**Summary**

*The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*

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**Chapter 17**

Chance drives Murray to Jason’s house. Anna tells Jason to set the table. Tiegan and Della were also invited to dinner.

The way that Anna loves Jason reminds Murray of the way that Jenny used to love him. This memory makes Murray sad and he cries.

Murray gives Tiegan some Milk Duds candy. Tiegan explains what “Es-bee-kay” means to Murray: the letters S (strong) B (brave) and K (kind). Tiegan’s dad used to hit Della. Della and Tiegan left after Tiegan’s dad hit Tiegan. SBK is now their greeting but also moto and reminder of how to live.

Teigan, Della and Murray discuss Great-Grandma Pepper.

Jason plays a video game on the computer. Murray is curious about the game and Jason shows him how to play.

Jason sets the table for six people instead of five. The doorbell rings and Jason says “Tonight, I’m taking down Number Four”.

**Chapter 18**

Jason invited a doctor from the hospital to dinner. He wants him to be his mom’s boyfriend. Doctor Derek Lester is surprised that other people have been invited to dinner. Della and Tiegan leave promptly. Murray recognizes that Anna is uncomfortable.

Murray introduces himself to Doctor Lester and immediately doesn’t like him. Doctor Lester asks Anna questions about herself that reveal Jason’s lies about her life, including traveling to Malaysia, being a Zen grandmaster, a model in Paris and studying the Kama Sutra.

Anna tells Doctor Lester to leave. Doctor Lester is upset but Murray and Jason’s presence force him to comply.

Anna asks Jason where he learned about the Kama Sutra. She tells him to contain his wishes to his own life.

Murray sends an email to Tiegan and Jason. The Cubs agreed to let them use their field so Jason can achieve one of his wishes by hitting a home run. They make plans to practice before the big day.

**Chapter 19**

Murray picks up Tiegan and Jason for batting practice. Jason sits in the front seat instead of offering it to Tiegan. Murray thinks that Jason needs to learn how to treat girls.

Tiegan and Murray discuss the World Series. Jason says that he played on the Little League team called the Lightning Cheetahs. He only sat on the bench and never actually played in a game because of his oxygen concentrator. Jason says he can hit a baseball “a thousand feet”. Tiegan laughs.

All of the baseball fields are occupied so they sneak into Old Lady Willamette’s garden to practice. Old Lady Willamette is Murray’s next door neighbor. Murray calls Old Lady Willamette “one nasty bird”.

Murray struggles to pitch the baseball because of pain in his shoulder. Jason struggles to hit the baseball while Tiegan is very successful. This makes Jason embarrassed. Murray realizes that Old Lady Willamette caught them trespassing. They all run back to the Chevy as Old Lady Willamette yells at them.