Subject: Re: Winds of Change

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Wednesday, September 12, 2068. 9:30 a.m. Tracy Island.

Jeff held up his arm as his watchcomm bleeped.

"Jeff Tracy here," he said.

"Mr Tracy? It's Dominic. There's something I need to discuss with you. It's rather important. Would it be possible to meet with you at some point?"

"Of course, Dominic. Come see me in my study at 9.30 tomorrow morning."

"Thank you, sir," the younger man said.

Jeff thought back on the exchange as he sat behind his wide, polished desk in the study. Dominic had been looking progressively haggard over the past week or so and he had been on the verge of asking his wife to call Dominic in and find out what was wrong when he had received the man's call. I hope this isn't something I won't like hearing. Especially since Kat has just quit.

The door knocked, and he beckoned Dominic to enter. The gangly dark-haired man seemed paler than usual. He was clutching a mess of papers in his hands.

"Hullo, Mr Tracy," he said. "Thanks for seein' me."

"Have a seat, Dominic. How can I help?"

Dominic perched on the edge of the chair on the opposite side of Jeff's desk.

"Mr Tracy, the papers on my divorce finally came through. It's official; I'm a single man again."

Jeff was about to congratulate him, but the look on Dominic's face told him not to, and he let the man continue uninterrupted.

"Unfortunately, my now official ex-wife is trying to sue for custody of Joshua."

Jeff was silent for a few moments, before shaking his head. This explained everything.

"I can't see that she'll have a leg to stand on, Dominic," he said. "I'd be happy to extend the services of one of my lawyers."

"I can't see that she'll have any luck either, and thank you for your kind offer. I've gotten in touch with my own back in Kansas. He's handling things for me right now."

"I appreciate your keeping me up to date on things," Jeff said. "Any leave you need, you can have."

"That's exactly what I was about to ask you about. I may need a few days to go back to the States. Hopefully she'll get the hint and quit while she's ahead. I mean, she only saw him on the day he was born. After that, she was gone."

Jeff nodded in agreement.

"Well, keep me informed about the situation. And if there's anything else you need, just ask."

"Thank you very much, Mr Tracy," Dom said. "I appreciate it."

Dominic stood and made his goodbyes, and Jeff watched him retreat with a straighter back and seemingly unburdened with his troubles. I recall Dianne warning of this back in April. I wonder what she'll have to say now...