

## Coming Home to National City

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# Coming Home to National City

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## Summary

After Reign being very kill-y, Sam and Reign got sent to a Metahuman Rehabilitation center. Now, it's been about a year since then and Sam and Reign are going home to National City. A lot has changed in a year though.

## Notes

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## Early Release

Rey was sleeping and Sam was in charge when Cait came into the room with the news that Sam and Rey were going to be allowed to go back to National City early. They were being released from the United States National Metahuman Rehabilitation Facility.

Sam woke Rey up to tell her the news after lunch. After Rey took charge, there was a lot of dancing and shouting of “oh thank Rao!”

“Um Rey.” Sam said in their shared mind scape, of course, since she wasn’t in charge at the moment. “Shouldn’t you be a little bit more quiet?”

“Oh please. Aren’t you excited about finally leaving this place?” Reign asked, (rhetorically, not actually wanting an answer)

“Yes. I miss Ruby. I can’t wait to see her again. And to see Alex and Kara and Lena and any of my friends in National City that I might be forgetting about.” Sam said.

“Oh Rao no! We are not going back to National City!”

Sam was silent.

“I, one of the most powerful kryptonians left in the galaxy got beaten by Supergirl. Supergirl! And then I got sent here of all places! A place in the Midwest far away from anywhere you or I have ever been. I’m not going back to National City!” And then Rey started crying. Sam was stunned. It was the first time ever that she knew of that Rey had ever cried.

Sam didn’t know what to do. Of course she had experience with people crying. If Ruby was crying, Sam knew what to do. Even if Alex, Lena, Kara- any of her best friends were crying, Sam knew what to do, how to help. But with Reign... Sam was clueless. And Sam did not like being clueless.

Just then the door opened. It was Sondra. Sondra quickly shifted back into her human form.

“There’s a meditation happening and then another conflict resolution class, Caity. Oh and uh- Reign are you okay?” She asked noticing that Rey was crying.

Rey stood up abruptly. “Of course I’m okay!” She said.

“Uh huh. Well, you’re allowed to go whenever. Just need to sign out. You would not believe who it was who got you out early- Clark Kent.” Reign nodded and grabbed the bag of clothes that Sam had packed earlier.

“I’ll miss you, Reign.” Sondra said.

Reign nodded.

Caity looked up from the book she was reading. “You’re leaving? Already?” She walked over to Reign and gave her a big hug. Reign quickly wiggled out of the hug. Hugs still weren’t really her thing.

“I know you’re a kryptonian world-killer and you can defend yourself, but if you ever need some extra help, call me.” Caitin said.

Reign nodded. “I will, human.” And grinned.

Then Sondra and Caitlin went off to the meditation. Reign started walking down to the office. Sam went back into their shared mind scape.

“Well, I know you’ll love seeing Supergirl again.” Sam said, joking.

Reign growled, out loud not just in their shared mind scape.

Sam laughed.

“There has to be something you liked about National City though, right Rey?” Sam said, leaving her with those words before Sam left the mind scape and went to sleep.

Reign signed out (if Sam had been awake and paying attention, she would have shuddered at how messy Rey's handwriting was), and then flew off west, in the direction of National City. They got to National City at about mid morning, though it definitely felt later because of coming from eastern time zone and flying for a few hours.

Rey landed in front of the front door of Samantha Arias's house. She was just about to fly in (she would have caused a big mess), when she hesitated, sighed and rolled her eyes.

Then she woke up Sam, who she was certain would be excited and happy.

# Old Friends and New

## Chapter Summary

Sam meets Kara again and Rey meets Kelly

## Chapter Notes

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She raised her hand up to the door, about to knock. Sam stood there just staring at the door, uncertain of what to do.

She didn't even know what day it was. Rey has destroyed the calendar and a lot of stuff in one of her tantrums, sometime during one of the first few weeks at the Metahuman Rehabilitation Center. Sam had never tried to get a new one. It looked to be early spring maybe? That was all she could tell about what time of year it was.

She didn't know how long she had been gone. Who knew how much was different now? And it was the middle of the morning anyways. Ruby probably wouldn't be home for a while. Sam dropped her hand, she would come back here later.

Sam walked along the sidewalk for a while until she got to the bus stop. She rode the bus to CATCO. This would probably be a surprise to Kara, visiting Kara at work. Kara probably didn't know that Sam had been released yet.

She rode the elevator up and bumped into a brunette. "I'm so sorry!" The brunette said. "I'm going to a date and I need to finish an article by noon and I'm just very late today. I'm so sorry."

"You really don't need to apologize so much. I'm Sam."

"I'm Nia. I'm a journalist for CATCO. You look really familiar, have seen you somewhere? Oh never mind. Bye."

"Bye."

Sam kept walking towards the big office, where she knew that Kara often talked to James, and she ended up bumping into Kara.

"Hey, Kara."

"Oh hey, Sam!" Kara turned around and gave her a big hug. Sam sighed a sigh of relief and hugged her back. "I missed you."

"Missed you too. Why didn't you say bye before leaving to wherever you went?"

Sam's eyes widened. What? Lena hadn't even told Kara that she had helped Sam get to the Metahuman Rehabilitation Center? What the hell Lena?

"I'm sorry. I was gone for a long time." Sam said. Kara nodded.

"What's changed while I've been gone?"

"Alex is with- uh never mind. James and Lena broke up and there's a new president."

"Wait what?!?"

"The new President really hates Supergirl." Kara said, with an annoyed sigh.

"Sorry about that." Sam said.

"Where did you go?"

“Metahuman Rehabilitation Center. There was mostly just meditation, conflict resolution classes, learning to control powers. That type of stuff. I’m glad to be back. Though Rey isn’t as happy about this as me.”

“Rey?”

“Yes. You know Reign?” Sam suddenly wished she could take back her words. Of course Kara knew Rey. Kara was good friends with Supergirl, and Rey had attacked CATCO last year, so Kara probably didn’t think anything good of Rey.

Kara started to respond but then her phone rang. She looked down at the caller id. “Sorry. I’ll see you later, Sam?” Then she answered her phone.

“Bye.”

Sam missed the good old days back back when she worked at LCORP, back when she had lots of friends and she had Ruby, back when people judged her for what Rey did.

She woke Rey up. “Can you take charge for now? And can you-“

“Oh! Is that how it’s going to be now? Reign, fly here! Reign fly there! Reign fight those people! No, Reign, don’t actually fight those people! Well no you are not my boss. I am Reign, the most powerful worldkiller. I-“

“Rey, I didn’t mean for it to sound like I was bossing you around. I was just asking if you could take charge for now, and maybe not end up on the front page of the newspaper. Sorry. Though coffee would be amazing too- never mind.”

“Oh. Have a good sleep, Sam.” Rey said, she was still terrible at saying sorry.

Sam smiled and then went to sleep.

“Two espressos. No three espressos. And 2 large chocolate chip muffins.”

“Are you sure?” The cashier asked with raised eyebrows.

Rey clenched her hands into fists and then unclenches them. “Yes.”

“Alright”

Rey paid for the coffees and food and sat down. She was finishing her second cup of espresso and had already finished half her first muffin, when someone knocked on the wood table.

She looked up. There was a black woman. She had long hair that was tied back in a ponytail. She was wearing a green shirt, a brown jacket and jeans.

“Hello. May I sit here? Every other seat is full. My girlfriend Alex was going to be here but she had to work.”

“Who are you?”

“I’m Kelly Olsen.” She held out her hand for Rey to shake and Rey stared at it confused.

“I am Rei- I am Rey the- I’m just Rey.”

## Chapter End Notes

Hey y’all! I hope y’all liked this chapter! I hope you really like this. Feel free to leave a comment, with any questions, critiques, or compliments about the story. Thank you for reading!

# Chapter 3

## Chapter Summary

Rey has coffee with Kelly.  
Sam surprises Ruby.

## Chapter Notes

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“I am Rei- I am Rey the- I’m just Rey.” She sighed, not knowing how to introduce herself. She was Reign, the bringer of justice, a worldkiller. If she introduced herself properly, Supergirl would show up and she wouldn’t hear the end of it from Sam.

“What’s your name?” She asked again because she hadn’t been listening properly before.

“Kelly Olsen. And before you ask, yes I am the sister of James Olsen, and no I am not going to ask him to arrange a meeting between you and Superman or Supergirl.” She said, like she had said it a million times.

“I hate Supergirl. And who is James Olsen???”

Kelly stared confused at Rey for a minute, then said “James Olsen is one of the most famous photographers in the USA. He’s editor at CATCO and my little brother. You really have never heard of him before?”

“No.”

“Wow. I didn’t know that was possible.” Kelly took another bite out of her scone and had another spoonful of jelly. “So what do you do?”

“I fly and I hate Supergirl.” That was the simplest answer she could give.

“Oh you’re a pilot. Nice. I’m a therapist. “

“Oh no. I’ve already talked to too many of those. “

“It’s not a bad job.”

“Why did your mate ditch you.?”

“My mate...? Oh you mean Alex, my girlfriend. Something urgent came up. She works for the FBI after all. So what are some places you’ve flown to?”

“Metropolis!”

Rey stared off in the distance, listening.

“No! You need to go, Luke. “ Ruby shouted. Rey had no idea what was happening, but Ruby was home from school and she guessed Sam needed to be there.

“Need to go. See you around.” She said to Kelly and then flew off, leaving a surprised Kelly.

The weather was amazing and Rey was smiling.

She looked down at the ground, and saw many strange men dragging someone out of their house. She frowned. What was happening? What did that person do wrong? And whatever that person did, It was Reign who should be the one dispensing justice. Though who knew, that person was probably innocent.

She looked down and then looked back east towards Sam’s house. She looked back and forth,

then flew on towards Sam's house. The evildoers of National City would feel Reign's justice, later.

She landed on the stairs outside the house and went into their shared mindscape.

"Wake Up!!!" Rey shouted at Sam.

"Alright. Alright. " Sam grumbled. "What's happening?"

"I had coffee and 2 muffins. Did some flying. It's your turn. We're here."

Sam took charge and saw where here is. "Oh." She was home.

She took out the key from her pocket and opened the door and walked inside. "Ruby! I'm home!"

Sam looked around the living room. It was much messier than it used to be.

Then Ruby came running from the dining room with Luke following behind her.

"Oh! Hi Ruby's mum! Can I come back tomorrow, Ruby?"

"No. If you really are terrible at math go to tutoring."

Luke sighed, annoyed, and left.

"You're home." Ruby said.

"Yes! I missed you, sweetheart."

"Is she gone?" Sam knew that Ruby must be talking about Reign.

"Everything's all right now." Sam said which was true at least for her.

Ruby breathed a sigh of relief and hugged her mom. "Where did you go?"

"Somewhere near Metropolis to heal."

Ruby just nodded.

"Do you want to play scrabble then watch Beauty and the Beast and eat spaghetti and meatballs?" Sam asked, knowing that Ruby's favorite movie was Beauty and the Beast.

"Okay. I should tidy my room first though." And Ruby headed upstairs.

Sam was surprised, Ruby had never volunteered to tidy up her room on her own before.

Usually Sam had to ask her once or twice.

Sam went upstairs to change into different clothes first and didn't notice the two suitcases on the floor of her room. After changing clothes she headed back downstairs to the kitchen to see if there were the ingredients for cooking spaghetti sauce.

Then there was a knock on the door.

That's probably Kara or Lena, Sam thought.

She walked over and opened the door and saw a complete stranger who was dressed like some sort of professional doctor or therapist, but was holding 2 pizza boxes.

"Do I know you?" Sam asked.

"I'm Kelly Olsen." The tall black woman said and held out her hand to Sam.

Sam shook her hand. "Ruby! Did you order pizza?" Sam called upstairs.

"No!" Ruby called back downstairs.

"No. " Kelly sighed. "I'm not the pizza delivery person. I picked up the pizzas from Papa John's pizza. It's a Friday tradition to eat pizza and watch a musical. "

"And who's your girlfriend?"

"Alex. Alex Danvers. "

"Oh."

Just then Ruby ran downstairs. "Aunt Kelly! You're home! I missed you! Can you help me with my homework before we watch Mama Mia? You are a doctor so you probably know a lot about human body systems. "

"Sounds good, but you should set the table." Kelly said and hugged Ruby.



Ruby seemed more enthusiastic about Kelly arriving than she had been about Sam arriving. Sam sighed.

“This is absolutely terrible” she said in their mindscape.

“Is Supergirl still alive?” Rey asked.

“Oh Rey.” Sam rolled her eyes, but she smiled. “Would you please stop that?”

“What is it? I can punch whoever it is.”

“Just so much change has happened in the past year. Ruby is more enthusiastic about seeing a complete stranger, Kelly Olsen, rather than me, her mom.”

“Never mind. I’m not going to punch her for you. Kelly is nice.” Sam was shocked about what Rey had said, there were only two people ever that Rey had said were ‘nice’ that was a big compliment coming from her.

“Well, I wasn’t actually asking you to punch her. “

“Mom. Mom? Are you okay?” Ruby asked, sounding almost scared.

“I’m fine. Don’t worry, sweetheart. Are you ready for dinner? I was thinking that we should have salad with the pizza.”

“Liar. You never said anything about salad.” Rey said in their mindscape.

Everyone was in the middle of dinner when the door opened again.

Sam was eating a slice of Hawaiian pizza when she heard Alex say “Sorry I’m late, everything has been absolutely crazy at the D.E.O. lately.” And then Alex stopped talking.

## Chapter End Notes

Hey y’all! It’s Thursday! I hope y’all liked this chapter. (And yes, Sam is not super awesome in this chapter but she is just like shocked because everything is very different in National City than it was a year ago, she’ll get better don’t worry)

Feel free to comment with any comments, questions, ideas/suggestions/critiques. :)

Next chapter is going to be more Ruby centric.

# Ruby

## Chapter Summary

Ruby is not the most excited for her mom to be back. Also Alex and Sam argue about someone surprising.

## Chapter Notes

Hey all y'all, guys, gals, nonbinary pals! Sorry I was gone for such a terribly long time. Off here and there, listening to Mad World and Anyone, fun times(not). But here's chapter 4. It is kind of in Ruby's point of view. I hope you like this chapter and I promise next chapter will be longer.

See the end of the chapter for more [notes](#)

Ruby still felt uncomfortable, almost sick. She hated Luke. 'Just forget about stupid Luke' she thought. 'Aunt Kelly is here. Mom is here. Aunt Alex probably will get here soon' Breathe in. Breathe out.

Ruby took two slices of pizza. 1 pepperoni. 1 Hawaiian. She took two spoonfuls of Caesar salad. "So how's school?" Her mom asked.

Ruby shrugged. "It's good."

Just then, her phone dinged. It was probably Maryam or ugh please please let it not be Luke, Ruby thought. Ruby reached for her phone.

"Ruby, you know the rules. No phones at the dinner table." Her mom and Aunt Kelly said at the same time, then looked at each other with almost a smile. Jinx.

"Mom, Did you fight the witches?" Ruby asked. After Supergirl had come back from space with the weird rock thing, her mom had disappeared again. Ruby knew that the Kryptonian witches had attacked the DEO, maybe that's why her mom had disappeared against fight the witches, Ruby thought.

"What witches?" her mom asked, confused.

Ruby sighed. Of course, she had been wrong. 'Mom really did just leave. She wasn't off helping Supergirl.' She thought with a sigh.

Just then the door opened. Ruby sat straight up in her chair. Aunt Alex was home! Yes!

"Sorry, I'm late, it's crazy at work. " then she stopped talking.

"Aunt Alex? " Ruby said.

"How did a white Martian get in the house?!" Aunt Alex asked, not sounding as calm as usual. Ruby knew about green Martians but what on earth was a white Martian?

"Alex. I'm not a whatever you just said. It's me. Sam." Ruby's mom said with a sigh.

"What the fuck are you doing here? " Aunt Alex said.

"Ruby, you should go work on your homework." Aunt Kelly suggested.

Ruby sighed and went upstairs. Did she think that Ruby hadn't heard people cuss before? She was a 13 and a half year old in 8th grade. All middle schoolers heard cussing.

Ruby sat on the stairs just out of sight and listened.

"This is my home! Where did you think I would be?"

"Wherever you've been for the past year, 1 month, and two days!"

Then, Aunt Kelly said something that Ruby couldn't hear.

"Lena never told you where I was!?"

After a while, Ruby went upstairs to her room. Everyone was just arguing about Lena.

She grabbed a package of Oreos from under her bed and then flopped on her bed. She gulped down 2 Oreos. Today had been terrible. Luke had been a sick weirdo, jerk. And that was not how she had ever imagined her first kiss. And then mom came home. She didn't really even explain where she had been for the past year. And now this new normal was going to be gone.

Ruby ate another Oreo. Tomorrow would be better. Hopefully. She would hang out with Maryam after school and work on homework. Then after that, Aunt Alex and Aunt Kelly were having a date night. Niawas going to come over and they were going to watch a movie. Tomorrow would be better, Ruby thought. Then she fell asleep.

Ruby woke up in the middle of the night, from another nightmare. She started to head down the hall to go down stairs and get some water, but she heard her mom arguing with someone else, so she headed back to her room and back to sleep.

"Rubes? Wake up, honey. Its 7:15. "

"I told you already, only mom calls me that. " Ruby mumbled, half awake. Then she realized who had been talking. Oh.

"I'm awake!"

## Chapter End Notes

I hope you liked this chapter! Please comment with thoughts, questions, and critiques about this story/chapter. Also would you like the next chapter to also be more Ruby centric, or would you like a chapter of everyone arguing with Lena? Your choice.

# Let's Go Talk To The Effing Liar

## Chapter Summary

Literally what it says in the title or Alex + Kelly process what happened the night before.

## Chapter Notes

I haven't watched many episodes with Kelly yet so pardon me if my writing seems slightly ooc.

See the end of the chapter for more [notes](#)

Alex poured fruit loops into a bowl. She started to pour milk into the bowl too.

"Alex, are you okay?" Kelly asked, concerned about her girlfriend.

Yes. Why?..."

"You're pouring milk into a bowl of fruit loops. The cereal that Ruby somehow persuaded us to buy at the store even though it is one of the most sugary cereals out there. The cereal you said that you would never eat."

"I said I would eat it before I eat vegan ice cream!" Alex corrected her girlfriend. She sighed and put down the jug of milk. "...It's just... Everything is crazy and none of what's been happening this past week, I've expected. I'm glad Lex is gone. I'm glad you moved in with me." She took a breath and took Kelly's hand. "But, Lena and Kara still aren't talking. Sam came back. And with everything Sam told us last night about Reign and Lena. Lena lied to us about so many things. She's a fucking liar. I don't know what to do."

Kelly placed her hand on Alex's shoulder. "It'll be ok. I don't know what to do about Reign either but I have an idea..."

"Go on."

"What if we actually talked to Lena?"

## Chapter End Notes

Please if you like this give kudos/comments. They bring me comfort and joy.

## End Notes

Hey, y'all! Thank you for reading! I hope you like this story! Please give kudos, or comment with any questions, critiques, praise, whatever. :) I'm going to be posting every Thursday. I already have the next two chapters written. I'm super excited about this story! Thank you for reading!

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