

## *Chapter 4*

# In the Beginning

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, every love affair is good. People say love is blind and that may be true. I even felt like the way Rick Knowall and I met was divine intervention. It happened through a mutual friend, Purvis Smith, a young man I met during an awkward encounter that had a lasting spiritual lesson.

It was my seventh-grade year. My childhood friend, Arian Samuels and I met Purvis Smith together. He had a thin mustache; smooth caramel skin and he played two instruments in the band. Arian and I always said Purvis was handsome. We saw him near the music room every day during fifth period lunch.

One day we decided to be bold and tell him he was fine. Standing close together, when Purvis appeared with his smooth stride we said, “Purvis Smith is fine!”

Purvis stopped walking, he stood with his head cocked to the side just a bit, his nose slightly flared, he said, “You need the Lord!” and he walked off.

The utter shock of his words made my mouth drop open. Arian and I looked at each other. We giggled a bit, and Arian suggested that he