

Chapter 1: Planning The Trip

It has been several months since Lou had the tumor removed from her uterus and all is back to normal for the family. Katie and Georgie are working hard to hone their skills before the Olympic trials. The cattle business has been steady with Shane, Tim, and Kaleb managing the affairs of the business without much help from Jack.



The Borden's have released their book and have started holding retreat seminars using the Dude ranch and Heartland to host the events. Lyndi and Jack have continued writing songs and submitting them to Brooke. The Twins are very active in school sports and spend as much spare time with their horses.

Everyone is home for dinner when Ty says, "Guys it has been almost six months since we postponed our trip to France. Lou is doing fine. So I was thinking maybe we should replan our trip."

Amy, "Ty, I was thinking the same thing. I was looking forward to spending time there and introducing Lyndi and the boys to our Villa. Grandpa, what do you think?"

Jack, "Why I think that is a great idea. When do you think we could go?"

Lyndi, "We have a break coming up and we will be out of school for two weeks. I really had my heart set on going there!"

The boys chimed in together, "Let's go! Let's go! We want to go!"

Ty, "I was thinking that would be a great time to go. We don't have anything going on for the holidays and I bet it is pretty this time of the year.

Amy, "Then it is set! I will make the arrangements tomorrow and make sure the folks at the Villa can receive us. Fernando really was excited to meet our family last time we planned this and was disappointed we were unable to come."

Jack, settling back into his chair, "This is good timing because we have been having some issues there that I can get involved with."

Amy, "What issues?"

Jack, "Just some business things that we have been discussing on the board."

Ty, "Will they interfere with our trip?"

Jack, "It shouldn't but I will need to spend some time with Fernando and his staff."

Ty, "Well, Amy and I were hoping you and Lyndi would take care of the twin for a couple of days while we retrace our anniversary motorcycle ride."

Jack, "That should not be a problem, right Lyndi?"

Lyndi, "Sure. We can do that."

Tyson, "Do we have horses there?"

Jack, "We sure do! And we have some beautiful land to ride on."

Tyson, "Cool! I can't wait!"

The family finished dinner and headed off to bed. Ty and Amy were laying down when Ty asked. "I wonder what business Jack has to handle in France? I hope all is ok there?" Amy, "I am sure it is nothing. Probably has to do with the financial part of the business." Ty, "I can't wait to spend a few days with you in France. That part of our honeymoon was so romantic. And you, I don't know what got into you but I liked it!" Amy, "You did! Well, I just might have to come up with something even better. You know I am much older and way more experienced, ha!" Ty, "Ok, but you might find it hard to top those few days!" Amy, "Just wait. You might find this ol woman you married might have some tricks up her sleeve." Ty, "One can only dream. Good night. I love you!"

The next morning Amy wakes up and starts to put together the itinerary for the trip to the villa. She places a call to Fernando, "Hello. This is Amy Borden. How are you doing? Fernando, was being a bit reserved, "Hello, Amy. What do I owe the pleasure of this call?" Amy, "Fernando, we are replanning our trip for the spring and wanted to make sure everything was in good order for us to come." Fernando, "Amy. Have you spoken with your Grandfather?" Amy, "Well, yes! He plans to come as well." Fernando, "Well I assume he has not mentioned the problems we are having here at the Villa." Amy, "No he hasn't. What sort of problem?" Fernando, "I can't really get into it now but we have had some vandalism with our vines and our grape production is way down. We think we know who is behind it but we haven't been able to get any evidence to prove our theory." Amy, "That is terrible! Is it safe there?" Fernando, "Yes it is safe. But we will take the necessary precautions."

Amy hung up the phone and immediately called Jack, "Grandpa , I just spoke with Fernando and he told me about the vandalism that is going on at the villa. Is this the matter you need to take care of? Is it safe for us to go?" Jack, "I think this vandalism is from our neighbors so it is more civil than criminal. We shouldn't alter our plans." Amy, "If you say so. I will get the itinerary setup, then." Jack, "By the way, Georgie wanted you to call her before you make any arrangements." Laughing, "Maybe she wants to loan us her plane again"

Amy phoned Georgie and she answered, "Georgie, grandpa said you wanted to talk with me before I make our trip arrangements." Georgie, "Well, you know the Olympics are in France next year, and Quinn and I were thinking about going to France and checking out the venue. Katie wanted to go, as well. So I was thinking what if we took the plane over and stayed at the Villa. Would they have enough room for all of us. Would you guys mind if we crashed your trip?" Amy, "I don't see why not. Let me speak with Ty and I will get back to you."

Ty was in surgery most of the day so Amy decided to wait until supper to update everyone about Georgie's offer. At dinner, Amy informed everyone about adding Georgie, Quinn, and Katie to the trip. Lyndi, excited said, "Mom, that would be so awesome. Flying in Georgie's jet is so fun, but to have Katie on the trip would be great."

Jack nor Ty had any problem with having the extra family along so Amy said, then it's a plan.

After dinner Amy called Georgie and let her know that it was a go. Georgie, "OK, let me get all the flight arrangements made. Amy, can you make sure the accommodations at the Villa are set up."

Amy, "Sure thing. I will get back with you when we get closer to the date."

Earlier that day Peter, Jack, and Fernando got on a conference call to discuss the issue with the vandalization. It appears the vineyard owners next door are accusing Fernando of using a caustic fertilizer that is bleeding into their vineyard and killing their grapevines. They in turn are vandalizing the vines in the Villa. Fernando, "Guys, we haven't changed the fertilizer in over 10 years. This season they had some significant damage to their vines and don't believe that I haven't changed anything. I know their boys, who are a rough bunch, are coming over here and burning our vines. I just can't prove it."

Peter, "Why not install some cameras on the site?"

Fernando, "That will be expensive if we cover all the areas they could attack."

Jack, "What is our insurance company doing about it?"

Fernando, "They are threatening to cancel our policy if we don't do something."

Peter, "Ok, Let's do cameras and Jack when you get there why not see if we can meet with them and resolve this problem."

Jack, "That is a plan. Fernando, get those cameras going and I will be there in 3 weeks."

That night Amy tells Ty about the issues at the Villas. " Ty, I was talking with Fernando today and he informed me of the issues that Grandpa was talking about. It appears that the neighbors are blaming us for a bad harvest and are burning our vines in retaliation. Grandpa thinks that there is no reason for us to postpone our trip, and I think he is going to try and resolve it while he is there."

Ty, "Well, if Jack feels it is safe and I trust him not to put us in harm's way."

Amy, "Ok then, all the arrangements are made and we are set to go!"

Ty, "Not all the arrangements! What about our special days?"

Amy rolls over and grabs Ty's face with both hands and looks him deep into his eyes, "That my gorgeous husband is a surprise! It will be so memorable you won't believe it!"

Ty, now really excited, said, "I can't wait. It has been a long time since we have had a romantic adventure! I can only imagine what you are up to."

Amy, "Would you like a little preview?"

Ty, "Hell yes I would!"

Amy pulls his face towards hers and begins a passionate kiss. When she finished she said, "You are going to love what I have in store for you."

They both turn off the lights and go to sleep.

Chapter 2: Wrapping Things Up

In a few days the Heartland crew will be flying to their Villa in France and are hurriedly getting things ready for the trip. Jack is at home and receives a call from Peter. "Jack, we have some news that you probably need to be aware of in France. You remember we had Fernando install those cameras around the property to see if we could gather some evidence of who is burning our vines. Well, I think we have some proof that there are definitely vandals coming onto the property, but we can't really tell who they are. We have some broad descriptions, but nothing definitive."



Jack, "So what you are saying is we can't definitely say it is our neighbors that are sabotaging the vines, correct?"

Peter, "That is correct. But what we do know is that they are coming onto the property every Sunday. Or that for the past 3 Sunday's they have been at the Villa."

Jack, "Hum, maybe we need to stake this out. You know we are going to get to the Villa on Saturday. Ty and I could stake it out on Sunday and see if they return."

Peter, "I am not sure that we don't hire some professionals and keep you guys out of harm's way. You know, if it is who we think it is, those guys are pretty rough and might be more than you guys can handle. Remember, they are motivated by revenge because they think Fernando is killing their vines."

Jack, "Peter, I think I need to take the matter inhouse first. Between Fernando, Ty, and Myself, we should be able to gather the proof of who is doing this, then decide how we want to handle it. My intention is to come to some resolution between the vineyards. There is no reason that close neighbors shouldn't be able to resolve conflicts without getting the police involved, or getting someone hurt."

Peter, "If you say so! I just wish I could be there as well for extra support."

Jack, "No worries, you need to stay here and take care of the business. Ty and I can handle this. I will keep you posted on everything. Can you call Fernando and bring him up to speed?"

Peter, "Sure, Jack. No problem!"

Quinn and Georgie are preparing for the trip when Georgie asks, "Quinn, do you think you and I could slip away for a few nights like Amy and Ty and spend some romantic time together. We have been so busy with things, I think it would be good for us to put in some "us" time!"

Quinn, pulling Georgie in close, kisses her on the forehead, "I think that is an awesome suggestion. I have been wanting to do that for a few months now. It is just going to get busier as we near the Olympics, so now is the best time to take some time and rekindle the flame, so to speak!"

Georgie, "Rekindle the flame?"

Quinn, "Yeah! What would you call it?"

Georgie, "Not "REKINDLE THE FLAME! That's for sure! How unromantic is that! You're saying our flame is out! What about the night before last? Based on that night, I wouldn't say rekindle the flame. More like call the fire department! We need to put some water on this fire!"

Quinn, "Bad choice of words. How about we could take this time to explore the inter-depth of our love!"

Georgie, walking away towards the barn, "Ugh. You got to do better than that. How about I give you some time to come up with something while I take care of the horses. Rekindle the flame! Explore the inter-depth of our love...How lame!"

Ty and Amy are taking care of a few things with their business before taking off. Ty is handling some surgery today while Amy is wrapping a few things with some horses that she and Lyndy are working with. They want to get the horses back to the owners before they leave. Amy, "Lyndy, let's take Spade out to the round pin and give her one more session to make sure she will stay still while she is getting mounted. Then, we can take River on a trail ride and see if he has overcome his water fear. Ok?"

Lyndy, "That sounds like a plan. I think Spade is ready, but I hope we are not rushing River because we are leaving. I want to make sure he gets over his fear of water. Remember, he spooked and threw Janice into the river and we don't want that to happen again."

Amy, "Well, we will put him through the paces and if you don't think he is ready, we will contact Janice and ask her if it would be alright if we turn him over to one of our students who is staying at Fairfield to finish."

Lyndy, "That sounds like a plan."

Ty has completed his surgery and is wrapping up things before he takes off. He calls Amy, "Amy, I just finished up my surgery and getting the paperwork finished. I should be heading home in about an hour. Can I get you anything on the way home?"

Amy, "Why don't you stop by at Maggie's and pick up supper for tonight. Lyndy and I are very busy wrapping up some business and won't have time to make anything. Also, Quinn, Georgie, and Katie are coming over so we can put the final touches on our Itinerary."

Ty, "Sounds like a plan. Burgers and Frys?"

Amy, "Can you get me a salad and the burgers and fries for everyone else. I want to make sure I look good for our romantic getaway!"

Ty, "Salad it is! However, you look as beautiful as the day I married you."

Amy, "You are so sweet! I can't wait for France!"

Ty, "I can't wait for our road trip! Hey, by the way, Jack has asked me to help him take care of some business when we get there."

Amy, "What kind of business?"

Ty, "Well, you know about the vandalism. They have installed cameras around the Villa and have video of a group of guys burning our vines. However, he can't make out the faces, so we are going to stake out the place Sunday night, since that seems to be when they strike."

Amy, "Why not get the police involved. I am scared you guys are going to confront this and something bad will happen. You know Grandpa isn't as tough as he used to be, and well, Ty, you are no spring chicken!"

Ty, "I think I am going to take offense to that comment, but Jack said we are trying to resolve this without the police. We think it is our neighbors and if so, we need to try and work out an understanding between us!

Amy, "Cool! I will see you when you get home. Love you!"

Ty, "Love you, too!"

Lyndy has worked with Spade several times and He now will stand still while being mounted. Work complete, she called the owners and they are coming over this afternoon to pick him up. Lyndy tacks up River and Amy, Zues and they head out to the river to test him around the water. As they approached the water, you could read River's eyes that his confidence around water was much more settled and he seems to have overcome his fear. They headed over the shallow part of the stream and stopped in the middle. Lyndy looks at Amy, "Mom, I love my life! Working with troubled horses, writing music, singing. All the blessings that God has given me brings great joy to me. Sometimes I feel that God has given me too much! I see so many of my friends struggling with life and I am so glad that my relationship with God gets me through. I do have issues, some you know about, others you don't. But I am so very blessed to have a relationship with God that provides me with this joy."

Amy, "Lyndy, you are an inspiration to your dad and I, your family, and all your friends. God's light shines through you so bright, that your Joy is infectious. Dad and I say this all the time that you have inspired our family to embrace a relationship with God and look how that relationship has blessed all of our family. God is great and so are you!"

Lyndy, "Mom, what kind of relationship did you and your mother have?"

Amy, "Much like ours, but we never mentioned God. I am not very sure how she felt about faith and God. We just never spoke of it. However, we had these types of conversations as we worked with the horses. She was such a strong woman and I admired her for raising us up as a single parent."

Lyndy, "But she had GG to help her, right?"

Amy, "You are correct! That is why our family is about family! Today, because of the strong relationship we have with God, I recognized that even though we never really discussed faith and religion, it provided the foundation we have as a family today. But you asked the question about my relationship with your grandmother. I loved my mom so much. She was the strength behind everything I am today. I could tell her anything and did! I think you and I have that kind of relationship!"

Lyndy, "Mom, I can't tell you how proud I am to be your daughter. Often, when I meet parents of my friends, they will say, Oh, you are the Miracle Girls' daughter. " You have made quite a name for yourself and I hope to carry on that tradition when I get to be older."

Amy, "Lyndy, you may not know this, but when I meet the parents of your friends, they say, Oh, you are Lyndy's mother. That is one special little girl! Lyndy, think about all that you have accomplished and all the people you have introduced to God in a practical way. Girl, I am the lucky one here!"

Lyndy, "Thanks mom! I love you so much. I think this guy is ready to go home. He has been here in the water for some time while we talked and hasn't flinched. I say we have done our job!"

Amy, "Yes, we have!"

That evening, everyone has gathered at Ty and Amy's house to discuss the trip and itinerary. Ty brings the room to order and starts out by saying, "Guys, Amy and I am so excited to be spending this vacation with each and every one of you. I think if we plan our itinerary it should be a great trip with minimal confusion. So let me start off with Quinn, Katie, and Georgie. What do you guys have on your schedules?"

Georgie, "Well, the Olympic venue is about 50 kilometers from the Villa, so I think we probably will take a few day trips to scope it out. Katie and I are going to take these next two weeks off, so we are not planning to do any training. Quinn and I want to take a couple of days to ourselves but beyond that, we intend to take it easy and relax at the Villa. I understand there are horses, riding trails, and a pool!"

Quinn, "Yeah, Georgie and I are going to take a few days to consume the romantic culture of France!"

Georgie, "Quinn, please!"

Ty, "No worries, Amy and I plan to do the same. We are renting a motorcycle and will be retracing our ride during our honeymoon! So that leads me to ask, can we count on you guys to watch the twins while we are gone. It should only be a few days."

Quinn, "We will make sure that our trips are staggered!"

Ty then looks at Jack. "I know you have some business to tend to. What do you need us to do?"

Jack, "Well, I am trying to settle this dispute between our neighbors and Fernando, but need to have some hard evidence and facts so that when I get together with them, I can resolve this issue. We have caught some folks on camera, but we can't make out who they are. I am hoping you guys might help us stake out the Villa so we can catch them in the act. They seem to hit us on Sunday evenings."

Amy, looking a bit upset, "Grandpa, you need to let the police handle this. You are putting yourselves in harm's way and things could go very wrong!"

Jack, "We aren't going to confront them if we don't have too. We just want a few pictures so I can use this as leverage to negotiate a peace treaty of sorts. We have to convince them that Fernando has not changed his methods in over 10 years so the fact that they are losing vines is coming from something else. They just won't listen. I figure if we have some proof, without getting folks in trouble, it would give me some leverage to sit down with them and work this out!"

Ty, "Jack, I am ok with it. "

Quinn, "Me, too!"

Amy, "Well, I don't like it, but if you insist. Just make sure it ends there and doesn't involve the family any more than that!"

Ty, "What about you guys, Katie, Lyndi, Boys? What are your plans?"

Katie, "Well, for sure I want to go to the Olympic venue with Quinn and Georgie, and I think Lyndy wants to come along, right Lyndy?"

Lyndy, "Yes, but while we are there, we can visit the town and do some shopping and sightseeing. Paris is such a grand city."

Ty, "How about this. Let's all go and make a couple of days out of it and we can visit the city and do some sightseeing."

The twins chime in, "That would be awesome! I would love to go to the Eiffel Tower and down that cool street by the water. Yeah, and we could go to some of the old buildings and take in some history."

Ty, "So Quinn, Georgie, would that be ok if we tag along. We wouldn't mind seeing the venue as well."

Georgie, "That would be awesome! How about you Jack? Are you up to doing some city touring?"

Jack, "Georgie, I think I will stay back and take in the Villa. I haven't been here since Lisa passed and would like to just reminisce a bit."

Amy, "Are you sure Grandpa? We really would like you to come along. Besides, you might have some places that only the locals know that you and Lisa frequented."

Lyndy, "Yeah, GG, maybe we can get some inspiration for a few songs while we are there."

Jack, "Guys, you go on ahead. I would just be holding you back. You know with my arthritis and stuff."

Ty, "Well, if you change your mind the invitation is always open."

Amy thinking about her and Ty's side trip says, "Remember, you guys promised you would take care of the boys and Lyndi while Ty and I took a couple of days to ourselves. Are we still good with that?"

Georgie, "Yes, and Quinn and I want the same, so we need to put that on the calendar."

Ty, "Georgie, we are going to have 8 people with luggage and stuff, can your plane handle payload?"

Quinn, "No problem. We swapped out the plane with a larger, international plane that will have plenty of space for us. Netjets was more than happy to do this because our plane is more cost effective and commercial for North American flights. Their long range planes don't get much rental, so this was a win for both of us!"

Ty, "Great, so we are ready to go."

That evening as everyone has retired to bed, Amy reaches over to Ty and puts her arms around him and starts to kiss him. Ty, "So what do I owe this attention too?"

Amy, "I can't wait until we can spend a few days together. Just me and you. No kids, no responsibilities, just you and me spending intimate time together getting back how it was on our honeymoon. Ty, I love you so much for the man you have become. You are everything I have ever wanted for a husband, and more."

Ty, "Look at how far we have come since we met. When I look back on my life, Amy, you are the one thing that I was sure about. When I dreamed of our lives together, this is what I saw. Maybe not all the details, but the love I have for you and the companionship we share. Only God could have put us together like this."

Amy, "Ty, you are my one constant thing in my life!"

Ty, "Let's stop there. It is beginning to sound like we are reciting our vows!"

Amy, "Ty, our vows! That is exactly what we need to do!"

Ty, "Oh no! Where are we going with this?"

Amy, "Why don't we re-recite our vows at the Villa, in front of family and then go on our second honeymoon. How awesome would that be?"

Ty, "Are you sure you want to do that? Why don't we just do the honeymoon?"

Amy, "No, Ty. That would be so awesome. The kids could witness our love for each other on another level!. Ty, we have to do this. Can you put this on the itinerary?"

Ty, "Amy, for you, I will do this! I love you girl. To the moon and back!"

Amy, pulling Ty closer to her body and kissing him passionately, "Only to the Moon!"

Chapter 3: Meet The Neighbors

The family was up early and heading to the FBO to meet up with Georgie and Quinn. Lou and Peter brought Katie and the Borden's and Jack arrived all at about the same time. The plane was checked out and ready and the pilot was making his final walk around when they arrived. Jack was talking with Peter, making some last minute plans concerning the Villa. "Now Peter, I want to try to resolve this issue without getting the police involved. I also want to see if I can mend the relationship between Fernando and the folks next door. So make sure you make it very clear to Fernando that we don't want a confrontation.



Also, make sure that he has not changed anything in the way he fertilizes the vines. OK?"

Peter, "Jack, I got it. Everything should be good to go by the time you get there."

Jack, "Well then, You guys take care of yourselves and make sure that Shane and Kaleb watch Heartland while we are gone!"

Peter, "Jack, go. Enjoy yourself! You deserve it!"

Ty was eavesdropping on the conversation between Jack and Peter. He pulls Jack aside, "Jack, is everything going to be ok?"

Jack, "Ty, it should. I just don't want to escalate this any more than it has been. I am hoping you and I can settle this down and get some resolution to the problem. Something is happening to their vines, so I think I might try to help them figure it out.

Ty, "So what are you thinking?"

Jack, "When we get there, I am going to go over to their villa, unannounced, and see if I can reason with them about things. I am not going to throw up any walls, just want to see if I can help them to find out what is going on with their vines. Hopefully, they will take me up on the offer and we can find out what is going on and put this behind us."

Ty, "What if they don't want to talk?"

Jack, "Then we stake out the vines and catch them in the act of burning our vines. Then, I will play hard ball with the evidence and force them to let us help them find out what is happening."

Ty, "Peter said they are a rough bunch of folks, so we need to plan for the worst and hope for the best."

Jack, "You betcha!"

The family boards the plane and the captain gives some final instructions. "Guys, this is going to be a fairly long flight. We are going to fuel up about half way, then again in England before we head to France. Toulon is in the bottom part of France, so the flight from London to Toulon will be about 4 hours. All in all, we should be in the air for about 14 hours, so settle back and relax. Also, this is a bigger plane, and is equipped with an extra engine just in case we have any problem while we are over water. Also, the bathroom and kitchen are much larger than our plane so you guys should be comfortable. We didn't ask Nancy along, because we thought we

could serve ourselves. I want to introduce Jack German. He will be co-piloting with us and has many hours on this plane."

Jack tips his hat and says, "It should be a fairly smooth ride all the way to France."

Steve Simon, the Pilot, looks at Lyndi and says, "So, the last time we met you were just a country girl that worked with troubled horses. Now I understand you are a country and western song writer. And, I believe you, Mrs. Borden and Jack, are part of the trio."

Lyndi, "Can you believe that! Our songs were in the top 5 on the country charts. Matter of fact, that is why we are taking this trip. Sort of a celebration!"

Steve, "Well, Lyndi, I heard those songs and they are some of my favorite!"

Lyndi, "Well thank you!"

Steve, "Well let's settle in and get along the way, shall we?"

Everyone shouted, "Viva la France!"

The flight was mostly uneventful except for a few rough spots over the ocean. The kids slept most of the way while Jack, Lyndi and Katie played card games. Quinn and Georgie were snuggled up together in the back with Ty and Amber. Quinn, pulling Georgie in close and kissing her on the cheek, "Look at those two. What a great example of love from those guys. It seems like every year their love gets stronger and stronger."

Georgie, "Yeah, I think it is because they put God first in everything they do. They have been through so much together and they still hold strong to the Truth."

Quinn, "We have that, don't we? I mean putting our spiritual priorities first."

Georgie, "We do, but we have been blessed with favor in our life well beyond what I have ever imagined, and for you and me that is awesome. But when we start having our own family, I think that is when we will really need to put our faith first."

Quinn, "Oh, so you are thinking about starting a family? What about the Olympics, your career?"

Georgie, "You know lately I have. Maybe after the Olympics. And as for my career, I want to be like Amy and Ty. You and me, together, training equestrians. Raising our family."

Quinn, "Well, that my love, sounds like a plan!"

Amy cuddled up to Ty. Looks over at Quinn and Georgie, "What are you two talking about? I see you looking over here."

Quinn, "We were just saying how we want to have the same thing you and Ty have. Faith, family, kids, career. You guys are such an inspiration to us!"

Amy, "Well, just make sure you pray about everything and thank God for it all, good or bad. As our faith grew, so did our love for each other grow. And, that extended to our family as well."

After a pause with a big grin, "Kids?"

Georgie, laughing, "Not now, we have the Olympics to win. But maybe after, for sure after!"

Georgie looks at Quinn and gives him a long kiss.

Amy, "You better be careful, too many kisses like that and you won't make the Olympics!"

As the plane is approaching Toulon the pilot comes over the intercom. "Guys if you look out to the west we are coming up to your villa. I picked a landing path that will bring us just to the side of your property. Matter of fact if you look now we are just coming up to it."

As everyone took a window, you could see the beautiful rolling countryside along with the ripened vines with rows perfectly arranged. Jack, looking down noticed the charred area on the south corner. "Ty, look there. You can see where the vines have caught fire. That is a pretty large chunk of vines that have been burnt."

Ty., "Wow! You're right! I sure hope your plan works and we can get back to normal."

Jack, taking back his seat, "I sure hope so, too."

The plane lands and the family disembarks from the plane to an awaiting Fernando and one of the hands. They have two SUVs pulled up ready to bring everyone to the Villa.

Fernando, "Welcome to Toulon! I hope you had a good flight. We have everything setup and ready to receive you guys. We have one of the guest houses setup for the pilots as you requested.""

Jack, "Everything went just fine. We did fly over the Villa and saw where the burnt vines are. They took out a pretty good swatch of vines, huh?"

Fernando, "Yes they did. I hope we can put an end to this as soon as possible."

Jack, "Well, we have a plan. Let's just hope it works."

The family and pilots take the 20 minute trek back to the Villa. As they were pulling into the gates, the twins blurted out, "How awesome is this Tyson. Our family owns this!"

Tyson, "Really, GG we own this?"

Amy, "That is right. This was your GG Lisa's place here in France and when she went to Heaven, she gave it to us to take care of. Remember, when I told you guys on our trip to Marion's lookout, how we have a tradition and legacy in our family that you will need to carry on. Well, this is part of that legacy! What do you think about that!"

TJ, "Mom. I didn't realize that we had this over here. I just thought Heartland was the legacy."

Jack, "Well, Heartland began the legacy, but as our family grew, so did the legacy. Not only is the Villa part of it, but Hill Hearst and Fairfield are now part of it as well!"

Tyson, "That is awesome. So one day we will be running all this."

Jack, "Yes sir, one day you will if you choose to carry on the legacy."

The family settles in the day and decides to take it easy for the rest of the afternoon to catch up.

Amy took Katie, Lyndi, and the twins and went exploring around the Villa. Quinn and Georgie decided to sit out by the pool and just relax. Jack and Ty sat on the porch with Fernando.

Jack, "So Fernando, my plan is to go over to the Burns and speak to them about helping find out why their vines are failing. I think if Ty and I went over there first and tried to break the tension, then our next meeting would be with you and we could put our heads together and figure this out."

Fernando replies with a stern voice, "Jack, they are burning our vines, you see the damage they have caused. Why would I want to help those thugs with anything."

Jack, "This is precisely why I want to meet with them first. I think a different approach than confrontational is warranted."

Fernando, "If you say so. But I want to warn you. They are not nice people!"

Jack, "Ty let's go over there now and see if they are willing to talk."

Ty, "Sounds like a plan. Let's do it."

Ty and Jack jump in the truck and head over to the burns. As they are pulling up to the house, Jack says to Ty, "Whatever you do, don't be confrontational ."

Ty, "Ok."

They get out of the truck and are met at the door by the oldest son Jonah. "What is your business here!" He barked.

Jack, "We are your neighbors from Canada who own the Villa next door. We have come here to offer our assistance to find out what is causing your vines to die."

Jonah, "We know what is causing our vines to die. You are using fertilizers that are getting into our water systems."

Jack, "This property has been in our family for some time, and our partner manager who you know says he hasn't changed anything over the years. So it has to be something else."

By this time all the boys came outside with their father Felipe. Each son, including the father, were very large people.

Felipe, "Your Fernando is a liar. We know he has poisoned our water with his new growing techniques!"

Jack, "Well, I understand there is some tension here and I have come here to resolve that tension."

Jonah, "Well you can just turn around and go back where you came from. We will handle this our way."

Jack, now getting upset, "By burning down our vines. If you don't want to talk this out, then we will have no choice but to get the authorities involved."

Felipe, "You need proof if you do that and you have none."

Ty leans into Jack and says quietly, "I think it is time for plan 2."

Jack, "This isn't over!"

Felipe, "You are so right! This isn't over."

Jack and Ty walk back to the truck and leave their ranch. Ty, speaking in a deep mocking voice, "Don't be confrontational?"

Jack, "Shut up!"

Ty, "So what is the plan?"

Jack, "Now we stake out the fields. We are going to catch those bastards! They won't get away with this. So much for diplomacy!"

Ty, "Jack, You need to calm down. Remember your heart!"

Meanwhile, Amy and the kids were exploring the Villa and ended up in the barn where they had 6 stalls with horses in them. Amy, "Look, here are our riding horses. I can wait to take these guys out and explore the property." She strokes the head of a beautiful painting, "How you doing boy, would you take me for a ride around the property?"

Tyson, "Look mom, there is a horse that looks like Pegasus. I want to ride him."

Amy, "It sure does."

The kids have staked out their horses and decided to trail ride in the morning .

Georgie and Quinn were laying out by the pool and decided to get in. The weather was perfect for a swim. Georgie wraps her legs around Quinn's waist and pulls him close. "Did I tell you how handsome you are?"

Quinn, "No, why don't you tell me."

Georgie begins to kiss Quinn on the neck and with a soft voice says, "You are the most handsome, sexy.." she continues to kiss him, "smartest man I know!"

Quinn responds, "Is someone getting frisky here?"

Georgie, "Is that what you want to call this. I would call it..."

About that time Jack and Ty come around by the pool. "Quinn, we are going to need you tonight. It is time we find out who is burning our vines." Jack stamps off leaving Ty.

Quinn to Ty, "I guess his initial plan failed?"

Ty, "Miserably! Did we interrupt something?" As he was heading to the house.

Georgie, laughing, "Yes you did! Bye!"

Fernando was in the house working with the staff getting supper ready when Jack burst into the room. "Those guys, those neighbors are the most stubborn people I have ever met. They don't want to talk this out. They are convinced you have changed something and it is affecting their vines. "

Ty was right behind Jack and walked into the kitchen. "Looks like we are doing a stake out tonight."

Fernando, "I told you! There is no talking with them. So let's catch them vandalizing our vines and then we can force them to bring this to a resolution!"

Amy is coming into the kitchen from the barn as they are discussing the events of the day.

"Well, I guess it didn't turn out the way you planned, huh Grandpa?"

Jack, "Those folks next door are going to get what is coming to them!"

Amy, "So much for diplomacy!"

Jack, "There will be forced diplomacy! Once we have the evidence that they are burning down our vines, we will force them to let us help them, or we go to the cops!"

Ty looks at Amy, "We tried to be diplomatic, we really did!"

Amy, "Well then, I am going with you tonight!"

Ty, "No, Amy. Leave this up to the men! You don't need to be out there in case things go wrong!"

Amy, "Ty Borden, you know that I am not going to let you go out there by yourself. So I am going!"

Jack, "Well, if you are going to go, then Ty, you and Amy can cover the south end of the property. Fernando and I will cover the north on the 4 wheelers and Quinn can cover the east."

About that time Georgie and Quinn walk in, "If Amy is going, then so am I!"

Quinn, "I don't think that is a good idea. Matter a fact, Amy, I think you girls need to stay here with the kids."

Georgie, "Nuts, we are going and that is that! Lyndi and Katie have the kids covered and you guys need some help!"

Quinn, "I am not going to argue!"

Chapter 4: The Big Surprise

That night Fernando, Quinn, Jack and Ty were heading out to different parts of the villa to stake out a position to monitor. Fernando had purchased some walkie talkies so they could stay in communication. Amy and Georgie fix sandwiches and snacks since they were in for a long night and distribute them to the crew.



Fernando, "Ok, you guys know where you are going, right? Amy and Ty, you and Quinn and Georgie will take the horses to your spots. Jack and I will take the 4 wheelers. Just remember, no confrontation, we just want to get a visual of the guys that are burning our vines. Once you do, take your pictures then leave. We will handle the evidence when we get back. Remember, no confrontation!" All nodded their heads in agreement and left to go to their spots.

Amy and Ty tack the horses and head out to their location. Once they leave the barn, Amy starts to ask questions about the situation.

Amy, "Tell me what happened today with you and Jack!"

Ty, "Well, from the get go, those guys didn't want anything to do with us. They have already made up their minds that Fernando is killing their vines with his fertilizing and were not interested in us helping them find out what was wrong."

Amy, "Are we sure that Fernando hasn't added something to his process?"

Ty, "We have to believe him. He is our manager!"

Amy, "Ty, what if we see them burning our vines. We can't go and try to stop them!"

Ty, "Amy, no, we are going to gather the evidence, then decide how we are going to approach and solve the situation. So don't go off plan!"

Amy, "I wouldn't do that!"

Ty, shaking his head, "Amy, please. How many times have I asked you to wait but you forged ahead. Like with the Tennessee Walking horses. If Scott and I would not have arrived when we did, you would have been in a lot of trouble!"

Amy, "Ok, I will follow your lead. But as far as those walkers, I could just let them do that to those poor horses without doing anything!"

Ty, "That is why I love you. But not tonight. This has nothing to do with horses!"

The rest of the crew headed to their locations and settled into good observation points. Around 2:00 AM, Quinn and Georgie could hear four wheelers in the distance. Quinn, "Georgie, get down. I hear some four wheelers."

As they approached the location where they were hiding, Quinn could see clearly who was coming onto the Villa. They had 3 large guys each with a 4 wheeler and a large can of gasoline. They began to cover the vines with gas. Georgie wanted to get a better picture so she got up really close and took out her phone and started to take some pictures. Unfortunately, she forgot

to turn off the flash and it flashed as she took the picture. The guys turned abruptly and saw Georgie hiding in the bushes. Jonah, "Jason, go get her. Don't let her get away and make sure you get that camera!"

Jason ran down Georgie and knocked her to the ground.

The minute Quinn knew they had been exposed, he sent out an SOS over the walkie talkie, then ran toward Georgie who was pinned down, and kicked Jason in the head and knocked him over. He yelled, "Georgie, run! Get out of here!" , but Georgie didn't listen because right then Jonah tackled Quinn and started punching him in the face. Georgie ran back toward Quinn and tried to tackle Jonah, but he was too big and strong to move him. Jason grabbed Georgie by the hair and began hitting her over and over. Jack and Fernando were the closest to Georgie and Quinn. When they arrived, seeing Jason hitting Georgie, Jack pulled out his rifle and fired into the air. Jason retreated after knocking Georgie unconscious. The guys left on their four wheelers and Quinn rushed over to Georgie to see if she was alright. Still unconscious, Quinn calls for an ambulance. Amy and Ty arrive and Ty starts to attend to Georgie.

Ty, "It looks like she has a pretty bad laceration on her head and a lot of bruising around her face. Georgie, Georgie, can you hear me!"

Amy, "Georgie, sweetie, can you speak?"

Georgie started to wake up, but immediately realized she was hurt pretty bad. Quinn was holding her hand, when Georgie responded, "Quinn, honey, what happened?"

Quinn, "One of the guys gave you a pretty good beating. Honey, why didn't you run?"

Georgie, starting to remember the event and said, "I saw you needed help!"

Quinn, "Sweetheart, stay still. We have called an ambulance."

Georgie, "I don't need that. I am all right!"

Georgie tried to get up and a sharp pain ran up her arm. Her elbow was out of socket and she was getting shooting pains going up and down her arm. Ty assessed the injury and decided to immobilize her arm and wait for the doctors to set the arm.

Jack, "Guys, what were you thinking. We said no confrontation. This could have turned out worse than it already has."

Amy, "Grandpa, everything is ok, You need to calm down!"

Georgie, holding up her hand with the good arm, "At least I have the evidence we needed!"

The ambulance arrived and Georgie and Quinn headed to the hospital. Ty and Ami decided to head back to the villa and take the car to the hospital. Jack and Fernando headed over to the Burn's house. On the way, they decided to not call the police and see if they could settle the issue as neighbors. As they arrived at the house, the Burns boys were sitting outside on the porch. Jack got off the four wheeler and started toward Jonah. Felipe came out of the house and Jack stopped at the steps and said, "I came over today to see if we could settle this dispute like neighbors. Tonight, we have proof that your family is burning down our vines.

Besides that, you have seriously injured one of our family and she is on the way to hospital. At Heartland, where we are from, we try to settle these disputes without getting the law involved.

So this is your final chance to settle this matter once and for all. Fernando has assured me that he has not changed anything in his fertilizing and harvesting over the past 10 years, since we have owned the property. Your vines started failing 2 years ago. So it is not anything we are doing. So, we will help you figure it out if you want. But, tonight you will agree to pay for the damages you have done to our vines, and you will pay for the doctor bills that we have incurred with Georgie's injury, and I expect an apology to both Georgie and Quinn from each of your sons. Do you understand these terms? If you disagree, our next stop is the police and I will have all your asses thrown in jail! Do you hear me!"

Felipe, looked at his boys and walked toward Jack. Reaching out his hand, Jack takes it and grips it real hard. "Fernando and I will be here tomorrow and we can start trying to find out what is going on with your vines. This crap has gotten way out of hand! We are neighbors, damn it! We need to act like neighbors!

Jack and Fernando get back on the 4 wheelers and start to turn around and head back when Jason comes off the porch. Walking up to Jack, he said, "I am really sorry for tonight! I don't know what got into me."

Jack, "Son, you are lucky I don't whip your ass right here and now for beating up a woman like you did. Son, that girl is my great granddaughter. What you did to her tonight is unspeakable. I expect whatever you are going to say to me tonight, you go and say to her tomorrow. If you are lucky, she won't press charges against you for assault!"

Jack and Fernando head back to the Villa to check on the status of Georgie and meet up with the family.

At the hospital, Georgie is laying in the emergency room waiting for the doctor to come back with an assessment of her injuries. Quinn and Ty are down the hall getting some coffee when the doctor comes into the room. "Well, you took quite a fall tonight! I have to say, those injuries on your face don't look like injuries you would have from a fall down the stairs. It looks like you got into a fight."

Georgie, trying not to disclose anything about the fight, "Let's keep it at a fall! We had a confrontation with some folks tonight and if you think I look bad, you should see him!"

Doctor, "Well, first things we need to set that elbow back to normal. Luckily it is only dislocated and not broken. We can patch up your head and put in a few stitches and that should take care of that. And your baby, well, we need to do a few more tests, but I don't think you have anything to worry about."

Georgie and Amy at the same time, "Baby!"

Doctor, "Yes, you are a few months pregnant from what we can tell. You didn't know?"

Georgie, stunned, "Doctor, I am training for the Olympics next year in France, and I had no idea! A baby. Amy, what am I going to do?"

Amy, putting a big hug on Georgie, "A baby! What a surprise!"

Georgie, "You can't speak a word of this, OK! I need some time to process this and figure out how to tell Quinn he is going to be a father. Also, this changes everything!"

Amy, "Are you disappointed?"

Georgie, "Sure, a little bit, but becoming a mom like you is my life's dream!"

Amy, "So, my lips are sealed!"

Georgie, "You promise me, you won't tell Ty!"

Amy, "Not sure I can make that promise, but your secret is with us no matter!"

Ty and Quinn come back into the room and Quinn looks at Georgie who is glowing, "What is up!"

Ty, "Amy, what is with that big smile you have on your faces!"

Amy, "Ty, let's head home and check on Katie and the kids. Georgie is going to have to get her arm set and I think stay overnight for observation."

Ty, "Sounds good. Georgie, Quinn, call us if anything changes. We will see you tomorrow."

They say their goodbyes and Quinn looks at Georgie, "So why so bright? You look like you won the Olympics."

Georgie, "Not sure. Just glad neither of us were hurt more tonight. Just glad God took care of us!"

Quinn, "You can say that again! You know you were pretty heroic out there tonight. I can't believe you tried to fight that big dude who had me on the ground."

Georgie, "I couldn't let my man get hurt. Remember we are in all this together."

Quinn, "That is why I love you so much!"

Georgie pulls Quinn in close, "You know the doctor won't be back for a while.."

Quinn, "Really, now! Your elbow is out of place and you have a Huge gash in your head. You want to do that now!"

Georgie, "I don't feel a thing. Whatever they gave me works really well. Makes me a bit frisky!"

Quinn, "Put yourself in the stall. That isn't going to happen. Not that I wouldn't like too, though. You are crazy!"

On the way home Ty looks at Amy and says, "Ok. What's going on? You and Georgie looked like you just won a race!"

Amy, "Ty! You are not to say anything! Promise?"

Ty, "What? I promise!"

Amy, "Georgie is pregnant! Two months!"

Ty, "What! She didn't know?"

Amy, "The doctor came in while you guys were getting coffee and gave us her prognosis when he said 'and your baby seems ok'. Georgie and I looked at each other and said BABY?"

Ty, "Does Quinn know? He is going to be so excited. He has been telling me for the past year that he can't wait to start a family."

Amy, "You can't say anything! Promise me you will let Georgie tell him."

Ty, "I promise. That is awesome news! Maybe we should think about having another child. Then, they could grow up together."

Amy, "You would like another child? I kind of like what we have now as a family."

Ty pulls Amy close to him. "I think you are right, but I love trying!"

Amy kisses Ty, "I love trying, too! Remember I have a special surprise for you."

Ty, "How can I forget!"

Georgie starts to drift off as the nurses come in to prepare Georgie for her procedure. Quinn kisses her on the head and tells the nurses, "You take care of my girl. She is very special to me."

Nurse, "We will take special care of her and your baby."

Quinn, "What did you say, baby?"

Nurses, "Yes, she is 2 months pregnant."

Leaving Quinn in the room as they move Georgie to the procedure room, Quinn's head is swimming. He keeps repeating, "pregnant, me a father, why didn't she tell me! What about the Olympics? I am going to be a father!"

After about an hour they bring Georgie back to her room where Quinn is sitting contemplating the news. Georgie is very groggy and asks Quinn if she could get some water. Quinn situated a cup with a straw so she could drink. Not saying anything, he kissed her and hugged her neck whispering, "I love you so much!"

The doctor came in and gave Quinn an update on Georgie. Everyone is doing fine. The baby shows no sign of trauma and mom is going to be fine."

Quinn, "Thank you doctor, we appreciate you and your staff."

Doctor, "I would suggest you contact the authorities. She took a pretty good beating!"

Quinn, "We will consider that."

The next morning Georgie and Quinn prepare to go home and they get final instructions from the nurse. While Quinn was eating breakfast, Georgie asked the nurses not to tell Quinn about the baby because she wanted to surprise him.

Quinn, "Thank you guys for everything! This has been a very traumatic couple of hours and we couldn't have made it through without your help. Again, thank you!"

The nurses accepted the thanks and Georgie and Quinn headed back to the Villa. On the way home, Georgie reached over to Quinn, and told him how proud she was of him and how much she loved him. Quinn, thinking she was about to divulge her secret, said, "And I am so proud to be married to you and can't wait until we can start our family together." Georgie, caught a little off guard, said, "Family, why did you say that? We have a long way to go until we get to family." Quinn, "I don't know, just being here around Ty and Amy, makes me want to have their life.

Family, business, and Heartland. You know!"

Georgie, "Would you be willing to forego the Olympics for a family?"

Quinn, "That my dear, would be your call!"

Chapter 5: A Day Of Rest

Amy comes into the kitchen where Ty is fixing breakfast for the family and walks up grabs Ty by the waist, and whispers into his ear, "What was all that last night! You were a crazy man!" Ty, "I guess all that talk about babies got me excited!"

Amy, "Shh!, Remember, you can 't say anything, OK?"

Ty, "Right!"

Georgie and Quinn come driving up and come into the kitchen. "What is that you are cooking? It really smells good!"

Ty, "Are you guys hungry? I made up some Benea's bacon, and eggs. I thought after a night like last night we all needed some good food to get things back to normal."

Amy, looking straight at Georgie, "So how is everything? How long are you going to be in that sling?"

Georgie, glaring back at Amy, "Everything is JUST FINE, just Fine! Nothing a few days of rest won't cure! Amy, could you help me get a few things from the car?"

Amy, "Sure."

Amy and Georgie go out to the car. "Did you tell Quinn he was going to be a father?"

Georgie, "Not yet. I am not really sure how he will react. We have been training so hard for the Olympics. This will be a complete change of course."

Amy, "I hope you are not thinking..."

Georgie, sternly, "absolutely not! I am just trying to gauge Quinn's response."

Amy, "I think you might be surprised by his response."

Georgie, "Amy! Did you say anything to Ty?"

Amy, "Well, he saw the look on my face and knew something was up, so I had to tell him!"

Georgie, "Amy!"

Amy, "Well you need to know that Quinn has told Ty he can't wait to be a father and grow a family like us."

Georgie, "He did? Wow! I guess I need to come up with a way to tell him. This could be fun!"

Ty and Quinn are wrapping up breakfast when Quinn says, "Ty, I need to tell you something but you have to keep it between you and me. Ok?"

Ty, "what's up."

Quinn, "Well when we were wrapping up things at the hospital the nurse said mom and the baby were doing fine. I said what. And the nurse said she was 2 months pregnant. The best part is Georgie doesn't know that I know, hah!"

Ty, "So you know!"

Quinn, "You Know? How do you know?"

Ty looks at Quinn..."Oh, Amy."



Ty, "So it looks like your dream of having a family just started. What about the Olympics? Do you think she will be disappointed? Surely she won't be able to compete being pregnant and all."

Quinn, "Sure, she will be. But hey, we are having a baby. That surely trumps the Olympics, right?"

Ty, "I think so. Besides, she has already won the Olympics. Never had a baby!" Laughing out loud.

Quinn, "So this is going to be great. She doesn't know that I know, so I am going to wait and see how she tells me!"

Amy and Georgie come back into the kitchen giggling. "What is so funny?" Quipped Quinn.

Georgie, "Oh nothing. Just laughing about last night's things at the hospital."

Quinn, "What things?" As he looks at Ty.

Georgie, "Just things. Girly things!"

Quinn, "hum, girl things, huh!"

Ty, "Guys, Amy and I have to take care of a few things before the kids wake up. We will leave you to your breakfast. Quinn, maybe you can find out about those 'girly things'. Amy, Come to the barn with me."

Amy, looking with big eyes at Georgie, "See you guys in a few."

Amy and Ty are headed to the stables when Ty grabs Amy and pulls her into the office space.

"Amy, you are not going to believe what I am fixing to say. Quinn knows!"

Amy, "Quinn knows?"

Ty, "Quinn knows about the baby!"

Amy, "How did he find out? Ty, did you say something! That was supposed to be a secret!"

Ty, "No! Amy, the nurse, let it slip when she was having her procedure done. She came out to give him an update and she said mom and baby are just fine!"

Amy, "Oh my. He knows!"

Ty, "What is even better is she doesn't know that he knows. And he is going to wait for her to tell him!"

Amy, "This ought to be great to watch!"

Ty, "I know, right!"

Lyndi and Katie were already in the barn and unbeknownst to Ty and Amy overheard some of the conversation. Walking into the office Lyndi says, "knows what? What are you two gossiping about?"

Amy, "We are not gossiping we are having an adult conversation."

Katie, walking in behind Lyndi, "We heard most of the conversation."

Ty, "So what did you hear?"

Lyndi, we heard you say something that Quinn knows but Georgie doesn't know he knows."

Amy, "Ok, You can't say a word, promise?"

Ty, "Amy!"

Amy, looking at Ty as she says, "Georgie is going to give Quinn a surprise gift, but Quinn already knows about it."

Ty, "You guys cannot say a word, ok?" Ty winks at Amy.
The girls, "We swear!"

Amy tried to change the subject, "So what are you two up to?"

Lyndi, "We are going for a quick trail ride. Want to come?"

Ty, "I don't think so. Your mom and I had a long night so we are going to hang around the pool today."

Amy, "We are, huh? You just want to see my new swim suit I bought."

Ty, "Well it's that and I was hoping to get a glimpse of Jack in a bathing suit," Laughing.

Lyndi, "You are going to die! Those skinny legs haven't seen the sun since Nashville."

Amy, "it is quite the sight!"

Katie, "We will come meet up with you guys after the ride."

The kids woke up, ate breakfast, and ran up to Jack. "GG, would you come out to the pool with us so we can swim. Mom doesn't want us to be there by ourselves."

Jack, "Sure, let me get my trunks and I will join you."

The kids head out to the pool and Jack goes to get ready in his room. Ty and Amy are heading to their rooms to change when they pass Jack in the hall. "Where are you going Grandpa?"

Well, I am headed to the pool with the boys."

Ty, smiling ear to ear, "So you're going swimming?"

Jack, "Yes, What do you think? I can't swim?"

Ty, "No. Just never seen you in the water on purpose! You brought trunks?"

Jack, "I have you know when Lisa and I stayed here, we spent many an hour out at the pool. So yes, I have trunks!"

Ty, under his breath, "and I can't wait to see you in them!"

Amy, "Grandpa, we will be down there in a few."

Ty and Amy retreat to the bedroom to change. Amy goes into the bathroom and puts on this red skinny bikini and comes out of the room modeling her still sleek body.

"What do you think, Mr. Borden?"

Ty is standing there pretty much speechless.

"Not too bad for having 3 kiddos, huh?"

Ty, finally able to speak, "Wow! You look awesome. Is this my surprise?"

Amy, "Oh no sir. Your surprise is way more awesome. This is just a preview!"

Ty grabs Amy and they wrestle to the bed. Holding her down Ty says, "You, my lady, never cease to amaze me. How can one guy be so lucky to have someone as incredible as you."

Amy, "Lock the door and I will show you how lucky you are!"

Ty reaches for the door and locks it, and says, "I would say this is pretty lucky!"

Georgie was exhausted from the previous day's events and decides to go and lay down. Katie and Lyndi came into the kitchen and Quinn asked, "What are you two up to?"

Katie, "Lyndi and I went on a ride. Man this place is so awesome. I think we are going to go down to the pool. Lyndi said that GG was there and I have got to see him in a bathing suit."

Lyndi, "You have got to see this!"

Quinn, "I'll meet you guys down there in a few. I need to take care of a few things, then I will be down there."

Katie, "Great!"

Katie and Lyndi leave the kitchen and head down to the pool

Quinn goes into their bedroom and Georgie is lying on the bed. He lays down beside her and asks, "How are you feeling? Can I get you something for you?"

Georgie, "No not now. I just took those pills the doctor gave me and my injuries don't feel so bad."

Quinn, "Georgie, you should have never charged that big guy. You could have been hurt more than you did?"

Georgie, "I couldn't just stand there and watch him attack you. Besides, it was my fault that we even got into that mess. If I would have checked my camera before we went, I could have switched off the flash. I guess the good news is we got the evidence we needed to solve this problem with our neighbor!"

Quinn, "I guess YOU did! By the way, did the doctor say that there might be some changes that need to be made since you dislocated your elbow? Did you tell him you were training for the Olympics? How long are you going to be in that sling?"

Georgie, pausing as if to want to say something, "He said it would take a few weeks to heal, but I could start riding and jumping and there should be no long term issues with my arm."

Quinn, "I guess this knocks out our special trip together, huh?"

Georgie, "I broke my elbow, not my back. I think we can get that alone time we had planned in a couple of days."

Quinn, "Well, maybe by then, we can take that trip to the riding venue and see where we will be competing, right."

Georgie, looking away, "Yeah, right."

Quinn, "Well, I will leave you to it. I am going to the pool to check out Jack's legs. I hear they are a sight to see!"

Georgie, "I will be down there later. I just need to rest."

Quinn leaves and Georgie says to herself, "How am I going to tell Quinn about the baby? He is so focused on me, Katie and the Olympics I know this is going to be a disappointment. I have to tell him. I can't keep it from him for long, because he will want to taste the wine and ride horses while we are here."

Most of the family is now down by the pool. Jack has already jumped in and is playing the twins' game of Marco Polo. Ty and Amy are wrestling with each other, while Quinn, Katie, and Lyndi are sitting around the firepit. Fernando comes to the pool area and says, "Jack, I think we have found out what is killing our neighbors' vines. It looks like there are some issues with his water system that has allowed some contaminants to get into his sprinklers and his vines are reacting to the water."

Jack, "Well that's great! Maybe we can finally bring some peace to the relationship with our neighbors. Did you hear that guys? It looks like Fernando has found the problem with our neighbor's vines!"

Quinn, "That is great, but I really am upset about how they attacked us the other night. I think the least they could do is apologize to Georgie for hurting her!"

Jack, "I expect both of their sons to come here and apologize. Did you get that from them?"

Fernando, "Yes, they really feel bad about what went down and want to come over when things have settled down."

Jack, "Well, sooner the better and we can put this behind us!"

Fernando, "I will pass that along. Also, I spoke with Peter a while ago and updated him too. He was really happy that we were able to get the relationship back on track with our neighbors.

Also, he said to tell you guys everything was going well back home and to have fun."

Jack, "Great."

Jack decided to get out of the pool and take a spot by the fire pit. As he was coming out of the water, Lyndi said, "Wow, GG! What great legs!"

Ty, laughing, "Jack, those white legs could provide light in the dark! I don't think I have ever seen you in short pants."

Amy, "Ty, guys, leave grandpa alone or he won't come out here anymore."

Jack, "That doesn't bother me. I don't very often wear any short pants. But when I do, my skinny white legs are a sight. But some of you don't have much room to talk. I don't see any of you have room to talk. All of us are pretty new to this type of lifestyle."

Quinn, "Yeah, we have that awesome pool at home, but hardly ever get in it because of the cold. When I go to Florida, we spend a lot of time around the pool so I am used to this style of living."

Amy, "I bet so! I forget that you are from Florida. You have made a home with our family in Canada, it seems like you have been there forever!"

The sun was starting to set and it was beginning to get a bit cold so the family decided to go inside and start a fire in the fireplace and sit around and visit.

Chapter 6: The Secret is Revealed

Georgie took a long nap and came into the living room where everyone was sitting by the fire. She took a seat next to Quinn and put her arms around him and gave him a big kiss.

Quinn, "What is that for, missy?"

Georgie, "I just love you so much! I am so glad you are my husband!"

Quinn, "That's all!"

Georgie, "What do you mean is that all? Does there need to be more!"

Quinn, "Not if you say there is not more."

Georgie, sternly, "Can't I just love you, just because I love you. Does it have to have conditions?"

Quinn, "What are you getting so upset for? I just felt like you were going to say something else. I am sorry!"

Amy leans over to Ty and whispers, "I thought she was going to tell him?"

Ty, smiling "He tried to get her to say it!"



Georgie in a huff, gets up and heads back to the room. Quinn excuses himself and follows her to the room. "Georgie, what is the matter? Why are you getting so upset?"

Georgie, with tears flowing down her face says, "Quinn, I need to tell you something but I know you will be disappointed."

Quinn, "Georgie, I love you so much. What could you ever say that I would be disappointed with."

Georgie, "I know how driven you are to get Katie and I to the Olympics. And we have worked so hard to get there."

Quinn, now smiling ear to ear. Pulls Georgie close, "So what is this that I will be so disappointed with?"

Georgie is now in tears, says "Quinn, you know how we talked about having kids after the Olympics. And you know our life's goals are to raise a family like Ty and Amy. And Quinn you know that I love you more than anything in this world, and can't wait to give you children.."

Quinn interrupts, "Georgie, I know!"

Georgie, sternly "You know what?"

Quinn, "I know we are going to have a child!"

Georgie, now serious, "How did you find out! No. Ty told you, right!"

Quinn, No! Ty didn't tell me. I told him!"

Georgie, "You told him! Then, it was Amy! I knew she couldn't keep a secret!"

Quinn, "No, Not Amy!"

Georgie, "Well, if not her then who?"

Quinn, "It was pretty innocent. The nurse came out during your procedure and said mom and baby are doing fine."

Georgie, now mad, says, "So you have known since the hospital and kept it from me. You made me stew and fumble around while all along you knew!"

Quinn, "Well yes. I thought it would be cute to see how you got around to telling me."

Georgie, really perturbed, turns her back to Quinn and walks toward the window. Quinn pulls up to her and embraces her from behind, "Honey, I am so excited that we are going to be parents. This is the greatest news ever. Even better than the Olympics. I just hope you can put the Olympics aside and have our child without any regret."

Georgie, turning around and facing Quinn, "This is what I have prayed for over the past few years that we would start our family. Sure, I am a bit disappointed, but now we can focus on Katie and get her to the Gold."

Quinn, "I told Ty that I couldn't wait to start our family. So if you're good. I am good! I love you so much!"

Quinn embraces Georgie and kisses her with all the passion he has. "Should we go tell the others?"

In the living room the family was sitting talking about the events with the neighbors and their upcoming trip to Paris when Georgie and Quinn came into the room. "Guys", Quinn says, "We have some really exciting news to tell you!"

Georgie, "Katie, I know this is really going to affect you, but I think in a very positive way!"

Katie, "Me, why would it affect me?"

Quinn, "Georgie and I are going to be parents!"

Jack, "Why that is awesome. I didn't know you were trying to have kids."

Georgie, "We weren't. Matter of fact, I didn't know that I was pregnant until the hospital visit."

Amy, "I am so happy for the both of you. I hope you guys are not too upset about the Olympics."

Quinn, "Actually, we now, both can concentrate on getting Katie to the Gold. What do you think about that, Katie?"

Katie, "Not really sure. I just assumed it would be me and Georgie together. I guess it is ok?"

Georgie, "No need to worry, Katie, we will be right there every step of the way!"

Katie, "Why can't you compete?"

Amy, "Just like when I was pregnant, you can't ride, much less jump while you are carrying a baby!"

Ty, "Quinn, your dream has come true. Maybe a bit out of the ordinary, but you are going to be a dad!"

Jack, "I think this deserves a toast. Let me go and get some of our special wine that Lisa and I kept for these occasions. By the way, have you called your mom?"

Georgie, "No, I was thinking about waiting until we got home to tell her and people. You know, maybe surprise them or something."

Katie, still trying to get her mind around this, "I think that would be great. We can plan a special surprise for them. By the way, is this what you guys were talking about in the barn office?"

Amy, "Yes, we just couldn't tell you because Georgie didn't know that Quinn knew that she was pregnant." Then, looking at the both of them, "So how did that work out?"

Georgie, "Quinn made me stew over telling him. That made me mad! But, it's over now, and we can move forward!"

Quinn, "Ty, it was pretty awesome!"

Ty, laughing, "I bet it was!"

About that time a knock came at the door. The twins went to answer it and came back running, "There are two big guys at the door and they were looking for you, Georgie!"

Georgie looked at Quinn, then to Jack, "What is this about?"

Jack, "I told those two boys that hurt you and Quinn they needed to come over here and apologize for ruffing you and Quinn up."

Quinn, "Come on Georgie, let's go talk with them."

Georgie and Quinn went to the door and invited them into the house. Quinn, still pissed about how they rough housed Georgie says, "So what do we owe this visit?"

Jason, reached out his hand, "We wanted to come over and say how sorry we were for the other night. Things got, well, way out of hand and we are so sorry for fighting with you."

Quinn, sternly, "Well, I can't believe you would hit a girl like that. You could have really hurt her. Matter of fact, we found out she was pregnant and worse you could have hurt the baby!"

Jason, "Again, I am so sorry. My emotions got the best of me and all I could think of was to get that camera. I regret that Georgie you took the brunt of my retaliation."

Georgie, "It's over now and I understand Fernando figured out what was causing your vines to die. I hope we can put this all behind us and move forward as neighbors!"

Quinn, "We accept your apology and we will put this behind us. Would you like to stay and have some wine?"

Jonah, "No, thanks, we have to get back. Maybe some other time, ok?"

Quinn, "Ok!"

The boys leave the Villa and Georgie and Quinn go back into the living room.

"Well, that added some excitement to the night!," quipped Georgie, "I wasn't sure how I would feel seeing those guys, but it turned out alright."

Amy was bringing some pie in from the kitchen to celebrate the occasion and plan their trip to Paris tomorrow. She said, "Ok Guys, tomorrow we go to Paris. Georgie, are you up to the trip?"

Georgie, "Yes, indeed!"

Amy, "OK, then. First, we will go to the Olympic venue and check it out." She looked at Katie and nodded. "Then, we will go to the Eiffel Tower and take the tour." She looked at the twins and nodded to both of them.

TJ, "That is going to be awesome. Tyson and I have been looking up information about the tower. It really has some history to it!"

Lyndi, "will we have time to shop?"

Amy, "We will leave that to the end of the day, ok?"

Lyndi, "that will be great."

Jack was sitting quietly sipping his wine when Ty looks over, "Jack, you coming with us right?"

Jack, "Guys I think I am going to stay right here. The last few days have taken a toll on my bones and I just don't feel like I am up to a busy day in Paris."

Tyson, jumps into Jack's lap, "GG. Come on. It won't be as much fun without you!"

Jack, hugging him tight, "Buddy, your old GG has run out of gas. I need to recharge so we can explore all the natural beauty around here. Besides, I have been to Paris so many times."

Amy, "I understand Grandpa. Would you like me to stay with you?"

Jack, "there is no need for that. Besides Fernando and I can do a few things around here that will keep me busy. I might even go over to our neighbors and make sure all is well."

"Ok, then." Say Ty, "Looks like we are set for tomorrow's adventure into Paris. Let's all turn in and get some rest. Tomorrow will be a long day."

Everyone agreed and went to their rooms.

Georgie and Quinn were getting ready for bed when Quinn reaches over and grabs hold of Georgie. "You are going to be the best mom a kid could ever have. I can't wait to see my beautiful Georgie as a mother."

Georgie, "I can't believe that I am not one bit upset about the Olympics. I am so excited about starting our family that I haven't even thought about it. Not once."

Quinn, "You know we have both prayed about this in our own way so maybe this is how God is answering that prayer. You know Lyndi always says that Jesus knows our hearts better than us. Maybe, this is what happens when this was His will!"

Georgie, "I guess it is like when I won the Olympics. He took over and it felt so right."

Quinn, "I love you so much and look forward to bringing our baby into our family!"

Georgie, "I love you, too. Now turn out the lights and let's get some sleep. Tomorrow is going to be a big day."

In the next room Katie and Lyndi were in bed when Katie said, "Wow, I can't believe that Georgie is pregnant. And she is going to have to give up her dream of going to the Olympics a second time."

Lyndi, "You know, seeing them tonight, I think their joy over having a baby has overshadowed her quest for the Olympics. Dad said that Quinn has been talking a lot about starting a family, so maybe this is all in God's plan for them. And, now maybe you can win the gold!"

Katie, throwing a pillow at Lyndi. "What makes you think I can't win the gold if Georgie is competing. I am better than her, you know!" She says laughing.

Lyndi, throwing back the pillow, "Well, you will never know now! Easy-peasy!"

Katie, "Go to sleep. We have a long day tomorrow."

Lyndi, "I'm just saying!"

Katie, "Then quit SAYING!"

Amy comes out of the bathroom while Ty is pulling back the covers. "So. You think Georgie is upset about missing out on the Olympics."

Amy, "Probably a little. But the beauty of all this is she can still compete well into her thirties so if she wants to try again in eight years she can."

Ty, "I know Quinn is ecstatic about becoming a father. That is all he has been talking about for the past few days."

Amy, grabbing Ty by the waist and turning him around, "How would you like to have another baby?" As she begins to kiss him on the neck."

Ty, speaking softly as he caresses her neck, "Is this the surprise?"

Amy is still kissing him softly, "Do you want it to be?"

Ty, "I sort of like our family just the way it is. We are just getting the kids where they don't require our full attention. Are we having another baby?"

Amy, grabbing the back of Ty's neck, caressing it, pauses, "Nope, not the surprise! But how about tonight we pretend that we are trying?"

Ty turned out the lights, "Now that is my girl!"

Chapter 7: Paris

Jack is fixing breakfast for the family as they are just waking up and getting ready to go to Paris. As they begin to come into the dining area, they are greeted with the smell of bacon, eggs, pancakes, and other items that round out the meal.

TJ is the first to come, "GG, I sure wish you were coming with us today. It won't be the same without you."

Jack, "Oh, I think once you get there you will see so many cool things you won't even know that I am not there. Besides, I would only slow you guys down."

Tj, "Well, We will still miss you!"

Jack, "Well, Thank you for that!"



The rest of the crew is starting to awake and make their way to the aroma that is filling the house with the smell of bacon. Even Fernando comes from outside seeking out the source of that great smell.

Jack, "Fernando, think we can go over to the neighbors today and take a visit. I want them to know the past events are behind us and we want to move forward to better ground."

Fernando, "I will call this morning. Besides, I want to check the levels in their water to make sure our fixes took."

Ty, "Fernando, we are so grateful to you for solving their problem. I know Amy and I have been praying that we get past the hostility and become friends with our neighbors.

Amy, "That is right. We really want to get along with folks and try to resolve conflicts when they arise."

Fernando, "Well, You need to thank Jack because having him here help get them to accept my help."

Quinn, Georgie and the rest of the folks made it to the kitchen and prepared their plates.

Katie, "Georgie, Lyndi and I were talking last night about your withdrawal from the Olympics. Are you going to be alright going to the venue?"

Georgie, with a smile, "You know, I am not that upset. Sure I would love to get another gold medal, but having a baby and starting our family, well that has been our plan all along!"

Katie, laughing "You mean silver, right. I believe the gold is for me!"

Lyndi, punching Katie and looking at Georgie, "The only way you will win gold is if Georgie is not in the arena!"

Amy, "You guys! Is this going to be all day? "

Georgie, laughing, "I guess we will never know, right?"

Quinn, "Well one thing is for sure. It's up to you alone now. And you can count on the fact that Georgie and I are going to do whatever we can to get you there."

Katie, "Ok, coach!"

Ty, "Guys, let's get a move on we have a lot to see."

The crew piles into the SUV and heads toward the venue. On the way Georgie says, "I hear this place is one of the finest venues in the world. It can seat 15 thousand and they expect to fill it up."

Quinn, "I am glad we came so we can get acclimated to it before the events."

Georgie, "All you have to do is ask God to take control and the miracles will start to happen!"

Lyndi, "That was an unbelievable day, wasn't it! The crowd was yelling Georgie, taking the victory from that guy from the US. It was unbelievable!"

Georgie, "What is unbelievable is what winning the Olympics has afforded me and Quinn. We have been so blessed by all the accolades, sponsors, and opportunities! Just unbelievable."

Katie, "What really motivates me is reaching the top of the equestrian competition. Win or lose, the journey for me has been unbelievable."

Quinn, "No lose. Just Win! Like that song, I always win, win, win....don't remember any more of it." As he starts to laugh.

Tyson, "Mom, Dad are we going to come to the Olympics again to watch Katie?"

Amy, "You betcha! We wouldn't miss it for the world."

As they reach the site, the family gets out of the car and is greeted by one of the venue managers who Quinn had set up an appointment with. They had the site setup so they could see how the layout was in the stadium. Katie and Georgie went down on the floor and started walking down the track. The twins and Lyndi took off to the stables to see the horses that were kept there, and Quinn, Amy and Ty stayed with the manager and talked about the logistics during the Olympics.

Georgie, "Man, this brings back memories. I was sitting right here scared out of my whit's, knowing what I had to do. Then, I remember Lyndi saying that I should just pray and ask God to take over. That is when Phoenix picked up his head and God told him exactly what to do. It was like a dream. Everything went perfect. Phoenix was better than ever before. I know that God filled his spirit and he won that gold for us!"

Katie, "It sounds so simple."

Georgie, "Remember, I trained hard. I was prepared. Phoenix was prepared. It wasn't like we just went and won. We earned every bit of the success we were given."

Katie, "If I have learned one thing since I turned my life over to God, it is no matter what, we should always put our faith in him. If it is his will for me to win. Then, so be it. However, I should also accept defeat." Katie pauses for a second and looks up, "But God. You want me to win, right!"

Georgie, "Well, at least your heart is in the right place."

Amy comes into the stadium and looks around, then walks up to Georgie and Katie, "Wow, what a venue!"

Lyndi and the twins come into the stadium and they are all standing in the middle.

Katie, "Amy, you were once a really great equestrian. How come you never pursued it any farther than you did?"

Amy, "You know, I loved my life at that time doing my horse thing, loving and hating Ty. That was my heart's desire is to help troubled horses, like my mother. Like Lyndi. Right Lyndi!"

Lyndi, "You betcha, mom!"

The twins start pulling on Mom's arm. "Mom, Let's go! I want to go to the Eiffel Tower," begs Tyson.

Amy, "Be patient! Georgie and Katie need to let us know when they are ready."

Katie, "Tyson, I think I have seen enough here, I think we need to get with Quinn and see if he needs to see anymore."

TJ, "I will go ask." and takes off where Quinn and Ty are talking with the manager. "Quinn, Dad, are we done here. We are all ready to go to the Eiffel Tower!"

Ty, "TJ, settle yourself! When Quinn and Katie are finished we will go."

TJ, "We ask them and they are ready! So can we go, dad. Can we go!"

Quinn makes a few comments to the manager then looks at TJ, "Let me take a trip to the arena and look around, then we can go, ok?"

TJ, "Ok."

The guys head to where the girls are standing in the arena. "So what do you think Katie. This is pretty much how things are going to be set up for one of the Olympic venues."

Katie, "Well, it looks pretty much like what we have been practicing. The only difference is going to be the people that will be in the audience and the fact that it is the Olympics and you will be competing against the best in the world. Not that there is anything to worry about because of that!"

Georgie, "Remember, what I told you. Turn it over to God and it will be just you, Him, and your horse.

Lyndi, "That sure worked for Georgie. I am sure it will work for you!."

Quinn, "Ok, so if you have seen enough, let's follow TJ and Tyson to the Eiffel tower."

The family loads back into the SUV and heads to the Tower.

As they enter the city, the Tower could be seen in the distance and TJ and Tyson are now getting very excited. "Dad, Mom, look there it is. Look how cool it looks. It's so tall! Can we go to the top?"

Ty, "Yes sir, we are all going to the top!"

Amy, "We can take some pictures up there so you can show your friends."

Ty, "Now guys, there is no clowning around when we get up there. Mind what we say when we say it, ok?"

Both of the twins, "Yes Sir."

Georgie, "Guys, I think I will pass on the Tower and head down on Rue Saint-Dominique. I understand the shopping down there is awesome. Anyone up for that?"

Amy, "Not much for shopping, but would like to browse a bit after the Tower. I want to go up there with the kids."

Quinn, "I will go with you. I have been to the Tower, so this is kind of a do over."

Katie, "I am torn. I would love to go shopping, but really would like to go to the Tower."

Quinn, "Ok. So you guys do the Tower, Georgie and I will go shopping and we will meet up at Les Cocottes, a restaurant on Rue Saint-Dominique. Let's say 2 hours. That should give you

enough time to take the tour and do a little shopping in the gift shops in the tower. Then we can take a stroll down Rue so you can see that."

Everyone was in agreement, so Ty pulled the SUV into the parking lot and everyone was on their way.

Back at the Villa, Fernando and Jack took a trip over to the neighbor's villa to check on things. As they arrived, Felipe was sitting out on the porch with Jonah taking in the day. As they drove up, both men came out to meet Fernando and Jack.

Felipe, reaching his hand out to Jack, "I really want to express a sincere apology for how our family handled this situation with the vines. We were so sure it was your fault that we did not see it being our own water system. Thanks to you, Fernando, it looks like we are going to be able to save our vines!"

Fernando, still feeling a bit pinched, responds, "I knew it had to be something else. I haven't changed my methods in over 10 years. I wish you guys would have believed me. There was a lot of damage done to MY vines!"

Jack, "Felipe, as you can tell, there are still a few issues we need to discuss, but I am very excited that we can put this behind us. Right?"

Felipe, "Again, I am very sorry for ALL that transpired over the period of time and what happened the other night. I hope your grand daughter and her husband are ok?"

Jack, "Yes, funny thing. The good news out of all this was she found out she was going to have a baby!"

Felipe, "Well, congratulations. Tell her our family wishes her and the baby well."

Jack, "Well, we will leave you guys to it and let's make a pack. If anything gets haywire, before it escalates, let's talk it out. Ok? Fernando, Ok?"

They all shook hands and Jack and Fernando headed back to the Villa.

Chapter 8: So Long Paris

Georgie and Quinn head down to Rue street while the Borden family and Katie hit the Eiffel Tower. Strolling down the street taking in all the shoppers and couples, Georgie looks at Quinn and smiles, "This is so romantic, isn't it. Here we are in Paris on one of the most commercial streets in France, and all I can think about is how much I love you and that we are going to be parents. Has that sunk in with you?"

Quinn, "It sunk in the moment I heard we were going to have a baby. I have wanted to start a family for a long time, but with all our commitments and your focus on a second Olympiad, I didn't want to spoil that dream either. But Georgie, do you have any remorse for not being able to compete?"

Georgie, "The crazy thing is. I haven't! Even when I go there, get overwhelmed with Joy that we are going to have a baby.

That feeling just passes. I guess that is what Lyndi means when she says that God knows our heart better than we do!"Quinn, "That is the same with me! I am really excited for Katie and getting her ready to compete, but I keep coming back to starting our family. Georgie, I love you so much. This is everything I have ever imagined about you and I. We are starting a family!"

Georgie, "Quinn, you have been so great to me! I could never have imagined that my life would be where it is today without you! But you know what could be better?"

Quinn, "Better! No what!"

Georgie, "Let's take advantage of this time together, here on this street where all the best shops in the world exist, and spend an extreme amount of money on ourselves in celebration of our baby!

Quinn, "I am down with that!"

Back at the tower, the family made it to the top and were looking out over the city. They could see miles in each direction. Each of the kids took turns peering out with binoculars over the city landscape picking out places they were familiar with. Ty and Amy sat back observing the excitement of the kids when Amy put her arms around Ty's waist. "I love our life. We have come such a long way from that day you came to Heartland. All the trials and tribulations we have been through, everything! And now, being closer to God than ever before. Katie asked me if I regretted never pursuing the Olympics, you know all I have ever wanted was this. Right here, with you and our kids! Ty, have I told you how much I love you and how proud I am of you and what you have accomplished!"

Ty, "Amy, where are you going with this! Every time you ask me that question...well, you know what follows. And my God, we are in the Eiffel Tower with our kids...and Katie!"

Amy, pulling Ty close, "Ty Borden! Why, I would never...well maybe not never...but I assure you my intentions are purely loving and sincere. I love you from the east to the west and all points in between. You make me so happy, and fill me with such joy! And you are really sexy, too."



Ty takes Amy's into his arms and gives her a long romantic kiss. Lyndi looks towards her parents and punches Katie, "I hope I can find someone who loves me like my parents love each other. They are always so playful with each other. And it seems as they get older, their love grows more!

Katie, "You know, that is what love is supposed to be like. Right? "

Lyndi, laughing, "I guess you are right...Hey! You two cut it out. Your kids are with you!"

Ty and Amy start hugging and kissing, and Amy says, "This is Paris. The most romantic city in the world!" She gives Ty one more kiss and a big hug.

Ty, "Guys, we had better wrap it up up here if you want to hit a few shops before we head to the Rue to meet Georgie and Quinn."

"Ok, Dad. Let's go. "yells TJ

They head downstairs to the second floor shops and purchase some souvenirs of the Tower. After shopping they met up with Quinn and Georgie who were loaded down with bags from shopping.

Amy, "Did you leave something for us?" She said as she was looking through the bags.

Quinn, "I don't think so! I think she bought out the street!"

Georgie, "Me! Half of this stuff is yours."

Lyndi, "Guys, are we going to eat. I am starved."

Ty, "Yes, let's get a table out on the street." Ty walks up to the hostess and asks to be seated by the street in french. Watching this, Amy looked at Ty, "Did you just ask her to be seated? Outside. In French."

Ty, "Yes I did!"

Amy, "Humph, who would have known. When did you learn French?"

Ty, "I got that Babble app and have been working with conversational French for about a month. Impressed?"

Amy, "Why Mr. Borden, you never cease to amaze me!"

Quinn, "Yeah, those apps are pretty good. I used them to learn French when we were at the last Olympics. It gets you around pretty good!"

The family is seated by the street and order their food.

After dinner, they decide to take a walk down the Rue. Georgie, "Girls, they have this great little shop down there with really cute stuff. Sundresses, jewelry, want to go see?"

Katie, "Sure, let's go!"

Quinn, "Ty, there is a dude store around the corner. How about we do that while the girls take in their shop? I think the kids would enjoy all the stuff in there."

Ty, "Sounds like a plan!"

So they split up and each went to their own stores.

In the store Lyndi is looking through some sundresses when she pulls one off the rack. "Mom, what do you think? Don't you just love this?"

Amy, "I do. And that is your color, too!"

Katie, "Go try it on and see how it looks on you."

Lyndi, "Ok. Where is the dressing room?"

Katie, "Just do it here. They don't have dressing rooms in France. You just change right here!"

Lyndi, looking at Amy who is smiling, "Your kidding, right?"

Georgie, "Katie! Yes they do. It is around the corner. Why do you guys pick on each other so much?"

Katie, "Because we love each other!"

Lyndi, "Speak for yourself."

Amy, "Girls!"

Lyndi, as she gives Katie a big hug, "Mom, we are just picking."

Lyndi comes out of the dressing room and models the dress. "What do you think?"

Amy, "That is so cute. It really looks great on you!"

Lyndi, "Katie, George, what do you think?"

Georgie, "I think it looks adorable. Matter of fact, I am going to buy it for you!"

Lyndi, "You don't have to do that. I have brought my own money for shopping. Besides, Mom is here if I need more," laughing.

Georgie, "Nope. This is my present to you for all that you have done for me. And not another word about it!"

Georgie tells the shop owner that she will take the dress and hands her a credit card. "There. It is done."

Lyndi, "Thank you so much. I really love this dress!"

The boys are looking around the store, eyeing different things they might want when Ty walks up. "See something you like. I will let you get one thing each, but it can't be too expensive. Ok?"

Both boys nod their heads and start looking. As they moved around the store, they saw a belt with a buckle that represented Paris. Tyson looks at TJ, "I bet GG would love this."

TJ, "He would. It would go with his collection of buckles. What do you say we take our 1 gift and purchase this for him. It is a bit expensive, but if both of us buy it, Dad will go for that."

Tyson, bringing the belt and buckle to Dad, "Dad, what if TJ and I pool our purchases and get this for GG? We know he will love this and it will go with all his other buckles."

Ty, "Guys, that is such a great jester. I think it is a great idea" and takes the buckle and belt to the counter to pay. As he was checking out he told the boys, "You know, when I first came to Heartland, I was starting to really have feelings for your mom and went to my first rodeo. Your uncle Kaleb was riding a bronc and held on for 8 seconds. I saw how your mom was so impressed that I decided to ride a bull. I never did it before and I stayed on for about 4 seconds. Your mom was so furious with me, but I was kind of proud that I was able to do it. Well, your GG saw that Mom was mad and wasn't speaking to me, went and got one of his favorite buckles that he won, and gave it to me for having the guts to do it. I cherished it so much that I have it in my office in a shadow box on the shelf."

Tyson, "I saw that. I didn't know that is how you got it. Pretty cool story."

TJ, "That is cool. So you wouldn't mind when I get old enough if I ride a bull?"

Ty, "Well, I don't think you would get that pass from your mom. And it really was kind of stupid. I could have really gotten hurt."

TJ, "But you didn't, right?"

Ty, laughing, "Ok, smarty pants. We aren't going to play that game!"

Quinn was taking all this in and looked at Ty. "I can't wait!"

Ty, "For what?"

Quinn, "I can't wait for the day that I can have that kind of conversation with MY kids. Georgie and I, that is all we can talk about. We are consumed with the prospect that we are going to be parents. She isn't the least bit upset that she will miss the Olympics."

Ty, "I take this for granted, but you are right. I really love my conversations with my kids. And Lyndi. Well, that is like talking to Amy. They are so much alike and she is mature, well beyond her age."

Quinn, "You are a very lucky man!"

The guys leave the store and head towards where the girls are. Once they met up, Quinn said, "I guess we have done what we came here for, right? Are we ready to head back to the Villa?" Everyone noted their heads in agreement so they headed to where the SUV was parked to journey back.

Lyndi to Amy, "Mom, this is a pretty cool city. Have you ever been here before?"

Amy, "I toured with an international equestrian team when you dad and I first were engaged and we would take trips to here and other wonderful cities in Europe."

Lyndi, "that must have been awesome."

Amy, "Maybe one day just you and me will tour some of those cities. You know, a mother, daughter trip."

Lyndy, hugging Amy, "I love you so much."

Chapter 9: Retracing The Honeymoon

As they reached the long road to the Villa, they saw Jack riding up on one of the horses. Ty came to a stop and Jack rode up to the window. "Well, how was your trip to Paris. Did you get everything you wanted to do, done?"

Ty, "We sure did!"

TJ, "GG, we got you something special, too!"

Jack, "You did! Well, I can't wait to see it when we get up to the house!"

Tyson, "You are going to love it. TJ and I pulled our resources and bought it for you!"

Ty looked at Jack and smiled. Jack, "Well, let's get up there and have a look!"



Jack took off with the horse and headed back to the Villa and Ty pointed the SUV down the road. Everyone was excited to be home. They were hungry and it was about time for supper. Tyson and TJ ran to Jack as he was bringing the horse to the barn manager. "GG, here look what we got you in Paris."

Jack opened the bag and there was the belt and buckle that they had asked Ty to get for them. Jack, overcome with emotion said, "Boys, this is the best present you could have ever given me. I am so thankful that you thought about me on your trip to spend your money on me instead of yourselves. That is so thoughtful."

Tyson, "GG, you are the greatest!"

TJ, "Yeah, you're the best!"

Jack grabbed both of the boys and gave them a big hug. "I think it's time we go get cleaned up so we can eat."

The three headed toward the house.

Inside, Ferdinand had supper ready for the family. He and some of the staff prepared a barbecue dinner with ribs and chicken. Everyone put up their things and gathered outside on the porch which overlooked the vineyard and sat at the long table ready to eat. Ty stood up at the table, looking out over the rolling vineyard, and offered a toast, "Guys, I think we should toast to the wonderful place that Lisa entrusted us with, the staff who prepared this great meal, and our family...plus one still in the oven." They lifted their glasses and toasted. "Also, tonight I want to invite all of you to Amy and My reciting of our marriage vows tomorrow here on the veranda. Dress is casual and we hope all of you will participate. After, Amy and I will leave for a couple of days on a little trip which I am told holds a great surprise." As he looks at Amy and smiles. Everyone says "Cheers!" then, they begin their supper feast.

That evening, Ty and Amy are getting ready for bed when Amy puts her arms around Ty's neck. "So, Mister. Have you written your vows for tomorrow? What are you going to say? How awesome I am. What a great mother I have been...a lover?" with each question came a kiss on the neck.

Ty, "You, my dear lady will have to wait. And yes, I have written my vows! How about you? Are you going to tell me that you love me unconditionally, to the moon and back, how you think I am sexy?"

Amy, "You, too, will have to wait and see!"

Katie and Lyndi were sitting up in bed when Katie says, "Man, your mom and dad are really in love, aren't they?"

Lyndi, "From the moment my dad met my mom, I think it was love at first sight. Won't say that mom was immediately on board, but dad sure was. I just hope when I get older, that I can have that kind of relationship with my husband."

Katie, "Really. I will tell you that boys today are interested in one thing. So you have to be really careful in your relationships. I once had a boyfriend that I thought really loved me. Come to find out, he was just taking advantage of me and really didn't love me at all."

Lyndi, "I think I remember that. At the party?"

Katie, "Yeah, that guy!"

Lyndi, "What is he doing now?"

Katie, "I think he is hooking garbage for a living!"

Lyndi, "No!"

Katie, "Yeah, you're right. I don't know what ever happened to him."

Quinn and Georgie were lying in bed with the light on when Quinn looked over to Georgie, "Babe, do you think you are up to taking a couple of days together while we are here?"

Georgie, "I am not so sure, Quinn. I would really love to but my arm is in a lot of pain and very uncomfortable and I have been feeling pretty nauseated lately with my pregnancy and stuff. I am not sure I would be a great companion for a trip like that."

Quinn, "That is ok. I just a soon sit around the pool and talk about our baby. We can take a trip once you get past some of your pregnancy sickness and your arm heals up."

The next afternoon the family gathered along with several others from the staff to participate in the exchange of vows between Ty and Amy. Dressed in his best suit and she in a beautiful white dress that she brought from home, they stood at a makeshift altar with Fernando presiding as the pastor.

Fernando, "We are gathered here today to reconstitute the marriage of Ty and Amy Borden in front of family and friends. Guys, are you ready to recite your vows? Amy, let's start with you."

Amy, looking intently into Ty's eyes, holding both of his hands, "Ty Borden. From the minute I met you, you have challenged me to be the best person I can be. You have been a friend when I needed a friend, a helper when I needed help, you have shown me love, when I wasn't very lovable. Ty over these past years being married we have had some difficult times. But together, with God, and our family, we have come to this point in our relationship where it seems the blessings we have are everything we dreamed of. Because of you, I have become a better person, companion, wife, and lover. Ty Borden, as we live out our dreams and grow our family know this. I will love you forever and ever to the ends of the earth. I will be there when you need me, always. I not only love you Ty, I am in love with you!"

Ty wipes a tear from Amy's eye and says, "Amy, the love you have shown me over the years, has made me into the man that I am. Into the man that God has given to you to live out your life with. Into the man that you can be proud of. Into the man that spends every waking hour thinking about you, supporting you, and being your best friend. Amy, you know that I would have never made it this far without you by my side. I cherish our relationship and all that you mean to me. But more than that, I cherish you as a mother. You love and are loved by everyone in our family. They look up to you. They support you. They listen to you. Not only our immediate family, but everyone related to Heartland. You my dear, along with Jack, are the Heartbeat of this family and I, and we, cherish that more than you can ever imagine."

With that said, Ty drops to one knee and pulls out a beautiful ring. Taking off her existing ring, he puts the new ring on Amy's finger. The ring was a 3 carat diamond with baguettes around the base. The setting was platinum silver. "I know you have a surprise for me, but I, too, have a surprise for you. Amy Borden, this ring expresses my unwavering love and commitment to you and our family for the rest of our lives. My hope is that you will always be reminded when you look down at this ring, that you are loved and cherished by, not only me, but your whole family." With that Ty stands up and gives Amy a long, loving kiss.

Amy is completely stunned by Ty's gesture and the ring. Not knowing what to say, her eyes begin to well up with tears of joy. She touches Ty's face and slowly kisses him, then puts her hands around the back of his neck and pulls him close and whispers, "That is not fair, Ty Borden! But thank you for such a wonderful gesture. You never seem to amaze me!" Ty, speaking in French, says "je t'aime (I love you)"

Fernando closed the ceremony and everyone was treated to some French pastries, coffee, and the best wine from the Villa's cellar. Ty and Amy mingle with the family and friends for a few hours, then decide to head out for the two day excursion to retrace their motorcycle ride from their honeymoon. Ty was able to rent the same bike they used back then and both He and Amy were excited to begin their adventure.

Amy, "Ok. So boys, you listen to your GG and Lyndi and do what they tell you. I have instructed them to allow you guys to ride around the property and swim in the pool as long as you have one of them with you. Ok?"

The twins respond, "Yes, Mom!"

Jack, "We got this covered. You two go have some fun and don't worry about a thing. Between all of us, we will have plenty of things to do while you are gone!"

Georgie gives Amy a big hug and whispers with a laugh, "If I were you, I think I would have something really special planned to light up the romance during your trip. Wow, did you know he was going to get you this ring. Hubba, Hubba!"

Amy, "Georgie!"

Georgie, "Amy! I am not a child. Matter fact. I am going to be a mother!"

Amy, "Hard for me to see you as more than Georgie. I guess I am going to have to get used to that." Laughing as she follows Ty out the door.

Ty and Amy leave the Villa and head to a place that they camped on their first night near a beautiful lake. As they were riding, Amy was plotting the special surprise she had for Ty. After his ring gift, she hoped that her surprise would be enough. And that he would be excited about it.

Ty, "Hey, this place hasn't changed much since the last time we stayed here. What do you think about taking a dip in the lake after we set up camp? Did you bring that red bathing suit?"

Amy, "What makes you think I brought a suit at all!"

Ty, "Ok, so is that my surprise? A romantic skinny dip in the lake?"

Amy, "Maybe!"

Ty begins to set up the tent while Amy starts a fire. Once they got everything finished, Amy came up to Ty and put her arms around his shoulders, looking at the ring that covered most of her upper finger. She looked at Ty and said, "I feel like I did on that night you proposed. It couldn't have been more romantic, then, but now, I am equally in awe of this night. You have completely swept me off of my feet. And this ring, Ty, it is so beautiful...and big...you know you didn't..."

Ty put his finger on her lips, "You my dear deserve that and more. I am so lucky to have you as my wife, and the success we have had building our business and family, this ring represents all the life struggles we went through to get to this point. I wanted to do something special and when I went to the store and saw that ring, I knew it was made for you. Even Lou, when she saw it, said it was perfect!"

Amy, "Lou knew!"

Ty, "Yes, Lou knew!"

Amy pulls Ty in close and begins to passionately kiss him on his neck and face, then his lips. Ty responds to her advances, speaking in French I love you after each kiss. Ty pulls back, smacks Amy on the rear, then heads to the water taking off his clothes then diving into the lake. Amy chases after him, pulling off her clothes and running and wrapping herself around Ty's body. Ty looks Amy in the eyes, and says, "Do you remember on our honeymoon what we did once we got into the water?"

Amy, "I am not sure. Was it this, maybe?" Amy begins to tickle Ty.

Ty, who is very ticklish, begins to laugh and pulls Amy underwater. As they came up for air, Ty said, "No, it wasn't that!"

Amy, being playful, now pulls close to Ty and gets behind him and starts to kiss the back of his neck and his ears. As Ty responds, Amy playfully pulls Ty under water and wrestles with him. When they surfaced, Amy asked, "Was it that?"

Ty, "No, honey, that wasn't it. Do I need to show you?"

Amy, "I think I got this!"

They both embraced and.....(Well, You know what happens next)

As they were coming out of the water, Ty pulled Amy close and asked, "So was that my surprise? Because if it was, well, bravo! It was great!"

Amy, "No, but if I ask, were you surprised?"

Ty, "Surprised that you are the best love making partner ever! And you never cease to amaze me with some of the "things" you come up with!"

Amy, "Just trying to keep it interesting babe. Ty, you know how hard we have worked growing our business. Writing our book. Holding classes and training other vets!"

Ty, "Yeah, that was our dream. Our dream come true!"

Amy, "Yes, Yes it is!"

Ty, "So what is the surprise?"

Amy, "Well, I am not going to tell you yet, but that was a hint."

Ty, "Come on! You know I don't like surprises, let alone, to be led along!"

Amy, kisses Ty on the cheek, "But babe, it wouldn't be a surprise if I told you. But I will give you another hint. You would never have considered it in a million years!"

Ty, "What! What kind of hint was that! If I never would have considered it, then I couldn't even begin to guess."

Amy, "That is why it is such a great surprise!"

Ty, "Ok! Ok! I am starving. What do we have to eat?"

Amy, "You are standing here, naked and wet, with the woman who loves you more than anything in the world, and you are thinking about food!"

Ty, "Well, when you put it that way!" He picks Amy up and takes her into the tent and for the rest of the night they playfully banter with each other as their passion takes over until they finally drift off to sleep."

Chapter 10: The Big Surprise

The next morning Amy wakes up to Ty stroking her hair and pushing it back around her ears. As she opened her eyes, she saw Ty smiling and looking intently into her eyes. "You are the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. How lucky am I to be greeted every morning by such a sweet, sweet smile, this beautiful face, and those lovely green eyes. I love you so much, that I am so overwhelmed with emotion that I can't explain. When God made you, he didn't leave off one thing."



Amy reaches out and touches Ty's face, then his lips, "Babe, I feel the very same thing. It is if we are one together. I guess that is what the Bible means when it says 'the two will become one'. I am so happy that we decided to take this adventure. It has put me back to when you and I were on our honeymoon. I felt that oneness with you, then, and it is awesome that it has never changed over all these years."

Ty, kisses Amy on the lips and embraces her, "We need to do this more often. Since we have had the kids, we have focused so much on them that we have forgotten how awesome it is for just the two of us, together, loving each other!"

Amy, sits up, fronts Ty, and crosses her legs, "Ty, you know how you have committed so much to your career as a veterinarian, and how you have worked with the Border's group to save wild animals around the world. And, how we setup Heartland to become a sanctuary for injured wildlife. And also, how unselfish you have been to share your knowledge with others through our book and seminars!"

Ty, "Amy, where is this going?"

Amy, "Well, this is your surprise. Before we left, the Canadian Veterinarian Society called me and told me that YOU are this year's recipient of the Canadian Veterinarian Of the Year Award. You have been recognized by your peers for all the effort you have put into your career and you have been rewarded for it!"

Ty, completely speechless, looks at Amy and begins to well up. Amy, sharing in the emotion, tears up and grabs hold of Ty and they sit there speechless just holding on to one another.

Amy, "And that, Ty, is your big surprise! When we get back, there is going to be a presentation at this year's national convention and they are paying for us to come so that you can be presented the award! Surprised!"

Ty, shaking his head, "I can't believe this. I never expected any accolades for the work that I do. I do it for the love of the work, and that I feel that God put me, no, God put us in this position to take care of His animals."

Amy, "That is what I told the committee. You are so humble in your work, that getting acknowledged for the effort is something you would never have pursued or dreamed of getting. That is why I asked them to wait to announce it until we got back from France so I could surprise you! Are you surprised!"

Ty, "Amy! Surprised, I don't know what to say! Amy, this is for you too! I would have never taken this path without watching how you handled troubled horses, like your mother!. Or letting me go to Mongolia when you were pregnant with Lyndi. So Amy, this award is as much about you as it is about me!"

Amy, "Ty, this award is about you and all the effort you have put into your career. I might have prompted you on your path to loving animals, but your passion came from within and from God!" Amy puts her arms around Ty and hugs him with all the effort she can muster. "I am so proud of you. And I know that the family will be just as proud as me when they find out."

Ty, "Wow! This was a surprise that I would have never, ever figured out!"

Amy, "How about we pack up and head to our next adventure.

Meanwhile, at the Villa, Katie, Lyndi and the boys are taking a trail ride along a trail that borders their neighbor's property. The ride took them over some hills and to a beautiful lake that was surrounded by trees and had natural beaches along several of the shorelines. There was a place along the way where a rope was hanging from a tree that you could swing out on into the lake. Today, Jason, the youngest son of Felipe, and some of his friends were swimming and swinging on the rope. Jason was a handsome young man that could speak a bit of English. He was firmly built from the hard work in the vineyards and had a dark complexion and deep blue eyes. As the kids rode up to greet them Lyndi looked at Katie and said, "Wow, Katie look at that guy. He is gorgeous!"

Katie, "Lyndi, what! You are too young for him. Matter fact, I don't think your parents wouldn't approve of you even dating."

Immediately, Jason walked up to Katie, who was mounted on the horse, and smiled, "An what is your name and where did you come from?"

Katie has become a very beautiful woman. Like her mom, she, too, had beautiful, long flowing hair, blue eyes from her dad, and was very, very fit from all the Olympic training Quinn had put her through. "I am Katie, this is my cousins, Lyndi, TJ, and Tyson. We are staying at our Villa and I think you are swimming in our Lake!"

Jason immediately retreats, and moves away to which Katie responds, "No worries. We aren't going to bust you!" Jason, still pushing back, retreats even further.

Katie, "Looks like you guys are having fun. Mind if I try?" Katie dismounts her horse and walks slowly over to the rope. She looks at Jason and asks, "So how do you do this?"

Jason, still shying away because of the issue with Georgie and the fight, says, "Take the rope and go to that cliff. Then, run off holding on until it starts to swing back."

Katie, "How deep is it?"

Jason, "About 10 feet so you won't get hurt. Do you know how to swim?"

Katie, "Well yes! I would try this if I didn't."

Katie now takes the rope and goes up on the cliff. She immediately swings out on the swing and does a backflip into the water. Lyndi and the twins are in awe at Katie's acrobatic maneuver, when Jason says, "I see. You have done this before."

Katie, coming out of the water, takes the towel that Jason was holding and begins to dry herself.

Jason, "So what is your story?"

Katie, laughing "I am not sure I want to tell you, being it is our first date and everything!"
Lyndi chimes in, "She is an Olympic equestrian jumper and is going to be in the Olympics this year in Paris!"

Tyson, "Her sister is an Olympic gold medalist and is known all over the world!"

Katie, "Enough guys! What is your story?"

Jason takes back the towel and motions to his friends. "Boys, it is time to go!"

Katie, is taken back, "What is the matter? Do I intimidate you?"

Jason, "No, it's just when you find out who I am, you probably won't like me anymore!"

Jason and the guys jump into their cart and head back to their villa leaving Katie and the others trying to guess what that was all about.

TJ, "What did he mean by that?"

Katie, "I am not really sure."

Lyndi, "Maybe it has something to do with what happened the other night with Georgie. "

Katie, "Maybe so, but he surely was a good looking guy! Let's head back and see what Georgie has to offer about him. Plus, I am soaking wet and need to get out of these clothes."

The kids head back to the Villa to get with Georgie and find out what Jason meant.

At the Villa Georgie and Quinn are sitting by the pool with Jack. Katie and the kids ride up and go into the pool area. "Georgie, the strangest thing just happened. We were riding by that big lake and there were some boys swinging on a rope into the lake. One of the boys was really cute so I decided to find out a little more about him. When I confronted him and asked him about his story, he pulled away and said once I found out who he was, I wouldn't like him very much. What gives?"

Georgie, "Was he tall, well built, with a dark complexion. Did he have real blue eyes?"

Katie, "Yeah! All of that!"

Georgie, "He was the boy that fought with me and put me at the hospital the other day. He and his brother came over and apologized, but I still don't know what to think about him. He was really out of control, and he didn't care that I was a girl!"

Quinn, "I think it best you steer clear of him, Katie. Even though we have mended those fences, I don't think I am ready to trust him around you girls."

Jack, "I am with Quinn. It's best you stay clear of that boy!"

Katie and the kids take their horses back to the stable to brush and put them up.

Chapter 11: The B & B

Ty and Amy left the lake and took a two hour ride down the road to a little town where Ty and Amy stayed on their honeymoon road trip. It was a quaint bed and breakfast and the proprietors were very friendly to them. Anita and Fred were still working the business when Ty and Amy rolled up to the house. They immediately remembered them and for the next few minutes each took turns catching each other up on the life events since the last time they were together. Anita and Fred were now grandparents with 3 boys. They lived in the next town and visited often. Ty and Amy brought them up to date with all the things that had happened since their honeymoon. Anita, "I can't believe you guys went through all that you have gone through and still look like you did when we last saw you!"



Amy, "You are quite generous! I believe if you look close enough you will see the age lines in our faces that we gained through those years!"

Fred, "You two look so youthful, still after all these years. And you haven't changed much at all!"

Anita, Well, Fred you have," laughing, "A few more pounds since the last time, right?"

Fred laughed, "Excuse me! Why, like Ty here, men just get better with age. Kind of like a fine wine, right son?"

Ty, "You are so right. You know Amy and I are retracing our honeymoon road trip adventure, and would really like to stay here if you got the room!"

Fred, "Why, of course son! You two are always welcome in our house! Anita show them to their room, honey."

Anita brings them to the same room they stayed in so many years back. It was the honeymoon suite which was larger than the other rooms and it had a private bathroom. Anita, "Well, I will leave you too it. We will serve supper at 6:00 PM." She touches Amy on the face, "You look so beautiful. Just the way I remember. He must be treating you well, heh!"

Amy, "The best man I know!"

Anita, "See you guys tonight!"

Ty looks at Amy and races her to the bed. Jumping in, Amy says, "Do you know what I remember about this place. This bed. It swallowed you in and it was so comfortable! I bet it is the same bed we slept in on our honeymoon!. Ty, laying on his back looking at the ceiling. "Nothing has changed. I remember all the artwork that created a border around the ceiling. Look. It is still there!"

Amy, "So what do you want to do? It's several hours before supper. Want to go for a walk in the town?"

Ty, "That sounds like a plan." Ty gets up and changes his shoes while Amy washes up in the bathroom.

Amy, "Ty, look. They still have the same little bars of soap that they had last time. It is a sculpture of a flower carved out of soap."

Ty, "Cool."

As Ty and Amy are walking through town Ty asks, "I can get over the idea of me being the Veterinarian of the Year! That is such an awesome honor. I wonder how they even got my name. Did you nominate me, or something?"

Amy, "Ty. We have worked with so many Vets through the years in our seminars and events. I am sure that someone took notice and was in the position to recommend you for the award."

Ty, "Amy....someone?"

Amy, "Ty, I had nothing to do with that. However, I would if I had the opportunity! You deserve this more than anyone!"

Ty, "It is just hard to get my arms around this."

Amy, stopping and fronting Ty and wrapping her arms around him "Well, I bet you can get your arms around this."

Ty, giving Amy a big hug, "I sure can. And I am not letting go!"

Amy and Ty lock hands and head back to the B & B for supper. At supper Anita asks, "So Amy, you guys have had a story book marriage, why with all the things you have been through with your family? So where are you today?"

Amy, "Well we have three kids. A daughter named Lyndi, who is 14 and twins who are 7. If you remember we live on a ranch in Canada called Heartland. Ty, my wonderful partner here is a veterinarian, who by the way has achieved Canada's highest award..."

Ty, "Amy, they don't want to hear all of that..."

Anita, "Why Ty, she is proud of you. Let her brag a bit."

Ty, "Well what she won't say is that she, as well, should have been given the award for her work with troubled horses. Together, we have a practice that treats horses and trains other Vets on the holistic side of curing troubled horses. Matter of fact we have just released our first book this year and it is doing quite well."

Fred, "So you guys sound like you have a full life. Do you still have the Villa in Tulum?"

Amy, "Yes. We lost Lisa several years back to cancer and before she passed we consolidated her business with Heartland's and My sister and her husband run that operation. We are up here now on holiday with our family. Ty and I decided to take a few days and retrace our honeymoon motorcycle adventure. And this was one of our stops back then, as you recall."

Fred, "We met Lisa and, what was your grandfather's name.."

Anita, "Jack, honey. It was Jack!"

Fred, "What a great memory my bride has. She remembers everyone who has ever stayed here. So how is he?"

Ty, "Well, he and our daughter have written some music for a country singer in the US and they did real well. He spends most of his time with the kids following their sports and extra activities they get involved with. He still rides horses just about every day, but complains about his arthritis."

Fred, "That is great to hear. So sorry about Lisa though. They seemed to really love each other when we met them."

Amy, "Yeah, I think this trip has been good for him. He hasn't been back since she died."

Anita, "I know you guys don't want to sit here and talk all night, so we will see you in the morning."

Amy, "You two are stars in our day. Ty and I have great memories here from our honeymoon and our visit today just adds more to them."

Fred, "Well, goodnight!"

Ty and Amy retreat to their room and get ready for bed. Ty is laying down when Amy comes out of the bath with a sheer nightgown that makes a silhouette of her slim figure. She lights a candle and turns out the lights and says "Mr. Ty Borden, for devoting all your time and effort to our profession, and becoming the Canadian man of the year, we proudly offer to you this gorgeous trophy that you can do whatever you want with!"

Ty, with a huge smile begins to laugh, "Anything?"

Amy, "Yes, anything, within reason!"

Ty, "Well, for starters you need to come over here and let me check out this trophy. I have to make sure there are no flaws in it."

Amy, smiling, "I can assure you there are no flaws!"

Ty, "Then, I must check to see if it is authentically made."

Amy, "Again, I can assure you every part is original!"

Ty, pulling Amy to the bed, "Then there is just one more thing I need to check!"

Amy, "Ty Borden!"

Chapter 12: The Reveal(s)

The next morning Ty and Amy wake up, say their goodbyes to Fred and Anita, and head back to the Villa. Before they leave, Ty takes Amy's hands and looks into her beautiful eyes. "Mrs. Borden, you have made me the most happy person in the world. This time we have had together has been spectacular. The surprise was unbelievable, and that trophy, man was that trophy something!"

Amy, puts on a huge smile, "Just think. You get to play with that trophy for the rest of your life. How about that! And, I think I did pretty well with the surprise. You didn't have a clue!"

Ty, "You are right! I was totally surprised!"

Ty gives her a long kiss and they hop onto the motorcycle and head on back to the Villa.



At the Villa, the family gathers around for breakfast making plans for their last day in France. The boys want to spend time down at the lake swimming and are trying to convince Lyndi and Katie to come too!

Tyson, "Come on Katie! Come with us! Maybe that boy will be there again!"

TJ, "Lyndi, you come too! We can't go if you don't come with us. And Katie, you can show me how to do that flip on the rope."

Katie looks at Lyndi and smiles. "I guess we don't have anything better to do!"

Lyndi, "Ok!, But when we say we are ready to go home. No arguments, OK?"

Both TJ and Tyson nod their heads in the positive.

Georgie, "Katie. I am not so sure about you guys going down there and running into Jason. I still am unsure about that boy!"

Katie, "I got this Georgie. I don't think he will try to hurt us or anything."

TJ, "Yeah, I think he likes Katie!"

Katie, "I don't think so!"

Lyndi, "I don't know, Katie!"

Georgie, "Well, you guys be careful. We might come down there to join you guys and see what this swimming hole is all about."

Katie, Lyndi and the twins saddle up after breakfast and head to the lake. As they approached, they saw Jason and another boy swimming in the Lake. As they were tying up the horses, Jason yells out, "You guys coming in? The water is great!"

Katie, "Does it look like we are coming in!"

Jason, "Just asking."

Lyndi and the twins took off their coverings and jumped right into the Lake. "Wow, this water is great. You can see all the way to the bottom, "Said TJ.

Lyndi, "You coming, Katie?"

Katie begins to slip out of her jeans and take off her shirt to expose her really fit body in her bathing suit. Jason is awestruck at her beauty, and watches her every move. Katie moves toward the swing and pulls it back onto the cliff. She takes the swing and swings out into the lake and does another backflip into the water. Tyson and TJ are in awe.

Tyson, "Katie, show me how to do that. I want to learn!"

TJ, "Me too!"

Katie, "Ok, let's go to the swing."

Jason, "Wow, that was impressive. You are impressive!"

Katie, "I asked my sister about you, Jason. It appears you were not so nice to her the other night when you thought we were poisoning your vines. You are not going to beat me up, are you?"

Jason, swimming over to where Katie was, said, "Look, I am really, really sorry for what I did. I am not that kind of guy. It was just, that night, my brothers and I were so hyped up that things just got out of hand. I would understand if you wanted me to go right now and I would leave."

Katie, "That is alright! I would like to get to know the other side of Jason, if that is possible."

Jason, "That is very possible!"

The twins have gathered around the swing with Tyson, who is the bravest of the two, says, "Katie, let's go. What do I do?"

Katie, "First, Hang on to the rope, take a running start and swing out over the water and just drop off. This will get you used to the how and when to do the flip.

Tyson grabs the swing and pushes off the cliff. With a loud yell he swings out across the water. At the point that he needs to let go, Katie yells, "Tyson, drop, Now! Tyson drops into the water and immediately pops up. "That was awesome! TJ you do this!"

TJ goes down to the water and pulls up the rope. Taking a running start like Katie, he swings out over the water and releases from the rope, but tries to do a backflip and lands on his stomach. TJ pops up out of the water, "How did you like that Katie? I almost got it."

Katie, that was great TJ. You guys keep trying. You will get it." So the twins take turns swinging out into the water and doing a backflip at the end.

Katie turns her attention to Jason. "So, now that I know who you are. What is your story?"

Jason, "Well, I work with my father and brothers at the vineyard. I go to university in Paris and I am studying the science of agribusiness. I am on break until the spring and will be going back to school."

Katie, "Wow, I am impressed! A brainy boy! Who would have thought!"

Jason, "What did you think my story was? Some low life French boy who can't control his temper!"

Katie, with a big smile says, "Well, to tell you the truth, yes! But now I am impressed. Not only are you a pretty boy, you're smart too!"

Jason, splashing water at Katie, "Pretty boy! You just called me a pretty boy. No one has ever done that!"

Katie, splashing back, "Well you aren't so bad on the eyes! And now I know you are smart, too! I am a bit impressed."

Jason is really attracted to Katie's wit. "You aren't so unattractive yourself! Is it true you are competing in the Olympics this year in Paris? You know, I am volunteering to assist at some of the venues. Maybe I should ask to help in the equestrian games? Or, would I detract you from your competition if I were there with my prettiness!"

Katie, now laughing, "Jason, I can assure you that you being there will not help, nor hinder my ability to win the gold medal, so if you would like to see me win, I would say sign up!"

Jason, "I have to say, I have never met a girl as bold and confident as you. And probably not even as beautiful!"

Katie, smiling, "So you think I am beautiful, bold, and confident, Hum! Then, If you would like to see me again, I would suggest you sign up for the equestrian games. We are leaving back to Canada tomorrow and I won't be back until a few weeks before the games."

Jason, "Would you mind if we swap numbers. I really would like to see you again when you get back!"

Katie, "I think that is doable. Lyndi, can you get me my phone from the saddle bag, and add Jason's number to my contacts."

Lyndi goes to her horse and gets her phone out. "Ok, what is the number?"

Jason yells out his number and email address and Lyndi keys them into the phone. Katie, "You got that. Read it back to make sure it is correct." Lyndi reads back the number and all is good.

Jason, "So, can I make sure that she did not make a mistake, a sign that you want to stay in touch?"

Katie, smiling "You can assume that to be correct!"

Jason, "Well, guys, it has been a pleasure. John, we need to get back to the villa. So, Katie, Lyndi, Tyson and TJ, until we meet again!" They jump on their 4 wheelers and head back to their villa.

Lyndi, "Katie, are you sure that it was ok to give out your number to him!"

Katie, "He seems to be ok!"

Lyndi, "You just need to be careful. He has a mean streak in him. That is for sure. You remember your old boyfriend, right?"

Katie, "I know what I am doing. Don't you worry about anything!"

Katie summons the boys out of the water and they all head back to the Villa. As they are coming to the barn, they see Ty and Amy pull up from their trip. Lyndi and the boys jump from their horses and run up to them in full embrace. Ty, "Guys, you are all wet. Where have you been?"

TJ, "We found this cool place where we can swim in the lake and it has a swing that you can swing out into the water. Katie taught us how to do a backflip into the water!"

Ty, looking over to Katie, "Oh, really!"

Tyson, "Yeah, and Katie has a new boyfriend, too!"

Amy, smiling, "A new boyfriend!"

Lyndi, "No, not a boyfriend. Just a boy from the Villa next door. They were swimming the other day when we took a trail ride down to the lake and Katie made friends with him before she knew who he was."

Ty, concerned, "So who was he?"

Katie, coming over to meet up with them, "It was Jason. The guy that fought with Georgie the other night."

Ty, "So, do Georgie and Quinn know about this, what about Jack?"

Katie, "We told them about it and they said that he came over and apologized, but they weren't real happy that we ran into them. Then, today, we went for a swim and he was there with a friend and we talked. He is really sorry about what he did, and he is not that bad of a guy. He is going to university in Paris and is home on break."

Amy, "Katie, you are old enough to make your own decisions, but you need to be very careful. He displayed a side to his character that is abusive. And, he doesn't care if it is a woman!"

Katie, "I know. But he really seemed to be genuinely sorry for what he had done!"

Ty, "Well, it sounds like you guys had a lot of fun while we were gone."

Lyndi, still hugging Amy, "So, how was your trip. Did you get to retrace your honeymoon motorcycle adventure?"

Amy, "We will tell you all about it at supper. Your Dad and I are road-weary and need to clean up."

Lyndi, "I can't wait to hear about your trip!"

Ty, "Why don't you guys finish putting up your horses and saying your goodbyes. Remember, we hope to leave early tomorrow!"

Katie and the kids take their horses back to the barn and put them up while Ty and Amy head into the house. They are met on the porch by Georgie, Jack, and Quinn. "Well look who made it back. I sure hope you two had a great trip!"

Amy, "Grandpa, it was so awesome. And we have some news that I think everyone is going to be excited to hear."

Georgie, "You are not pregnant, are you! Because that would be awesome if we had kids the same age!"

Amy, "No it is not that, although we did talk about that. But no, I am not pregnant. We will tell you tonight at dinner! But for now, Ty and I need to get cleaned up. We hit some weather on the way home and I need to get a warm shower and some dry clothes!"

Jack, "Well, we will see you guys when you get settled"

Ty, "By the way, what is all this about our neighbor, Jason. Seems Katie and the kids have run into him down at the lake several times?"

Quinn, "Yeah, I know! Not really sure how I feel about that, but he did come and apologize and seem to be sincere about it. Did they see him again today?"

Ty, "Seems so. You need to get the story from her. They are finishing up with stabling the horses and saying their goodbyes."

Amy and Ty leave the porch and head off to get cleaned up and some dry clothes.

Georgie, Jack and Quinn are discussing the issue with Jason when Katie and the kids come up to the porch. The kids head into the house but Jack says, "Katie, can you stay back for a minute?"

Katie, "Sure, GG. What's up?"

Jack, "Well, we understand that you have had another encounter with our neighbor's son Jason today. We are not so sure that he is a trustworthy person."

Quinn, "If you would have seen his temper the night he struck Georgie, he did not care that she was a woman."

Georgie, "I know that he apologized and everything, but still. You need to put your guard up around him."

Katie, "Guys, I got this. You don't have to worry. I am fully aware of what he has done, and you can be sure that I don't take that lightly. Besides, he just happened to be at the lake, now twice, when we were down there. That is all!"

Jack, "Well, if you say so. It is just, well, we know how you are with guys and we don't want you to put yourself in a situation that would get you hurt."

Katie, looking stunned, "What do you mean, how I am with guys. How am I with guys?"

Georgie, laughing, "You are fearless around boys. You are gorgeous and spunky and boys flock toward your personality because you are so confident in yourself! You are just like our mother!"

Quinn, laughing, "You are just like your sister!"

Katie smiled, "Well, we are Fleming-Morris's! And don't forget, Heartland women!"

Jack, "You just be careful, young lady. We don't want another episode like we had last week!"

Katie, "I understand. And trust me. I got this!"

The family gathers for their last supper at the Villa and everyone is buzzing about the news from Ty and Amy. As the family sits down, Jack holds up a glass, and says, "Well, tonight is the last night we have here in France and I want to make a toast to a wonderful, eventful vacation that we have had. We solved our issue with the neighbors, Ty and Amy restated their vows, we got to swim, fish and ride horses, we went to Paris. I must say, this vacation tops most that I have had in my lifetime, so cheers to a great two weeks!" The family clinks glasses. Quinn, stands up and says, "I want to add to that toast, Jack, since you left out the most important event for Georgie and I, is the new addition to our family!"

Jack, laughing, "You are so right, and I am so sorry!"

Amy stands up and says, "Ty and I have a toast of our own. Ty has been named Canadian Veterinarian of the Year for his dedicated work in his field and will be awarded the honor at this year's convention in Toronto."

Lyndi, "Dad, we are so proud of you! When did you find out!"

Ty, "Well, you mother, in her own cute way, asked the committee not to say anything until we get back from our trip because she wanted to surprise me with it. I must say she did and I was completely floored by how she did it!" Looking down at Amy, "She even gave me this great Trophy!"

Amy, "Ty, enough!"

Jack, "Well, son, you deserve it. You have dedicated yourself to your profession and a lot of good has come from that! Congratulations, boy!"

Georgie got up and gave Ty a big hug, along with the boys and Quinn shook his hand.

"Congratulations Ty!"

Jack, "Well, Fernando has prepared us this fantastic meal, so let's dig in, shall we!"

As the family was eating Quinn took a call from the pilot. He returned to the table and said, "Well, everything is good to go for tomorrow morning at 8:00. The pilot said we are going to

have a bit of weather going in, so the flight will be a bit longer with the head winds. So He wanted to push back earlier to see if we can get ahead of it."

Jack, "Should we wait another day?"

Quinn, "No, he feels confident that we can get through it if we leave earlier."

Jack, "Well, everyone we need to get everything together so we can pack up early and head to the airport. I will get with Fernando and see if he can have breakfast ready for us before we go."

The family finishes the meal and retreats to the veranda outside. Ty and Jack are standing, looking out over the vineyard, "Ty, "Heartland has surely become quite an enterprise.

Jack, "With Lisa's assets, and the acquisition of Ahmed's property, it has really become something, hasn't it?"

Ty, "We are so blessed to have this here. Little did she know, but Lisa's love for France and this place had been passed down to all of us. I think this vacation has proven that our family loves France as much as she did."

Jack, "You are so right! And Ty, what about this man of the year thing! That is awesome, son!"

Ty, "Jack, when Amy surprised me with it, I just didn't know what to think. You know, she is as deserving of that award as me. And when I have a chance to give my speech at the award ceremony, I am going to make sure that everyone knows what a special person she has been to my career, and me, over these years.

Jack, "Well son, I know that you and Amy have a very special practice that covers the whole horse and I believe those who have worked with you guys over the years will acknowledge that. But we are so proud of you and what you have become! Enjoy this achievement. You earned it!"

Ty, "Thanks Jack."

Amy meets up with Ty and they go and sit by Georgie and Quinn.

Amy, "Guys, I am so excited for you. Having your 1st baby, starting your family. I know that you are excited!"

Quinn, "You know I have been speaking with Ty about raising a family and such now for over a year. I wanted to finish the Olympics then start trying to have a baby after the event. However, that was not God's plan and Georgie and I have been talking, and feel that the time is right. We have been so blessed with everything, it is time for Katie to step up and represent the family. She is ready and speaking for herself, with both of us in her corner, she has a great chance at winning the gold."

Georgie, "I agree. I haven't really had one sad moment about not being able to compete. I guess that is God's way of telling me that having this baby is what I need to focus on now! And listen, we want you guys to participate in our little nuggets birth, so we would like you to be his or her godparents. I know it is a bit early, but we really look up to you as mentors for Quinn and I, and we would love to honor you in that way!"

Amy, giving Georgie a big hug, "Ty and I would be honored to be nuggets godparents!"

Ty, shaking Quinn's hand, "I agree. That is a great honor for Amy and I!"

Quinn, "Then, that is settled. Amy and Ty Borden, you will be the Godparents of our first born child."

The kids have all retired to their rooms except for Katie who is texting Jason from her phone.

TXT Katie: "Really enjoyed seeing you today at the lake. I enjoyed our conversation."

TXT Jason: "Have you told your family about our meeting at the lake? What did they say?"

TXT Katie: "They had their comments, but I told them, I was old enough to make my own decisions about who I hang out with."

TXT Jason: "So you think we can hang out when you get back to Paris"

TXT Katie: "I think that we might make a go of it."

TXT Jason: "I really think you are one of the most beautiful girls I have ever met, and your confidence and personality are just awesome. I definitely want to get to know you better."

TXT Katie: "I think the same about you. Let's stay in touch as we go, and the closer we get to the games, we can make plans to meet up."

TXT Jason: "That sounds like a plan. Be in touch later! Bye for now!"

TXT Katie: "Bye."

The rest of the family decide to turn in and get ready for the flight home. "Good night, Good night everyone. See you in the morning!" They all say to one another. The next morning, Fernando has breakfast ready and everyone is up, getting breakfast and bringing down their luggage. The staff loads everything in the car and they head to the airport. Amy looks back at the villa as they are leaving, hold Ty's hand, "This place has some very special memories for us. We need to make this an annual trip. What do you think?"

Ty, smiling, "We will have to remember to always bring the trophy, hey!" Amy slaps Ty on the leg

The family boards the plane and they head back to Canada and home!