

BELL WORK: THE ROAD AHEAD

It's five years in the future, and you are going to college to become a veterinarian. You love it.

It's five years in the future, and you have already earned two promotions at a job that you love.

It's five years in the future, and you're learning about your family's small business, so that someday you can run it.

It's five years in the future, and you have gone through lots of struggles with jobs, but you keep looking and trying.

It's five years in the future, and you are taking online college classes, because you have a baby and you want to spend time with your beautiful family.

It's five years in the future, and you have moved across the country for a job, which you don't like very much and you're so far from your friends that you don't know if you're happy yet.

It's five years in the future, and you were with the wrong crowd at the wrong time, and you just got out of prison for a misdemeanor that didn't harm anyone, but the judge didn't believe your side of the story because of the people you were caught with. You just got a job, which was hard because of your record. You're getting back on your feet again.

It's five years in the future, and you are just coming out of a two-year depression after losing your father to cancer. You drifted away from friends and became a bit of a loner, but you're trying to get back on your feet and you have a job that you can do even when you're not feeling well, but you don't really love it. You're making it through one day at a time, and that feels like an accomplishment.

It's five years in the future, and your best friend isn't your best friend anymore, your friends have changed, and you changed your mind about your career. You get a business degree instead of going into the army, and you start a nonprofit that helps youth in your hometown. You love it.



It's five years into the future, and your parents moved your entire family across country where you knew no one and spent a year being mad at everyone. Then you found some of the coolest people and a job in a trade that you are good at and that you love.

It's five years into the future, and you only hang out with one of your friends from high school. You are a published author and your friend is your illustrator. You both love the freedom and opportunity to do what you love.

It's five years into the future, and you are going to a great college with many of your friends, but you don't really think you like your major after all. You feel pressured to stay and finish your degree, but you don't think you'll be happy.

It's five years into the future, and you find yourself divorced with a child to raise. You work part-time at a job that pays the bills but you don't love it. You do love your child, and you are happy at home. You are waiting to start college until your child is in kindergarten, and then you will continue your dream of being a nurse. You've realized that you will specialize in pediatric nursing, because you love children.

It's five years into the future, you just finished vocational school to be a car mechanic, and you already have a job.