

The Victor's Town.

There is a group of Towns named "The Stanley Alliance" it started out as just one town, started by the Stanley family. Each child of the Stanley family really wanted their own town. Now the Stanley Family were very fortunate and had a lot of money, however, they did not want to give the children their own towns just like that, they wanted them to work for it. There is a great big forest near "The Stanley Alliance" so the parents hid a gold necklace somewhere in the forest for each of them to find, no death was involved, however, you don't need to play fairly.

This tradition continued on for a long time, over 154 years actually. My great grandma was the winner of the 100th Stanley betrayal. They call it that because people have lost friendships over it, people will do anything to get that winning title, oh yeah and did I mention the winner gets their own town in the Stanley Alliance, along with a very large reward in cash?

I live in the 100th Stanley Alliance town, named the Luna town, after my great grandma, Luna Ellis. I like where I live. Me and my best friend Cassie Sunflower grew up together, we would do anything for each other. We always thought we'd never want to do the Stanley betrayal, plus you have to be 18 years old to enter. Each generation after my great grandma, tried to become to winner, but were unsuccessful.

The day of my 18th birthday rolled around and my family were begging me to enter. "Alright! Time to blow out the candles!" Cassie says as she hands me the birthday cake, smiling. I make a wish, for my family to stop dedicating their life to this one event.

"We got you a very exciting gift." My mum says as she sits me down on the sofa next to her. She hands me a box with my name on it, I open it up to see two tickets for the Stanley Betrayal. "So, what do you think?" My mum asks. I look up at her "I never said I wanted to enter." My mum scoffs "Oh come on, there is nothing wrong in trying." I think about it "But, why is there two?" Cassie runs over "I'M DOING IT WITH YOU!" -she says excited for my response. "But we will be working against each other..." Cassie looks back at me "We will work together, find this necklace and have our own town, named after us both. What do you think?" I sit there "Okay, sure..."

“Good! Because, me and your mum had an idea.”

When my great grandma found the necklace, she documented exactly where it was located. After someone wins, they have to never tell anyone where the necklace was, but she broke the rules. My family have been trying to get the necklace using the map, however there is a 24 hour time limit and my family did not make it there in time. I like this - you reiterate the idea of betrayal here, which suggests that this will be on-going in the story.

A month later we would all arrive in big black 4x4s outside of the forest. Me and Cassie step out and she put her stylish sunglasses on as it was quite a sunny day “So, you got the map?” Cassie would whisper to me “Yeah, got it in my backpack” ooo! - and do the sunglasses suggest that she is hiding something? if so, the day being sunny detracts from that.

Every contestant starts in a different area in the forest, meaning me and Cassie are split up, however we have a plan to meet at a massive fallen down tree.

I hear a helicopter going over with a man with a speaker “LET THE STANLEY BETRAYAL BEGIN!” I know that is my cue, I start walking into the forest, as I see a girl walking very slowly. She seems upset, normally people start sprinting when they hear the announcement. I walk over to her “Hello?” I say curious about who she is, she turns to me “hi?” She says confused “I didn’t want to come here you know, my family forced me to, I have to live up to their standards..” She looks back at me “Same, My great grandma did this whole betrayal thing, but her best friend at the time betrayed her.” I look at her “What was her name? Of her best friend..” “Luna Ellis I think.” I stop suddenly “LUNA ELLIS? THAT IS MY GREAT GRANDMA’S NAME!” She looks at me in disbelief “so your great grandma and my great grandma had a beef?” “I guess so,” I say back. “I’m here with my best friend you see, but she is at the other end of the forest.” “It is called the Stanley Betrayal for a reason, you should not have done that.” I would question me and Cassie’s entire friendship “yeah but Cassie would not do that.” “That is what everyone says.” I get a bit angry at her, she does not know anything about Cassie “You know what, I’m going.” She shouts back as I am walking “YOU KNOW I AM RIGHT!” I arrive at the fallen tree and see Cassie “Took you long enough” she says to me “Yeah sorry. Let’s go”. We walk for ages following the map, the sun starts to set and owls start to sing. “We need water.” Cassie says handing me my water bottle, I take a sip “Okay, we are almost there!” another repeated idea of friends betraying one another - good

I wake up a while later, on the ground, confused of what is happening “C-Cassie!? CASSIE!?” I look round the woods as I see another helicopter “THE STANLEY BETRAYAL IS OVER!” No, no no no no no! Where is Cassie? Did she get taken?

Men escort us back to the 4x4s, I sit there confused about what has just happened, “What happened to Cassie Sunflower?” I ask the driver as we head back to the main town of the Stanley Alliance for the winner event. He ignores me as they are not meant to reply to the contestants for some weird contract reason I don’t even know. I look in my backpack in the car and notice THE MAP IS GONE! Maybe that girl was right, Did Cassie put something in my water? I look out the window of the car and see Cassie’s car next to mine, we make eye contact, until her car speeds off.

We get ready for the winner’s ceremony, despite having no idea who has won yet. I arrive and find my seat, still no sign of Cassie, the lights come on on the stage as the presenter comes on. “Hello! And welcome, I am here to announce the winner of the 154th Stanley Betrayal.” He acts all goofy and enthusiastic, the other audience members love him, but I do not.

“And the winner is.. Cassie Sunflower!!” WHAT!? MY BEST FRIEND STOLE MY GREAT GRANDMA’S MAP TO STEAL THE WINNING TITLE FROM ME!? [Good - you have hinted at this through repeating the idea throughout.](#)

She walks up in her stupid big pink floral dress, looking like a doll, acting all innocent. “Hi! Thank you so so much!” She accepts her award, getting the necklace put on her. I couldn’t stand seeing her get it, it was not even about the stupid necklace, it was that she was so happy to betray her best friend.

Two security looking people stop the ceremony, Cassie looks confused “We found a map in her bag, containing the exact location of the necklace.” Cassie laughs “Come on it is not that big of a deal..” I shout out “It is now.”

Cassie turns back, knowing it was my voice, but could not see where I was in the crowd. “I promise you guys, this happens every single year, it is not that big a deal” The presenter walks up to her “I need the necklace

back.” She resists, starting to get violent by pushing him back, and going crazy.

I turn to my mother “She needs to be put down.” I jump up from my seat and run, grabbing Cassie and pulling her away from him I gave her a much deserved slap. “Stop!” She says, running, we run off stage and arrive in a backstage hallway. I catch up to her and slam her into the wall, she continues running until a swarm of security guards catch us.

They sit us in a room together “Work it out.” The man says to us. I look at her, holding a can of coke on my foot to calm the injury Cassie caused during the fight. Cassie sits there doing nothing about her injuries, I am sure she is in more pain than I am, however she is just sitting there. “you know what’s funny? I did not even wanna win, but I was so furious that you would ruin our friendship over a stupid event?” I say to her, she just sit there, in her stupid dress

“I thought if I had my own town then, I would make more friends. “So I was just a placeholder?” I ask. “I don’t know.” Cassie says calmly. I stare at her “goodbye Cassie.” I get up and leave, I walk down the hall, a lot of people staring at me because of course I just beat up my ex best friend.

What annoys me about the Stanley Alliance is that no one cares about each other, all they want is their own stupid town.

I hope soon they learn that friendship matters more than title.

[I'm not sure about your resolution - if the main idea of the story is constant betrayal, how might you have reinforced that in you ending?](#)