

One Word That Changed Everything

By Bella

As I sit on my daybed staring outside at the cold rain pouring horrendously. I try and stay warm because it seems my house is taking up every bit of snow and wind it is getting. I wish I didn't have to go to troupe practice, where we have to wear small shorts and a super breath taking top that clings horribly tight to your skin.

"Maddy, Chloe and her mum are here, hurry up!"

I slide myself off my daybed and walk across the cold wooden floor and pick up my dance bag which holds all my 14 dance costumes and head out of my soft pink room down our spiral staircase.

Chloe and I hug each other tight not wanting to let go because it's so cold.

"Maddy I packed you hot cross buns, a little fruit salad and put your hot chocolate in the thermostat so it stays hot."

"Thanks mum, cya." I say with no doubt in my mind she's crazy aware that I'm stuffed even though Amy won't let us have lunch breaks. I put on my Ugg boots and start crawling into Chloe's mum's car, a beautiful white Range Rover. I feel bitter as a mouldy lemon as I could be cuddled up with mum watching old movies or huddled up on my daybed reading my favorite Jacqueline Wilson book whilst drinking my favorite raspberry tea, when I do this mum is usually food shopping. I start looking at the rain and then I fall into a doze thinking warm thoughts about my gran as we are the best of friends and do the most fun things together.

"MADDY?!"

"Oh, woah sorry, what do you need?"

"So I understand that you and Chloe finish at 9:30 pm?"

"Yeah."

I hear us pull up and hear the gravel crunch as we pull up at our dance studio, or is that hail I hear crunching?

"Out you go girls, I'll park and head upstairs."

"Hello Rhiannon... Sophie"

"Well what has the cat dragged in?"

"You."

"Come Sophie we need to stretch and not be around these embarrassments to dance."

I take off my tan velvety Uggs put them aside my dance bag, put on my worn out designer acrobatic shoes, I got them as a gift from my gran. As I stretch I can't help but feeling something bad is going to happen, so as I warm up in my splits I call my gran.

"Hello?" I hear her soft but sweet voice, and finally after a couple seconds I spill like a tsunami.

"Oh gran I just know I shouldn't go but I should, I feel a sickness in my stomach I have never felt before."

"Maddy," I hear her say soft, but firmly. "You're nervous for tomorrow, you just need to breathe, you're probably over thinking it, and when you're done you'll be so proud and as will I."

"You're right gran, I didn't know what I was worried about."

"I'm glad to hear you say that, goodbye Maddy, good luck!"

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“Thanks gran, bye.” I say unsure and hesitant.

“Alright girls, gather round, tomorrow is nationals and I hope you have perfected this because we are NOT going to be beaten.”

I start walking slowly into the studio and start revising the dance with little movement of my hands and feet.

“Sophie, when it gets to the lift, DON’ T look at me, Amy is onto us and if she sees that look she will know the drop is on purpose.”

“But isn’ t it?”

“YES STUPID!”

“Oh... OHHHH, I get you.”

I hear the music play and before I know it, the dreaded time I’ m facing is now.

“1,2..3, hold, hold...MADDY!”

“Chloe stay next to Maddy and Ariel go call the ambulance and explain to Bianca what has happened.”

I see blurs of pink and black and people screaming and panicking, and my best friend, Chloe, and I can’ t bear to look at her face, oh I just did, pale white with tears streaming down her face to go along with her blood red eyes. I feel her sweaty palm clench me tighter, every things going blurrier I see something, it’ s Rhiannon and Sophie smiling, a sly smile but before I can say anything I’ m out cold.

“How did this happ-.....RHIANNON GRACE JONES IN MY OFFICE.” Amy screamed, the room went quiet with everyone staring dead cold eyes on Rhiannon and silently under their breath whispering their share of disapproval.

“I saw that ‘look’ you and Sophie gave each other, explain now!” Amy stated furiously with eyes that explained every bit of her anger.

“Look, Maddy is a heavy girl and I lost my grip.”

“Maddy is lighter then you and you said to me you can hold her instead of doing a backflip into splits and then running off stage.”

“I know what I said, okay just, get off my back Amy!”

“Rhiannon, I hate to do this but you are officially banned from Talent Co Dance Studio, get out of my office, you’ re a disgrace.”

“So is she okay?” Amy said wrapping her hands around each other nervously.”

“She’ s pretty bad, she’ s in a little coma, she’ ll need to be in hospital for a minimum 2 weeks.”

“But we have Nationals tomorrow!”

“Hi I’ m Bianca, how is she, am I going have to pay for all this will I get sued, WHAT IS HAPPENING?”

“Chill out, you don’ t have to pay for it, if it was an accident of course but it was right?”

“Uh yeah, of course it was!”

“Rhiannon,since Maddy can’ t preform you’ re going take her place, BUT, straight after you are going back to being expelled, you make me sick.”

In The Hospital

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“Oh Maddy I knew I shouldn’ t of let you go to practice, I KNEW IT!” Maddy’ s mother sobbing with tears streaming down her face furiously.

“Oh Katie don’ t worry about about it, she’ ll be fine trust me.” Chloe’ s mum Heidi said softly stroking her back trying to help as much as possible.”

“How bout we go get some apple pie in the canteen .”

“NO! I can’ t leave Maddy alone.”

“Katie, Chloe’ s here and she’ s not leaving she wouldn’ t dream of it, and after all they’ re 18 years old.”

“Oh fine.”

“Maddy, please wake up, I need you, WE ALL NEED YOU MADDY WAKE UP!” Chloe was crying and as she looked at the door she gasped breathlessly.

“Rhiannon? What are you doing here.” Chloe as fierce as ever staring like a hawk at Rhiannon who was leaning against the door with a smile on her face.

“Oh Maddy how sad, I feel so bad for her, how bout I stay here while you go and freshen your self up, you look a mess!”

“Yeah, what ever, I’ ll be back in 10.” Chloe said sloppily

“Oh Maddy your friend is so stupid! She left me alone with you, the girl who dropped you on purpose!”

“Now you are already asleep how bout you sleep a little longer...”

BANG

“MADDY!”

Everyone including, Katie, Heidi, Chloe and other nurses turn and see Maddy as white as a ghost and in a pile of deep rich red blood and they surround her as Rhiannon slyly walks out.

“I told you, I get what I want and when I want it.”

THE END