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Subject: Re: New Beginnings  
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Around 9:30 p.m., Tracy Island . . .

After a long, relaxing shower, Gordon turned on his computer and settled down in front of it. Logging into his messenger he scanned the list to see who was online. Besides Alan, none of his friends were currently logged in, though he was pleasantly surprised when a message box opened up.

The message was a request from bluedolphin to be added to the contact list. I guess she was mildly interested after all, Gordon thought as he clicked on the button to accept the request.

As bluedolphin was added onto his contact list, Gordon noted that it was highlighted. He smiled as he tried to decide whether to send a message or not. I don't want to come off looking desperate, he thought. He was just about to say "hi", when the chime indicating an incoming message sounded.

bluedolphin: Hey! Thought you might like to hear from me.

Gordon smiled as he tried to decide what his response should be.

Capnahab: Yes, I'm very pleased to hear from you. How have the cruises gone the last couple of days?

bluedolphin: Very well. The weather has been great and we've only had one cruise that we didn't see any dolphins. The others we got to swim with the dolphins which makes for happy customers!

Capnahab: I know I enjoyed my swim with the dolphins. Glad my little brothers thought of it as a gift.

Capnahab: Glad things are going well.

bluedolphin: Thanks. I'm just glad I got through yesterday. I worked until about eleven covering for one of the servers who was suppose to go on a charter cruise and was ill. Hazard of working for your Dad, I guess. I just can't seem to tell him no when he asks me to work extra.

Capnahab: I've had experience working for family myself. It definitely has it's drawbacks along with its perks. So are you the only child your Dad has working with him?

bluedolphin: Right now I am. My younger sister plans on joining us when she's done university. She helps out during the summer break, too. My older sister had other interests and we're not sure about my brother. He seems to be changing his mind on what he wants to do everyday.

bluedolphin: What about you? You said you had experience working for family. Still working with them?

Gordon considered his answer before typing anything.

Capnahab: Yeah. I joined my Dad's company after I left WASP. Like I said, it has its perks and drawbacks.

bluedolphin: Any siblings?

Capnahab: Quite a few actually, though only one sister. Step-sister actually though I don't often think of her or her brothers as step siblings.

bluedolphin: It's good to hear that. Family really is what you choose to make it, not always strictly flesh and blood.

Gordon found himself nodding as he read her last message. Kyrano and Tin-Tin had always seemed like family even before the recent wedding.

bluedolphin: So, was your companion the other day one of your brothers?

Capnahab: No. Actually that was my swimming student. I thought he'd enjoy the experience and I sure enjoyed the company.

bluedolphin: So you're a coach?

Capnahab: He's my only student and it's something I just started recently. I've been enjoying it though.

bluedolphin: That's good. It's good for athletes to pass along their knowledge to younger athletes.

Gordon paused as he read her last message. Did I tell her I was a swimmer? He thought about his conversations with her on the cruise and on the dock the other day. He didn't remember swimming coming up. Then how did she figure it out? Or is she just assuming that because I'm coaching? Well, there is one way to find that out.

Capnahab: I didn't mention I swam competitively, did I?

There was a short but noticeable pause before her answer appeared on the screen.

bluedolphin: No and I also can't honestly say I was just making an assumption either. Truth is, after work Tuesday I did some research on my own. Guess I wanted to make sure for myself that you really were who you said you were.

As Gordon read the words, he felt a twinge of anger. He wasn't sure he like the idea that Alysha hadn't believed him when he had told her who he was. The feeling passed quickly though as he started looking at the situation from her point of view. He supposed if some woman had come up to him and claimed to be someone well-known, he might have his doubts, too. She was just being cautious. He knew what that was like in a relationship. How many times over the years had he wondered if someone had liked him, not because of who he was. but because of his last name.

bluedolphin: Are you mad?

Capnahab: No.

Gordon looked at the simple answer on the screen. It was the truth but he wasn't sure the simple word was enough.

Capnahab: So, did I pass your background check?

bluedolphin: Yes, but then I'm not a professional.

Capnahab: So if I asked you out again would I get a different answer this time?

bluedolphin: Can't say. Guess you would have to ask and see what answer you get.

Capnahab: Okay. How about you and I go out to dinner sometime?

bluedolphin: I'll think about it.

Capnahab: Fair enough.

Gordon smiled. It wasn't the answer he had been hoping for but at least it wasn't a downright refusal. Perhaps he did stand a chance.