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Subject: Re: Regaining Momentum

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Monday, September 17th, 5:15 p.m., Tracy Island

"Thanks for looking after him while I'm away."

Dominic clicked the last leg into place on the fold-down crib, and began to place Joshua's bedding inside of it.

"It's no trouble at all."

Emily had one hand on the post of her own bed, and one eye watching Joshua's every move. The small child was standing quite still in the middle of Emily's suite, alternating between eying some trinket or other, and looking to see if anyone was watching him.

Dom finished with the bed, and glanced around to see if he had forgotten anything. He had a fluttering sensation in his stomach, and his throat was dry.

"I've brought the bed, clothes, diaper bag, clothes, a few toys -- Joshua, do not touch that -- a story book, his blankie. Have I forgotten anything? I probably have if I can't remember what I've forgotten..."

"Dominic, stop all this worrying," Emily said firmly. "If I need something that you haven't brought, I can get it from your apartment. Joshua is in safe hands. You just need to concentrate on showing that judge the man who's single-handedly raised this boy from birth."

Dominic quieted and gently nodded his head.

"You're right." He met her eyes, and his shoulders sank. "What...what if I lose him?"

"Now that's just silly talk," Emily said. "You know that you've done your best for your baby. He's got everything he needs, and most importantly, he's got love." Emily stepped forward and placed a hand on Dominic's arm. "The child's welfare is what these people care about the most. They'll see Joshua is well looked-after, and close the case."

"You're right, again." Dom drew himself up, and Emily could tell he was getting his thoughts together. "Well, I'd best get going."

He walked over to his son, and picked him up for a cuddle.

"I won't be gone long, Jak," he said.

"Da gone?" Joshua said, his little brow contorting.

"Yes, Daddy's going away for a day, but I'll be back before you know it. You'll be a good boy for Gamma, right?"

"Da no go!"

"I have to, son,"

"Da no go!!"

Joshua buried his head into his father's shoulder, and after a deadly two-second silence, began to wail.

"No! No go! Jossa Da!"

"I'll be back soon, Jak."

Joshua threw his head back and started writhing and jerking, his face bright red and scrunched tightly. Dominic felt as though his heart was in his mouth.

"Give him here, Dominic," Emily said, "and get going. This won't get easier for him."

Dominic was still for a moment, before turning to give the screaming child over to Emily.

"Goodbye, Joshua. Emily, thanks again. And, sorry about this."

"It's no trouble at all," Emily said over the sound of Joshua's cries. "Now skedaddle."

Dominic took once last look at his son, before leaving Emily's suite and closing the door behind him. Joshua's wailing echoed in his ears all the way to the hangar.

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"Can you hand me that book?" Cassie asked Luke, who was standing near the shelf where the book had last been placed. He had come up to say good-bye and escort his friend down to the airstrip.

Luke grabbed it and walked over to the bed. He handed it to Cassie, who tucked it away in her bag. "I think that's it," she said, looking around the room. She didn't see anything else laying about.

"It was good seeing you, Cass," he said as they left. "Hopefully, it won't be too long before I see you again."

"In other words, you're wondering if I'm going to take the job or not," Cassie said, looking over at her friend.

"Yeah," he admitted, with a smile.

Cassie thought of her meeting with Mr. Tracy only a few hours ago.

\*\*\*Flashback\*\*\*

"I hope you've enjoyed your visit, Ms. Kishi," Jeff Tracy said.

"Yes, very much so," she told him. She took a deep, calming breath. She knew her next words were going to drastically change her life. "About the job offer, Mr. Tracy. I've thought it through and I want to take it."

"I have to admit, I didn't expect such a quick answer. Are you sure?"

"Yes. I started this job search as a way to start over. This opportunity gives me the chance to do just that. The thing I love most about my job is being able to help people. Make a difference. Being a part of International Rescue will still allow me to do that."

"Then welcome aboard," Jeff told her, holding out his hand. Cassie shook it.

"I'll talk to Chief Calloway when I get back to work and tender my resignation."

"Very well. Give me a call after you talk to him and we'll figure out the details of getting you settled in," he told her, handing a card. "You can reach me at that number."

\*\*\*end flashback\*\*\*

Cassie smiled. "I gave Mr. Tracy my answer earlier today. I'm taking the job."

"That's great!" Luke said, pausing long enough to give her a hug.

-- Dom and Cassie leaving Tracy island Part 1 -by ArtisticRainey and starrynebula on August 24, 2007

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