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Monday, August 20, 8:00 AM; Tracy Island

Kat signaled the elevator, then went to where she'd left her bags. She swung her carry-on over her shoulder and picked up her suitcase as a chime let her know the elevator had arrived. She headed to the door and, just after opening it, looked back into her apartment to make sure she hadn't forgotten anything. Then she headed to the ground floor, and to the area where FAB-4 waited.

She'd said her good-byes to Heather, Callie and Dom the night before. When she expressed her uncertainty at being able to testify, Callie unexpectedly spoke up.

"Don't worry, Kat. You can do it. All you have to do is tell them exactly what happened."

"What if I have to do it with him in the room?"

"Don't look at him. Look at the lawyer instead," Heather had replied. "He can't hurt you now, remember."

"Kat go bye-bye?" She looked down to see Josh standing next to his father, looking up at her with sad eyes. She squatted in front of him.

"Yes, I'm going bye-bye for a while. But I'll bring you back a present when I return. Okay?"

"Kat bring present?" Joshua looked up at his father.

"Yes, Jak. Kat c'n bring you a present." Dom turned to her and said, "Don't make it anythin' fancy, okay? Just a little something. And have a good time, too."

"I will." She hugged Joshua, saying, "You be a good boy while I'm gone." Then she stood up and hugged each of the others.

When she arrived at the plane, she found all four of the older Tracy brothers helping Kyrano and Parker loading Lady Penelope's bags into the jet. Brains, Tin-Tin, Dianne and Jeff were chatting with Penny; Elise and Nikki were talking to a man Kat had never seen before.

"Here, Kat. Let me take those." She looked over to see Virgil coming toward her. She handed him her suitcase and slipped the other bag off her shoulder. He took it as well, and headed back to the jet.

"Kat?" Elise walked over to her, followed by the man. "I want to introduce you to Luke Morel. He'll be flying with you as far as L.A. Luke, this is Kat Williamson, our mechanic."

"A pleasure, Miss Williamson."

"Call me Kat, please," she replied, while thinking, What am I going to say to him on the flight to the States? I don't know a thing about him. I hope Lady Penelope will be able to find something we can all talk about.

"Of course, Kat. And I'm Luke." He smiled and turned to see if he could help with the loading.

Kat chatted with Nikki and Elise for a few more minutes, then noticed the brothers and butler/pilot heading toward them.

"H'everything's h'aboard, Milady," Parker said. "We can leave when-h'ever you're ready."

"Thank you, Parker." Penny hugged Dianne and Jeff, then turned to Tin-Tin. "I hope you can get time to join me when François comes out with his newest collection."

"I do, too, but if I can't come, I'll depend on you to tell me all about it," the young Malaysian replied with a smile. They embraced, then Penny turned to Kyrano.

"I have high expectations when I visit, and you always exceed them. The cuisine was excellent, as usual. Thank you for pampering me so beautifully."

"It is always a pleasure." Kyrano bowed slightly, then stood aside to allow her to go to her jet.

As Kat said her good-byes to Elise and Nikki, Brains and Tin-Tin joined them. Kat turned to her immediate superior and said, "I hope things don't get too hectic around here whilst I'm gone. Although I know you can handle it, I also know how busy you already are."

"Don't worry about that, Kat. Just take care of your business in England." He grinned. "I'll try to have plenty for you to do when you return. But you're only going to be gone for two weeks, so I don't know what I'll come up with."

She laughed. Then she heard Lady Penelope calling her to board the jet, so they could leave. Giving Tin-Tin a quick hug, she waved to Jeff, Dianne and Kyrano. "Good-bye, all. I'll be back as soon as I can. And I'll miss you in the meantime."

Followed by Luke, she climbed aboard the jet, hearing choruses of, "Good-bye, Kat", "Have fun at the wedding", "If you catch the bouquet, we'll want to see it", and "Take care of yourself". Then she went to the seat indicated by Lady Penelope and belted herself in.

Parker taxied the plane to the runway, and a few minutes later they were airborne.

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