

Chapter 1

"I know I should be happy. I know I should be glad. My Tee-Tee's getting married, but yet I feel so sad."

That's the poem I said in my head every time I thought about my Tee-Tee getting married.

See, I'm a problem solver and that poem solved a problem. Mommy always says if I can't say something nice, not to say anything at all.

So, whenever people asked me if I was excited about the wedding I said "yes." Then I said my poem to myself. See, problem solved!

Tee-Tee is Mommy's little sister. She is the one that gave me my nickname Ivylocs. We both wear our hair styled

in locs. When I visit on weekends we try new hairstyles. I go over Tee-Tee's house almost every weekend.

We are both excellent problem solvers. One time I had a science project. I couldn't think of any experiments.

Tee-Tee helped me to see that science was all around me. We did experiments to see why some foods spoiled faster than others. I won first place last year for that project!

We talk about everything- well except about her getting married. I can't believe she didn't ask me if she could get married!

Tee-Tee had been dating Bryan since I was in kindergarten. Sometimes when I hung out with Tee-Tee he

came with us. Sometimes he joined us when we tried new restaurants.

Sometimes he would tell corny jokes. We always laughed at them. He always told Tee-Tee he loves her. She always said she loves him too.

Going to her house was my escape. My annoying, but helpful older brother Amun stayed home. Mommy and Daddy stayed home too. I got to have Tee-Tee all to myself.

Tee-Tee is so much like me. She is adventurous and curious. She is also a problem solver.

I was really worried about what would happen to my weekends with Tee-Tee when she married Bryan?