

EVELYN (EVY) CARTER and CALEB NICHOLS learned the hard way that even the sturdiest friendships have a breaking point, which, once reached, can be nearly impossible to overcome. That's how Evy finds herself sitting at a bar, waiting to see her former best friend for the first time in seven years, hoping he doesn't stand her up.

Growing up, Evy and Caleb were inseparable. If they weren't in their childhood treehouse, Evy was dragging Caleb on adventures and photo shoots. Caleb's love for the girl next door always seemed one-sided until their junior year of high school. When Evy falls ill, Caleb doesn't leave her side, and she begins to see him in a new light. Between coping with her new Crohn's disease diagnosis and a fear of jeopardizing their friendship, however, she doesn't pursue it.

Tired of the status quo, Caleb asks Evy to their senior prom. It's the fairytale night they both envisioned, but when passions flare and Caleb professes his love, reality crashes down. Evy reveals she's starting college early and moving to Boston in three weeks. After a year of being the sick girl with Crohn's, all she wants is a fresh start. She isn't ready to attempt a long-distance relationship with her best friend, despite Caleb's insistence they could make it work. Ultimately, they agree to stay friends who had one almost perfect night.

Caleb remains hopeful she'll change her mind until she begins dating. The ensuing fight ends in an impasse: Evy remains unwilling to move beyond friendship, and Caleb can't keep pretending that night never happened. Angry and heartbroken, Caleb tells Evy he needs a break. Seven years of silence follow.

Present day, Evy is living outside Washington, D.C. with her fiancé STEVEN. A month before the wedding, he's discovered cheating. Evy's still reeling from their broken engagement when she learns Steven and his mistress are now a couple. Devastated and spiraling, she calls Caleb, who'd always been her rock during tough times. He's shocked but elated to hear from her, and they agree to meet for dinner the following weekend.

They quickly realize that more than their appearance has changed since the last time they saw each other. Evy gave up photography to become an accountant. Caleb is in a PhD program, researching Crohn's disease for his dissertation. Evy admits she got sicker in college, requiring surgery, and Caleb feels guilty he wasn't there. Caleb reveals his mother has Alzheimer's, which led to his parents' abrupt move years ago.

What hasn't changed is the joy they find in each other's company and the chemistry that time couldn't dull. Not ready for the night to end, Caleb takes Evy to a club for drinks and dancing. Flirting turns into making out then calling an Uber back to Caleb's apartment. When Evy notices a photo she developed in high school sitting on Caleb's bookshelf, they finally confront and apologize for the past.

Desire resurges, but Evy realizes how much Caleb still cares for her and knows she isn't ready for more than one night. Flashbacks to prom and its disastrous aftermath leave her panicking and fleeing the bedroom before things go too far. A heart-to-heart on Caleb's bathroom floor follows, where Evy tells him about Steven, her broken heart, and her fear of repeating history. They put romance aside and make a pact to prioritize their friendship.

Harkening back to childhood, Caleb proposes an adventure the next morning: biking through Rock Creek Park to the Smithsonian Zoo. He pushes Evy to bring his camera, and she takes her first photo in years, reigniting her passion for photography. The camera stays around

her neck over the next few months as they explore the city together, rebuilding their friendship and helping each other heal.

When Steven starts texting Evy again one evening, she's furious. Caleb takes her to the Lincoln Memorial—his favorite place to reflect when he's upset—and talks her down. Unable to ignore her feelings any longer, Evy kisses Caleb.

Emboldened, Caleb invites Evy on a secret weekend trip. When they arrive at a treehouse cabin, Evy's speechless. They have a blast—stargazing, reading, making s'mores—but it's the first time they've been in a treehouse together since prom, and Evy understands the choice he's presenting: stay friends or take another chance at love. She finally finds the courage to follow her heart, and they share a passionate night.

Shortly after returning home, Steven knocks on her door. When he sees Caleb, his longstanding jealousy flares. Steven claims Evy always loved Caleb, and he was just the consolation prize. Evy's rattled by the accusation and left wondering if she's spent her life settling—both in love and in her career. Evy tells Caleb she needs time to figure herself out before they begin a relationship. Afraid to push and lose her again, he reluctantly agrees.

Six months later, Caleb receives an invitation to an art gallery opening entitled *Second Take*—Evy's debut photography exhibit. He's stunned and ecstatically proud of her but unprepared for what he finds on opening night. Evy's photographs tell their story: beginning in their childhood treehouse, progressing through high school, skipping ahead to their D.C. adventures, and ending with an intimate portrait from the treehouse cabin. Evy's finally certain of what she wants in life, and she's ready to fight for it. She professes her love to Caleb and asks for one more chance. When they venture back to their childhood treehouse months later and Caleb proposes, Evy doesn't hesitate to say yes.