered the door. It was Aelita, Ulrich gave a loud sigh. Then they heard yelling outside. Ulrich went out to see. He saw Yumi against the wall and William pinning her there so she couldn't move. "William!" Ulrich said making William move away from the wall just enough for Yumi to get away. "Ulrich why don't you just give it up, can't you see that Yumi doesn't like you and that she clearly likes me." William said trying to make Ulrich jealous. Ulrich didn't answer him. "Yumi Merry Christmas." Ulrich said handing her a little black rectangular box (like the one bracelets come in, when he left he had it in his pocket just in case). Yumi opened it and saw a silver charm bracelet with two charms. One was a heart and the other was the word friend. Yumi didn't know what to say so she kissed Ulrich on the lips to show him how much she loved his gift. "You like it." Ulrich said. They both turned around and started to walk back to Ulrich's room when William asked, "Yumi don't you like my gift?" Yumi turned and said, "What was your gift? Pinning me to the wall or trying to make Ulrich jealous." William didn't have any comebacks so he left and Yumi and Ulrich went back to Ulrich's room. Just before they went in Yumi gave Ulrich his present (you know one of those guy necklaces). When he opened it he saw a silver chain with a circle locket on it. When he opened the locket there was a note inside. It says:

Dear Ulrich,

The circle represents that nothing can separate us.

We go through so many things and through it all you are there for me and even when things are rough and they don't go our way at least we have each other. We stick with each other through everything we do. Every girl might like you but that won't change, but the fact that I am one of those girls is everything. No one knows how much I do, all they know is that I do. The reason why I give this is to remind you of what we have and that no matter what we have each other.

Love,

Ulrich didn't know what to say, so he decided to kiss her. "I guess you like it." Yumi said. "Like it? I love it." Ulrich said as he opened the door. "What did you get Yumi?" Aelita asked. Yumi walked over to Aelita and showed her the bracelet. "Oh Yumi it's beautiful." Aelita said. Ulrich was showing Odd his present. Odd was trying to open it, but Ulrich wouldn't let him. "It's okay Ulrich he can read it." Yumi said without even looking at Ulrich. Odd and everyone else read the note, they all said it was very cute and stuff like that. After everyone stopped looking at Yumi and Ulrich's presents they all gave each other their present for one another. Yumi and Ulrich decided to go for a walk just to talk about things that they liked. Unfortunately they ran into Sissi, "Ulrich I got you something for Christmas." she said as Yumi and Ulrich got closer. "Ulrich what is that?" Sissi asked Ulrich pointing at his necklace. "Well, that is called a necklace and to answer another question of yours, Yumi gave it to me for Christmas." Ulrich answered. "Oh well then what is inside the locket a picture of her." Sissi asked again trying to get on Yumi's nerves. "No. It has a note that Yumi wrote to me and I don't just like it I love it." Ulrich answered again. Sissi couldn't take it anymore so she left and Ulrich and Yumi continued their walk.

Sissi met up with William because she found out that he too had a problem with Ulrich and Yumi being together. "William." Sissi yelled and William turned around and asked, "What do you want Sissi? I'm not in the mood." "That's the exact reason why I want to talk to you. We have similar problems. You like Yumi and I like Ulrich and we both don't want them together." Sissi answered making William stop walking. "I see. You're right, so what are we going to be doing about it?" William asked. "I'm glad we're working together. Now they are almost impossible to separate when together, but when they are not that is when we can get them." Sissi answered. "I know I've tried, but somehow they know when the other is in trouble. You know about this morning. Well Ulrich came to Yumi's rescue." William said trying to prove Sissi wrong. "Did you see the present Yumi gave Ulrich? Inside the locket must be the answer." Sissi said coming up with a new theory. "Even if we want to find out we still have to get the locket and I know that Ulrich will never take it off." William said, "Maybe we should think up more ideas then talk about it later because I have to go." William walked off.

Yumi and Ulrich were in the park when it started to get cold, then not much later it started to snow. "We should call Jeremy this is way too weird." Ulrich said, "Yeah how can it snow in less than five minutes after it gets cold." Yumi said agreeing with Ulrich. As Ulrich picked up his phone Yumi's phone rang. "Okay will be there any minute." Yumi said. "Were meeting them at the factory, they are already there." she said to Ulrich and they both started to run towards the passage. They were soon at the factory going down the elevator. "Okay Jeremy were here, what's up." Ulrich asked. "I think X.A.N.A is attacking," he answered. "He is this time with the cold. It's snowing." Yumi said. "Wow. Look it found the tower everyone ready?" Jeremy said as Yumi, Ulrich, Aelita and Odd headed for the elevator. "The snow region, great." Odd said, "More snow!" They headed for the tower; they were just about there when X.A.N.A materialized three Krabs. "Let's go." Ulrich said. Odd, Yumi and Ulrich took a Krab each. Ulrich was finished in no time at all. Then Yumi and finally Odd. They finally started running again towards the tower. "Okay Aelita your turn." Jeremy said. "Return to the past now!"

## 19 - THE FALL

OKAY I ADD A NEW CHARACTER HER NAME IS JORDAN AND SHE HAS BLONDE HAIR. ALSO SHE IS ALWAYS WEARING BLUE JEANS AND A GREEN SHIRT THAT IS TOO BIG AND FALLS OFF HER SHOULDER. AND SHE IS A TOMBOY!

### THE FALL

They ended up in Ulrich and Odd's room. Ulrich got up and left he said that he had to do something, but he didn't say. As he reached the top of the stairs he heard Sissi yell, "ULRICH!!" He missed the first stair and fell down to about the middle of the. "AHHHH" he yelled. The door to Odd's room was still open and Yumi heard the yell and recognized it right away. She ran down the stairs and pushed her self through the group that had formed. She saw Sissi bent over Ulrich, and Ulrich was holding onto his leg and side. Yumi pushed Sissi out of the way and looked at him and asked, "What happened?" "Ahh.... Sissi.... Ahh.... Sissi...Ahh." he said in pain. "Someone go get Odd, Jeremy and Aelita, they are in Ulrich's room." Yumi yelled. Someone took off and ran into Odd's room and said, "Hurry Ulrich is hurt Yumi needs your help to get him to the nurse's office." The gang didn't wait and took off and it didn't take long to find them. "What happened is Ulrich alright?" Aelita asked. "Yumi turned around and looked really angry, she found Sissi and said, "You hurt Ulrich really bad." After that she turned to help Odd because didn't know what to do. They got to the nurse's office with Ulrich moaning the whole time. She answered the door and saw Ulrich's face expression. She quickly brought him in and laid him down, "What happened Ulrich?" she asked Ulrich knowing that the others might answer. "Agrhhhh.... Sissi.... scared.... me.... and....I.... Agrhhhh.... fell down the stairs, but Yumi heard me scream and got someone to get the others to help me here.... Agrhhhh" he answered in pain. "Well your leg might be broken since you can't move your toes. Good thing you didn't take off his shoe it might of made it worse. Also your side has a lot of bruising. Oh and Yumi how's your hand?" the nurse said getting up to call the principle. "Good." Yumi said, "No agrrrrrhhhh NO" Ulrich yelled trying to get up, but the gang wouldn't let him. The principle came in and looked really mad because his daughter was probably going to be in trouble again. Soon the ambulance was here and Yumi went with Ulrich just like he went with her. "You guys are back again," the doctor said. "Yeah, but it is not me this time." Yumi said. "Well that's good, but it looks like Ulrich's leg is broken in not just one place, but two," the doctor said. They had already taken x-rays when the doctor came in. "Also you have a rib that is broken so you are going to have to be careful." the doctor added. Ulrich had on this face where he couldn't believe what the doctor said; Sissi had made him break his leg and a rib. "I can put your leg in a splint for now, but I can't set it now and your rib all I can do is put an ace bandage around it and tell you that you will have to be careful." the doctor said looking at Ulrich's face. "So when will be able to set it?" Ulrich asked. "Next week, but I will see what I can do. I might be able to move you soon so you're not in pain, but till then Yumi will take care of you," the doctor answered hearing Ulrich moan. The doctor put Ulrich's leg in a splint and wrapped his chest and gave him crutches. Yumi called her parents to come get them and drop them off at the school. As soon as

they stepped in though the gate and started to walk towards the school everyone froze and stop every conversation that they were having to watch Ulrich and Yumi walk. By now the story had spread though the whole school. They made it back to Odd and Ulrich's room without a word from anyone. When they opened the door everyone was speechless. "What.... I mean.... How?" Odd mumbled as Ulrich went over to his bed and sat down. "Worse part is that I can't get it set till next week or sometime sooner." Ulrich said knowing what Odd wanted to know. "NEXT WEEK!" Jeremy yelled. Then there was a loud knock on the door, Yumi opened it and there stood the principle and Sissi. "Ulrich, Yumi, Odd, Jeremy, Aelita will you all come with me." the principle said, they gave each other confused looks and nodded and got up and followed him. When they got to his office they all followed him in. "You are all wondering why I have brought you here," he said, "Well for some strange reason my daughter, Sissi, has been mean to your group. I was hoping you had an answer." he finished as he sat down. They all look at each other and Yumi began, "I think the reason she is 'mean' to us is because she likes Ulrich a lot, but he and I are going steady." and as soon as she finished he had a surprised look on his face. "That's what Sissi said, but I didn't believe her, well you guys go have a good rest of your Christmas day and see you at the Christmas dance." he said letting them leave. When they were back in the hall Ulrich looked at Yumi and had a worried look on his face, he thought how am I supposed to take her to the dance now, well maybe we can go, but not dance that much. His thoughts were interrupted by Yumi saying, "We don't have to go if you don't want to." she seemed to know exactly what he was thinking. "How about we go, but don't dance as much." Ulrich said smiling, "Okay." Yumi answered and as they both turned to look at the group they saw Odd on the ground with a girl named Jordan on top of him. "Sorry. I am so sorry," she said getting up. "No big." Odd said. "Hey aren't you in my science class?" she asked. "Yeah I am." Off was trying to answer quick cause this was the girl he liked. Odd turned to Ulrich who was the only one, who knew, Ulrich nodded as giving Odd the okay sign to ask her to the dance. "Jordan, I know this is short notice, but will you go to the dance to night with me?" Odd asked. "Oh, Odd, Yes I will go with you." she answered gave him a kiss on the cheek and continued on her way, but before she did she gave him her room number. "Go Odd." Ulrich said to Odd who hadn't moved. Yumi went home to go get ready with Aelita, but they would both come back so the guys didn't have to walk. Ulrich was helping Odd, which was weird because usually it is the other way around. Jeremy was waiting in their room when they heard a knock on the door; Jeremy opened it there stood Aelita and Yumi. Ulrich stopped what he was doing to look at Yumi who was wearing a black skirt and black tank top that showed her stomach. Aelita was wear the exact same skirt only in pink with the same top and that too was pink. Ulrich almost fell off his crutches and Jeremy nearly fell off the bed he was sitting on. "Well I better go pick up Jordan she is probably wait for me to come and get----" Odd stop to see that right there in the door way was Jordan in a black skirt and green top she had on earlier (same black skirt as Yumi). "Wow, you look great lets go." Odd said grabbing her hand walking towards the gym where the dance was. Aelita and Jeremy followed after them and last Yumi and Ulrich. They got to the dance and while the others danced Yumi and Ulrich sat and rested because Ulrich was tired when he got there. They eventually got up and danced, but as soon as they did a slow song played Ulrich put down his crutches and Yumi kind of held him up and the slow danced just like everyone else. It seemed almost to soon that the dance was over and they were heading to Ulrich's room (all of them even Jordan). The girls soon had to leave after that and Jeremy.

The time went by fast when Ulrich had his cast. Those six weeks of not having to do P.E was really fun.

## 20 - BLACKMAIL

### BLACKMAIL

Ulrich now had a brace on his leg where his cast was, but he was still on crutches. Ulrich was just going around campus thinking when he ran into Sissi. "Ulrich dear. I have something that might belong to you," she said making Ulrich turn around. She held up a note that was typed and said that (Ulrich) he didn't really love Yumi. "Yumi wont have to see this if you go out with me." she said with a grin coming on her face. Ulrich knew that he didn't write this note and knew Sissi made it up just to make him mad, but if Yumi saw it she might not believe him. "NO Sissi I wont!" Ulrich yelled as he turned to leave. Sissi put her hand on his shoulder to hold him back, but instead it made him fall. Ulrich got up and threw his crutches at Sissi and started to walk away with out them (he could walk, but it was like a brace cast that was around his leg). He was going to his 'secret' place in the forest, but eh had to go though the soccer field area, which was where Yumi was. As he walked though his friends kept asking him where his crutches were and where he was going. Yumi got up and decide to walk with him. "Yumi don't I need to go think for a while." Ulrich said as he kept walking. "Odd try and keep everyone from following I will try and see what's up with him. I'll have to wait a while though." Yumi said to Odd. When she turned around to where Ulrich had been he was gone so she went in that direction. When she got to the forest she thought she heard Ulrich talking to himself in almost in a sad voice. She walked up to him and said, "Ulrich are you okay. You can tell me anything." she said sitting down next to him and putting her arm around him. "I don't know if I can tell you." he said looking at her. "Why not?" Yumi asked confused. "It is hard to explain. And if I do I going to go into tears." Ulrich said as he started to cry. Yumi held him as started to cry, "It's okay I'll will understand." Yumi said reassuring him. "Okay then I'll tell you," Ulrich began trying to dry his tears, "Sissi blackmailed me with a note I didn't even write. It said that I didn't love you which is totally opposite of how I feel about you." Ulrich couldn't help but start to cry again. "Oh, she did huh well lets go back to your room and forget about her. I can help you on your homework that way we don't have think about her." Yumi said putting a smile on her face. Ulrich looked up at her and smiled

back. Yumi helped Ulrich up and they both walked back to school. When they got back to the soccer field Odd was still there when they got there. Yumi got her stuff and her and Ulrich walked back to his room. Everyone was watching them because by then they had heard what Sissi did. They were trying not to run into Sissi and her two really annoying friends, but unfortunately they did. "Ulrich dear, you forgot these." she said trying to hand him his crutches. Ulrich and Yumi just went around her; they really didn't want to talk to her right now. As they walked away Ulrich said, "Go ahead Sissi I don't care." He didn't have to explain to her or Yumi. Ulrich and Yumi got to his room and took out there books and began to work. Not too much after that there was a knock on the door, but before either one of them could answer it Sissi came in. "Ulrich I guess I will just have to show Yumi what you wrote." Sissi said holding up the note. Yumi grabbed it before Sissi could read it aloud. Yumi read it to herself and knew that Ulrich would never write anything like that. "Oh thank you Ulrich." Yumi said and kissed him right in

front of Sissi. This was not like any of the other kisses she gave him. "What?! Why aren't you mad at him?" Sissi asked confused. They finally stopped so Ulrich answered, "Your to late Sissi, she knew that you blackmailed me so she knew that note wasn't true." Ulrich answered looking at Yumi. Sissi couldn't come up with a come back so she left (she had also dropped Ulrich's crutches on his floor). Odd came in with Jordan almost slamming the door. "What's up Odd?" Ulrich asked. "Everyone wants to know if you are okay." he answered, "Apparently the whole school knows either part of the story or the whole thing." Jordan answered as she sat down next to Odd on his bed. "I'm glad you followed me." Ulrich said acting as if he had not heard a single word Odd and Jordan said. "Hello did you guys hear us?" Jordan asked. "Yeah, Ulrich I'm glad you told me because this could have ended up with me mad at you." Yumi said giving him a kiss. Jordan and Odd looked at each other amazed that they had totally ignored them. "There in love." Odd said trying to come up with an answer. "We've always been in love." Ulrich said finally looking at Odd and Jordan. "If Sissi is to ever blackmail you again come tell me and don't make me have to come after you." Yumi said giving him a kiss on the cheek. Jeremy and Aelita came in and they looked like they were out of breath. "Guys you do know that almost everyone in the school is in front of your door." Jeremy said looking from Ulrich to Odd. "And what is this blackmail thing I keep hearing about?" Aelita asked. That seemed to get Yumi and Ulrich's attention. "Sissi blackmailed me again." Ulrich answered. "But it's okay now." Yumi added, "All except the people outside." "They don't know the whole story." Ulrich said. Then a note slipped on the door, Yumi picked it up and read it to herself then handed it to Ulrich. "What the heck is this?" Ulrich asked looking at Yumi. "I think it might be a note to try and get you to explain things to them." Yumi answered being the only one that could. "Well I want an explanation and they do to so I will just have to settle with them." Ulrich said standing up and walking closer to the door. "Wait, I'm coming to." Yumi said. When they opened the door they saw a lot of people. "Okay everyone." Ulrich began, "I have been blackmailed, but it is okay now the person has let it go." He finished. "And now we want someone to tell us what this note is." Yumi added. One kid stepped forward as everyone started to leave. "That was me." he said, "I'm sorry I didn't think you were ever going to tell us what happened unless something made you." Yumi and Ulrich had a surprised look on there faced. They handed back the kid his note told him not to show anyone and they went back into Ulrich's room. "What was that all about?" Aelita asked. "Nothing, but everyone is gone now so there is no worry." Yumi said. Everyone was confused they didn't understand what just happened. Either they just told everyone that was outside their room to go away or they told them what happened. "It's over and that all that matter now I guess." Odd said. Yumi and Ulrich were in that 'we're not paying attention' look again. Ulrich and Yumi could do that, be with everyone at one moment and the next totally into each other's eyes. "I have told my parents about us and they love it." Ulrich said. "You have, so when are you going to tell my parents." Yumi said. "What do you mean me?" Ulrich asked. "Well, tradition and my dad is very traditional." Yumi said. "Lets do it soon so they know." Ulrich answered. "How can you guys have a conversation with out us?" Jordan asked. "I'm not sure, but it is fun." Yumi said. "How about now?" Ulrich asked not answering Jordan. "Okay lets go." Yumi said getting up so she could help Ulrich. "You guys we will be back." Yumi said going out the door. Everyone looked at each other as if they were just noticed that were sitting there. "Well that was weird." Jeremy said. "It's like they don't ever see each other ever." Odd added.

Yumi and Ulrich were at Yumi's house sitting on her couch telling Yumi's parents. "Mr. Ishiyama, I wanted to let you know that me and your daughter are dating." Ulrich said. "So you came all the way over here to tell me what I already know." he said. Yumi and Ulrich looked at each other confused. "My wife told me, but thank you for telling me. Also for respecting our tradition," he said noticing their expressions. "I think our daughter has made the right choice. And I hope you get better soon." her mother added. Yumi and Ulrich said their good-byes and left. "Well that was easier then I thought." Yumi



said as soon as they got out of the house. "Yeah, I guess your mom saw us and she said something." Ulrich said blushing a little. "Hey lets go to the mall and hang out, we could have the others come to." Ulrich said looking at Yumi. "Okay." she said getting her cell phone. "Hey Odd." "What do you want Yumi?" "You guys want to come to the mall with me and Ulrich?" "Yeah totally will meet you at the school entrance." They hung up and Yumi and Ulrich went to the school gate.

## 21 - THE MALL

### THE MALL

Yumi and Ulrich were at the gate waiting, they had of course beaten the others there. While they were waiting Sissi came up to them and of course she was up to her usual tricks. "Ulrich dear why do hang out with her." she said. "Well first of all I am not your Ulrich dear, Yumi is, and second because she is my girlfriend." Ulrich responded with a smile. "Well I don't know how she got to be your `girlfriend' I mean she is not right for you." she said trying not to let Ulrich know that she couldn't really think up a comeback. "How is the most beautiful girl I know not right for me? If she is not right then how come her parents think I'm perfect for her?" Ulrich asked, that made Sissi so mad that she couldn't think of anything and she couldn't bring her self to walk away so she just stood there till Odd, Jordan, Aelita and Jeremy came. "Fine, you and your loser friends and your stupid girlfriend go do what you want, but I will get you back for that Ulrich." she said as she left. "What was that all about?" Odd asked. "Well Sissi thought she could steal me from Yumi." Ulrich said starting to laugh along with Yumi who had heard the whole thing. "That last comment though was pretty harsh." Yumi said. "Yeah, but that is what she thinks not me." Ulrich said giving her a kiss. "Okay before you two start at it again lets go I'm hungry." Odd said rubbing his stomach. "Your always hungry." Jordan said laughing and grabbing his hand. When they were at the mall they headed for the food court. They all got a 'little' something except Odd who got the most. When they were done, well except Odd who well of course was still eating. "What do you want to do now." Jeremy asked. "There is a theater in the mall, we can go see a movie." Odd said taking a short break before returning to eating. "That sounds like a great idea." Aelita said. "Everything sounds good to you." Jeremy said. They all got up and they forced Odd to stop eating. They got their tickets for another horror/ romance movie. They took there seats and they movie started. The movie wasn't even really all that scary, but they didn't care. Ulrich was holding Yumi and Odd was holding Jordan (it was there first official date) and Jeremy was holding Aelita who was the only one who was truly scared. When the movie was over everyone was hungry except Odd who was extremely hungry. They went back to the food court and got food and ate it. Yumi and Ulrich finished first and went back into there 'only them talking' thing. Aelita was tired after eating so she leaned against Jeremy. It seemed almost a half an hour later both Odd and Jordan were done. "You have an appetite as big as mine." Odd said. "Thanks I learn from the best." she smiled and lightly gave him a kiss. Yumi yawned and look at Odd and Jordan. "I thought you said you weren't tired." Ulrich said only because he and her just stopped a very long conversation. She smiled leaned on his shoulder just like Aelita was doing to Jeremy. Ulrich put his hand around her to keep her close. "So what now it is only 5:00 and we don't have to go to school tomorrow." Odd said smiling because he was glad that he didn't have to go to school. "I don't know what we should do." Jordan answered. "Lets go back to our room and hang out there because the mall is going to close soon." Ulrich said. They all got up and left and walked back to the school. They were at the gate and so was, unfortunately, Sissi and amazingly William. "Yumi, Ulrich over hear can we talk to you." Sissi said. Yumi looked at Ulrich and gave him a 'what ever they say isn't true' look. Ulrich nodded and him and

Yumi walked over to them. "We have two things and we think they belong to you two." William said holding up two folded pieces of paper. Yumi was thinking of a way to trick Sissi and William when she did she whispered it to Ulrich and he nodded so that only Yumi saw. "We haven't written any notes lately because we don't keep secrets from each other." Yumi said looking confused. William handed them each a note, they notes said the most awful things you could ever imagine about them and saying that the other wrote (for Yumi it was from Ulrich and for Ulrich it was from Yumi). When they were both done they looked at each other and they both gave a 'here we go and good luck' look. "Ulrich what is this all about?" Yumi asked angrily. "Well tell me what this is first." Ulrich answered. Yumi couldn't explain so she just walked off and left Ulrich standing there, he left just a little after that, but Sissi and William must be really stupid because they didn't notice that they both went the exact same way. The others were standing right there and they had no clue what was going on. "What the heck did you do Sissi?" Odd asked, "You just might of broken up them and to get them back together will be impossible." Sissi didn't say anything and her and William walked off.

What everyone didn't know that Yumi and Ulrich were sitting at Ulrich's 'secret' spot laughing. "I can't believe that she actually thinks we split up. I mean we are never going to break up." Ulrich said between his laughter. "Yeah I mean how clueless is William thinking that he can steal me away from the best guy out there." Yumi said tearing up her note. What they didn't know is that the gang went to where Ulrich's spot was. When the gang heard laughter they got confused and walked closer. "You guys made up already?" Aelita asked. Yumi and Ulrich turned around surprised to see their friends there. "Umm...well no because we never really broke up." Ulrich said putting his arm around Yumi. The others were surprised to hear what Ulrich had just said to them. "He means that we came up with a plan to trick them into thinking that, but it's not going to last very long." Yumi explained the others got it and started to laugh at how stupid William and Sissi were. They finished their walk to Odd and Ulrich's room with Yumi and Ulrich pretending to be mad at each other. When they were there Yumi and Ulrich relaxed because they knew that it was okay to let down their cover. Ulrich was sitting on his bed with Yumi's head on his shoulder and his arm her. Odd and Jordan were in the same position as Yumi and Ulrich, so were Jeremy and Aelita, but on the floor leaning against Odd's bed. They had a conversation going when the door opened with out a knock and to no one's surprise it was William and Sissi. "WHAT THE HECK?!" Sissi yelled. Yumi and Ulrich tried to hold back laughter that was about to come out. "What ever are you talking about?" Ulrich said trying to be smart. "What she means is why aren't you two mad at each other." William said angry. Ulrich opened his locket and said, "Dear Ulrich, The circle represents that nothing can separate us. We go through so many things and through it all you are there for me and even when things are rough and they don't go our way at least we have each other. We stick with each other through everything we do. Every girl might like you, but that wont change, but the fact that I am one of those girls is everything. No one knows how much I do, all they know is that I do. The reason why I give this is to remind you of what we have and that no matter what we have each other. Love, Yumi" Sissi and William's jaws dropped. "Well now you know so you can go." Yumi said. They were both so surprised they left with out question. And as soon as the door closed and they could no longer hear footsteps everyone began to laugh. Ulrich looked at Yumi and gave her a kiss just like the one she gave him when they first at the secret spot. Yumi thought it was wonderful.

## 22 - MONTHS

### MONTHS

New years went by like any other. January went by, slowly. X.A.N.A didn't attack which means that he will hit hard, soon. Then February came and it seemed like everywhere there was love in the air. "Hey guys," Yumi said as she walked up to them, "Where's Ulrich he is always here." "Sorry guys." He said running up to them and giving Yumi a kiss. "Ahh how sweet," a high-pitched voice said behind them. "Well there is nothing new here, unless, no nothing." Odd said jokingly and making Jordan laugh. She always laughed at Odd's jokes no matter how stupid they are they made her laugh. "Why are we here? It is not like he will." William said letting everyone know that Sissi had forced him to come. "About who is going to be my Valentine, well I'm not telling anyone until the 14th of February." Ulrich said taking the words right out of her mouth. Her jaw dropped and she couldn't take it so she and William walked off. They formed their little circle again and began to laugh because she actually thought Ulrich would be her Valentine. Then the bell rang and Yumi and Ulrich walked to class, but just before they went into their classes they kissed and went in. He couldn't wait till Valentines Day because he was going to surprise Yumi and it wasn't very often that you could surprise her. She was good at knowing what exactly was going on all the time.

## 23 - VALENTINES DAY

### VALENTINES DAY

February 13th, one day before Valentines Day and the big dance. "Yumi can I talk to you for a second?" Ulrich asked pulling her away from the group. "Yeah, what is it?" she asked. "Yumi you know how hard it was for me to tell you that I love you?" he began, "Well telling you now is easy. I wanted to know if you would go to the Valentines Day dance with me?" she nodded smiling at him. "Why would you think that I wouldn't go with you? After all you are my boyfriend, and the man I love." She finished and got a kiss from him. "You always know exactly what to say." He said. She smiled and gave him a kiss back and then they walked back to the group. "So what is everyone up to?" Odd asked trying to make conversation. "Nothing really. Why?" Jeremy said. "Tomorrow is Valentines Day and X.A.N.A. hasn't attacked in months." Aelita said worried. "What are you talking about?" Jordan asked. Everyone turned and realized that Jordan had no idea what Aelita just said. "Well if she is going to be around us and going to go out with Odd then we should tell her." Ulrich said looking at everyone. "What do you say?" Yumi asked and everyone nodded. "At lunch, not now." Jeremy said. "Okay, at least I will know." Jordan said. "Yeah, you will no longer be confused." Odd said making everyone laugh because they had kind of already said that. The bell rang and Yumi and Ulrich went off to there classes, but just before they went in they kissed.

Lunch came sooner then it usually did. Jeremy explained it to Jordan with the help of the others. "So do you get it now?" Odd asked after Jeremy finished. He was now trying to catch his breath. Then the announcements came on. "Sorry students and teacher for the interruption, but I wanted to let you know that classes will be canceled for the rest of today and tomorrow. That's all and thank you." The principle finished and every student cheered and all the teachers were upset and glad at the same time. "Well that's good gives us more time to explain. Lets go back to my room so I can show you." Jeremy said. They all headed for Jeremy's room except Yumi and Ulrich who went to his 'secret' spot to talk.

"I don't know why she still thinks she can have you." Yumi said as they were walking. "Yeah I know it is a bit weird, but William seems to have realized it." Ulrich answered. They sat down next to each other and Ulrich put his arm around Yumi to keep her close. "You know a lot of people think we have a weird relationship." Yumi said looking at Ulrich who looked like he was looking at the ground. "Really, what is weird about it?" he asked looking up at Yumi. "I don't know." She said with a smile. "You know what I like about you," Ulrich started, "You make me smile when no one else can. You know what to say all the time and you know when to keep your mouth shut. But the thing I like about you the most is that you are beautiful in everyway." He finished and looked at her again to see her with tears in her eyes. "Ulrich Stern, what I like about you is the way you can steal a girls heart. The way you can keep anything a secret from anybody. Also how you can hide your feelings from everyone. But I think the most important is that you are the only one for me." She finished and looked at him to see that he too had tears. "See what I mean you know exactly what to say." He said and kissed her. She wiped her tears from her face and smiled. "I remember the day you asked me out for the first time." She said. "You know I almost

didn't, but I am glad I did because now I have the girl I love in my arms and I am not going to let you go that easy." He replied with a smile, "I hope X.A.N.A doesn't attack because he might ruin everything ." Yumi nodded in agreement. Ulrich's phone rang, "WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU TWO?" Odd yelled the phone so loud that Yumi was able to hear him. "Calm down we're at the 'secret' spot in the forest." Ulrich answered, he looked at Yumi who looked worried. "Oh okay we will be there in a minute. You are so dead." Odd finished and hung up. "What was that all about?" Yumi asked. "I have no idea." Ulrich answered, "But they are coming here and we look like we have just been crying." They looked at each other and didn't even try to make it look like they weren't because there was no time. "So what have you two been talking about that was making you cry." Odd said with his big smile. "How long have you been spying on us." Ulrich asked figuring it. Odd's smile disappeared and he said, "Long enough." And started to laugh along with everyone else who had come up. "I guess our secret is out." Yumi said looking at Ulrich. "Yeah, but that's okay." He said giving her a kiss. Yumi got a call saying that she had to go home and so she left leaving Ulrich in his room alone trying to fall asleep. He of course could not wait for tomorrow.

Yumi and Ulrich both woke up early and were the first ones out on school grounds. "I couldn't sleep last night." Ulrich said as he walked up to her. "Why not?" she asked. Ulrich got down on one knee and took Yumi by surprised (that was not easy to do). "Yumi will you be my Valentine?" he asked. She went down to his level and said, "I wouldn't be anyone else's. Besides who knows me better than you?" she said with a smile as the both stood up. Ulrich couldn't stop himself and kissed Yumi almost right in front of Sissi, but he didn't care he was in love. They went back to his room where they found Odd up and out of the room. "I wonder where he could be?" Ulrich asked. Yumi sat down on his bed and Ulrich got a blanket to keep them warm. They were talking about what Sissi would say to them after seeing them kiss when Odd and Jordan came in. "Now we know where you have been." Yumi said. "Oh yeah," Odd said getting a blanket just like Ulrich did because it was cold in there room. It wasn't too much longer when Aelita and Jeremy came in with a blanket to keep them warm knowing their room was going to be cold. "Hey everyone." Aelita said. "Hey," everyone answered back. Jeremy and Aelita sat down on Odd's bed and Aelita said, "So where is it Yumi?" as she looked at Yumi. "What are you talking about?" she asked. "You know the 'ring'." Aelita answered and Yumi couldn't say anything and she started to get up when Ulrich whispered to her "relax." And pulled her closer to him. "I think you are confused Aelita because I didn't purpose to Yumi." Ulrich said in a calm voice. "What do you mean?" Jordan asked, apparently she knew about what was going on. "I was asking Yumi to be Valentine. You can ask Odd or Jeremy they know." Ulrich finished and his hand dropped to Yumi's back as he started to rub it to calm her down. "Oh well that explains a lot." Jordan and Aelita said together as they looked at their boyfriends who were smiling. Odd and Jeremy both looked at Ulrich who nodded knowing that the rest of girls surprise was coming. "Hey we have something we want to show you, but you have to go get ready since you had no time to this morning." Odd said and the girls looked confused. "Okay well we better go then." Yumi said. As she got up, "We'll meet you at the gate in a half an hour." Ulrich said just before the girls left.

It was only 10:00 when the girls had left and 10:30 came faster then the guys wanted it to. They were waiting at the gate when Sissi came running in and she looked like she had been attacked. Ulrich caught her as she was falling after tripping over the curb. "Sissi what happened?" he asked. "Two guys attacked me just after I pasted Yumi's house." She attempted to say. Ulrich looked straight up at the rest of the group and said, "Odd call the police Jordan go get the principle." The two nodded and Jordan took off. When Jordan was back with Sissi's dad he thanked the group and just before he called the police they stopped him because they already had done that. "Sir would it be alright if I go to Yumi's

house right now.” Ulrich asked, “Yes Ulrich you may.” He answered. He nodded and he took off as the others went to the factory knowing that it was X.A.N.A. Ulrich arrived at Yumi house and was aloud in. “Hello is Yumi here sir.” Ulrich said speaking to her dad. Her mom started to get up and he said, “Don't get up. Is Yumi alright?” He said. “Yumi was just attacked in her own room. When I found her she was unconscious and had a wound on her head the ambulance just left. Would you like to come with us, she will want you there as soon as she is awake.” Her father answered. “I will join, but I have to go back to the school to give a statement because another student was attacked.” With that Ulrich left and ran as fast as he could to the factory.

In the factory they had just located the tower when Ulrich arrived. They all went down to the scanner room except Jordan who stayed with Jeremy. Jeremy had it up and going faster then ever before and Jordan watch in amazement. “Okay ready scanner, transfer, and virtualization.” Jeremy said into his microphone. After that he transferred the vehicles and they were off. Odd on his overboard and Ulrich on his overbike and Aelita on the overwing. Aelita was going faster then normal she was almost out of sight. “Hey princess slow down, if there are monsters how are we supposed to protect you.” Odd said. She slowed down a bit just in time. “Hey guys six blocks dead ahead.” Jeremy said. Then Odd and Ulrich heard Aelita's voice ring out and they ground below the blocks disappeared and they fell down. Aelita wasted no time and got to the tower and deactivated it before the guys could move again.

Jeremy and Jordan meet them down in the scanner room. “Aelita where did that come from?” Odd asked. “No one hurts my friends.” She said she walked over to Jeremy. “No return to the past?” Ulrich asked. “No he might just get stronger and that wont be good.” Jeremy said. “Hey Ulrich hurry up over to the hospital, Yumi is waiting for you.” Odd reminded him. Then he took off and left the factory.

At the hospital Ulrich walked into Yumi's room and was greeted by her parents. He walked over to her bedside and asked, “Is she alright?” “She will be fine.” Her mother said smile. Then Yumi woke up and asked, “Where am I?” “Your in the hospital, you were attacked.” Her mother said. Yumi hadn't seen Ulrich yet she had only seen her parents. “You have another visitor.” He dad said acknowledging Ulrich. She smiled at him like she always did. “Ulrich will you join me for tea in the hallway?” her father asked after a while. Ulrich nodded and he and Yumi's dad left. “Yumi can I tell you something?” he mother asked, “If you ever let him get away I'm going to never forgive you and kick you really hard.” Her mother finished and they both laughed.

Ulrich went over to Yumi house when she was aloud to go home. They gang came to visit her and see how she was doing. When they arrived they saw Yumi and Ulrich on the couch with Yumi cuddle up against Ulrich. “Hey guys.” Yumi said as she was about to get up, but Ulrich wouldn't let her. “Sit down I will get some tea.” Her mom said after letting the others in. “Are you okay?” Aelita asked. “Yes I'm fine.” Yumi answered and Aelita looked at Ulrich who nodded in agreement. Her mom came back with the tea and gave a cup to everyone. “So are you two still going to the dance to night?” Odd asked making conversation that had died down. “I don't know depends on if Yumi's mom will let her.” Ulrich answered. “Oh. Yumi you should have seen Aelita today in Lyoko.” Odd said, “She took out five blocks and two Krabs with out even losing any life points. Then deactivated the tower in record time.” Yumi couldn't believe what she was hearing and said; “Now really Aelita, why would you do something like that.” “Umm... well no one hurts my friends.” She answered blushing a little. “That's okay, you were great.” Jeremy said pulling her closer to him. “This is off topic, but what time is it?” Jordan asked. Everyone looked at her and shrugged, “It is 4:00.” Yumi's mom said over hearing their conversation. “Oh we better go get ready.” Jordan said getting up and they all left leaving Ulrich and Yumi there. “Do

you think your mom and dad like me?" Ulrich asked after they left. "Yes I do because the way they wanted you there with me at the hospital." Yumi answered looking at him. Then her mom entered the room and asked, "Yumi is there a dance tonight?" Yumi and Ulrich both turned around and Yumi said, "Yes mom there is." "Well you should be getting ready right." Her mom said looking at them both. "You're letting me go?" Yumi asked unsurely. Her mom smiled and nodded. Ulrich was about to get up to help her to get up when Yumi said, "I don't need that much time, but can you help me to my room then I will meet you down here, unless you want to go get ready." Yumi said not wanting him to get up just yet. He gave her a smile and said, "What ever you want." Yumi returned his smile and Ulrich got up and helped Yumi to her room and then he went back down stairs and waited for her. She was right she didn't need that long to get ready. Yumi had put on the black skirt she had on at the Christmas dance and the same black top, she didn't put on any make-up. "Ready?" he asked she smiled as she took his hand and they walked out.

Back at the school the guys were waiting in Jeremy's room till it was time when they heard a knock on the door. "Hey you guys are going?" Odd greeted Yumi and Ulrich. "Yeah why wouldn't we be?" Ulrich said as him and Yumi walked in. They talked about the last X.A.N.A attack and that Jordan might come in handy when Jeremy is not at the super computer. The time seemed to go by fast when it was 5:45 and the dance was at six. "Oh we got to pick up the girls." Odd said getting up and heading towards the door. Everyone left with him; they got the girls at exactly six o'clock. "Ready?" Jeremy and Odd said together. Both girls nodded and walked out of Jordan's room. They all walked to the dance and got in and started to dance right away. Yumi and Ulrich were dancing together and then Sissi and William came over and Sissi started to dance with Ulrich and William started to dance with Yumi (pretend William can dance). Both Ulrich and Yumi looked at each other and stopped dancing and walked over to a table and sat down. Sissi and William turned around to face each other, "Told you they are impossible to separate." William said disappointed. "I don't give up that easy." Sissi said and left William standing there.



## 24 - SURPRISE

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Later that night the gang was in Ulrich's room talking about their future. "So where do you think we will be in 10 years?" Aelita asked. "I don't know maybe in college still." Ulrich answered. "We might still be fighting X.A.N.A." Jeremy said. "I think I will be in college too." Yumi answered. "Should we tell them?" Odd asked Jordan and making everyone look at them both. Jordan nodded and looked at them all with a smile and said, "Odd and I are going to be with each other in ten years, but just not as boyfriend and girlfriend." Everyone was confused at first till Yumi and Aelita said, "Congratulations." And gave her two hugs. "Yumi I don't get it can you tell me." Ulrich said getting his girlfriend back in his arms again. "You guys don't get it. Me and Jordan are getting married after college." Odd explaining it to everyone that didn't get it. Jeremy and Ulrich both were surprised because they were the ones who didn't get it. "Odd can I talk to you outside with Jeremy?" Ulrich asked looking from Jeremy to Odd. They went outside and as soon as the door was closed Ulrich said, "I thought we were going to wait till spring break?" "Yeah, but I couldn't wait that long and she said that she might be gone." Odd said in his defense. "Your right we shouldn't wait." Ulrich said just as Yumi opened the door. "Hey Ulrich can I talk to you?" Yumi asked as she stepped out. He nodded and they walked down the hall a little bit, but the guys could still see them. They stopped and Ulrich had a confused face look on his face and when Yumi turned to talk to him she asked, "What is it?" Ulrich didn't say anything she said, "Ulrich Stern, tell me right now. What is wrong?" He looked up at her and said, "Yumi you know how that we don't ever keep secrets from each other. Well this morning when I asked you to be my valentine and meant to say something else." Yumi looked at him confused she didn't get what he was saying till he got down on one knee and said, "Yumi I can't live with out you and I can't wait for forever to end so here it is. Yumi Ishiyama will you marry me?" he finished and pulled out a little black box from his pocket. Yumi opened her mouth to say something, but nothing came out so she nodded. He stood up and put the ring on her finger. Tears started to come rolling down her face and Ulrich went to wipe them away when she kissed him. "I hate to ruin this really happy moment, but I was going to tell you that I have to go to Japan for spring break. We can worry about that later right now lets just be happy." Yumi said. They walked back Ulrich with his arm around Yumi and who was trying to dry her tears. Odd had on this smile along with Jeremy. They all went back into the room to hear Jordan and Aelita say at the same time, "What happened?" "Calm down Aelita. Can I talk to you outside? I will explain everything." Jeremy said taking her hand and walking outside. Inside Jordan was told and made a big deal out of it then Yumi turned to Ulrich and said, "Sweetheart," she never called him that, but he didn't care, "When were you going to ask me?" "I was going to ask you during spring break, but Odd ruined our plan." Ulrich answered giving a quick glance to Odd. Then Jeremy and Aelita walked in with big smiles on their faces, but they didn't have to tell anyone what just happened because they understood. "When are we going to tell our parents?" Jordan asked thinking about what they would say when they found out. "I think we wait till the end of the year. What do you think sweetheart?" Yumi said to Ulrich. "That way your parents can like me more." Ulrich answered, "They like you a lot so don't worry about that." Yumi said giving him a warning look. "Okay lets agree to wait till the end of the year unless something happens," Jeremy said, "Oh and does anyone know the time?" everyone looked down at their wrist and Ulrich said, "It is 8:40 and are curfew is in five minutes."

Yumi I wont be able to walk you home sorry, honey.” She looked at him as she got up and she kissed lightly then left along with the girls and Jeremy.

## 25 - THE NEXT DAY

OKAY IN THIS PART I MAKE JORDAN GOOD AT A COMPUTER JUST LIKE JEREMY AND HER DAD A COMPUTER GUY. I GOT THIS IDEA FROM **DRAGON52**. I GIVE THIS STORY FULL IDEA FOR THAT PART IT MAY NOT BE THE SAME WAY YOU HAVE IT, BUT THE IDEA SO THIS IS FOR YOU HOPE YOU LIKE. I WOULD HAVE WAITED, BUT I COULDN'T WAIT SO HERE IT IS.

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The next everyone was sitting on the steps in front of the lunchroom. "It is going to be hard to keep it a secret." Aelita said and everyone knew what she meant and then everyone nodded. Then Sissi came up and Yumi hid her left hand so Sissi wouldn't see. "You guys look happier then ever, that's not right." She said. "We are always happy." Jordan answered, "And what is wrong with being happy?" Odd added. "Nothing's wrong with being happy it just that you guys are acting a little weird." Sissi answered this time she seemed not to get angry at Odd's comment, Odd didn't like this. "How are we acting weird?" Yumi asked. "Well like you hiding your left hand." Sissi said pointing to Yumi left hand. Yumi looked down at her hand and then looked at Ulrich. Sissi smiled knowing that she had gotten Yumi and Ulrich worried. Yumi pulled her left hand up, but her right hand went over it to pull off the ring. "I wasn't hiding it." She answered showing Sissi her hand and putting the ring into her pocket with her right hand. "Well something is up and I will find out." She said as she walked off. "That was close maybe us girls shouldn't wear our rings till we tell our parents." Yumi said after Sissi was far enough away so that she couldn't hear them. "Yeah if Sissi sees them then we have to tell our parents." Jordan said as she took off her ring and put it in her pocket along with Aelita. They didn't seem to see Sissi was staring at them the whole time. "Where is everyone going to be for Spring break?" Jeremy asked. "Here" Ulrich said, "Here too." Jordan and Odd said together. "Here." Aelita answered. "Japan," Yumi answered making everyone look at her. "Family and I can't get out of it." She added. "Well that sucks, lets just hope X.A.N.A doesn't decide to attack while your gone." Jeremy said. "Yeah I know that is second on my list of why I don't want to go." Yumi said, "What's first on your list?" Ulrich asked. "You." She whispered in his ear and giving him a kiss on the cheek.

Sissi was talking to Nicholas and Herb. "There is something weird about them and I am going to find out what it is exactly." She said without taking her eyes off the group, "I think I know what happened, but I have to be sure and that is going to be hard to figure out if it is." She finished and finally looked at her two friends. Then they walked off because she was tired of looking at the group.

"Hey guys, I know I should of asked this when we were talking about it, but what exactly will I be doing to help you guys when 'he' attacks?" Jordan said, "Well you are going to be helping me. I understand that you are very good at computers and I think you will pick up on it quickly," Jeremy respond, "Plus when I can't get there you can be there running the show." He finished and then looked at everyone else, they

were smiling. "You are an important member of the team now and there is no turning back now" Odd added with one of his famous smiles making Jordan smile back. "Hey guys I have good news," Jordan began, "You know that dance group that is are age? Well they are here in town and they are going to be at the school for the spring fling dance." Jordan finished. "You mean the J.K.S group?" Yumi asked and Jordan nodded, "How did you know?" "My dad told me. He is their part time manager the other part he is the computer guy." Jordan answered. "Did you say computer guy?" Jeremy asked confusedly. "Yeah my dad is Jake Parker." Jordan answered. "So you are Jordan Parker." Jeremy said reassuring that it was true. "Yeah I am." Jordan replied. "Jordan Parker, why did you say 'yes' to marrying me if you could have any one you wanted?" Odd asked coming into the conversation. "Well honey I said 'yes' because the other guys wanted me for my money and not the way you want me." Jordan answered sweetly. Odd kissed her lightly on the cheek. "Oh I have even more good news," she began again, "Sam who is in the group is my friend along with Jessica and Kelsey." Yumi's mouth dropped in amazement. "I didn't know you knew..." Yumi was cut off because of a girl in blue jeans that were torn in places. A green short sleeve t-shirt and blonde shoulder length hair. "Sam you're here." Jordan said getting up and giving her friend a hug. "Hello to you too." Sam said returning her hug. "So would you care to introduce to me your friends and show 'him' to me." Sam said with a smile, Jordan nodded and began, "Okay this is Jeremy and Aelita. Those two are Yumi and Ulrich," she pointed at everyone as she said their name and Sam smiled, "This is Odd. The one I told you about." Odd stood up and walked over to the two girls and said, "It's nice to meet you Sam. You must know more about me and the rest of us then we know about you." Odd smiled and put his hand around Jordan holding her tight. "So where are Jessie and Kelsey?" Jordan asked letting herself be pulled next to Odd. "Well that is what I wanted to talk to you about." Sam said having a worried and sad look on her face. "Oh Sam what happened. You're the one that usually gets hurt." Jordan said giving her friend a concerned look. Sam pulled Jordan away from the rest of the group.

"Lets just say something that shouldn't have happened, happened." Sam said as soon as they were far enough away Jordan got a worried look on her face. "What happened Sam? Did they fall at your last competition." Jordan asked. Sam shook her head and then two girls came up behind Jordan and gave her two big hugs. "SAM!" Jordan yelled as she hugged Jessie and Kelsey. Jessica or Jessie is a brunette wearing blue jeans with holes in them and a blue t-shirt. And Kelsey is a red/ brunette also wearing blue jeans with holes in them and a brown t-shirt. "Sam you think you are so funny. Because your not." Jordan said laughing as they came back at the group. Everyone was confused so Jordan explained with Sam having to add in her bits. "Jordan we have one more surprise for you." Sam said after introductions. Then three guys the group had never seen before walked up to them. "NO WAY!" Jordan yelled making the rest of her friends confused. "Yes and just to let your friends know who they are this is Sean (it said like Shawn), my boyfriend, this is Jordan, Jessica's boyfriend and that is Tyler, Kelsey's boyfriend." Sam said explaining to everyone. "Wasn't there one more thing to tell her?" Jessie asked. Sam thought for a second when she said, "Oh hey, you'll be there, great, see you then." When Sam looked at everyone they didn't know what to say. "Sam I thought you weren't going to wear that while we are talking to people." Sean said looking at Sam. "But if I don't then how do I keep in contact with important business matters. You know that they can't do anything without me for more than ten minutes." Sam tried to give him her best sad face. He smiled and said, "Well then use your actual cell phone, but I will let you slide because you probably forgot that." "Okay can one of you guys explained to use what is going on." Jeremy asked. "Well just to let you know..." Sam was cut off by Jordan, "She is crazy, but she has made this head set that she can use like a cell phone, but it is invisible." Jordan finished to see Sam pretending to give her a round of applause. "That is it. GAME" Jordan said. Sam looked at her like she was confused and said, "What ever do you mean?" "I want that re-match right now Sam." Jordan replied. "One on One or would you like a team or even a goalie." Sam said in a

teasing tone. Jordan with out hesitating took off after Sam who ran as fast as she could to get away from her. Then ended up at the soccer field and they waited for the others to come.

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Sam had gotten a hold of a soccer ball and was juggling it when the others had finally got there. "We're going to have some witnesses this time so they can prove that I won." Jordan said, "Well just to let you know I won't be doing the same thing." Sam said. Everyone that was around sat down to watch. They put the ball in the middle, Sam let Jordan start off, and it was a one on one game. Jordan kicked it across the centerline and Sam took the ball and kicked it around Jordan, but it didn't last long because Jordan was right on her heels. "Ready for this?" Sam said. Jordan didn't realize that Sam was taking a shot at goal till she said that. Jordan ran up ahead of her and as the ball was coming at the goal Jordan jumped up and stopped the ball with her body. Then Sam found her self back at the half way line. Jordan was coming at Sam and making her back up until Jordan stopped and pulled back her lag to shoot. Sam didn't move, she timed it right so she was able to jump a little and stop the ball with her body. Before Jordan could think twice Sam was running as fast a she could towards the other end of the field. Jordan didn't have the time to catch up to Sam before she scored. Jordan ran twice as hard as she did the first time and managed to get close to Sam. Unfortunately for Jordan Sam scored. "You know you have got better." Jordan said giving Sam a pat on the back. "Thanks, it pays to practice." Sam said walking to the edge of the field to get some water when she no longer felt Jordan's hand on her back. She turned around and saw Jordan confused, "WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?" she yelled while turning to get the soccer ball. "You know very well what it means." Sam yelled back. Jordan had the soccer ball and took off in the direction of Sam's goal. Sam wasn't completely to the edge of the field yet when she took off running after Jordan. By that time everyone from the school was watching, including Jim who was amazed by both of the girls talents. Jim blew his whistle before Sam could get to Jordan and before Jordan could get any farther. "You two are pretty good how about we start a real match right now." Jim said walking towards the girls. "Umm...Jim we are kind of having a re-match right now it is between me and her." Jordan said. "Oh well then carry on, but who is winning?" Jim said and Sam raised her hand then Jim blew the whistle again and the girls started to play again. Sam had scored about four more times and Jordan had scored three times when the whistle was blown again, but this time it was principle. "You two get over here right now." He yelled at the two girls who were at the center of the field. They walked over to him and he said, "What are you two doing? Trying to kill each other?" Both girls looked at each other and saw that they were covered in dirt and some of the holes in Sam's pants were a little bit bigger. "No sir just a friendly re-match." Sam answered looking at him. He seemed to be taken beck by the answer and quickly said, "Well from what I saw you two doing I say you were out to get each other." "No sir we're just playing like we always do. I had a coach tell me that if you don't get dirty in a sport than it isn't a sport." Jordan answered also looking at him. "Well this game is over! Both of you go and change..." he was cut off by Sam. "Sir sorry to interrupt, but what if we got into cloths that we don't mind getting dirty so we can finish our game?" "NO, this game is over." He yelled and Sam and Jordan walked off the field picking up the water bottles that they had on the sideline. Everyone in the crowd was silent till they saw that they were leaving. Some how the crowd beat Sam and Jordan back to the school yard and then Sissi came running up to them and said, "Look the new girl isn't here for more

then ten minutes and she is already dirty.” She laughed at her and Jordan then Sam looked at Sissi and said, “Well it looks I found the school jerk, but I know that she wouldn’t want to get her hands dirty so she likes to see and make fun of.” Sissi was taken back as Sam walked around her with Jordan.

When Jordan and Sam were in Jordan’s room they changed. The others eventually found them talking about the game. “I can’t believe he thought we were trying to kill each other.” Jordan said as Sam and her began to laugh. “He thought you were trying to kill each other?” Odd said scaring the two girls, they hadn’t noticed that he and the others walked in. “Sorry didn’t mean to scare you two.” Odd said sitting down and putting his arm around Jordan. Sam’s hair was down; it had been in a ponytail for the game. “I better go. I think I have to work out some technical difficulties with the lights.” Sam said as she got up to go. “Well I know that I won’t stop you so bye.” Jordan said getting up and giving her friend a hug and letting her leave. Once Jordan sat back down and leaned against Odd Ulrich said, “I never knew two girls that could play like that with taking three water brakes, plus your moves were amazing.” “Thanks I learned from her she is the best I know.” Jordan said yawning and laying her head down on Odd’s lap. She was just about asleep when there was a knock on her door. She tried to lift her head up, but Odd wouldn’t let her. Ulrich answered the door. “Ulrich is Jordan and her ‘friend’ here?” the principle asked. “Jordan is here, but her friend left a while ago.” Ulrich answered. “May I come in and speak with all of you?” he asked. Ulrich nodded and let him in. He went right over to where Jordan’s chair was and sat down. “Is Jordan asleep?” he asked after seeing her with her head on Odd’s lap. “No, Jordan is not asleep.” Jordan answered getting up from Odd’s lap. “Okay good, now you may know that we are going to have some special guest here, but they don’t want anyone to know.” The principle said. “Yeah I know they are my friends.” Jordan said. “So it really was just a friendly game?” the principle questioned. “Yeah, I had called a re-match that Sam owed me so that is how it started. We weren’t trying to get a big crowd.” Jordan answered. “Well that explains a lot. Anyways don’t make a big deal...Wait did you just say Sam?” He began Jordan nodded, “So you must know then that they don’t want to be treated like super stars.” “Yeah, she has always told me that she wants to go to a school that no one knows who she is that well so she can be a regular kid.” Jordan said. “Well then my work here is done. If you are still tired then go back to resting.” He said as he went out the door. Jordan laid her head back down on Odd’s lap. Odd put his hand on her shoulder then looked up at the rest of the group and said, “I think she is more tired than she thinks.” Everyone nodded and then another knock came, but this time Jordan didn’t move. The door opened before anyone could get up to open it. “Hey sorry to come in like this, but I wanted to let you know that Jordan will be out for a while because of the soccer game. I just didn’t want you guys to worry about her if you try and wake her up and she doesn’t. There is only one way and I’m not telling you.” Sam said and then left with out letting them ask her questions. “She is lucky we have no class today, but we better get going.” Ulrich said helping Yumi up and they walked out the door. “You two are going to leave too right.” Odd questioned and two big smiles came on their faces as they nodded and got up to leave. After everyone else was gone Odd laid back on Jordan’s bed and moving Jordan so that she laid on his chest. It didn’t take long before Odd was asleep

## 27 - WAKING UP

### WAKING UP

Jordan opened her eyes to see herself staring at Odd's face that was asleep. "Hey sleepy head." She whispered in his ear. "Hello sweetie." He whispered back still keeping his eyes closed. Jordan moved up so that she was laying right next to him and then began to play with his hair. "Are you trying to wake me up?" he whispered in her ear. Jordan giggled which made Odd smile and finally open his eyes and said, "You know the only reason I was asleep was because of you." Odd said as he turned to face her. "Yeah, but you could have left." She said making a sad face. "Yeah, but I couldn't leave my sweetie." Odd told her. Jordan giggled and kissed him lightly then said, "Lets go find the others." Odd got up and helped her up and they both walked out the door to see that Sissi was waiting right outside. "About time you two got up." Sissi said with an evil smile. Odd and Jordan ignored her and walked around to go to Ulrich's room.

When they got there Odd knock and Ulrich answered the door with a sleepy look. "Did we wake you?" Jordan asked. Ulrich answered, "Kind of. Jeremy and Aelita are still asleep on your bed Odd." "Well that's okay we will go do something you guys get you sleep." Odd replied. Ulrich shut the door and Jordan and Odd walked down the hall. "I want to show you something." Odd said as he took Jordan's hand and lead her down the stairs. When he finally slowed down they were at the edge of the park then Odd started to walk into the forest. "Odd where are we?" Jordan asked getting closer to him. "Don't worry. This is where Yumi and Ulrich hide from everyone, but in a different area." Odd said, "They don't know about this place, yet." He turned to her and smiled. "So the others don't know about this place?" Jordan questioned. "Well they know about Ulrich's spot, but not mine. We just have to go a little bit further to get to it." Odd replied and began to walk again. When they got to his secret spot there was a blanket already there. "Odd did you plan this?" Jordan asked stopping in her tracks. Odd turned to her and smiled, then sat down having her sit next to him. "Odd why didn't you show me this earlier?" she asked. "Okay first I did have this set up and I didn't show it to you earlier because I didn't have a spot. And to answer your next question, why did I get a secret spot. Well because Yumi and Ulrich had one so I figured that we should have one." Odd answered after she sat down and he put his arm around her. Her mouth was open due to the surprise that Odd gave her, he lifted his hand and closed her mouth and pulled her close to him. "Odd...I mean...why?" she stammered. "Because you are special to me that is why I gave you that." Odd said pointing to her left hand. She looked down and lifted her hand up so she could see the ring better. "You know my dad will be in town this weekend, why don't we tell him them." Jordan said putting her hand down and looking at Odd. "Only if you want to." He replied calmly. She nodded and laid her head against his chest and closed her eyes feeling Odd's hand on her shoulder.

Meanwhile in Ulrich's room they were waking up. Yumi looked at Ulrich who had his eyes opened and looking back at her. "Hey." He said starting to lean up. "Hey, you got up earlier, why?" she said back moving next to him. "Odd and Jordan came by." He said helping her get up next to him. "Oh. Look at those two." Yumi said as she leaned her head against Ulrich's arm, but before her head reached it he



had moved it around her so that she could lean comfortably against his chest. Yumi looked up at him as he looked down at her. "You guys are up?" Aelita asked as they both looked over at her and Jeremy who were in the same position as them. "Yeah." They both answered back to Aelita. She smiled lightly at them then Jeremy pulled her closer. "So you said that Jordan and Odd stopped by." Jeremy questioned. "Yeah, they didn't say where they were going after they found out that we were asleep." Ulrich answered. "Lets go look for them." Aelita said getting up before Jeremy could hold her back. "Okay." Jeremy moaned. They all got up and walked out of Ulrich's room and down the hall. The girls were ahead of the guys and then Jeremy whispered, "Do think he is in that hiding spot he talked about?" Ulrich nodded because he didn't want the girls to hear, but it was unsuccessful. "Ulrich, sweetheart, you know where Odd and Jordan are don't you." Yumi said throwing her arms around him and giving him a kiss. Aelita looked at Jeremy and then did the same thing then asked him. Ulrich and Jeremy looked at each other and nodded. "We know where they are, we just don't know if they are actually there at this moment and if they are we don't want to disrupt them." Ulrich said trying to give Yumi and stern look. Yumi let her arms fall and grab his hands and she pulled her self closer and kissed him again and said, "You are such a good..." she was cut off by a high pitched voice saying, "Ulrich Dear, you actually let `her' kiss you." Ulrich rolled his eyes and said, "Is my girlfriend not supposed to kiss me?" "Well of course your girlfriend can kiss you." She replied. "Then what is the problem here, because if there isn't one then we have to go," Jeremy added in. "Sissi can I tell you something?" Yumi began, "There is a guy out there for you, but Ulrich isn't the one other wise he would be after you, but instead he is here with me." Sissi's face was so red that Yumi, Ulrich, Jeremy, and Aelita walked off before she could say anything more. They were outside when they saw Odd and Jordan coming from the park area.

"Hey guys well rested." Odd said jokingly. Everyone nodded; Ulrich took Odd away from the group and asked, "Where is your hiding spot?" "That is for me to know and for you to never find out, but I will tell you when I want to." Odd answered with a smile and walked back to the group.

## 28 - THE NEWS

### THE NEWS

The weekend ended quicker then they wanted it to. And then that week didn't seem to bad. They had been very careful to not let anyone see the rings and be ready to fight X.A.N.A at anytime. Odd was getting more nervous by the day and only Jordan knew why. He was telling her dad the news this weekend, but Odd wasn't sure how her dad would take it. Then came Saturday morning.

Odd went down to Jordan's room to see that she was waiting outside her door for Odd. "Ready to go?" she asked as he walked towards her. He nodded and they both continued down the hallway. When they got to the gate Jordan got a cab and her and Odd got in. Odd didn't know where exactly they were going, but he trusted Jordan. They arrived at a really nice hotel, Jordan paid the cab driver and then her and Odd went into the hotel. "Ms. Parker your dad is already here." The guy behind the counter said as he tossed her a room key. She nodded and her and Odd walked right on in the elevator. "I'm confused." Odd confessed. "I know you are I will explain everything later." Jordan answered as she stepped out of the elevator and gave Odd a kiss and used the key to open the only door on the floor. When she and Odd walked in they were greeted by her dad, "Jordan, I'm so glad to see you. I see you brought your friend with you." She nodded and gave her dad a big hug. "Dad this is Odd. And we have something to tell you, but you might want to sit down." Jordan said talking a step back from her dad after giving him a hug. "Well okay then." He replied as he took a seat on one couch and Odd and Jordan on the one right across from it. Jordan and Odd looked at each other Jordan took a deep breath and Odd sighed. He turned back to her dad and said, "Sir, I know I have just met you, but I have asked your daughter to marry me and I wanted to let you know personally." Odd seemed to be holding his breath while he waited for her dad to answer. When he finally did he said, "That's wonderful. So this was the surprise that you could wait to tell me." Odd started to breath again and Jordan's grip on Odd hand loosened. "I will get some drinks." Jordan said getting up to get the drinks. "So Odd, Jor (Jordan) tells me that you can be really funny." Her dad said after she went to the kitchen. "Yeah I tend to make her and our friends laugh." He replied with his famous Odd smile. "Yes, Jor has told me about the gang. She also said that I was going to meet you and the rest of them today." Her dad said as she returned and set the drinks down. "That's right I will go call them and tell them to come over." Jordan said getting up again. When Jordan was done she came back and asked, "Should I order lunch?" "Yes, please do." Both men replied. "I'll order enough for those guys to and double it for us." She said as she grabbed the phone. "Why is she going to double it for you two?" her dad asked. "We have the biggest appetite you could ever imagine." Odd answered. "Well I see my daughter is marring someone with an appetite as big as hers." He dad said as he started to laugh along with Odd.

They didn't have to wait long before the others were here. Jordan answered the door and greeted them all as they walked in. "Dad I would like you to meet the rest of the gang." She began to call out their names in the order they stood, "This is Yumi and Ulrich and this is Jeremy and Aelita." "Well hello to everyone. Come sit down." He said and got up to give them his seat and instead he sat in the chair.

"Jordan!" Yumi said after she sat down on the couch that Jake (Jordan's dad) was sitting on with Ulrich and saw that Jordan was wearing her ring. "What Yumi?" she asked being completely calm about it. Jake looked confused and so did Jeremy and Ulrich, but not Aelita she knew what exactly Yumi saw. "Jordan you hand." Aelita said. "Oh! It's okay my dad knows." Jordan explained and smiled at her two very confused friends. They all seemed to be in a conversation with each other, but Yumi and Ulrich weren't facing the group. "NO!" Ulrich said getting the attention of the others. "Why not?" Yumi protested with a fake pout. "I thought we agreed that we

would wait." Ulrich argued. "Oh no I knew this would happen." Jordan said getting up and began to walk around. "Aelita don't even think about it." Jeremy said knowing what was going to happen. "I'm not sure if I even want to know." Jake said. "I think I know." Odd said worriedly. Ulrich stood up and began to walk just like Jordan was. "You know I think I am going to have to think about this for a while so I am going to go." Ulrich said walking towards the door. Yumi stood up and was walking to him to try and stop him, but he was walking faster with each step. Jordan, who never thinks twice about what she says or does until she does it, ran to the door blocking it so Ulrich couldn't go and then she said, "I think we need to talk about this." Ulrich turned to see Yumi really sad and it seemed to him that she was about to cry. He ran up to her and hugged her so tight that she was unable to move to get away. She could no longer hold back her tears and so she began to cry. "Well I'm lost." Jake said trying to get some answers. Yumi and Ulrich sat down and Ulrich was not going to let go of her any time soon. "I'm sorry I didn't mean to hurt you." He said comforting her in his arms. "Dad let me explain," Jordan began, "We were planning to tell are parents that we were getting married at the end of the school year since next year would be our last. When you told me that you might not be in town over summer I wanted to tell you as soon as you were. Odd and I didn't tell them because we didn't want them to change their plans." When Jordan finished her dad was surprised. "So you are all getting married?" he questioned after a while of think about what his daughter just said. "Yumi why don't you put on your ring." Ulrich whispered to her making her smile. She quickly got the ring out of her pocket and put it on her hand. "Yeah we are all going to get married and even more amazing is that the guys all proposed to us on Valentines Day like they had it planned." Aelita said with a smile. "We did kinda have it planned, but for spring break." Odd added in. No one seemed to notice that Yumi had never stopped crying. When Jordan finally looked over there she saw Ulrich holding her and whispering something to her, but she couldn't hear him. "Yumi are you going to be okay?" Jordan asked finally. "She says she will be fine and...that she is happy...because this is the first time she has been able to wear her ring since the Sissi incident...and that we are going to go tell her parents...WHAT?" Ulrich said for Yumi then turning to her to see her head down with tears running down it. Everyone gave Ulrich a stern look, but Ulrich paid no attention to them. "Yumi I am going to be honest with you," he began, "I want to tell your parents and everyone else, but I worried about how your parents will take it. I think the have just finally relaxed about what happened on Valentines Day. And I know that you don't want anything to happen to me or anything to come between us because I worry the same things, but I also can't stand to see you cry so much even if you say your happy I know your sad too." When he finished everyone forgot how mad they were and were surprised by what Ulrich just said. "I know you worry, I also know that your scared because you were scared before you asked me out and during and even now. The only thing I want to do is tell my parents and I know that it might make you nervous, but you were nervous on or date and when I was attacked, but did any of that stop you from telling my parents about us dating?" Yumi responded lifting her head and drying her still running tears. "Okay hold on what is all this about being attacked?" Jake asked confused. "I want you to be happy," Ulrich said as he sighed he knew that she had trapped him, "And if telling your parents is the only way to make my girl smile then I will tell them." She looked up at him and smiled so big that he couldn't help but kiss her. She dried her tears and as she stood up with Ulrich she

said, "We'll be back." Everyone nodded and watched them go out the door then they resumed their conversation that they had before. "Would someone like to explain to me what just happened?" Jake asked being the only one confused. Everyone looked at each other then Jordan began to explain, "Well no matter what you do, once those two get into a conversation like that there is no way that you can break it. Trust us we have tried." "Well that is one thing explain, but what was all that talk about being attacked?" Jake questioned. Jeremy looked at everyone then began, "Yumi was attacked at her house on Valentines Day." "Well that should explain everything, but doing all this explaining makes me hungry." Odd announced. "Everything makes you hungry." Jordan said laughing along with everyone else.

Well Yumi and Ulrich were walking down the street when Ulrich said, "I think when I tell my parents they'll die of shock because they would never believe that I worked up the courage to ask you." Yumi laughed a bit only because they were at her house when Ulrich had finished. They walked in and both her parents were glad to see them that they invited them to sit down. They were all on the couches when Yumi said, "Mother, Father, we need to tell you something." She took a big breath and looked at Ulrich and nodded. Both her mom and dad were confused, just as Ulrich opened his mouth to speak there was a knock on the door. "Sorry." Yumi's mom said as she hurried to get the door. "Oh you're here." They heard her say. Yumi and Ulrich both looked to see who it was and when they saw every bit of nervousness that was inside of them doubled. "Mom, Dad?" Ulrich said seeing his mom and dad standing there. Ulrich stood up to go see his mom and dad when his mom said, "No honey will come to you." He sat back down and looked at Yumi who was worried. "Maybe not." She whispered to Ulrich. "No, if I don't do it now I might never get the courage to do and plus will get it over with both sides right now and not at two different times." He whispered back. "Yumi what was it that you and Ulrich had to tell us." Her father asked after her mother sat down. "Well it is for all of you and you might want to sit." Yumi said. Ulrich took one last look at Yumi's wonderful face and took a deep breath and said, "Mom, dad. Mr. and Mrs. Ishiyama I wanted to let you all know that we are," he paused for a moment then said, "Engaged." The looks on adults were like when something amazing happens that you knew could happen, but didn't know when or that it could happen to you. Yumi and Ulrich seemed like they were holding their breath until Mrs. Ishiyama said, "That's all you had to tell us, CONGRATULATIONS." She got up and gave both of them a hug. Ulrich's mom and dad were still in shock and Yumi's dad had smile on his face. "I think I might die of shock." Ulrich's mother finally said. Yumi and Ulrich looked at each other surprised because Ulrich said his mother would die of shock. Yumi went to the kitchen with her mom and Ulrich's mom to get some food while the guys talked. Ulrich's dad came over and sat down by him and put his arm around him and said, "You know when we heard that you were dating me and your mother made a bet that was you would have the courage to ask her to marry you." Ulrich looked at his dad and ask, "Who won." "I did. You are just like I was when I was your age. You mom was my friend, like Yumi is to you, I had a crush on her and I was scared that she did like me back so I kept it a secret, but all our friends knew and finally I asked her out and well you can see where it went from there." He said with a smile. "I can't believe you waited to long though." Yumi's dad said. "We didn't he was just to scared to tell you that we have been engaged since February 14." Yumi said hearing what her dad had said. "Why did you wait so long?" he asked as Yumi sat down next to her man. "Well I wanted you to like me before we told you and so we were going to tell you at the end of the school year, but we had a change of plans." Ulrich answered this time and looking at Yumi who had an evil smile on her face. Then they heard another knock on the door and no one knew who it could be so when Yumi's mom answered the door it was a big surprise to everyone. Yumi and Ulrich looked over at the door to see Jordan, Odd, Aelita and Jeremy standing there and behind them Jeremy's parents, Odd's parents and Jordan's dad. Yumi got up and went over to her friends and hugged them all. "Well this is a surprise!"

Yumi's mom exclaimed. "Not as big as all of them getting engaged on the same day." Jake said. Everyone, but the friends looked at Jake. "You are all getting married?" Ulrich's mom questioned everyone nodded in agreement. Odd came up to Ulrich and said, "I can't believe you actually told them." Ulrich smiled, but he was still a little bit nervous. When Odd turned around to go back to Jordan she wasn't standing there and neither was Aelita or Yumi. Jeremy and Odd both looked at Ulrich who shrugged not knowing what they were up to. "We should go out to eat in celebration." Yumi's dad suggested. Ulrich got up as everyone was deciding where to go, he had an idea where the girls might be. Before Odd could sit in his place Ulrich pulled him and Jeremy away to go up stairs to Yumi's room. "Hun what you doing?" Ulrich asked very sweetly. He could hear Yumi giggle when he said that. Before Ulrich could knock Yumi opened the door and let all three guys into the room. "We were just talking about how lucky we are to get such great guys." Yumi said sitting down on her bed and cuddling up next Ulrich once he sat down. Aelita and Jeremy were sitting on this really big pillow thing next Yumi's wall and Jordan and Odd were sitting on another pillow thing. Yumi was about to say something when the door burst open and all the adults came in. "Well they could knock." Yumi whispered to Ulrich. "We are going to go to dinner at the Grand Hotel." Jake said, "My treat." The adults left first then the group.

## 29 - DINNER

### DINNER

They arrived at the Grand Hotel and they took their seats at the table that they had reserved before they left. At the table the adults seemed to all be at one end and the group at the other, they of course had more important business to attend to anyways. "He hasn't been active for a week, but I wouldn't worry to much about it as long as we're ready when he does attack." Jeremy said to everyone who was trying to not let the adults hear them, but of course Yumi and Ulrich weren't listening to them they were too busy in their own conversation. "I want to remind you that I am going to be in Japan for spring break." Yumi reminded him since she figured he forgot. "I know, but I don't want you to be gone the whole time, that's too long." Ulrich protested not caring that Yumi's parents overheard. "We know you'll miss her, but she has to see her family." Her mom said trying to explain, but since they were in the 'zone' he didn't hear her. Jordan hit her head with her hand because Yumi's mom and dad didn't know that they could do that. "Mrs. Ishiyama you are not going to be able to get an answer from them when they get into a conversation." Jordan explained. She nodded then said, "I know what it's like to do that." She pointed to her husband that was sitting right next to her. Jordan giggled a little, but tried not to laugh. Yumi immediately and gave her a confused look because she didn't know what was so funny. Their food came and everyone ate everything up. After dinner they went up to the hotel room they were in earlier. When everyone walked in they saw Sam in her martial arts clothes training with her boyfriend. "Oh sorry we were just leaving to go train." Sam said stopping and stated walking towards the door. "Sam why don't you show these guys the training area while the parents talk. Sam nodded and motioned everyone to follow her.

When they arrived they saw a bunch of men that looked like they were security. "Well this is it." Sam said as they arrived. She and Sean went straight to the center of the room. Everyone seemed to move out of the way. Before they began they made sure that all their gear was on right. Sam and Sean started at each other. Sam looked like she knew what she was doing. Sean got a few good moves making her either fall down or hit something. Finally when Sean gave a last kick Sam fell down and didn't get up. Sean turned around to talk to some of the guys that were there. Ulrich ran to Sam and lifted her up and she had this evil smile on and said, "Got you." She got up and went over to take off her gear, but as she passed Sean she gave him one last kick. He turned around and said, "She got you didn't she." Then he followed her to take off his gear. Sam didn't notice that the adults had seen the last of the fight and her big show until she turned around. "Oh! Hi." Sam exclaimed. Then they heard a voice yell, "Sam she's here. She's here." Then Jessica came running in with a girl following her. Sam's face went from happy to serious. She looked at Jake for an answer, but he just shrugged and as usual she had to handle it herself. "Oh Sam I have the most unfortunate news for you." She said, as she walked towards Sam. "Don't tell me that you 'think', I mean THINK, I have broken the rules." Sam said before the other girl could say what she needed to say. "Well it seems that you wanted to be out of the competition. Oh and to all her 'friends' I'm Nichole." Nichole said to Sam then turned and said it to the others who were standing there speechless. "Well I haven't I am performing at Kadic high so I am aloud to be here and if

that is all then security will let you know that I will see you at the competition.” Sam said and gave her a fake smile. She immediately turned around left knowing that she lost. “Sorry about that everyone. Just little unexpected visit from the queen of mean.” Sam said after she left. She made the entire gang laugh because they always thought Sissi to be mean. Then Kelsey ran in with a guy running after her, but it wasn't her boyfriend, it was Sam's friend, Tucker. “Hey are you here to do the show.” She asked giving her friend a big hug. He nodded and then Sam turned to the confused guest and said, “This is Tucker and he does all our lights in our shows and he is the best one I know.” “Well I was just trying to show them the gym you have down here then we were all going back to the room, but thanks for the introductions.” Jake said as the adults began to leave. “Jordan I want to show you something, Odd you might want to come to.” Sam said after saying her good-byes to Tucker since he had to get back to work. When she turned around Sean was there and she nodded knowing what he was going to ask her. She walked over to where she had taken off her gear and there were two keys sitting there two. “Odd and Jordan, now that you two are getting married here are your keys to get into that door over there.” She said handing them the keys and pointing to the door that said ‘Sam’ on it. “NO WAY!” Jordan yelled making the group jump. “If you ever need to be alone or you want to find me, there you go.” She said as she was embraced by two bear hugs. She motioned to them to go check it out. Sean came over and put his arm around her and said, “They deserve it.” She looked at him and kissed him lightly.

When Jordan opened the door they saw a room that was like an office, but a family room all in one. Sam walked in behind them and said, “You like it.” Jordan turned around at the sound of her friend's voice and nodded not being able to use her voice. She now had tears running down her face. Odd noticed and held her tight while she let her tears fall. Jordan knew how much Sam was giving them; whenever Jordan had a problem she could never find Sam and instead spent her life banging on the door. She knew that this room was Sam's life all of her time went into it to make it just right. “You know I have four extra keys and I want you to choose who they go to.” She said once her friend stopped crying. They walked out of the room and when Aelita and Yumi saw their friend had been crying they got up and over to her. “Sam has given us something you could never imagine.” Jordan said once her friends let go of her. Sam handed them the keys and let them go in and see for themselves. The other girls were amazed and they too cried because of what the room looked like. All the guys were amazed and held the girls while they cried out their happiness. Sean and Sam stood in the doorway watching it all, so much excitement. Sam didn't think that the adults would come back down so she just about closed the door when she heard a bunch of laughing. She looked outside to see all the adults stop laughing and look around confused. She quickly ran up to them and said, “Umm... I'm showing them something at the moment.” She looked at Jake and he nodded knowing what she was showing them. Then three girls that had just been crying came running out, they had three guys following them. Sam was tackled by them and fell over. “Hey don't hurt her or she will be in trouble.” Sean said walking up to them. The adults seemed to be getting more confused by the second so Jake took over and said, “Sam has this room where she is almost always in. Jordan always wanted to be able to go in there, but couldn't. Sam has given Jordan a key to the room for her use when she wants to use it.” When Jake finished explaining most of the confusion had gone away. “Sam, why did you decide to give it to us.” Jordan said not letting go of her. “Well you spent most of your time standing in front of it wanting to come in and talk to me, but I wouldn't let you. I wanted to wait for the right time and now it is here and so you can go in all you want along with your friends, but no one else.” She said smiling. “I thought I was only going to give Jordan a key.” Jake questioned. “I was, but then she would be all alone if I am not there so I gave it to her friends and her man.” Sam said giving a quick look at Jordan then back at the adults, smiling.

## 30 - HOTEL ROOM

### HOTEL ROOM

Everyone decide to go back to the hotel room upstairs after saying good-bye to their parents. "So I guess you all like the room." Sam asked jokingly. "Well why wouldn't we." Jordan answered for everyone. Sam smiled and said, "Sean I'm going to make dinner you want some?" Sean looked at her and nodded. She grabbed a pot and filled it with water and put it on the stove and then went to a door on the other side of the room. She grabbed a key chain out of her pocket and put a key into the door and went in. When she came out she was in really short shorts and a tank top that looked like it was too small for her. As she was walking out she was putting her blonde hair into a high ponytail. When she got over to the kitchen the pot was boiling. She put in the pasta that she had set out before she had went into the room. Then she walked back over to the door and made sure it was locked before she began to get out stuff for the sauce. When she looked up she saw everyone staring at her. "What?" she questioned. "Sam I thought we said that when are boyfriends are here that we wouldn't where `those' relaxing closes around." Jordan answered. "Well if I'm correct there are no boyfriends here only fiancés." Sam said continuing what she was doing. "Well I guess your right, but didn't we agree to something about that too. Oh never mind you win this time." Jordan answered knowing that Sam did that on purpose. "I always do." Sam replied picking up a knife to cut the onions. Jordan got up to get Sam, but sat back knowing what would happen. "Sam how good is your cooking?" Odd asked when the smell of an Italian sauce was filling the room. "It is the best thing I have ever had." Sean said looking at Odd. "Thanks I guess I learned it from my dad, he was or is an Italian cook and I always like his food most of the time." Sam said taking the pot of pasta and putting it into the strainer. Then there was a knock on the door and they could hear voices outside. Jordan got up and got the door and to Sam's surprise it was her mom and dad along with Jake. Sam looked up and saw them standing there and ran over a hugged them then went back to cooking. "I didn't expect you guys. Are you hungry?" Sam said finishing her pasta. "That's what we were going for and we ate before we came, but if we knew you were cooking then we would have waited." Her dad said. She smiled and put pasta in two bowls for her and Sean and set them on the table. "Okay, it's ready." She said. Sean got up and went to the table. "I left some so you guys could all try it." Sam said taking a seat next to Sean. "She always makes extra because she is always really hungry." Sean said with a smile just before taking a bite. Odd quickly got up and grabbed a small bowl and got some. "I thought you ate already." Jake said. "Yeah, but I can always eat more." Odd said and smiled while sitting down. "Well as soon as you try this you will never want anything else. Oh and we came all this way to tell you something." Her mom said. Sam stopped eating and looked at her mom and dad and asked, "Is it gone?" her mom nodded she smiled and ran to her parents and gave them a hug and even Jake was smiling, but everyone else was confused expect Sean who kind of had a clue what was going on. When Sam finished giving her hugs she took a step back and everyone saw that she had tears in her eyes. Sean came over and held her knowing why she was crying. "Mom, dad these are Jordan's friends." She began to point to all of them and say their name, "Yumi, Ulrich, Jeremy, Aelita, and Odd." Her mom looked at all of them and smiled her sweet smile. Sam was trying to dry her tears, but more just kept coming and Sean held her tighter. "Do they



know?" her dad asked. She shook her head then he looked at Sean and nodded so Sean said, "Sam's mom just beat cancer for the second time." Everyone was surprised. Jordan knew that her mom had cancer the first time five years ago when they were in 7th grade. "Sam why didn't you tell me?" Jordan asked getting up to give her friend a hug. "It was hard for me to tell Sean and even to let myself except that, so I figured that the less I thought about it the less worried I be about her. Plus I would be sad all the time and then I couldn't be happy for you." Sam said as she stopped crying. Jake got two chairs for Sam's mom and dad when Sam had to go and finish her dinner. "Sam this is really good!" Odd said giving a smile. When they were all finished her dad asked, "So Jordan why is Sam happy for you besides that you two get to hang out like you did before you moved." "Umm...well I'm engaged." Jordan answered, Sam's dad was surprised by the news and so he smiled and asked, "So who is it?" Jordan looked at Odd who had sat down next to her and he put his arm around her and said, "Me." He gave her a kiss on the cheek. Sam was sitting on Sean's lap and he was comforting her. Ulrich then got up and went over to the kitchen area and got a bowl where Odd had got his. He took some pasta and tried it. Yumi looked at him very confused because he too had just eaten and he did not have a big appetite like Odd. "Ulrich? I thought you ate too." She questioned him. "I know, but Odd said it was good so it must be." He said as he put pasta into his mouth. Yumi just rolled her eyes and shook her head. Sean whispered something to Sam then he got up and headed for the door that Sam had locked. He went in and came out with a bunch of blankets for everyone; he handed them to everyone then rejoined Sam. When Ulrich got back he sat down next to Yumi and said, "Odd was right that was good pasta." Sam smiled then Jordan said, "I thought you only cooked on special events or when you have a cooking spree." Sam's smile went away knowing that Jordan was right then she finally said, "Yeah I know and that is because I have been happy since Valentines Day. And if you actually here sometimes you would have known that I have been cooking since then." She looked at Sean and nodded and he nodded back then Sean looked at her parents and said, "You may or may not know this, but we are engaged." He smiled and looked at Sam who was smiling back at him. "And I have a surprise for everyone." Sam said getting up and running to the kitchen and she pulled a tray out from the oven. Yumi realized that she didn't have a hot pad and yelled, "Sam!" Sam didn't hear her and grabbed the pan and put it on the stove then turned around and very calmly asked, "What is it Yumi?" "Wasn't the pan hot?" Yumi asked back. "No because the stove wasn't on. It was in there to keep it warm." Sam said as she pointed to the stove. Yumi sighed for some reason or another and Sam shook her head. "Yumi I have been cooking for a while and out of all the burns I have gotten I think the worst was when I broke my arm and that has nothing to do with cooking, so don't worry, but you on the other hand that's a different story." Sam said knowing what she might get for saying that last part. "Oh you mean that time when you were skating?" her mom questioned. Sam set down the cookies on a plate that she had put on the table and nodded. "Sam why don't you tell that wonderful story." Her dad said teasing her. "If I have to." Sam complained, "Well we were at the park, my mom, sister and brother, I was doing laps around it. They only way to go all the way around it was to go outside the gate and the back in on the other side. So I had been doing that for a while, but when I went around for my final time I thought I had slowed down enough to go through the small opening. I didn't have room and I hit the pole that was there and broke my arm. There was a bigger opening, but it had a chain between the edge and the other pole, the one I hit my arm on. That is how I broke my left arm, half an inch away from my wrist." Sam finished her story and looked at her left arm and tilted her head to the right a little. "So you have broken something before?" Ulrich questioned. "Yeah and you want to know something really funny about it. I broke my arm on good Friday." Sam looked up and smiled. "Well Sam we're going to go, but we're staying the hotel so you and Sean come and see us anytime." Her mom said as they got up and left with Jake who didn't say a word. "So you were skating and you hit a pole with your arm and you broke it?" Aelita questioned and Sam nodded. "Oh I have another question for you guys. Are you going to be staying the night?" Sam asked.

Everyone looked at each other confused, "I just want to know because I am making breakfast and I need to know how many people will be here. We have enough rooms." Sam added. "Yeah, if your cooking." Jordan said, but she made it sound like everyone was staying so Sam said, "Great so that's eight, but I'll make extra for people that can eat a lot." When she looked at Yumi and Ulrich they looked like they were worried then Sam looked at Jordan who noticed it to. "Well me and Sean will see how... Oh never mind were leaving." Sam said knowing this was between them. Sam and Sean got up and went to the locked door and went in. "Jordan I'm not sure that's a good idea." Ulrich said first. "Why not. We are engaged after all." Jordan answered. "We agree with Jordan." Jeremy answered for Aelita and him. "Well that leaves you two." Odd said looking at Yumi and Ulrich. "Well I don't know about Ulrich, but I want to stay." Yumi said looking right at Ulrich. "You want me to stay don't you," Ulrich answered as Yumi gave him the sweetest look she could, "Fine I'll will, I just couldn't say no to you." Yumi smiled and kissed him then Jordan got up and banged on Sam's door (they assumed that it was Sam's room and it is). "SAM! We're all staying. What clothes do you and Sean have in there?" Jordan yelled. Sam opened the door and stuck her head out and yelled, "I can hear you with out yelling and we have all kinds of clothes. Do you guys want to borrow some?" She looked at the group no one moved. "Sorry about the yelling Jordan doesn't know that her head is about as thick as this door." Sam said and then Jordan slammed her self against the door and Sam fell down and the door flung open. Sam got up and picked up a bunch of pillows that were on the floor and threw them at Jordan who fell backwards from the force. Sam quickly slammed the door and then about ten seconds later she came out with about five more pillows. Jordan ran to a door on the other side of the room and went in. "Sorry about this. If you ask Sean this happens all the time. Oh you can borrow clothes we have a lot." Sam said after Jordan went in. "Why exactly do you two do this." Odd asked. "I don't know I guess because Jordan has a thick head and how ever you got through to her I'll never figure it out and I am usually really good at knowing things and nothing get by me." Sam answered. "Sam, your phone, its Tucker." Sean said as he came out of her room with her phone. She ran to the door and grabbed her phone and as soon as she did Jordan came out and ran at her. "Hello, Tucker, what is it, your where? What the heck did he do that for? You might not be there, no, no, it's okay will be fine. Okay bye." She hung up and her smiling face was sad. Jordan gave up knowing that Tucker only called when there was a light problem or something happened. "Come on Sean we have to go the hospital. Danny was being dumb again." She said as she went in to her room she came out in jeans, shirt and a jacket ready to go. "What did Danny do?" Jordan asked trying to keep Sam here. "Lets just say he fell down the stairs and now we don't have anyone to do the lights, but we'll managed we've done it once we can do it again." Sam answered. Just as she turned around the door opened and Jessica and Kelsey came in. "Sam did Tucker call you? What are we going to do? We're performing at the school and we said we give it our all that includes lights." Jessie said before Sam could say anything. "Yeah I know only me and Tucker know the lights and he was teaching Danny and Sam, but then Danny had to go be stupid and trip of the cable and fall down the stairs breaking his leg and cracking three ribs and the have to stay with him." Sam said letting everyone in the room know what happened. "How complicated are the lights?" Jeremy asked making Sam spin around. "Not that hard, me and Tucker are the only ones aloud to teach anyone. Here's the question, how fast can you learn and would you mind missing part of your dance?" Sam questioned. "I can learn fast and so can Aelita and no we won't mind, we can be your back up light people." Jeremy answered. "Great lets get started it's a lot to learn, but we can wait till the morning. We have to go down to my room because you have to learn are routine that we are going to do." Sam said giving her two friends hugs. "Okay we're just glad that we could help." Jeremy said. "I always seem to know the right people." Sam smiled and then looked at Jordan who was about to laugh and when Sam looked at her she giggled a bit knowing that Sam did know the right people. Everyone got ready for bed they all changed into pj's that Sam and Sean let them borrow. There were five rooms, Sam and Sean shared

one and slept together, Jordan and Odd slept together in her room, Aelita and Jeremy slept in the room next to Jordan's, together. Ulrich was a little worried, but once they were asleep in the bed he was fine, they were in the room next to Sam's.

## 31 - BREAKFAST

### BREAKFAST

Sam woke up early and began to make breakfast. She was making her pancakes when Sean came in and he came behind her and gave her a hug, but scared her. "Oh Sean you scared me." Sam said as she looked up at him and gave him a good morning kiss. Sam was in the short shorts she was in last night and the tank top too. "Sorry honey, I woke up and I smelt your wonderful cooking coming into the room." Sean said after giving her his kiss. "Lets give Jordan the wake up call I use to give her." Sam said after she finished the pancakes. She slowly opened the door and went in to the edge of the bed and grabbed the covers and pulled them off. Then she went around to Jordan side of the bed and grabbed a pillow that had fallen off the bed and hit her. Jordan immediately sat up and looked at her and said, "Thanks for the wake up call." She gave Sam a fake smile and got up out of bed and attempted to get Odd up. Sam eventually had to pull him off the bed because Jordan didn't want to do that to him. The whole time this was going on Sean was at the entrance laughing. Sam left after pulling him off the bed she left Jordan in charge of getting him up and to the table. Sam got the plates and set them on the counter she put two pancakes on each plate for starters. Sean grabbed his plate and was about to eat his first bite when Sam said, "Lets get the others up." He didn't realize that she wasn't talking to him, but to Jordan who walked out of the room with a very tired Odd. Jordan nodded and went into Jeremy and Aelita's room while Sam went into Ulrich and Yumi's room. They gave them the same wake up call as Sam did to Jordan. When the all got back to the kitchen Odd and Sean waited for them to return and grab their plates and sit down to eat. "Sam what did you put in the pancakes that made them taste like...You didn't." Sean said looking at her. "Well I guess I did." She said and smiled and continued eating. "She did." Odd said looking up at everyone. "Sam you made your absolutely irresistible chocolate-chip pancakes." Jordan said looking up after taking a bite of her pancakes. Sam nodded and never took her eyes off her plate. Everyone ate all their pancakes because just like Jordan said they couldn't stop eating them. When everyone was done Aelita said, "Those were the best pancakes I have ever had." She tired not to say that she never had a pancake before. "Well I hope so. Jeremy you ready to work on the light routine because there are some things that we have to add and you have to learn something that Tucker doesn't even know." Sam said looking at Aelita and Jeremy then at Sean. "Well okay lets go." Jeremy said and smiled at her. They got down to the basement and went into the room. Sam seemed to be mumbling something to herself. "Sam should we show Jeremy the routine that `we' are doing." Sean said when Sam got over to the desk. "Yeah, sure. Just a second." Sam said unsurely while looking for something on her desk. Then Sam went into a door that no one noticed before. "Found it." She yelled as she came out with two big binders, "Okay this one is all our routines and the other on is what each light does and how to use it and when to use it." Sean rolled his eyes and asked, "Is our routine in there?" she nodded and opened to a section marked `pairs'. There were only a few pieces of paper in the section. She flipped to the last one and then said, "Jeremy and Aelita come here." Thy both went over to her and she pointed at the paper and said, "Everything you need to know is in here we will show you the routine right now, since you spring fling dance theme has to do with a certain type of dancing we will be performing on dance that has to do with it." She looked over at Sean and nodded.

Sean went over to the C.D. player and put in their C.D. and looked at Sam who was ready to go. He pressed play then hurried over to her. They started off slow and were in time with the music. When the music got fast so did they and their somewhat ballroom dancing turned into where Sean was throwing Sam in the air and catching her again. At one point Sam and Sean looked at each other Sam gave him a slight nod and then she went under his legs and came back up on the opposite side. Everyone was amazed they continued to do moves that were amazing, but they only did that once. When they finished Sam walked over to Jeremy and Aelita who were standing there speechless. "So do you guys think you can do it?" she questioned. "Yeah." They both answered. Then Sam turned to a section called 'spring fling' and said, "these are the songs that we should be doing, if not be prepared for a change and if you have no clue what to do wing it because as long as you know how to work the lights you'll be fine." "Wow you did all this." Aelita said and Sam nodded. Jessie and Kelsey came in just after they finished with Jordan (the guy Jordan) and Tyler following them. "We just missed them." Jessie said disappointed. "Sorry guys you'll see it when we do it at the dance and hopefully it will go as smoothly as it went today." Sam said looking at Jessie then turning to look at Sean. "You mean you didn't drop her today." Tyler said, "Great job." "Does he usually drop you?" Jordan asked "Yeah and every time we did it I fell when he tossed me up for the final time and we can never get it right, but today we did." Sam answered, "You know I feel bad because we are taking away all your time why don't you guys go do something while I work on some things I need to accomplish today and Jeremy and Aelita you guys have plenty of time to learn the lights." Sam smiled and they all left. She looked at Sean and he ran up to her and hugged her and they started to dance.

## 32 - WALKING

### WALKING

They decided to go to the school and take a walk, but when they got there they went there separate ways. Yumi and Ulrich went one way and Odd and Jordan another and Jeremy and Aelita another way too. Yumi and Ulrich were walking to his new 'secret' spot. When they got there they sat under the tree and Yumi leaned her head against his shoulder and Ulrich wrapped his arm around her. "Yumi remember when we were in the hotel room and I yelled at you." Ulrich asked Yumi nodded not being able to say anything as the scene replayed in her head. "I'm sorry I never meant to hurt you and it is hard for me to see you get hurt or even cry." He said. He could feel her tighten her grip on him and she looked up at him with tears in her eyes that were so close to rolling down her beautiful face. Ulrich pulled her closer and held her tighter and Yumi could no longer hold back her tears so they came rolling down her face. "I know you didn't mean to. I knew you were nervous because I was to. I never meant to make you mad and when I did I just lost it I guess. And when you were about to walk out I thought I was losing you so I tried to hold back tears." Yumi finally said as she tried to dry her tears. "Yumi I would never leave you because if I did I would have no where to go. Also I would have live with an image of you crying and being alone and I could never do that or even live with that." Ulrich said back to her. She kissed him lightly. "When you told your parents and my parents that made me so happy and then I remembered what you said about you would want to see 'your girl' smiling again." Yumi responded. "Well I hope I made my girl happy if not what could I do to make her happy." Ulrich said smiling at her. "This." She said and then she gave him one of those kisses they gave each other when something happened.

While they were talking under their tree Odd and Jordan were talking under their tree on the other side of the woods. "Jor you know when Ulrich yelled at Yumi it hurt to see him do that because I could never bring myself to yell at you." Odd said as she sat down next to him and leaned her head against his shoulder and he put his arm around her and pulled her as close as she could come. "I know it hurt me to even hear him yell I have never seen him so mad." Jordan said sadly. "I'm just glad you acted the way you did by standing in front of the door so he could see her about to cry and almost fall to the ground." Odd said. "I know I could feel her about to give in and let herself believe he would actually would leave her there to cry." Jordan said quietly because it was hard for her to talk about it because Yumi was her friend and to see her hurt like that was unbearable. "Jordan are you okay?" Odd asked feeling her grip tighten on him. "Yeah it just that Yumi is my friend and to see her hurt hurts me." Jordan replied letting a few tears run down her cheeks before she quickly wiped her tears away from her face. Odd lifted her head so that she was looking at him he kissed her soft lips to comfort her. When they broke apart a smiled formed across her face and she tried to get closer to Odd.

And amazingly enough Jeremy and Aelita were talking about the same thing at the same time as they were. They were on the park bench. "Jeremy I was thinking about what Ulrich said to Yumi and then what you said to me." Aelita said kindly as she sat down next to Jeremy. "I have to, but why have you

been think about what I said and I'm sorry that I said that I just didn't want to yell at you like Ulrich did to Yumi." Jeremy said knowing where this conversation was going. Aelita didn't answer right away she allowed Jeremy to pull her close to him before she said, "Its alright Jeremy I know you didn't mean it I knew you were trying to not turn it into a bad situation and maybe an even worse one. I thank you for that, but it doesn't matter now because we have already told you parents and that is what counts." Aelita looked up at him and smiled her sweet smile. He looked back at her and kissed her lightly on the lips.

Yumi and Ulrich talked for a while then they decided to go back to the school and walk around. As they walked towards the entrance of the school they ran into Sissi and William. Sissi did not see Yumi's ring and Yumi hoped it stayed that way so she didn't make it so she found out. "Yumi you like you have just been crying." William said in a concerned tone. She nodded hoping she did not have to explain why. Ulrich looked at her and noticed that she was about to cry again he wasn't sure why she was going to, but he figured she was think about yesterday. "Yumi lets go back to my room." Ulrich said sweetly. "Why Ulrich dear why don't you let William take care of her and you can come with me." Sissi said in her evil tone and way. "Well it seems that we have run into a very complicated problem because one you wouldn't understand and two because I would never let Yumi go or leave her." Ulrich responded to her. "I don't see why you can't let her go I mean after all she needs to talk to someone that's not you." Sissi smirked. "NO I don't and even if I did it wouldn't be William or you it would be someone I can trust." Yumi yelled and tears ran down her face. Ulrich turned and hugged her tight letting her know that he was there and she just cried. "Yumi it's okay I'm not going to leave you ever." Ulrich said not caring if Sissi and William heard. "Why would she think that you would leave her?" William questioned. "We were talking about...and I got mad so I said that I was just going out to think about it and so as I started to walk towards the door she got up and tried to stop me, but instead Jordan beat me to the door and blacked it and said that we need to talk about this and when I turned around she was about to cry. She thought that I was going to leave her." Ulrich explained and with every word Yumi seemed to cry harder. Ulrich tried not to mention what they were talking about, but Sissi notice it and asked, "So what were you talking about?" Ulrich immediately froze not knowing what to say back at her with out letting her know about them being engaged. Then out of nowhere Yumi said, "We were talking about something that doesn't concern you." She dried her tears, but instead of lifting her right hand to do the job she lifted her left and that's when Sissi saw.

## 33 - SECRETS OUT

### SECRETS OUT

Sissi grabbed Yumi's left hand making her lean forward to keep her balance; Ulrich hit his head with his hand. "Ulrich dear why are you dating someone that's taken?" Sissi questioned hoping that she didn't think that they were really engaged. "I'm not dating someone that's taken." Ulrich said not looking her in the eyes, but instead he looked at William and gave him a 'help me out' look. Sissi wasn't paying attention to William or Ulrich's look because she was too busy looking at the ring on Yumi's finger. William nodded at Ulrich then turned to Yumi and asked, "Yumi can I talk to you for a second?" Yumi nodded and pulled her hand back from Sissi and walked with William and she hoped that she could trust him as much as Ulrich did. "So that means you single?" Sissi questioned once they were gone. "No that means that now I am more taken than I was before." Ulrich replied getting a confused look back from Sissi. "What do you mean?" she asked not understanding a word that Ulrich just said. "What I mean is that I am not dating someone that is taken nor is Yumi. We are permanently unavailable to anyone that wants to date us." Ulrich answered trying to make her guess what was going on. "So...You mean...I give up just tell me." She demanded. "Okay I will tell you as simple as I can. I am engaged and Yumi is too. I can I answer your next question? We are engaged to each other." Ulrich said knowing what her reaction would be. "Wh...wha...what?" Sissi managed to say. Then William and Yumi returned, William didn't seem upset nor did Yumi. "William did Yumi tell you?" Sissi questioned as soon as they got back. "Yeah and I'm glad for them." William answered. Sissi was so taken back that she left without making William come with her. "William you are really happy for us?" Ulrich questioned being somewhat surprised. "Yeah I am. I knew that you guys were meant to be together when you first started dating so I just laid back and attempted to help Sissi, but gave up knowing that you two have something very special. I will find the right girl some day, but till then I can wait." William answered and then he was turning to leave when two hands on either shoulder made him stop. "Wait William we need to ask you something." Yumi said making William freeze, but he forced himself to turn around. "What?" he questioned. Yumi looked at Ulrich and he nodded she looked back at William and said, "We would like you to be at our wedding and we mean that." "We have seen you hang around Sissi just to let her believe that you were on her side, but we want to thank you for your kindness and I want to thank you for taking Yumi away from Sissi just now so I could tell her and Yumi could tell you. Thank you." Ulrich added. William was surprised by Ulrich and Yumi said to him, he thought that was kindest thing he has heard them say to him since they started going out. "I would be glad to come." William said he smiled then they let him walk away. "I'm glad we asked him to come, he is actually a sweet guy once you get through his thick head." Yumi said after she couldn't see him anymore. "Yeah, but I feel bad that he has no one and he might be lonely for a while. I wonder if Sam could help him." Ulrich said. "Sam knows a lot of people maybe she could hook him up." Yumi said as they started to walk again. They turned and headed for Ulrich's room when they saw Odd and Jordan. "Hey Jordan can we ask you something?" Yumi asked running to catch up with you. "Yeah sure. What is it?" she responded. "Does Sam know any one that's single?" Yumi questioned giving her a sly grin. "Yeah. Do you want to call her and ask her?" Jordan said confused. "Yeah do you have her number?" Yumi said. Jordan got out her cell phone and dialed



Sam's number. "Hey Sam?" "Yeah Jor what is it?" "Do you know anyone that's single?" "Yeah guy or girl?" "Girl." "Yeah, but she won't be here till the spring fling dance. Why?" "Yumi wants you to hook her up with someone." "Okay I'll talk to her and see what's up with her and then I'll call you back." "Okay." "Okay." "Bye." "Bye." Jordan hung up her phone and said, "She said yes, but she won't be here till the spring fling dance." "Why did you want to know anyways?" Odd asked. "Just doing a new friend a favor." Ulrich said. "Lets go find him and tell him." Yumi said as they went off in the direction William had gone. They caught up to him and Yumi asked, "Do you have anyone to go to the spring fling dance with?" he shook his head and then Ulrich said, "We might be able to fix that problem." William looked at them both confused. "We know someone that might be able to help you." Yumi explained. She pulled out her cell phone and dialed a number and said, "Sam this is Yumi." "Oh hey Yumi what up." "Nothing, but is there any way for your friend to get her sooner?" "Yeah and a matter of fact she is her and we are on our way to see you guys right now." "Okay great we will meet you at the front gate with everyone else." "Oh and bring him that might be helpful." "Yeah, yeah that too." "Bye." "Bye." Yumi hung up and looked at Ulrich who picked up his phone to called Jeremy. "William would you like to meet someone?" Yumi asked, but before he could answer she pulled him to the gate at the front of the school.

## 34 - UNEXPECTED REUNION

### UNEXPECTED REUNION

They were all waiting and William began to think they were playing a trick on him, but then just then a car pulled up and two girls got out and then after them a guy. "Sam, Erin." Jordan said and gave each of them a big hug. Erin looked just like Sam. She had blonde hair and she was wearing jeans (like Sam did when they first met her) and a shirt that was too small for her. "So why did you guys have Sam drag me all the out here." Erin said with a smile. "This guy right here." Yumi said pointing to William. Erin looked at him and he looked back, they didn't say anything to each other they just looked as if they new each other. "Erin!?" William finally said. "William!?" she said back to him. Sam looked confused at both of them she remembered that Erin told her about this amazing guy that she met, but she didn't say a name. Sam thought maybe William was that guy. "I never thought I'd see you again." William said giving her a big hug. "I thought the same thing, but I never thought we would meet again this way." Erin said. "Well Yumi it looks like your idea worked." Ulrich said giving up trying to understand what they were talking about. "Sam doesn't Erin come only when you perform and not before." Jordan questioned. "Yeah, but she's just like me so she decided to surprise me." Sam answered. Erin wasn't paying any attention to the conversation that was going on around her, but instead she was standing there looking at William. "Erin would you go out with me again?" William asked not caring who heard. "Yes I would go out with you again." She answered taking his hand and they started to walk towards the park. "Well that was rather weird." Aelita said. "Yeah, but not as weird as when Odd thought he could fly." Jeremy said. Everyone laughed including Sam. "Well Jordan might have been funnier. Like the time we were watching a scary movie and then she completely went nuts after watching it and then thinking it was actually going to happen to her." Sam said between her laughter. "That can't be as funny as the time you fell on stage." Jordan said. Sam didn't laugh at this comment, which made everyone stop. "That wasn't funny at all. That was a sad day and I still have to deal with it. Plus have you ever had the most embarrassing thing happen to you recorded on national T.V." Sam said trying to give her best point. "Sam don't you have that tape." Jordan said giving her and evil smile. "Yeah, but its locked up." Sam said. "Sam let's just drop it because you are going to get mad and then I won't see you for the rest of the day." Sean said knowing where this conversation was going. "Fine, but you'll know where all be." Sam said and she and Sean got back in the car and drove off. "Well that was interesting." Ulrich said once she was gone. "Yeah, she doesn't like to talk about what happened that day, but if we go right now we might be able to see her play the tape. If I know her like I do every time someone brings it up she goes into a mental break down and watches the tape about a hundred times and what is even worse is Sean can't even get her away from it." Jordan said. "Well I kind of want to know what Sean meant by that he won't see her for the rest of the day." Yumi said totally confused. "What he meant was she will lock herself in the room where she got her binders and she won't come out and no one has a key to the door." Jordan explained. "Well let go then." Odd said not wanting to wait any longer.

## 35 - THE TAPE

### THE TAPE

They got over to the hotel and they went down to the basement where the gym was. When they got down there they went straight for Sam's room. They went in and saw Sean sitting there watching Sam stand in front of the T.V. with the remote fast forwarding and rewinding over and over again. "They said I cried, but I think I would know if I did or not." Sam said talking to herself because Sean had given up trying to talk to her. "Sam?" Jordan said not seeing her friend so mad before. Sam jumped at the sound of her voice. "Oh sorry." Sam said shutting off the T.V. and going into the room where she got the binders and shut the door. "Oh well that's it." Sean said giving up. "You're not going to go after her?" Ulrich questioned. "If I know one thing about Sam it's that when she has a problem to let her work it out and every time I have stood there she has gotten to the point where she opened the door and slapped me. I have never seen her madder, but when she's mad at this one guy." Sean told everyone. Then there was a knock on the door and everyone turned and saw this guy they never saw before, Sean rolled his eyes. "Am I that guy?" he questioned. Sean looked at him sternly and said, "Yes, Matt you are and if you want Sam out here to yell at you again then I suggest you leave." The guy just smiled and walked in right passed them and knock on the door that Sam had gone into. "GO AWAY." Sam yelled and everyone heard it. "Oh, but doll I can't." Matt teased her. "Sean, did you let Matt in here." Sam yelled again. "No he let himself in and now he will be leaving." Sean said calmly and trying not to get on Sam's bad side at the moment. Sean walked over and pulled Matt away from the door and surprisingly he went without a fight. Sean closed the door once he was out and came back to the rest of the group. Then he picked up the remote and pressed play. The tape that Sam was watching was playing. All of the sudden the curtain fell and there was Sam on the ground looking at six people one of them being Nicole. Then she got up and ran out off the stage they saw a judge get up and follow her. When she came back to the stage she walked up to the group and said, "I can beat this competition and others with only three people." "Yeah and who would that dumb to go with you." The girl who looked like Nicole said. "Us!" Jessica and Kelsey said and stepped forward and walked to Sam. "Bring it." Nicole shouted as the three walked off stage. When it was over Yumi looked at Jordan and said, "You thought that was funny." "No she thought the reason I fell was funny. No one knows the really reason, but the people behind the curtain and Jordan." Sam said looking outside the door. "What would the reason be?" Aelita asked worried. "She fell because she kicked her out." Jordan said trying to hold her laughter in. Sam looked at her and smiled. "Now where's Matt?" she questioned coming out of the room Sean looked at her knowing that this was not going to be an easy day. Sam went outside to the gym and saw Matt there, tossing a football. "MATT!" she yelled making him turn and instead of throwing the football to the guy he was tossing it to he threw it at Sam. She reacted fast and caught the ball without thinking said, "Still think girls can't play football?" she questioned as she threw the football back to him with great force that is almost knocked him over. "No actually I came to say I'm sorry." He said sadly. This made Sam take a few steps back and making Sean rush over to her and catch her. "Your saying you're sorry for something that happened in 8th grade?" she asked trying to clarify. "Yeah it was the on thing you never forgave me for. That was worse then all the stupid things I said." Matt said and he hung his head,

“Well since you have to go do something important I'll go because that was all I had to say.” “You still have the same cell number right?” she questioned just before he was out of sight, he nodded then walked out. She turned to Sean held him tight not knowing what to do.

## 36 - CONFUSION

### CONFUSION

"Sean why?" Sam said completely confused. "I don't know he just seems to be like that." Sean answered not knowing what answer she was looking for. "Can someone explain?" Aelita asked worriedly. "Her and Matt were friends, then well something happened." Sean answered. "Football to be exact. Jessie and Kelsey and I wanted to prove that girls can play to, but he and other guys didn't think we could, so every time we tried to play they shut us out." Sam said taking a step back from Sean and looking at everyone, "I haven't seen him or talked to him since." "So he came here and said he was sorry, but then just left without you to answer." Odd said. "Yes and no. He wanted me to feel what he has been feeling for so many years and now he got his wish, but if that's all he wanted then he should know that I've felt it for the same amount of time as him." Sam said heading back to her room. Just before she went in she turned and said, "Go and don't come back till it's dark and I mean that. I have to set up the test lights and if you want to watch you are going to get board, so why don't you go have some fun." She smiled and Sean came up to her and walked in and then Sam shut the door. "It seems like we are learning more about Sam then any of us knew." Jordan said. "Yeah, but I think it is good. Most of the stuff she told us sounds like she doesn't tell just anyone." Jeremy said. Then they heard laughter behind them, they all turned and they saw William and Erin laughing. "Well it looks like he will be lonely no more." Ulrich whispered into Yumi's ear. She nodded in agreement and smiled as the two came closer. "Where's Sam Jor?" Erin asked once she saw that Sam wasn't there. Jordan pointed to the door behind her. "Oh. Well it looks like I have time to spare." She said looking at William and then they both turned and went back the way they came. "So what do we do now?" Aelita asked. "Just what Sam said, have fun." Jordan answered as she began to walk away from the door. Everyone soon followed; they didn't know where exactly they were going it was only noon.

They decided to go to the mall and hang out. When they got there they sat down at the food court because Odd was hungry. "Sam has gone through a lot and I have know idea how she handles it all." Jordan said once Odd returned from getting some food. "Yeah she is better at dealing with things that she doesn't like." Ulrich said. "And how should you know?" Yumi questioned. "Because, sweetheart, I did the same thing before." Ulrich answered. "You know when she cried last night. That was the first time she has cried in four years." Jordan said, " You know how she said she didn't cry when they kicked her out, well after that she hasn't cried or really shown any emotion, but I guess Sean changed that." Jordan looked at everyone's stunned face expressions. "How does one guy do that?" Jeremy asked. "Sean knows when her breaking points are. Like when I mentioned the tape, he knows what she can handle and what she can't." Jordan began, "She dances to keep her mind off everything even feelings. You know that back room that no one has a key to?" Everyone nodded, "Well she has a computer that she will spend all day writing or doing something on it, but she lets her feelings out in words or in her little `jokes'." When Jordan finished everyone was looking at her even Odd had stopped eating. "When you yelled at Yumi, Ulrich, Sam heard and it was hard for her to her it because she can't stand people yelling that's why she didn't come out." Jordan said hoping she would answer some questions. "She

heard that.” Yumi asked and Jordan nodded and said, “Sean told me later that they weren't planning to go work out. They only did that because she needed to let it out.” “That's why she kept giving me a weird look.” Ulrich said. “Yeah she tends to do that a lot when she mad at a certain person, but she never shows it which can be good at times.” Jordan said. “But in her performances her face shows so much expression.” Odd questioned as he stopped eating. “When she sings she shows expression to give the judges a show, but nothing more.” Jordan answered. Everyone couldn't believe that someone can do that when what they do has to do with showing emotion.

## 37 - SCHOOL

### SCHOOL

The next day wasn't going to be easy either; they knew the whole school would find out about their engagement secret. The guys were in science and the girls were in their history classes. The classes were right across the hall from each other. In the boys class Ulrich was drawing a picture of Yumi and Odd was looking at his ring that was on his left hand. Jeremy, who knew what the teacher was talking about, was staring out the window thinking about Aelita until Ms. Hertz said, "Ulrich, Jeremy, Odd." They all looked up at her surprised with nothing to say. "What could be more important then what I am trying to teach you?" she asked. Odd looked down and so did Ulrich, but Jeremy said, "Well I already know what you are teaching us." Ms. Hertz looked at him surprised then made a motion for him to get up and finish the problem on the board. Within a matter of minutes Jeremy was done without even saying a word. "Well Jeremy you have proven yourself, now what about your two friends. Ulrich looked up and said, "I will admit my mind is not completely in my head at the moment." He stood up next to his desk. "Same here." Odd added. Ms. Hertz was so surprised that she actually had to sit down and all the students in her class were looking at the three boys. "If I may ask what were you boys thinking about that made your mind wander." Ms. Hertz finally asked. They all looked at each other with worried looks then they all said together, "The most amazing people ever." Everyone in the class was confused because how can someone be so amazing that they distract you from a class. "And who would these people be?" Ms. Hertz asked. "Well I'm one of them." Sissi said as she got up and walked over to Ulrich. "Ummm...no your not." Ulrich said trying not to be rude. "Jordan Parker." Odd said trying to save Ulrich. "And Aelita Stone." Jeremy added. "What makes these people so..." Ms. Hertz was cut off by a knock on the door. She answered the door to see the history teacher from across the hall standing there with three girls behind him and two of them being Jordan and Aelita. She let them in and as soon as the three boys saw who it was with the history teacher they sat down hoping they didn't notice, but unfortunately they did. "Ms. Hertz I'm not sure if you noticed, but have three boys been daydreaming today?" the history teacher asked. She nodded and then said, "Jeremy, Ulrich, Odd, come her." They got up and went over to her right away, "Are these the three boys you are talking about?" she questioned after they walked up. He nodded and said, "Apparently they have a secret that they can't keep a secret." All six of them looked down, that was it, they blew it. Ms. Hertz looked confused and shook her head. "Well I guess they didn't tell you that they all are..." he was cut off by the bell. "Everyone can go except for you three and Sissi." Ms. Hertz said as the other students got up and left. "Ms. Hertz why does Sissi have to be here." The history teacher questioned. "Well when I asked who the people they were thinking of she said she was one and I never got an answer from Ulrich." Ms. Hertz answered. "I didn't answer because I didn't have the chance to answer, but if you really must know who it is, then it is..." Ulrich paused a moment then said, "Yumi." Yumi quickly looked up at him hoping he had a reassuring smile on his face, she got lucky and he did. "What do you mean Ulrich dear?" Sissi questioned. "He means that I am the one he choose and not you." Yumi smart mouthed back to Sissi. "Yumi what do you mean that 'he choose' you?" Ms. Hertz questioned. "She means that she is engaged to him and the rest of them are engaged too." The history teacher put in after being

interrupted by the bell. "Well Sissi you don't need to be hear so you can go." Ms. Hertz said trying not to show how mad she was at Sissi for lying. She opened the door and Sissi walked out. She walked back to where the six friends were standing and the history teacher. "Take a seat you six." Ms. Hertz said as she got to the group. They all did as they were told and sat down. "I don't know what to say." She said and smiled at them all. Everyone was shocked by her answer that they almost feel out of their seats. "First do your parents know about this?" she questioned before the group could accept that Ms. Hertz was excited for them. They all nodded because the use of their voices was gone. "How long have you been engaged to one another?" Ms. Hertz questioned. "Since Valentines day." Ulrich answered. And everyone else agreed by nodding their heads. "Well why did you keep it a secret for so long." The history teacher asked trying to get into the conversation. "We kept it a secret because we hadn't told our parents yet and so if someone told the principle that we were engaged," Yumi said, but then Ulrich started, "He might tell our parents that we were and it would be better for us to tell them and not someone else." When Ulrich finished Ms. Hertz and the history teacher were surprised, by how they respected their parents. "Well I think we kept you long enough from lunch, so you can go." The history teacher said knowing that Ms. Hertz was going to ask another question that they didn't want to answer. They where at the lunch table eating there lunches when the doors opened and a guy walked in. Jordan knew exactly who it was before he said, "Jordan I need to talk to you." She stood up not leaving where she was and said, "If your looking for Sam then I can tell you where she's not." Jordan began, "With you." The whole lunchroom was silent and they had all turned to the only two people that were standing. "Jordan if she was with me then I wouldn't be looking for her." He said. "And if I was with you then I wouldn't be behind you asking what did Nicole send you to do now." Sam said after he finished his not so smart comeback. Sam had a smile on her face knowing that this was going to be good. "What does she want now?" Sam asked. "She wants to know how you and that loser are doing and that she wishes you luck. And on my behalf I wanted to know how you are planning to get out of tight spot this time." He said and as soon as he finished Sean knew that was it, he said what he didn't want him to say and he knew that Sam was going to reach her breaking point in record time. "She doesn't plan how to get out of a tight spot she knows how the rules work and well unfortunately you don't Alex." Sean put in then he gave a look to Jordan that said 'Help me out Sam is going to blow'. Then out of nowhere Jordan said, "Everyone don't you recognize who that is that is? Alex, from that really hot guy dance group." All the girls gave one good look and Sissi was the first one out of her seat after him and not to much longer he was running out the door. Sam and Sean joined the rest of the gang and they began to laugh. "Jordan he'll get you for that later you know." Sam said between laughter, Sean was trying to relax he had just saved her from telling everyone who she was.

They finished eating their lunch and went to their favorite bench, Sam and Sean had left. "I'm surprised that know one knows and half the school day is gone." Jeremy said trying to start a conversation. "Yeah, I mean how can someone not see the rings that we are wearing." Aelita said seeming like the only one that heard him till Yumi said, "It's almost like everyone..." she didn't finish because Sissi walked over and interrupted her, "Oh you all must think you are so special with your life." "Actually Sissi I am rather happy with my life and for making it special, well, that was job of one person and her name is Jordan." Odd said making everyone turn to see that he wasn't kidding. "Ulrich dear, I don't get it what does she have that I don't?" Sissi asked completely ignoring Odd's statement. "Sissi you need to get one thing straight. I am not your Ulrich dear nor will I ever be. I am Yumi's Ulrich dear now and forever. And for what she has that you don't is that she never tried or tries to be someone else or hide who she really is. She was always just Yumi and nothing more or less and I loved that about her and the rest had to do with the way she acted and looked." Ulrich answered very calmly. Yumi looked at him with almost tears in her eyes, but he didn't notice. "Ulrich I never pretended that I was someone else and I look



better too." Sissi protested. "Yes, but you did tend to put Yumi down to make yourself look better and in my opinion Yumi looks and acts nicer than you." Ulrich replied again calmly. Yumi had grabbed on to the back of the bench because she was standing and after what Ulrich said she was about to fall over her legs were getting weaker with every word Ulrich said. "HOW COULD SHE LOOK BETTER THAN ME WHEN SHE DOESN'T EVEN WEAR MAKE-UP OR EVEN TRY TO LOOK GOOD?" Sissi yelled at Ulrich. "She didn't have to try and impress me, by then she had already taken my heart and now..." Ulrich paused for a moment then he said, "...She doesn't need make-up or have to impress me at all because she has captured my heart and I don't want her to ever let it go because I love her and I mean that to the fullest." When Ulrich finished Yumi was trying not to let him see that she was going to cry because she had tears in her eyes. "Why should I try and make a guy like me? Why can't I just get him to like me for the way I really act and not try to pretend who I really am? Why don't I do a lot of things and then why do I do a lot of things? Sissi, in the end you know what I feel?" Yumi said looking up at her and trying to hold back tears, "I feel sorry for you and how you don't have anyone." When she finished Sissi showed no emotion on her face till she said, "Well you should, I mean you took my Ulrich dear." She finished with a smile and that was what just made Yumi lose it. She turned to Ulrich and cried on his shoulder. He could only see one reason why she was crying, but she seemed like she wasn't going to stop. Then William and Erin walked up to the group just as Yumi looked at Sissi to say, "And the only person I'm truly sad and sorry for is you." Then she went back to crying on Ulrich's shoulder. "Sissi what did you do?" William asked because he hadn't heard the whole conversation. "Well she said that she feels sorry for me because I have no one and so I said she should because she took my Ulrich dear." Sissi answered in her evil innocent way. "YOU SAID WHAT?" Erin yelled. Apparently she, like Sam, did not like people saying mean things to another. "THAT IS THE WORST THING YOU COULD EVER SAY AND HOW ANYONE COULD... I WILL NEVER KNOW." Erin yelled at her again before giving her a chance to speak. Jordan knew that as soon as Sissi told William what happened Erin was going to go off because Sam would have. Yumi looked up after Erin finished to see Erin had tears in her eyes and she was going to fall. Yumi ran over to her and hugged her making both William and Ulrich take a step back. Erin began to cry now only because William couldn't see her, but he knew she was anyways. "I don't see why you're so upset." Sissi said being confused at why Erin was yelling at her. "Because I can't stand to see people like you try and ruin a perfect relationship." Erin responded knowing what Sissi might say. "People like me?" Sissi questioned, "What do you mean by 'people like me'?" Erin gave Yumi back to Ulrich and said, "People like you are the people that try and hurt others just to make themselves look better and I have to deal with people like you everyday and I'm tired of having people like you yelling at people for their decisions. I say if they are happy then I'm happy end of story." Erin responded as if she knew what was coming. Ulrich and William looked at each other then Ulrich said, "Sissi I hate to stop the wonderful conversation we are having, but we have to go." Ulrich and a still crying Yumi walked away along with William and Erin. No one knew where they were going, but they decided to leave to. Jeremy and Aelita went to Jeremy's room and Jordan and Odd went to Jordan's room. Sissi mad about what Erin had yelled at her so she went to her dad and told her dad and told him everything Erin said, but not what she said to make Erin yell at her. Then her and her dad went to Jeremy's room, but they weren't there, they went to Jordan's room and they weren't there either, but when they went to Ulrich's room they found them there talking about what they had done that weekend.

## 38 - TROUBLE

### TROUBLE

Ulrich, Yumi, William, and Erin had gone to Ulrich's room. Yumi had finally calmed down and they were all talking when there was a knock at the door. Ulrich answered the door and there stood the principle and Sissi. "There you are. We have been looking for you." He said looking behind Ulrich at Erin and William. "Well I don't see why?" Erin questioned. "Well according to my daughter she said a girl that was with William yelled at her." He said answering her question as soon as he was in the room. "Well she's right." Erin said not being worried at all. "Is there a reason behind your yelling?" he asked confusedly. "Yes," Yumi said, "Sissi was being her usual self and was trying to break Ulrich and me up. I told her that I felt sad and sorry for her. Her response was that I should because I took Ulrich away from her." When Yumi finished she had tears about to fall from her eyes. Ulrich noticed and stood up and got her to stand up and they left the room, he knew that she couldn't handle it. "Well I can see Yumi being mad at my daughter, but I still don't understand why you were the one yelling." The principle said questionably. "I have to deal with people all day and they are the ones that always have something mean to say to others and I can't stand it. Just because they are unhappy about someone else's decision doesn't mean that they can make them feel bad or worse then they actually do." Erin responded. She knew what he was going to say next because she had dealt with this situation many times before, but just as he opened his mouth to say something the door opened with out a knock and there was Sam. There was no emotion on her face so you couldn't tell what she was thinking. "Sam what's wrong." Erin asked knowing that something was wrong. "We have a major problem that has to do with Nicole." Sam answered. Erin took out a PDA from her pocket and looked at the Friday Sam was performing at the school and then next Friday which was the competition. "She changed it didn't she, because she wants to see you fall." Erin said looking up. Sam nodded then said, "But she doesn't know who she is dealing with and now that she has done that I think she is going to have to perform since I have a recording of her saying that she will be at the competition and to give her a call to remind her that she is entered." Sam smiled at the end. "You are so not going to live if you do that." Erin said and Sam shrugged and said, "Maybe and maybe not, well I got to go make a phone call." She shut the door and left. "Okay where were we, Oh yes well that did not give you the right to yell at her." The principle said. "Actually I have the right to yell at anyone I want, it's just the matter if it is the right situation or not." Jordan said surprising the principle, "Yeah I know what your going to say, 'do you think that was a good situation' and yes I do think it was because you have the right to be mad, but you don't have the right to make others feel that way too. And I know you might think I just came up with this, but I didn't. Every time some like your daughter would get mad at someone I knew and then I would yell at them and then end up talking in the same way that we are now, if there is no real problem then I think we are done. And if you think you are going to tell me that it isn't over then I suggest you talk to Sam cause she will tell you exactly what I mean." Erin said in a calm voice then got up and left the room. When they were outside they say Ulrich leaning against the wall with Yumi crying on his shoulder. "It's okay," Ulrich whispered to her and every time he did she held him tighter and cried a little more. "Yumi," Ulrich finally said, "I love you and that's all that matters and what ever Sissi says is crap." Yumi looked up at him and smiled a

small smile then she kissed him and asked, "Why can you always brighten my day when someone tears it apart?" "Because you do it for me so many more times than I could ever count and because I love you more than words or anything can say and even if someone thinks differently who the hell cares because you only have to have the people you can trust or the ones you know." Ulrich answered and then he kissed her just before Sissi and the principle came out. They saw Yumi and Ulrich against the wall. Yumi had her head on Ulrich's chest and Ulrich had his hand in her hair. Yumi didn't seem to notice them come out until Sissi said, "See dad they look happy enough." "Do we really look happy to you because I know you think I'm happy after what you said, well at least you hope I am." Yumi retorted back. "Yumi..." Ulrich said trying to get her back after she stood to face Sissi. Yumi ignored him and she knew that it wasn't such a good idea. "Do I really look that happy to you? No, good answer because I'm hurt more than you know and there is only one person that did that and you know who it is and so does everyone else in this school. But do you know that it is you?" Yumi said. Ulrich knew what was going to happen so he walked up behind Yumi and picked her up (bridal style) and carried her into his room. Sissi's dad took Sissi away once they were in because he too knew that she was going to go after them.

"Yumi what were you thinking?" Ulrich asked after he set Yumi down on his bed then taking a seat on Odd's. "I don't know, I wasn't, she just makes me so mad." Yumi answered looking at the ground trying not to let Ulrich see that she had tears in her eyes. "Well she makes me mad too, but sometimes you just got to let it go." Ulrich said in a calm voice. "I tried to let it go, but she needed to see that I wasn't happy even if she says I am." Yumi said forgetting to look at the floor and instead she looked at Ulrich and then he could see that she had tears running down her face. Ulrich got up and went over to her. He pulled up so she was standing, he held her tight and whispered, "Let's go on a walk." Yumi nodded and they both walked out of the room to the park and went to their regular walking spot and Ulrich was planning to go to his secret spot so they could talk.