## Who Will Say 520?

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Today is May 9th. My sister's birthday is coming up. I miss my little sister. I envy that little sister has a very special birthday because it is May 20th, which means 520; and 520 means I love you. Little sister is great. Little sister always celebrates her birthday with me every year, but she's not with me this year. I wonder who will be the person to say 520 to little sister. I keep thinking about her.

Last night, I had a dream. I saw my little sister was crying. She was talking to me while she was crying. She asked me why I didn't care about her. She blamed me for not caring and taking her with me. She began to cry louder. She said, did I do something wrong? She said, was it that I broke the lucky necklace that father gave you, so you're mad at me? She began to cry louder and bowed down to the floor. She said, "You are not my sister anymore, and I hate you." The dream became dark immediately. I still heard her crying. I was so afraid. I didn't know what happened. I wanted to help her. When I called little sister's name louder and tried to rescue her, I woke up.

The dream is scary. I'm still thinking about her, but I know that people need to face problems and look forward to the future. I know that dream was just a dream, and it will never be true. However, I'm still thinking about little sister. I think about the dream again, especially the part when she says, you are not my sister anymore, and I hate you. When I hear this, my heart is full of pain. I feel like a knife is in my heart. I want to cry, but I know crying can't help. The only way to heal my heart is to be friends with her again. Then, my heart will be fine. Also, when little sister talks about the necklace, it's not totally true. It is true that she broke my lucky necklace that father gave me, but this is not the reason that I didn't take little sister with me. I didn't get mad at her at all. The reason that I didn't take her with me is that I needed to go to school in California. She was still young and needed mother and father to be with her, not me. Little sister probably got angry at me, but I have no way to deal with this. I needed to go to school.

Father calls me in the afternoon and asks me, can I go back home to celebrate little sister's birthday this year. I tell father that I don't know. Then, father tells me that he will begin to celebrate little sister's birthday on May 16th. I tell father to tell her "Happy Birthday" for me. I go to school right after the phone call.

At night, father sends me an e-mail and tells me all the daily events that he will celebrate with little sister. May 16<sup>th</sup> I will bring your little sister to an Italian restaurant for lunch. At night, I will have homemade dinner with her. May 17th I will make French foods for her for the whole day. May 18th I will bring your little sister to see the lavender in the lavender farm in Provence. I will travel around Paris with your little sister to see Paris at night. I will give her a clover necklace.

The necklace is similar to yours, but the color is different. I will tell her that the four-leaf clover means good fortune in the West and happiness in Japan. Each leaf has different meanings. The first leaf means true love. The second leaf means health. The third leaf means glory and reputation. The fourth leaf means happiness and wealth. The shape of the leaf is a heart. Also, I will tell her that her necklace is similar to yours. I hope that she will love this necklace and cherish her sister.

May 19th I will show her fireworks in the sky to make her have a memorable birthday. May 20th I will give her a birthday cake with "Happy Birthday! I love you, my dearest little sister!" on top. I wish she will forgive her sister and be friends with her again. I will tell her that her sister loves her. I hope she can have a memorable birthday and never forget what I say.

When I know what father will do with little sister, I feel happy and touched. I also wish that little sister will be touched and forgive me. I wonder if she forgives me, will she call me immediately? All the things that I wonder will not happen; it's just what I'm hoping.

At night, on May 19th, father calls me again one more time. Can I come back or not? Father tells me that I can arrive on May 20th right after what he says to little sister. Father says he wants to give her a surprise. I know what father is thinking. Father hopes that when little sister says that she forgives me, I will arrive immediately, so she will be so touched she'll hug me. I feel happy because father cares for both of us. I say maybe.

I'm wondering about what father says, but I think I won't go back. I'm afraid that when I see her, she will say, you are not my sister, again. I'm so afraid. However, she's still my little sister. No matter, I'm still her sister, and I still need to go back and talk to her. Sigh! People need to face problems, so I decide to listen to father and fly back home immediately.

At night, on May 20th, right after what father tells little sister, I emerge in front of her. She has no reaction at the moment. I wonder did she forgive me yet? She is so quiet, and father is looking at her. I'm thinking what happened to her while I was looking at her. I'm afraid that she will not forgive me. While I'm looking and thinking, I say "Happy Birthday." Little sister is smiling and looking at me. I feel happy, and I think she forgives me, but I'm not exactly sure. Then, I say "520" to little sister. Suddenly she smiles and looks at me. I'm so happy, and I think she really forgives me. But maybe little sister's laughing, and is going to yell at me. Little sister becomes so adorable suddenly. Little sister says "Sister, thank you for your happy birthday! I forgive you, and I thank you for your 520, too. I love you. You are my sister forever." I'm so happy, and kiss and hug little sister. I give my own lucky necklace to little sister as a present too. I hope that my lucky necklace and her clover necklace can give little sister a full happiness in her life and in her future. I wish that little sister cherishes all the things that she has.

This is the diary that I wrote in May.

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