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John whistled softly as he made his way through the Villa and towards his room. He still had some packing to do before Callie and he headed up to TB5. He was looking forward to showing off his 'baby' and was looking forward to showing Kat the stars upon his return. He didn't see Gordon heading towards him until he'd bumped into him.

"Hey! Don't you ever look where you're going?" asked Gordon, rubbing his arm.

John looked up and smiled "Apparently not. Sorry, Squirt, bad habit I got, I guess!"

This earned him a playful thump on his own arm. Gordon laughed as John mockingly claimed an injury.

"Owww!"

"Aren't you supposed to be heading upstairs soon?" queried Gordon.

"Yeah, I'm taking Callie, get her started on her training."

Gordon nodded his approval. "I guess that's what Dad's got planned for the recruits next."

The two brothers looked solemnly at each other, their thoughts with their father. "Yes, and I need to finish packing."

They continued to chitchat for a few minutes outside John's room and the guest room.

Elise had been watching a movie when she heard muffled voices coming from outside her door. Slowly getting up, wincing as she did so, she shuffled over to the door and opened it. Two sets of eyes simultaneously turned in her direction.

"Hello." She smiled.

"Hi yourself," came Gordon's grinning answer.

"Hi, Elise," John said.

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt. I heard voices and couldn't resist being nosy," Elise offered.

"That's okay, no problem. I was just on my way back to the lounge anyway," said Gordon, and then turning to John, he added, "Have a good trip up to 5. See ya when you get back, bro!"

"Thanks," replied John as Gordon walked away. He turned his attention back to Elise.

"How are you feeling?"

"Better every day!" she replied, then added, "Do you have a minute or two? I'd really like to thank you for keeping me sane during the helijet accident."

She stood away from her door and motioned for him to enter.

"Sure, I have some time, and you don't have to thank me, honestly," he replied sincerely as he entered the room.

The two sat down and Elise told him how his voice had kept her focused throughout the whole ordeal.

"Having had plenty of survival training, I knew what you were trying to do John, but I still wanted to say 'Thank-you' in person. It was so hard to focus on much of anything and hearing your voice kept me going. If it hadn't of been for you, I don't think either one of us would have made it."

John could tell that talking about the crash and the aftermath was upsetting for Elise, and he spoke gently to her as he squeezed her hand reassuringly.

"Elise, all I did was keep you awake; you helped save my father's life. Believe me, I know how tough that was, and we all thank God that you both made it. I know it wasn't easy finding out about Scott being with International Rescue, and what with all that happened at the hospital, I'm surprised you're still talking to any of us!"

They both laughed softly. "Yeah, I feel like I've been caught up in this big whirlwind, but I'm grateful that your family agreed to have me stay here to recuperate before I head back home."

John didn't say anything to that last comment.

"You know, most of the family and our new personnel will probably get together later in the lounge. Why don't you join them? Get to know them some more?"

Elise smiled and agreed to the idea.

"You just have to turn right out of here, and go through the wooden double doors at the end of the hall on the left-can't miss it!"

"Okay! I'll do that and thanks, John... for everything."

He smiled and stood up. "Well, I have some packing to finish. If you need anything, just knock on the wall, I'm right next door!"

Elise laughed as John returned to his room.

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