

Alcohol or Family?

Anna Part 1- Chapter 1

I was laying in bed thinking about what I had done. I hated myself for who I was. I ruined my family, maybe if it wasn't for me mom wouldn't leave, maybe if it wasn't for me Dad would love me, maybe if it was for me I would be important. Then my body froze, I heard footsteps outside, it wasn't anybody's footsteps it was dads. I could tell he has very specific slow and loud footsteps. Quickly before he could even step in the house I hid under my blanket sheets and acted like I was asleep. My body was shaking and my heart was beating faster than it ever had. "It's okay Anna just take deep breaths and act like your asleep." I whispered to myself. Then my heart stopped, he had barged into the door and I could already smell the alcohol off him. I could hear my heartbeat pounding and my body shivering as he came in my direction in the hallway. Every slow steady footstep my heart would stop and the floor creaking. Then I heard my door knob turn and the door slowly opening, it sounded like it was from a horror movie. "Anna you better be asleep at 2 AM." I stayed silent so he couldn't hear me." He dropped a beer can by accident and I squinted my right eye to see what he was going to do. He squatted down to pick up the beer can and he tripped on his own foot and fell on the floor, a loud thump. I got scared and made a loud noise. I flinched to see if he was going to hit me but he didn't. I fully opened my eyes and he was passed out on the floor. "Dad! Are you okay!" I went on my knees and turned him over to his back. He was snoring. "Thank God." I kept shaking him until he finally woke up. "Anna what happened and what time is it" - he groaned as gotten up. I gave him a glass of water and said,

"here drink this, you came in my room then woke me up, you fell on the floor and passed out also its 2:20 AM." "I'm so sorry Anna you don't deserve me I promise I'll try and stop drinking. You know, ever since Mom left I've been really sick." Dad said as he hugged me and started to cry. "It's okay, let's just get you to sleep and make sure to drink water." He fully got up and closed my door and went to sleep. "Goodnight!" he said. "Good night dad." I replied to him.

Aydrian Part 1 - Chapter 2

I woke up and checked my phone, it said 11:48 AM. "Oh shoot I'm an hour late for work!" I shouted. I moved my blanket away from me and got ready. I ran to the bathroom, used the toilet and washed my face. Then I ran to my room and got dressed. After I ran downstairs I got a banana and packed my things. "Dad?" Anna said. "Not now Anna, I had a rowdy night last night and I'm now late for work because of you" I shouted at her. "I'm sorry dad, but before you go you smell like beer and your hair is a mess" She said quietly. I took a deep breath dropped my papers looked at her eyes deeply and said, "I don't care what you think Anna, I am fine and don't you ever disrespect your father ever again, now your lucky im late for work because i would have beaten some sense into you, now shut up and the house better be clean when I come back or i will really beat some sense to you." I picked back up the papers, and put them in my bag. I opened the door then left my house and walked to my car. I got in the car and put my keys in, I looked at the time and it was 12:01. I was over an hour late to work so I stepped on the pedal and started driving. I went over the speeding limit of 50 miles per hour but i didn't care, my mind was only on my job this was my last strike. Then the worst happened. I saw blue and red flashing lights on my rear mirror and I heard police sirens. I pulled over my car and saw the policeman

come to my car and I rolled down my window. "Sir do you know how fast you were driving" He said. "Sorr-y I didn't even real-izeee I was slurring my words. "Sir you were driving 30 miles above the speed limit, and now that i'm here first of all you smell like alcohol and you're slurring your words so sir can you step out of your vehicle and walk in a straight line" The policeman said intimidatingly. I got out of my car and successfully walked in a straight line and wanted to cuss him out but decided to keep my mouth shut since i didn't want to give him a reason to give me another ticket. He gave me the ticket and said, "Have a nice day sir and try to keep away from the drinking." After we both drove opposite ways, I was finally at work. I ran to my office but my Boss caught me. "Aydrion why are you 90 minutes late to work!" "I'm so sorry boss last night was really crazy for not only me but my family." I said with a serious face. "No this lying and excuses cannot cut it anymore, this had to be the 100th time you have been late to work and you always make some dumb excuse up." He yelled at me, "Also why do you smell like beer and is that a ticket in your hand, look im sorry to say this but your fired." He looked at me with such disappointment and shame, "Please you know i'm going through a hard time with me and my daughter just give me one more chance im begging." I said with my hands together. "No this is unacceptable get out of my building." He said "Please boss one more chance!" I screamed when everybody was looking at us. He took a deep breath and screamed at me at this "GET OUT OF MY BUILDING AYDRIAN!" I got frustrated and left. Right before I stepped into my car I got so angry I looked at my rear mirror and let out all my anger on it. It broke off and my knuckles were red and sore, but it was a good way to let it out.

Anna Part 2 - Chapter 3

I was on the phone with my friend Kayla after my father had left. I was a little bit scared since I didn't want to get in trouble with my father. "Oh who cares Anna, your dad doesn't come home

until late at night he just left for work, calm down and relax for a bit." Kayla said as if nothing would go wrong. "Kaya i wish but i already know how my dad is. If he comes home and even sees a single fork in the sink I'm in big trouble" I replied. "Alright whatever, i guess i'll talk to you later, bye. She hung up the phone immediately after she said that. I put my phone in my pocket and got out of my bed to clean the house. I walked to my sink and first started to do the dishes, when i was doing them there was a lot on my mind. "Is it really me or maybe it could be dad?" "No it's probably me, dad is just going through alot right now." I said to myself. After I was doing the dishes the worst thing happened. I heard the same footsteps and moments later dad barged into the door. "Dad, why are you home so early?" I asked. "I got fired from my job, that doesn't matter though this house better be clean. " He looked around and saw it was pretty clean, he looked and gave me a death stare then walked upstairs to his room. He came back downstairs with sweatpants, a stained T-shirt from his beer and barged out of the door. I got confused. Where is he going? How are we going to pay these bills? Why were his knuckles so red?

Aydrian Part 2 - Chapter 4

I walked in my car already knowing where to go. I drove to 28th Street. It was the bar I usually go to. I think going to the bar will make my problems better. I got in the car and started driving to the bar, after a 20 minute drive I finally got there. It was 5 pm on a Sunday so my plan was to stay here until I passed out. I got in the bar and sat down. "Hey waiter, get my usual but actually make it 3 of them." I said to the waiter. "Are you sure? That's a lot of alcohol, like a serious deadly amount . He replied. I handed him a 50 dollar bill then he went to work. I wasted no time. As soon as he put the drinks on the table I instantly dranked them with no hesitation. I kept

buying and drinking alcohol until it was 10 pm. "I'm sorry Sir but you cannot purchase anymore drinks, you had enough for tonight" said the bartender. I got up and left the store. Everything was blurry and moving, I almost fell on my car but was able to get in. I put the keys in and stepped on the pedal. My head was clear and started to drive extremely fast on the highway. Cars were honking at me, I was driving past stop signs and didn't even care. My eyes got really blurry and it finally happened. And then I heard sirens and all of a sudden I was laying on the floor looking at police driving at me. My eyes were heavy and I felt cold all of a sudden. My mind was blank and yet all I thought of was alcohol and all I could smell was alcohol. Then my eyes got so heavy it took over and my eyes were closed. All of a sudden I woke up in the hospital with Anna holding my hand. "Daddy your okay!" "Woah where am I?" "Hello Aydrian you have been in the hospital for the past 12 hours since you got in the car crash on Sunday night" The nurse said. "Wait what? What car crash? I replied. "I think i'm going to leave some alone time for you guys." The nurse said as she closed the door. "Anna what happened and are you okay?" "Yes dad I'm fine and you got in a car crash last night because you were drinking too much." I couldn't believe what Anna just said. Instead of having fun with Anna I went out and had fun drinking and it almost cost me my life." Look at my Anna, I promise you I won't ever, EVER drink again, now come here." I reached out for a hug and Anna gave me the biggest hug ever then I realized, family means everything and nothing comes before family. I learned that a family must mean that everybody works together and helps each other out.

Author Statement

The chosen perspective that I chose in the story is a Father called Aydrian with his daughter Anna. I answered the essential question through the relationship between Anna and Aydrian. In the beginning we can see Anna is scared of her father because she has been traumatized before the story and we can see that Aydrian acts abusive towards Anna. Yet as the story goes on we can see their relationship get better towards the end and Aydrian promises one thing, he will never drink for the sake of their family. So what it means to be a family is to keep them at your top priority and help each other out.

One's actions might impact the family because in the story Aydrians drinking affected the family greatly since even his own daughter was scared to even go near her so since Anna was also scared because of her father her identity was known for being shy and to scared to take Risks, we can see this during her conversation with her friend.

One snapshot I chose was Aydrians car crash when time froze and I described what he saw, what he smelled and what he was thinking of at the moment after he crashed and before he passed out.

The dramatic irony that I chose was when Aydrrian came home after being out all night. I used dramatic irony because I made a simple action as coming home and opening the door felt dramatic and almost as if you were in a horror movie. The thought shots I chose were Anna's thoughts when she heard Aydrrian come home and what she was thinking of as he came into her room and when he passed out in front of her. I made it so you could really feel Anna's position and what she was thinking of when Aydrrian came home.