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I've never actually seen the photos—

not the one of the whole family hugging in front of the grand Disney gates,

or the one of Mom posed with Tigger, grinning her cheesiest grin,

the countless shots of Florida's green lizards taken by an overzealous ten-year-old,

the one of mom and I in Minnie Mouse ears drinking blue slushies with Goofy,

the few that would have, no doubt, been double-exposed due to my shoddy photography skills,

or the one that's out of focus because Mom wanted to see us plunging down

Splash Mountain.

But the one I'm certain I've never seen,

the one that wasn't even taken,

is the one of Dad and I smiling –

the one with us sporting our over-priced Disney shirts,

arms around each other,

proud father gazing fondly at his ten-year-old daughter,

standing with Cinderella in front of her castle.

No.

I know that one doesn't exist.