

My 18th

This was the day I so badly dreaded but also wanted to cherish. The day I was going to be a legal adult Meaning that it was time for me to start taking responsibility and finding my path in life. I was already feeling like I was behind and not as developed as my peers, and it was thrown in my face with social media and all. I knew a little about myself, but not enough to make a career out of it. I knew that I would have plenty of time to find out, but I wanted to know now. Who am I? As I rose from my bed, surprisingly, I was kind of excited that I would finally have a little bit more freedom than I did yesterday when I was 17. I had been waiting to turn 18 so someone could ask me my age and I could tell them I was 18. As I go downstairs and make myself a bowl of cereal, I don't know what I was expecting, but I felt like when I woke up that day, I would feel different, like my body would be more refreshed. I thought I would feel like an adult with a different midsection. But I guess these things don't come overnight. You have to work for them. Even though I felt this way, I was excited because I had just gotten a new outfit and was going to be wearing it to school. It was one that I always wanted a backless jumpsuit for. I wanted to get a tattoo on my spine for my 18th birthday, but I waited because I knew that I wasn't quite ready for a tattoo yet, but I still might get it on my 19th. I'm walking out the door with my brother to the bus stop. We are smiling and talking, something we usually don't do. It takes time for us to start talking early in the morning. I was going to enjoy this day; I wasn't going to let anyone ruin it. I was looking forward to getting out of school so I could go and celebrate. We had planned to go to the Mall of America to see a movie, and I was excited about that because I hadn't been there in a long time. Finally, I was out of school, making my way to the bus stop and hopping on to take it home. I get home, and I am getting ready to go. When I get there, I'm really enjoying myself; it's the most fun I've had in a long time since the quarantine, which becomes



the best day of my life. My 18th birthday!