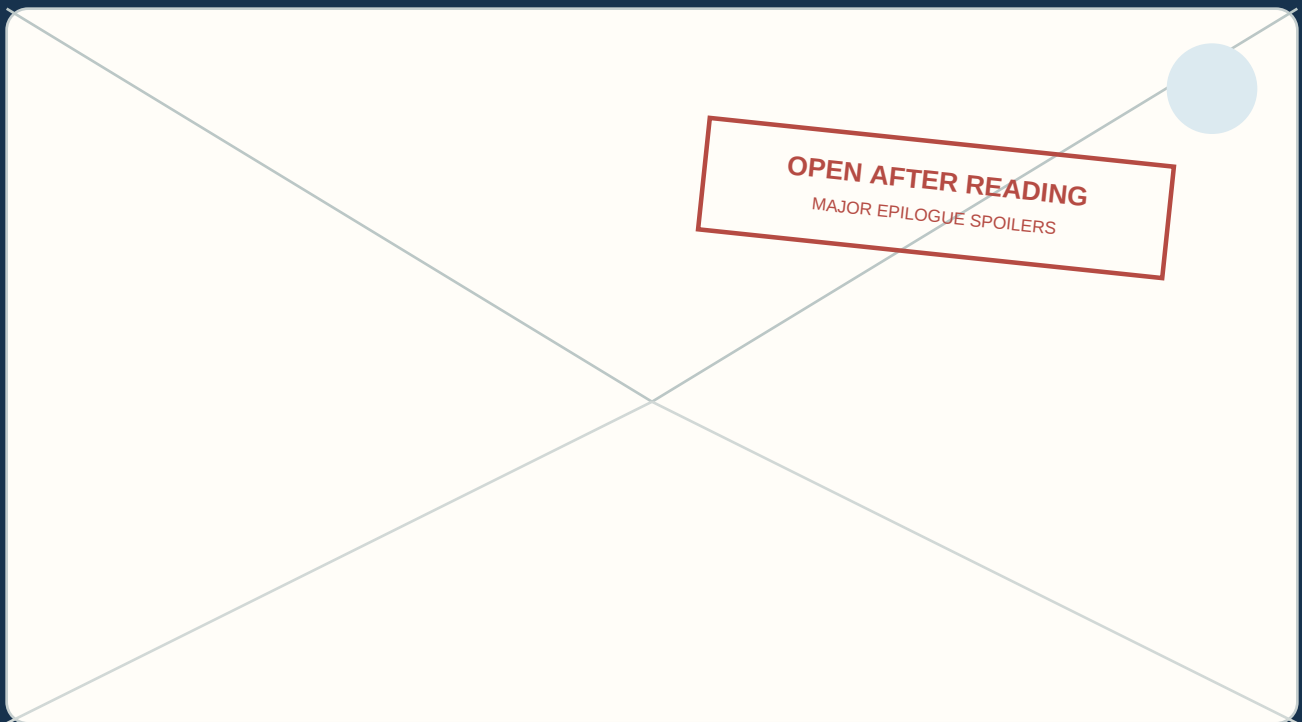


FIRST THINGS FIRST

WHERE ARE THEY ONE YEAR LATER?

EPILOGUE KEEPSAKE

A packet of letters, postcards, announcements, and clippings inspired by the novel's final pages.



Spoiler-heavy companion download

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A Year Can Change Everything

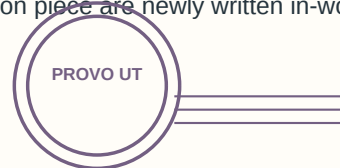
The epilogue jumps forward one year and gives us a last bundle of news through Courtney's letter to Andy. This keepsake turns those updates into an imagined mail packet - while keeping the story facts themselves exactly where the novel leaves them.

CANONICAL NEWS INSIDE

- Andy Burke - missionary service in Scotland
- Peter Grossmann - served in Melbourne; home after a serious accident
- Courtney Highfield - full class load + Concert Choir
- Courtney + Peter - newly engaged
- Will Carlson - grant winner with new investors and chain ambitions

WHAT IS NEWLY CREATED FOR THIS KEEPSAKE?

The epilogue gives us Courtney's actual letter and Andy reading it. The additional postcard wording, mailing labels, captions, engagement announcement, and newspaper clipping in this companion piece are newly written in-world material based on those confirmed events.



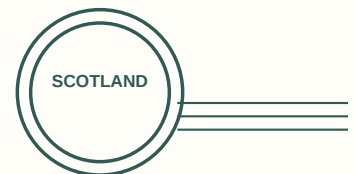
From Scotland



ELDER ANDREW BURKE

Courtney - Scotland has officially ruined Utah for me. Everything is green, the accents are real, and yes, I finally tried haggis. Uncle Fergus keeps writing to ask when I'm going to teach his family. I'm working on it.

Missionary life is hard, good, exhausting, and somehow exactly where I need to be.



EPILOGUE ANCHOR

Andy reads Courtney's letter in Scotland and thinks Utah now feels hazy and mythical compared with the green pastures around him. He is also finally preparing to keep his promise to Fergus and contact Fergus's family.

Provo, Utah

Dear Elder Burke,

You are going to complain that I haven't written in months, so I am leading with the excuse: life got very full very fast.

Classes are keeping me busy, and Concert Choir somehow manages to consume every remaining hour I was planning to use for sleeping. I still love it.

And yes - Peter is home. His mission in Melbourne ended early after a serious car accident. He came home honorably and is still doing physical therapy. Seeing him again has made the last few months feel completely different.

Which brings me to the part you are not allowed to pretend you saw coming...

**PETER ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM.
I SAID YES.**

We're waiting a little while - for his recovery, and because we want you there. So consider this official notice that mission extensions will be treated as a personal offense.

Always,

Courtney

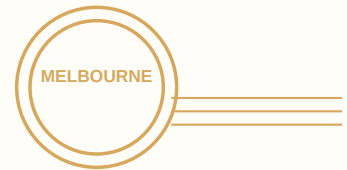


Melbourne - Then Home



ELDER PETER GROSSMANN

A faithful mission in Australia - interrupted by a car accident severe enough to send him home with honor.



HOME EARLY DOES NOT MEAN FAILURE

The epilogue is careful about this: the accident was not Peter's fault, the injuries were severe, and he was released honorably. Courtney sees him as often as her studies allow, while physical therapy remains part of his recovery.



Then comes the next surprise:

A proposal.

Peter and Courtney choose to wait so Andy can be there and so Peter has more time to recover.

Courtney + Peter

SPECIAL DELIVERY
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WE'RE ENGAGED

Yesterday, Peter asked. Courtney said yes.

No date yet. They're intentionally waiting so Peter can continue physical therapy and so Andy can finish his missionary service and be there.

CURRENT STATUS

Courtney	Full-time student Concert Choir
Peter	Home from mission Physical therapy

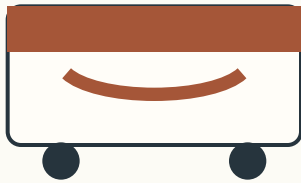
PLEASE HOLD ALL MISSION EXTENSIONS UNTIL AFTER THE WEDDING.

The Wurst Gets Bigger

BUSINESS & CAMPUS

GRANT WINNER EYES EXPANSION

BEST OF THE WURST MAY BECOME A CHAIN



One year after the student competition, Will Carlson's business is still moving. The epilogue reports that he won the grant money and has already attracted additional investors.

Courtney thinks the business may grow into a chain.

COURTNEY'S SUGGESTED ANDY LINE:

"I put the best in your name."

Expected response from confused employee: an offer of sauerkraut on a brat.

A FITTING BUSINESS ENDING

Andy doesn't have to own the winning cart for what he built to matter. Will's expansion is one more sign that the competition produced futures larger than the original rivalry.

Where Are They One Year Later?



ANDY BURKE

Scotland

Serving as a missionary; finally reaching out to Fergus's family.



COURTNEY HIGHFIELD

Provo, Utah

Studying full-time, singing in Concert Choir, newly engaged.



PETER GROSSMANN

Home

Returned honorably after a serious mission accident; in physical therapy.



WILL CARLSON

Business expanding

Grant winner with outside investors; possible chain ahead.

ONE YEAR LATER, THE COMPETITION IS OVER - BUT THEIR LIVES ARE JUST STARTING.

Mailbox Memories

A final page to make this download feel like something saved in a scrapbook rather than merely read once.

IF YOU COULD WRITE ONE CHARACTER A POSTCARD...

TO: _____

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

THE UPDATE I MOST WANTED TO SEE WAS...

ONE MORE THING I HOPE HAPPENS NEXT...



MAIL FROM THE FUTURE

Andy in Scotland. Courtney in Concert Choir. Peter home from Australia. A ring. A growing business. One last letter - and a whole new set of beginnings.



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