

Tracy Island, Thursday 8th March, 9.00 am

Kat dialled the number for Creighton-Ward Manor. Parker's face appeared.

"Well, h'if h'it h'aint Miss Kat, 'ow h'are ye?"

"Absolutely fine, thanks, Parker. Is Lady Penelope at home?"

"She h'is h'indeed, h'I shall just call 'er for ye."

Presently Lady Penelope's face came into view.

"Kat! My dear, how nice to hear from you! I trust everything is working out well?"

"Everything is just wonderful, thanks," Kat replied. "Lady Penelope, I really must thank you for forwarding my mother's letter to me."

"Think nothing of it, my dear," Lady Penelope replied. Lady Penelope's thoughts went back to that afternoon when Mrs Williamson had called to see her. She was obviously worried about her daughter's well being.

"Your mother came to visit me," Lady Penelope explained. "I could see that she was anxious at not hearing anything from you."

"Oh, Lady Penelope!" Kat exclaimed. "I know how odd it must seem to my parents. I have usually been so open with them, letting them know just what I was doing in my work for you. They really must think that I have deserted them."

"Yes, I know, my dear, and I tried to put your mother's mind at rest. I reassured her that you were keeping very well, and were extremely busy, but that in the fullness of time you would write back to her. That's why I offered to forward that letter to you, more to give your parents peace of mind than anything else."

"Gordon was on the balcony when I read the letter. When I told him of my parents' anxiety, he said he would discuss the matter with Mr. and Mrs. Tracy when they returned from New York."

"That seems like a sensible idea," Lady Penelope said. "Now, tell me all about the rescue."

"There isn't much to tell, Lady Penelope; I didn't take part," Kat explained. "But the winch failed, and for the second time, so after everyone had returned, Virgil and I worked on changing the motor. That was awesome, working on a Thunderbird! I never dreamed that I would be working on them so soon after arriving. Virgil was great, we really made a good team, and he said that he could see I was a good mechanic. Isn't that great?"

Lady Penelope smiled at the young mechanic's enthusiasm. It was worth the sacrifice I made, letting Jeff Tracy have her to work on Tracy Island, she thought.

"What about the other new recruits, are you all getting on okay?"

"Yes, everyone is settling in really well, although there seems to be some aggro between two of the new young men. Brandon and Christopher don't see eye-to-eye; male egos I guess. Nikki, one of the two nurses, is very nice. Dominic, who has a young son, Joshua, is very quiet; I don't see much of him. Callie at the moment is up in Thunderbird 5 training with John. She will rotate duty with John and Alan." Kat paused. "Talking of John, when he returns to earth, he has promised to show me the stars one night."

"Oh yes!" Lady Penelope smiled.

"Oh no! Not you as well!" Kat replied. "We are only friends."

"John is a very nice young man," Lady Penelope replied.

"Yes, I know, but then again, they are all very nice. It's just that he has offered to show me the stars, and everyone seems to be making something more out of it."

Lady Penelope laughed. "Well, I am glad that you are obviously settling in well. Give my love to the boys, won't you?"

"I will, Lady Penelope. It was so nice talking to you and once again thanks for forwarding Mum's letter."

"That's quite all right. You take care now, and please call me again whenever you want to."

"Thanks, Lady Penelope. Bye now."

"Goodbye." And the screen went black.

Kat stayed looking at the vidphone. "Penny for them," Virgil said, coming into the lounge.

"I have just been talking to Lady Penelope, oh and by the way she sends her love to you all," Kat explained. "I was thanking her for her letter she forwarded from my parents, and telling her about the rescue and you and me working on the winch." Kat went on, "And now I am going to rest by the pool with a good book. See you later."

"Yes, bye, MGM," Virgil grinned at her as she left for the pool.

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