

Citrus



Channie Malen

# CHAUNCIE MALLEN

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Chauncie Mallen is an African American woman. When you look at her, the first thing you think is, "Tall, really tall." She's 6ft, 1inch, and she's always bumping into things. Chauncie is nice and doesn't get angry a lot, but when she does her forehead crinkles like a pug's. When that happens you can't look at her because if you do you'll start laughing and get her even angrier. Chauncie's skin is like sweet milk chocolate. It's soft to touch, but her cheeks chap when they get too cold, or too dry. Chauncie doesn't wear much make-up, but she does wear special red lipstick that she had made for her in LA, when she was visiting her mother. Besides that she just wears sparkle glitter, and even that rarely. Chauncie doesn't wear eye-shadow either. Chauncie's eyes are a brilliant greyish-silver color. Some times people ask if she wears color contacts. She doesn't, but when she was little she had glasses. Her eyes are framed with dark, heavy eye-lashes. These look like they had mascara on them. Chauncie's eye-brows are thin and smooth, not silky smooth, just regular smooth. Her eye-brows are only a little darker than her hair.

Chauncie's hair is long and bushy. When you first glance at it you think it's brown, but if you look longer you see that there's something not quite right with the color, if you go in closer you see that it's not just brown but lots of shades of brown, and in some places it's a tanish gold color. Chauncie likes this and only dyed her hair once, and that was only a small streak of periwinkle blue. The dye wasn't permanent, and Chauncie got rid of it after 3 months. When Chauncie walks into the sun her hair bursts into flame. The brown of her hair is so coated with red highlights that it's like a paint-job. Yet you can still see the browns underneath the red. Chauncie loves this about her hair. But something that she doesn't like is that if she doesn't wash it for two days in a row it gets rough, sticky, and it sticks on end. Chauncie uses Dove shampoo and conditioner. Sometimes she uses Suave, but that doesn't *quite* work as well. Chauncie uses wooden brushes, because the plastic ones you can get at convenience stores, and drug stores break as they go through her hair. Her brush has a wide head. It's made of oak wood and the handle has a curled up dragon at the bottom. She got it in China Town. Chauncie doesn't use combs for the same reason. Chauncie doesn't like most accessories, especially barrettes. Chauncie *hates* barrettes!! They hurt her scalp and they can only hold the smallest amount of her hair. But Chauncie does use hair-ties, especially when she's working. Then she puts all her hair in a

pony-tail, except her braids, those she leaves alone. Chauncie has two braids on her left side and three on her right. They're the kind that are there all the time, bound with beads. The beads Chauncie uses are from a kit that her niece April gave her last Christmas. Chauncie can't ever get her part to lie straight. It always goes zig, zag, zig, zag, zig, zag, zig anyway. Even if she gets it straight in the morning it will be crooked again by the afternoon. So you can see why Chauncie considers it a waste of time. Chauncie doesn't usually get her hair cut, but when she does she goes to the same place every time. It's called Moonlight Roses. It's rather small, but really good. Moonlight is expensive, but the service is great, and they always give Chauncie exactly what she asks for. Chauncie also has a fund to help her deal with the money. Chauncie has a bank account that she calls her "Hair Money." Whenever she goes to the salon she just takes out the money for the cut. Chauncie's hair was just cut, so it's a little below her shoulders now. Before it was down to the middle of her back, now when it's wet it's down in between her shoulder blades. Chauncie does have split ends a lot, but she never notices them, Chauncie doesn't worry about her hair a lot.

Chauncie doesn't usually wear jewelry, but she does have a large collection of bangles, bracelets, earrings, and necklaces. She got them on her numerous travels. Chauncie loves irregular jewelry. Her favorite bangle is a plain copper band with silver snakes slithering around the outside. It's beautiful, and looks very realistic, Chauncie got it in Brazil at a farm market. Her favorite necklace is an amber colored string with small amber beads shaped like waterlilies on it. In the middle of the string is a slightly larger green and blue dragon-fly. Chauncie got it in Tortolla, that's in the British Virgin Islands. Her favorite earrings are a pair green wire hoops with blue and purple moons and stars dangling off the bottoms. These she got in LA. Chauncie's favorite bracelet is a wooden band painted with Chinese calligraphy and cherry blossoms. The wood is black and has little silver bells set deeply into it. The balls tinkle with small quartz stars instead of an iron clapper. It's really beautiful. Chauncie got this in Japan. Chauncie's favorite anklet is like a friendship bracelet, except it's made out of wire and beads, instead of string. The wire is silver and the beads are blue. The beads form little flowers, stars, and moons, Chauncie got it in Miami. Chauncie is divorced now, but she still has her wedding ring. It's a platinum band with an emerald set in the middle, and with one diamond on each side of it.

Chauncie is 36 years old and she's 6ft 1 inch. She weighs 150 pounds, and she lost 20 pounds over the summer. She's in the pink of health, except for the usual winter cold. Chauncie is allergic to apricots and mangoes, they make her mouth swell up. Chauncie's voice is soft and melodious, and sometimes it's hard for her to get people to hear her if she's in a noisy room. She's a good singer, though she only

sings for her own enjoyment. When she was little she sang at her school a lot. Chauncie is very, very, clumsy. Due to how tall she is, her big feet, ( Women's size 11.) and her gangly figure. And she's always tripping over things. So her movements tend to be sort of choppy and too quick, often heading downwards. Chauncie is a medium in pants, a small in shirts, and a medium in bathing suits.

Chauncie doesn't exactly care how she dresses, as far as other people think. Some days what she wears is plain, and other days it might be extravagant

colors. It depends on Chauncie's mood. But her clothes are never completely dull, and Chauncie hates to shop at thrift stores. She gets her clothes from places like Land's End and such, sometimes Gap. If Chauncie's in a good mood then she doesn't have a basic outfit for her work except during winter. Then she usually wears a baby blue sweater with a picture of a navy blue mouse with a green pony on the front of the sweater. The sleeves are fraying and ripped, and the picture is fading. The sweater is very old, but it's still Chauncie's favorite. Usually Chauncie wears a deep purple blouse and tan corduroys to work. At home she usually wears a T-shirt that's two shades of blue and jeans made of both purple and blue swirls. Or if it's hot she wears blue sweat-shorts. Chauncie doesn't usually dress-up. But she does have several dresses. One is black with silver embroidery. Another is a blue and green summer dress. Her favorite is a lavender dress with long purple sleeves. Chauncie always wears a plain black beret that she got in France. She calls it her " Good luck hat," and she's usually wearing it. If she can't wear that hat, she will either not wear one, or wear a hat in likeness of the one Mary Poppins wears. Chauncie has 4 scarves. Her favorite is a long magenta velvet one. Chauncie has lots of clothes, her closet is walk-in, and it's filled to bursting. But somehow Chauncie always manages to find a new place for things. Chauncie doesn't work out in a gym, or lift weights, or anything typical like that. She takes long hikes and bikes to work and back, runs trails, stuff like that. So she doesn't have really any special clothes like that, but she does have a special pair of hiking boots. They are orange with yellow soles. The soles are coming undone and separating from the tops.

Most of the time Chauncie wears a pair of Payless sneakers. These are lime green and sky blue. They're nice, but her favorite pair of shoes is a pair of shiny tie-die riding boots. They are as shiny as a beetle's wing and reach up to her knee. Chauncie got them in London. And she takes them on all her trips. They fit her perfectly, still after 2 years. . Since Chauncie travels a lot, she has a lot of shoes. She has gold flip-flops with silver butterfly beads on it, from Cape Cod, and wooden clogs from Ireland. She has banana slippers from Kansas. Once, by accident,

Chauncie wore these to work.

Chauncie's hands are long and slender. But her right is longer than her left. And she's all thumbs. Chauncie works with computers and so she is usually awake late into the night typing. Then she develops finger sores, and so she puts lotion and moisturizer on her hands every morning and every night. Chauncie only has 8 nail-polish bottles, and 3 of them are the same color. The colors are, red, pink, blue, purple, green, gold, and 3 silvers. Chauncie pretty much only wears the gold. And so you meet, Chauncie Mallen.

The End

# CAREER DESCRIPTION

## CHAUNCIE MALLEN

Chauncie Mallen is a scientist. She is a designer in technology. She works making educational computer programs for kids in 3rd grade and up. When Chauncie was a kid she loved computers. There weren't any at her house before her parents died, they couldn't afford any. So it wasn't until after she moved to Jamaica that she discovered them. In school her best classes were typing, and science. She loved to play around with things, and she thought that her teachers were all right, but she hated the text books that they used in science class. Sometimes Chauncie would do experiments in her back yard. One time she accidentally covered the steps in goo; when her adoptive mother, Lila, came out to call her inside, she slipped in the slimy pink stuff. Chauncie wasn't allowed to do experiments less than 15 feet away from the house, and not near any other people. She also wasn't allowed to use food coloring any more.

Chauncie lived in Jamaica until she was 13. Then she moved to LA. She started preschool at age 5, and so she was always a year older than her class mates. When she moved to America she went to Palamer High School in Los Angeles. After high school she tried to get in to the University of California. She didn't get in, and for a few years she didn't submit any applications to any colleges. But then she got in to the Connecticut Institute of Technology. Her major was in computer science. At the Institute Chauncie worked really hard; she got her B.S. in Computer Science, and for her graduate project, she and twenty other people took apart forty seven different kinds of computers. They made a new computer using all the pieces, and came up with fifteen new programs for that computer.

When Chauncie was in college, she got money from a job as a cashier. She worked at a Video To Go store in Mystic. After she got out of college she started working five days a week. She looked for a new job on her days off. She got one at the Cougar Children's Technology Incorporated. That's where she's working now. On Friday's Chauncie goes to the local library, where she volunteers.

Right now Chauncie is working on a computer game for 4th graders and up. It's to help them understand how things were in China when things were ruled by the emperors. Chauncie and her group

consist of six people. They're in charge of designing the program. They have it written out so far. The player sees things through the eyes of a dragon. They have to design the dragon by selecting parents. Each of the already made dragons have one or two good things, like fire-breath, or hard scales. Once the player makes a dragon they have to explore each of the kingdoms by searching for something that came from that period of time that changed the world, and is important to us today; once they find this thing they can go on to the next level. But if they remain too long on one level they are attacked by men. This is where the things they chose for their dragon to have come in handy. There are eleven levels; in each one the thing is hidden in a different kind of terrain. They have to ask people for directions, but they have to know who to ask and who not to. If they ask the wrong people then they could be betrayed to the dragon hunters. In the last level they have to battle the person in charge of the dragon hunters in a contest of wit. The questions are about what they learned, so they have to learn a lot. It needs some fine tuning, but they're getting somewhere.

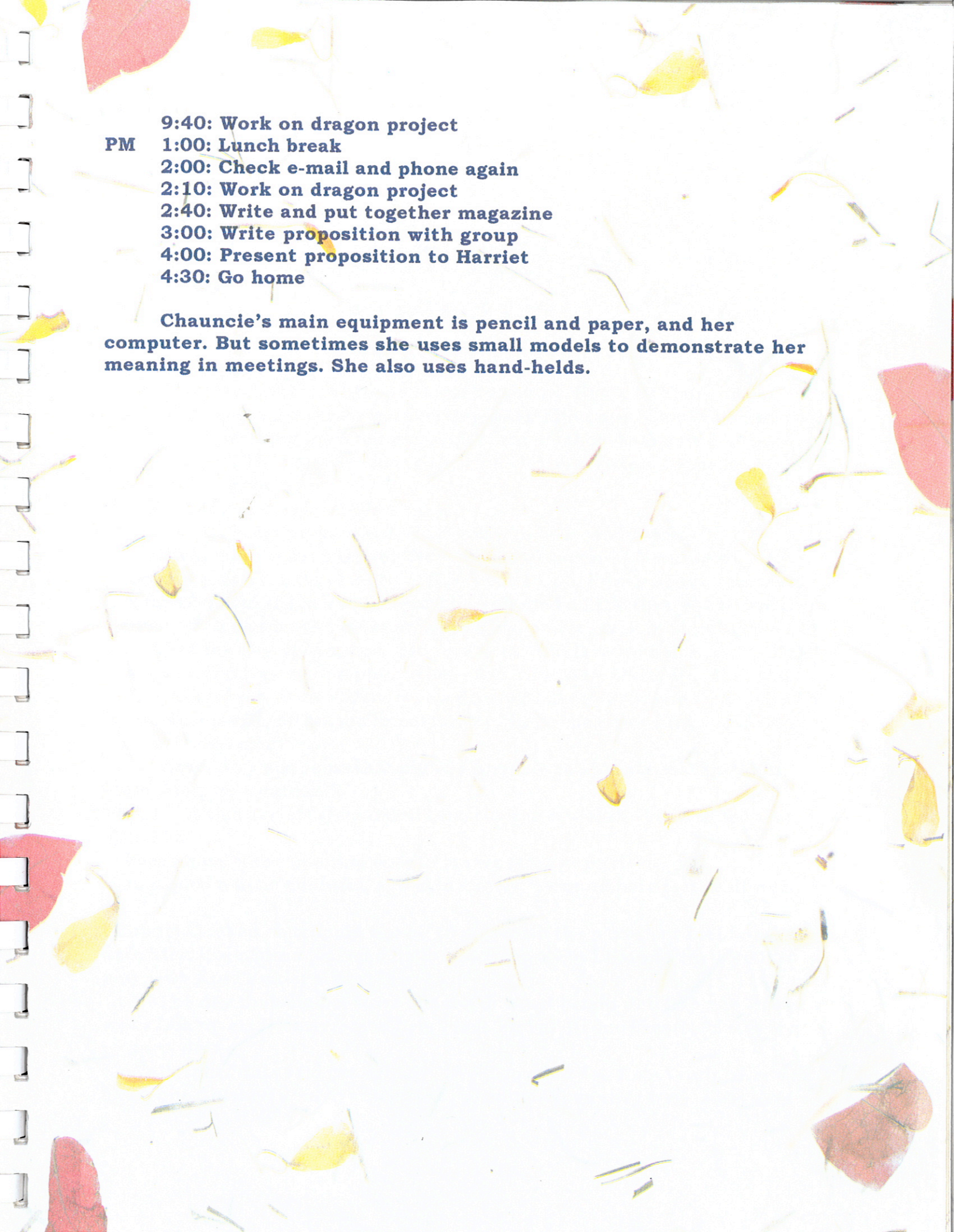
Chauncie's main responsibility in her job is working on the writing part of the computer programs. She and a group of people ( the same six as mentioned before.) design all the programs. Other than that, if the director of their group is absent during an important meeting Chauncie fills in for her. Chauncie comes up with the ideas for the programs, than the director presents them after the group has worked them out. Chauncie also writes the company magazine that they make every month. Chauncie puts together small articles about what is going on in the company.

Cougar Childrens Technology Center is in Chester Connecticut. Out side it is a lovely lawn with three apple trees on it. The building itself, is painted white with green trim. There is a sign in front of the building that says, " *Welcome to Cougar Childrens Technology Center.*" Underneath the sign is a picture of a Cougar. the building used to be an old persons house. When he died he gave the house to his son. His son is named Hawk Talinchem. Hawk wanted to make a living in computer science, and so he used the building for his business, and named it after his fathers favorite animal.

Chauncie is part of a group called designers. Their director is named Harriet Shalfron, and she was one of the very first people to be hired. She's 51, and is in a wheelchair because of an accident when she was a kid. The person that Chauncie usually works with is Rosetta Merl. She's Japanese and always helps Chauncie come up with a new idea.

#### WORK SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY FEB. 6

- AM 8:00: Arrive at Cougar
- 8:20: Check e-mail and phone for messages
- 8:30: Group meeting

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**9:40: Work on dragon project**  
**PM 1:00: Lunch break**  
**2:00: Check e-mail and phone again**  
**2:10: Work on dragon project**  
**2:40: Write and put together magazine**  
**3:00: Write proposition with group**  
**4:00: Present proposition to Harriet**  
**4:30: Go home**

**Chauncie's main equipment is pencil and paper, and her computer. But sometimes she uses small models to demonstrate her meaning in meetings. She also uses hand-helds.**



# CHAUNCIE MALLEN

## FAMILY DESCRIPTION

### Mallen Family Story

#### #1. See Spot Run.

Mina and Chauncie had always wanted a puppy. But they hadn't ever convinced Lila to get them one. One day when Mina was 8, and Chauncie was 6, they were walking the 5 minute walk to their school they saw a little shop about to open. They were early, so they walked over to talk to the man who was unlocking the door.

"What's this going to be?" Mina asked.

Chauncie, looking eager, asked, "Is it going to be a candy store?!"

The man laughed a deep laugh. "No little lady." he said. "Nothing so elaborate, just a small pet store. It'll be open in, oh, I'd say about, hmmm, 7 or 8 days." Turning back to his work he hummed a little tune as the two girls walked off. It was a little bit of an eerie tune, and it stuck in Mina's head for the rest of the day. It dropped, and rose a lot. And it reminded her of a dark, misty woods far away in a place where few humans walked. But that was rather ridiculous. After all, she was a dreamy kid anyway, and often jumped to conclusions for no reason in particular. Since she knew this, she dismissed it as nonsense again.

When they got home that night, Chauncie ran to Lila calling, "Mum, Mum, Muu-uu-uummm!!!"

"What is it Chauncie?" Demanded Lila, coming out of the kitchen with her apron on.

"There's a pet store opening soon!! Can we get a puppy!?"

Lila, looked a little doubtful, and said slowly, "Around here is it, well we'll see."

Chauncie looked elated and ran off to play with the next-door neighbors daughter, Rosa. Mina looked a little questionably at Lila, and then went to play with Rosa's older sister, Lily.

The day that the pet store opened dawned bright and happy. Chauncie woke Lila up extra early, saying very fast, and all in one breath, "Do we get a puppy, do we?"

"Oh, all right," Lila said grudgingly. "We'll go after you finish your breakfast." Everyone finished double quick that morning. When they were done they

went to the store. When they got there, a man sitting at the desk smiled at them. It wasn't the same man who had sung the odd little song though.

"Have you come to get a pet?" He asked kindly. Lila nodded.

"We want one who has no relatives with medical problems. And that doesn't bark too much." She added like an after thought.

"And a puppy!" cried Chauncie.

"With a long tail, and purple eyes!" Said Mina, finally getting into the swing. The man laughed. "Well," he said. "I don't think that we have any with purple eyes, but we did get a litter of puppies 6 days ago." He led them down a corridor.

"6 days ago," said Mina frowning in confusion, "but you just opened today?"

"Our trainer looked after them at his house until we could move them here yesterday. He's not really a trainer any more, but he still can work with dogs." In answer to Lila's inquiring glance he said, "He had an accident, and now he walks with a limp." Turning the corner, the girls saw the man that they had seen opening the door a few days ago walking towards them. In the front of the building a bell rang, signifying a new customer.

"Tom," cried the man, "would you show these folks the new pups, and I'll see to the new people." Without waiting for an answer he strode to the front of the building. Tom, as he was called, turned towards them and smiled. "Well, he said, if it isn't the candy store girls."

Bending down he asked them, "Would it be OK with your mum if I gave these to you?" He pulled out two large lollipops from his shirt pocket. Lila nodded when they turned to her with pleading eyes, the corners of her own eyes crinkling with smiles that she had trouble suppressing. Mina got a purple lollipop, and Chauncie got a red one. Then Tom led them to a door down another hall way. Opening it, he turned around and put a finger to his mouth, telling them to be quiet. "They're sleeping," he whispered. The girls nodded solemnly to show they understood, and Lila had trouble suppressing giggles. Chauncie turned around and whispered angrily, "Shhhhhhhhhhh!!! Lila sucked in her cheeks to keep from laughing. "Ain't no way than little men goin' around a little wood to keep away a little army of ants." Was written on a sign on the door over their heads, as they walked in. Inside the room the adults went to talk quietly in a corner, and the girls looked at the puppies in the basket. "They're so little," whispered Mina.

"I wonder if any of them have purple eyes." said Chauncie looking around. 'I like that one.' Mina looked over. Chauncie was pointing at a little pup apart from the rest. He had one eye open and was looking at them. It was a blue eye. He was a reddish colored golden lab. They knew what breed he was from the small sign on the side of the basket. His nose had a small white spot on it. "His name is "Spot," said Chauncie quietly. Mina nodded. She agreed.

"Mum, we found our puppy," they whispered. "His name is Spot." Chauncie

added proudly. "I named him."

"Show me." Said Lila. Mina and Chauncie led Tom and Lila over to the basket. Spot had gotten up and was panting at them. His tail was wagging. Mina nodded toward him. Tom scratched his head. "Well, I'll be." he said. "He, Spot, that is, has no medical problems, miss. I took them all to see a doctor after the first one died of a cold. In case it was something worse, and she had given it to the others. But the others were all just fine. This one though, he's the shy one in the group, we haven't gotten him to react to much. But he obviously likes you."

Lila went over to the dog and scratched it's head thoughtfully. "We'll take him." She announced quietly. He rubbed his head harder against hers and sighed contentedly.

Half an hour later they got home with Spot prancing around they're feet. It had taken a while to get all the paper work done, and another while to convince Chauncie that they couldn't get a kitten at the same time. Lila had finished that conversation, with a "when you're an adult" lecture, and another lollie from Tom. All and all, they were all happy to get home.

The End

Mina married a photographer for National Geographic named Mike Halster in 1985 at age 20. Now she's 38, and has two 10 year old girls named April and Carol Halster. The girls are twins. Mina and Mike travel all over the world, first for Mike's work, but now he's an independent photographer. He has a shop called *Eyelense*. It specializes in exotic color and black and white photographs from places like the Amazon, and wild African animal reserves. Mina manages all the paper work, and is an author. She writes children's novels. Mina often visits Chauncie, and usually drops April and Carol off at her house. After high-school, Chauncie, Mike, Lizzie, (Lizzie is one of the sisters best friends.) and Mina took a world tour. Well, more of an independent world tour. They went to Europe, Russia, Chili, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Australia, and Mexico. Chauncie and July get together with Mina and Mike, and co. every year in Florida during the summer, and there's a family reunion every year in Jamaica. Mina is sort of shy, and she doesn't like to be in crowds. She's nice, but kind of obnoxious. She doesn't speak out much. Except if she thinks one of her daughters forgot to do they're homework, and then she tells them to do it "now!" Her shyness bugs Chauncie, and Chauncie's always telling her to speak up more. She'll often turn the conversation over to Mina, which Mina hates. This is cause for some arguments between the sisters. Otherwise they're pretty close. Mina loves to see new places and the walls of her house are covered with family photos, pictures of Safaris she's been on, and paintings of the Amazon. Her books

mostly take place in these parts of the earth. Her personal favorite is one she wrote on a tour of the Amazon that she took with April and Carol alone, as Mike was in Alaska, working with a friend on a documentary about Native Alaskan life. The book is about a girl who gets lost in the jungle. The people who save her are poachers. The girl is part of a native tribe in the area, but she owed it to her friends to help them out. She believed what they're doing is wrong, in the end the girl turns in to a jaguar and runs away, she lives in the jungle in a tribe of jaguars. April and Carol were 5 at the time, and this was they're bed time story each night, getting a little farther the 2 weeks they drifted in a boat in the middle of no where. When they got home Mina typed it up and sent it to a publisher. It was accepted on the third try. It is also Chauncie's favorite. Mina's favorite TV show is Nature.

July is Chauncie's 11 month old baby. She has curly brown hair, and has lighter skin then Chauncie, more like hot chocolate than a milk chocolate shade of brown. Like her father, George Chelser. July can say "mammy, daddy, see, dinner/w, mor/we, and Mussy." (r/w=how babies say "r") Mussy is a little squirrel stuffy that is Ragedy-Ann style, the stuffy has little clothes on like Timmy Tiptoes, and July loves him. July crawls every where, and is trying to learn how to open closed doors, she can already get out of her crib, and open her bedroom door, but she can't open any of the bathroom doors, the door to her mom's office, or any other doors for that matter, because they all have safety locks on them. July loves icing, once she had a cup-cake, she licked off all the icing, then threw the cake on the floor crying, "Mor/we, mor/we, see!" Of course she didn't get any more, but now whenever she sees a cup cake she cries, "Mor/we, mor/we, moor/we!!"

George is Chauncie's ex-husband. They argued too much, and weren't happy with their marriage, so Chauncie suggested getting a divorce. So far they're much happier, and very good friends. George is tall and quiet, but he's got a sort off regal air, has a strong sense of humor, and makes friends easily. He's a doctor, and he likes his job. He likes Classical music, stuff like Bach, and Mozart and the such. His favorite actor is Paul Newman, and he mostly likes old movies.

Lila adopted Chauncie when Chauncie was 3 years old. Lila is kind of old fashioned, and didn't want Chauncie to get the divorce. Lila doesn't like change, and even though she always says "Let the world be." she's always helping in charity foundations, she sends a lot of money to the homeless shelters around LA. She's rather rich, and has a big retirement fund. Even though Lila's retired, she paints pictures and sells them to a little store thats down her street. It pays her half the price received from the sales. Lila is a incredibly stubborn person. She doesn't like TV much, but she does watch reruns of old movies on television specials. For music Lila likes recordings of rain forests, and she likes to listen to documentaries on tape. Most of the

time she's either cooking, painting, or listening to people on the radio as they hike through exotic places.

### Mallen Family Story

Chauncie, Mina, Mike, and Lizzie had just gotten home from their world trip, when Lila decided to go ice skating at a local indoor rink. (It was winter, and they were living in a mountain range in California at the time.) Lila had just been on the ice for 10 minutes when she tripped and fell, she hit a speed bump, went flying across the rink, and somehow managed to break her back against a crack that someone had made a few minutes before. A deep crevice really, right against the wall. She was unconscious. When she woke up later that day, she announced to Mina that she was going to sue the owners of the rink. Mina got nervous and called Chauncie, hoping that her younger sister would be able to talk their mother out of it, but neither of them could, when Lila got home, she had to stay in bed, after 13 different calls to 13 different lawyers, she finally got one that was willing to see if she could sue, he called back later to tell her that she wasn't able to do so, because technically it wasn't the rink owners fault. Ironically, Chauncie found out later that day that the rink owner had died the day that her mother had broken her back.

The End.

April likes to play pranks all the time. April Fool's Day is her birthday, and it fits her well. One time in the party bags, April hid real toads, two minutes before her guests got them. It took a while to get one half of the kids to stop screaming, and the other half to stop laughing, yelling jaunts, and other wise not helping in the least. April loves sports, and she's on a soccer team. She's an average in school, but she struggles in reading. Her favorite music is fifties hits, and her favorite TV show is Sienfeld, she doesn't like much of any television shows, unless they're comedy. April doesn't like makeup, but she does wear a little bit of lip gloss when she goes to social functions. Both the twins have horses and love to ride. April's horse is a gray hackney mare, with white socks and a cream colored mane and tail. Her name is Flip-flop, as a joke, because Flip-flop is really fast, and easy to handle.

Unlike her twin, Carol is quiet, exceeds in school, and hates most forms of sports, with the exception of tether ball and polo. Carol likes to wear makeup, but not to school and not adult stuff. She is skittish, and spooks easily. Her horse is a white Connemara, with a black mane and tail. She's a mare also, and her name is Ying-Yang. Ying-Yang is slow and placid, and likes to go on long walks in the woods. Carol spends most of her time riding, reading, and talking on the phone with her friends. For her birthday, Carol got a yellow phone for her room, her family had gotten tired of not being able to use the phone or the internet for hours on end, and the yellow phone has

it's separate line. Carol's favorite music is Indian singing, and she likes to listen to sound tracks. Her favorite movie is Whale Rider, and the thing that she likes to watch the most when she's at home is Winnie the Pooh, and The Blustery Day, and Mumfy. Both twins like to watch Pippi Longstocking when they're at Chauncie's house, and last summer they made a cardboard plane like the one in the first Pippi Longstocking movie.

## CHAUNCIE MALLEN'S LIFE LINE

- 1968 Sep. 9th: Chauncie is born in Angola.
- 1969 Sep. 9th: Chauncie's first birthday. (age 1)
- 1971 Dec. 8th: Chauncie's parents die of drunk driving at midnight. (age 3)
- 1971 Aug. 4th: Chauncie and Mina are separated, when Mina's sent to a hospital with a broken arm, and a minor head injury.
- 1973 Oct. 11th: Lila and Harold adopt Chauncie. (age 5)
- 1973 Nov. 20th: Chauncie arrives in Jamaica. Harold had died six days before.
- 1974 Jan. 3rd: Chauncie and Lila find Mina. (age 6)
- 1975 Feb. 5th: Mina arrives.
- 1975 Sep. 2nd: Chauncie starts kindergarten.
- 1975 Sep. 6th: Chauncie and Mina get their puppy Spot.
- 1976 Mar. 7th: Chauncie sees her first color picture. (age 7)
- 1977 Apr. 1st: Spot gets a friend, the kitten Nephridita. (age 8)
- 1981 Sep. 10th: Chauncie starts middle school. (age 13)
- 1983 Jun. 7th: Chauncie, Mina, and Lila move to LA. (age 15)
- 1983 Sep. 10th: Chauncie starts high school in the USA. (age 16)
- 1983 Nov. 23rd: Chauncie meets Lizzie.
- 1987 Apr. 25th: Chauncie, Lizzie, Mina, and Mike, leave for their world "tour." (age 20)
- 1987 Apr. 27th: They arrive in France.
- 1987 May 8th: They arrive in Russia.
- 1987 May 19th: They arrive in Japan.
- 1987 Jun. 1st: They arrive in Italy.
- 1987 Jun. 11th: They arrive in London.
- 1987 Jun. 21st: They arrive in Australia.
- 1987 Jul. 2nd: They arrive in New Zealand.
- 1987 Aug. 3rd: They arrive in New York.
- 1987 Aug. 8th: They arrive in Alaska.
- 1987 Aug. 20th: They arrive in California.
- 1987 Nov. 18th: Lizzie marries her boyfriend Jack Kallrafren.
- 1989 Mar. 30th: Mina marries Mike.
- 1990 Sep. 19th: Chauncie goes to college in Connecticut. (age 22)
- 1992 Apr. 1st: Carol and April are born at 10:35 am.
- 1993 Aug. 5th: Chauncie marries George Chelser. (age 25)
- 1993 Sep. 19th: Chauncie gets her job at Cougar Children's Technology

**Center. (age 26)**

**1994 Jan. 7th: Chauncie and George buy the house that Chauncie's living in at the moment. (age 26)**

**1996 Dec. 22: George's dad dies. (age 28)**

**2003 Mar. 6th: Chauncie and George get a divorce. (age 35)**

**2003 Jul. 1st: July is born. (age 35)**

**2003 Sep. 9th: Chauncie turns 36. This birthday is significant to her because she has now outlived her biological parents.**

**2004 Feb. 2nd: Chauncie gets a white and black kitten called Nephridita II.**

**And this is the end of Chauncie Mallen's present time line.**



risky situations she tries to be extra careful. For example, when she goes hiking with her friend Lizzie, they take the path that sticks to the woods rather than following the cliff, and Chauncie always packs a first aid kit.

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Chauncie gets stressed easily but she tries to stay calm. Being optimistic helps her with this. You can tell when she is stressed because, when she is, she gets more clumsy; she drops things and they break, or she trips and falls more than usual. The kinds of things that stress her out most are deadlines for projects at work, getting to the airport on time, and the lawn mower and power-tools.

One of Chauncie's hobbies is collecting classic children's movies on video, like Pippi Longstocking, Return to Witch Mountain, Old Yeller and the original version of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. So far she has about 30 movies which she keeps on a special shelf in her living room. She especially likes to watch them on rainy days. Every Monday, after work, she goes hiking with her friend Lizzie.

Chauncie gets along well with the people at work, but she doesn't have close friends there. Most of the time she just concentrates on her job. Her desk is a little messy but she really likes things to be organized. She wishes she was better at keeping things neat. Unlike most of her colleagues she prefers to take notes with pencil and paper rather than on a computer. She loves her job and gets a lot of satisfaction from her work. She some times takes work home and will work late into the night when she is working on a deadline.

She has an odd sense of humor. She is a practical joker, but only messes with her close friends. They all know, if they come to stay overnight at her house, to check under the sheets before they slide into bed to see if there are frogs or other surprises waiting for them. One time her niece April came over for April Fools Day and Chauncie switched all the labels on the spice jars and had April bake cinnamon buns. When April bit into her bun she screamed and ran for water. Chauncie had forgotten about switching the labels of the cinnamon and the chili powder.

When she is feeling sad, Chauncie likes to curl up in a blanket and eat bon bons, this usually helps her feel better. If this doesn't work, she watches Pippi Longstocking. If she is still not feeling better, she phones her sister Mina, to talk things through. She always cheers up within a few hours.

Chauncie's friends describe her as a happy person. They tell her that she is a good friend. Chauncie thinks she is too easy going and that she needs to "harden up" so that people don't take advantage of her good nature. Now that Chauncie is a mom, she's been thinking a lot about the example she needs to set for her daughter, July. She thinks she needs to "harden up" fast.

# CHAUNCIE MALLEN'S

## LIST OF FAVORITES

**Dessert:** Chocolate sundae  
**Food:** Wonton soup  
**Fruit:** Pomegranate  
**Vegetable:** Sugar and butter corn  
**Dog breed:** Toy Yorkshire terrier  
**Cat breed:** Tabby  
**Animal:** Lemur  
**Movie:** Pippi Longstocking  
**Book:** Miss of Avalon  
**Game:** Kick-the-can  
**Sport:** Racing  
**Place:** Australia  
**Room:** Her bedroom  
**Flower:** Lady Slipper  
**Tree:** Sycamore  
**Mountain:** Mt. Kilimanjaro  
**Weather:** Luke-warm, and sunny, after a long rain  
**Memory:** When she got Nephridita II  
**Trip:** Her trip to New Zealand  
**Hobby:** Watching plays  
**Radio Station:** Prairie Home Companion  
**Singer:** Ani DeFranko  
**Newspaper:** The Funnies  
**Comics:** Doomsburry  
**Comic Book:** Baby Blues  
**Creation:** Draconium Magnus  
**Artist:** Michelangelo  
**Car:** Element  
**Author:** J.R.R.Tolkien  
**Play:** Midsummer's Night Dream  
**Magazine:** National Geographic

*This Document certifies that **Chauncie Pearl Stalerner** was born to  
Merric Stalerner and Fay Stalerner at 2:00 am, in this Hospital on September 9 of  
1968.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of  
Bureau of Vital Statistics, Kuile, Angola, this day (the 9 of 1968.)  
Warden of Moonlight Hospital,*

*WELLS A. WARDEN*

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*Dear Mum,*

*Is your back doing any better? The doctor called the house last night to tell me that you are having to stay in your bed all the time now . I hope that you are able to walk again soon!*

*This letter is to inform you that George and I are getting a divorce. I know that you don't think that it's a good idea, but we really think that we would both be a lot happier if we were just friends, which we will still be. In fact, George has just bought Beatrice's old house. She died last month of Cancer. And Lizzie is moving to our street because she wants to "help me to get along ." So don't worry, I won't be all alone.*

*George and I have decided to either name the baby July or KJ. April, Carol and I repainted the kitchen light blue and lime green. It looks very Caribbean right now, except for the floor, witch is still white tiles. We're going to get to them next.*

*On Monday I'm going to see a production of Hamlet with the twins . Their staying here while Mina and Mike are in Brazil. Mina called last night to say that they are having a wonderful time. And The twins have been really helpful around the house. Any way, write me back soon Mum!*

*Love* 



