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## Development of Characters

### Marley Miller (Protagonist)

Marley Miller is nineteen years old and lives in Saint Petersburg, Florida, with her parents. Her background is Hispanic as her parents were born and raised in Mexico, but came to the United States before she was born.

Marley has tanned skin, brown eyes and dark hair. It is pretty long and straight and a lot of her friends admire her for her looks. Known as the “track beauty”, Marley was one of the most popular girls in High School, which made it easy for her to have a lot of friends. Certainly, it is a reason why she met her boyfriend Peter, with whom she has been together since High School.

Marley’s lifelong dream has been to compete in the Olympics. She has been working hard for years and decided to go professional after High School rather than going to college. As a heptathlete, Marley trains for seven events, which shows her diverse talent for track and field (100m hurdles, 200m, long jump, high jump, javelin, shot put and 800m). Her tremendous

ambition and passion for her sport has gotten her this far and her chances to achieve her goal seem realistic until the tragic accident happens.

In her free time, Marley loves to spend time with her friends and family or goes for a walk with her dog. Marley is a very kind and caring person who always wants to make sure her loved ones are okay. Moreover, she always puts other people first. Soon the family expects another baby, and Marley can't wait to take care of her baby brother.

### Peter Garcia (Deuteranogist)

Peter is Marley's boyfriend who has been with her for three years. They have a peaceful relationship and love to share their passion for sports with each other. Peter is a basketball athlete in college, while Marley still lives at home with her family. He is 6'0 ft tall and has blue eyes and short, dark hair. His background is half American and half Hispanic, as his Dad is American and his Mom is from Venezuela. He was born in Toronto, Ontario, and his family moved to Florida four years ago. Peter has one little sister.

Known as the good-looking guy, Peter has been living a life in college that is different from hers. As a sophomore in college, he has met multiple girls that Marley does not know about. Their relationship comes to a crisis when Marley finds out that he cheated on her, which breaks her heart.

Even though he has not always been faithful to Marley, they both have a unique connection, which is what makes them stay together. After

everything they have been through together, they decide to work on their relationship, and, thus, grow together as a couple and individually.

Peter's affair with another girl is a life changing moment for him, as he realizes that he loves Marley with all of his heart, which becomes even more obvious towards the end of the story.

Peter is the perfect example for a young gentleman, who knows himself and his ambitions, but still has things to fix about himself like a lot of guys at his age. Perhaps this is a reason why a lot of college kids can identify with him.

### Louisa Smith (Triagonist)

Known as Marley's best friend, Louisa is probably as close to Marley as her boyfriend. Marley is twenty years old and goes to school in Tampa, Florida, which is why her and Marley spend a lot of time together. Louisa's background is straight American, as both of her parents are from the area. Louisa has long, blonde and curly hair and her eyes are as blue as the ocean.

Louisa is probably one of the most reliable and genuine person one can ever meet. In contrast to Marley, she doesn't play a sport but her life mainly consists of babysitting and taking care of other people, including the elderly. When she needs some time for herself, she loves to spend time with friends at the beach or go for a run. She also likes to party, where she always gets the latest information.

Louisa is one of the most important people in Marley's life. They call each other every day and both consider each other as best friends. Louisa is the person who found out that Peter cheated on Marley. In this difficult time she is there for Marley, always wanting the best for her friend. She also plays a crucial role at the tragic culmination point of the story, as she is right there when the accident happens.

Louisa is the perfect example of a young woman, who puts other people first. She barely thinks about her own advantages, which is why everyone calls her selfless. Her biggest struggle is that she has never had a boyfriend, even though she does not directly say it.

### Marissa and Raul Miller (Supporting Characters)

Marissa and Raul Miller are Marley's parents. Coming from Mexico, they taught Marley both English and Spanish, as they wanted Marley to be bilingual. Marissa is two years younger than her husband Raul and the couple always puts their daughter first. They both ran track in their home country as well as in the United States, which is why it is such an honor for them to see their daughter succeed in track and field. In their free time, the couple loves to see Marley train and compete, as they want to support Marley as much as they can.

Sometimes Marley wishes she had more freedom and was more isolated from her parents like other college kids, but she never gets tired of talks with her Mom and the safety she feels at home. When Marley was a kid, she had

suffered from bulimia, as a result of bullying that she experienced in elementary school, which was a hard struggle for her parents. Marissa went through several break downs as she was worried about her daughter's health. After overcoming her eating disorder, the family grew even closer. Through the support of Raul and Marissa, Marley became more confident in herself and was able to show her huge talent in sports.

Marissa is 40 years old and Raul is 42. As comparatively young parents for a 19 year-old daughter, they expect another baby, which Marissa gives birth to at the end of the story. Over the course of the story, one can see the family preparations and the joy that the family feels for their second kid, as Marissa could not get pregnant for a very long time.

The harshest event of the story is Marley's accident, which doesn't only cause Marley to change her life habits completely. As usual, her parents support her as much as they can, especially in the first few phases when Marley goes through deep depression.