

THE STRUGGLE...

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Canton R-V Overseas School opens on the twins' birthday. Kelby and Suzie Q Guppi are not excited. They are arguing, as usual... They walk aboard the school ship and Nafin jots up to Kelby. He throws her up in the air with some seriously forceful magic and attempts to throw her into the ocean. She catches the side of the dock. "Dude, what was that for?" Kelby shouts, struggling to pull herself up.

"Hey, I like you... Let's be friends. We both want to torture Kelby!" Suzie Q says mischievously.

"I'm Nafin."

"Suzie Q! Why would you do that?" Kelby says as they walk away ignoring her. "This is great. Just great! My own sister turns on me."

“Hey, are you okay?” A boy says walking up to her.

“Well, do I look like I am okay? I am hanging from the dock. You could pull me up!”

“Okay. Calm down.” He pulls Kelby up.

“Sorry, I wasn’t trying to be mean.”

“It’s okay. My name is Dillon Buraloyne.”

“I’m Kelby Guppi!” Kelby blushes.

“Who were they?”

“Who?” She replies quietly. She is a little nervous.

“Who were the people that hurt you.”

“Well, the girl was my twin sister, and the other was... I don’t know. His name was Nafin, i think.”

“Oh...” They walked in silence. At 8:30a.m. the bell whistled, and they split into their separate classes.

Kelby had biology, and so did Suzie Q. Unfortunately, they had all classes together. ALL of them. She could not seem to ever get away from Suzie Q. She even has dance with Kelby even though she’s good. The only time Kelby could get away from Suzie Q was when she was riding her horse, Ziggy. Suzie Q was terrified of horses. Suzie Q also hated hunting. Kelby loved hunting.

The day went by slowly. The classes were not all that hard for Kelby, she was always above grade level. Her second hour was P.E. she wasn’t all that athletic, but she could do anything, really. After they finally got done with the Couch to 5k. they played Ultimate Football. Suzie Q and Kelby were captains. In the last 10 seconds of the game the score was 6-5 Kelby’s team was winning, and Suzie Q is in the in-zone. She goes to catch the ball, dives, and falls flat on her face. Game over. “Whoo!” One boy shouts on Kelby’s team.

Kelby's last hour class was Chemistry. Suzie Q and Nafin were both in it. "Great!" She thought to herself. Then she saw someone else walk into the room that looked familiar. The boy turned around, it was Dillon! She got so excited, but then got nervous. She didn't want to make a fool of herself in front of him, she kind of liked him.

"Well, well! Look who it is." Nafin walked up to Kelby with a smirk on his face. Kelby got worried fast. All she wanted to do was get Chemistry over with and go to bed. This was a long day.

"Please, go away Nafin."

"Why should I?" He kicks her in the shin. The throbbing pain made Kelby fall over. She laid on the ground and rolled side to side, holding her leg to her chest.

"Ouch!" Kelby yells.

"Woah, woah, woah! Dillon walks over to Nafin. Kelby all the sudden stopped rolling. She stared right at Nafin and

Dillon. She knew this was going to start a fight. Kelby watched intently.

“What do you want?” Nafin throws him into the wall.

“Cut it out dude!” Dillon punches Nafin.

“No!” Nafin shouts. Kelby gets up. She still is having pains, so she leans against the wall. Nafin sees her.

“Ahh!” Kelby screams. Nafin lights her hair on fire. Suzie Q comes over with water... It's too late, one whole side of Kelby's hair is gone.

“Nafin, I know we both want to torture her, but you took it way too far this time!” Dillon grabs Nafin’s wand.

“Ahah! I will give it back to you if-”

“If what?”

“If you promise to use it for good magic. NOT hurting people.”

“Whatever,”

“You promise?”

“Yes.”

“Here...” Dillon gives the wand back. Kelby runs into the bathroom and stands in front of the mirror and cries. Suzie Q walks in to comfort her.

“I have tried to apologize Kelby.”

“I know, but you let it get this far Suzie! You hurt me as much as he did. You’re my sister.”

“Yes, I know I messed up.” Suzie Q states rubbing Kelby’s back. Kelby walked out.

“Kelby, please come back... Please?” Kelby runs to her dorm and locks the door. All she could think was that Suzie Q did try to help, and maybe she should have listened to her. Why did Dillon give Nafin his magic back? He won’t stop hurting people no matter what. Nobody that evil can change. Suzie Q can’t change either. Or can they? They could. Will they?

“AHH!” Kelby screamed into her pillow. She thought about how ugly she is, and how now everyone would make fun of her. Should she just shave off the other side? There was a knock at the door. Who is it?

“Nafin.” No! What should she do? Open the door? Tell him to go away? She sits there and stares at the door. “Please, let me in Kelby. I am sorry.”

“No. Sorry doesn’t work for this Nafin. You have hurt me enough.”

“Give me a chance.” Nafin pleads. Kelby walks over and opens the door. Nafin sits in the swivel chair. “I am very sorry. I didnt mean to take it this far-”

“But you did...” Kelby paces the room. She doesn’t know what to do. Believe him? Let him talk? What do I do?

“My parents, they abused me and my siblings as a kid... Dillon just pointed this out to me. The way my parents treated me when I was young made me think that is the way that everyone is treated. I now know that it’s wrong to treat people badly. I truly am VERY sorry, Kelby.” Kelby speechless. She sits on the bed. “Now, please just forgive me.”

“I don’t know what to say. I-” There was another knock at the door. Kelby is startled by this. Dillon walks in, Suzie Q behind him with a cupcake in her hand, chocolate.

Why? Will everyone please just leave her alone? “Can everyone please leave?” Kelby didn’t know what else to say without being mean. She could feel her face getting hot. She knew her face was red when Dillon suggested they all leave. Suzie Q left the cupcake. Kelby sat down and ate it. She scarfed it down.

She walked to the hair shop located at the end of the ship, and told them to shave the rest of her hair off. Kelby went back down to her room A few minutes later. There was a knock on the door. She looks through the peephole, it was Dillon. She didn't want him to see her like this. "Please, go away." He opens the door and walks in anyways. Kelby runs and grabs a blanket to put over her hair.

"Kelby, I don't care what you look like, you're still my bestfriend. Please, give Nafin a chance."

"Fine. One more..."

"Thank you. He has changed..." They all became great friends, even Suzie Q and Kelby, but they still fought all the time.