

FALLEN STAR

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EXT. Highcastle Memorial Cemetery - DUSK

The sunset sits to the left of the camera as a car drives up the hill to the cemetery resting at it's peak. The leaves on the trees are starting to change and off in the distance the lights of the city are coming to life. The car parks in front of the cemetery gates and AUGUST, a young woman dressed in a coat and beanie steps out of the car. In her right hand is a bouquet of flame-colored marigolds. Autumn leaves crunch under her feet as she walks calmly past the graves to a large grave adorned with burning candles, fresh flowers, framed pictures of a red-haired girl, and letters from fans wishing her well.

AUGUST

Two years and you still have fans  
coming out to pay their respects.  
You really knew how to work the  
crowd didn't you?

August stands in front of the grave clutching the marigolds with both hands.

AUGUST (CONT'D)

I don't know if you can hear me,  
and I know I haven't seen you in a  
looong time, but I thought it might  
be important to come by.

August pauses to look at the pictures and think.

AUGUST (CONT'D)

I remember how happy you were when  
that talent scout came to you and  
asked you to join their record  
company. I thought your were going  
to die from the excitement alone.

August begins pacing and looking down.

AUGUST (CONT'D)

But then you became busy and I did  
too. And you became so big that  
I...

August stops.

AUGUST (CONT'D)

I'm sorry I stopped calling. I had hoped to get back in touch with you someday but you were a busy girl and I kept pushing it off. I guess I waited too long.

A falling star can be seen in the background as August kneels down and sets the flowers on the grave with the others. The moment the flowers touch the stone all the candle flames flicker and the wind starts to pick up. August is startled when she hears a voice seemingly coming from nowhere.

HAILEE(O.S.)

(Echo)

Don't be so sure about that.

The wind becomes strong and the flames triple in size. August struggles to hold on to her hat as a tiny whirlwind manifest over the grave. August is knocked on her back as a flash of light and color burst to life in front of the grave. When the smoke clears, HAILEE, a young woman with invisible feet dressed in a flashy purple, pink, and blue outfit, is striking a pose several feet in the air and smiling. Hailee's red hair and clothes float slightly as if in low gravity. August stares in disbelief at Hailee.

HAILEE (CONT'D)

(Cheerful)

Hello world! Sooo, good to be back after so long.

AUGUST

H-Hailee?! But...How?!

HAILEE

August!

Hailee flies down and rapidly pulls August back to her feet before pulling her into a hug. August is visibly overwhelmed.

HAILEE (CONT'D)

It's so good to see you. How have you been?

AUGUST

(Overwhelmed)

I Uh...

HAILEE

No, wait, your right. That's too broad a question. Let me back up.

Hailee vanishes and reappears a few feet away.

HAILEE (CONT'D)  
What have you been up to for the  
past...man has it been seven years?

AUGUST  
What have **I** been up to?! What have  
you been up to?!

HAILEE  
I think you know what I've been up  
to.

AUGUST  
(Flustered)  
Bu why how are you here?!

HAILEE  
It's very very complicated, I mean  
things are **crazy** *back there* but I  
guess you could say I made friends  
in high places.

AUGUST  
What does that mean?!

HAILEE  
I...It was...Uhg I can't explain  
it. Not right now and defiantly not  
all at once. For now I'll only say  
that things back there are a lot  
more complicated than people think  
and there are a lot more fingers in  
the pie than anyone **alive** suspects.

AUGUST  
I...I need to sit down.

August collapses onto a tall tombstone that she uses as a  
chair. Hailee reels back for a moment but after a moment a  
smile comes back to her face. Hailee disappears before  
floating into view from behind the tombstone in a laying  
position.

HAILEE  
Hey now, buck up. We've got to get  
back in shape.

AUGUST  
What? What do you mean?

HAILEE  
We've got to do the "comeback"  
show. You know the show never stops  
and we've got to keep on rolling.

Hailee springs to her feet.

AUGUST

Are...you...serious? You came back  
**from the dead** to do another show?

HAILEE

Not just one show. I'm back to  
carry on the dream. I was so close  
to having it all when that stage  
light fell.

AUGUST

But...

August looks down for a moment thinking for what to say. When  
she looks up there is a hard look in her eyes.

AUGUST (CONT'D)

Last time you chased that dream you  
left people behind.

Hailee gasp and her face goes from smiling to shocked.

HAILEE

August I...

AUGUST

No, listen. We were inseparable  
before you made it big but when  
that stage beckoned you in you  
didn't look back. I didn't lose my  
best friend when you died, I lost  
her when you became famous.

HAILEE

That's not true. I did look back.  
All the time. I just got so caught  
up in everything and my world had  
changed so much that I didn't know  
how to reconcile it with you, with  
any of you. The gap was just...too  
wide.

AUGUST

...so are you going to leave again?

HAILEE

No, I not. Cause this time, your  
coming with me.

AUGUST

What?! I...I can't. I'm not like  
you.

HAILEE

Yes you are. The gap was never real.

AUGUST

This is to much, I can't...

HAILEE

Hey, hey, we were the dreamer girls! We were going to see the world. Come on we'll go home first and then we can *take on the world together. Our names in lights and cheered on forever.*

Hailee holds out her hand to August. August stares at the hand for a moment and sighs as she grabs it.

AUGUST

Alright, I'm with you.

(teasing)

But, don't use your song lyrics on me. I'm wise to your tricks.

Hailee pulls August to her feet. At the same time Hailee's feet become visible.

HAILEE

Sorry, It was just too perfect.

August and Hailee slowly start walking away from the camera

AUGUST

So, um. How are we going explain this to everybody. I mean **this** is supposed to be straight up impossible.

HAILEE

Oh, nothing a little showmanship can't fix.

AUGUST

I think we'll need a little more than that.

HAILEE

Come on, get some big stage lights and just surprise everyone with a concert **over** town square.

As Hailee says the word "over", she hovers in the air for a moment and lands back down. August stairs at Hailee for a moment and gives a small laugh.

AUGUST  
I missed you.

HAILEE  
I missed you too.

They walk in silence for a moment

HAILEE (CONT'D)  
Also, that guy reeeally didn't like  
you sitting on his grave.

AUGUST  
What?

**THE END**