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\*\*\*Friday, August 17; Dothan Regional Airport, Alabama; 6:45 a.m. (Same day, 11:45 p.m. on Tracy Island)\*\*\*

Her family accompanying her to the airport, Callie felt sad to have to leave them again.

The drive to the airport had been silent, until her brother Joseph mentioned a joke about someone swallowing a large amount of dollar bills. He then said, "No change is expected." That caused everyone to laugh hard, which broke the sadness for a little while.

When they arrived, Callie went through the motions of getting her plane ticket and all. Before she walked through the security gate, she turned to face her family. "Well, I guess it's time." She sniffled as a small tear came down her right cheek.

Her father Richard hugged her tightly. "Oh, honey, don't be sad. You know where you come from, and you know where you can always go home to. Even if you can't make it home for the holidays, that's okay. A simple call's enough for us."

Her mother walked up and said, "I've packed some homemade lemon cookies in your carry-on. They'll give you some sustenance during the flight."

"Thanks, Mom. I'd rather have these than the ordinary airline meal. I hope I won't have to buy any food from here to Honolulu." She embraced her mother.

Her two older brothers, Joseph and Brian, both walked up to Callie and hugged her. "Hey, Sis," said Brian, "take care of yourself out there, okay?"

"Don't worry, Bri. I will. You and Joe have to take care of yourselves, along with Mom and Dad. Make sure they're okay, all right?"

Joseph smiled. "Count on that, Callie. And maybe we'll watch the Alabama game at the same time."

I only wish that could work, she thought. It'll be the wee hours of the morning by the time the game comes on live. "Hey, Joe. No matter where I go, it's always 'Roll Tide' all the way."

"Yeah, even in Hawaii!" He couldn't resist giving her a bear hug. "Be careful, Sis."

Feeling the hug, she said, "I will, but can I breathe first?"

He let go of the hug quickly. "Oh, yeah, sorry."

Lorraine gave her a kiss. "We love you, Callie. Take care of yourself."

"I will. I love you all, too."

After one final hug to all her family, she walked through the security gate and started the long journey back to Tracy Island.

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