

Chapter 1: The Wedding Planning and TJ

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It has been 9 months since Lisa's funeral and Jack has settled back into his room at Heartland. Amy and Ty wanted to make him feel at home, so they added another master bedroom suite and two bathrooms to the ranch house and gave their room, which was Jack's old bedroom, back to him. Jack has wrapped himself into spending time with his grand and great grandchildren to help ease the pain from mourning Lisa's passing. Lyndi and the twins continue to include GG in their daily events, so much so, that Amy and Ty have had to monitor and limit the request made by the kids. Jack still goes with Shane and Tim on cattle rides, but his arthritis limits his riding time. He is on the board of the Heartland-Fairfield family business and spends some time tending to that business. Jack and Ty have become very close and spend a lot of time just hanging out at Heartland, fishing at the camp, and riding horses and motorcycles. They both purchased Honda Road Master Touring Bikes and take overnight excursions to places around Alberta.



Since Georgie won the Olympics, she and Quinn have been quite busy managing her appearances and sponsorships. She has signed deals with several of the largest equestrian vendors like Wrangler Jeans and Brighton Belts, as well as several large corporations like IBM, Under Armor, and Family Foods. All total her sponsorships have provided her and Quinn with a fairly substantial income along with the fame that has followed her from the Olympics. She has setup a foundation to support at-risk orphan children in Canada and spends a lot of her personal time growing that project. They have put off working with Ty and Amy on growing their business in Florida. Since they are traveling so much, they spend little time there. Actually, most of their down time is spent in Hudson with the family. They are currently busy planning their wedding which will be held in Hudson, at Heartland in the summer.

The twins are starting school and Lyndi has become quite the "horse whisperer", working alongside Ty and Amy in their business. Lyndi has picked up her mother's singing talent and sings in a band at church. Amy spends much of her time being a mother, while Ty is busy with the veterinarian practice. As a family, they spend weekends with trail rides, camp outs, kids events, and hanging around Heartland. TJ has really become a hand full to manage with his bad temper and lack of focus on anything, while Tyson is a model child. Ty and Amy are at odds with how to handle TJ. Amy feels that providing him outlets to expend his energy around Heartland and sports will get him on track and Ty thinks they need to get him on an ADHD drug to get him focused.

Tim, along with Shane and Caleb, are busy managing the cattle business. It has become quite an impressive operation with over 1000 head of cattle and a new processing plant built on-site. Shane still handles the dude ranch and is getting help from his girlfriend, Lainy, who is quite the horse woman, herself. Caleb and Kas have 3 children, at various ages around Ty and Amy's kids. The kids frequently spend time together at Heartland or Kaleb's ranch which borders Tim's Big Sky Ranch to the east. Between all three properties the family/friends spread including Kaleb's ranch is over 1800 acres of some of the most beautiful property in all Alberta.

Peter and Lou are busy bringing the two family businesses together and setting up management to run the various operations which includes the Villa in France. Katy is following in Georgie's footsteps and winning or placing in most of the equestrian events she enters. With high school graduation approaching, Katie and Peter have been going on school trips to scope out the various colleges that want to give her scholarships to enroll. Lou is meticulously planning, with Georgie, her wedding. Since the wedding is going to be held in the summer, their plans are to turn Heartland into a wedding destination like it has never been before. Because of Georgie's celebrity and Quinn's large extended family, the guest list has reach almost 500 people.

Today, Lou, Amy, and Georgie are eating lunch at Maggie's discussing the wedding venue and events leading up to the day. Georgie, "Guys, this wedding is getting way out of control. Quinn and I talk all the time that we should just elope."

Lou, "Don't you dare say that word! I thought Amy and Ty eloped and I went out of my mind! Don't you even say it!"

Amy, "Lou, you get so wrapped up in these events. You need to chill out a bit. Here, let me tea touch your forehead!"

Lou, "Get your hand away from there, unless you want some broken fingers! This is going to be the wedding that I wanted for both of us! Tents, food, a band, dancing...did I say tents! I am trying to wrangle a circus tent from a friend in Calgary, that will handle everyone under one tent! If not, we are going to need several to fit all the folks in if it rains."

Amy, "I think it would be smart to have multiple tents. You can divide the venue up with stations for food, drinks, dancing and people can migrate to the areas they please, as opposed to, having everything in one tent!"

Georgie, "I agree. Since we are going to have such a diversity of folks, I think that would be the best way to handle all of them."

Lou, "Then it is settled. We will have multiple events! So now let's talk entertainment. We need to start looking for a band to play at the reception."

Georgie, "I have that covered. Quinn and I have become great friends with John Rich from our joint appearances on the Fox channel and helping him with an equestrian event he sponsored to raise money for at-risk kids. He knew we were getting married, and he offered to play at the reception with his band."

Amy, "John Rich! He is one of my favorite country artists!"

Lou, "That is awesome, but I think we need another band to fill in during the breaks. Remember, this reception could last over five hours after the wedding."

Georgie, "You are right! Do you have any lined up to go see?"

Lou, "As a matter of fact I do, and the first one is performing in Calgary this weekend so we can go and watch them perform."

Georgie, "Then that is a date. Amy can you come?"

Amy, "I think so. Let me see what Ty has for the weekend and see if he and grandpa can handle the kids. Hey Georgie, I have an Idea. When Ty and I were engaged and were going to Montana to put on a clinic, we had an encounter with a young hitchhiker, Brooke Oliver, that was just getting started in the business. We hit it off well and I think I saw that she has published her first album. Maybe I will call her and see if she would like to play at your wedding. Her music is more acoustical, but her voice was awesome. How about I give her a call and see if she will come!"

Georgie, "That sounds awesome, too!"

The girls began to eat their dinner when George asks, "What about the food?"

Lou, "Well, I have Marnie setup to cater most of the food for the event, however, I thought since we are in the meat business, we should have steaks and hamburgers for the guests to eat."

Amy, "I think we should have a big BBQ!"

Georgie, "That sound fantastic. Lou, can we pull that off. Everyone gets to eat Heartland Beef!"

Lou, "Let me get with Marnie and see!"

Amy, "Georgie, does Quinn have any special requests?"

Georgie, "I am not sure he is up for all the fanfare, but he is letting me have full control over the decisions of the wedding. Lou, he does want a chocolate cake, though!"

Lou, "Chocolate cake it is! OK, so we have the band, venue design, food, Amy you will check on the singer! So the last thing is the flowers and colors. What do you think Georgie? What color do you want your wedding colors to be?"

Georgie, "Lou, you are so much better at that than me so whatever you pick will be fine with me."

Amy, "You know guys, this takes me back to my wedding when you and Lisa argued over the colors for my wedding. Amy begins to tear up, "I really miss Lisa. I know grandpa does, too! She was always there for us. I really, really miss her!"

Lou, "You are so right! I remember at my wedding when everything possible that could go wrong did, she was able to use her connections and get us the dresses from that bridal shop in New York. She changed that day from one of the worst, to the very best. I miss her too!"

Georgie, "She was the main reason Quinn and I are getting married! If she wouldn't have had the horse for sale, and given Quinn a job, we probably would not be together today!"

Amy, "We need to do something to honor her at your wedding, don't you guys think so?"

George and Lou together, "Yes!"

Amy, "Let's put some ideas together over the next few days and see what we can come up with!"

The girls finished their meals and headed back home. Georgie and Amy to Heartland and Lou to Fairfield.

Jack meets the girls on the porch as they arrive from Maggie's. "What are you two gals up to?"

Georgie, "Jack, we were meeting and eating at Maggie's going over my wedding and reception plans. This is going to be a wonderful day for Quinn and I."

Jack, "I am sure it is. Especially if Lou is involved in it!"

Amy, "Grandpa, we were all discussing how much we miss Lisa and how she would have loved to be here to help us plan this. She has meant so much to each of us that we wanted to do something special to honor her at the reception. Can you think of anything that we can do?"

Jack, "Well now that you mentioned it. I have been working on a song that recaps how much Lisa meant to me. Maybe, with your help, we can finish the song and sing it at the reception!"

Amy, "Grandpa, that sounds like a great idea. I will put down some thoughts and Georgie, you need to as well and give them to Grandpa to add to his lyrics! That would be awesome! By the way John Rich is going to play at the wedding! What do you think about that?"

Jack, "Who is John Rich?"

Georgie, "Jack!"

Jack, "I know who he is. That is awesome. How did this come about?"

Georgie, "Quinn and I are good friends with him, and we helped him with an equestrian fund raiser in Nashville, so we asked, and he said yes!"

Jack, "This is going to be a pretty spectacular event! Are you sure this is what you want?"

Georgie, "Well, if it were up to me...."

Amy, "Remember what Lou said!"

Georgie, "Right."

The girls head into the house where all the kids are sitting at the table doing their schoolwork. TJ is pushing on Tyson wanting him to go out to play while Tyson is painting a picture. Lyndi is working on a project for school. "TJ, Tyson, hurry up, let's go outside. Come on Tyson, hurry up!"

Tyson, "Leave me along TJ, I am painting a picture."

TJ, obviously getting upset, "Tyson, let's go!"

Lyndi, "TJ! Leave Tyson along. Go outside and ride your horse or something!"

TJ, "I want Tyson to come with me. Mom said I can't ride by myself!"

Lyndi, "No, what Mom said was you have to stay within eyeshot of the ranch house by yourself! So go ride your horse and leave Tyson alone!"

TJ, punching Tyson, "Tyson, you are a sissy!"

Amy comes into the room and in a tough voice, "TJ, you know what I said about calling your brother names. Now, go to your room until you can come in here and apologize!"

TJ, "Mom, you're mean! I am not going to my room! I am going to ride Ranger!"

Amy, "I don't think so, sonny. You now must go to your room and do not come out here until you can apologize to your brother and me! And I want you to apologize to Georgie for the way you are acting!"

TJ, "I will not! I am going out to ride Ranger!"

About that time Jack, who has been listening to the conversation comes in and grabs TJ by the arm.

"Amy, let me take care of this! Let's go boy. I think we need to get you an attitude adjustment!" Jack now has control of TJ who is trying to pull away and pulls him out to the barn. He takes TJ and puts him into a stall and gives him a rake. "I want this stall cleaned. Every inch! Once you are finished, we will see if you are ready to go back inside and apologize. If not, we will go to the next stall. You will clean stalls until you are ready to apologize! Do you understand me?"

TJ turns his back to Jack in silence.

Jack, "TJ, you will do this, or you will be sleeping out here tonight." Jack puts the rake in the stall and takes a seat by the door. TJ, still facing the wall, turns and begins to pick up the manure. After he picks it all up, Jack throws a bail of stall chips in the stall. "Now, spread those around and make it nice for the horse."

After TJ finishes the stall, Jack looks at him and says, "Are you ready to go inside and apologize?"

TJ still upset, puts down his head "Yes, GG, I am."

They go back into the house where the family is sitting in the living room and around the table and Jack says, "Guys, TJ has something to say to you."

TJ, with his head down, "I am sorry for the way I acted."

Amy moves toward TJ and gives him a big hug. "Now, was that so bad?"

TJ, still with his head down, says, "Can I go to my room now?"

Amy, "Yes, you can!"

Amy looks at Jack and smiles. "What happened out there?"

Jack, "When I was a boy and my father was upset with me, they would make me work out my frustrations. Thought that would be applicable for this situation."

Amy, "I won't question experience! Ty and I have really been concerned with TJ's attitude lately. Ty thinks we need to bring him to the doctor to see if there is anything going on with him. I think it's just part of growing up. What do you think?"

Jack, "Well, I am surely not someone who would want to stop you guys from getting a doctors opinion, but I know from experience that certain kids have more energy than others. TJ just needs an outlet for that energy and what better way than to make him work his tail off."

Amy, "Well, he also is falling behind in school and his teacher says that he doesn't pay attention and his mind wanders all during the day. She recommends that we take him to a specialist for ADHD and get him tested."

Jack, "Well, I don't know about any ADHD, or whatever, but I do know that some kids get bored and need to be challenged."

Amy, "Well, we need to do something to get him on track!"

That evening Ty was late getting home and missed supper. When he got home, Amy was already in bed so Ty got ready and crawled in beside her. Reaching around her, he pulls her close and begins to kiss her on the back of the neck. "How was your day?" As he kisses her, Amy turns over and kisses him on the mouth and says, "I love you Ty Borden. How was your day?"

Ty, kissing her back, "Really great. How about yours?"

Amy, holding Ty close, "Well, TJ had another day today! We really need to figure out what to do with him!"

Amy begins to tell Ty the events of the day and how Jack intervened and got him settled down. "Ty, I am at wits end with TJ. It hurts me to see him struggle like he does!"

Ty, "Let's make an appointment with the doctor and go from there. Also, I think we need to incorporate some of Jack's therapy to manage his behavior, too."

Amy, "I agree! But the rest of my day was awesome! Lou, Georgie and I met went to Maggie's to discuss and plan Georgie's wedding and reception. Ty, this is going to be an awesome wedding. We are going to have tents, great food, dancing, music. Oh Ty, Ty guess who is going to perform at the wedding?"

Ty, "Who?"

Amy, "No, guess. Ok, John Rich!"

Ty, "John Rich, how did you pull that off?"

Amy, "It seems our famous niece has connections! Can you believe it! Also, remember that girl that stole our truck when we were going to that clinic in Montana? Well, I saw the other day that she recorded an album, so we are going to call her and see if she would fill in between sets with John Rich! Remember how good she was?"

Ty, "I remember how good you were!"

Amy, "And Ty, we all started talking about how Lisa was so much a part of our lives and decided to honor her at the wedding. When Georgie and I got back to Heartland and told Grandpa, he said he was trying to write a song for her. So we are going to help him finish the song and perform it at the wedding reception. What do you think about that?"

Ty, now kissing Amy's neck, "Let me show you how I feel about that!"

Amy, "Ty, what are you doing? Ty, not now!"

Ty, "But Amy, such great news should be celebrated!"

Amy, "Then go get a beer because this isn't happening tonight!"

Ty grabs hold of Amy and softly kisses her forehead as they both begin to doze off to sleep. Amy, "Ty, I think I am going to bring the kids to Marion's Lookout tomorrow. They have never been there, so I think giving them an opportunity to see what we all talk about will help them understand a bit more history of our family. Do you think you can come? "

Ty, "Not sure. I was going to help Kas with a surgery tomorrow since Scott is out of town. I will let you know."

Chapter 2: The Trail Ride

Friday, November 19, 2021

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The next morning Amy gets up early to start the day. Lyndi has already been out in the barn doing her chores and the twins were still in bed. Amy goes up to their room and nudges TJ. "TJ, want to go for a ride?"

TJ, slowly opening his eyes, looks up, "Sure, where do you want to go?"

Amy, "There is a special place that I want to show you guys. A place that means a lot to me. Tyson, are you up? Let's get ready I want to go for a special ride."

Tyson, "Really, Mom. It's early!"

Amy, "Meet you guys in the barn in 20 minutes. Breakfast is on the table."



As Amy is going out to the barn to ask Lyndi to come, she passes Jack reading in his chair. Jack, "So what is all the hustle about?"

Amy, "Grandpa, I am going to bring the kids up to Marion's Lookout!"

Jack, "That will be nice. Would you like some company? I have nothing better to do."

Amy, "That would be great. We want to leave in 20 minutes. I am going to see if Lyndi wants to come."

Amy continues to the barn where Lyndi is wrapping up a few chores. "Lyndi, would you like to ride with us to Marion's Lookout this morning?"

Lyndi, "That would be awesome. You know I have never been up there!"

Amy, "I know, that is why I wanted to bring you guys up there. Can you tack up Zues for me while I get the boys going?"

Lyndi, "Sure mom."

Amy goes back into the house where the twins are sitting down with breakfast. "Guys, finish up your meal and get your horses ready. Gigi is going with us as well."

TJ, "Is dad going?"

Ty, walking into the room, "Yes, I wouldn't miss this opportunity to be with my guys. Especially, when it comes to this special place."

Amy grabs onto Ty and pulls him close with a big hug. "Thank you, for arranging your schedule. I know you are busy, but I am hoping this might help TJ with his attitude."

After tacking the horses and preparing for an all-day ride, the Borden family, along with Jack, head out to Marion's Lookout. Jack, "This is sure going to be a great day. You guys are in for a real treat. This is some of the best views we have on our property. Matter of fact, probably some of the best views in all of Canada!"

As the family is making their way up to Marion's Lookout, Ty rides up to TJ and starts to ask him about yesterday's outburst. "TJ, I heard that GG had to take you to the barn for some attitude adjustment.

TJ, "Yes Dad. He did."

Ty, " You need to get control of your temper and quit talking back to your mother and sister. GG has offered to lend us a hand when your temper gets out of control, and I think the experience you had in the barn will just get tougher the longer your attitude remains unchanged. We understand that your aggressiveness is part of who you are, but you can't be a bully to your brother, and a smart mouth to your sister and mom. Heartland is our home and we want to keep as much harmony as we can between the family. Do you understand what I am telling you?"

TJ, "Sure dad, I understand, but sometimes I just get so mad."

Ty, "When I was a little guy like you, I had the same aggression. When I would get mad, I would think about something funny and take 10 deep breaths. Next time that you start feeling upset, try that!"

TJ, "OK, I will."

TJ pulls ahead and brings his horse alongside Tyson. Ty pulls up to Lyndi and says, "How is my little girl doing today?"

Lyndi, "Dad, I am so excited to finally get to Marion's Lookout. I have heard so much about this place and a lot of mom's spiritual roots were found here. I can't wait."

Ty, "Well, it shouldn't be but a few more hills and we will be there."

Ty brings his horse next to Amy and grabs her hand.. "what's on the agenda once we get there??"

Amy, "Well. I thought I would tell them about their grandmother. Lyndi probably knows a little bit about her, but the boys have no idea what kind of lady their grandmother was.

Ty, "Amy, that is so awesome. I am glad I came."

As they made their way up to Marion's Lookout, each lined their horses looking toward the mountains. "So kids, this is Marion's, your grandmother's, Lookout. To her this was the most beautiful place on earth and she came here to take a step back and take in the wonderful place we live.

After several minutes taking in the view, Amy said "Let's untack the horses and unpack the lunch. We can do that over by those two trees laying on the ground. Ty, "Tj, Tyson, you guys get the horses and Lyndi and I will get the lunch ready.

While the guys were preparing everything, Amy was still looking out over the view when she became overwhelmed with a presence of Marion. She felt the peace that came over her the last time she was there. She bowed her head and began to pray. Her prayer turned into a conversation with her mom about how her life was so influenced by her and that she wished she could be there with her grandchildren.

As she continued to pray, it became clear that even though her physical presence was gone, her spiritual presence was there watching her daughter grow into a beautiful wife and mother. Amy concluded by saying that today she wanted her kids to know more about their grandmother.

Ty, "Are you guys hungry? Let's eat!"

Everyone sat around the tree stumps and began to eat.

About midway through, Amy said, "Guys I wanted to bring you up here today to tell you about your Grandmother Marion. She left us following a tragic accident when I was 15 years old. She was rescuing a horse, Spartan, when we ran off the road and hit a tree. This place was her most favorite spot and she would spend hours up here meditating and contemplating her life." Amy, now trying to collect her thoughts, says, "Your grandmother was a very special woman. People from all over would bring their

troubled horses to her to fix their problems. Grandma Marion taught me all that I know about her craft and along with all those journals you see me read in the office, I have taken up her effort and provide the same services that she did. Your dad and I have combined his veterinarian medical services with her behavior methods, and we provide these services to your Aunti Lou's at Fairfield and Mr. Amed at Hillhearst.

After a brief pause Amy said, "Grandpa, tell them how you and grandma would find her here."

Jack, "You're right Amy, when she would be gone too long on a trail ride, Lyndi, your grandmother and I would come up here and find her hanging out with her horse. She would say that this place was closer to Heaven than any other place on earth."

Lyndi, "GG did grandmother know about God?"

Jack, "Lyndi, your grandmother had a very close connection to the spiritual side of things, she thought her special relationship with horses was a gift from God."

Amy, "Grandpa, you never told me that about Mom."

Jack, "Yes she did. She would say that God blessed both of you with the gift so you could care for the troubled horses. That is why, like her, you can listen and understand their issues. And you know, I think you, Lyndi, have also been blessed with that same gift!"

Lyndi, was taking all this in. Ty could tell that this new revelation about her knowledge of horses took on a whole new meaning. He said, "Lyndi, what are you thinking about?"

Lyndi, "I never considered that God gave me this gift as a calling.. I just thought I learned it from mom, and it was more practical. How awesome is it that God selected me and gave me this special gift? How awesome. What a blessing!"

Amy, "Lyndi, Grandma and I worked with a man named Victor, that introduced us to the spiritual side of our gifts, and how we could get in touch and apply those gifts. He made us aware of the blessings and calling that came with the gift. You, Lyndi, with your faith, have taught your father and I, and for that matter, others in our family, how each one of us has special gifts and talents given to us by God and how to apply those gifts."

Ty, "That's right honey, just like how Georgie first applied her faith during her Olympic events, and she felt him take over Phoenix and bring her the gold."

Jack, "Even Lisa in her final days felt the presence of God giving her a peace about dying and what her eternal future looked like."

Ty, "And Lyndi when these guys wanted to come home earlier than expected, your faith inspired me to pray and ask God to give me your faith, and he did, along with the peace and joy that comes with it."

Jack, "Lyndi, all my life I have known about God from my mother. We never really went to church much but when we were around TJ and Tyson's age, she would tell us stories about how God would always provide for our family, and that no matter how hard things would get, we could count on His faith. Unfortunately, my father didn't think too much of that so when she died, he never really spoke of it again. Matter of fact, he thought it was hogwash. When I saw how diligently you prayed for your father to come back to us, I was so inspired that I too, started praying again and getting more personal with God."

Tyson, "What do you mean for dad to come back, where did he go?"

Amy, looking at TJ and Ty nodding. "You see boys, your father and I were shot by a hunter as your dad was trying to save me from a wolf at the property where our wildies run. We both initially survived the wounds, but your dad had complications and went into a deep sleep for over 5 years. They call that a

coma. Then, and I know it was from your sister's persistent prayers," looking at Lyndi and grabbing hold of her hand, "Your daddy woke up and we were back as a family again!"

TJ, "Dad, you saved mom from a wolf? You are a superhero!"

Ty, in a full out laugh, "Yes I am!"

Amy, grabbing Ty's hand now. "Yes, he is!" She reaches over and gives Ty a big hug and a kiss.

Tyson, "What do you mean about TJ and I coming early?"

Jack, "Tyson, do you remember when that momma horse gave birth to her fowl and we had to work with it until it was strong enough to stand on its own?"

Tyson, "I remember. And we had to feed it because it's mother wouldn't help her."

Jack, "That's correct, Well, you two guys were born early and we had to keep you in the hospital so the doctors and nurses could help your mother get you grown up enough to come home."

TJ, "Tyson, Dad is a doctor and mom is a nurse for horses."

Amy, "I guess you can look at it that way. However, I kind of think I am another doctor. Just a different kind!" Amy now laughing and looking at Ty shaking his head.

Ty, looking directly at TJ said, "You see son, if you remember when you get upset to take 10 deep breaths and then ask God to calm you down, you might find that you won't get yourself into so much trouble."

TJ, "OK, dad! I will give that a try."

Jack laughing, "And if that doesn't work, we can always go to the barn!"

TJ, "I think I will try dad's method!"

As they begin to wrap up the day, Amy walks up to the cliff and is staring out at the view. Ty walks up to her and puts his arm around her waist. "What a day! This was a great idea. I think the kids really got a lot out of this. They learned a lot and I think TJ has a plan to try and deal with his attitude. I do think we still need to address his attention span, but let's see how this works out."

Amy, "Ty, this place is so special to me. I feel Mom right now looking down on our family. I think she is pleased with what you and I have done so far."

Ty, "I would agree. Our family, Heartland, the business. We have been really blessed and I know she would be really proud, as I am, of the woman you have become!"

Amy, "Thank you Ty, have I told you how much I love you? I love you so much!"

Ty, turning Amy towards him kisses her and says, "I love you, too!"

Amy, "Let's commit to bringing the kids up here at least once a year. Maybe even a campout like we did with Lou and the girls."

Ty, "I agree. Let's pack up and head back to the ranch. Kids let's pack up this stuff and get back to Heartland. It is getting late, and we don't want to be riding at dark. Ok?"

Lyndi, "Ok, dad."

The family gets all the things packed up and heads back to Heartland.

Chapter 3: Old Memories

Monday, November 29, 2021

4:17 PM

It is two months before the wedding and Lou and Georgie are working hard on getting all the final arrangements made. Amy is busy with the kid's activities and has a stable full of horses that she and Lyndi are working with. Also, she and Ty are planning their first training seminar for vets who want to learn how to incorporate horse behavior techniques with veterinarian medicine. They decide to include Kas in the seminar because she has become quite proficient at animal acupuncture and by adding that to the seminar might attract more vets. TJ's attitude has really changed since the trip to Marion's Lookout, but his attention span is still very short and needs to be addressed.



Lou is grinding out the final arrangements of the wedding and Peter has taken over most of the management responsibilities of Fair Field while she is busy with Georgie. Katie is winning everything on the equestrian circuit and has decided to go to college in Calgary on a full scholarship. Georgie is getting her introduced to some of the Olympic team managers and laying the groundwork for a potential run at the Olympics. Georgie has put her riding on hold until after the wedding, but her sponsorship and endorsement obligations have taken a lot of her time away from helping Lou with the planning. Quinn hasn't been much help with the planning and has been away in Florida for about a month.

Quinn is working with a family friend getting her ready for a competition in his arena at their farm in Florida. This young lady has had a crush on Quinn for some time and makes playful conversation with him every time they meet. Today, her friends are with her at the arena watching her train and coaxing her to kiss him. Susie, "Missy you need to take your feelings to the next level and show him how you feel about him."

Missy, "But he about to marry that girl from Canada that won the Olympics, Georgie Fleming-Morris".

Susie, "If that is true, then why is he not with her?"

Missy, "That is strange. You know he never really talks about her either. Maybe I should try to kiss him and see how he reacts!"

Susie, "Go for it!"

Sally. Who has been quiet so far, "I dare you!"

Missy goes through the program and at the end, asks, "Quinn, I seemed to have twisted my ankle on that last jump. Could you help me off Canter?"

Quinn, completely oblivious to what is about to happen picks her off the horse and is holding her in his arms. Missy immediately wraps her arms around Quinn's neck and begins to kiss him. Quinn responds briefly to the kiss. Then puts her down. "Missy what was that? "

Missy, "Quinn, I have had feelings for you ever since we were kids and was hoping you felt the same toward me."

Quinn, "Missy I am flattered, and you are a very attractive young lady, but I am about to be married to a very special lady."

Unbeknownst to Quinn, Missy's friends recorded the event and immediately posted the dismount and kiss on Facebook.

Missy backs away from Quinn, "I am so sorry. I didn't know that you guys were so serious. I thought maybe you had broken it off since you have been down here for over a month."

Quinn, "Not at all! She is planning this huge wedding in her hometown ranch and I don't want to get caught up in all the chaos so I have been hanging out here."

Missy, "Again, please accept my apologies, but don't you think you should be helping her. I guess if my fiancé hid out while I did all the work, I would not be very happy!"

Quinn, "You know, you are probably right. I need to call her. See you tomorrow?"

Missy, "Really, you want to continue? I don't think I can do this. We need to call it quits. Sorry!"

Back at Heartland Katie was prowling the equestrian blogs on Facebook when she comes across the video of Quinn. Completely overwhelmed, she runs out to Amy, "Amy, oh my, I need to show you something and need you to tell me what to do!"

Amy, "What is it? You look like you saw a ghost!"

Katie flips her phone around and shows Amy the video. "What do I do?"

Amy, remembering the situation with Amed that nearly broke off her engagement to Ty, took a few seconds, "Katie, while that video really looks bad, we don't know the whole story. Ty and I had a similar situation with a video that was posted showing Amed leaning in to kiss me and it ended there. But the video didn't show my response to Amed and when Ty saw the video, he broke off our engagement. It took me a while to regain his trust, so we have to be very careful how we handle this. Let me call Quinn and let him respond to the video. Please don't show this to Georgie until I talk with him!"

Katie, "OK but she needs to know if Quinn is fooling around!"

Amy, "I agree."

Amy goes into the house where Ty is playing with the twins. "Ty, can you come see me for a minute. I need your advice."

Ty, "Sure, kids why don't you go play outside and let your mom and dad talk."

TJ, "Sure dad... when you are finished, come out and play with us."

Amy and Ty settle on the couch where Amy shows Ty the video. Ty, "Boy does that bring back some bad memories. What is he doing? Georgie is going to be devastated."

Amy, "I know! But if you remember the video with Amed did not show my response and look at what we went through from that bad information. What should we do? I have asked Katie not to go to Georgie until we have had a chance to get with Quinn."

Ty, "I agree. When I saw that video it really was a heart breaker. It capped off all those feelings I was having about how you had changed since you got back from Europe. It almost ended our relationship."

Amy, "I am so glad you came back to me. Look at what our love has built since then. I couldn't love you anymore."

Ty, "It was Pike River and your dad! I love you so much. So, I think I need to call Quinn and talk with him about this video."

Amy, "Why don't we FaceTime him now and see how he reacts when we tell him."

Ty, "Great let's do it!"

Ty and Amy make the call to Quinn who promptly answers the phone. "Hey guys I was just about to get the plane scheduled to bring me up to Heartland and pick up Georgie for a weekend in Vancouver. What is going on? How are the wedding plans going? I think it might be time for me to get involved."

Ty, "Quinn, look forward to seeing you. Let me get straight to the point. I need you to look up a Facebook account for Missy Sabo and watch the video she posted today. We will give you a minute."

Quinn goes offline and watches the video. As he switches back to Amy and Ty he is noticeably troubled. "I don't know what to say. Missy is a family friend who I have been training over the past few weeks. Today, she said that she had hurt her ankle on the last jump and needed help off her horse... When I pulled her down, well you saw what happened. What you did not see was I immediately put her down and told her that I was getting married. She then told me she has had a crush on me since she was a kid. Wow, I thought it was an innocent infatuation. Didn't see it was a setup."

Amy, "Quinn, Katie found the video on the equestrian sites too, so what should we tell Georgie. You know she will see this."

Quinn, "I think I will change my plans to get there tomorrow... I don't need Georgie to see this before I talk with her!"

Ty, "Then you had better get here really soon. It is hard to keep secrets here at Heartland. We will see you tomorrow but can't promise that Georgie won't find out sooner and see the video."

As Ty and Amy were hanging up Georgie burst into the house crying and very emotional. "Amy, I need to talk with you now! Quinn is cheating on me! There is a video of him kissing and holding this girl who he has been working with, that is supposedly a family friend! I am so mad. I can't believe he would do something like that. No wonder he has been distant these past few months."

Amy now trying to console Georgie says, "Georgie remember the Amed video. Well, we just got off the phone with Quinn and he explained everything to us, and I think you should wait until he gets here tomorrow and let him tell you what happened."

Georgie, "How did you know and why didn't you tell me?"

Amy, "Katie came to me when she saw the video..."

Georgie, "Katie knew!"

Ty, "Georgie, Katie saw the video and went to Amy to find out what to do. Then, Amy came to me to call Quinn. I think you need to let him tell you, but from Amy and I's perspective, it seems pretty innocent."

Georgie now completely confused responds, "Pretty innocent! There is nothing about that little tramp that is innocent. I have seen how she flirts and touches Quinn. No wonder they got together!"

Amy, "Georgie, you are over-reacting to this. You need to let Quinn explain tomorrow when he gets here. I think you will see it is very one-sided, like with Amed and me."

Ty, "Quinn was just as surprised when he saw the video. In fact, he was planning a weekend for you guys to catch up when we called him."

Georgie, "He was probably feeling guilty for cheating on me."

Amy, "Come on, Georgie. Give him a chance to explain."

Katie was coming into the house when Georgie looked at her and shouted, "How could you not tell me?" Georgie storms out of the house leaving the three behind.

Katie, "What was that about? I knew I should have told her."

Amy, "Katie, you did the right thing. Georgie found the post on her own and came in right after Ty and I got off the phone with Quinn. It was all that Missy girl, and it caught Quinn by surprise."

Ty, "He is flying here tomorrow to straighten things out, so we need to make sure Georgie doesn't do something stupid, like running off."

Amy, "Do you have time to stay with her until Quinn arrives?"

Katie, "I will try."

Katie immediately turns and heads out to the barn where Georgie is tacking up her horse. "Where are you off to, Georgie? Can I come with?"

Georgie, "I can't believe you didn't immediately get with me when you saw the video."

Katie, "Georgie, I probably should have, and I am sorry, but Amy was there and she wanted to get with Quinn. Something about a video that almost broke up her and Ty."

Georgie, "That was me who found that post. I'm just going for a ride to clear my head. You are welcome to come along."

Katie, "Cool, let me tack up Beaux. Again, I am so sorry."

As the girls get ready to go, Amy comes in and asks, "Where are you girls off to?"

Katie, "We are going for a ride... want to come?"

Amy, "I would love to, but I am waiting on a call from my friend who we want to sing in the wedding and Lou needs me to help her with the layout of the tents."

Georgie, "At this point there is not going to be a wedding!"

Amy, "Come on Georgie, you don't mean that! When Quinn gets here tomorrow, it will all be straightened out. I am sure of it."

Georgie, "So you say. Let's go Katie!" As the girls head off for the ride, Katie looks at Amy and shrugs her shoulders.

As Amy was walking back to the house, her phone rings. It was Brooke, "Hello, Amy this is Brooke Oliver, I saw you called me yesterday. It has been a long time. How are you doing?"

Amy, "I am fantastic. Ty and I are married and have 3 wonderful children. We live and run Heartland and Ty is a very successful vet. I see you fulfilled your dream."

Brooke, "I did! It has been a long road to get here. I am not married, but I do have a boyfriend. I want to thank you so much for getting me back in a relationship with my mom. We have gotten so close. However, this last year I have had to take off to care for her. She has cancer and probably will not survive it."

Amy, "I am so sorry to hear about your mom but am glad your relationship with her has afforded you the chance to spend these last days with her. You know we lost Lisa this last year to cancer and we really miss her. So, let me get to the point of why I called. My niece, Georgie, is getting married here at Heartland this summer and we would like you to come and sing with John Rich at the wedding. Do you think we can do this?"

Brooke, "John Rich, wow you have come a long way!"

Amy, "My niece has become a huge celebrity since she took the Olympic gold for jumping and befriended John Rich when she helped him put on an event for at-risk kids. Georgie was an orphan, and she has single-handedly setup a at-risk center in Calgary and supports it both with her time and money. He knew Georgie and Quinn were getting married, so he offered, and they accepted. So, we needed another entertainer and I saw where one of your albums just came out and I immediately thought about our conversation."

Brooke, "I would love to do that. Maybe you and I could sing a few songs. Maybe that song your grandma wrote that we sang together."

Amy, "That would be awesome. Why don't you send over the songs you want me to sing with you and I will learn them. Also, my daughter can sing well, so maybe we can make a trio. One more thing.

Remember I told you we lost our step grandma, Lisa? My Grandfather and I are writing a tribute song to her. Maybe we could add that to the list."

Brooke, "Sure that all sounds great. Can you send me the specifics and I will calendar it. It will be great to get back on stage."

Amy, "Thank you so much! I will send that out today."

Ty and Amy are getting ready for bed. The kids are down for the night and Ty grabs hold of Amy as she is getting into bed. Amy kisses Ty and says, "How close did we come to never getting here?"

Ty, "You know, looking back, we would have reconciled our issues. I have loved you from the moment I met you. That love is so real that we would have gotten back to here. And now I realize that God engineered our relationship and has continued to do so even now. I don't think I could love you anymore than I do."

Amy, "Have I told you how much I love you?" As she begins to kiss Ty, "I don't know what I would do without you." She continues to kiss Ty on the neck. "Would someone who doesn't love you be kissing you like this?" She kisses his lips, "How great is our life!"

Ty, "Doesn't get any better than this!" He grabs Amy and pulls her close.

Ty turns out the light as they settle in for the night.

Chapter 4: Day of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

7:35 PM

Quinn's jet is 15 minutes away from landing in Calgary and Quinn is getting anxious about having the conversation about the video with Georgie. He has never really prayed or asked God for help, but he knows that after Georgie experienced God's help during the Olympics she has become very in touch with her faith and relies heavily on Him to lead her through life. So, he begins to ask God to help him make Georgie understand that the event with Missy was a setup and he had nothing to do with it. He needed her to know that there has never been another woman and what Missy did was totally on her. Nothing Quinn did would have led her to believe that a relationship between them was a possibility.



The plane lands and pulls up to the FBO. As Quinn deplanes, he tells the pilot, "Jason, hang here for the day and let me see if we will be going to Vancouver. If I can't get Georgie to understand, we might be going home!"

Jason, "Boss, you and Georgie have a great relationship! I know you will work things out."

Quinn, "Thanks Jason. If I can get Georgie to Vancouver, how about fixing up the plane.... you know. Romantically!"

Jason, "I will handle everything. Good luck!"

On the ride to Heartland Quinn is getting more nervous as he approaches the gates. He is thinking, "What if I can't get Georgie to understand? What if she wants to cancel the wedding? What if I lose her? Then, a voice came into his thoughts, "Quinn, get a hold of yourself. You have turned this over to

God and the best will come of it!" He immediately had a peace about the situation as he pulled up to the house.

Out came Katie, Amy, and Ty. "Welcome back, Quinn. Hope you had a great flight."

Quinn, "Ty, thanks but to be quite frank I have been very anxious about coming up here since the video. I just can't understand why Missy would do something like that. She has messed everything up."

Amy, "Just be honest and upfront with Georgie and everything will work out. You know Ty and I had a very similar situation. The Internet can be so misleading and destructive."

Quinn, "So What happened with you guys?"

Amy, "Well, THAT is for another time! Let's just say we made it too here!" As she pulls Ty towards her and kisses him.

Quinn, "So where is my girl?"

Katie, "She is either up in the loft or in the barn."

Quinn, "Great, I will catch up to you guys later!"

Quinn heads toward the loft and as he steps into the barn, Georgie is brushing Phoenix in his stall. In a soft voice, Quinn says, "Hey, Georgie. I guess we need to talk about a few things."

Georgie, still brushing Phoenix stops and looks at Quinn with a stern look. Not saying a word, she continues brushing her horse.

Quinn, "Georgie, on the way here I prayed that God would help me to get you to understand that what you saw in the video was as surprising to me as it was for you. I never thought of Missy in that way, so when she faked her injury so that I would have to help her off the horse, I was stunned when she kissed me. Then she proceeded to tell me she has had a crush on me since we became friends as kids. I told her that I was flattered but my heart belonged to one person and we are about to be married. What I don't understand is why she had her friends videotape the event and post it."

Georgie still brushing Phoenix, looks Quinn straight in his eyes and after a few moments smiles and said, "You prayed about this?"

Quinn, "I did!! Georgie, I love you so much and the thought that I could lose you scared me to death. So, I prayed and I had this peace come over me and as I pulled into the ranch, a voice said that everything was going to be alright!"

Georgie, "So your heart belongs to one person, huh? And that person would be me?"

Quinn, "Yes, that would be you!"

Georgie, "When I saw that video, I got so mad at you! I couldn't get the thought of you cheating on me with that little girl, out of my mind. Then, as I prayed about it, God began to show me all the things we have shared together, and I realized you wouldn't have done such a thing. Especially NOW!"

Quinn, "So why the cold shoulder?"

Georgie walking towards Quinn embracing him, smiling, "I wanted to see you sweat!"

Quinn gives Georgie a long kiss with a tight embrace, "That was mean. But you are right. There is no one who makes me feel the way you do. I love you so much! I will say there was one thing positive that has come from this. "

Georgie, "There is?"

Quinn, "Yes! When I told her that I was getting married to my soul mate, she said if that is so, why are you not up there with her helping with the wedding plans. It was at that time I decided I needed to come up here."

Georgie, "Not so sure I appreciate the who, but I am glad that you came."

Quinn, "There is more! I have the jet waiting to take us to Vancouver for the weekend. I thought we could use some "us" time! Are you in?"

Georgie, "You know I am! I need to let Amy know."

Quinn, "She knows! When she and Ty called me about the video, I told them my Vancouver plans. Pack a few things and let's go!"

Quinn heads out to the car and phones Jason, "All is well, buddy! Fuel the jet. We should be there in a couple of hours. Hey, can you fix up the plane like we talked about?"

Jason, "Sure thing, Boss! I knew you two had too much going for you to have this misunderstanding get in the way of your future."

Quinn, "See you soon!"

Georgie and Quinn walk toward the house hand in hand. Ty and Amy were outside on the porch when Amy said, "Well, it looks like things all worked out! "

"Deja Vu, hey Georgie?" Ty said laughing.

Georgie, "Deja vu!"

Quinn, "What is that all about?"

Georgie, "I will tell you on the plane. Amy, Quinn, and I are spending a few days in Vancouver. Can you let Lou know? If you need me, and I mean really need me, call. Otherwise, I will be back in a couple of days."

Amy, "No problem... I think we can get along without you for a couple of days. Oh, by the way, I got Brooke to agree to sing at the reception and she asked if I would sing with her on a few songs. I am working with Grandpa and we should have the song about Lisa done pretty soon."

Georgie, "That sounds awesome. See you in a few."

Quinn, "Bye."

Georgie and Quinn head back to the airport where the plane is fired up and ready to go. As they begin to board, Quinn looks at Jason and Jason winks. Georgie enters the plane, where a bottle of champagne is iced, and 3 dozen white roses are spread all over the cabin. "Quinn, what did you do? How did you pull this off? What if we would have called it off? It is so beautiful! Come over here!"

Georgie pulls Quinn down onto the couch and gives him a big hug. Then, she begins to kiss him over and over and with each kiss she says, "I love you, I love you, so much. You are such a romantic! How in the world did you pull this off?"

Quinn, "I have great friends who want to see us together, so I wanted this weekend to be very special. Georgie, you guys have worked so hard planning our wedding, that I thought a few days away would recharge the batteries."

Georgie, "Well, this is a great start. Where are we going?"

Quinn, " You will see!"

Back at Heartland Lou has come by to discuss the tent layout and a few other details with Amy. "Amy, so I have some options for tent layouts and need you to show me the one you think is best. Also, I need to get the status on the music."

Amy, "OK, I like this one. The tents are far enough apart so that the events will separate the folks, so they don't all crowd into one area. And for the music, I spoke with Brooke and she is going to perform during the reception. Also, she asked if I would sing a few songs with her and she is sending me the list as we speak. Grandpa and I have Lisa's tribute song almost finished for you guys to approve. I think that about does it. By the way, Georgie left with Quinn for a weekend in Vancouver. I am so happy they worked out their issues."

Lou, "What issues?"

Amy, "You don't know?"

Lou, "Know what?"

Amy, "We almost didn't have a wedding. So, you don't know about the video?"

Lou, "No! Tell me... Now!"

Amy begins to tell the story of the video when Lou interrupts, "That sounds like you and Ty's ordeal with Amed!"

Amy, "What comes around, goes around, right!"

Lou, "Why doesn't anyone tell me these things? I always seem to be left out of the circle!"

Amy, "OK, Dad! You weren't left out of the circle! It just happened so fast that no one thought to bring you into the situation."

Lou, "Well, I am planning this wedding and I think facts like that need to be brought to my attention!"

Amy, "Get ahold of yourself. It is over and everything is on schedule to move forward. Unless maybe they decide to elope while they are in Vancouver this weekend!"

Lou, "Don't even go there! Matter of fact I am going to call them now and tell them THAT is NOT an option!"

Amy, now laughing out loud, "Lou, I am just pushing your buttons. Both are looking forward to their wedding here at Heartland and the reception."

That evening as Ty and Amy are getting ready to go to bed, Amy asks Ty, "When all that happened with Amed and then you saw the video, what was going through your mind?"

Ty, "Amy, you know that my love for you has always been a priority with me. When the Amed thing happened, it rocked my world. It was like I lost something that I never thought I would lose. My heart broke and I really thought you had changed so much that we would never get back to what we both had envisioned our relationship to be. This vision. Us, now. Kids, business, Heartland, everything that is now is what we visioned it to be, and I thought it was gone! But when we took that break, I realized that I could reimagine my life, on my own, but I didn't want to and that trip to Pike River allowed me to see that your values and first love had really never changed. It was the situation with Amed that clouded my opinion. Then, that video, well it was, well, like a knife through my heart!"

Amy, "I am so, so sorry that I put you through that. You know you get around all that fanfare and it is alluring. But it is not real. What is real is what we have. You know the closer I get to God the more I realize that He picked you for me, for this time and moment of our lives. That... if we trust Him and turn over our lives to Him, those distractions will not sway how we feel about each other. Since God put us together, no one should be able to pull us apart!"

Ty, "You know Georgie and Quinn have so many distractions in their relationship. All the money, fanfare, celebrity, jet setting, I hope they don't get distracted by those material things but that they focus on the foundation of love they have forged over the years."

Amy, "You know, they are in a good place! I think Georgie will never forget where she came from and her roots that were forged here at Heartland. And Quinn, he loves her so much. Almost as much as I love you! So why don't you come over here and let me show you how much I love you!"

Ty, "I have a headache? Just kidding. Amy, no one can love you as much as I love you! As he rolls over and turns out the light.

Chapter 5: A Tribute to Lisa

Sunday, December 19, 2021

3:46 PM

The next morning Jack and Amy set aside some time to work on Lisa's tribute song. Jack got out the guitar and some papers that he had been working on for the lyrics.

Jack, "Amy, come here and let me show you what I have done so far."

Amy, "Great. Let's hear it."

Jack, "The name of the song is My Darling Lisa.

Here is what I have.



My Darling Lisa

From the first day that I met you
I was attracted by your smile
Your beauty was beholding
But my heart you won with that smile
That smile

My Darling Lisa

As my feelings for you grew stronger
I never thought it could be
Since our worlds were so different
That you would never be attracted to me!

My Darling Lisa,

The night that we got married
You looked deep into my eyes
And with that special smile of yours
Our hearts where forever defined.

Jack, "That is what I have so far!"

Amy, "Grandpa, that is so awesome. You are right. Lisa's smile was captivating. The way her nose would crinkle, and her face would just light up. She could calm a storm with that smile. I guess that is why she was so successful! What if we add some verses about how she became part of the family? I know from my perspective; she has always been there for me. She brought me that dress from France so I could wear it to my prom. She helped me with the wedding, and the kids, my god, what would we have done without her. And for Georgie, it was Lisa that brought Quinn back into her life, and Lou, she introduced her to Peter. And the issues with the dresses for her wedding! There has to be a verse in there for that!"

Jack, "Well, let's see. How about:

My darling Lisa,

Our family gained an Angel
The day our family you became a part,

Your love for us was proven
By the generosity of your heart.

Amy, "Wow! Grandpa, that was great. But maybe you should say Our family gained an Angel, the day you became my wife. And, I think we can do better with the last stanza."

Jack, singing, "My Darling Lisa, Our family gained an Angel the day you became my wife. Your love for us was proven each day by the... You displayed your love for us each day by offering to help...or give us advise."

Amy, "I got it! How about My darling Lisa, our family gained an Angel the day you became my wife. You displayed your love for us each day with your help and your advice."

Jack, "You got it!"

Amy, "I think we should say something about how she handled her illness and her passing. You know Ty and I have often said how strong Lisa was up to the end. She made sure that everything was handled and arranged before she passed. She was such an inspiration to the both of us."

Jack, holding back the tears, "I am glad you said that! Lisa would have loved to have known that! She was so inspired by you two and held a special place in her heart for you, Ty, and your family. I think that is why she felt it was important to turn her affairs over to our family because she knew that you and Ty, and Lou too, would honor her request and always do what was best for her legacy."

Amy, "I am glad to know that Grandpa. You know, I feel Lisa's presence every day around here. It's as if her spirit lives on around us and she is keeping tabs on the family."

Jack, "I feel that same way too! I am convinced that we move to our eternal home when we die, but our spirit remains in all the things we did while on this earth."

Amy, "I believe that, too. You know Lyndi was talking about Heaven the other day at the table, and she thinks that when we die, if we go to Heaven, we will be united with family, friends, and even animals. And we will live there forever. Sort of hard to wrap my head around all that, but she is very convincing!"

Jack, "That Lyndi is a very special little girl. I know that she and Lisa would talk about faith a lot and that helped Lisa get to the place where she believed in Christ. You know Amy, you are a very special young lady. I don't know if I say this enough, but I am so proud of who you have become. You remind me so much of your mother and your grandmother."

Amy, reaching up to Jack and laying her head on his chest, "I love you so much, Grandpa. You have been very special to me, as well!"

Pulling away, Amy says, "So let's finish this song! How about My Darling Lisa, when your time had come to leave this world, you made sure that all was good. Your faith will bring you to that place where pain and suffering is nevermore, but your spirit lives with us each day as your legacy endures."

Jack, "I think we have it. Let's let this sink in for a few days and I will put some music to it."

Amy, "I agree. Love you, Grandpa." As she looks up, she says, "We love you Lisa!"

Over the next few days Jack and Amy would collaborate on the song and once it was completed, they invited everyone over for dinner to perform it for them. Quinn and Georgie, Katie, Lou and Peter, Tim and Shane, and all the Borden's were at the house and Jack was cooking on the BBQ. As they sat down to eat, Lou asked Georgie, "How was your vacation to Vancouver? Did you guys get a chance to get some rest?"

Quinn, "Well, we wanted to wait until everyone was together to make our announcement, but Georgie and I were married last weekend!"

Lou dropped her fork in her plate. "What! I can't believe that you guys did that. After all the hard work we put into getting the tents, the music, the catering, the invitations, wow, the invitations to over 600 people. Making hotel arrangements! I can't believe, Georgie, you would do that to me!"

Georgie, laughing quite hard, "Amy, it worked! Mom don't have a coronary! Amy put us up to this! We did not elope. Quinn is kidding."

Lou, taking her water and throwing it at Amy, "I can't believe you put them up to this!"

Amy, ducking away from the water, "It was too good of an opportunity!"

Georgie, "To answer your question, Lou, it was awesome. From the very start of the trip, Quinn had the jet cabin filled with rose pedals and had champagne ready for the flight. After that, we stayed at this luxury hotel in a beautiful suite that looked over the water. It was so romantic, it felt like we were on our honeymoon!"

Amy, "By the way, where are you guys going on your honeymoon?"

Quinn, "Well, we wanted to go to France and stay at the Villa. Peter, is it available to us?"

Peter, "Sure, I will make sure that the staff gets it ready for residents. I think that is an excellent idea. We haven't made a visit there since Lisa passed."

Ty, "You guys are going to love it there. Amy and I had our honeymoon there and it was awesome! We rented motorcycles and rode through the valley's, ate at all the fine restaurants, spent romantic nights on the veranda which looks over the vineyard. " As he looked at Amy, "I think it was the most romantic time we have ever spent together, right honey?"

Amy laughing, "I don't know! Mongolia was pretty special!"

Georgie, "Then France it is!"

Ty, "Boy, you are on a roll! Mongolia!"

After everyone had their fill, Jack announced, "Well, you guys all know that Amy and I have been working on the song tribute to Lisa and I think we have it about finished. So, we wanted to get everyone together and sing it for you."

Jack and Amy took a seat in front of the fireplace and Jack began to play the music. Then, he started singing the song that they had worked on. Amy added her voice to sections of the song, and everyone was astonished at how good the song came off. At the end, Jack hugged Amy and asked, "So, what do you think? Is this good enough for a tribute to Lisa?"

Lou, holding back the tears, said, "You guys nailed it! If it wasn't for Lisa, we, our family would not be a family. She was so instrumental in almost every part of our growth as a family. Peter, she introduced to me, Katie, as your godmother she was there for you when I was building my business, Georgie, you and Quinn might not have ever gotten together!"

Amy, "She was very special to all of us and I think, Grandpa, this song is a fitting tribute to her."

Jack, "Then, we perform at the wedding."

Everyone claps and shakes their head yes.

Amy then says, "Guys, on another note about the music, Ty and my friend Brooke Oliver are going to perform as well. She will fill in when John takes his breaks. But she did ask if I wanted to sing a few songs with her and has sent me the list to choose from. Georgie, Quinn, I hope you don't mind it I do so, and I even wanted to work Lyndi into one of the songs."

Georgie, "Quinn and I would be honored if you, and Lyndi, would sing at the reception. We also, wanted to ask if Lyndi could possibly sing a song during the wedding. Lyndi, you mean so much to Quinn and me, and our faith, and because of that we have been able to overcome some real challenges in our lives. Would you be willing to sing a song during the wedding?"

Lyndi, looking at Amy, "I have never done that before. Are you sure you want me to sing? Mom would be so much better. Or maybe we both could sing a song."

Georgie, "Either way. Both of you mean so much to us that if you wanted to sing a duet that would be fine too!"

Amy, "Lyndi, let's work on just you singing and if you feel uncomfortable, I will sing with you. How about that?"

Lyndi, "That sounds fine."

The twins were bouncing around the table as the conversation was being had, so when they heard about Lyndi singing they began to chant, "Lyndi's going to sing, Lyndi's going to sing, She is going to mess up, She is going to mess up!"

Ty, grabbing TJ, "You guys quit teasing your sister or we are going to make you sing!"

TJ, "No way!"

Ty, "Yes way if you don't quit messing with your sister!"

Lyndi leaves her chair and begins to chase the twins around the house and into their room.

As everyone is getting ready to leave, Lou states, "Well, we have one week until the wedding and I think that everyone is set to go. I haven't heard from the Rich team, but I assume they are still on schedule to be at the reception."

Georgie, "I spoke with John yesterday and he is fired up. While he is here, we are going to show him around the orphanage so he can take some ideas back to Nashville."

Quinn, "My family is flying up here a few days before, and we have booked them into a place in Calgary."

Tim, "You know, my place is big and has lots of rooms. I can offer it to anyone who needs a place to stay."

Lou, "Thanks Dad. I might take you up on that offer. I will let you know."

At bedtime Amy goes into Lyndi's room. "Lyndi, are you asleep? "

Lyndi, "No Mom, just thinking about singing at the wedding. I don't know if I can do it alone."

Amy, "Lyndi, this is one of those times that you would tell me to pray about it and let God give you a peace about your decision. I really hope you can, because you have such a beautiful voice and I think it would be an awesome experience for you."

Lyndi, "But mom, I have only sung in the choir with other people. I have never sung a solo."

Amy, "I remember the first time I sang by myself. I was petrified. But my mother told me that my voice was like an Angel and people wanted to hear me sing. Maybe I should give you that same advice?"

Lyndi, "Let me think about it. I will pray tonight and hopefully will have an answer tomorrow."

Amy, "Sweet dreams. Good night!"

Lyndi, "I love you, mom. We have the best family!"

Amy, "I love you, too. And I would agree. We do have the best family and live in the best place!"

Amy goes back to the room where Ty is sitting on the edge of the bed. "Amy, that song, that song took my breath away. You and Jack did a great job capturing the essence of Lisa. I really miss her, and I know that Jack does, too!"

Amy, "I know, we all miss her. She was such a huge part of our family. Her spirit was with us tonight. I could feel it!"

Ty, "Amy, just when I think I couldn't..."

Amy, "Ok, Ok couldn't love me more, I go and do something that brings our love to another level, right?"

Ty, "No, No, I was going to say, just when I think I couldn't eat another bite of those ribs..."

Amy jumps on Ty and wrestles with him. "That is not what you were going to say!"

Ty, "Yes it was! I am stuffed!"

Amy, "Ty Borden, I am so happy to be your wife and to be the mother of our family!"
Ty, "I love you to the moon, Amy Borden! Let's get some sleep!"
Amy, "And Maybe, let's not!"

I will let your imagination take over from here!

Chapter 6: Wedding Day (Part 1)

Monday, December 20, 2021

1:16 PM

Today is the day for the wedding of Georgie and Quinn. Since the wedding is in the evening, everyone is hustling around making last minute adjustments to the plans, checking the venues, making sure the entertainment tent sound is correct, and all the food is getting delivered and set up. Lyndi has decided to sing a solo during the wedding and will sing one of the songs with Amy at the reception. John Rich and his band arrived yesterday, and today Georgie is taking him to the orphanage that she sponsors in Calgary. Lou is running around making last minute decisions, while Ty and Jack are making sure the food is ready to go. Peter is watching the kids and Tim and Shane are bringing some folks on a trail ride. All is going as planned.



Lou, "Marny, let's go over the menu items one last time!"

Marny, "Lou, if you ask me again, I am going to quit. I got it! Everything is ready or will be ready by wedding and reception time!"

Lou, "Ok, I am counting on you!"

Marny leaves shaking her head as she walks by Amy. "Your sister is driving me crazy!"

Amy, "She is driving everyone crazy! Lou, what is it that you want now?"

Lou, "I just want to make sure all the entertainment is ready to go."

Amy, "This is the 5th time you have asked. What was my last answer? Use that!"

Lou then inspects the tents and the setup again to make sure that everything is in order when she realizes that she hasn't setup the route for Phoenix to take to bring Georgie to the wedding tent. Frantic, she immediately begins to look for Georgie, who is not there, to get that setup. Jack walks by and Lou grabs him by the arm. "Grandpa, we did not make provisions for Phoenix to bring Georgie to the wedding tent. What are we going to do?"

Jack, "Lou, we can do what we did for Amy's wedding. We can do a candle lit walkway from the barn to the tent, and she can get off at the tent and walk in. Have Quinn and the best man stand outside waiting for her. Once she arrives, Peter can escort her down the aisle to the area where they will say their vows. Easy enough!"

Lou, "I need the candles, I don't have candles for the trail from the barn!"

Jack, "No Problem. I will go into town and pick those up. Ok, so problem averted!"

Lou, "Grandpa, I don't know what I would do without you!"

Georgie returns from the orphanage and Amy ushers her into the loft where they have set up a dressing area for the girls. Katie is the maid of honor and Amy is a bridesmaid. Georgie has arranged for their hair and makeup to be done by a local salon owner who went to school with Georgie. Amy, "Georgie, you need to sit up here and just relax and let the ladies get you ready for tonight."

Georgie, "I agree, I am so ready for this to happen, Amy. It has been a long time coming for Quinn and I."

Amy, "Yeah, but look at what you guys have achieved. This is the icing on the cake. You are marrying your soul mate!"

Katie, "This is going to be a cool wedding. All the people, the music. I can't wait to hear Lyndi sing at the wedding, and, you too, Amy. You and Grandpa singing that song you guys wrote for Lisa. Tonight is going to be a very special night!"

Tim and Shane brought some of the McGregor clan on a trail ride to show them the ranch. As they arrived back at Heartland they were greeted by Ty and Jack who were sitting on the porch. Jack, "Well did Tim and Shane do our little ranch justice on your ride?"

Clyde, "Jack, you guys have a real special place here. I can't get over the views you have. It is so panoramic from mountains to valleys, water, hills. It is just spectacular. And those wild horses you guys have. Tim said there is a story behind those wildies that we need to hear. We sat by the ridge as they ran by to the lake and the sound of all those horses running made the ground shake!"

Jack, "You know Amy has been taking a few every year and gentling them so we can lean the herd. We ended up with some pretty fine horses out of that. Some we sold, some we use here at Heartland. Matter of fact, that horse you are riding was one of those wildies!"

Clyde, "That is simply amazing. We have nothing like this at our facility in Florida. Maybe we should consider joining our ventures."

Jack, "What you probably don't know is my late wife, Lisa, has a pretty impressive operation as well, that Lou and Peter run. Ty handles all the vet services, and that operation has really grown over the years. When she passed, we combined the operations into Heartland-Fairfield Ranch. So maybe before you guys leave, we can give you a tour of that."

Clyde, "Tim was telling me that you guys also raise cattle and you have well over 1000 head."

Jack, "He would be correct. He and Shane run that operation."

Clyde, "Looks like your family has some very well-established roots. I am so happy that our kids decided to join up in marriage. We might be able to work some business together."

Jack, "Maybe so!"

Lyndi, is in the house practicing her song when Ty comes in. "Lyndi. How is it coming? GG and I can hear you outside and it really sounds wonderful. You know who you sound like don't you?"

Lyndi, "Mom."

Ty, "Yes, your mother. Jack says that you two might sing a song at the reception. I can't wait to hear the harmony in your voices. Are you nervous?"

Lyndi, "A bit, but I prayed about it and I feel that I can do this!"

Ty, "Awesome, then I will leave you to it."

Amy walks in to check on Lyndi and says, "I see your dad is giving you a pep talk!"

Lyndi, "Yes, but I think I have this."

Amy, "Great, don't strain your voice practicing and make sure you get all your clothes laid out so you are ready to go when the wedding starts."

Lyndi, "Ok mom."

Amy, "Ty, where are the boys?"

Ty, "Lord knows! They have been running around here all day. They are so excited that they haven't slowed down a second!"

Amy, "Can you reel them in and have them bathe and settle down until the wedding?"

Ty, "I will try to catch them!"

It is almost wedding time and the guests have begun to arrive. Around 600 folks are expected, so Georgie and Quinn hired a valet service to allow the guests to come right up to the ranch and the service

parks their cars in a nearby field. All the tents inside and out are fitted with the most beautiful white lights and inside two of the tents are magnificent chandeliers hanging from the middle of the tent. Flowers are adorned everywhere you look. Georgie's favorite colors are maroon and white, so there are a mixture of those colors on all the tables, lining the aisles, and at the entrances.

John Rich and Brooke are making last minute adjustments in the entertainment tent. Amy walks in and introduces Brooke to John and tells the story of how they met. John reaches out to shake hands and says, "I understand you have been out with your mom this past year. I saw you in Nashville last year and wanted to get you to the Riviera to play, but lost track of you. So sorry to hear about her illness. I hope you will be able to get back on tour. Your music is really great!"

Brooke, very surprised, "I didn't know that you were looking me up. I surely would love to play at your Nashville venue and if the opportunity comes up again, would be more than happy to put that on my schedule. You know, this is the first time on stage in over a year. Got a few gitters!"

Amy, "You are going to be just fine! I have been practicing those songs and I would ask if Lyndi could sing with us on the Mother's song."

Brooke, "You know that is a perfect song for us to all sing. That would be great."

Amy, "John, Brooke, is there anything I can get you?"

John, "We are all set!"

Brooke, "Me too!"

Amy, "Then I will leave you to it and I will go and get dressed for the wedding."

The wedding ceremony is about to start, and Jack gets Phoenix ready for Georgie. They had braided his mane and hung flowers around his neck. He looked so majestic. The guests were all seated in the wedding tent and it was a packed house. Lou was putting her final touches on Georgie. "Mom, Lou, I am good. Everything is good. You need to go get in line and have them walk you to your seat.

Lou, "Just one more look! I am so excited for you Georgie. I don't think you have ever looked more beautiful!"

Georgie, "Thanks Mom! I love you so much! Now go!"

Lou, "Ok, Ok! Amy, Katie you guys look so gorgeous tonight as well!"

Lou leaves the loft and heads to the tent to be seated.

Jack and Shane, and Shane's girlfriend, Lainy are sitting in the family section. Lainy leans over to Shane, "Look at all the people. They are from all over. Some of these folks are celebrities! I didn't know that Quinn and Georgie were so famous."

Shane, "Yeah, even before she won the Olympics, she was getting requests from sponsors to represent their brand. After the Olympics, when she won the gold, she landed some serious endorsements. Quinn and his family are known all over the world for their operation in Florida. I understand that they had to skinny the list in half to have it up here and there are still over 600 folks."

Lainy, "John Rich is the band. How awesome is that!"

Tim leans in, "If you think that is great, wait until you hear Amy, Lyndi and Brooke sing. And Jack and Amy are going to sing a special song tribute to Lisa."

Lainy, "Wow!"

Ty is sitting with Lyndi and the twins trying to settle them down. "If you make a scene, or for any reason disrupt this wedding, Mom has told Dad to bring you to the house, and you will not be able to attend any of the other functions tonight. Do you understand?"

TJ, "Who made you the boss?"

Tyson, "Yeah, who made you the boss?"

Ty, "I did! And you better listen to her. I am not going to sit here and hear you guys cutting up through this ceremony. Now once it is over, you can run around again. But during this ceremony, if I hear one peep, we go to the house! Do you understand that!"

Both the boys nod their heads.

The wedding party is in position. The bridesmaids, and flower girls, who are Caz and Caleb's girls, are in position before the bride and Phoenix. Quinn, his dad, and best friend are standing at the entrance to the wedding tent waiting for the bride to come from the barn. Inside the tent is a huge screen setup to video the ride procession from the barn to the tent. Peter is standing next to Phoenix as he assists Georgie onto the horse with Jack's help. Once Georgie is mounted on the horse, Peter takes Phoenix and leads him to the tent down the lit pathway. Amy is thinking back to when she made the same entrance and became quite emotional. As they got closer to the tent, she was overwhelmed with that love she shared with Ty on their special day. She looked up at Georgie, "You look so beautiful!" Georgie, "Amy, I remember this ride for you!"

Amy, "I know, I am so overwhelmed right now! I love you, Georgie. Thank you for letting me share this with you!"

Georgie, "I love you, too!"

The flower girls first, then Amy, then Katie come down the aisle and take their positions. They are dressed in beautiful maroon gowns that match the flowers around the tent. Each is escorted by Clyde and then Quinn's best friend, who are dressed in black tuxedos. Once all the wedding party is set at the altar, Georgie dismounts Phoenix and takes Peter's arm and is escorted down the Aisle. She is wearing a beautiful dress that has a flowing train with a vanilla tone (You can tell the author doesn't really know anything about this, LOL). Quinn, standing at the altar, sees Georgie and mouths to her "You are so beautiful!" Georgie comes to the alter where Peter pulls back her veil and kisses her on the cheek. Then he hands Georgie to Quinn. Quinn is mesmerized by her beauty. The preacher, who is Lyndi's best friend's father, brings the ceremony to order and starts the proceedings.

"Georgie Fleming-Morris. Quinn McGregor. What a day! All these friends and family who have traveled here from all over the world, I understand, are here to see you two exchange your vows. I also understand that your romance, which started over 7 years ago, actually started in Europe. Correct?" Both nod their heads. "From there, you guys trained and trained, and you made it to the Olympics! And I understand you did pretty well there, correct?" Again, both are nodding. "And Quinn, Georgie says if it wasn't for you and your persistent nagging about training, she probably would not have made it as far as she did, is that correct?" Quinn smiles and Georgie looks away as the guests laugh. Well, today is your special day. Today, you and Georgie will become one in heart and soul. This will be the most special day of your lives, because from here you will grow your love, your faith, your family, and your friends as husband and wife. It is a union so special that God approves it and offers his assistance whenever you need it. How awesome is that! Well, I understand that your niece is going to sing your favorite song for us now. So Lyndi, if you would come up here! Friends you may be seated."

Lyndi stands up to walk to the wedding stage to sing when Ty grabs her hand, "You are a special young lady. I can't wait to hear you sing!" As she walks by Amy, Amy winks and mouths, "You got this!" The piano player begins playing "How Long Will I Love You by Ellie Goulding. As Lyndi begins to sing, the room fills with the most beautiful sound. As each verse was sung, Lyndi grew more confident with her singing. Her voice was so sweet and angelic, and her pitch was perfect. Georgie took Quinn's hand and whispered, "She is one special little girl!" As she finished the song, all the guests gave her a sounding

round of applause. She went back to her seat and Ty and the boys gave her a big hug. Amy had tears in her eyes.

The preacher then brings Georgie and Quinn back to the alter and says, "Man, that choir teacher of Lyndi's needs a round of applause!" Everyone laughs (She sings in his choir). "Georgie, Quinn, I understand that Lyndi and Katie introduced you both to Christ and that since then your faith has become a central part of your lives. I also understand that you attribute your success at the Olympics to your faith and that God took control during that event, correct?" They both nod. "Well, today you need to apply that same faith to what you are going to start today. If you truly commit your marriage to Christ, and make sure that no matter what happens during your marriage, you will turn it over to Him, your success in this marriage will be as successful, if not more, than the success He has shone you so far! So, are you ready to do this?" They both nod.

The preacher then goes through the vows and ring ceremony. At the end, he turns Georgie and Quinn to the guests, "Today marks a very special day in the lives of this couple. Today they are Quinn and Georgie Fleming Morris-McGregor. And today I present you as man and wife. You may kiss the bride!" After a long kiss, Georgie and Quinn head back down the Aisle to the entertainment tent for pictures and the first dance. The guests are on their feet clapping as they head down the aisle following the bride and groom.

John Rich has keyed up his band and starts playing as soon as the guests begin to enter the main tent. Georgie and Quinn are visiting with family and taking pictures. The champagne begins to flow, and the guests are circled around the huge dance floor. John announces, it is time for the bride and groom dance. Can you both make your way to the dance floor?" As Quinn and Georgie make their way through the crowd, John Rich says, "Folks, I am so glad that these two allowed me to participate in their wedding. They have been so inspiring to me in Nashville with their work here in Canada with at risk-orphans. I pray for a long, enduring life for the both of you." John then begins to sing, "I see trees of green, red roses, too..."

Quinn and Georgie are dancing to the song when they are joined by Ty and Amy, then Peter and Lou, then Kas and Caleb. Amy is looking into Ty's eyes and whispers, "I love our life!"

Ty responds, "I love our life too!"

Amy, "Ty, look at Grandpa over there by himself. Mind if I go over to him?"

Ty, "I was just thinking the same. Go ask him to dance."

Amy starts toward Jack when she sees Georgie walking to him and pulling him onto the floor. So, Amy turns back to Ty. "How sweet is that. You know she and Grandpa have always had a very special relationship. Kind of like you and him."

Ty, "Jack is very special. He is the father I never had."

Amy puts her face on Ty's chest and hugs him really tight.

Ty sees Lyndi walking by and signs her over. Amy gives her a huge embrace along with Ty and says, "Lyndi, we are so proud of you. Your voice, it filled the room. It was angelic."

Lyndi, "Thanks mom. After a few seconds a peace came over me and the song sort of sung itself."

Ty, "I don't know about that but whatever happened, you were great!"

Lyndi, "When are we going to sing?"

Amy, "During the first break. Are you ready?"

Lyndi, "Can't wait."

Lyndi moves on toward Katie, who is talking with Quinn's best friend.

Chapter 7: The Wedding Day (Part 2)

Saturday, December 25, 2021

7:13 AM

John Rich played for about an hour and everyone was fully enjoying the show. They were dancing and singing along to the songs. Jack and the whole family were getting into the festivities and enjoying every minute. When it was time to take a break, John announced, "I am going to take a break here, but don't worry, we have some very exciting entertainment ahead. The next young lady is



a rising star in the country music world but put her dreams on hold to care for her ill mother. Tonight, she will be back on stage for the first time in over a year and I think will be joined by some talented folks here at Heartland. Is that correct?" Brooke shakes her head yes. "So, without further ado, give it up for Brooke Oliver!" The crowd sends a resounding round of applause.

Brooke starts out with one of her most popular songs and the crowd begins to recognize it and begin singing along. When she finishes, she begins to tell the story of how she met Ty and Amy and how she stole their truck, but it had a flat before she could get going. Also, how Amy and Ty forgave her for her indiscretion, and agreed to bring her to Montana with them. At the diner/truck stop where they stopped to get the flat repaired, she played her guitar to raise some money and one of the songs she sang was one by Lyndi Bartlett. Amy joined in and that is when Amy told her that Lyndi was her grandmother. She thanks Ty for convincing her to go back to her mother and mend the fences and that is how they all became friends. Then she said, "So tonight I have asked Amy to come up here and join me in the Mother's Song written by Lyndi Bartlett. So, Amy, can you come up here and let's give it a go!"

Amy joins Brooke on stage and Brooke begins the song with the first verse. Amy joins in on the chorus and then begins to sing the second verse. The guests begin to applaud their effort when Ty looks over to Jack and sees that he has become really emotional. Walking over to him, Ty puts his arms around him and gives him a big hug. Jack says, "I have only loved twice in my life and both of my wives were so special, not only to me, but to our family. Ty, I am so happy for you and Amy and look forward to seeing you guys take up where I leave off. The legacy of our family is now in your hands, son!" Ty gives Jack another big hug and says, "We won't let you down, Jack!" As the song ends Amy gives Brooke a big hug and the guests send out another round of applause.

Amy takes the microphone and begins to tell the guests that Brooke is giving Lyndi and her an opportunity to sing together for the first time and we have chosen one of her songs that is on the album she just released. "Lyndi, can you come up here and sing with me?" Lyndi moves up to the stage and takes a microphone. Lyndi starts the song and the angelic voice that she had during the ceremony came out and everyone stopped to watch and listen to her voice. As the parts for Brooke and Amy are added, the song becomes so rich in voice harmony that the audience was totally captive to the performance. Then, Amy and Lyndi reached the chorus and sang together. There was something to say about a mother and her daughter's harmony that can't be matched. They finish the song, and everyone cheered and clapped for the performance.

Brooke continued with her set solo, and Amy and Lyndi came away from the stage and to the family who had been front and center of the stage. The twins ran up to Lyndi and said, "Sis, that was so awesome. Can you teach me how to sing like that?" Jack reached over to Amy and gave her a big hug and said, "You don't know what that song means to me. You just don't know!"

Amy, "Grandpa, that had to be divine intervention. Out of the blue, when Ty and I picked her up, she sang that song. I didn't realize that it meant so much to you!"

Jack, "I am so full of joy that her legacy continues with you and Lyndi!"

Ty, reaching for Amy and giving her a big embrace. "Have I told you how much I love you? How much? Just when I think I couldn't love you anymore, you do something like this!"

Amy, laughing with a huge smile, "I can't remember the last time. Can you remind me?"

Ty, "You are crazy! But very special!"

Georgie and Quinn come over with John Rich. John, "You guys need to go to Nashville and get into the music business!"

Georgie, "Guys, how awesome was that song. I cried through the whole thing. Lyndi your voice is so beautiful. It's just like your mothers!"

Amy, "Thanks guys, these songs meant as much to me and Lyndi as it did to you. The first song I sang with Brooke was a legacy of your Great Grandmother, Lyndi Bartlett, who was Jack's 1st wife. Wasn't that awesome. And the second song that Lyndi and I sang, that was so much fun!" Amy grabbed Lyndi and gave her a big hug.

The time had come for Jack and Amy to sing the tribute song to Lisa. Georgie went to the microphone and began to tell the story of Lisa and how she became part of the family. She further mentioned that Lisa was instrumental in she and Quinn getting back together and that giving Quinn the job at Fair Field helped solidify their relationship in the beginning. She then asked if any other family member would like to say a few words about Lisa. Lou came up and said, "Lisa was like a mother to me. She introduced me to my husband Peter, she took care of my kids, Georgie and Katie, as Peter and I grew our businesses. She was a consoling voice when I needed a friend. She was also a role model for me as a businesswoman. Lisa was so successful in everything she did. I wish she could be here tonight to hear these comments." Amy and Jack came to the stage and Amy said, "Like Lou, Lisa was much like a mother to me. She was all those things that Lou said, but most of all, she loved my grandfather!" Amy took Jack's hand, who was visibly shaken and said, "That is why we wanted to write and sing this song about her today on this very special occasion."

Jack and Amy begin to sing the song and while they were singing, not a dry eye could be found from a family member. The song had so much meaning to each and every one of them and as the verses were sung, they could identify with each word. At the end of the song, Amy said, "Guys, if we could have a minute to pray and send Lisa our love." The guests were silent as Amy said a brief prayer. "Lisa, we know that you are in Heaven with your family and friends, and I am sure you are looking down on us tonight and enjoying the festivities. I hope you enjoyed your song and we want you to know that we miss you and love you so much." Jack and Amy left the stage and John got ready for the final set.

Georgie and Quinn were getting ready to leave the reception and start their honeymoon in France at the Villa. Peter and Lou came up to them and Georgie said, "Guys, this was an awesome wedding. Everything was just as we planned it, even better. Mom, I couldn't have asked for anything better, and I want to thank you and Peter for making this event come true. I know you guys had to compromise on some personal things to get this done and we really, really appreciate it." Quinn reaches out to Peter's

hand and shakes it. Peter, thank you for setting up the Villa for us. We look forward to spending the next few weeks there."

Peter, "I believe everything is set up and ready for your stay. If you need anything, Fernando is the caretaker and a partner so he should be able to help you. So, you guys are flying there tonight?"

Quinn, "Jet is fueled and ready to go."

Peter, "Awesome."

About that time, Clyde comes over and gives Georgie a big hug and says, "Georgie, I want to welcome you into the McGregor family and I have to say, this past week has really been an eye opener for me with your family. They have quite an operation up here and I think as you guys grow and Quinn becomes more involved in the business, I feel confident that it will be in good hands. You guys go have fun on your honeymoon and if you get bored and want to go on a trail ride, I have alerted a great friend of our family that you might come by and borrow some horses."

Georgie, "That is so thoughtful, thank you. I don't know if you know that our family has a vineyard and horse ranch in France and that is where we are staying. It was Lisa's. When she and Jack got married, they put the Villa under the family operations."

Clyde, "You guys never cease to amaze me. Well, just go and have fun! Quinn, son congratulations!"

Quinn, "Thanks, Dad. For everything!"

The limousine was lined up and the guests awaited Georgie and Quinn to come from the loft and head to the airport. Amy and Lyndi were in the loft getting some last things ready for Georgie when Georgie said, "Amy, Lyndi, you guys are so special to me. I love you so much and want to thank you for everything." She reached and grabbed Lyndi, "You, my friend are a very special young lady, just like your mother! You will be in my heart forever!"

Quinn, "Let's go! We need to get going, Georgie. We have a flight window we need to meet to get to France tomorrow!"

Georgie, "Fine, I love you guys. Thanks for everything!"

Georgie and Quinn run through the guests and to the limousine. They hopped in and sped off to the airport. Then, all the guests began to depart and say their final goodbyes.

As the last of the guests left, the family was huddled around one of the tables and Lyndi, Katie, and the twins were playing on stage acting like they were a band. Jack said, "You guys really pulled off a wedding. I don't think Heartland ever lit up like this before. You should be proud of your accomplishments."

Ty, "Really, I don't think it could have been done any better. Also, that song for Lisa. What a special tribute to her. I know that I miss her almost every day, but today, I really felt that she was with us here at the wedding."

Jack, "And that Lyndi, I did not know that she had that talent for singing as well as she did. Her voice filled the tent and she didn't miss a note. And that song you two sang, Amy, what harmony!"

Tim, "Amy, how did you meet that Brooke girl?"

Amy looked at Ty, "You want to tell him?"

Ty, "Well you see, remember when I borrowed your truck to go do that clinic with Amy in Montana?"

Tim, "Yes."

Ty, "Well, Amy and I took a trail ride to a beautiful lake. Wouldn't you know, when we came back to the truck...it was gone. Brooke borrowed the truck! However, it had a flat about a half of a mile away and we caught up to her. Then, Amy.."

Amy breaks in, "She was just a young girl out on the road by herself!"

Ty, "That stole our truck!"

Amy, "We couldn't just leave her. So, we brought her to the next town to fix the flat and she offered to buy us lunch. She took her guitar and started playing outside the diner and folks were putting money in her guitar case. The last song she sang was a song my Grandma wrote, and I joined in with her. That was the song we sang tonight!"

Jack, "That was one of my favorite songs that she wrote."

Ty, "Well, if you remember, that day we had to come back to Heartland and I convinced Brooke to come back home to mend fences with her mom that were broken at the time."

Amy, "We never told you because we knew you would never let this go with Ty!"

Tim, "You're right. I won't."

Amy, "Well, I followed her and her career and decided to see if she would sing for us at the wedding. She did offer back then to sing at Ty and I's wedding. She agreed. And she was here tonight. The great ending to this story is that John Rich saw her perform in Nashville and wants her to come back and star at his club when she gets back on tour. Right now, she is caring for her mother who is dying of cancer."

Lou, "Well, I really enjoyed her music. And how about John Rich. Georgie and Quinn have really become international celebrities. I saw some famous folks here tonight!"

Amy, "Think back on when Georgie first came to us. She has really come a long way from that day, right?"

Jack, "You can say that again. I am so very proud of her! I am getting tired, so I think I am going to retire tonight!"

Everyone else decided to head to bed so Amy and Ty corralled the kids and got them settled in for the night. Amy was up in the loft tidying up a few things when Ty comes up the stairs. "Got the kids put down. Man, those boy's adrenaline was turned on high. I liked to never got them to settle down."

Amy, "What a day, wasn't it!"

Ty, "So much reminded me of our wedding. The horse path, the lights. I was feeling those feelings I had when I saw you come from the barn on Spartan!"

Amy, "You were!"

Ty, "Matter of fact," as he moved closer to Amy and reached around from behind and pulled her into his arms, "I remember our honeymoon up here in the very same spot!"

Amy, "You do, do ya!"

Ty, "And if I remember correctly, I turned you around like this, and kissed you and told you how beautiful you were and how I would love you forever!"

Amy, "I think I recall that!"

Ty, "Then, I think you told me that talking was overrated!"

Amy, "And I think I did this!"

Ty, "I think you did.....!"

(Again, let your imagination take you wherever you want this to go!)

Chapter 8: The Big Deal

Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:20 AM

It has been 6 months since Quinn and Georgie got married and a lot has happened. Amed has approached the family about purchasing Hill Hearst Stables and his home property that he once showed to Amy. A beautiful mansion with 140 acres of manicured property that supported all the required features of a professional equestrian training center. The timing was right because Georgie and Quinn had decided to settle in the area and were looking for a place to purchase while they were training. Also, the first seminar held by Amy and Ty, with Kas, combining modern veterinarian medicine practice with horse behavior techniques, and acupuncture, were a huge success and they were getting calls from all over to put on another series of these sessions. Quinn started training Katie for her Olympic run and Georgie was considering another run, as well. Jack was spending a lot of time with the twins bringing them to sports practices and teaching them how to handle things around the ranch. TJ was really settling in and his focus was much better after they started him on a low dose of medicine to help with concentration. Lyndi was becoming known for her horse behavior skills and she and Amy were handling all that business at Heartland. Fairfield was doing fine under the direction of Lou and Peter, and Tim and Shane were growing their business as well. So, all in all, everything was fine in the Heartland family.



Georgie, "Quinn, so what do you think about Amed's offer?"

Quinn, "I think that we should really consider this as a family venture. Maybe even pull my dad into the conversation."

Georgie, "He has given us the first refusal rights and 90 days to decide, so we need to get to talking about it if we want this to happen. My feelings are more centered on the home and the facilities than the stables. I just think having that place to train and prepare for the Olympics would benefit both me and Katie tremendously. We might even consider getting with the Canadian Olympic Committee to see about sanctioning the site as an official site. The place has 12 bedrooms and bathrooms and would be large enough for potential riders to stay and train under your leadership."

Quinn, "You know, I was thinking the same, except I wanted to build some bunks outside of the main house. I am not sure about having all those people in our family home."

Georgie, "Then, let's get the family together and discuss this."

Quinn, "Agreed!"

Georgie and Quinn were living in the loft while Katie was off at school, so they pulled the family together at home for dinner where everyone was invited. Georgie went to the house where Amy was getting the boys and Lyndi ready for school, "Amy, can you call the family together Saturday for a BBQ? We need to discuss the proposal from Amed!"

Amy, "Sure, what are you guys thinking?"

Georgie, "Well, we need a home and a place to train, so the home and property would be perfect for us."

Amy, "Are you sure? 140 acres of the most beautiful land around here and a house with what, 20 bedrooms!"

Georgie, "Only 12, Amy. Only 12. But there ARE 12 Bathrooms!"

Amy, "I have never asked but it appears that you have done quite well for yourself if you are considering that house and property."

Georgie, "Well, yes! I won the Gold!", and they both laughed.

Amy, "So what about Hill Hearst? What do we do with that business?"

Georgie, "Our thoughts are that since it has an international clientele that it would fit into the Heartland properties and if not, maybe we do a joint venture with Clyde down in Florida."

Amy, "Hum, that IS interesting. Let me pull this together and I will get back to you."

Georgie, "Great!"

Amy got on the phone and email to invite the family to the BBQ on Saturday. She got positive responses from everyone, so she started planning the meal. She went to Jack, "Grandpa, can you throw together some of your BBQ for this Saturday. I have invited everyone over to talk about the opportunity with Amed."

Jack, "I can. So, what is the latest?"

Amy, "Well, I just spoke with Georgie and she and Quinn are considering the house and property to live in and start their training center. They had some ideas about Hill Hearst, so they wanted to get the family together to discuss opportunities. That is about all I know."

Jack, "That is a pretty expensive piece of property. I didn't realize Georgie and Quinn are doing so well!"

Amy, "Well, you know Quinn's family and Quinn have substantial assets, and Georgie, well, I read that her contract with Under Armor is well into the millions per year. And that is her smallest endorsement. So, I am assuming the other endorsement brings her a pretty penny as well!"

Jack, "I had no idea. That is great!"

Amy, "So what do you think about Hill Hearst? Georgie said that since it had an international clientele, it would fit nicely into the Fair Field operation, or possibly bring Clyde, Quinn's father, into the discussion."

Jack, "I know that Clyde was very interested in teaming up with us on some projects, so that might be an option. I guess we need to sort out the investment to see what is doable."

Amy, "I will get Ty to meet with Amed and get the scope of the purchase for our discussion."

Jack, "Great. I will get the food for the BBQ!"

Amy then got on the phone with Ty. "Can you get with Amed before Saturday and find out exactly the terms of the sale. When the family gets here, I want to get all the facts together so we can make a decision. I think he has given us a couple of months to let him know. At least he will see that we are interested."

Ty, "I will be there tomorrow so consider that done!"

Amy, "Thank you sweetheart. Let's talk about this tonight when you get home. I will fill you in on what conversations I have had up to now."

Ty, "See you then."

About that time the phone rang, and it was Tim. "Amy, so what is this BBQ all about?"

Amy, "Georgie and Quinn are thinking about purchasing Amed's home and acreage for themselves but had some ideas about purchasing Hill Hearst and wanted to discuss a package deal with the family."

Tim, "They can purchase the home?"

Amy, "I guess so."

Tim, "Wow, I didn't know that Quinn and Georgie were so successful!"

Amy, "Neither did I. Go figure, the little orphan girl. Rags to Riches!" She laughs.

Tim, "Cool, see you Saturday. Oh, by the way, I think Shane and Lainey are talking about marriage. But they want to have a simple ceremony to get married, but a big party to celebrate. I will get you more when I learn more!"

Amy, "That's great! I really like Lainey! She will be good for him."

That next evening after dinner, Ty and Amy went out on the porch to discuss the Amed opportunity. Ty, "Amy, I spoke with Amed today and he really wants us to purchase his investments up here. He has generously offered to assist in the financing if needed. Also, he would like to sell everything to us instead of breaking up the properties."

Amy, "So what do you think?"

Ty, "Well, I think bringing Hill Hearst into the family business is a great idea. It would give us a chance to expand our seminars internationally. However, I don't want to live for the dollar. I love our life and family and I don't want anything to get in the way of the time we spend here at Heartland with them."

Amy, "I agree. Let's pray about this and see where God leads us... Good?"

Ty, "Good!"

Saturday came pretty quick and everyone was arriving at Heartland. Jack had steaks on the grill and Amy had fixed all the extra's and they were spread out on the tables. Georgie and Quinn had brought a preliminary drawing of the enhancements that they would make to turn the home into a training center. Ty had made copies of the proposed sale to hand out to everyone. Most of the discussion during the meal was concerning Georgie and Quinn's ability to buy such an expensive property. Everyone was pretty amazed that they had done so well after the Olympics. So, after the meal, Quinn starts the conversation by tapping his glass with a spoon. "Everyone, thanks for coming today. Georgie and I have pretty much decided to purchase Amed's home and property, and as you can see, we have some preliminary drawings of the changes that will need to be made to make it into an international training center. Yes, you heard me. Georgie has convinced me that with our established credibility from the Olympic showing, that we feel we can leverage that and start an international training center for equestrian Olympic hopefuls. We also, have some of Georgie's sponsors who want to participate so we feel confident that not only will our investment be successful, but it will make our home here in Hudson."

Georgie, laughing, "And for all the whispering going on.... Yes! We can afford this! The real question today is what to do with the Hill Hearst opportunity. For Quinn and I, because of its international appeal, we think that it will complement our training center both with housing resources for our students, and an immediate clientele to market to! However, we really can't do both, so we wanted to see if you guys are interested in making that investment."

Peter, "Lou and I have been discussing this and we think too, that it would complement our Fair Field operation and give us a broader appeal. But we would need full family financial cooperation to be able to purchase this from Amed."

Ty, "I spoke with Amed last week and he said that he really wants us to purchase it all and will make it very affordable. He even mentioned that he would consider financing some of the price to keep it in our family."

Tim, "I think this is an excellent opportunity and vote yes to pursue the deal."

Jack, "What do you guys think about bringing Clyde into this deal. He mentioned at the wedding that he would like to look at some joint ventures with us."

Quinn, "Jack, I am glad you mentioned my father. He has been talking with me about getting more involved with the business and I told him that adding the training center to our business would be my contribution. Hill Hearst is very much like our place in Florida, so this would give us a Canadian base."
Ty, "Well, Amy and I are not opposed to the family investment, nor opposed to bringing Clyde into the venture, but we don't think we want to take on any more responsibility than what we have now. We prayed about this and feel our family should take precedence of our time right now."

Ty, "Well, it looks like we have a consensus. We are going to move forward with the acquisition of Hill Hearst. Also, I think we should reach out to Clyde to see if he would like to participate. So, I suggest that Peter, Lou and Jack take this proposal and get a formal offer to Amed."

Jack, "Peter why don't you and Lou run point on this and if you need me, I will be available."

Peter, "That sounds great. We will get started next week. Quinn, I assume you and Georgie will handle the purchase of the house and property, correct?"

Quinn, "That is correct."

For the rest of the evening the family sat around and watched the kids playing in the yard and discussing the opportunity.

That night as Amy and Ty were getting ready for bed, Amy asked, "Ty, do you think this is a good deal for us to expand the Heartland-Fairfield operation? Do you think Lisa would approve? What about bringing Clyde into our business? Do you think that is smart?"

Ty, "Amy, as far as expanding the business, as long as we are not directly involved in the operations, I think this is a good thing and feel that Lisa would approve. I only see positives with doing that for us because it won't change our arrangements with supporting the veterinarian services we offer, and I think with the success we are having with our seminars, it probably will help get the word out and bring us more attendees. As far as bringing Clyde into the operation, I am not so sure. Granted, Quinn is now family so eventually as he takes over their business we are going to be in competition with their operation. So maybe we should consider this now to avoid any conflict."

Amy, "When did you get so smart, Ty Borden?"

Ty, reaching over to Amy and tickling her, "I have always been this smart. I just suppress my awesome smartness around you, because you always want to be the smartest in the room!"

Amy, wrestling back, "No way! I am not like that! But I am the best at this!"

Amy locks Ty's arms with her knees and begins to kiss him.

Ty, "Yes you are! But I am the best at this!"

(OK, I won't leave you hanging again!)

Chapter 9: Horse Gone Wild

Saturday, January 1, 2022
6:55 AM

It has been about 6 months and the family completed the deal with Amed. Hill Hearst was acquired by the family and the residence and stables were purchased by Quinn and Georgie. The family decided to include Quinn's family in the deal so the Hill Hearst investment was a joint venture. Lou and Peter took over the management of the facility and Quinn was added to the board of directors.



Amed had remodeled the residence and stables so there was little work to be done by Georgie and Quinn. They set up their offices in the stables and began to market their training center to potential clients in Canada and the United States. They thought it would be good to start there, then expand to Europe and Asia. Katie has made the commitment to Quinn to have him train her through her Olympic effort and Georgie has decided to compete again.

Lyndi and Amy decided to take some of the wildies and gentle and re-home them. One horse in particular has been very difficult to gentle. Lyndi named him Flash because when she finally thought he was settled into to his new life, he unexpectedly jumped the fence and rejoined his herd. This time, Lyndi finally thought Flash had given up his old lifestyle because she was able to saddle and ride him in the pens.

Today, Lyndi was riding Flash around the pen when Amy asked, "Do you think he is ready for a trail ride? How about you and I take him out for a ride."

Lyndi, "I think he is ready... Let's do it. I will tack him up and we can go."

Amy took Zues from his stall and got him ready for the ride.

Amy, "Where do you want to go?"

Lyndi, "Do we have time to go by the Canyon Pass. It is so pretty this time of the year."

Amy, "I think so. Are you concerned about Flash getting out of hand? You know it is a pretty tough trail."

Lyndi, "We are good."

Amy and Lyndi headed out toward Canyon Pass for the ride. They came to the part of the trail that was very narrow and had a steep cliff to the right. Just as Lyndi was making her way down the path, Flash gets spooked and begins to rear up. Lyndi, who is an excellent horseperson, handled the flare up just fine but Flash lost his footing and started falling toward the cliff. Amy, watching all this happen said, "Lyndi, hold him down, hold him down!"

Lyndi, "Mom, he is spooked! Settle down, boy settle down!" Then Flash rolled to avoid the cliff and Lyndi fell off him and rolled over the cliff.

The cliff was about 30 feet high and very steep; Flash was able to recover and get back on the ledge, but Lyndi took a fall and began rolling down the cliff. Just before reaching the bottom, her head hit a large

boulder and rendered her unconscious. There she laid, lifeless at the bottom of the cliff. Amy, frantically calling down to her, "Lyndi, are you ok? Say something! Lyndi!" At that moment she realized that she needed to get to her but needed to get help as fast as possible. They were about 2 miles from Heartland and luckily there was cell reception, so she called Ty. "Ty, Ty, Lyndi has had an accident at Canyon Pass. Flash spooked and threw her over the cliff into the canyon. I am going to try and get down there, but I need you to call an ambulance. She looks unconscious Ty! She might be seriously hurt! Please come quick."

Ty was working on some records in the Heartland office when he took the call and immediately called an ambulance and gave them instructions to the site. He didn't waste time tacking up Harley, so he pulled him from the stall and bridled him up. Jack was on the porch when Ty rode by on his way to help Amy and yelled, "Jack, Lyndi has fallen off Flash into the canyon, on Canyon Pass and is hurt. I called for an ambulance! Can you wait here for them and direct them to the part of the trail where it becomes very narrow?"

Jack, "Sure! You be careful! That is a very steep cliff. You might want to bring a long rope."

Ty, "You are right!" He heads back to the barn to collect some longer ropes and some first aid items.

Meanwhile, Amy is trying to figure out how to get down to Lyndi. In the process, she is praying, "God, please keep Lyndi safe! Show me the best way down to her, please!" Amy decides the best way to her was to go back a few hundred yards and try to get down to the bottom from there. As she is riding back to where she wants to enter, her instincts were to leave the horse and go it on foot. It is quite a rough decent from there, but she was pushing through the steep embankments and brush and was getting to the bottom where Lyndi still laid motionless on the ledge. "Lyndi, I am coming sweetheart! Stay with us! You are going to be ok! Mom will be there shortly!" With each treacherous step she was making she continued to ask God, "Help me God! Help me get to our baby! Please help me!"

As Amy was getting close to where Lyndi was lying, Ty made his way to the site. He saw Flash standing by the ledge and got off his horse and looked over the cliff. "Lyndi, are you ok? Speak to me, Lyndi!" Ty saw Amy struggling down the cliff to get to Lyndi, when he called out, "Amy, let me throw you this rope and wrap it around your waist. It will stable you as you move toward her!" Ty threw the rope to Amy who caught it and put it around her waist. With that, she was able to get to Lyndi faster without the fear of falling herself. She finally reached a lifeless Lyndi, who was not moving or breathing. She immediately started resuscitation procedures to get her to breathe. She called out to Ty, "Ty, she is not breathing! I need to get her breathing!"

Ty, "Amy, press on her chest at the same intervals as your breathing. See if you can get her to breathe."

Amy is frantically pressing on Lyndi's chest and is praying, "Lord, give my baby her breath, please!"

Lyndi starts to convulse and takes a huge gasp of air. Amy grabs her and holds her and says, "You're back, Sweetheart! Breathe!" However, Lyndi is still going in and out of consciousness so Amy begins to assess her daughter's injuries. By this time, Ty has repelled down the cliff to where they both were and he too begins to look at her injuries.

Amy, "Ty, look, she has a very large gash on her head where she hit the rock!"

Ty, "Look, I think her legs are broken, too!"

Amy, "My poor baby, I am so sorry. I should have never let you talk me into coming down this trail!"

Ty, "It is not your fault, Amy. You guys have been here many times. This is just an accident!"

Amy, "What do we need to do?"

Ty, "Take this gauze and some alcohol and see if you can clean up that wound on her head. I need to try to splint these legs so that they don't get any worse. I have Jack waiting at Heartland to bring the ambulance out here and they should be here soon!"

Amy takes the alcohol and begins to wipe the blood from the wound and as she is wiping she is repeating, "My sweet angel, we are here for you. My sweet angel, we love you so much. You are our little girl and we love you so much!" Lyndi, was still unconscious and Amy and Ty worked to stabilize her so the medics could get her transported to the hospital.

Ty, "Amy, be very careful, we don't know the full extent of her injuries. We want to make sure that her neck and back remain still, just in case she has any neck or spinal injuries. Man, that was a fall. Remember when I took that fall when we were rescuing that eagle?"

Amy, "I remember that I had to repel down the cliff to save you!"

Ty, "Right. Well, this is the best I can do for now with her legs. We now need to wait for Jack and the ambulance to get here!"

Amy, "Let's say a prayer and ask God to take over and heal our baby, Ok?"

Ty, "I have been praying that since I left Heartland!"

Amy and Ty join hands and each grab one of Lyndi's hands in theirs. Amy, "God, take care of our daughter. She has been such an inspiration to all of us, so we know that she is special to you. Please God, heal her wounds and bring her back to us complete, Amen!"

Ty, "Amen!"

Jack and the Ambulance arrive and as they are assessing the situation, they quickly realized they needed air support not only to help them get Lyndi out of the canyon, but to usher her to the hospital as quick as possible. So they radioed for the helicopter to come on-site. The other attendant immediately set up a repel rope and brought down his bag and backboard. As he reached the site, Ty began to fill him in on the situation and what he had done so far to try and stabilize his daughter. The attendant, "That is great, let's get her on the monitor and check her vitals. Let me see if there is any evidence of internal damage."

Ty, "Look, she hit her head pretty hard on this rock as she fell so we flushed it and put gauze to check the bleeding. When we got to her, she was unconscious and not breathing, so Amy did CPR and revived her, and I stabilized her legs. They both look broken!"

Attendant, "That is great. It doesn't appear that she has any internal injuries, but we won't be sure until we get her to the hospital. Did she ever regain consciousness?"

Amy, "She has been going in and out, but over the last 10 minutes, she has not woken up!"

The attendant checks her eyes and sees response and notes, "She is following the light, so that is a good sign!"

Amy and Ty grab each other and hug. They both let out a sigh of relief as they watched the attendant perform more tests.

The helicopter landed and the EMS crew began quickly to rig up a retrieval harness to get Lyndi out of the canyon. They lowered a basket to the ledge and the attendant and Ty carefully stabilized her onto the board, then put her into the basket. The Helicopter then hovered over the site and dropped a retrieval cable to the ledge where they secured the basket. The attendant then strapped himself to the cable and the helicopter began to retrieve both Lyndi and the attendant. Once they got her out of the canyon and onto the cliff, they loaded Lyndi into the helicopter. Ty, "Amy, why don't you go with Lyndi to the hospital and Jack, and I will bring back the horses and come as quick as we can. Call me if anything changes, ok?"

Amy, who is still trying to grasp the emotions of seeing her daughter being pulled from the canyon responds, "Ok, I will!"

The air ambulance lifts off and heads toward the hospital in Calgary and Jack and Ty, pack up the horses and begin the trek back to Heartland. As they were riding back, Jack said, "Ty, I am so sorry that you and Amy have to go through another event like this."

Ty, "Jack, that is life! There are always risks that we take and most often nothing becomes of them. But when things like this happen, we can only pray that God will take us through this. When I was younger, events like this would bottle up inside of me and I would go crazy trying to deal with it on my own. Amy and I prayed over her today, and I realized that whatever the outcome, all we could do is what we could do, the rest we must leave up to God!"

Jack, "Ty, your faith has grown so much! I am so proud of you!"

Ty, "Jack, listen, when we get back to the ranch, I need you to be with the twins for a while. Then, call Georgie and see if they can come get the twins while we deal with Lyndi at the hospital. Is that ok?"

Jack, "Sure, I can do that. I will also call the family and tell them what has happened."

Ty, "Make sure they pray for her healing. We need God to really step in here. I think Lyndi is going to need it!"

Jack, "Will do!"

As they reach Heartland, Jack takes the horses and brings them into the barn, while Ty gets into the SUV and heads to the Calgary hospital.

Chapter 10: Lyndi's Miracle

Sunday, January 2, 2022

12:11 PM

As the air ambulance is heading toward the hospital the attendants are working to stabilize Lyndi. She is still unconscious and nothing the nurses do, get her to respond. They were getting concerned and were in constant communication with the hospital ER. Amy was still in shock over the day's events and was quietly sitting in the corner of the helicopter praying over and over that God would intervene. As they were landing, Lyndi began convulsing and the attendants were giving her medication to calm down the seizures. They immediately took Lyndi from the ambulance and rushed her into the ER. Still convulsing, the ER doctor assessed the situation and immediately scheduled an operating room to reduce the swelling in her brain that was causing the seizures. The nurse came up to Amy, who was considerably shaken by what she was seeing and said, "We need your authorization to allow the doctors to operate on your daughter."



Amy signs the document and asks, "What are they going to do? Can I be with her?"

The nurse responds, "It looks like her brain has some swelling from the injury and is causing her to seize. We need to put in a drain and induce a coma to try and stop the swelling."

Amy begins to cry, "Please, take care of my daughter! She is a very special young lady!"

Nurse, "Come here, honey! She is in the best hands possible!" She then hugs Amy.

Amy, "All I could do is just pray that she would be ok!"

Nurse, "That is the best thing you can do. God has blessed these doctors with amazing abilities. She is in good hands!"

As they are ushering Lyndi to the operation room, Amy follows alongside the cart until they reached the operating room doors. The nurse said, "We will take it from here. Why don't you go to the waiting room and we will come and get you the minute we are finished."

Amy stands back from the doors as Lyndi and the doctors disappear. All alone, she drops to the ground and begins to sob uncontrollably. Everything that has transpired over the past few hours finally took its toll and she realizes that Lyndi could be in serious shape. Even worse, she could have died! She gathered herself and walked back to the waiting room when her phone rang. It was Ty. "Amy, finally! I have been trying to call you. What is going on?"

Amy, "Ty, she is really hurt. In the ambulance she began to have seizures and when we got to the hospital emergency room, they immediately rushed her to the operating room to relieve the swelling in her brain. They are there right now putting in a drain. But Ty, they are going to put her into a coma! Ty, a coma! Just like when you were in the hospital! I don't think I can go through that again!"

Ty, "Amy, honey, I will be there in about 15 minutes. I am so sorry you had to go through this alone. But listen. That is expected since she took a pretty nasty hit on the head. This is not like my situation where I had a brain aneurism. This is normal procedure when the brain swells."

Amy, "Ty, is she going to be alright?"

Ty, "Amy, they have the best doctors and we have prayed that God will take this over. We must have faith that he will. It is in God's hands."

Amy, "I know, but it is so hard to let go. There has to be something we can do?"

Ty, "Amy, we did all we could to get her out of the canyon and to the hospital. Now it is up to them to pull her through! Look, I am just getting to the entrance. Let me hang up and park and I will see you in a minute!"

Amy, "Ok, just hurry!"

Ty pulls into the hospital entrance and valet's his vehicle. He runs into the hospital and knows exactly where the emergency waiting room is from when Amy was kicked by the horse. As he arrives, he greets a scared and crying Amy and they embrace. Amy is clutching onto Ty saying, "I am so glad you are here. Ty, I am going crazy. What if we lose our girl?"

Ty, "Amy, you need to get those thoughts out of your mind. We have prayed through this and believe that if there is anything that needs to be done to bring our girl back, it is being done now!"

Amy, "Ty, there could be.."

Ty, "Amy, don't go there! Let's take this one step at a time. We can only do what is here and now. We will handle what is to come when it comes!"

Amy hugs Ty even tighter and say, "You are my rock, Ty Borden!"

Ty's phone rings and it is Lou. "Ty, what has happened?"

Ty, still holding on to Amy says, "Lou, Lyndi has been injured and it looks pretty serious. They have her in surgery now trying to get her stable. Lou, I can't talk right now, I just got here, and Amy is pretty upset. Let me call you back when things settle down, ok?"

Lou, "Ty, Ty, were, are you? I am coming, now!"

Ty, "We are in Calgary at the hospital."

Lou, "Peter and I will be there as quick as we can."

Ty, "Can you let the family know?"

Lou, "We will. See you shortly."

Ty hangs up with Lou when the doctor comes into the waiting room. He is the same doctor who treated Amy when she was kicked by the horse. "Dr. Borden, so we meet again! I understand this is you and Amy's daughter. Can you tell me what happened?"

Amy, "We were on a trail ride and Lyndi's horse spooked and threw her into the canyon. She fell about 30 feet to a ledge and hit her head on a bolder. It took us about 1 hour to get her out of the canyon and into an air ambulance which brought her here. However, when I got to her, she was not breathing so I started CPR and after a few minutes and a lot of prayer she started breathing again. Ty was able to stop the bleeding when he got to her, and he stabilized her legs. She kept going in and out of consciousness." Doctor Smith, "How long was she not breathing?"

Amy, "I am not really sure. It took me about 15 minutes to get to her and I was able to get her breathing after about 3 minutes. Why?"

Doctor Bernam, "Well, we have a situation. We were able to stop the convulsions by creating a vent and putting her into a coma. What we don't know is if there has been any damage caused by the lack of oxygen to her brain. We need to keep her induced for about 3 to 5 days to get her swelling down. Our situation is that her legs and hip are badly broken and we need to get those set before too long. Preferably before she comes out of the coma. The risk is performing the operation while she is in the coma. There could be some complications during surgery. My suggestion is to take the risk to alleviate any permanent damage to her legs and hip."

Ty, "Doctor, we trust you so if you think we need to have the surgery, then surgery it is."

Amy, "Ty, are you sure? Doctor if we wait what are the issues with her hip and legs?"

Doctor, "Well, we can't know for sure but bones that are not set within a few days of a break can begin to heal abnormally which can alter her ability to walk or even ride on a horse, which I understand is something that is very important to her."

Amy, "Can we take a day to pray and discuss this?"

Doctor, "I can give you a day. Also, we will be able to assess her progress with swelling reduction."

Ty, "Thank you doctor. We will get back with you."

Doctor, "I will say a prayer, too. Maybe we can catch a miracle here!"

The doctor turned and retreated to the operating room and Ty and Amy sat down in the waiting room. Ty reached for Amy's hand and began to pray. "God, we need your help to return our Lyndi to us. We need a miracle Lord, so please hear our prayers." Amy reached up and grabbed hold of Ty and embraced him. "It's in God's hands now!"

Lou, Katie, and Georgie made their way to the waiting room, followed by Peter and Quinn who went by and picked up Jack. As the family arrived, they were anxious to find out what had happened and how Lyndi was. Ty sat them down and began to tell the events of the day. Then, Amy added, "Lyndi has been severely hurt and they had to put her in a coma to reduce the swelling in her brain. They want Ty and I to make a decision by tomorrow, to operate to set her broken bones. There is some risk in that, but the Doctor recommends it. Oh, and the doctor is the one who treated me when I was kicked at Hill Hearst."

Lou, "Well that is good. I would trust his recommendation."

Jack, "Ty, what are you thinking?"

Ty, "Amy and I prayed about it and thought we would wait and see if God gives us a sign about what to do, but I trust our doctor and I think we are leaning towards having the surgery. Maybe THAT IS THE SIGN!"

Katie, "So what if you guys wait?"

Amy, "She might not be able to ride again!"

Georgie, "That would break her heart. She has visions, like you Amy, to work with horses as a career."

Amy, "I know, but the surgery risk is almost as bad."

Ty, "Well guys, Lyndi has always prayed for all of us when we needed help. Now we must pray for her. Pray also for clarity for our decision about the surgery."

The family settled into the waiting room so they could be close to Amy and Ty. Tim and Shane took the twins to Big Sky for the night. Doctor Smith came back with an Orthopedic Surgeon to update Ty and Amy. Dr. BernamSmith, "How are you guys holding up? Lyndi is really doing well. Her swelling is subsiding and her vitals are in a good place. I brought Dr. Fredericks. He will be the Ortho surgeon that will be setting Lyndi's legs and hip. I thought you might want to ask him some questions to help you make your decision. I must say with the progress we are seeing with Lyndi, I feel more confident in my recommendation. I think your prayers are helping us get Lyndi out of the woods."

Dr. Fredericks, "Ty, Amy, it is good to meet you. I am so sorry it has to be under these circumstances. I really want to encourage you to get Lyndi's bones set. With the severity of the injuries, we need to get those bones set correctly as soon as possible and I have performed this procedure under these circumstances many times so I am confident with Lyndi's good prognosis that the surgery will be successful."

Ty, "I understand about the urgency to correct the breaks. I am a vet and we have the same urgency with animals. My concern is her strength and ability to handle that surgery while in a coma."

Amy, "Doctor, if she was your daughter what would you do?"

Dr. Fredericks, "Amy, Ty. That WAS my daughter 10 years ago. I had to make that decision."

Ty, "Wow, I assume it was the right decision."

Dr. Fredericks, "She has a volleyball scholarship to the University of Calgary."

Ty, "Then I guess we have made the decision." As he looked at Amy, who with tears in her eyes, was nodding yes.

Dr. Bernam, "You made the right choice. We will schedule the surgery for tomorrow morning. Why don't you guys go home and get some sleep."

Both Ty and Amy requested they stay with Lyndi and told the family the news and sent them home. They headed towards her room and Amy put her arm around Ty and her head on his shoulder. "I feel this is the right decision, right?"

Ty, hugging Amy back, "We prayed for a sign and I think we got one!"

Amy, "Let's go love on Lyndi and get her through this. I think she will know we are there."

Ty and Amy go into the ICU where Lyndi was lying with machines wining and her little breath driving the rhythm of the room. They each grabbed a hand and sat beside the bed. Amy put her head on Lyndi's chest and said, "Lyndi, honey, your dad and I are here with you! Everyone is praying for you. We love you so much. You are going to get through this." Both Amy and Ty have been through this and they are confident that Lyndi hears their words.

Chapter 11: Visions of Grandeur

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The next morning Ty and Amy woke up to a squeeze of their hand. Amy, "Ty, did you feel that!" Then again, another squeeze.

Ty, "I did! Lyndi if you can hear me, squeeze our hands. Lyndi squeezed both of her hands and Amy let out a burst of emotion. "Lyndi, sweetie you are going to be alright. We love you, Lyndi! Ty, go tell the nurse!"



Ty immediately heads to the nurse's station to give them the news. Lyndi is ventilated so she could not talk but was struggling to say something. Amy, "Baby, don't try to talk. You have a ventilator that is helping you breathe so you can't talk. Please just relax!"

As the nurses entered, Dr. Bernam, who was making rounds came in behind them. "Well, it looks like all that praying has given us a miracle. The swelling in her brain is gone. That is why she is responding to you. This really reduces the risk of today's surgery, a lot! Amy grabs Ty around the waist and hugs him tight.

Dr. Bernam, "Well, hello there young lady. It seems like you had quite the accident. Why don't you just relax for a few minutes while I take a look at you. I might even be able to get that contraption out of your mouth so you can talk to us."

Still concerned about any brain damage from being without oxygen, the doctor was anxious to pull the vent and ask her some questions. He directed the nurse to do so. "Lyndi, I want you to blink twice for yes and once for no. I need to ask you a few questions. Ok?" Lyndi blinks twice. "Do you know who these two nice folks are?" Lyndi blinks twice. "Do you know what happened to you?" Lyndi blinks once. "That's ok. You had an accident and you have been injured. We are going fix you up today. It appears you have broken a few bones." Lyndi has a tear roll down her cheek. Amy wipes it away and says, "Lyndi, your dad and are with you, sweetie. We will get through this, ok? Lyndi blinks twice.

The nurse comes back with the tray to remove her vent. Dr. Bernam asks Amy and Ty to step back so they can remove the vent. Once all the ventilator pieces were removed, Lyndi struggled out a few words. "Mom, Dad. What happened? Ty looked at the doctor and he nodded his head. So Ty begins to tell Lyndi about the fall down the Canyon. Lyndi, "Was I riding Flash? How is the horse? Is he OK? Mom?"

Dr. Bernam "Well, it looks like her brain response is all there. I don't believe I have ever had a patient respond so quickly after an accident like hers. Even when you were injured, Amy, it took a while before we knew if any real damage had occurred. She seems to have only lost her memory of the accident, which is very normal. And she probably will regain those memories back."

Ty, "Lyndi, we were so worried about you but we prayed and turned this over to God and he blessed us with this miracle!"

Lyndi, "God is great! But tell me about Flash!"

Amy, "Flash is fine. He got spooked and when he rared up, you fell off of him and into the canyon. I think he didn't like the trail we were on."

Dr. Bernam, "Lyndi, shortly we are going to prep you for a little procedure to fix your legs and hip so you will be able to run and ride your horses again. Are you up for that?" Lyndi looked at her mom and shook her head yes. Amy brushed back her blonde bangs and kissed her on her forehead. "You are my little angel aren't cha!" Lyndi blinked twice and smiled.

Ty went into the hall to call Jack and give him the news. "Jack, we got our miracle! Lyndi regained consciousness and they have taken her off the vent. We were able to talk with her and it appears outside of her loss of memory of the accident, she is ok! Thanks be to God, yea!"

Jack, "That is great news! So, you feel better about the surgery today?"

Ty, "Much better. I think the doctors are more confident, too!"

Jack, "Well that is great news, son. I will pass this on to the family and we will see you guys later this morning. You tell that little angel her GG was praying all night for her and I can wait to see her."

Ty, "Will do, Jack. See ya soon!"

Ty came back into the room and relayed the message to Lyndi from Jack and says that GG can't wait to see her. Lyndi, "I can wait to see him, too."

The doctors come in and sent Amy and Ty back to the waiting room while they perform the surgery. Before they leave, Ty asks if they could say a prayer over her. The surgeon, Dr. Bernam, the nurse, Amy and Ty hold hands while Ty voices a prayer to ask God to see this surgery through. At the conclusion, Amy and Ty kissed Lyndi and returned to the waiting room.

The family made it to the hospital during Lyndi's surgery. After about 4 hours Dr. Fredricks came into the waiting room, "Well, all is good! We were able to set pins in both of her legs. Her hip was a bit more challenging, but we were able to make the necessary procedures so that it will heal back properly. All in all, it looks like she will have about 6 months of recovery and therapy but should be back to 100% and continue her activities as usual. However, for the next few weeks, she needs to be in traction to ensure the bones set correctly. We would like to keep her here during this time to observe and assist her."

Ty, "Doctor, we want to thank you for taking such great care of our Lyndi, however, we want to take her home as soon as possible. We can set up a room at the ranch with all the equipment necessary and have the family attend to her every day. We have a doctor right down the street that can be available if necessary."

Doctor, "I am not sure about that. We can do a better job here and keep her more comfortable."

Amy, "Doctor, I think her recovery will go better if she were able to do so in her own room around her family and friends."

After several more minutes of debate, Dr. Fredricks gave in and said, "Ok, but she needs to be here for the next few days so we can make sure there are no complications with her hips. That will give you time to get the house set up for her to go home and she can get into a wheel chair for transport."

Amy grabs Ty and hugs him. "Lyndi's coming home!"

Ty, "Lyndi's coming home!"

The family was listening to all the discussion and Tim spoke up, "Guys, I don't want to be in your business, but I really think Lyndi would be better off here recovering, than at Heartland. You just don't have the setup at home like they do here in the hospital. Who is going to watch her, Jack? What if she really needs some assistance, like going to the bathroom, or things like that? You think Jack is capable of doing that?"

Amy, "Dad, Me and Ty will be there for her, too!"

Tim, "You guys are busy with the seminars and Ty with his veterinarian practice. Your horse behavior business. How in the world do you guys think you will have time to tend to her?"

Ty, "We can hire a nurse for the first few weeks to stay with her, if necessary."

Georgie, "Tim, Katie and I can take a few weeks off of training to help out as well!"

Tim, "Ok, ok, I just think keeping her in the hospital would be a better decision!"

Ty, "Then it is settled. Lyndi is coming home."

The next few days were spent getting the room at Heartland set up and Ty hired a nurse to be with her during the day. Lyndi was recovering well with no apparent issues from her head trauma and her broken limbs. Amy had a sit down with the twins to bring them up to speed and lay some rules down before Lyndi got home. "Guys, come here we need to talk about what to expect with Lyndi coming home. She is going to be very sore and will have a cast on both of her legs. You guys need to turn the energy down when you are around her, so she won't get too excited. Remember, you must make sure you don't bump her or make her move abruptly. Do you get that?"

Tyson, "Yes, mom!"

Amy, "TJ?"

TJ, "Yes, Mom! So, when is she coming?"

Amy, "We are going to get her in the morning. If you would like, you guys can come, but remember the rules. I know she is anxious to see you two!"

Tyson, "We want to come!"

The next morning, the Borden family piled into the SUV and headed for the hospital. Tyson, "I can't wait to see Lyndi. I really missed her."

Amy, "She really missed her brothers. That is all she has been talking about."

Ty, "Remember the rules guys. No horseplay around her and turn your energy down! We should be there in a few minutes."

Ty Pulls up to the delivery exit and parks the SUV. The family goes inside to the room where Lyndi is sitting up in the bed. The boys start to run to her, but Ty immediately says, "Guys, remember the rules!"

They slowed their pace and walked up to the bed. "Lyndi, are you ok, boy we were scared. Are you going to be able to play with us again? Can I sign your cast? Did you hit your head?" The barrage of questions coming from the twins to Lyndi had her taken back a bit as she looked at Amy and smiled.

"Maybe we should rethink my coming home. Not sure I am ready for all these questions."

Tyson, "Sorry Lyndi, we just missed you and can't wait to get you back to Heartland!"

Lyndi, "I missed you, too! And I am just kidding!"

The nurse walked in and gave Ty and Amy some last-minute instructions while Lyndi and the twins caught up. When it was time to go, they loaded Lyndi into a wheelchair and brought her out to the SUV. Getting her into the car was quite a challenge since Lyndi had never used crutches and her hips were still very sore. However, she was so excited to get out of the hospital and get some fresh air, she endured the pain and got into the SUV. On the way home, with every bump in the road came a sharp reminder that she has broken bones that have not mended yet. Ty noticed the grimace on her face. "Lyndi, are you ok?"

Lyndi, "Yea, it's all the bumps. I can feel every one of them."

Ty, "Sorry, I will try to avoid them. We should be home soon, and you can lie down and we can give you something for the pain!"

Lyndi, "Thanks dad."

At Heartland, they got Lyndi settled into her room gave her a few minutes to recover from the ride. They rigged up the intercom from when the twins were little so she could communicate any needs. After a few hours, Ty decided to go and check on her. As he walked into the room, Lyndi opened her eyes and looked at her father. Ty, "What, you look like you want to say something!"

Lyndi, "Dad, I wanted to tell you something that happened to me that I can't figure out."

Ty, pulling up a chair next to the bed, "What is it, honey?"

Lyndi, "I am not really sure. It might have been a dream, but it was so real. There was a bright light and a doorway. I am not sure where I was but the doorway led to this beautiful vineyard. It was the most awesome place. So peaceful! I was filled with joy and wanted to explore the vineyard. There was this white horse that was just standing inside the door grazing. Then, out of nowhere, Lisa and two other ladies appeared and started talking to me. I think one of the ladies was my grandmother and I think the other was Mama GG. I asked them if we could go for a ride on the horses, but they told me that I had to go back. I didn't want to because the place was so overwhelming and wonderful. But they insisted. They said I had more things to accomplish, and that God was not ready for me to come home yet! Each one of the ladies gave me a hug and a kiss, and immediately I was back to the canyon and Mom was giving me CPR. What do you think that was?"

Ty, taken back by Lyndi's story recants back to his out of body experience. "Lyndi, I have never told anyone this, not even your mother, but when you were still in mom's tummy, I went to Mongolia to work with Vets without Borders and got very sick. When I finally got back home, I was in the hospital and my heart stopped. I had a very similar experience; except I saw my dad and he was asking me to come in. I refused and when I stepped back, I woke up in the hospital room and people were also trying to resuscitate me. Later, I found out that my heart had stopped, and I quit breathing. I think I died and came back to life! Lyndi, when your mother got to you on the canyon floor, you were not breathing. She gave you CPR and you started breathing again. Maybe, just maybe, you had the same experience."

Lyndi, "But it was so real. When they reached over and hugged me and gave me a kiss, I felt it!"

Ty, "I know, it was for me, too!"

Lyndi, "Mom doesn't know about that? Why didn't you ever tell her?"

Ty, "I don't know! It was such a turning point for me. You were born several weeks later, and I vowed to be, for you, the father I never had!"

Lyndi, "Dad, you ARE the best father a girl could ever have. I think we should tell Mom about this and see what she thinks!"

Ty, "I think you are right."

That night after the twins had gone to bed, Ty tells Amy, "hey, let's go check on Lyndi. There is something we want to tell you. So, they headed to her room and pulled up two chairs alongside the bed. Amy, "Ok, so what is this thing you guys need to tell me?"

Ty begins to tell Amy his experience when he had to be resuscitated after he came back from Mongolia. Amy looked at Ty and asked, "Why is this the first I am hearing of this, Ty. Why didn't you tell me that back then? Boy, does that explain some of your fathering behavior when Lyndi was born."

Ty, "Up until now, I didn't think much about it. Thought it more to be a dream than anything else."

Lyndi, tell mom your story!" So Lyndi begins to tell her the experience she had. While she was telling her story, Amy's eyes began to tear up as she got to the part with the horses. Then, as she says she saw Lisa and her grandmother and great grandmother, Amy was totally overwhelmed. Ty, looked at her and embraced her and said, "What is the matter, honey?"

Amy, "When my mother passed away in the car accident, I had a very similar experience but never told anyone. I thought it to be a dream too, so I just passed it off as that. But in my experience, it was my mother and grandmother, Lyndi, who came to me and said that I was to continue on with my mother's

business. She said she would be with me every step of the way and I have always thought it was through her journals, Pegasus, and Spartan. Also, my grandmother told me to continue with my singing because it made Grandpa feel her presence. How awesome is it that we can share these experiences and know that our family is in heaven looking down on us! I feel so overwhelmed. Like you Ty, I have never shared that experience with anyone. Not even you!"

Lyndi, "So mom, dad, you think my experience was real and not just a dream?"

Ty, "I think so! I know in my case; it changed the course of my life. I knew at that time I was going to be the father that I never had, and I would love your mother unconditionally."

Amy, "I have leaned on that experience since it happened. I knew my calling was to help troubled horses just like my mother, and I learned how to sing, and Grandpa and I have kept the Lyndi Bartlett music alive all these years."

Lyndi, "So I guess my calling is to continue with our horse business."

Amy, "Sweetie, I think your calling is far greater than that. You have single-handedly introduced our whole family to the power of faith, and we have applied it in our daily lives. I think God has much, much more for you to do than just the horse business. Maybe you will bring both OUR business and dad's together and become a veterinarian. Also, you know Heartland has become much more than a simple ranch. Our operation has become quite a business and one day, you might be the person to continue the legacy of all of us!"

Lyndi, "Wow, TMI! I need to go to bed! Mom, Dad, I love you guys so much. Thank you for everything!"

Ty and Amy kiss her on the forehead and go back to the living room.

Ty, taking a seat on the couch next to Amy, "How is it that both of us had these incredible life changing experiences and we have kept it from each other? I am so sorry that I did not tell you about my meeting with my father, but I guess I just wanted to show you the husband and father I would be, instead of just telling you."

Amy, "That is pretty incredible. I know that my experience with grandma and mom gave me the courage to continue her business and gave me the confidence I needed to do all the things that I do. Ty, I am so glad you are my husband, and we can share these things together. We have been extremely blessed and I don't want to take anything for granted."

Ty, "I agree. I love you so much and look forward to spending my life with you."