**Summary**

*The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*

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**Chapter 20:**

Murray drives to Benedict Cashman’s mansion to ask his permission for Jason to travel with him to Chicago.

Murray wants to go to Chicago this specific weekend because it is the time that the Cubs are allowing him to use Wrigley Field to fulfill one of Jason’s wishes.

Murray mentions how he hopes Mr. Cashman will give him permission to take Jason, but if he does not, he will have to revert to Plan B which is dangerous.

Mr. Cashman is rude to Murray and refuses to let Jason go, so Murray decides he must turn to Plan B.

**Chapter 21:**

When Anna calls Murray, he tells her about his art modeling job at the community college. Jason, Tiegan, Anna, and Della were all there waiting for him when he arrived at the community college.

Murray introduces Anna to Collins Jackson, the man that models his hands at the community college. Murray starts to realize that Anna and Collins seem to have a connection.

Tiegan paints a nice picture of Murray while Jason painted dirt, because Murray is “old as dirt”. Anna chose to paint Collins’ hands.

**Chapter 22:**

Murray arrived at Jason’s house to play video games together. Murray notices that Jason is very quiet today.

Jason asks Murray if he is afraid to die, and asks if he thinks it will hurt to die. Jason and Murray are hardly paying attention to their video games during this conversation. Murray replies “I think it’ll be peaceful. Just like going to sleep, except you don’t wake up, that’s all.

Murray McBride sends an e-mail to Jason and Tiegan asking Jason if he is willing to sneak away to Chicago with him. Murray tells Tiegan that it is probably best that she does not come. Jason is excited for Murray’s “Plan-B” escape method. Tiegan replies to the email saying that she cannot come because she has a game at 2pm anyways.

**Chapter 23:**

Murray drives himself to Saint Joseph’s church. He makes his way over to the candles and out loud he says, “For Jason’s wishes,” “And that the police don’t catch us before he hits a homerun.”

Father James appears behind Murray and asks what he means about the police catching him. Murray explains the situation and how he has to take Jason to Chicago this weekend without his father knowing. Father James refers to Murray’s Plan B as “kidnapping”.

Murray explains to Father James how much this means to him and how the potential consequences will not change his mind. Father James tells Murray that this is going to cost him a whole lot of Hail Mary’s.

**Chapter 24:**

Murray gets in his Chevy and drives to Jason’s house at night. Jason gets Murray’s attention from the bushes by whispering “psssst”.

Murray notices that Jason is carrying a huge suitcase, way bigger than he would need for just one night. Murray gets out of the truck to go leave a note on Anna’s backdoor so she does not worry about where Jason is in the morning.

Tiegan Rose Marie Atherton’s face popped out of Jason’s giant suitcase.

**Chapter 25:**

Murray is surprised that Tiegan was hiding in Jason’s suitcase. Tiegan didn’t tell the truth in her email just in case her mother checked her messages.

Murray drives away before the neighbors come out and investigate his truck parked in the middle of the road. They are on their way to Chicago!