

# Chapter Fifty-Five

In Chapter Fifty-Five of "If These Wings Could Fly," the protagonist grapples with the weight of a promise made to Liam to attend his game, feeling regret and anxiety throughout the event. The atmosphere is charged, filled with noise from excited fans and the energetic performance of cheerleaders. As the family sits together in the bleachers, familiar faces from their town surround them, highlighting the community's presence. However, the protagonist notices an underlying tension among their parents, particularly stemming from her father's increasingly volatile demeanor.

As the game progresses, the father's irritation becomes apparent, culminating in a confrontation with the mother. The family's public appearances mask deeper issues, and the father's behavior escalates, drawing attention from those around them. The mother attempts to defuse the situation with a smile, concealing the turmoil beneath the surface. Even as the crowd cheers for the Wolves, the protagonist becomes acutely aware of the damage underlying their family dynamics.

In a tense exchange, the father forces the mother to leave, exhibiting a grip that signals a troubling escalation in their relationship. The protagonist yearns to intervene but feels paralyzed, caught between loyalty to her family and the instinct to protect her mother. Amidst the backdrop of a football game, a sense of dread lingers as the protagonist witnesses the emotional strain and the potential for violence, yearning for a sense of normalcy that remains elusive.

As chaos unfolds, the protagonist decides to follow her mother and attempts to shield her younger siblings from the fray. In a moment of distraction, she receives support from friends at the game, yet it provides little solace against the reality of their family turmoil. The chapter concludes with a poignant sense of urgency as the protagonist races to catch up with her mother, underscoring a theme of longing for stability in an unstable environment.