

# Just A Random Love Story

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“It will all be alright darling,” my mum said softly. She’d been saying this for the past month and it wasn’t sounding remotely reassuring. Dad pulled up to the big grey building that would be my home for the next year. “Elizabeth,” my dad started then paused “Please, just promise me you’ll be safe. Make good choices and please, please, be good.” My parents hadn’t trusted me for a month now. I wasn’t allowed out with friends without their parents being there. Spying. But that didn’t matter anymore. I don’t have any friends anymore. “Have you got everything darling?” my mum asked. I nodded glumly and opened the car door. “Everything is sorted so just go to the reception and tell them who you are,” my mum continued. I got out of the car and tapped the boot. Dad popped the boot open and I got out my black duffel bag and slung it over one shoulder. I grabbed my other duffel bag and slung it over the other shoulder, evening out the weight. I waved good-bye to my parents and headed up the path towards Banksworth, my new school.

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“Elizabeth Carter,” I said, brushing my long, black hair out of my blue eyes. “Obviously,” he said the plump receptionist, putting emphases on the word “new” and leaning forward, looking out of her half circular glasses. “Ok,” she started rifling through some papers “You are in dorm room number 15. You’re in a room with Madeleine Grey.” She looked up and pointed across the room. “Down that hallway and it’s the seventh on your left. Here’s your timetable, your map, your keys and your books. You have the morning off so I would make yourself at home.” I took everything from her and started off down the hallway. I found my room and fumbled for the keys. I slid into the room and dumped all my stuff on the empty bed. The other bed looked as if a bomb had hit it. Clothes and books and make up were strewn all over it. I started putting my things into the cupboard next to my bed when I heard someone clearing their throat behind me. I turned around and looked at the blonde hair and blue eyes that were Madeleine Grey.

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