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Outside the operating room of the Heart and Lung Center, Sean's parents awaited the news of his surgery. Reese was also present, showing her support. Wendell, Evan, and Keith had visited earlier but left to care for their families.

After two hours, Doctor Phil stepped out with a smile. He reported, "The operation is a success. We have replaced his implants successfully with no complications." i

A sigh of relief left Claudia's lips; the same could be said for Sean's father. Everyone thanked the good doctor.

Sean's operation was supposed to be scheduled early in the day, but Doctor Phil's flight got delayed from Braeton. The surgery was moved to five in the afternoon, leaving the Rosses' exhausted. Seeing Claudia yawn, Reese offered, "I can stay overnight with Sean, Aunt. Please, don't tire yourself." i

Claudia and Sherwin looked at each other before agreeing. Sherwin suggested, "I think Sean would like that. Thank you, Reese. We are glad you are back." i

Reese lingered outside the recovery room for an hour. After discovering Sean was stable, she went to the private room to wait. It was already ten in the evening when Sean was brought to his room. He was still half asleep but managed to send a smile in Reese's way before dozing off thoroughly.

When morning came, Sean awoke to find Reese sleeping on the couch beside the hospital bed. Last night, when he was moved to the private room, he thought Reese was only staying for a while, and his parents would return, but as it turned out, she watched him overnight.

Reese had declined Evan's payment to help him with his therapy. Thus, he knew Reese was not there for work, and he was happy about it. Sean called, "Hey, you stayed overnight."

Reese woke up and smiled at him. She said, "Good morning."

"How am I? Can I sit up?" He asked.

"Yes, you can," Reese replied. She sat next to Sean and pulled him up with her hand.

As soon as he sat up, Sean embraced Reese tightly. He said, "Thank you for being here for me." i

He held her firmly, savoring her scent. Reese must have felt uncomfortable about it since she had to gently push him away, saying, "Of course, that's what friends are for."

"R-I-G-H-T," Sean replied, his eyes hooded as he let her go.

"I'll get you some water. You are already allowed fluids," Reese offered. "You must be thirsty."

After Reese gave him a glass of water, she checked the time, saying, "Oh, it's already eight. Shauna should be up. She had been calling me nonstop since last night. She was very worried since I did not come home."

"Let's call her," Sean proposed.

It had been five days since Reese and Shauna had moved into the Diamond Hotel Rose Hills with Misses Kenedy.

Sean had instead been visiting them at the condo daily. It was from the unit where he had his therapy with Reese.

Being at the condo most days allowed Sean to get to know his daughter further. He learned about her favorite food, toys, hobbies, and mannerisms. At the same time, he witnessed how Reese cared for and disciplined their daughter.

Shauna often begged him to stay overnight, but he did not want to trouble Reese with his condition. He preferred to bathe and change, with Pete helping him at home.

Before Sean was admitted to the hospital, Shauna expressed how she would miss him dearly, which further warmed his heart. Sean loved the fact that he had a daughter who was so sweet and loving. He was incredibly thankful that Shauna had a good mother that raised her well.

"Hi, Shauna. Look, Daddy is awake!" Reese said on the video call. She was holding her phone up, finding Sean.

"Daddy! Daddy! Did the doctor fix your knee?" Shauna asked. "Can you walk now, Daddy?"

Sean took the phone and said, "Sweetie, we are still waiting for the doctor to give us the go signal. I'll stay in bed for now, and your mommy will help exercise my legs."

"When will you be home, Daddy? Will you live with us when you are all better?" Shauna eagerly asked.

"Ummm." Sean massaged his chin, his eyes panning to Reese. He caught her, averting her gaze as he replied, "I'll visit often."

Shauna pouted her lips. She said, "Visit? Don't daddies, mommies, and babies live together?"

That wasn't the first time Shauna asked. Sean has previously reasoned his knee condition for requiring the caregiver's help at the mansion as an excuse, which was valid at the same time.

There was a very long stretch of silence which both Reese nor Sean could not reply to. Eventually, Sean answered, "Soon, baby. Soon."

Reese gave him a puzzled look, but Sean dismissed it and merely focused on Shauna. However, because of that promise, the little girl began identifying things she and Sean would do.

"Then, Daddy will play tea time with my friends and me at school, watch me sing in school, and talk to teacher in school. Daddy will take me to the playground and push me on the swing," Shauna went on and on.

Sean was game on to the plan. He recalled Evan's enthusiasm and finally understood how it felt. It didn't seem troublesome at all. In fact, the idea of making it up to his daughter excited him.

"I'll be there, Sweetie. Daddy will be there for all of that," Sean promised.

"Yay!" Shauna exclaimed.

"Even the tea party?" Reese asked while chuckling. 2

"As long as I don't dress up," Sean said. "I will join the little girls'tea party." 2

The chat seemed endless between the father and daughter, but soon, Shauna had to bathe and eat breakfast. She asked, "Daddy, will Mommy be back to bring me to school?"

Sean turned to Reese and saw a nod. Reese explained, "Aunt Claudia said she would be here before eleven."

"Yes, sweetie, Mommy will be home by lunchtime, just in time to take you to your class," Sean replied.

"Then, can Mommy bring Daddy's kiss for me?" Shauna asked. 2

Sean was confused. He glanced at Reese, who was bright red. Reese said, "Mommy will kiss you for Daddy."

"No! I want Mommy to bring Daddy's kiss for me!" Shauna insisted. Then she described, "The same when grandma got sick, remember? Grandma sent me a kiss through you, Mommy."

Shauna explained it adequately to her father, "Daddy, you have to kiss Mommy, and Mommy will give me your kiss."

"Ohhhh!" Sean audibly said. His mouth perfectly rounding, his brows lifted in amusement at the idea.

"Okay, I'll send a kiss through Mommy."

Sean immediately turned to Reese. He was shrugging simultaneously, his eyes turning to their daughter, saying, "I'm just sending Shauna a kiss."

He saw how she hesitated but eventually obliged, seeing how Shauna was waiting for the kiss to be passed on. When Reese leaned down, Sean pecked her cheek. He smiled, pulling away, saying to his daughter, "Daddy's kiss is coming to you after lunch, sweetie."

"Yay! Okay, Daddy! I'm going to eat now!" Shauna said, waving her hand goodbye on the video call.

As soon as the call ended, Doctor Phil walked in on cue. He greeted Sean and checked on his leg. He described, "Looking good so far. Very good."

He looked straight into Sean's eye and said, Now, let's get you up."

"What?" Sean was shocked, and so was Reese.

"Let's get you up! I promised to make you walk, and I will," Doctor Phil repeated.

Reese and the resident doctor helped Sean off the bed. Sean supported himself first with his other foot, lifting his other knee.

"You still have your morphine so that you won't have that much discomfort, but at least we can test your new knee," The doctor said.

Sean still had a knee brace on. It was automatically put on him after the surgery. He slowly stepped on his other foot, and to his shock, he could tolerate it!

It was as if time had stopped for Sean. His heart raced in delight.

There was still discomfort, but it wasn't the same as before the surgery. Sean certainly wasn't expecting to be able to put a little weight on his leg that early!

"Oh, my god!" Reese exclaimed, utterly surprised. Her eyes watered with joy! "This is amazing!"

"Wow!" Sean remarked. After two months of being unable to get up properly, he was more confident that walking would happen soon.

"Am I amazing or what?" The doctor said.

Sean did not know what came over him. He was so overwhelmed that he immediately hugged Reese, and she hugged him back. He was swaying her around, utterly on cloud nine.

"I can stand!" He said.

Reese chuckled and replied, "I can see that!"

Sean was so over the moon that he cupped Reese's face with his hands and pecked her lips! "Thank you, Reese!" 2

Immediately, Reese stilled.

The doctor did not know their relationship, and nor did the resident. They simply advised on when the next visit will be and excused themselves.

When Sean and Reese were all alone, silence fell upon them. They took deep breaths before Sean looked at Reese, suggesting, "Um. That was another kiss for Shauna. From me to Shauna." 1

"Oh," Reese replied. "I see."