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LIFE SCAN

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CHAPTER 1

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

When did your life begin? Many people say it was the day they were born. For me, it was the year 2179. That was when I turned 16. My life *really* started then.

Let me explain. My name is Royal Adam. Fen Adam is my father. That's right. He's *the* Fen Adam. My father is very powerful.

He was behind all of the biggest projects. Everyone knows about the moon city. My dad created and developed it.

Life Scan was also his idea. When I was growing up, every person dreamed about Life Scan. I fantasized about it too. It told your future. Why wouldn't someone want that?

But a scan cost a lot. Few could afford it. I had everything else. A hot tub was in my bathroom. The arcade in our home was all mine. Our house also had a pool *and* a skate park. My bedroom had three huge closets. Each was full of clothes.

For my 16th birthday, my dad took me out. We went to my favorite rooftop restaurant. Five servers waited on us. The sunset blazed pink.

“This is a big birthday,” my father said. “I got you something special.”

He pushed a card across the table.

My eyes widened when I read it. “Life Scan? For me? Dad, is this real?”

Fen didn't smile often. But he was smiling now. “Yes. It's very real.”

I jumped up from the table and gave him a big hug. “Wow. I can’t believe this. I don’t know what to say.”

“A thanks will do,” he said.

I was grinning from ear to ear. “Thank you so much.”

He shrugged. “These only work on people younger than 20. If I can’t get a scan myself, I want you to have one.” Then he paused for a moment. “The scan will change you. It will tell you your future. You will get two options. Each will show you what might happen.”

I nodded.

He looked serious. “You also may learn how you will die.”

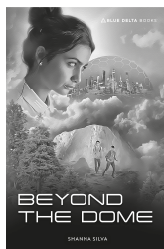
I already knew that. Still, my heart thumped.

My dad continued. “The scan will help you. It will give you focus. You will know what’s coming. Then you can make the most of your life.”

At the time, I agreed. In fact, I still do. Life Scan did give me focus.

It just wasn't in the way my father or I thought it would.

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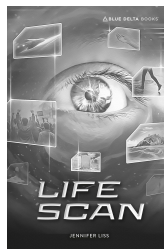
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Life Scan is something that Royal Adam has always dreamed of. It's thrilling when Royal receives one as a 16th birthday present. After all, who wouldn't want to know their future? But what happens when the future isn't all it's expected to be?

Will Royal risk everything to change it?



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