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Subject: Re: New Beginnings

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Elise found herself sitting on the same cluster of boulders where she had watched the sunset the last evening. This time, she had come down there with Cassie, who was currently playing her guitar. The dark-haired firefighting was playing an original piece that she had finished the day before.

As the last notes drifted away, Elise clapped softly.

"That was lovely. It was about your son, right?" Elise asked, as Cassie laid the guitar down across her lap.

"Yes. It started out as a poem, but it didn't seem quite complete in that form," Cassie said, her voice echoing the sadness that she still felt at the mention of her son. At least I'm not avoiding the thought of Nathan anymore, she thought, knowing that though she still had some healing to do, she had come a long way since the previous summer. "I almost gave up on the song a couple of days ago. It probably would've gotten filed away with other works in progress that never got finished if Scott hadn't come along."

"You and Scott seem to be spending a lot of time together."

Cassie shrugged her shoulders. "Guess we have more in common than I thought at first."

"Sure it isn't something else?"

"He's just a friend. I've been spending time with Dom, too."

"Fair enough," Elise said, sensing it was time to drop the subject. "What do you say we head back to my place and I'll make us something for dinner. I think I've had enough sun for the day."

Cassie nodded and, picking up her guitar, stood up from the boulder she was sitting on. Beside her, Elise stood up too and the two girls started walking across the sand both lost in their own thoughts.

"Hey ladies!"

The shout brought both women out of their thoughts. Glancing in the direction the shout had come from, they spotted Gordon and Aaron walking up from the surf, surfboards tucked under their arms.

"Hey, Gordon," both Elise and Cassie responded. "How's the surf?" Cassie added.

"Great! Why don't you give it a try?"

Cassie laughed. "I don't think so. Somehow tempting a wave to knock me off a colorful board has never appealed to me."

"Oh, come on. It's not that hard and the feeling you get when you're riding a wave is like nothing else you've experienced. It's like sitting on top of the world."

"You can use my board," Aaron offered, holding out his board to her.

"No thanks, I'll pass. You guys have fun though," Cassie told them.

"Suit yourself," Gordon said, with a shrug.

"You don't know what you're missing," Aaron added.

As the two surfers headed back to the water, Cassie and Elise continued their trek back to the Cliff House.