CARTER HIGH SENIOR YEAR

ONE More Chance



Chapter 1

June stood in front of the school. June talked to Rose. Rose was her best friend. It was almost time for school to start.

June was on the volleyball team. Rose was on the team too. They had a match after school. It was their first big match. Carter High would play Hillman High.

June asked, "Are you excited about playing Hillman High, Rose? I am."

"Yes," Rose said.

"Do you think we can beat Hillman High?" June asked.

"I don't know. Hillman High has a very good team," Rose said. Marge came over to June and Rose. Marge was in June's math class.

Marge said, "Good luck today."

"Thanks," Rose said.

"Do you think Carter High will win?" Marge asked.

"Yes," June said.

Marge asked, "Are you sure, June? I know we have won all of our matches. But the other teams weren't very good. Hillman High has a very good team."

"I am sure we will win," June said.

But June wasn't really sure they would win.

Carter High played four teams. The teams didn't play well. And Carter High was 4–0. But Hillman High played well. Hillman High was 4–0 too.

Marge said, "Look, June. Zack is over there. He is talking to Kim."

Zack had been June's boyfriend last

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year. But he got very upset with her, and he broke up with her. They had argued about Kim.

Rose said, "June doesn't like Zack anymore. So she doesn't care where he is. And she doesn't care who he talks to."

But June did care. She still liked Zack. And she wished she didn't.

Marge said, "It seems as if you still care about Zack, June."

"I don't. Rose told you that," June said.

Marge didn't believe June.

Rose said, "It is almost time for class. We will see you later, Marge."

June and Rose went in the school. But June wasn't in a hurry to get to class.

June had English first. Rose had math.

June hoped Zack wouldn't be in any of her classes this year. But he was in her English class. And so was Kim. Kim was in her history class too. June asked, "Why does Kim have to be in two of my classes? I have to see her every day in my classes. And I see her every day at practice."

Kim was on the volleyball team too.

"You still don't like Kim, do you?" Rose asked.

"No. I don't like her. And I don't trust her either," June said.

"But it was your fault Zack broke up with you. It wasn't Kim's fault," Rose said.

"I know that," June said.

Kim had eaten lunch with Zack last year. June found out. She yelled at Kim. She said Kim was trying to take Zack away from her.

But Zack said Kim was only helping him study. And he said June always got mad about nothing. Zack told June to find a new boyfriend. The girls got to June's class.

Rose said, "I will see you at lunch, June."

"OK," June said.

June went in her class and sat down.

Kim came in and sat down.

Then Zack came in. He sat down next to Kim. They started to talk. And they smiled at each other.

Why did Zack and Kim have to be in her first class? That always got June's day off to a bad start.

Chapter 2

The end of class bell rang. June was glad the class was over. She hurried out of the room. Then she went to her math class. June walked in and sat down.

Marge came in next. She was almost late. She sat down next to June.

Marge said, "I am glad you don't like Zack anymore. I think he and Kim have started dating. What do you think?"

"I don't know who Zack dates. And I don't care," June said.

But June did care.

June had been sure Zack would date Kim last year. But he never did. He had dated other girls. But no one for very long.

But maybe this year Zack and Kim would start to date.

June was glad the bell rang. Then Marge couldn't talk to her.

The class was OK. But June was glad when it was over. She hurried out to her next class. But Kim was in it.

June was glad when it was time for lunch. She was in a hurry to see Rose. Zack had lunch at the same time. But June hoped she wouldn't see him.

June hurried to the lunchroom. Rose waited inside the door. The girls got their trays. Then they went to a table and sat down.

"How was your morning?" Rose asked. "Not so good," June said.

Rose asked, "Why?"

June said, "Zack and Kim talked to

and smiled at each other a lot. Marge thinks they might be dating. Do you think Marge is right?"

Rose said, "Don't listen to Marge. I haven't heard that they are dating. So I don't think they are. But I don't know for sure."

June hoped Rose was right.

The girls ate for a few minutes. And they didn't talk.

But then Rose said, "Zack is looking at you."

That surprised June.

"Maybe he still likes you," Rose said.

"How can you think that? He never talks to me," June said.

Rose said, "I know. But he could still like you."

Zack didn't like her. June was sure about that. It was too late for them.

Rose said, "It has been a long

time. Maybe Zack is sorry about what happened."

"I am sure he is. But that is because of Kim, not me," June said.

"You aren't the same person, June. Maybe Zack will forgive you. He might give you one more chance," Rose said.

"I know Zack. He won't do that," June said.

Rose said, "But maybe he will. You don't lose your temper like you did before."

June had worked hard to control her temper. She had gone to some classes last year. They taught her how to keep control of her temper. June didn't want to go. And she didn't think they would help her. But she knew she needed help. So she went to the classes. The classes helped her a lot. But it hadn't been easy. Rose said, "I am glad you went to those classes last year. They helped you a lot. And Zack must know that."

"Do we have to talk about Zack? Can't we talk about something else?" June asked.

"Sure," Rose said.

Rose talked about the Hillman High game. They didn't talk about Zack anymore.