

Dianne shook her head slightly. "Ah had to put Jeff out of my mind. Ah knew he was in good hands here and it made it easier to focus on mah patients. An' really, theah was too much work to do for me to think about anything more than what Ah was doing just then. When yoah at a rescue like that, you live in the here and now." Her voice dropped. "Ah must admit that makin' the call on Belinda was hard. But then, it's always hard."

"How long are we going to feel like we do? I mean, how long will it take us to get used to feelings like this?" Kat asked.

Alan looked at her and replied, "Like I said to you before, Kat, you never really get used to it. But, with time and experience, you learn how to deal with it and manage it the best you can. That's why it's so important for us to have these debriefings."

"That's right," Dianne agreed. "An' if any of you need t' talk to someone, Ah'm available. So are the older boys. They've been through this before an' can help you put things in perspective."

Nikki yawned hugely, trying to hide it behind her hand. She looked around, blushing slightly. "I'm sorry," she said. "But I don't think I can keep my eyes open much longer. Do you think we've said everything we need to say?"

"John? Callie?" Scott asked. "Anything else from you?"

John said, "Actually, there is one important thing. Our translator needs some serious upgrading. It didn't work as well as we thought it would."

"I'll discuss that with you, John, when we're both coherent," Brains said, hiding a yawn.

"I need to find my wee one," Dom reminded them.

Callie said, "And I really need to get some sleep. Just doing all the translating got me exhausted."

"Do you guys need anything else from me?" Brandon asked sleepily.

"Nothing else?" Scott asked. The people around the table shook their heads or murmured "No." He yawned. "Okay then. This debriefing is adjourned."

Lisa just then walked into the dining room to see if the debriefing was about over. She said, "Dominic, Joshua is fast asleep in my room. Why not leave him there until tomorrow? And you all should get some rest."

"I'd like to take a quick look in at him, if you don't mind, Lisa," Dom said with a wry grin. "Over anxious father, don't you know."

"Of course, Dominic. And don't worry about him in the morning. Sleep yourself out. Cherry will

help me keep an eye on him until you get up."

He followed Lisa out of the room, while the others, sleepily murmuring their goodnights, headed to their beds.

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