



Disney

HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME

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CHAPTER 1

Meet the Characters

Emily, Ava and Sarah are best friends. They've known each other since they were 3. They're all 16 years old, but they're so childish you'd think they were 9. They all live in Mayo.

Emily lives with her mum and dad in house no. 4 in an estate. She has an older brother, Jake, who plays professional soccer. He's 21. Most of the time, Jake is away with his soccer team. When he's home, he lives with Emily and his mum and dad. Emily loves to play Gaelic, handball and basketball. Sometimes she plays soccer with Jake. Emily is very funny and is always making Ava and Sarah laugh.



Ava lives in house no. 5 in the same estate as Emily. She lives with her mum, dad and her twin brother Adam. They have a jack russell puppy called Spot. Ava plays Gaelic, handball and basketball too. Her mum was a very good camogie player, so Ava often plays camogie with her. She is probably the smartest out of the 3 of them, but just as childish.



Sarah also lives in Emily and Ava's estate in house no. 6. The 3 best friends live right beside each other! Sarah lives with her mum, dad and her 12 sisters. 9 of her sisters are older than her, but they're all under 19 and all



live with their parents. Sarah also plays Gaelic, handball and basketball. Her dad loves rugby, so every Wednesday evening she goes down to the pitch and plays rugby with her dad. Sarah is daft and always in a good mood.

So the 3 girls are best friends, they do everything together. But can they handle being responsible enough to go on a trip together for a whole week and keep out of trouble...?

CHAPTER 2

Birthday Surprise

It was Saturday evening and Emily's parents weren't home and Jake was at soccer training, so she invited Ava over to plan for Sarah's



birthday. Sarah was going to be 17 the next day, August 5th, the first one out of the 3 of them to turn 17. As the girls were best friends, they liked to make each other's birthday's really special.

Last year, on Ava's birthday, Sarah and Emily took her to a musical. Except Sarah got a bit carried away with the sweets and fizzy drinks, and got sick on the way home. Then Emily suggested stopping for McDonalds. After McDonalds, all 3 of

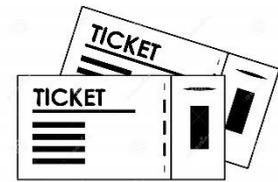
the girls got sick. So Emily and Ava wanted to make Sarah's birthday amazing this year. They had booked to go to Disneyland in Los Angeles. They would be in LA for a whole week. Emily and Ava were very excited and they were sure Sarah would be too.



Ava arrives at Emily's house at around 7 o'clock. Emily made popcorn and the 2 girls sat down to finish planning for Sarah's birthday. Here was the plan so far: the 3 girls would fly from Dublin airport to the airport in Los Angeles on Saturday the 11th of August (6 days after Sarah's real birthday). They would be staying in a villa. On Monday the 13th, the 3 of them would spend the day in Disneyland. They had lots of other fun things planned for the other days. After all the planning, Emily and Ava were practically screaming with excitement. Ava's parents had booked all the flights as the girls were too childish to do it. Emily and Ava were really looking forward to surprising Sarah the next morning.



The next morning, Emily and Ava were at Sarah's house bright and early. It was around 12 o'clock (which was bright and early for them as they liked to sleep in). Sarah opened the front door and Emily and Ava gave her a big hug. "Happy Birthday!" they said. "Thanks," said Sarah. Then she invited Emily and Ava inside. "Here you go, Sarah! Happy Birthday", said Ava, handing Sarah the small present. "Thank you so much!" Sarah said, and she began tearing open the present. "Tickets?" asked Sarah, looking very puzzled. "What for?" "Take a closer look at them", Emily replied, smiling. So Sarah looked closely at the tickets. "OH MY GOD!!!" screamed Sarah. "PLANE TICKETS TO LOS ANGELES?!?" "Yep", smiled Ava. "Look at the other ones too!" "I'M GOING TO DISNEYLAND?!?" screamed Sarah, as she looked at the other tickets. Emily and Ava smiled. "THIS IS THE BEST DAY EVER AND YOU ARE THE BEST FRIENDS EVER!!!" Sarah shouted. Emily and Ava laughed and they all hugged each other.



CHAPTER 3

Holiday Shopping

After Sarah had calmed down, the 3 girls went into town to go shopping.



However, they were so irresponsible that they had spent all their money on sweets and other junk. The total amount of money the 3 of them had together was €11.87. So their shopping trip lasted about 10 minutes.

CHAPTER 4

Money, Money and yet more Money

After they got back, the girls went to Sarah's house. When they got there, Sarah's mum and dad were sitting at the kitchen table with 2 police officers. Sarah's face turned white. "Mum? Dad? Is everything ok?" she asked, with fear in her voice.



"Don't worry, Sarah. Everything's fine," assured her dad. "Go up to your room with the girls and your mother and I will be up to explain everything in a few minutes." "Ok then," replied Sarah, and she reluctantly followed Emily and Ava upstairs.

Emily and Ava did their best to cheer Sarah up, but she just sat on her bed and said nothi



ng. Eventually, her mum and dad came upstairs. “Mum! Dad!” Sarah cried as they opened the door. “What happened?!?” “Well,” began her dad.

“There’s good news and bad news.” “Tell me the bad news first,” Sarah said. “Ok then. The bad news is that Granny Mary’s old house burned down.” “Oh no!” cried Sarah.



Her Granny Mary had passed away 3 years ago, but there was still a lot of valuable things in the old house. “All your sisters are over there now.” “Is everything destroyed?” Sarah asked nervously. “Unfortunately, all of it is ruined. But here comes the good news,” Sarah’s mum said. “When Granny May passed away, she left us a watch that has been in our family for generations. It’s worth €2,000,000.” “So?” replied Sarah. “So, now that the watch is destroyed, that €2,000,000 goes to us!” her mum said, with a smile up to her ears. “You’re joking?!?” said Sarah, hardly able to believe what her parents had just said. “I am not,” replied her mum. “And Emily, Ava, since you were such good friends to Sarah by organising a trip to America, we would like to give all 3 of you €500 each to spend on your holiday!” “WHAT?!?” screamed the 3 girls. Sarah’s mum and dad smiled. “Only €500?” Sarah replied cheekily. “Do you

want us to bring it down to €400?” her dad asked. “No, sorry,” Sarah said. Thank you so much, that’s amazing!” the girls said. “You deserve it!” smiled Sarah’s dad. “Now. I know what the 3 of you can do!” “What’s that?” asked Ava. “Pack!”

CHAPTER 5

Madness on the Plane



A week later, at 4:27 a.m, Emily, Ava and Sarah were sitting in Ava’s kitchen waiting for the taxi to arrive to take them to the airport. Spot was asleep on Ava’s lap. The second

the taxi pulled into the driveway, the 3 girls jumped up. In doing so, Spot fell tumbling off Ava’s lap. “Awww, sorry Spot!” Ava said, picking him up and putting him on the couch. Spot licked her hand as though to let her know he was fine. “Good boy!” said Ava. “Bye Spot!” Emily, Ava and Sarah all ran out the door into the taxi. Although the girls were excited, it was still half past 4 in the morning, so they all

went to sleep after about 20 minutes, which the taxi driver seemed very happy about.

When they woke up, they were just pulling into Dublin airport. Ava was the first to wake up. **“WE’RE HERE!!!”** she screamed, causing Emily and Sarah to wake up and the taxi driver to swerve out into the middle of the road and jam on his brakes. **“WHAT ARE YOU AT?!?”** roared the taxi driver **“I’m just really excited!”** Ava replied, **“Well your excitement could’ve caused us to be in a crash!”** the taxi driver said furiously. **“Sorry,”** said Ava (although she wasn’t really that sorry). **“Oh, I bet you are,”** the taxi driver muttered under his breath sarcastically.



Eventually, they managed to cut through the traffic and get into the airport. When they pulled up, the taxi driver helped Emily, Ava and Sarah get all their suitcases out of the boot. Then the 3 girls headed into the airport. It took about half an hour to get through security. Then the 3 of



them got breakfast. After breakfast, Emily, Ava and Sarah sat and waited for their flight to be called. At last, it was called.

The 3 girls walked up the steps to the plane, lugging their suitcases behind them. They took their seats in their row and 10 minutes later, the plane took off. By now, Emily, Ava and Sarah



were more excited than ever. It was a 14 hour flight, so the girls decided they might as well do something. Ava went on her laptop, Sarah read a book and Emily went on her phone.



After about an hour, Emily got up to go to the bathroom. 30 seconds later, she came back but kept walking past Ava and Sarah. “Emily!”

Sarah shouted. “Where are you going?” Emily walked back to Ava and Sarah to explain. “There’s a big queue for the bathroom, so I’m gonna go in first class,” she said. “Oh please don’t!” begged Sarah. “You’re gonna do something stupid and get us all in trouble!” “Relax,” assured Emily. “It’ll be

fine.” “Alright then,” sighed Ava reluctantly. Emily raced off through the plane to get to first class.

5 minutes later, Emily still wasn't back and Ava and Sarah were starting to get worried. They were just about to go and look for her when she came running back with and iPhone 11 in her hand. “Where did you get that?!?” Ava asked, shocked. “I took it from someone in first class!” beamed Emily. “Who?!?” asked Sarah. “You'll never guess who I met!” smiled Emily. “Simon Cowell!” “What? You're joking?!?” Sarah said. “Nope!” said Emily “And it gets better! I took his phone!”

Ava put her head in her hands. “Why in the world would you take Simon Cowell's phone?!?” she asked “Well, after a while I'll go up to him and give him his phone back and he'll be thankful and-” Emily paused as she spotted a flight attendant walking through the rows of seats followed by Simon Cowell. “Uh oh,” Sarah said. Emily jammed the iPhone 11 into her pocket. “So a girl just walked up to you, took the phone out of your hands and ran?” asked the flight attendant. “Exactly!” replied Simon Cowell. “She had brown





wavy hair and-” hey, wait a minute. It was her!” Simon Cowell pointed at Emily. “M-me? I-I don’t understand. What could I have possibly done?” asked Emily, putting on a ridiculous English accent. “Don’t lie to me! Step out of the seat!” demanded the flight attendant. Emily reluctantly got up. “Empty your pockets!” said the angry flight attendant. So Emily turned her pockets inside out. As she did so, a custom iPhone 11 with Simon Cowell’s name on the back fell onto the floor. “Aha!” shouted Simon Cowell, snatching up the phone. “W-wait. That’s my dad’s. He-eh is also called Simon Cowell,” lied Emily. “Ha, nice try!” sneered Simon Cowell, and he turned to walk away. “Wait!” called Emily “What?” Simon Cowell shouted. “B-before you go, would you mind taking one quick selfie with us?”

CHAPTER 6

The Villa

Emily, Ava and Sarah made their way out of Los Angeles airport and towards a taxi.



“Well, so far this holiday has been a disaster,” sighed Sarah. “How so?” asked Emily, looking puzzled. “Well, for starters, Ava almost got us killed in a car crash and then you nearly got us kicked off the plan with your bright idea to steal Simon Cowell’s phone!” replied Sarah. “Oh come on, it wasn’t exactly stealing,” Emily said. “I was just borrowing it!” “Really? So you call walking up to a celebrity, taking his phone out of his hands and running away with it borrowing?!?” sneered Sarah. “I mean, when you say it like that it makes me sound like a criminal,” Emily replied. “Guys stop!” interrupted Ava. “We still have a whole week to go and we’re gonna make this the best holiday ever!” “Ok,” replied Emily and Sarah, and the 3 girls sat into the taxi. “Try not to get us killed in this one,” Emily muttered under her breath.

An hour later, the taxi pulled into the villa the 3 girls were staying in.

“Wow! It’s amazing,” smiled Sarah. The 3 girls ran inside to check it out.

It had 3 bedrooms, a sitting room, a kitchen and 2 bathrooms. But the best part was the pool outside. For the first 2 days, all the girls did was lounge around in the pool and



eat ice-cream. By Sunday night, they physically could not wait any longer to go to Disneyland.

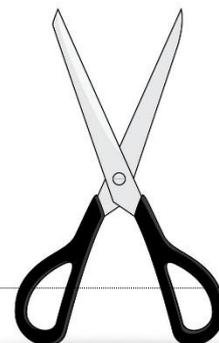
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Trouble at Security



On Monday morning, the 3 girls were up at the crack of dawn. Disneyland opened at 9:00 a.m and they wanted to be there early so they could get the full day out of it. It was only a 5 minute walk from their villa to Disneyland. Emily was wearing black shorts, an orange t-shirt with Goofy from Mickey Mouse on it and sandals. Ava was wearing white shorts, a navy t-shirt with Snow White on it and flip-flops. And Sarah was wearing pink shorts, a black t-shirt with Donald Duck on it and sandals. At 8:50 a.m, Emily, Ava and Sarah left the villa and started walking to Disneyland. They walked faster than they had ever walked in their lives!

They arrived at Disneyland at 8:55 a.m and there was already a lot of people queueing up to get in. At 9:00 a.m on the dot, security started



checking peoples bags before they let them in. They checked Ava's bag. Nothing illegal. They checked Sarah's bag. Nothing illegal. They checked Emily's bag. The security guard paused. He frowned. "I have 1 question for you," he said. Ava and Sarah gave each other worried looks. "Go on," replied Emily. "Why do you have a scissors in your bag?" he asked, pulling a sharp black scissors out of Emily's bag. "Oh I forgot I had that," Emily said. She went to take the scissors out of the security guardshand. He pulled it away. "I'm afraid we'll have to confiscate this," he replied. Emily sighed. "Fine," she said. "May I ask why you were bringing a scissors into Disneyland?" asked the security guard. "You may not!" Emily replied cheekily. "Emily!" Ava nudged her in the side. "Look, I just forgot I had it in there. Ok?" Emily said. "Ok," sighed the security guard. "Thanks," said Emily. She took her bag and the 3 girls strolled into Disneyland.



"What on earth were you thinking, bringing a scissors to Disneyland?!?" Ava said angrily. "I'm sorry!" Emily replied. "You better be, otherwise you can sit on that

**STAR
WARS**

bench for the day!” Ava said, pointing at a bench. Sarah laughed. “You can be really cross when you want to be, Ava,” she said. “Let’s just forget about all this and enjoy our day,” Ava replied. “What’ll we do first?” “I know!” Emily said. “Let’s do that Star Wars simulator.” Ava and Sarah followed Emily’s gaze. “Yeah, that looks like fun!” Sarah said. “Let’s go!” replied Ava, and the 3 girls walked towards the simulator.

CHAPTER 8

The Star Wars simulator

When Emily, Ava and Sarah got inside, they saw a queue of about 20 people waiting to go in. After



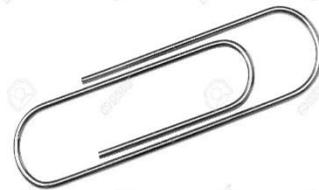
about 5 minutes, a door at the front of the queue opened and a line of people began walking through. At the top of the queue, there was a statue of R2D2 holding a box of 3D glasses with a sign saying: “PLEASE TAKE ONE.” Emily, Ava and Sarah all

took a pair. “Do you reckon there’s a real person inside that?” asked Sarah, pointing at the statue of R2D2. Emily said “Probably” and Ava said “I doubt it” at the exact



same time. They looked at each other, puzzled. "Well, there's only one way to find out!" Sarah replied. She took off one of her sandals and thumped R2D2 over the head with it. No sound. "I guess not then," Emily sighed. "Wait a minute, where's the other 17 people that were here a minute ago?" The 3 girls looked around. "Uh oh," said Ava. "I think they've gone without us!"

Sarah pushed down on the door handle. "Aww no! We're locked in!" Ava started panicking. "Relax," replied Emily. She got down on her hands and knees and picked up a paper clip off the floor. "What are you doing?" asked Sarah.



"I'm gonna pick the lock," said Emily, jamming the paper clip into the lock. Sarah sighed. "Seriously Emily, you're not gonna be able to-" but before she could finish her sentence, Emily had the door swinging open. "Never mind," muttered Sarah. Emily laughed. "C'mon," she said. "Let's go find them before they go in."



Emily, Ava and Sarah crept through the long corridor covered in posters of BB8, Luke Skywalker



and lots of other Star Wars characters that they didn't know the names of. They could hear talking in the distance and figured it must be the group of people going into the simulator. But suddenly, 2 security guards turned the corner and began walking down the corridor towards them. "Quick, hide," whispered Ava.

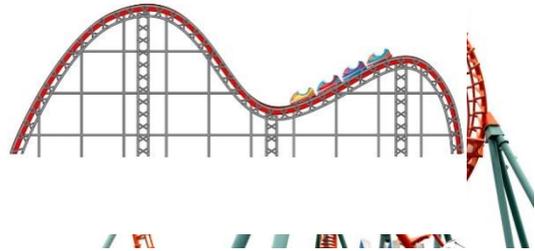
The 3 girls hid behind a statue of C3PO. Just as the security guards were walking past, Sarah slipped and the arm of the statue pushed forward. Emily and Ava grabbed her before she fell fully onto C3PO. One of the security guards stopped. "Hey," he said. "Did that statue just move?" "Nah I don't think so," replied the other one. "Probably just your eyes playing tricks on you." The first security guard shrugged and they kept walking. "I have GOT to get my eyes tested!" he muttered.

Emily, Ava and Sarah waited until the 2 security guards were fully out of view until they crept out from behind the statue. "C'mon, we have to run otherwise we're gonna miss the simulator," said Ava. The 3 girls raced down the corridor and made it just in time to go into the simulator.

CHAPTER 9

Space Mountain

After the Star Wars simulator, the girls went on a lot of rides. But the 2 they were really looking forward to were Space Mountain and Splash Mountain. They decided to do Space Mountain first, as they would get soaked on Splash Mountain. By now it was nearly 6:00 p.m, so they only had time to do 2 more rides before they went to watch the fireworks. They started queueing up for Space Mountain, but there were over 200 people in the queue so it took 45 minutes for Emily, Ava and Sarah to get to the top. When they finally did, they were more excited than ever.



Emily, Ava and Sarah sat into the ride. They were at the front, so it would take a minute or two for everyone else to get into the ride. “What do you think of the colour of my nail polish?” asked Ava, putting her foot up on the edge of the ride to show

Emily and Ava her nail polish.

“Oh that’s so nice!” Emily said.

“Yeah, I love the colour,” replied





Sarah. “Thanks,” Ava said. She went to put her foot back into the ride, but it was stuck. “Ehh, guys!” she stammered. “My foot’s stuck!” “What?” said Emily. Suddenly, the ride began to move. “Oh no!” Ava said. The ride swung into full speed, hurtling through the track. Ava’s big toe whacked off everything they came across. “Owww!!!” she screamed. At last, the ride came to a stop. Emily and Sarah hopped out and helped Ava over to a bench. Her big toe was black and blue with bruises. “It hurts so bad!” she moaned. “I know what will make you feel better,” Emily beamed. “What’s that?” groaned Ava. **“SPLASH MOUNTAIN!!!”**

CHAPTER 10

Splash Mountain

“Do we have to?” moaned Ava, as she limped over towards Splash Mountain. “C’mon, it’ll be fun!” replied Emily. “Besides, you’ve been looking forward to this ride all week!” “Alright, fine,” said Ava. The 3 girls queued up for Splash Mountain, and it took about 20 minutes to get to the top of

the queue. But at last they got to the front, and Emily and Sarah had smiles up to their ears.

Emily, Ava and Sarah sat down in the ride and waited for it to start moving. At first, it was nice and slow. “This isn’t bad at all!” Emily beamed. “I’m gonna video!” “You brought your phone on a water ride?!?” Sarah asked. “Yep!” Emily replied, pushing the start button on the video. “You idiot!” Ava said.



A minute later, they hit a bump and Emily’s phone fell into the water. “Noooooo!!!” she shouted. “Told you,” smirked Ava. “I see it!” Emily said, pointing right in front of the ride. “I’m gonna go get it.” “No you’re not!” Sarah said firmly. Emily sighed and looked behind her. Her eyes widened. “Oh my God!” she said. “There’s a dog in the water!” “What?!? Where?!?” asked Ava and Sarah, turning around to see. The second they did, Emily jumped into the water. “Haha, tricked you!” she laughed. Ava and Sarah spun around to see Emily already in the water.



“Emily!!!” shouted Ava. “Get back in the ride!!!” “One second,” Emily replied. “I just need to grab my phone.” “You know there’s a massive drop coming up,” warned Sarah. “You better be back in the ride by then!” “I will,” assured Emily. “Don’t wor- AAAAAA!!!” Before she had even finished talking the ride came to the drop and before she could do anything else it went speeding down the steep drop. Poor Emily got hit by the side of the ride about 20 times a second.

When the ride eventually came to a stop, Emily was sitting in the water just in front of it. 2 of the people working the ride spotted her and jumped in to pull her out. “Oww, my arm,” Emily moaned, as the 2 workers helped her out of the water. They brought Emily into a little room and 10 minutes later she came out with a sling on her arm. Ava and Sarah, who were sitting on a bench, ran over to Emily. “Oh my God, are you alright?!?” Sarah asked worriedly. “Yeah, I’ll be grand,” replied Emily. “I dislocated my elbow.” “Aww no,” Ava said. “Do you wanna just



skip the fireworks and go straight back to the villa?” “Yeah,” Emily said. So the 3 girls walked (well, Ava limped) back to the villa. They didn’t really know how to describe the day, great or disastrous. A bit of both really. They still had great craic though.

CHAPTER 11

2 Months Later

2 months later, Emily, Ava and Sarah were back in Mayo. Emily’s elbow had healed and she had gotten her sling off. Ava broke her toe on Space Mountain but it had also healed. Sarah had no injuries but the only fun thing she got to do was go to Disneyland because of Emily’s elbow and Ava’s toe. Even though their holiday hadn’t gone exactly how they had planned, Emily, Ava and Sarah still had a great time.



One night, Emily went with Jake to the soccer pitch, so Sarah went over to Ava’s house. “I’m bored,” Ava moaned. “What do you wanna do?” “You know...” Sarah replied. “Emily’s birthday is coming up.” Ava smiled. “What’ve you got in mind?” Sarah



thought for a minute and then said, “We should go to...”