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Subject: Re: New Beginnings

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Around 4:30 pm, Tracy Island (3:30 HI, previous day) . . .

The sounds of Kahanu Iona, a popular Hawaiian musician, filled the apartment of D2. At the table, Lana and Lea were playing a game of Go Fish. The little girl currently had quite a few more matches than her mother. In the kitchen, Aaron was cooking baked mahi mahi, a recipe he had learned from his grandmother. Lana was enjoying a break from the cooking.

The telephone rang, and Aaron stepped away from his prep work, to answer it.

"Hello. Crenshaw residence," he said into the phone.

"This is Jean Harper. Is Lana available, please?"

"Hold one moment, please." The teen placed a hand over the mouth piece of the phone, and addressed his mother. "It's for you, Mom. Mrs. Harper."

Putting down her cards on the table, Lana pushed her chair away from the table. Reaching her son, she took the phone from him, as the teen went back preparing dinner.

"Hi, Jean. How are things there in Hawaii?"

"Same as usual. How's New Zealand?"

"We're settling in. Found a church that we like here and Vince is enjoying his new job."

"How's the new book coming along?"

"Steadily," Lana replied. She had written quite a bit before Vince and Lea got home the previous evening even with taking a break to hear about Aaron's trip.

"Glad to hear it. Sales on Coping At Home are still steady. Did you get the pack of letters I forwarded to you?"

"They came yesterday."

"Good. The main reason I'm calling though is to run something by you. I've been doing some talking to store owners more in your neck of the woods. Thought this might be a good opportunity for you to get out and greet some fans who haven't had a chance to meet you. If you're up for it, I have two stores willing to hold a book signing. One would be in Sydney on February 1st, and the second in Christchurch the following day. Are you interested?"

"Sure. Sounds like a good opportunity to promote the book," Lana replied, even though questions on how to handle it had already started going through her head. Not only would she need to figure out transportation for both events, there was also the issue of keeping Jean from knowing that

they weren't exactly living on the mainland.

"I was hoping you would say that. I'll give the two stores a call and close the deals today then. I'll be in touch with all the details in the next two days; tomorrow if I can get things accomplished that fast. I'll have to book flights and hotel rooms for myself. Speaking of which, do you need me to arrange a flight from Christchurch to Sydney for you?"

"No. Don't worry about it. Just tell me what time you need me in Sydney and I'll make my own arrangements," Lana told her. "Could use a ride from the airport to the bookstore and back though."

"I'll have that covered," Jean told her. "I'm making a note of it now."

Lana continued the conversation with Jean for a few more minutes, before hanging up and returning to the game of Go Fish. The upcoming book signings were an exciting prospect and she couldn't wait to break the news to Vince. She also knew her husband would help her figure out answers to all the questions that were going through her mind. [/color]

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