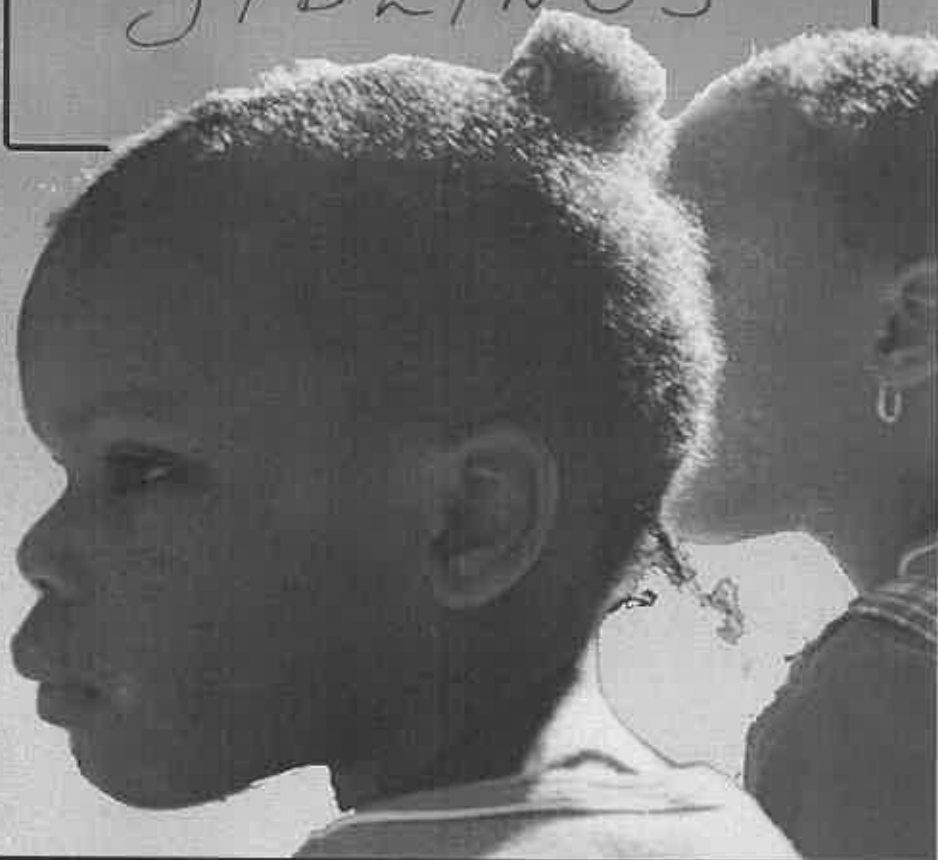


— The Story of Caroline Charles —
and her

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Inspired by Wilfred Santiago's
Graphic Novel

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CLEMENTE and his
family

It's never bothered me that I'm the Middle child in the family, despite what most people think of middle children.



That's probably because, for eight years of my life, it was just me and my sister.

My sister and I were always referred to together. We were "the Charles girls" and still are. My mom used to love to dress us up in similar outfits. I looked up to Christian when I was really young.



My sister was the quiet one when we were young. Except with one though. She was

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

always telling me what

to do. I didn't mind though. That's just how I thought it was supposed to be.

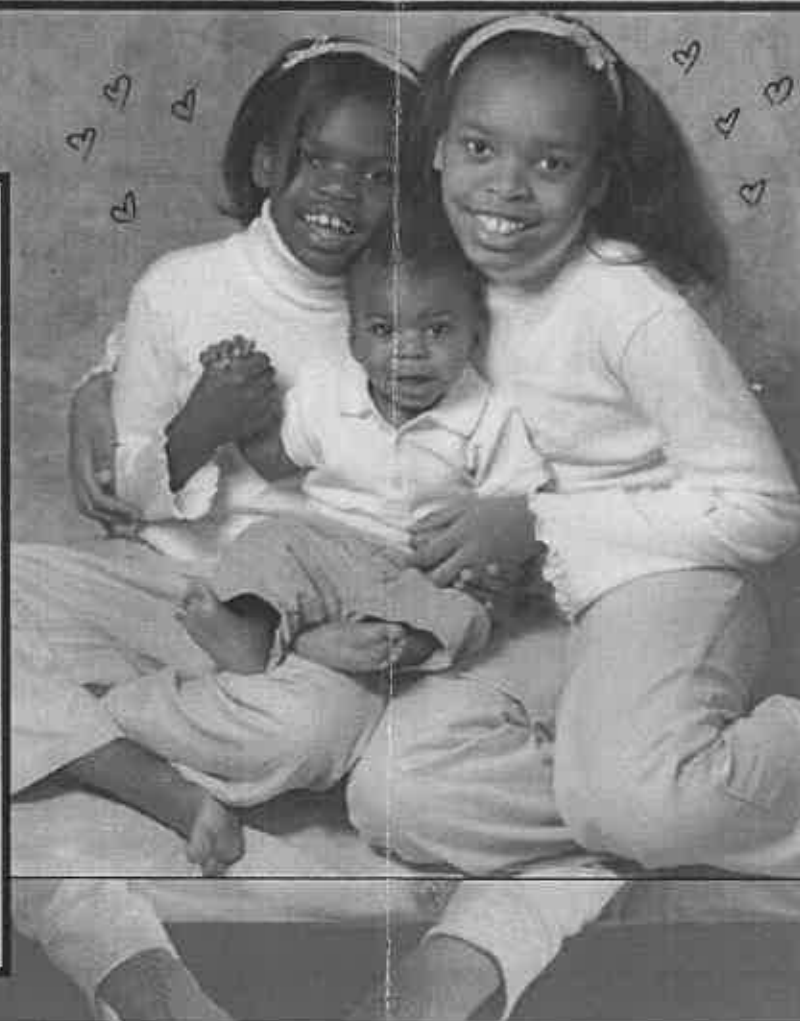
At that time, I was just the younger sister - the curious, loud one.



get, even growing up,
I always felt that there
was some one missing
~ (BROTHER) ~
like we were meant not to be two,
but three. So one day,
I sat on my mom's lap and
told her I wanted a brother



On August 4, 2004 - my brother was born! I was 8 years old, and my sister was 10. Having a brother was really new and different, especially having one that was so much younger than myself. However, me and my sister adjusted quickly, helping our parents in any way we could with baby Merrill B. Charles IV.



Through the years, my brother got older, and we began to notice that my brother had some special needs. This didn't change anything, however - If anything we learned to love and care for our brother even more deeply.

When we're at home together, we have a lot of fun. Taking pictures and watching videos together. Sometimes we do fight, and have issues, but they've never separated us in the slightest.



Although we're not together
now, Merrill Christian and I
still do our best to stay
in touch.

Right now, my sister is studying
in Scotland. Last year, I
was studying abroad in
London. My brother, being
13 now, is still at home.

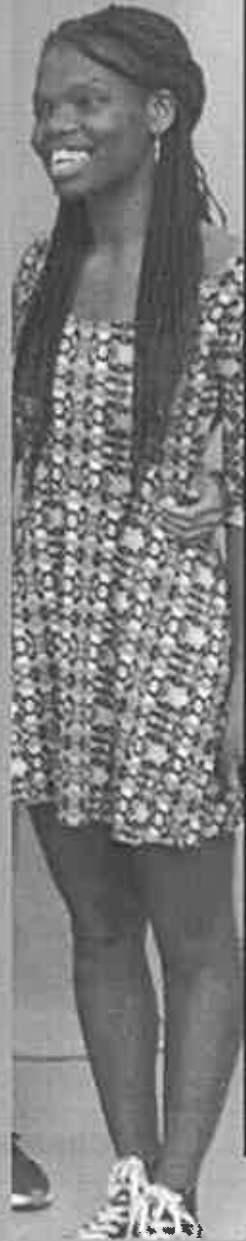
What a year away, away from has taught me, if anything is that
Whenever we end up in the future, my siblings and I will always be
together, no matter what.



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