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## Chapter 39: Successful Operation

"Mommy, the weekend is coming." Lucas asked. His eyes gleamed when he turned to her in the car's back seat.

Shantelle faintly smiled and said, "I know."

"Will you tell me about my daddy?" Lucas sought.

"Yes, I will," she replied, but her heart raced at the thought. "You might even meet him."

"What's daddy like?" Lucas asked.

Shantelle chuckled and answered, "Weekend. Let's talk about him on the weekend."

She saw her son roll his eyes, and she laughed again. She decided to give in. "He um. He has great parents. Your other grandma and grandpa."

"I have another grandma and grandpa?!" Lucas excitedly exclaimed.

Shantelle nodded. She said, "Yes, and I'm sure they would love to meet you."

"I can't wait to meet them! When can I see them? Tell me more! What do they look like?" Lucas eagerly probed.

"Weekend," Shantelle reminded. "This weekend, honey."

Lucas groaned, saying, "Fine! Weekend it is."

She wasn't sure what Evan's relationship would be with Lucas, but based on her reunion with Clara and Erick earlier, she was positive they would accept and love Lucas.

Pondering about how to tell the Thompsons about her son, she remembered Nicole. "What happened to her? Did Uncle Erick and Aunt Clara still not accept her?"

It was already evening when Shantelle checked her voice messages.

[Shanty, listen to me. We can still make this work. Tell Evan I am Lucas' father -no, I'll tell him we dated after you relocated. Shanty, Evan, doesn't have to know.]

Hearing Keith's voice message, she frowned. She called Keith back, but his phone was switched off. She muttered, "Was he flying back already? Wasn't he supposed to stay in Europe for a month?"

Shaking her head, she sent Keith a text: [Keith, do you know how scandalous your suggestion sounds like? While I am reluctant to tell Evan about Lucas, I met with Uncle Erick and Aunt Clara today. I don't think I could ever hide it from them. I know they will love Lucas. Thus, I will have to tell Evan. Are you coming back? Call me when you land.] 4

Realizing she had early surgery, she added another text for Keith: [Uff! Call me tomorrow morning instead, maybe around eleven. I have a surgery at five. It's Uncle Erick's. You know me, I won't answer calls prior to surgery.]

Before sleeping that night, Shantelle reviewed Erick Thompson's laboratory, especially the radiology and ultrasound reports. Only after making sure she had not missed a single detail did she finally rest.

Overnight, her phone kept ringing, but she had her personal mobile on silent mode.

At four in the morning, Shantelle was ready to leave for the hospital. She noticed Keith's multiple calls, but she wasn't entertaining anybody yet. She had surgery to take care of.

She called the hospital and ensured Erick had already been prepped for the operation. When she arrived by the operating room door, Evan and Clara were there. Clara smiled at her, saying, "Take care of Erick, Shanty."

"I will, aunt," Shantelle replied.

Evan smiled at her, and she nodded.

When she entered the operating room, everyone was ready. Erick was still awake, and thus, she introduced everyone again. "Uncle Erick, you met some of my colleagues yesterday. Doctor Park, my assistant surgeon for today. We have Doctor Wee. She is a resident who will observe the operation. Doctor Lancaster is my partner anesthesiologist..."

"Are you ready, uncle?" She asked and saw Erick nod. She added, "Then, we will begin with the general anesthesia."

The operation proceeded as planned. Shantelle and her team worked together for four hours, performing a heart bypass surgery. Usually, she would leave the wound stitching to her assistant surgeon, but the operation was special to her. She remained in the operating room and personally performed the stitches. As she did, Doctor Park asked, "Doctor Shant, what exactly is your relationship to the Thompsons."

"Sorry, I could not help myself, seeing yesterday's scene. I got curious," the doctor asked while helping Shantelle cut through stitches.

"Um. The Thompsons are family friends, but we lost touch," Shantelle faintly replied.

"Oh. Is that it?" Doctor Park asked. "Mister Thompson's son kinda looks like -" 2

"Please," Shantelle paused. She replied, "Let's focus on the surgery and please, Doctor Park. Let's not talk about my personal life."

"Sorry, doc," her assistant surgeon said.

After the stitches were done, Shantelle lingered to observe Erick's heartbeat. She was satisfied. She felt happy and proud of being able to help her Uncle Erick.

Stepping outside of the operating room, Clara stood up to greet Shantelle. "How was it?"

"The surgery was a success," Shantelle confirmed. "He'll be moved to the ICU, receiving after-surgery care."

She met Evan's eyes, but only gave her regard to Clara. "We can go together to the ICU." 2

Shantelle observed Erick for another hour at the ICU, together with Clara. After which, Shantelle offered, "Would you like to have lunch with me, Aunt Clara?"

"Oh, I don't want to leave your uncle, dear. I'm not really in the mood to eat. Though, I had taken some earlier to fill my stomach." Clara held Shantelle's hand, saying, "But, Evan has wanted to speak to you, Shanty. Will you give him a chance to talk with you?"

The question made Shantelle's heart stop. She weakly replied, "Well, I meant to talk to him too."

"Then, why don't you have lunch together?" Clara suggested. "Just as friends – like old times. Evan he, he has a lot to say "

"Aunt." Shantelle asked, "I've been meaning to ask. Is Evan with Nicole? I was just wondering because she

isn't here and -"

"Oh, that's part of what he wants to talk to you about, Shanty," Clara sighed and described. "Give him a chance to tell you everything. It may be too late since you have Lucas, but at least you will know."

Shantelle stilled. It surprised her how Evan had told them about Lucas, which was so wrong, but then again, she led Evan to believe whatever he wanted. She tapped on Clara's hand and promised, "I will... speak to him."

When she made her way outside the ICU, she found Evan in the waiting area, working on his laptop. After seeing her, he quickly kept his belongings and walked up to Shantelle. "Doctor, Shant -"

"Let's talk," Shantelle said. "I just need to change back."

Heartbeats later, Shantelle and Evan were in front of a round table in a restaurant nearby. Evan had ordered all of Shantelle's favorite dishes, which utterly surprised her. 1

While waiting for their food, Shantelle's eyes caught the ring on his finger. She outright asked, "Are you and Nicole married?"