

# Chapter 1

Lilah's POV

"It's my birthday! It's my birthday!" I come running downstairs, bumping into my big brother, falling flat on my tiny butt. Bum? I don't think I'm allowed to say butt.

"No Liley, your birthday isn't until tomorrow, but we're throwing a double party today, because mine was yesterday" My oldest brother says.

"That make no sense. You're this many years older than me" I say holding up my five tiny fingers "your birthday can't be two days before mine" my brother looks at me deep in thought.

"Come on miss Sassy pants. Everybody has a birthday every year. And the party won't start until later so it's time for breakfast." My mommy says, pushing me and my brother towards the kitchen table. Where the mountain of food is.

We sit down at the table and I give my big brother a kiss on the cheek "happy ten years and one day birthday" he looks at me confused before giving in and giving me a side hug, not even bothering to reply.

There is no resisting my charm.

Everyone is sitting around the table talking and telling stories while we eat. I don't think I've ever heard our house quiet, except when everyone is asleep, but that's because I'm not allowed home alone.

I join in on the conversation, but sometimes I feel bad. My brothers and sister are so cool. The moon goddess apparently gave all us kids some gi . But I don't know what mine is yet.

Xavier has brown hair like daddy and blue eyes like mommy. He is super smart and res-responsible. He is the born leader.

Malia has black hair like mommy did or she said she did. I don't understand how your hair can be black and then white. Aunty Belle does that with her hair, but mommy says it's not the same.

Malia also has these pretty grey eyes, I don't know how that is possible either. Maybe I'll know more things when I'm big and smart like mommy. Mal can be so nice and gentle. Her gi is being a healer.

Then there is Chase, I'm not allowed to tell anyone this but he is my fa-vo-rit. A lot of other kids don't like him because he is not as friendly, but he protects me and plays with me. You just have to know him good enough.

He also has black hair, but he has my daddy's green eyes. He is so strong and fast. His gi is being a warrior, a fighter, a protector!

And then, you have me, I'm the youngest, only 5 years. Almost. Tomorrow I'm finally 5 years. I look just like mommy, white hair and blue eyes.

But the bad part is not knowing what my gi is. Except being the only one who has the mark of the moon like mommy and daddy. I'm not very special. Just a regular almost 5-year-old.

I've been in my own little world for so long I didn't realize the others have finished eating and my brothers are fighting over the last piece of bacon.

Of course, Ace wins, he is the fastest. So, I place one of my pieces of bacon in Xay's plate taking his glass filled with apple juice. I have a tiny tummy I'm probably not going to eat the bacon he can have it, but I love juice.

When we are done with breakfast everyone goes outside to help set up for the party.

It is going to be a barbecue and we have a bouncy house and a slide all set up. So, while everyone is putting up the balloons, I do the res-responsible thing to do and test out the bouncy house to make sure there is no holes and no one will get hurt.

I already had my water guns loaded and hidden beside the house because there will definitely be a water fight, I just know it. I will never win if I don't do something sneaky. It is not cheating it is just being prepared.

"Grandpa HayHay!" my excitement get the better of me and I fall face first down the bouncy house. "I'm okay!" I yell and I hear a few chuckles, standing up I start running towards my grandparents again.

I love grandparents! They spoil us rotten. They don't have rules, and they don't tell mommy and daddy when we break our usual rules. They always give us so much sweets before sending us back to mommy and daddy.

Before I can reach grandpa, uncle El li s me into his strong arms spinning me around many, many times before setting me down on my feet. Pushing me in grandpa's direction. He always does that.

I can barely stand on my feet, I'm too dizzy. To which one of my blurry grandpa's am I supposed to walk to?

Uncle El and Aunty Belle, each have their own mates. And both of them have pups already. So, we have three cousins. They are all still very little, and uncle El says we have another cousin on the way, another girl. I wonder where she has been all this time?

And like I predicted, we had a big water fight. Everyone joined. Adults against pups. But daddy was too smart for us, he got the hose pipe. We didn't stand a chance to win a er that. So unfair.

My favorite part of my birthday was eating my big elephant cake. I love elephants, they are my favorite animal.

And I got the bestest gi ever from mommy. A puppy!



I just kept thanking mommy and daddy. Even mommy couldn't stop smiling, daddy just rolled his eyes, saying mommy picked the gi . I named my puppy 'Ellie' short for elephant.

That night a er the party. My tummy hurt from all of the cake but it was totally worth it!

We made a big family bed in the living room with lots of pillows and blankets and we watched 'Abominable' together.

Mommy and daddy cuddled in the middle of Ace and Mel. Xay on the couch, and I was warmly cuddled up next to Ellie.

Ellie is the perfect new addition to our family, she fits right in.

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