

“Back to Normal”
from *Castaway(s)*
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You know what I did that first day on the island? After the crash? I just sat on the beach. Didn't look for water. Didn't look for shelter. Just sat there, waiting to be rescued. I didn't move until you washed up on shore. I couldn't save myself, but saving you saved me. Gave me purpose. So for years, we fought to stay alive on that island, together. That's why, when rescue finally came, I didn't want to go back. I didn't want to leave. Because I knew I'd be leaving you there. Because you never existed. I created you in my head so that I wasn't alone. And even now, I'm still alone. I still need you. So, no, things will never go back to normal. Normal doesn't exist for me anymore. But you do.