

Your daughter Hope is 14 years old. Moving out to the country had seemed like a perfect plan for the family. Even with both parents working full time, it was still so hard to make rent, and the mobile home park seemed like the perfect solution. Little did you know your daughter would meet the boy of your nightmares! Or should you say MAN? An 18 year old high school senior is wanting to date your little girl. And even though she is very pretty and looks much older, she is still in Middle School!

Age 16:

You feel so lucky your daughter has straightened up from the crazy place she was two years ago! That guy was trouble and finally your daughter realized that. She broke up with him and he still stalked her for weeks, until he got a new victim! Still another very young girl, he's a nightmare! But now you're daughter is doing well in school and other than complaining about never getting to drive, since you can't afford her insurance - she's doing well. 2

Age 18:

Wow! You are so proud to watch your daughter walk across that stage. There was a time you weren't sure that would happen. She's worked really hard and is planning to go into nursing. She'll have to work full time while going to school, but she's been working for the past year and managed to keep up her grades. 4

Age 18:

You are proud of your daughter's determination to get her GED. Now she is going on Cosmetology classes. It's so good to see her happy and enjoying what she's learning. 6

Age 20:

Your daughter has been following her career path steadily. Starting out in the pre-nursing, moving right in to the next level and working in her field have helped her flourish. And she loves it! She's living with another student and although money is tight, they are both committed to fulfilling their goals of becoming RNs! 8

Age 14:

Today you had the girl at work show you how to get on the computer to see how your daughter's grades are. Not only does she have mostly F's, she's missed five days of school in the past two weeks without your knowledge! What is this girl doing? **STOP HERE UNTIL YOUR NEXT TURN**

Age 16:

The school has called again. Your daughter has not been to school in days. As a matter of fact, you haven't seen her. She left, mad at you, screaming and acting like a crazy person. She says she's never coming back. You can't keep missing work to go into town to look for her. You just wish you knew she was ok. 3

Age 18:

Just when it seems she was ready to settle in and make a clean break from her loser boyfriend, he came begging back. You've lost track of how many times they have violent screaming fights. He likes to hit things and destroyed her phone and is very scary, but she keeps going back. Thankfully, she has managed to graduate high school. 5

Age 18:

Oh no! Your daughter is pregnant by her loser boyfriend! You are heart-broken. Now the MAN is denying it is his! Now what is going to happen? You are too young to be Grandparents! 7

Age 20:

Two years out of high school and no motivation to move forward with life. You are struggling with making ends meet and come home to find your daughter still in her pajamas watching TV and the house is a mess. You have a horrible argument, but she has got to get out and get a job – ANY job! 9

Age 20:

Good news! Your daughter finally got rid of the crazy loser she has dated since she was 14! She is steadily gaining her self-respect and doing something she loves is a big help! She is so excited about becoming an EMT! This has given her a very exciting life! She just can't stop talking about it.

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Age 20:

After attending the Child Care Academy, your daughter has found her niche in life. She loves working in the preschool and is even talking about going to the University to get a teaching degree!

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Age 20:

Your daughter has made mistakes along the way, but is ready to grow up and be the best Mom she can be. You believe in her, but know she will have struggles trying to be a single Mom and working at the Waffle House.

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Age 22:

She did it! She earned her RN degree. She's even managed to pay most of the expenses for her small, but very sweet wedding to her finance, also a nurse. They are off to a great start with two professional salaries coming into the house. You are so proud of her hard work!

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Age 22:

Forced to find work, your daughter applied at the nursing home. You're not really surprised at how well the residents love her. She's always been a caring soul. All of the staff and administration appreciate the good work she does and her way of calming even the most frayed nerves!

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Age 20:

It's so sad. You all have talked with her. The abuse just keep escalating. He's mean and then meaner! Then there's a big blow up and the next thing he's begging and crying for her to come back. He promises it will change but it never does! You'd like to tell her to stop coming home every time they fight, but really you are scared for her! He won't let her work. He likes to keep her at home where she has no friends, no phone, and no family. Why does she stay? 11

Age 20:

Your daughter discovered she is a fire burning on the dance floor! Unfortunately, these late nights in the bar bumping and grinding did not help her wake up in time to go class. She has dropped out and is now waitressing at the "Gentleman's Bar."

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Age 20:

Your daughter is living in town. She is living in government housing and is getting food stamps. You've heard her dead beat boyfriend is there more and more and you don't like him being around the baby. You're pretty sure you smelled pot when you went by to check on the baby and take diapers – again! What can you do??

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Age 22:

School was not for her. She likes to stay up late, watching movies, hanging out with friends. She makes good money waiting tables in a nice little family restaurant, but they treat her badly, giving her the bad shifts and never an extra day off.

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Age 22:

Your daughter still has the idea that she should not have to work to live. You don't understand this since you've worked since you were a teenager. You kicked her out of the house and she lived with first one friend and then another. They got tired of her sponging, too. Now she's back with you but only has a seasonal job and you know it won't last anytime until she's unemployed again.

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Age 22:

The Emergency Responders are a close work family. Your daughter has built some strong relationships and loves her job. Now she's met a great guy that works for 911. The rumor is an engagement is just around the corner!

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Age 22:

It has taken a lot of professional counseling and you know her self-esteem is still fragile, but you are so happy she has stayed away from her abuser for over a year now. Working in a quiet little office, living alone for the first time, she seems to be getting on solid ground.

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Age 22:

Your daughter is doing so well with the childcare center she is being promoted to the Assistant Director of the Center! She says she's going to keep growing with the children and someday be the Director of the entire Agency! It is so good to see her passionate about her work.

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Age 22:

Working at the Quick Stop turns out to be a pretty good job. It is hard to keep people hired, they come and go as fast as the customers some days. Your daughter is working 50 to 60 hour weeks. She certainly does not have much time for a life, but seems happy.

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Age 22:

As luck would have it, your daughter met a really nice man at the Waffle House. He was truck driver that works locally and has a daughter of his own. He and your daughter fell for each other in a hurry, got married, and she's now getting to stay home with the kids while he works.

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Age 22:

Yes, she went back to him – AGAIN! He's insanely jealous of all of the friends she has on the squad. She's called in sick several times just to prove she loves him more. Now she's being called into the supervisor's office!

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Age 22:

They're still together. And against your pleading, she married him. He's even more controlling than ever, if possible. He won't even let her go to the grocery store together and makes up crazy stories about people texting him she is sneaking around with another man! There is no telling where this will end.

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Age 22:

Your daughter maintains she is innocent of abuse of any child at the center. You are horrified at the thought of your daughter in jail. You have no idea what she's thinking or feeling. She won't come around and has stopped returning your calls.

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Age 22:

It happened when she was working late one Saturday night. A lone gunman came into the club and demanded all of the cash. Another customer came out of the bathroom, unaware of any problem and startled the bandit. He fired the gun and now your daughter has a life-long disability. Luckily, you still have your health to help her.

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Age 22:

No job. Bad credit. Your daughter has become such a con you hate to hear her voice on the other end of the phone. Long ago she quit having any contact with her child – really YOUR child that you are raising for her. She spends lots of time making up fantastic lies about what she's doing and where she's living. If she would put that effort into work....

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Age 22:

Thank goodness for Project Butterfly! Your daughter was able to work through the rehab program, regain custody of her daughter and get a job at the new call center. Whew! Now if she can just stay on this path!

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Age 22:

Bad news! Your daughter and her child have been kicked out of public housing due to her boyfriend's selling drugs. You are relieved she did not have to go to jail! But now they are moving back in with you! There are bound to be some bad days ahead! You are already seeing her mistreating your grandchild! Not going to be fun!!

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