

3 I was definitely pumped to be chosen as a mentor. <redacted> Was going to be amazing for sure and a chance to be like <redacted>... although I will say much more like <redacted> She was my favorite (for more than one reason, ha) but definitely took after her more mentor-wise. I was sort of pursuing her winter of 2011, but my luck w/ girls is never that good (more on that, later). Nevertheless, she was cool.

4 Mentally prepared, I started strong with mini-camp and this was about where I started logging/journaling. Weird still... but fun to read later! I remember writing about all the new people and how cool it was to have them. Excited bunch and (of course) definitely the cutest class yet, as <Xavier> would later mention. Yes, I thought so as well. One girl in particular caught my attention during mini-camp... well two... <Nora> <redacted> definitely caught my attention. Would later learn... NOT my type <redacted> We still became really good friends/we understood one another. It was very fun during mini-camp, but real training was even more. It was stressful, too. Early mornings + late nights. Getting to know everyone... hoping they would succeed... wondering where I would go from here (career-wise). I kept feeling like I had a little more to give before I left. I thought mentoring was it... but I was dead wrong. Had a whole tour of being a supervisor for simulations ahead of me... different story. Paperwork throughout the day and careful watching of my trainees. I could not pick a favorite... <redacted> They made it worth coming in. <redacted> Teaching stuff was fun with them. Hated seeing any discontent anywhere, but it happened. None were lost in the end, though! Bam. During training, I started to leave my team every so often to meet with, "The Girls". It was RWDC <redacted> Such a great group of girls, <redacted> Designing an aircraft was something they did with help from us. Also during training, another girl caught my eye. Yes, I am a hopeless romantic (see How I Met Your Mother) but that's just me. I didn't pursue <Nora> initially because I saw/thought her + <redacted> were becoming something! Was happy for them (and wrong) but I backed off. Also why I stopped writing. <redacted> But didn't matter by then... found someone <redacted> just as pretty... <Ivette>