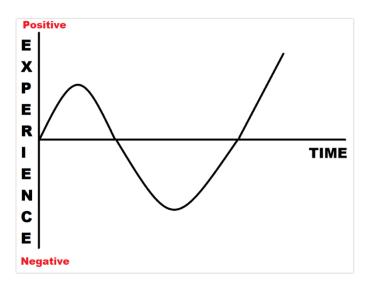
## 9th Grade Protagonist Journey Story

**CHARACTERS:** Marianna, Samuel, Matias (Mariana's father), Camilo (Samuel's father), Mariana's Mother.

**SETTING:** Park, hospital, Bogota, Valentine's Day.

PROTAGONIST JOURNEY: "Boy meets Girl"

SYNOPSIS (STORY IDEA): It was Valentine's Day and the best friends had gotten together to celebrate it. Samuel is about to receive some dramatic news of Mariana leaving to go to Bogota with her family. So Samuel felt very sad about what happened which caused him to have an accident. Samuel's father contacted Mariana's father to let them meet again.



## To Bogota & Back

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It was Valentine's Day, the best friends of Mariana and Samuel had planned to go to the park for a picnic in the afternoon.

"Hi Sami, how are you? Remember to bring the chips, soda and chocolates." said Mariana.

"Hi Mari, I'm on my way to the park, bye, take care." replied Samuel.

Mariana arrived at the park and while she was preparing the picnic, she was thinking about how to tell her best friend the worst news that would change both of their lives.

"Hi Sami, the picnic looks good right?" Mariana asked

"Yes it all looks very good....look Mari, I brought what you asked me" said Samuel

Mari was very anxious about how Samuel was going to react to what she was about to tell him.

"Sami I have to tell you something. My father got a better job in Bogota so my family and I are going to live in Bogota starting this Friday," mentioned Mari.

"Mari don't go, you're the only friend I have. I'm going to miss you so much," said Samuel.

Samuel upon hearing the news of this decide to walk away. He could not understand why Mari would tell him such horrible news on such a nice day during such a nice picnic.

"Sami, wait, don't go!" exclaimed Marian.

Mariana sat there in the park having a picnic by herself, she reflected on her decision to tell Sami but knew that it was important to be honest with friends. Upon returning from him solitary picnic, Mariana felt very bad so she called him.

"Hey Sami you know that this is not my decision it is of my parents and if it were up to me I would stay here with you because you are like a brother to me," said Mariana in a sincere tone.

"No Mari our friendship is going to end sooner or later because a friendship from afar does not work. So I do not want to be your friends anymore with you. JUST GO!" shouted Samuel.

"Well, if that's what you want then we're not best friends anymore" said Mariana.

Friday arrived and Mariana was very sad for Samuel. She felt that she was going to lose more than her hometown, she felt that she was losing her best friend as well.

"Mariana quickly, the plane is going to leave us!" her dad exclaimed

It was 6:00 AM and Mariana and her family had just arrived at the airport

While they were waiting for the plane to arrive they ate Frisby and shared a delicious vanilla ice cream, Mariana loved to take photos so she uploaded a photo to her instagram stories.

6:30AM Passengers to board plane to Bogota

6:35AM Passengers to board plane to Bogota

6:40AM Last called passengers on board plane for Bogota

"daddy daddy let's go quickly the plane will leave us" said Mariana

Mariana and her dad were already on the plane but Mariana couldn't stop thinking about Samuel so she called him but he hung up on her.

"Mariana, what is wrong with you?" asked her father

"Dad, Samuel is sad because I'm going to go to Bogota, I already miss him!" Mariana exclaimed

"Daughter, I'm sorry, I know that you love each other a lot. Samuel and you have been childhood friends for a long time" said her dad

After 1 hour traveling, they arrived in Bogota. Mariana was very excited like her father, they were very tired so they went and stayed where Mariana's mother was living.

"Hello mommy, I missed you so much. How are you?" Mariana asked

"Hello daughter I am good and you?" her mom asked

"Mmm not so good mom. I feel very bad because I had to leave Samuel to come to Bogota and he is very sad our friendship has ended" replied Mariana

"Oh no Mari I'm very sorry to hear about that" consoled her mom

Meanwhile with Mariana in Bogota, Samuel pondered most evenings how she was and what she might be doing. He often thought of Mariana as a good friend would do.

Samuel was very sad so he kept thinking about Mariana because he missed her and he knew that he had done wrong in ending the friendship.

"Daddy, I miss Mariana. I feel lonely, what should I do?" asked Samuel.

"Son, don't even feel like that. You both love each other, don't worry, one day we are going to visit them" replied his dad.

"No dad no! I have to do something" said Samuel as he left the apartment.

"Where are you going, don't go Samuel! You're stressed and it's bad to drive in that state" remarked his dad.

Samuel could not forgive himself so he took the keys to his car and went to tour the city. Samuel's stress was so great that he was careless. This lead him to have an accident while driving.

WIU, WIU, WIU. The ambulance rang after 10 minutes, Samuel was taken to the hospital. The moment Samuel woke up, the nurses asked him his name and a telephone number of a family member to call. He called his dad immediately with a nervous touch on the dial.

"Son how do you feel?" his dad asked

"Hi dad, I feel good, I just want to be with Mariana" said Samuel

"Son I'm going to see what can I do about it" said his dad

Samuel's dad had a brilliant idea to make his son's dream a reality.

"Hi Camilo, I'm Samuel's father, how is Mariana?" Samuel's father asked

"Hello Matias, good and how is Samuel?" Mariana's father asked

"That's why I'm calling you, it's because Samuel is very sad because Mariana left for Bogotá. This afternoon he left the house sad and stressed which lead him to have an accident, I think that's because he misses her so much" said Samuel's father.

Samuel's father prepared himself for the question he was about to ask Camilo.

"Can't you let Mariana come here? My son would feel so much better if it could happen!" Samuel's father exclaimed

"Yes, we are going to go tomorrow. In the end we are not going to stay here as I do not like the job and the salary is very low" said Mariana's father

"ok...we will wait for you thanks" said Samuel's father

It was already 9:00 AM and Mariana and her father were arriving at the hospital.

"Hi Sami, how are you?" questioned Mariana with a worrisome tone for her best friend.

"OMG Mari, what are you doing here? I missed you a lot" responded Samuel.

"Sami, you can stay calm now, my dad and I are going to stay here" said Mariana

"I really love having you back Mari, you are my best friend" remarked Samuel

After the recovery of Samuel, Mariana and Samuel decided to make up for lost time and spend every Saturday together.

The End.

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