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Why did Ms. Colby's substitute teachers look surprised when they took attendance?	Ryan Hart was the girl who answered when they called her a typically boy name.	1
Who did Ms. Colby always start school days?	Thumbs-up/Thumbs-down/Somewhere in the Middle check in	1
What did DeVonte like to be called?	D	3
What does Ryan mean?	King	3
What did Brandon think Ryan spelled her last name wrong?	It was spelled Hart rather than heart	4
What did Ryan's and Ray's parents always tell them about their names?	Be who we named you to be	4
What does the name Raymond mean?	protector	5
How much younger than Raymond was Ryan?	Two years	5
What did the substitute teacher want Ryan to do at recess, rather than go on the monkey bars?	Go on the swings or slide	6
What did Ryan tell Brandon he would have to buy her when she won a race because she didn't like Jolly Ranchers?	Twix	7
What caused Ryan to fall while racing Brandon?	Her shoelace was undone	8
Why did Ryan need to borrow two dollars from Ray?	To buy a pack of green apple Jolly Ranchers for Brandon and a Twix for her.	9
Why did Ryan say that Ray didn't have adventurous taste buds like her?	He liked to eat everything plain; broccoli without cheese, pizza with only cheese, plain vanilla ice cream	11
What was Ryan's favorite flavor of ice cream?	Tillamook's Marionberry Pie	11
In what state are marionberries grown?	Oregon	11

How did Ryan and Raymond usually settle ties?	Playing rock - paper - scissors	12
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What did Ryan's dad tell them about their new house that was good?	They would each have their own room.	14
What school did Ryan and Raymond attend?	Vernon School	15
How far would Ryan and Raymond walk with Kiki from their new house to Vernon School?	Three blocks	15
Why wouldn't Ryan and Raymond's dad be home in the morning when they left for school?	He was going to be working the midnight shift	15
Why did Ryan love riding with her dad in the car to school?	He let her and Ray pick songs they wanted to hear and sing loudly and then kissed them both on the forehead before they went into the school	15
What things did they have to leave behind in their old house that made Ryan sad?	The basketball hoop in the driveway that dad got for Ray and the height chart on the inside door of the hallway closet	16
Which of the Harts' former neighbors had a rose garden and sometimes needed things from Target?	Ms. Walters	16
What did Ryan discover about ice cream?	It doesn't take away sadness	17
What kind of car did Ryan's dad drive until he sold it?	A Toyota	18
What river did the Harts live near?	The Columbia River	18

What games did Ryan and Raymond play during family road trips?	Making pictures out of cars, counting trees, and tagging each other whenever they saw a license plate other than Oregon	19
What did the winner of the license plate tag game win?	They got to give any chore to the loser	19
Which kind of water birds were Ryan's favorites to watch?	Loons and grebes	20
What kind of bird did Ray see flying over the Columbia River?	A bald eagle	20
Which beach in Oregon did the Harts visit often?	Seaside	22
What scent did Ryan's dad always buy for air fresheners, candles, and incense?	vanilla	23
What did Ryan's mom buy her so she could cook alongside her in the kitchen at their former house?	A sous-chef table	26
Why did Ryan's mom think she would make a good chef one day?	She liked to experiment and invent new concoctions	26
Why did Ryan's mom call her food ideas concoctions?	They were ingredients that people wouldn't usually think would go well together	26
What kind of brownies did Ryan invent that were good?	Lemon brownies	27
What do food critics do?	They taste food and report on whether its good or not	28-29
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Why did Ryan's mom insist on having Easter dinner at their house, even though it was much smaller?	She wanted to keep the tradition of having Easter dinner at their place	29
What did Ryan find in the back of her closet?	A tin canister	30

What creepy thought did Ryan have about their new house after she found the tin canister?	Whoever lived there before might have died there.	31
What did Ray find inside the tin canister?	Two seashells, an unaddressed postcard, a white handkerchief with purple flowers embroidered on it, dried red rose petals, and three gold hairpins on a piece of cardboard with one pin missing.	32
What did the hair pins look like that were in the tin canister?	Long with silvery flowers at the end	32-33
Where did someone paint Ryan's name plate and give it to her as a gift?	The Saturday Market in Portland	35
What did Ryan's name plate look like?	A purple sign with her name painted in yellow	35
What woke Ryan up at night?	Ray making the sound of knocking or footsteps to scare her.	39
What did Ryan say out loud when she thought there was a ghost in her room?	That she was sorry for going through the ghost's things and she promised to put them back.	38
Why did Ryan and Raymond have to get used to being quiet during the day?	Their dad started working at night so he slept during the day.	42
What did Mr. Hart say about Lake Oswego, where Ryan's friend Amanda's family moved?	It was too far and too white	42
Who were Ryan's two best friends?	Kiki and Amanda	43
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What was different about Ryan, Kiki, and Amanda?	Amanda had an older sister and a younger sister and had a white mom and Black dad; Kiki was an only child with two Black parents, and Ryan had one older brother and two Black parents.	43

What word did Ryan's mom use to describe their new house?	cozy	43
Who was Ryan's official taste tester for her cooking experiments?	Amanda	44
What ingredients did Ryan and Amanda put in their new smoothie?	Frozen blackberries, lime juice, plain Greek yogurt, and honey	45
What did Amanda think Ryan should do with the canister?	Throw it away	47
What recipe ended up being a disaster?	Rosemary chicken wings with lemon juice	49
What caused Ryan to mess up her Rosemary chicken wings recipe?	She wasn't used to the stove in their new house that got hotter faster.	51
What did Ryan do to spice up her slice of cheese pizza?	She sprinkled rosemary on it	52
What was the worst part of the Easter holiday to Ryan?	Having to memorize and recite a speech in front of the whole church congregation	54
Why did Ryan hate giving speeches?	She always forgot a word, then froze up and other kids laughed and her mom tried to comfort her.	54
What did the Harts eat for Easter dinner?	Deviled eggs, honey ham, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, and collard greens	54
What did Ryan's grandma used to do for a career?	She was a beautician in a hair salon	55
What did Ryan's grandma use a pressing comb for?	To straighten hair	55
How did Ryan usually wear her hair?	In a puffy ponytail	56
What did Ryan's mom sell at the Saturday Market?	Dolls with black yarn hair	56
What did Ryan's grandma always say when she straightened Ryan's hair for special occasions?	That she as a Black girl with Black hair, thick like her mom's	56

What did Ryan's grandma tell her was the only thing that determined whether she was beautiful or not?	How she treated others	59
Why did Ryan have to wear a shower cap in the bathtub, wear a hood outside when it was drizzling, and NOT go swimming?	If her straightened hair got wet, it would puff right back up again	61
What was the name of the deacon at the Hart's church?	LeRoy	61
What song did Luke play for the Easter church service?	Amazing Grace	62
How old was Luke?	sixteen	62
What song did Luke play at church that made the kids laugh?	The Linus and Lucy song from Charlie Brown	62
Why was Kiki so comfortable making her Easter speech?	She loved acting and singing	63
What happened when Gary tried to give his Easter speech?	He forgot one of his lines, and cried really hard until his mom carried him off the stage.	63
Why was Olivia squinting while she was trying to do her Easter speech?	She was trying to read her mother's lips as she was mouthing the words	63
What happened right after Ryan said 'What Easter Means to Me' on the stage?	She took the mic out of the stand, dropped it, it made a loud squealing noise, and she forgot all her lines.	65
What did Ms. Howard do at the church?	She was the Sunday school teacher	66
Why was the Sunday school classroom Ryan's favorite place in the church?	It had brown angels hanging on the wall	67
What did Ryan's mom say when Ryan said she wasn't a good leader because she got scared and forgot her lines?	She was a good leader as long as she tried.	68
Whose voice was on the gospel radio station in the Hart's car after church?	Kirk Franklin	69
How many people were at the Hart's small new home for Easter dinner?	Twelve	71
What dessert did Ryan make almost by herself for Easter dinner?	Carrot cake	74

How did Ryan know her carrot cake was really good?	Kiki said it was good, and she never faked anything.	74
What color was the Easter egg Ryan accidentally stepped on?	pink	75
Why was it important to count the Easter eggs before and after the Easter egg hunt?	So no eggs were forgotten and left to rot and get stinky.	75
What did Amanda win for finding nine Easter eggs, more than anyone else?	A tall Easter basket filled with candy	76
For how long had Ryan's hair been pressed straight before she went to Amanda's slumber party?	One week.	77
How old was Ryan when she first learned to swim?	three	78
Where did Ryan and her friends swim during the summer?	Matt Dishman Community Center	78
How old was Zoe, Amanda's younger sister?	five	79
What were the names of the four other girls at Amanda's slumber party?	Haley, Caitlin, Red, and Sophie	80
Which one of the girls at Amanda's swimming pool was an annoying whiner?	Red	80
What did Ryan do when Red complained that her slice of cake was smaller than Ryan's?	Ryan switched an even smaller piece with less frosting to Red without her knowing it.	81
Why did Red think she should be Amanda's best friend rather than Ryan who had been Amanda's best friend since 2nd grade?	Because she lived across the street from her and saw her mom.	81
What did Amanda's house have that Ryan had never seen before?	An indoor swimming pool	82
What was Amanda's 17 year old sister's name?	Melissa	82
What did Melissa used to do at the community center in Portland?	Worked as a lifeguard	82

What did Red call Ryan because Ryan wasn't going into the pool?	A scaredy-cat	83
What game did the girls play in the swimming pool?	Marco Polo	83
What contest did Red make up that made Ryan jump into the pool?	See who could hold their hair longest and whoever won was Amanda's best friend	84
What happened to Ryan when she held her breath under water to beat Red?	Her scarf and shower cap came off and her hair got all fluffy again	86
What was Amanda's last name?	Keaton	87
How did Ryan know it was Amanda sitting outside the bathroom door when Ryan was upset about her hair?	She was the only one who knew that when Ryan was upset she didn't want to talk.	87
What did Ryan's mom put on her scalp?	Coconut oil	90
What disappointed Ryan's mom about her getting in the pool and messing up her hair?	She didn't do it to have fun...she was doing it to show off and prove something.	91
What did they call the room at school where they had assemblies, indoor recess, meetings, and other things?	The multipurpose room	92
What was special about Hannah Wilkerson?	She was the best singer at Vernon school	92
What reason did Kiki give for not liking Hannah Wilkerson?	She thought she was all that	93
Who taught students to have perfect posture in order to sing better?	Ms. Warren	93
Why didn't Kiki have to perform for the talent show?	She was the MC - mistress of ceremonies, hosting it	94
How did Ryan and Ray's dad teach them to walk on the sidewalk?	With Ray on the outside of the sidewalk, closest to the curb	95
What was the talent Ryan had that was difficult or impossible to do on a stage?	cooking	95
What did Ray and two of his friends win for doing a rap in the talent show when he was in 4th grade?	Free passes to the movies and something else he couldn't remember	96

What was Ray's reputation at school?	Smart, always getting high math and science scores on tests, best baseball player in 6th grade, and good at rapping and songwriting	96
What did Millie, the woman who shared a booth with Ryan's mom at the Saturday Market, sell?	Soaps and lotions	98
What did Paul sell at the Portland Saturday Market?	Portland landscapes	98
What treat did Paul, the artist at the Saturday Market, always give to Ryan when she visited his booth?	A Moonstruck chocolate	98
What is the name of the famous chocolate company based in Portland, Oregon?	Moonstruck chocolate	98
What did Ryan's mom sell at the Saturday Market during the winter?	Hats, gloves, and scarves she knitted	99
What did Ryan's mom sell at the Saturday Market during spring and summer?	Knitted purses, wallets, and other bags	99
What is the name of the long African fabric that covered Ryan's mom's table at the Saturday Market?	A kente	99
What is the name of the treat at the Saturday Market and the dough made of fried dough sprinkled with cinnamon?	Elephant ear	100
What did Ryan want to give to the judges at the talent show that would make them feel like they were at the Saturday Market?	Elephant ears with different types of spreads to put on them like caramel, marionberry jam, and chocolate	100
What did Ryan see at the Scarves & Things booth at the Saturday Market that shocked her?	A hairpin that matched the ones she found in the tin canister in her closet	102
What did the woman at the Scarves & Things booth say about the hairpin?	It belonged to her grandmother	102

Who did Ryan think the woman was who sold things from the Scarves & Things booth at the Saturday Market?	The granddaughter of the woman who used to live in their house	104
What kind of soap did Millie give to Ryan and Amanda?	grapefruit	104
In what part of Portland had Ryan's dad delivered mail for fifteen years?	Northeast Portland	106
Why were there no other positions open for Ryan's dad in other postal districts?	People don't use the post office as much as they used to	107
What is Fred Meyer's generic store brand?	Kroger's	108
Why did Ryan's mom say they couldn't buy Tillamook or Ben & Jerry's ice cream?	It was too expensive	108
What kind of Portland brand coffee did Ryan's mom buy that was expensive?	Stumptown	108
What did Ryan's mom always say when she bought the expensive Stumptown coffee?	A man deserves a good cup of joe in the morning	108
Why did Ryan's mom do her grocery shopping at two or three different stores?	So she could use her coupons	109
What did Ryan always buy with the money they got from returning their cans at Safeway?	Spices or ingredients for new recipes	109
What did Ryan always do when she felt sad?	Held her mom's hand	110
Who did Ryan see at Safeway where people returned their cans?	Hannah Wilkerson	111
Where did Ray ride bikes with his friends, Logan and Aiden?	Alberta Park	114
What was the real reason Kiki didn't have a bike?	She never learned how to ride without training wheels	116
What challenge did Ryan make to Ray, Logan and Aiden at Alberta Park?	She wanted to race the winner of round two of the bike race	116

Who did Ryan race against in the bike race?	Her brother, Ray	117
What happened when Ryan threw her purple and yellow bike helmet into a bush?	She disturbed a beehive that was in the bush	118
How did Ryan know her mom was really tired?	She stayed in her bedroom all Sunday and let Ryan and Ray watch TV all day.	121
What did Ryan do to get revenge on Ray for not wanting her to come with him to ride bikes?	She put triple amount of pepper and liquid fire to four chicken wings she set aside for Ray	125
Why did Ryan get nervous when her dad prayed to God to bless the hands that prepared the meal?	She worried that God wouldn't bless her because she made Ray's food extra hot.	125
What kind of contests had Ryan's dad won that proved he had a tongue of steel?	Hot-wing-eating contests	126
What did Ryan do in bed after her parents sent her to her room to think about what she did to Ray with the hot sauce?	She laughed herself to sleep	128
Why wasn't Ryan able to do the elephant ears for the talent show?	They weren't allowed to have a deep fryer, and Ryan knew that elephant ears have to be fresh and hot to be good.	130
What were the only two songs Ryan knew how to play on the piano?	Hot Cross Buns and Mary Had a Little Lamb	131
What was Ryan afraid of while walking home from school?	dogs	132
What did Amanda name the smoothie Ryan invented?	Blackberry Lime Extravaganza	132
What green vegetable did Ryan decide to add to the Blackberry Lime Extravaganza smoothie?	spinach	133

What things did Ray tell Ryan she was good at, even though they couldn't be demonstrated on a stage?	Helping, being nice, and sharing	134
Why were there so many people at the Saturday Market in June?	There hadn't been any rain in Portland for a whole week	135
Why didn't the man Ryan's mom gave two dollars to want to go to the place where they gave free meals?	They only gave lukewarm soup and hard bread	136
What did Ryan ask the woman at the Scarves & Things booth?	If her grandmother lived on 23rd and Alberta Street	137
What was the name of Ryan's mom's booth at the Saturday Market?	Hart to Heart	137
What was the name of the woman who ran the Scarves & Things booth at the Saturday Market?	Laura	138
When did Laura, the woman who ran the Scarves & Things booth, say about the hairpin Ryan found?	They were vintage and used to be popular in the 1940's.	138
What job did Ryan ask Ms. Barnes if she could do at the talent show that involved greeting people and passing out programs?	usher	140
What special event happens every June in Portland, Oregon?	The Rose Festival with the Grand Floral Parade	142
Where did the Grand Floral Parade begin?	The Memorial Coliseum	142
Why didn't the Hart family go to the Grand Floral Parade?	It was storming outside	143
What did Ryan, Amanda, and Zoe do in Ryan's room when they couldn't go to the Grand Floral Parade because of the weather?	They created their own parade with stuffed animals and dolls in Ryan's room	145
How did Ryan, Amanda, and Zoe make sunshine?	They cut out circles from yellow paper and taped them all over Ryan's room	146

What did Ryan want to use as a float for their make-believe parade?	Ray's scooter	149
What did Ryan and Amanda most want to see at the Grand Floral Parade?	The Rose Festival Court with the fourteen girls chosen from each Portland public high school that were chosen to be princesses	149
What did the Rose Festival Court princesses get to do?	Meet the mayor, speak about things that mattered to them, travel on a bus to Pendleton to ride horses, and get new clothes	149
Which Portland High School would Ryan go to when she was older?	Jefferson High School	149
What did Ryan want to talk to the mayor about someday when she was a Rose Festival princess?	Starting a program to feed the hungry with healthy, gourmet meals	150
What did Amanda pretend to be in their make-believe parade as she used Ryan's ruler like a baton?	A drum major	151
What did Zoe think she, Ryan, and Amanda had magically done?	Cleared up the weather and made it stop raining	151
What did Hannah Wilkerson ask Ryan and Kiki that showed she was a nice person?	She asked if she could help folding the talent show programs	153
What did Hannah Wilkerson tell Ryan and Kiki that surprised them?	She always got nervous before she sang publicly	154
What did Ms. Barnes say about feeling nervous?	It showed you cared about what you were going to do	155
What was the Last Day of School Tradition with Ryan's mom?	They went to the North Portland Library and Ryan would pick out one cookbook and one chapter book and then Ryan and her mom would plan out the summer.	156
What amusement park in Portland did Ryan's family always go to during the summer?	Oaks Amusement Park	156-157

What science museum did Ryan's family always go to during the summer?	OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry)	157
What did Ryan's family always do for Fourth of July?	They had a cookout	157
Who came to the Hart's house the day before summer vacation started to talk with Ryan?	Laura Adams, the woman who ran the Scarves & Things booth at the Saturday Market	158
What was Ryan's mom's first name?	Tamia	158
What was in the photo from 1945 that Laura Adams showed to Ryan and her mom?	A Black girl and a White girl with matching hairpins standing under a sign that said Portland's Junior Rose Festival Court	159
What were the names of the two girls in the photo Laura Adams showed to Ryan?	Mary Beth and Gloria Mae	159
Why couldn't Kiki fulfill her role as MC at the talent show?	She got sick	162
What did Ryan offer to do to help with the talent show after Kiki got sick and couldn't be MC and one judge canceled?	She offered to be the MC	163
What bakery on Broadway did Ryan and her mom go to pick up a cake?	Helen Bernhard Bakery	167
What did the math equation, $2 + 1 = 3$, written in white icing on the cake mean?	Ryan's mom was pregnant with a baby girl	168
Why wasn't Ryan happy about the idea of having a baby sister?	She would eventually have to share her room and sit between her brother and sister in the middle of the backseat of the car	171
What made Ryan change how she was acting about having a baby sister?	She didn't want her little sister to find out later that she was mad and sad about her being born.	172