

## A Birthday Surprise

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Sitting in a cold room on a wooden stool. I've been here before but not as often as her. I can feel the wind blowing through my hair. I can hear the beeping and I can see through the little crack, a bunch of people walking. Some people outside that door had wheels and some didn't.

"June, It's getting late, let's go home."

"Okay mom, just let me finish writing my get well note for Adeline."

My mom looked at me with sorrow, right then a nurse came in, and she was speaking to my mom. However, I couldn't hear anything because I was too busy writing my letter. When I finished writing my letter, I signed it with a little heart. Then, I placed it on the nightstand next to Adeline. Mom grabbed my jacket and we left. The next day at school was just like the other few days. After school, I rode on my bike with cars honking at me and with stray cats running away from me. It was time for me to see Adeline again. Her mom told me a few years ago to make sure Adeline was safe because she was sick, but I didn't know how fast her sickness would catch up to her. When I arrived at the hospital, I saw my best friend no longer ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, but fourteen years old.

"Happy birthday again, Adeline. It's been four years since you last saw me. I hope you wake up soon so we can celebrate your sweet sixteen together." I said.

Again, no response, however, the door opened up and there was a tall man with a white coat on. I assumed that was Adeline's new doctor.

"Hey there, I'm Dr. Robinson and I have been assigned to take care of your friend, Adeline Erwins. I've heard from the other nurses that you come here everyday, is that true?"

"Hello, Dr. Robinson, I'm June Quinnif and yes it is true, I've been coming here everyday for the past four years. I just really miss my friend."

"Well don't worry dear, your friend will be awake and ready to go sooner or later. I will help make sure that happens."

I thanked Dr. Robinson and I continued talking to Adeline who was still sleeping on her bed with another yellow ribbon tied to it. Every year, a new organization will come here and tie a yellow ribbon onto her bed. I left the door and grabbed my coat. It was already 4:30 PM and I didn't want mom to worry about me. I arrived home, unlocked the door, and there they were, Mrs. Erwins and Mr. Erwins along with Addy. It's been quite long since I've seen Adeline's family.

"Hello sweetie, we're just about to eat dinner and celebrate" my mom said with the

sweetest and warmest smile ever.

“Okay, Sounds great, let me get dressed and wash up first.”

When I came back, I sat next to Addy. Her brunette hair and ocean blue eyes reminded me just of Adeline. Of course, maybe because they are identical twins except one just had a major health issue and the other didn't. I looked at Addy and she was much taller, maybe taller than Adeline now. She looked at me and said,

”Have you seen my sister yet? I heard that there's a new doctor taking care of her now.”

I looked up at her and said

“Yes, I've still been visiting her and there is a new doctor, hopefully, this one can help her wake up from her coma. Also, how come I didn't see you there?”

Addy had a smudged look, “Well, sorry, I didn't want to waste my golden birthday in a hospital doing nothing. I wanted to have fun, so I went out with my friends to the mall.”

I said nothing. I couldn't believe she left her own sister to go shopping at some stupid mall. They used to be so close before the whole situation happened.

“Thank you, Mrs. Quinnif for your amazing prayer and delicious homemade meals.

Now...Let's dig in!” Mrs. Erwins said drooling after looking at my mom's famous homemade mash potatoes.

I couldn't even bring myself to pick up any of the food laying on the table. After everyone except me ate, Addy started to open her presents. While Addy was busy opening up all her new makeup and clothes, I took my bike to the hospital again. When I arrived, I said “Great! You're here! Did you hear about the news?” He said with the biggest smile ever.

“What news? Did something bad happen?!”

“No, but Adeline woke up today! She's in the patient waiting room with her stuff.”

“Really?! How long was she awake for? When did she wake up? How come I didn't know until now?!” So many questions were running through my head.

“She's been awake for about three hours, we informed her parents the moment she woke up. Did they not tell you?”

“What- No! They didn't tell me anything about Adeline waking up”

“Oh well, if you're going to be the one taking her back home, she's free to go, I know you're young but I trust you with this patient.”

“THANK YOU SO MUCH!” I yelled while running out the door.

When I saw Adeline, she looked much better. Her scars were healed, her skin was healthier, and she was very happy to see me.

“June? Is that you? You look so much older...” Adeline said with a shocked expression.

“Yes, yes, yes, it is me Adeline and Happy Birthday! I’m going to walk you to my house since everyone else is celebrating.” I said with tears in my eyes.

“Oh okay,” She said with an expression on her face that I haven’t seen in many years. We then exited out the door, hoping it was the last time I had to come here again.