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GENERATION ONE

Jasmine Kelly Kimber (1992-), was born at Research Medical Center, in Kansas City Missouri, in 1992 to Kelly Cornel Kimber (1970-2012) and Timeko Latrice Flag-Kimber(1969-). Jasmine's mother and father had planned for her to be delivered on September 2nd of 1992 but, her mother's water broke a week early on August 28th 1992. Jasmine was ready for her presence to impact the world and she was delivered that evening at 10pm, not much long after her mother was admitted in the hospital, weighing 9 pounds and 10 ounces. The doctors were very surprised on how big she was they were also, very surprised when they found a mole right in the middle of her chest all of the doctors were raving about it and she was soon identified as the "big baby with the mole on her chest."

Jasmine grew up on the North side of Kansas City, Mo on 2126 Cleveland in a small three bed room, one-bathroom house with three older sisters Maxine Flag, Janisha Scott, Vanessa Scott and her parents Kelly and Timeko. When she was just a small child her mother did not believe in small children going to daycares of strange people she did not know so, while her mother and father worked she was left with her father's maternal aunt, Corena Robinson, her common law husband Ricordo Vasquez who was a short Cuban man with long black hair also the God father of Jasmine. While spending so much time with Corena and Ricardo, Jasmine was taught the basic fundamentals before entering pre-school and she also became very attached and was like pulling teeth to leave her at pre-school alone. It was very hard for Timeko to work and try to keep Jasmine in pre-school so she decided to take her out of pre-school until she was old enough for kindergarten. Jasmine attended Imagine Renaissance Academy where she does not have much memory of.

The Kimber family grew bigger, Kelly and Timeko welcomed two more sisters to the world, Aaliyah Yasmine Kelly Kimber (1999-) and Jazzairel Michelle Kimber (2002-). Being that money was tight the Kimbers was forced to stay in their small home on Cleveland until they saved up enough money to

move. Jasmine and her sisters enjoyed growing up in their small house. It was there they made their first real friends who they are now considered as family. Their next door neighbor, Sheryl, also had a large family of five children: four girls and one boy. Both families had children who were close in age with each other but all played and interacted with one another. Often times they found themselves telling ghost stories about the graveyard that was across the street from where they lived and spanned five blocks over and had funny names on them that were hard to pronounce.

The ghost story that scared Jasmine the most was the one that the children used to tell about the tallest tombstone in the graveyard. It faced both houses and of course had a name on it that no one could pronounce and you could see it from your kitchen sink. The children used to say when there was a full moon you could see a man and its tombstone howling at the moon as if he was a wolf. Jasmine always used to hop on the sink to help her older siblings with the dishes and looked out the window soon after she heard that story she used a step stool to help and would not dare look out the window to the grave yard. They also made dares with one another to see who would take the dare of running through the graveyard at night. But when it came down to it, no one would ever do it. They even spied on the creepy next door neighbor, Mr. Walker, who the older children were certain he killed his wife and buried her in the back yard. They later found out that Mrs. Carter was very sick and after being in the hospital for several days died from her illness.

When Jasmine turned six, she was ready for the first grade. She attended George Washington Carver Elementary School named after the historic George Washington Carver who was a popular African American Scientist who was popular for finding many important uses for peanuts and other crops. She remembers GWC as being a very big school on the corner of a residential area. It had the black letters of its name arched on the very front of the building where students entered. It was also the only elementary school in that area. Jasmine remembers GWC as being a great elementary school, there she met new friends. She met Myra Price at GWC. Myra became her very first best friend they sat by

each other during reading time on the carpet, ate lunch together and played with each other at recess. GWC was a public school and all children of age were allowed to attend. Jasmine fondly remembers her elementary school teacher Mrs. McCallop. Mrs. McCallop was older than most of the teachers but was very fun. Jasmine remembered getting green lollipops at the end of the day because she was a very good student. She also remembers field trips to the zoo with Mrs. McCallop, where she took her to see the elephants. Jasmine loved to see the elephants at the zoo when she was a kid. Jasmine also, remembers Ms. McCallop planning her mother and father's wedding in 2000, where Jasmine and her baby sister Aaliyah was appointed as the flower girls and wore cream colored flower printed dresses.

Jasmine attended GWC for all of elementary school years. By the time she was in the third grade she had become familiar most of the teachers and most of all the secretary, Ms. Lopez. Ms. Lopez was a very nice woman and at times let Jasmine hang out in the office with her and help her with some of her clerical work. Jasmine remember in her science class with Miss. Gross she did an experiment with potatoes. She watched her potato grow with small flower buds. Jasmine gave her science project to Ms. Lopez and she loved it but, not telling what Ms. Lopez did with the potato.

By the time Jasmine was in the fifth grade her parents had saved up enough money to move out the three-bedroom house to bigger house still located on the northern side of Kansas City, Missouri at 4263 Wabash. Jasmine remembers this house as the biggest house she has ever been in. It had a living room, dining room, five bedrooms a full bathroom and a half bathroom and spacious kitchen where her mother spent most of her time in cooking her favorite dishes. It also had a big back yard, it was a favorite place for Jasmine too because she could play kick ball with her sisters. Her fondest memory of living at the house was when she got caught sleeping in the living room. Her mother had the living room very decorative with pictures of the family and with plush white couches that was passed down from her Grandmother, **Odie Mae Booker** (1936-2004). No one could sit on the couches not even her father Kelly and you did not ever see her mother sit on the couches. Timeko loved the plush white couches so when

she caught Jasmine on them, she was very upset. Jasmine was grounded for two days, which felt like two months to her because Jasmine had never been grounded before. She could not bare sitting in her room after school while the other children went out and played. Jasmine was very angry when she could hear the other children's laughter from her room window. After only a year and a half of living there the Kimbers had to move due to a discovery of carbon monoxide poisoning throughout the house. It was a devastating time when she found out that her and her family had to move because she loved the space it had for her and her siblings. Her family had to quickly move and the quickest house they could find was further North on 3228 Park Ave.

Jasmines new home was a newer house just built two years prior to her family moving in. This house also, had a big back yard with a big kitchen and one full restroom and a half restroom. It was there her mother started daycare business and what used to be the garage had turned into the daycare. Jasmine remembers helping her uncle, her fathers' brother Joe Ward put carpet down and paint the walls. She also remembers helping her mother put up numbers and alphabets for the students who were to attend. But the most enjoyable memory of them all was painting her hand pink to make her handprints on the wall of the daycare room. All of her nieces and nephews attended her mother's daycare and there were many times she had to help out.

Jasmine's greatest memory was when she had to help out one summer when she thought she was gone most of the summer with her friends. It was miserable for her because it wasn't how she planned her summer to be around her brattish nieces and nephews. Jasmine remember serving the children lunch and putting down cots for nap time she also, remembers one of her nieces spitting up on her after she had forgot to burp her, it was very gross and Jasmine couldn't get the formula smell out of her shirt after washing it several times. Although Jasmine hated working in her mom's daycare for the summer she was taught the responsibility of working hard to earn a living. That summer, Jasmine made

around 400 hundred dollars and by the end of the summer enjoyed a shopping spree with her close friends.

Once, Jasmine was old enough for high-school she attended Hogan College Prep. She was very nervous attending high school because of all the stories she had heard before entering. For example, the upperclassmen hated freshmen and they played a prank on every new freshman class or how freshman students are treated as if they were nothing. All of those freshman jitters went away however, once she entered Hogan and made friends. Jasmine also, joined the cheerleading squad where she stood alongside her peers and cheered for the football team. There she also, met her first boyfriend. Jasmine remembers her high school years as being a breeze and it was bittersweet approaching graduation. But, Jasmine quickly became ready for college when she decided to attending Pittsburg State University. She will be graduating May 7th of 2016.

In figure 7.6 "Segregation of African Americans by year and location of Segregation," the book, *Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years*. Fisher and Hout measured what happened after 1960 across all of the metropolitan America. The top of the figure traces the total residential segregation between blacks and non-blacks in the metropolitan America from 1960 to 2000. The bottom layer describes how much segregation between African Americans and others can be accounted for by their living in different regions of the nation. The other two layers measures they're living in center cities versus the suburbs. ¹The layers of the graph are to help display the differences in the geographical levels of segregation. It interprets that African Americans increasingly lived in more mixed neighborhoods than non-blacks.

¹ Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006),180-2

Jasmine Kimber grew up in the heart of Kansas City, Missouri commonly known as the metropolitan area, far from any suburbs. Most African Americans lived in the metropolitan area of Kansas City Missouri and not often did she see non-African Americans where she grew up. A lot of people looked just like her and lived by the same family traditions. Jasmine did not do much traveling outside of where she lived so most of her life she was accustomed to the same things and people.

In the year 2011 after graduating high school Jasmine moved to a much smaller town of Pittsburg Kansas, where she attended college. Pittsburg Kansas, is much different from Kansas City and it took a lot for her to get used too. Pittsburg is a very small town predominantly white and has very limited access to things like, shopping malls, restaurants, and simply things for people to do. To shop Jasmine and her friends often took trips to Joplin Missouri, to go to the mall and shop as it had more stores. Jasmine's mother still lives in Kansas City and often times she travels back home to visit.

GENERATION TWO

A1a. Timeko Latrice Flag- Kimber (1969-)

A1b. Kelly Cornel Kimber (1970-2004)

Timeko Latrice Flag was born on 12 October 1969 to Eddie Flag (1949-) and Maxine Allen-Flag (1950-2004). She has three living siblings; Vanessa Booker (1965-), Reggie Flag (1970-) and Eddie Flag (1974-) and one deceased brother, Eddie Lamar Flag (1966-1974).

Growing up, Timeko and her family lived in small house on 2321 Van Brunt in Kansas City, Missouri. Her mother worked as a school teacher and her father worked for the Coca-Cola factory for numerous years. Timeko and her siblings attended Masurveey Pre-school and their Elementary School, now closed down for many years now in recent years. Timeko, vaguely remembers but as the story was told her brother, Eddie Lamar Flag was hit by a man in a truck who ran a red light her brother died instantly right on the corner of Van Brunt not far from where they lived. She does recollect that her mother having a nervous break-down and her father being really hurt that he threatened to kill the driver. The driver was very remorseful that he would come check on their family and send money every month. Timeko was just a young girl so she did not have much understanding of what had happened but she did know her brother's death took a toll on her mother.

For months her mother did not eat or sleep and at times her mother would not come out of her room. This left her father and her older sister Vanessa to help take care of the family. After months of devastation, anger and sadness her family was back to normal her mother recovered from depression and her father continued to lift the family up and be a caregiver.

Later, on Timeko's mother and father moved their family to 4409 Benton. Timeko remembers it being a very large house and each of her siblings had their own room. As, a young adult, she attended Paseo High School. Her school and her home were very close to one another so she has many memories

of hanging out with friends after school as well as walking home from school. She also, remembers getting into many fights on the journey home from school due to her brother Reggie being bullied by their peers.

Timeko's life took a big change when she found out that she was pregnant with her oldest daughter, Maxine Latrice Flag (1968-). At this time Timeko was only sixteen years of age and very afraid to tell her parents. She states that in that day and age young teens who got pregnant were sent away from their families and did not return. When she finally got enough courage to tell her parents the news they were very disappointed but, they did not send her away. Timeko, did drop out of high-school and began to work at McDonalds to prepare for her child to be in the world. She explained that living with her mother and other siblings had become a challenge because although, her mother had seemed to have gotten over the fact that she became pregnant she knew in her mother heart she was angry. Her mother was very hard on her about being a first time mom so Timeko decided to move out. At age seventeen Timeko saved up enough money to move into her own apartment. It was a very small apartment complex called East Hill Village on 76th and Monroe in Kansas City, Mo. As years went on Timeko had two other children; Janisha Scott (1987-) and Vanessa Scott (1989-). While, Vanessa was only one years old she met a man who at the time she did not know was going to help raise her young children that she had and be the love of her life.

Timeko remembers it like it was yesterday, she was at a car show with her friends at the Linnwood Shopping center. As, Timeko remembers the Linnwood Shopping center held a lot of car events there. But, this particular one was a special because she met Kelly Kimber (1970-2012). Timeko wonder off from her group of friends looking at cars by her-self and at that time she was approached by Kelly. Although, Timeko was intrigued by his handsomeness and his charming ways, Timeko failed to show it. She explained, that Kelly had a very nice older model car with dark tinted windows and big shiny rims. There after the two started dating and became very acquainted with one another's family. As, time

went on Timeko and Kelly decided to move into their first home located on 2126 Cleveland in Kansas City, Mo in a small three bedrooms, one-bathroom house with Timeko's three children. They had their first child together Jasmine Kimber on 28 August 2016. Jasmine was ready for her presence to impact the world and she was delivered that evening at 10pm, not much long after her mother was admitted in the hospital, weighing 9 pounds and 10 ounces. The doctors were very surprised on how big she was they were also, very surprised when they found a mole right in the middle of her chest all of the doctors were raving about it and she was soon identified as the "big baby with the mole on her chest." Seven years later she had another baby girl, Aaliyah Kimber (1999-).

One day in the year 1995 Kelly had purchased Timeko a brand new Cutless Car and as Timeko got in the car she noticed something on the dash board that looked like a box. Timeko, opened the box and to her surprise was an engagement ring from Kelly. Timeko, was very excited while Kelly watched in amazement as she ranted about how nice the ring was. After, saving up for marriage Kelly and Timeko decided to get married July 15, 2000. Timeko remember the big day like it was yesterday her and Kelly had a very small wedding at Shillou Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri. The most memorable part of that day was her father Eddie Flag walking her down the aisle and giving her over to Kelly Kimber. Timeko and Kelly spent a week long honeymoon in Branson, Missouri where she explains that they had a very good time and just two years later she gave birth to her sixth child Jazzairiel Kimber (2002-). The family had high hopes for her last born to be boy so that's what they planned for. All her family and friends bought things for a boy. Timeko and Kelly got a rude awakening when Jazzairiel came out to be a baby girl. Kelly was disappointed but, excited because he really wanted a baby boy for his last child. The Kimbers had to return all of the boy clothing and exchange for girl clothing.

As, the family grew bigger the Kimbers decided that they should move into a bigger home. Being that money was tight the Kimbers was forced to stay in their small home on Cleveland until, they saved up enough money to move. Jasmine and her sisters enjoyed growing up in their small house. It

was there they made their first real friends who they are now considered as family. Timeko worked at Dollar general to save money and Kelly worked for the City of Kansas City to save money.

Life changed for the worse as Kelly was diagnosed with Cancer in the year 2004 and her mother died of breast Cancer in that same year. Timeko's mother hid the fact that she had breast cancer so when the family found out it was too late to give her proper care and she soon died. Timeko, was devastated, not only did her mother die of cancer but her husband was diagnosed with cancer also. Kelly, became sick and sicker and was forced to retire from working at his city job of 13 years. Timeko did not want to miss out on the opportunity of taking care of her husband so she quit her job.

Times became very hard taking care of six children on a fixed income but they managed to save up enough money to move to a bigger house located on 4263 Wabash. This house was the biggest house they ever lived in. It had a living room, dining, five bed rooms a full bathroom and a half bathroom and spacious kitchen where Timeko spent most of her time in cooking her favorite dishes. It also, had a big back yard for the kids to play. Timeko, had the living room very decorative with pictures of the family and with plush white couches that was passed down from her Grandmother, Odie Mae Booker (1936-2004). No one could sit on the couches not even her husband Kelly. For 8 years her husband battle with cancer and several times were sick for weeks. Bills became tougher and tougher to manage so Timeko and Kelly moved to a smaller home on 2817 Raytown rd. Most of the older siblings did not live with them and more and Jasmine was sent off to college. In the year 2012 Kelly, lost his battle with cancer and took his last breath in that very home. After the passing of her husband Timeko could not bear to live in that home anymore so with the money he left her she bought her a three story home with five bedrooms and three bathrooms and she currently lives there with her younger daughters.

Kelly Cornel Kimber (1970-2012) was born in 1970 in Kansas City, Missouri. He was the fourth child out of three older brothers: Jimmy Kimber and Danny Kimber and two younger brothers: Joe Ward and Calvin Ward. His other siblings had different fathers Kelly was born to **Bernice Kimber (1942-)** and **Ronald C. Roberson (1941-)**. But, at the time Bernice was pregnant with Kelly she was married to Jimmy Kimber Sr. and that's the reason why Kelly has Kimber for his last-name.

As a young child living in the Paseo area of Kansas City, Mo. Kelly attended D.A Holmes elementary school. As a young child Kelly loved traveling with his uncle, **Robert Rhodes (1935-2000)** and going on fishing trips. Kelly became a great fisher and later on in life took his daughters on fishing trips and taught them how to fish.

Kelly, grew up and attended Central Middle school and Central High-school where he graduated in the year 1989. Kelly then attended Grambling State University in Louisiana. But, after a year of college he came back to be with Timeko. He came back to Kansas City, Mo to land a job at Jiffy Lube. As, he got older he received a job working for the City of Kansas City, Mo as a maintenance mechanic for thirteen years until he got sick with cancer. Kelly, lost his battle with cancer April 24,2012.

GENERATION THREE

A1a1. Maxine Allen-Flag (1950-2004)

A1a2. Eddie Flag (1949-)

A1b1. Odie Mae Booker (1921-2004)

A1b2.

Jasmine's maternal grandmother, **Maxine Allen-Flag (1950-2004)**, was born in Mattson, Mississippi to **Roy Booker (1920-)** and **Odie Mae Allen-Booker (1921-2004)**. In 1967, Maxine moved to Kansas City, Mo where she married Eddie Flag in July of 1968. Maxine and Eddie married in the court house located in Downtown Kansas City, Missouri. Maxine worked as a teacher and took care of her five children and husband. In the year 2003 Maxine was diagnosed with breast cancer and died a year later.

Jasmine's paternal grandfather **Eddie Flag (1949-)** was born in Allen, Mississippi to **Mae-Frances Brown (1927-)** and **Wash Flag (1926-)**. Eddie was number six of five children. He moved from Allen, Mississippi when he was a young adult. While living in Kansas City he worked at the Coca-Cola factory for several years. He also, had owned several night clubs. His very first successful night club was called, After 7. After 7 was an adult night club where people enjoyed dancing and having adult beverages. His business went down after it caught fire one night due to electrical issues. Eddie has tried his luck again with opening up a night club named after his wife, called Club Maxine's. Club Maxine's is not officially opened for business as of now but, he does have it open for his grandchildren to hang out and have fun with one another.

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