

Somewhere over the Pacific Ocean...

Scott checked his watch and did some quick mental calculating. "We've made good time. We should be landing in less than an hour."

Elise nodded from the co-pilot seat. "Gotta love a good tailwind," she quipped.

Scott chuckled. "It certainly helps, that's for sure. Drew should be waiting at the airport. Between the three of us, the trip back should be easy." Before he could continue, his phone rang. Fishing it out of his pocket, he glanced at the screen and frowned. "It's Dad. I'd better take this."

"Got her." Elise took the controls as Scott sat back.

"Hello?"

"Hello, son. Are you still in the air?" Jeff asked.

"Yes, we're about an hour out. Is everything all right?"

"Everything is fine. Scott, there's been a slight change in plans," his father replied.

"Change? Like what?" he asked.

"Well, for starters, Maggie will be joining Drew. Your mother talked to her earlier and has it all arranged."

"No problem. It'll be good to see her again."

"Also, you're making an unscheduled stop to Bozeman to pick up Luke."

"Luke's coming back already?" Scott shot a glance over at Elise who looked just as surprised. "What brought that on? I didn't think he'd be back for another month or so."

"Apparently there are things going on at home that aren't very conducive to his recovery. Your mother and I talked to him and he's awaiting your call. He's to be checked over by Drew when we you land and be completely off duty until we get back." Jeff's tone booked no argument.

"Yes, sir. When is he expecting us?"

"Tomorrow sometime. You can stay at Drew and Maggie's or get a hotel. Whichever is easier. Give Luke a call and set up a time that works best for all of you."

"FAB. Consider it done. Are you in New Hampshire?" Scott asked.

"Not yet. We're headed that way in the morning. Now, I'd better get back to your mother. This vacation isn't exactly starting out the way she had planned." Jeff sighed. "I'll talk to you soon. Good-night, Scott."

"Night, Dad." Jeff signed off and Scott looked over at Elise. "Well, that was certainly unexpected. Did you have any idea that Luke was coming back this soon?"

She shook her head. "No. He mentioned in his last email, that his doctor's appointment had gone well, but nothing about returning to the island. Wonder what's up?"

Scott frowned thoughtfully. "I have no idea. But I expect we'll find out soon."