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Dear Diary

17 December 2018

Today is an absolutely awesome day! Today is the day Justin finally comes back home, for good! My family absolutely adores Justin. He is as good as my brother, basically a son to my parents, my brother Mark's best friend. My parents have always made a fuss about Justin and so it is not unusual that we'll throw a whole welcome back party for someone who isn't even related to us, but he is a *huiskind*, he is basically family! We love him so much, and we're so proud that he successfully graduated as a Maths teacher!

We had lunch just like old times, sat around the table, made jokes, had dessert, played some board games and chilled in the entertainment room talking for hours and hours! What a great day!

Did I mention that I passed Grade 11? Whooop whooooo! Class of 2022 here I come! Anyway, I have to run, the dishes are waiting for me!

Dear Diary

15 January 2019

Oh my word! Today was my first day of Matric! It went better than I expected actually! I share a class with a few of my friends, so I am not entirely alone, and I got voted as an executive leader in the RCL (Head of Academics) to be exact! I am so grateful!

That isn't even the best news! The best news is that Justin, I mean Mr Brown, just got appointed at my school as the new Maths teacher! I am overjoyed—I could jump for joy like popcorn seeds in heated oil.

You don't understand how relieved I am to have Justin as my teacher! He has always helped me with Maths, but Grade 12 is so stressful. The Lord knew I needed someone like Justin, who is basically like a brother to me, to walk this journey with me!

The cherry on top is that I don't have to travel with Oupa in his beetle show car anymore! I get to travel with Justie! Yay!

Dear Diary

08 March 2019

Wow! It's already March! Can you believe it went by so quickly! I know I haven't written in a while, but things are going really well. I have performed well in all my subjects so far, but I will wait for my first term report to see my final marks. Justin and I have really grown close over the past few months. We speak about everything, joke about anything and he even keeps quiet on the drive home when he sees that I am *pmsing* or just feeling moody! He is simply the best!

I think I want to tell him that I am interested in girls (that I really like this one girl), but I am so scared! If I tell him, he is going to be the first person I come out to. I know what you're thinking ... that I am crazy, I am living in an imaginary world because I know him. He is Christian and just like my parents probably would flip. He would disown me and reprimand me, and tell me I'll go to hell and say he is disappointed in me.

But a part of me feels like he might just accept me for me. He has always been the non-judgmental, accepting-of-everyone type of guy. He has a heart of gold. Maybe I won't tell him tomorrow ... but one day!

Anyway ... time to study for a Business Studies test!

Dear Diary

28 March 2019

Well, the school holidays came and went just like that! Now it's back to school! I am not ready! But I will take it as it comes! Guess what I decided to do? Came out to Justin!!!! Yay!!! I feel so liberated! I feel like a big weight has been lifted off my shoulders!

And I am officially dating Alex! She is just amazing! She isn't at my school, but I get to see her at soccer tournaments and we visit each other at home! Come to think of it, my school is playing an away match at Alex's school next Wednesday! Yay! I get to see my babe! And get to play against her lol!

I digress, let me tell you how I told Justin! We were stuck in traffic when he decided to ask me about whether I am dating someone or whether there's a boy I like ... having such a conversation wasn't weird because Mark and Justin always tease me about boys ... That's when I casually told him that I am actually into girls. My heart started racing and I searched his face for any clues about how he feels about me coming out as lesbian ... all I saw was caring eyes.

He looked at me and smiled and said, "I am glad you felt comfortable enough to share such deep information with me. I will always love you no matter who you love."

My heart was full, I now had hope that maybe just maybe my parents and brother would love and accept me!

Dear Diary

18 April 2019

Things have taken a turn for the worst ... Justin started acting really strange these past couple of weeks. He just isn't the same around me anymore ... He looks at me with disgrace, and recently in almost every car ride he keeps asking me how a girl can satisfy me.

Just this afternoon he asked me, "How can Alex know what you want?" He asked me how I know I am into girls when I haven't even been with a guy. I really don't know what to think anymore. Should I be scared?

Also, he has been sending me really weird messages, saying things like he can change my mind, that I should give him a chance to change my mind. I know that he is probably just saying this out of shock, Justin will never do anything to hurt me ... he is family, he loves me as a brother loves a sister ... he will never fail my parents.

In other news, I truly feel like myself with Alex, I have never been happier. She is beautiful, soft, understanding, she is intelligent and a hard worker! I cannot imagine my life without her.

Dear Diary

07 May 2019

I think it is safe to say that I hate my life! I hate it! I just want to die. I cannot take the torture anymore; I cannot! It is just too much!

Justin started touching me inappropriately ... On our way to school the other day he touched my thigh, deliberately brushed across my boobs and this afternoon he forced me to hug him holding my waist too tight in the process ... He makes me feel like absolute dirt! I am starting to hate him!

If my life can't get any worse ... my Maths marks have dropped and my mom is insisting I take extra classes with Justin. I have also told my mom that I can't travel with him anymore because I have study group in the morning and afternoon ... I don't have any study groups, but I cannot deal with Justin anymore. At least I only have to deal with him at school, in class, and at home with my parents there ...

Why is my life so complicated? Why can't it be normal?

Dear Diary

20 July 2019

This is the last diary entry that I will ever write. This also serves as a letter to Mom, Dad and Mark. Exactly a week ago, I had a tutor session with Justin. Mom and Dad without my knowledge popped out of the house to run a few errands and Justin saw this as the perfect opportunity to put his words to action. Out of the blue he stopped explaining the Maths problem and pushed himself on me. I tried to scream, called my mom and dad

but the house was dead quiet ... all I could hear was Justin's breathing as I tried to fight him off me ...

"There's no use fighting Mia, no one can hear you and you cannot overpower me!" he whispered. "It's about time someone does something about your ungodly lifestyle choices ... We both know our parents always wanted us to eventually get married," he said whilst fighting hard to keep me down.

I couldn't believe my eyes or my ears and I was completely powerless against him, but I tried my best to free myself from him ... my best just wasn't good enough! He had his way with me. I just wanted the nightmare to stop. I can still feel hands slithering over my body like a snake. The scene plays over and over in my head.

How could I have been so naive? What was I thinking? Why did I have to like girls? Why did I tell him? I just hate my life! There's only one thing left for me to do. I cannot tell you guys what happened, you won't believe me, you might agree that what Justin did was right ... plus I know that you won't accept me for being gay.

Mom, Dad and Mark ... I am sorry I ended up being your biggest disappointment. I love you so much and I am sorry ... Please don't look for me.

xoxoxo Mia