

# River Run

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## Chapter One

As I walk down the wet, bare alley, I could hear the splish splash of my brown boots hitting the tiny puddles of water the rain had made. I also heard a faint noise at the end of the alley. It sounded like the snarling of dogs getting ready to fight. With every step I took closer to the end of the alley, the once faint noise I had heard became louder. As I approached the end of the alley, the brush just across the sidewalk was moving rapidly as if there were hundreds of cats and dogs chasing each other. The sound that I had heard was coming from within the depths of its leaves. But what was making that noise?

I kept my eyes on the brush for a few seconds and just when I was about to give up, I saw two dark brown tails come from the brush. I recognized instantly there were dogs fighting. They were locked in a savage struggle. Quickly, I ran over to the brush. I was glad I had my newspaper with me. I rolled it up and stared to hit aimlessly in to the brush not knowing what I was hitting, but I knew I wanted the fight to STOP immediately! They were all gone except for one. This one single dog had bright green eyes and was very bloody and was growling. But after I gave him a soft kind voice he mellowed out and started to approach me. We became friends quickly, I could tell he was a whippet hound which he used to hunt coon's with sight. As I lifted him up in my arms I remember the hounds I had once had when I was a young girl.

## Chapter Two

It was my tenth birthday when my dad decided he was going to tell me that we were moving to Kansas. Why exactly were we moving to Kansas? I had lived here two years with dad and the other eight my mother when she was with us. If mom were here, we wouldn't be packing right now but I did what my father asked of me. "Jessie, are you all packed? We need to be at the airport by ten o'clock and it's already nine." my father called. "Yes sir, almost done." I said in a cheerless blue tone. He walked into my room. "Now Jessie, you know your mother would have been ecstatic about this if she was here." "You always say that mom would like anything you come up with and it's not right and she would have hated your idea to move to Kansas!" I demanded. "Jessie Rena Perkins!" my father said shocked. "Be in the car in twenty minutes and you're grounded from your phone for two weeks." "Yes, sir." I said as I took the last four posters I had hung up on my sixth birthday of the hunting hounds I had wanted forever. With every step I took, I said good bye to a different object. Once I was finally out the front door, I could see my father, who was sitting in the front seat trying to persuade me to hurry up. But I didn't care if we missed our flight, I was going to say good bye whether he liked it or not. So I continued, I set a and gray silk dress and gave it a big hug. Just because I was ten doesn't mean I can't have feeling for my

house that I was never going to see again. I saw my father out of the corner of my eye, thinking that he was going to tell me that we weren't going to move to Kansas. But instead he grabbed my arm and pulled me out of the house. "Get your stuff and get in the car right now!" he said, enraged in anger. I could feel the sting of tears coming from behind my eyes, so I picked up my stuff quickly and walked to the car trying to hold back the tears but it didn't work so well. By the time I was half way to the car, I had millions of little tears rolling down my freckled pale cheeks. My father had decided I was moving too slow, so he grabbed my stuff shoved it in the back seat. He came back and lifted me up like a baby, stuffed me in the front seat, and buckled me in. He ran around the car got in and floored it as we sat in the car in silence I felt many things: anxiety, sadness, but mostly butterflies. I thought whenever you felt butterflies, it meant you were excited, not feeling sadness and anxiety. But just then my thoughts were interrupted by my father telling me to get my stuff and walk fast, or we were going to miss our flight. I obeyed my father because I knew he was already frustrated with me. So I walked very fast my father did the same but a lot faster than me. Every time my father would walk faster I would do the same and this pattern continued. Finally we reached our flight and just in time with zero minutes to spare. My father gave the flight attendant our tickets and we ran to the plane. Once we found our seats my father sat down in relief I just sat. I was hoping that we wouldn't make it but sadly we did. I still had the butterflies. "I'm sorry for being so hard

on you, Jessie.” in a smooth calm tone. “It’s ok, daddy.” I said like I didn’t care, but I did. I wanted this conversation to be over, and it was. Hours later, both me and my father fell asleep, we had a very long day and I was happy to be resting. But as always, I had the same dream about me finding lost hunting hounds and me taking them in and us being champions. Then, suddenly, I awoke. Everyone was fast asleep. I had realized why I had woken up. A flight attendant was pushing a drink cart down the aisle. Our eyes met, and she asked quietly if I wanted a drink. I said ‘no thank you.’ Then she told me to rest, had a couple more hours till were in Kansas. Even while I was half-way asleep, I still grumbled at the word Kansas. I lay my head down and tried to fall asleep, but it was no use. So I stayed up and played with the stupid word search that the plane had for the passengers. After a while I got bored out of my mind. So again I tried to fall asleep, and this time it worked. An hour later, I was awoken by my father, telling me to wake up, and we were almost in Kansas. “Did you have a good night sleep?” “Yes sir” like nothing had happened or that I was awakened by the flight attendant. Once we were landed and out of the airplane, we when directly to the conveyor belt of luggage. It was fun to fly again, but it wasn’t fun that we moving to Kansas, and that this country place was going to be my home. When we were leaving the airport, a bunch of people were looking at me like I was insane to be wearing a bright leather jacket, a perfect white shirt and very nice jeans and polo glasses which were super expensive. But we walked

and pretended like we didn't care what they thought but really, we did. We just wanted to fit in. Once we were out of the airport, we rented a car till we could buy another one. "I hate Kansas already! First off, we are driving in a rusty old, ugly light blue truck, secondly people looked at us like we were wearing Mardi Gra hats in the middle of November!" I said, but instead of responding, my father ignored me. For some reason I still had butterflies in my stomach. I don't get why I had butterflies so I still hate Kansas unless for some reason something good was going to come from thi- "What did you say, dad?" "I said we're at our new home." "What? This can't be our new home! It's absolutely horrid, how am I supposed to live here?" "We will make do, now get your bags and start unpacking." I walked up to the house. "it more `there" "OK I'll start unpacking" my new room was a lot smaller than the one in New Jersey but like my father said we will make do. I started unpacking every piece of clothing, toys or the dog posters. But every time I was closer to being finished the sting of tears became stronger and it got very hard to hold them back. Finally I could hold them no more and I let them all fall one by one making me feel worse. After I decided my father would check on me soon I stop crying so we wouldn't have to have that talk again. Soon I was done unpacking when my father came in "Jessie will you go get the eggs from the chicken coop?" "We have chickens and how exactly am I spose to do that?" "Once all the chickens are out of the coop grab the eggs from the nest OK" "yes sir" I said enraged in anger and fear that the

chickens would peck me. I walked out on the front porch and saw the chickens all-wondering around the yard I stepped off and I wondered where the coop was. Then suddenly I saw a small barn looking thingy-magigy that had chickens in it and I thought to myself that must be it. I paced myself being ready for everything and anything that was going to happen to me. I thought I might be a good Idea if I brought a stick with me so I did. I scared all the chickens out of the coop but they scared me more a lot more and grabbed the eggs quickly hoping that they wouldn't come back to get their eggs and they didn't. But I still watched for them for a long time one came towards me I screamed and ran as fast as I could he towards the house. My father slammed open the front door "what's wrong"

"The chicken he tried to kill me" I said taking a gasp of air every time

"No he didn't now get inside take a shower, go to bed you need some rest"

"OK" I walked inside and took a shower got in bed and shoved my head into the pillow. I stayed up for a little while and I heard coon hound dogs howling. There w> 0ere coon hounds here! I thought I should get to bed and I could try to find that coon hound in the morning so I fell asleep quickly.

### Chapter three

The next morning I got up and my father was already awake I told him that there were coon hounds here. He smiled suspiciously like he had something to do with it but I knew he didn't. I went

to go get milk from the fridge when I saw we didn't have any milk I swore we had some last night but my dad said he drank it all. "Go milk Betsy our cow"

"WHAT! How do I do that?"

"Just try"

"Yes sir" I said I marched out of the room got the pale and walked towards Betsy. Then suddenly I heard the howls of coonhounds I dropped everything I knew were the coons were by the river or were they in the river drowning in my silk robe I ran towards the river there I saw two beautiful tan, gray and black coonhound pups coat glistening in the sun. Quickly they got up and ran towards me. I picked them up and walked towards the house I set the pups down and open the door and nudged them on I picked them up once they were inside I went in the kitchen and did not find my father but I did find the milk. I ran up stairs still holding the pups but seeing my father sitting in his recliner . "Daddy look what I found"

"I was hoping you would find them"

"You got me coonhound pups" I asked astonished

"Ya why not you're my baby girl"

"Thank you so much"

"You're welcome" my father was so happy until I said

"So when can I start hunting?"

"WHAT! You wanted to hunt I thought you just wanted them for company." my father said shocked

"No you think about it. Also are the trained to hunt?"

“No there just company dogs not dogs that are going to kill some indecent coon”

“Well I’m going to go think of some names for them and go sit by the river” As I walked down to the blue quiet river I saw a boy walk in my drive way “What are you doing here” I hollered

“Who are you” I yelled again

“Kennedy” he yelled back

“Come over here Kennedy”

“Ok hold on” I saw he had bare feet and was running as fast as wild horses

“That’s some mighty fine pups you got there” Kennedy said

“And you got some mighty fine blue thingy’s”

“Overalls” Kennedy said chuckling

“You’re not from around her are you?” he said still chuckling

“No and why do you ask” I wondered

“You’re wearing a beautiful pink shimmer dress” he said

“Oh this it is Quentashions best silk dress she has made”

“Ok well I have to get back to work” he said

“Where do you work?” I asked

“I’m the mail man or as people say the mail guy oh and here’s your mail and I’ll see you tomorrow bye”

“good bye and see you tomorrow” Kennedy vanished I continued to the river. Once I arrived at the river I saw a comfortable rock I decided to sit down stretch out and relax on. My dogs were playing over by the river when I saw a young baby coon scurry down the log in the middle of the river. My boy dog ran straight onto the log I ran to try to catch him but it was no use he was already in strife with the baby coon. I wanted to scream but it wouldn’t come out. I just sat there in silence and then I wonder where my girl dog was that’s when I saw her sitting over by the end of the river. Suddenly she bolted and her sharp white teeth sank into the baby coon’s neck. The sound the baby coon made was enough to make the hair on the back of your neck stand straight up “OOOOWWWWWEEEEEE” the baby coon wailed. SPLASH I heard from the water the river became quiet. Where were my dogs they had vanished. Then I heard a faint splash. I could tell my dogs were drowning I took off my slippers and set them on the rock. I dove head first into the freezing lifeless water. “HUUUU” I came up for a short breath I opened my eyes in the water which was not a good idea. The sting of the freezing water was agony to me. I was about to give up then saw

my pups in the water. I lunged for them I scooped them up in my arms and swam to shore. I saw blood over my silk dress “ewwww disgusting” but I was more worried were it was coming from I check my girl dog first she was fine then I saw were it was coming from not my boy dog but the baby coon still locked in the strong grip of my boy dogs bloody teeth. “ugg” I was tired of calling my dogs boy dog girl dog. I had to think of some names immediately I thought of the name Cernunnos which was a goddess of hunting for my boy dog, after what he has been threw today he dismembered a strong powerful name. “Cernunnos” I called my dog came running happily. I had to think of my girl dog name then I thought of her wisdom she had used during the terrifying fight. I thought of another goddess name I thought of Athena which was a Greek goddess of wisdom. “Athena” I called to my dog she came running in joy. there I saw Cernunnos and Athena sitting proudly in front of me. I was wondering what I was going to do with coon then I thought I will show my dad how good I my coon dogs are already and I could start training and going in small little competitions then I would be the best coon I hound owner ever. I picked up the coon by its tail and I was disgusted by the blood dripping from the poor lifeless baby coon. I was sad that I had well my dogs had killed a baby coon but I was proud at the same time because they did such a great job working together to kill that baby coon. I walked inside soaking wet and my dress all bloody and my hands covered in blood and the smell of wet mutts was

discussing my father ran to me “All you alright are you bleeding and pups ok?”

“Yes im fine the pups are fine everything is good” he checked my shoulder to make sure I wasn’t lying and that’s when he saw the baby coon laying there in the yard covered in blood

“That baby raccoon does not so good” the Cernunnos gave it away with his blood shot red teeth”

“You and you dogs killed that defenceless coon”

“He was not defenceless the coon was ripping it sharp claws through Cernunnos fur bu-” I was stooped in the middle of my sentence when my father interrupted “whoa whoa whoa you already named them”

“Of course i did their my dogs aren’t they?”

“Yes but”

“But what” I yelled furiously

“ Well I didn’t want to lose my baby girl in this crazy hunting dream of yours”

“its not a dream it real I'm going to be the best coon hunter ever and I know it and I also know that they are trained to hunt or the would have never been able to kill that coon so fast now I'm going to take a shower and wash up my pups”

“And what are you going to do with that coon out there” my father questioned

“I'll figure it out later good bye” I said

“Wait funny story well um how should I put this? since this is an old house I have to get a plumber out here so we are going to have to take a shower in a tub outside” my father said below his breath

“WHAT but what if Kennedy shows up and he sees me in the tub” I said in a outraged voice

“ What who's Kennedy?” my father asked

“Hes our mail man and my friend” I said proudly

“you already have a new friend wow I'm so hap-”

“What is that horrific odor” my dad said while holding his nose

“Its me and my dogs and you holding me from taking my shower good bye”

“bu-”

“I said good bye” I marched away I stopped in my tracks and turned around and head towards my dad  
“where is the tub” I asked my father

“It is in the barn with all the mules”

“Eww i have to take a shower while near poop disgusting”

“your fi-” i walked away in the middle of my father conversation. I could see the worry in his crystal clear baby blue eyes. I wanted to go back and say I’m sorry but my father was already in the house. When I reached the barn I could smell the odor from the mules it was worse then the smell of the blood on me. But right now I did not care what the barn smelled like I just wanted take a shower and lay down. When I saw the tub the rust and dirt around the rims of the tub were mocking me rubbing it in my face that I would have to sit in dirty water. I was discussed by it but I rather take a shower in dirty water than stay bloody for days in till a plumber got out here to fix our shower so I walked toward the tub trying to forget about the rusty dirty rims I saw the water hose not far from the tub. I was going to pick it up then I saw about a million spiders and their webs surrounding the hose but I knew what I had to. I reached down closing my eyes and I picked it up “eeeeee” I squealed the webs were cold and wet but I did it I put the hose in the tub I walked back to where I was spouse to turn on the water. I turned it on and walked to the tub when I saw spiders, spider webs, mold and a bunch of other stuff that was discussing I thought I was going to vomit. I picked the hose up and when I turned around i found my pups lying asleep out in the warmth of the sun. It was adorable to see i turned around to the other side of the barn

“niiieeee” a mule whinnied I was terrified of the sound. But I remember why I was walking that way because I didn’t want to wake my pups and I wanted to get the blood off of me. I continued once I was at the other side of the barn I set the hose down so all of the disgusting nasty guck could clear out. I turned around and walked away I got to the tub and saw the nasty gunk in the tub. I grabbed the tub by one of its two handles and started to drag it when the handle broke off and i landed on my bottom. i have had a rough day i thought to my self but i was determined to take a shower today. i grabbed the other handle on the tub and pulled lightly to make sure that this handle was not going to break off. it seamed to be good so i started dragging it the was making an awful sound THUMP THUMP. i was scared i was going to wake i tried my hardest not to wake my pups but it did not work. i knew Cernunnos and Athena were not going back to sleep because soon after they were licking my feet “Cernunnos st-” the bucket hit a bump on the cement floor. the dead spider and spider web and mold water flew out of the tub and onto me “EWWWWWWWWWWW” i squealed the discussing water was dripping down my used to be pick but now red and black and white and a hint of yellow. Red from the blood, black from the dead spiders, white from spider webs and yellow umm well i would tell you but thats a little personal. When i sat down for a break i felt water on my bottom the hose i had left on must have stayed on i turned around instanly to see the barn was all most engulfed in water. i ran to the nob and turned off the

water i ran to get the hose i was happy i was running in water almost as clear and as blue as my fathers eyes. Then some of the water behind me turned red what was going on then i saw since i got wet some of the blood on my dress came off and i also had two cuts on me one on my calf and one on my elbow. they weren't bad but they stung badly. i wish i had not noticed it but i did i had to keep on going or i would never take a shower until that plumber came. i grabbed the hose and walked back to the tub and with all my force i kicked the tub over and the blue clear water became muggy and black. with my hose i rinsed out the tub so i could have clean water. soon the once disgusting tub was now full of crystal clear blue water.i started to take off my clothes and get in then i though i might want to get a new pair of clothes i turned off the nob and ran CLUNK i turned around to only to see Cernunnos resting on the ground with Athena.i loved my pups so much "Cernunnos Athena come on" i called to my pups they came running, tails waving fast enough to give someone a slight breeze. I started running to get clothes my pups followed me. i jumped up on the porch CLUNK i heard again Cernunnos had tried to jump on the porch. He did not sucede he hit his head on the porch and fell back i picked him up an squeezed him "I love you Cernunnos even though your not the sharpest pick in the barn" My girl dog came running and licked me "How did you get up here Athena" she barked as if she understood me. i walked inside, my pups almost making me fall down. i walked to my room and got a new pair of skinny jeans and a Ed Hardy

shirt i had gotten on my tenth birthday. grabbed them trying to keep them from getting bloody. i turned around and walked out of my room and in the bathroom to get a clean towel. Once i had the towel i turned around and went out of the bathroom through the dining room out the door and off the porch. i headed towards the barn where the blue cold relaxing water was waiting for me. i ran as fast as i could with out my bloody dress hitting my clean clothes. It seemed that my feet had not been touching they ground at all because in a blink of an eye i was already at the tub i took of my dress and got into the cold clean water i washed my arms and legs first to get all of the blood off of me then i would wash my hair then was my pups then lastly i would wash my dirty clothes. shortly after i was done washing my arms the water was almost as red as my dress i got out and duped the tub out i turned on the hose making shore no one would see me. i turned the nob and got back in the tub, as i water kept flowing i started to wash my legs so i had the pressure of the flowing water to help me wash off my legs. i felt much better now that i had all of the blood off of me. i put the shampoo through my hair and grabbed the hose and rubbed the hose right above my hair so that there was enough pressure to get the shampoo out of my hair. i grabbed the conditioner and scrubbed very good so that the conditioner would get in my hair so it would be soft enough so i could put a bright yellow beautiful bow my hair. Once again i grabbed the hose and washed the conditioner out of my hair. i got out of the tub and rapped the towel around me. Once i was dried

off i put my pants on and my shirt bent down and put the towel over my head so my hair would dry. i grabbed Cernunnos and put him in the water SPLASH SLAPSH Cernunnos hated the water but i wanted him to be clean so me and Cernunnos and Athena could go to bed as soon as we were done. i got some of my shampoo and rubbed through his bloody dry hair. It was hard to clean Cernunnos because he did not like the water and the blood on his fur had already dried so it was sticking to Cernunnos like honey to a starving bears claws. i scrubbed very hard and some of the dried blood still stayed on Cernunnos fur but this time i tried conditioner on his fur and it worked soon after he was squeaky clean. i picked him up from the tub and started to dry him. Once i put him down he ran to the dirt and rolled around in it. “ugghhhh” i can’t believe i just spent all that time wash him and him just to go out and roll around in the dirt but at least now he did not smell like blood. i walked over to Athena and picked her up holding her as far away as possible from my clean clothes so me and my clean clothes would not any more dirty than they already were. Once i was a the tub i put Athena inside of the tub and instead of wasting my time with shampoo i just went straight to using the conditioner. Athena was clean quicker than Cernunnos because she kinda liked the water and instead of using shampoo and conditioner i just used the conditioner and the conditioner only. Shortly after i was done washing Athena i grabbed her out of the tub and held her in my arms and tried my hardest to dry her because i didn’t want her to be like Cernunnos and take a long

bath and get and decide to roll around in the dirt. Once i was done drying Athena to the best of my ability i set her down and watched making sure she was not going to roll in the dirt. Then suddenly i saw her start to walk away... was she heading towards the dirt? what is she doing? “NOO-” i stoped dead in my tracks i had seen way she was going towards the dirt she was going to give Cernunnos a kiss. “ooooohhhh how cute” i said aloud. i walked over to my two adorable pups and looked at them “You guys you guys are going to fill in my dreams make me a champion and rule my world i love you guys so much” i said proudly to my pups. Cernunnos cocked his head a little to the left but Athena seemed as if she understood, she looked at me with her big brown beautiful eyes and inside of those big brown eyes they seemed to be spelling the words yes we will. i smiled at her “come on guys lets go have a rest. I turned around to examine the barn making sure everything was absolutely the way we well i left it, minus the water on the floor everything seemed to be in place “niiiiiiii” the mule whinnied again “what do you want?” i questioned the mule

“niiiiiiii” the mule responded but in a way i did not understand. i turned around and walked away Cernunnos and Athena were at my feet. “come on” i yelled as i ran Athena was the first to understand and once Cernunnos saw Athena take off my direction he came running too. i was at the porch when i stooped and picked Cernunnos up so he did not hit his head again. i seated him down on the

porch i scooted up on the porch so i could see Athena get up. she whinnied at me as though she wanted me to lift her up “Come on Athena i know you can do it” she put one paw on the first stair then the second was on then she took another step onto the second stair she boosted her self up “Come on girl you can do it” i encouraged her “aaahhhheeee”

“Athena come on your almost there come on just a little farther” she took another step her whole body was on the second step “Whoeee you doing great come on Athena you can do it Athena Athena come on girl one more step!” she glared at the step she put out her first paw then her second then she was on “Good girl Athena come here” Athena came running her tail wagging rapidly i opened my arms and she came running straight into them knocking me over. i hugged Athena so tight i was so proud of her the Cernunnos saw the fun and decided to join in next thing i knew i was being attacked... by slobber it was so nasty but i was happy i could have affection from my favorite dogs well my only dogs. i sat up and grabbed them both “i love you two so much now com on lets go watch so tv. they barked at me and once i opened the door both of them ran straight in i smiled at them i walked inside and closed the door my pups somehow knew that my dad was in the living/dining room “ha ha ha ha ha ha” my father blowted out

“what is so funny daddy” thats when i walked into my pups licking my dads feet toe death “ha ha ” i walked over to my pups an

my father were he was laughing his head off they were so adorable i picked them up giving them both a kiss. “oooooooooooooooo” my father finally caught his breath and thanked me “whoaaa that was some powerful licking right there” i chuckled and so did my father. “did you have a good bath”

“some what” i replied

“why some what” he questioned

“do you want the long story or short story?” i asked my father

“umm i think i want the long story”

“ok well i was getting ready to take a bath and when i turned on the hose a bunch of nasty stuff came out of it like spiders, spider webs and mold water and then i wanted to clean the hose out at the end of the barn and i wanted to empty the bucket so i started dragging the bucket and then one of the handles broke off then i fell and i turned the tub around and used the other handle on the tub then Cernunnos and Athena woke up and then Cernunnos was playing with my feet and the tub hit a bump and all of the gunk came out of the tub and all over me and then i felt wetness on my bottom and then i turned around and saw that the barn was almost engulfed in water so i turned off the water and then i cleaned out the bucket and i was about to take a shower then i thought i might need some new clothes so i came

up and got clothes got in the tub got out and washed Cernunnos and Athena. and i think that's all i did”

“ok well how bout you go relax for a little while”

“i was just thinking the same thing can i bring Cernunnos and Athena please daddy please”

“all right but if the even use the restroom or get a hold of anything they will be going back to whey came they came from you understand?”

“yes sir” i said.i walked away and while i was walking i mumbled under my breath to my dogs “do not mess anything up or you’ll have to go away” i ploped down on the couch and my dogs wandered around the room. “uggghh” i mumbled i got up and then turned on the tv. i yelled to my father “why is the tv in black and white in the living room”

“its old” what how am i spose to watch tv in black in white i questioned my self . well i guess it wont hurt to bring them in my room i picked up my dogs and walked to my room and closed the door i turned on the tv. “ahh” now thats better a television with acual color not stupid black and white” i said to my pups i got comfortable on my bed and before i knew it i was fast asleep at about one in the after noon i woke up and i saw one of my pillows was torn i layed back down and then slamed my head up what if my dad sees this i though to my self i heard foot steps coming from the other end of the hall i grabbed the pillow and stuffed it under my bed i

quickly grabbed all the tiny pieces and big pieces of fuzz that was scattered all over my room and i shoved it in my torn pillow i ran over to my pups and picked them up “we will talk about this later you understand” i said to my pups in the softest stern voice i had. i jumped in bed SCEEAAK the bed made a horrible squeaking noise i thought that my father would come in and asked why there was a squeck the bed had made but i thought i should still try i covered me and my pups i stuffed my head in the pillow and held my pups down so if my father came in he would not suspect any thing. sceeack i heard the door open my father had walked in and saw me asleep then that's when my pups well Cernunnos blew it. Cernunnos had turned around to get comfortable when he made a fast motion and my father saw him he walked over to the bed and pulled up the covers and saw Cernunnos and Athena “Jessie must have fell asleep with you” my father said. i wanted to sigh in relief but i knew if i did my father would know that i was fake sleeping and he knew that i was fake sleeping then he would ask why i was fake sleeping then i would tell him and then i would lose my pups that i love and haven't even had a full day with. i stayed still and did not move i felt my father pick up my pups up and he walked out of the room and closed the door behind him. i was relieved then not a second after he opened the door again and i slammed my head back onto the pillow and closed my eyes “i forgot the hole reason i came in here” my father whispered to him self he grabbed my dirty clothes off the floor and walked out of my room. once the door closed i

opened my eyes but did not sit up just in case my father walked in unexpectedly. i layed there for about a minute staring at the ceiling waiting to make sure the coast was clear. after a while i got out of bed and down the hallway and in the living room i saw my father and my pups sitting on his reclinair. “Hi daddy” i said as if though i had just woken up

“Hey sleeping beauty did you have a good nap”

“Yes sir did you” i asked

“i sure did and you fell asleep with your dogs”

“i did” i pretendended that i did not know what he was talking about

“did they make a mess at all” i asked

“not that i know of” my father said

“what are you going to do with that racoon” my father asked me

“well i was going to go down to walk down to that store and see if any body down thee could hep me skin it” i said in a low tone so my father couldn’t hear me that good

“YOU WANT TO SKIN THAT THING no no way you are not skinning that baby coon”

“im not someone at the store will do it and i will learn from him or her”

“Jessie i will not allow it”

“please daddy please” i started to feel the sting of tears behind my eyes

“and i though i was starting to like Kansas” i walked over to my dad got my pups and left

“if i can’t have my dream then he won’t have his he will never see me happy here i will hide my smiles from him” i said to my pups Athena looked at me as if though she was telling me you cant do this to him im sure hell let you hunt with us. “you know Athena if you wern’t a dog i would think you were my conshious just outside of me” i said to Athena even though she could not talk her eyes told me exactly what she was thinking i turned around and walked back to the house my father was still sitting in his reclinar “Daddy im sorry that was rude of me and i will try not to do it again.”

“i know im sorry too if you really want to do hunting then yo ucan i dont want to stop you from your dream i love you”

“i love you too” i ran and hugged my father and he hugged me right back “now lets go to the store and see if any body knows how to skin a racoon” my father said and smiled at me

“ok” i said with joy and i smiled right back “Athena Cernunnos you want to go for a ride come on” i ran out to the truck and i picked my pups up and set them down on the passenger seat and i got up in the truck and scooted them over i put my seat belt on and put my pups on my lap. my dad got in the truck and he started the truck buammm buammm the truck made an awful noise “dad whats wrong with the truck” i asked

“um i think it’s just old let me try it again” my father said trying not to sound worried

“ok” my father turned the key buammm my father turned the key again and finally the truck started. my father backed out and drove onto the dirt road “that would have been bad if the truck didnt work” my father said

“ya it would have been very ba- dad look on the right the store” my dad turned amedantly right. “ow” i had hit my head on the seat “come on” my father said i got out of the truck turned around and grabbed my pups ran to the door to catch up with my father. he opened the door for me so i wouldn’t have to set my pups down i walked inside and every one in the room stared i over heard one man whisper to another man are those hounds and a girl has them. Then the other man said i doubt it thats probably just a boy with really long hair. all the men in the shop stared at me i looked back and said “me and my hounds just caught a baby coon out by the river and i need some help skinning it” no one

answered "i'll pick in ten dollars for the first one to help my daughter skin her raccoon" my father said men all around the room gather around me and my father except for one man. i yelled over the crowd of the men "hey ill be seeing which one of you knows the most because i know what to do i just haven't seen it in real life now get in a line. the man that was sitting down got up and went to the end of the line one after another no one got it right then finally it was the last man he told me ever thing exactly in order it was perfect. "ok well you were spot on so what is your name" i asked

"James M. Walker you may know my son Kennedy and what is your name" Mr.James questioned

"Your Kennedy's father thats so cool Kennedy is really nice"i said

"um and what is your name again" Mr.James asked

"Oh ya sorry this is my father his name is John A. Perkins and my name is Jessie R. Perkins" i said

"oh and do you have a truck or a car to get you to our place of do you need a ride" i asked Mr.James

"i could use a ride" said Mr.James

"well then come on" i said me my father, Mr.James, Cernunnos and Athena walked out to the car. well i held Cernunnos and Athena. ever now and then Cernunnos and Athena but mostly Cernunnos

barked at Mr.James and i would tell them to hush. Once we were home i got out of the car and waited for Mr.James and my father i set my pups down and told Mr.James to follow me to the baby coon. “Daddy you can come if you want but there is going to be some blood” my father instantly turned around and started towards the house and shaking his head at the word blood. i laughed i again started leading Mr.James towards the coon soon we were there me and Mr.James stared at the coon he picked up the coon and when he did a million flies out of it mouth and a little bit of blood out of its neck Cernunnos and Athena barked rapidly “hush” i said

“Do you have a piece of wood Jessie” Mr.James asked me

“yes sir hold on ill go get it”i started running towards the barn to get the wood.Once i was in the barn i saw the piece of wood i had saw before when i was taking a shower i picked it “uuff” the bard was kinda heavy i lifted it up and started walking and finally with many shruggles i was over at Mr.James who had moved closer to the barn so i would not have to walk as far. i dropped the board down almost hitting my toe Mr.James set the coon down and pulled out a knife and cut from the left to the right almost making me vomit i could here him luaghing at me “you know if your going to hunt coons you can’t be grossed out when you skin them” Mr.James said

“i can be grossed out because this is my first coon and im from New Jersey not Kansas so please don’t laugh at me” i said embarrassed

“it’s ok i was born and raised in Kansas and the first time i skined a coon i thought it was nasty to just your face looked like mine when ever i saw a coon getting skined when i was little”

“oh im sorry for being rude” i said ashamed

“no it ok if you want my wife can make you a hat out of this coon and you can remeber it as your first coon does that sound good” Mr.James smiled at me

“yes that would be wonderful” i said

“ok well were done with this coon so come here and ill hang it up for you ok”

“yes sir” i said i followed him to the barn and he found a nail “would this be ok if i hung him up here to dry out” Mr.James asked

“i think so we don’t really come out here” i said to Mr.James

“ok” he poked a hole in the baby coons tail and hung it to dry out “well do you want to go get your father and he can drive me back to the store” Mr.James asked

“um i think we have a surprise come on ill show you” i said

“ok”Mr.James followed me to the house while me and Mr.James were walking Athena and Cernunnos almost made Mr.James and i trip because the ran in front of us while we were talking. but we kept walking and once we were at the porch i picked Cernunnos and waited for Athena. she was faster than she was earlier and i opened the door for Mr.James.and when we walked in we could smell the succulent smell of bacon rapped green peppers, hamburgers, corn and pineapple. “what is this” Mr.James questioned

“it is us saying thank you for helping me” i said

“well thank you for having me” Mr.James said

“would you like to call your wife and she and Kennedy can eat with us too” i asked Mr.James

“that would be so nice hold on let me call her”Mr.James said he walked out on the porch and pulled out his pone

“daddy guess what” i said to my father

“what”

“Mr.James wife might make my coon in to a hat for me”

“eww your putting thing in your hair”my father said

“dad we just talked about this you should be happy what i want let me follow my dream” i said

“sorry i forgot ill be thrilled if you have a hat because if you do start hunting it might be chilly outside so it can keep your ears warm” my father said trying to make me smile

“ha ha you always can find a way to make me smile” i said to my father an then Mr.James walked in

“well is Kennedy and your wife coming to eat with us” i asked

“yes she is they be here in a couple minutes” Mr.James said

“thank you guys so much for having me” Mr.James smiled at me and i smiled back

“thank you for helping me” i said. Mr.James wife pulled up and honked the horn beep beep i walked outside

“hey Kennedy” i said

“hey Jessie” Kennedy said back

“you can go ahead on in” i told Kennedy

“ok” he said

“hi im Jessie Jonhs daughter” i said

“hello im Marie im Kennedy’s mother Kennedy has said very nice things about you” Mrs.Marie said

“ok well how about you follow me in and we can go ahead and in introduce you to everone” i said

“ok” me and Mrs.Marie walked in to the house and Cernunnos and Athena ran over to her and started licking her toes “im sorry” i said as i went to go pick them up

“no they aren’t bothering me” Mrs.Marie said

“ok well this is my father John and like i said im Jessie’ i told Mrs.Marie

“were is your mother i would love to meet her” Mrs.Marie said. i started to cry i ran out of the house my pups ran fast enough to make it out of the door with me i ran to the barn not stopping. once i was at the barn i sat on the hay and cried my pups looked at me and and whinned i picked them and they sat beside and and comforted me “thank you” i said to my pups i heard foot steps i looked up and saw Kennedy

“your dad told us what happened” Kennedy said

“oh why are you out here” i said

“i wanted to check on you, you seemed to be really upset” Kennedy said

“ya i forgot to ask you do you hunt coons?” i asked Kennedy

“yes im the best in the hills and why” Kennedy asked

“because i though maybe since i know your spouse to hunt in the night that you could come with me for a little while till my father trust me to go out by my self what do you say” I asked

“it sounds great it will be fun and our dogs can start hunting together for now” Kennedy said

“now since you are a little happier do you want to go get some bacon rapped green peppers” Kennedy asked

“sure do you want to race?” i asked

“oh your on” Kennedy said me and Kennedy and my pups lined up at the end of the barn i yelled “on you mark get ready get set go.” Kennedy and i were tied for first place when Cernunnos and Athena bulted by us. we stopped and looked at each other and laughed. then we started running again Kennedy was a lot faster than me. But i kept on running soon after Kennedy was at the porch i was

at the porch too. Kennedy held the door open for me  
“thank you” i said

“your welcome” Kennedy said proudly we  
walked in the house and i grabbed a corn, pineapple  
and two hamburgers. Kennedy almost did the same  
but instead of one corn he go two and instead of one  
pineapple he got two and he got two hamburgers.  
my jaw fell open “i could never eat all of that” i said  
to Kennedy and he laughed .we sat down at the  
table and ate it was very good. it was very quiet  
until Mr.James asked his wife “ Well Jessie just  
caught her first coon and i wanted to know if you  
could make her a hat out of her coon”

“of coarse it would be a pleasure” Mrs.Marie said

“thank you” i said

“oh ya dad since your spouse to hunt in the night  
and Kennedy hunts i wanted to know if its ok with  
Mr. and Mrs.Walker if me and Kennedy could hunt  
with each other for a while” i asked my father

“um well i will have to talk to Mr. and Mrs.Walker  
about that” my father said back

“Kennedy are you almost done i though we could  
go hang out by the river and you could show me  
some good hunting spots” i asked

“mom may i” Kennedy asked Mrs.Walker nodded  
and i grabbed mine and Kennedy’s plate and set it  
on the counter. “come on” i said to Kennedy we left

the house with my pups and walked down to the river i sat on the same rock i had sat down on before and Kennedy sat down in front of me Cernunnos and Athena sniffed the blood they had made from the coon. “so don’t you get tired your up all night hunting and in the morning you your the mail man how do you do it”

“well i usually i sleep some of the day and i wake up at night so i have enough rest” Kennedy said

“so you spouse to be asleep right now im so sorry” i said

“no your fine i already had enough sle-” Kennedy said

“Jessie Kennedy come on in” Mr.James yelled i grabbed my pups and walked up to the house with Kennedy. once me and Kennedy were inside Mr. James told us that we could hunt to night with each other. “do you want to meet somewhere or do you want us to drive Jessie to our house and well bring her back when they are done hunting” Mrs. Marie asked my father

“um Jessie what do you want to do” mt father asked me

“ i think i should go to your house let my pups and your pups get to know each other and then once their ready we can start and once were done then Mr. James or Mrs.Marie can drive me home sound good” i asked my father

“it sounds good to me” my father said

“well then lets go” Kennedy said i gave my dad a hug and grabbed a jacket. and ran out the door then i turned around grabbed my pups then left to get in the car i set my pups down in the back of the truck and hopped in Kennedy was sitting thee holding my pups so when i got in they would not be under my feet trying to make me fall. Once i was in the back of the truck i sat down next to Kennedy.

“is it hard to hunt what happened today wasn't on purpose it just happened i really have never been hunting” i told Kennedy

“its not hard at all just stay with me and you'll do great ok” Kennedy made me have more confidence me and Kennedy told each other jokes for a while and the we were at Kennedy's place. Kennedy stayed in the back of the truck until i was out and then handed me my pups. i waited for Kennedy to get out of the back of the truck i followed him up to the porch Mr.James unlocked the house and we all walked in i heard barking then my pups started barking too. “are those your pups” i hollered over the barking of the pups to Kennedy

“ya do you want to go see them” Kennedy hollered back

“ya” i said. Kennedy told me to follow him and i followed him to the back porch where i saw

two other blue tick pups i set my pups down and they ran over to the other pups. Me and Kennedy left them to play for a little while and Kennedy gathered his hunting gear which included a lantern an ax an weird belt and a bag “what is the bag for” i asked Kennedy

“it’s for when or if i catch a coon i don’t want to carry it around with the my ands and not be able to run in fret that i will drop one thats why i have this belt i hang the bag on the belt and when ever i catch and kill coon i just drop it in here well lets grab our pups and we can start ill grab a ax and a bag for you ok” Kennedy said

“ok while your that ill getting those i’ll get your pups and mine” i said

“ok ill meet you in the living room which is right beside the the back porch” Kennedy said

“ill see you in a couple minutes” i said we walked away from each other i heard the door close behind Kennedy and walked to my pups and Kennedy’s pups i picked the two girls up in my right arm and i picked up the two boys in my left arm. Once i was in the living room i sat down on the couch and set the pups down on my lap which was hard because they all wanted to get off my lap and my lap isn’t that big compared to four pups. But some how i managed to keep them all on the couch and some on my lap and ever now and then one of the pups would try to get off and run away. but i

would catch them right before they jumped off. A little while after Kennedy walked in the living room and saw me having problems and called his dogs “cotton bear come” they jumped off the couch and went to Kennedy. “thank you this was getting hard” i said to Kennedy

“it looked like it,well are you ready to go” Kennedy asked me

“i think so you have my bag and -” i said

“oh ya here's your ax i got you the lightest ax i could find in my dads shed is it ok?” Kennedy asked as he handed the ax over to me

“it great not to heavy but not to light so how do you use this to kill the coon” i asked Kennedy

“when the coon is in out of the fight and it wounded you hit it with this side then you pick it up and put it in the bag ok” Kennedy said he walked out and yelled goodbye to his parents i held the door open for my pups i ran to catch up with Kennedy “do you ever get scared out here” i asked Kennedy

“a couple of the first times but now im fine i got used to it quickly are you doing fine” Kennedy asked me

“ya im doing fin-” my dogs barked and ran straight “your dogs they got a sent come on whope them like this whooooooeeee come on Athena get

that sent Cernunnos get that coon good” Kennedy yelled as he ran i stopped “it sounds to country” i said as i though of more ways to whope my dogs Kennedy turned around and grabbed my arm and started running again “whope them” Kennedy said

“ok but this is because i love my pups” i said to Kennedy i hollered

“whoooooee come on guys you got it tree that coon” i heard nothing i ran faster in fret that my pups were hurt. i didn’t remember my feet hitting the ground but before i knew it i was at the tree only to see my dogs were fine and circling around a big oak tree that at least had to be fifty feet tall.i heard panting from behind me it was Kennedy “you you r you ran so so fas fast” Kennedy said still panting

“i was scar-” i tryed to say

“they they tree the coon your dogs” Kennedy said

“they did! how do i get the coon out of the tree” i asked Kennedy

“this is why you always have a pistol not a big one but small if this ever happens you don’t i repeat do not shot the coon you shoot near the coon you scare it out of the tree and then your dogs

will start their hunt again now do you want scare the coon out of the tree or me” Kennedy said sericouly

“i dont know i want my dogs to be proud that i helped them kill our first real coon i dont want them to think i dont care because i do i want my dogs to have faith in me so i want to shoot” i said to Kennedy

“ok here remember do not shoot the coon or your dogs will not have faith in you” Kennedy handed the gun to me i prayed to god to help me i held out the gun and aimed next to the coon i fired BOOM i could hear the wizzing of the bullet through the air i closed my eyes i heard a crash when i opened my eyes i had saw that i had succeed the coon was now again being chased down by my dogs i hollered

“whoeeeeee come on get him Cernunnos come on” Kennedy smiled at me i smiled back i started running again Kennedy and his pups ran behind me. Every now and then Cotton and Bear would bark and try to get the coon but Kennedy held his pups back making sure it was going to be my coon for sure. i heard growling of Cernunnos and it wasn't a playing growl. There i saw Cernunnos and a large coon face to face i didn't see Athena but i had a feeling she was going to do what she did earlier she would strike the coon when ever the coon was getting ready make it's move slash its horrible sharp claws into a dogs back when he was not on his guard. i peered over a bush to make sure

Cernunnos would not see me and get distracted. Kennedy came and sat beside me “it is going to get bad that coon could never hurt Cernunnos really badly only a couple of scratches” Kennedy said

“so if i hear yelping i should not be scared” i asked

“well since it is your first time you will probably get scared and you might even cry but that’s ok we will check Cernunnos and Athena to make sure they are alright” Kennedy said to me i heard yelping i looked up i saw Cernunnos and the coon in a savage struggle. i turned around behind the bush and cried “come on watch this Cernunnos is winning watch” Kennedy said to me i lifted my head up over the bush again and saw that Cernunnos was ripping the coons thick fur away. Then the coon bit into Cernunnos ankle and Cernunnos fell to the ground then almost bare coon was ripping his claws through Cernunnos back i almost screamed when Kennedy told me to look i did but just a little. i saw Athena running she bit into the coons bare spine

“OWWEEEE” the coon cried she had knocked the coon off of Cernunnos “come on guys hes in the bag you got him” i yelled I thought in my head come on Cernunnos you have to get up Athena is to small to fight that coon come on Cernunnos get up please get up. i felt tears roll down my cheeks i wiped them away and looked at Cernunnos. his eyes met mine i looked at him it looked to me as if he

was getting up i saw him it was true he was standing he limped quickly over to the coon and Athena which was about to get in a fight and then Cernunnos attacked the coon. Once again the coon cried but this time it was shorter

“ should i go check to make sure hes almost dead” i asked Kennedy

“yes you should bring your ax because if he isn’t dead he might attack you oh and make sure to call your dogs off first” Kennedy told me i walked over to the coon i tried to call off my dogs but they would not come i set my ax down and pulled my dogs away i looked at the coon and before i knew it the coon was awake and trying to get a hold on my ankle “ahhhhhh” i screamed i tripped and fell over a rock “KENNEDY HELP” i walled as i saw the coon getting closer

“im coming” Kennedy yelled back

“hurry” i yelled again

“i cant my belt its stuck” Kennedy yelled back i prayed to god that i would live and if i lived i would not be badly hurt. i could feel the ripping and biting of the coon on my ankle and my leg it was agony to me this was the worst pain i had ever felt in my life. i did not know what to do my leg was not strong enough to kick the coon off. As i lied there i felt as though i was going to pass out because all of the blood loss in my leg. i lifted my head up to look

at my surroundings. i saw Kennedy still trying to untangle his belt from the thorns. i looked around for my dogs but they were no where in site. until i saw the moving of branches i saw Cernunnos and Athena. Athena was licking Cernunnos wound. Cernunnos got up he seemed to be doing better he ran still limping a little and Athena ran right behind him together they ran as one at the same time they clenched the coons neck the coon fell off my leg i turned over and scooted to my ax i turned back around still dragging my body. Cernunnos kept fighting and Athena came to me and licked my leg some i got over to the coon i called my dogs off they listened and there i balanced on Cernunnos and Athena to stand i held the ax and i hit the coon with all of my might. then i left the coon and the ax in the ground and i sat down. Athena and Cernunnos licked my leg “are you almost down” i asked Kennedy

“yes i will be over there in a minute just hang on” Kennedy said and in just a minute Kennedy was kneeling beside me “hold onto my shoulder ill carry you back to the house” Kennedy said

“Kennedy put the coon in your bag” i said he ripped one of his other bags off his belt and he covered my leg and with the other bag he put my now dead coon in there. i said “thank you” to Kennedy. he picked me up and started walking and ever now and then Kennedy would tell me to hang on were almost there Kennedy yelled to his parents to open the door. they came running out and saw me “Kennedy go set her on the couch and get a rap, cleaner and a

rag.” Mrs. Marie said Kennedy set me on the couch and left “John go make green tea with honey hurry” Mrs. Marie said again she walked over to me and talked to me i could not understand she the bag off my legs i heard a small gasp “hurry” Mrs. Marie said and before i knew it she was cleaning it. she put a little bit of green tea in my mouth. i opened my eyes but not completely. i could understand a little better now “will you try to sit up so you can drink you tea please” Mrs. Marie asked me

“yes ma” i said in a faint voice i sat up and drank my tea

“Kennedy go get my stitching kit” Mrs. Marie said Kennedy walked out of the room

“are the stitches going to hurt” i asked

“not a bit you just have a very deep wound in your ankle and a small one in your leg you should be able to walk tomorrow ill just have to give you a small cast that you can walk on” Mrs. Marie said

“Thank you” i said to Mrs. Marie

“it’s no problem ok well im about to put stitches in so set you tea down and lie back down” Mrs. Marie said i lied my head down and closed my eyes ever now and then i would see if she was almost done but ever time i looked she was no where close to being finished i finally stopped looking after a while “ok your done” Mrs. Marie said as she put on my cast. i finished my tea and we walked out to the

truck i got in and Kennedy put my pups on my lap. Once i was at home Kennedy gave me my coon and the ax and the small pistol i had killed the coon with “what is this” i asked

“its me saying you did a great job” Kennedy said i said thank you and left. i hung the coon up in the barn and walked back. Once i was inside i went to my room and went to sleep with my pups. The next morning i told my dad about what had happened the night before and that i had gotten another coon.”you have to be a lot more careful” my father told me

“i will try” i told him and days past before i could go hunting again. both me and my pups where disappointed. then finally the night has come i got to go hunting again. i said goodbye to my father i slippe on my coon hat. I grabbed a lantern a bag and my ax and of course my pistol and left. the night was hard because of the wind they would not be able to find the coon as good because the wind would carry the coons sent away. “Cernunnos Athena come on we aren’t going to find a coon out here” i said but Athena was not going to give up. Athena started barking she had gotten a whiff of a coon. “come on Athena don’t let that old coon fool you” i hollered i followed Athena through many places and then finally she had found the coon. Cernunnos and Athena stayed sniffing around a tree. they had both gotten the sent they barked up at the tree. i looked i didn’t see any thing but that was when i saw the leaves moved a little i saw the coon i pulled out my pistol and hit the tree the coon

jumped out and when he did Cernunnos meet him half way. the coon jumped and Cernunnos snapped his jaws shut on the coons neck. the battle was over. i put my pistol back in my jeans and grabbed my ax and tightened my hat over my head i swung back the ax and hit the coon i put my ax back in it pocket and picked up he coon. “ugg this so nasty” i said to my self i stuffed the coon in the bag.

Later on that night i caught a lot of other coons i finally went home after all of the dead coons were almost making me fall over. i dropped my bag off at the barn and changed into my guond and i was going to go to bed but Cernunnos started throwing up so i slept on the front porch with my pups i kept my hat on the whole night i was asleep until Kennedy woke me up.

“hey why are you sleeping outside and did you get any coons” Kennedy asked

“Cernunnos got sick last night and i caught about five or six” i said to Kennedy

“good job well i just wanted to say hi” Kennedy said as he ruffled through his bag to find my mail. Kennedy finally found my mail and handed it to me and said “Goodbye”. Cernunnos an Athena were still sleeping. so i got up and went inside it wasnt long before my pups had noticed i was gone. i heard barking i went to the front porch and opened the door so my pups could enter. i got my milk and cereal and i begun my daily chores

which involved milking Besty, collecting eggs, feeding the mule and sweeping the porch off. i finished my chores quickly and i took a nap.

By the time i woke up it was time to go hunting i packed up and left. many months later came running to my house. banging on the door rapidly i ran to the door “whats wrong” i said to Kennedy worried out of my mind

“nothing just are you going to the big hunt only the best of the best go and you one of those best i think im good enough to go and so does my father so what do you say are you going?” Kennedy asked me

“i don’t know hold on the me go ask my father” i said as i turned my back to Kennedy and walked through the door

“daddy would you mind if i went to the big hunt Kennedy is going please” i pleaded

“a hunt by your self no noway” my father said

“please” i said

“i dont even know were it is” my father said in stress

“daddy im sure Mr. Walker would take me” i said still pleading

“fine i will talk to Mr. Walker” my father said  
“now go outside so i can have a discussion with Mr. Walker” my father said again  
“yes sir’ i skipped out of the the house  
“so what did he say?” Kennedy asked  
“well he said that he would talk to your father and see if he would drive me and watch me if i went” i told Kennedy  
“I’m sure he would take you your like the daughter that he never had” Kennedy said and smiled i couldn’t help but smile i was about to say something when my father came out with a glum look on his face  
“i have good news and bad news which do you want first” my father asked me and Kennedy i looked at my father and said “bad news so the  
good news can help it be better” i said  
“okay well the bad news is I’m not going hunting with you” he said a small smile started working it way around the corner of his mouth  
“the good news is this is going to be your first competition” my father said with a enormous smile on his face i squealed and ran to hug my father “thank you thank i love you so much” i said i ran and hugged Kennedy

“Well you better get going” Kennedy said

“For what” i asked

“Well the hunt of course it’s tomorrow we’ll be hear tomorrow to pick you up goodbye” Kennedy ran down my driveway I said thank you to my father once more and ran upstairs to pack I almost packed my hole room up besides my church clothes when a tape fell out of my draw opened. I took it and slipped it in my television. When I saw mom appear on the tape she was holding a baby which appeared to be me. She started talking “ Hi Jessie I don’t know if your ever going to see this but this is me and you.” I started to smile then my mother spoke again “But always know that I love you so much and never forget that so I guess that’s it I love Jessie goodbye.” The tape came out of the television I grabbed it and started to cry. I couldn’t believe it she was gone and never coming back . All because of that crash two years ago. I heard my dad coming up the stairs I wiped up my tears and threw the tape in drawer. Then my father walked in “Is everything all right I thought I heard a noise.”

“Yes sir I was just watching television”

“Ok well make sure everything is all packed up for tomorrow” my father smiled