

## Chapter 34 Sweet candy

In the hallway, Tracey was coming over and when she saw Nora, she smiled and was really happy for her.

“It’s really good to know Nora is alright.”

Though most of the people in Care Rite Home are elderly, many young patients started to choose this place as their ideal nursing home.

During the past several years in Care Rite Home, Tracey had met many patients who were in a vegetative state but few of them could wake up let alone it took only half a year for Nora to gain consciousness.

After Christmas, many old people had come back here. Today was a sunny day, and many people walked in the garden. The old people are scattered in pairs, chatting, dancing, playing chess, playing cards, and so on.

Almost everyone in Care Rite Home knew Mia and Nora. When they knew Nora had woken up, they said Nora was blessed.

Nora was afraid to be with so many people so she had to hide in Steward’s arms like a little bird.

So Steward kept talking in her ears in order to make her reassured. Slowly, Nora felt more comfortable and her pale cheeks turned normal.

Seeing she felt more relaxed, Mia started to talk with her and wanted Nora to remember her voice. Even

if it meant they would start afresh, Mia still felt happy for Nora.

Nora at the moment knew her name since everybody around call her "Nora". Every time when she heard somebody call "Nora", she would turn around and frown with her head tilting. She was really cute.

An old man gave Nora two pieces of candy. Steward took off the wrapping paper and sent it to Nora's mouth.

Nora enjoyed the candy, and opened her mouth like a chick waiting for the mother bird to feed her. She seemed to like eating sweet food.

While Nora was eating, her small face puckered with her body twisting around. It seemed that she was very uncomfortable. Then she burst into crying like a baby.

Steward asked urgently, "What's wrong? Do you feel pain? Is it a stomachache?" But Nora could not express herself. Everyone did not know what to do.

It is Gabriel who found some water stains on her pants. It turned out that she wetted her pants. Steward took her back to the room and coaxed her into stopping crying. Mia went to the bathroom and filled the bathtub for Nora to take a bath.

Mia felt she and Nora were closer to each other. Nora did not refuse when Mia took her clothes off but even sighed with comfort when Mia took her

wet pants off.

But when Mia started to put Nora into the bathtub, Nora was unwilling to be touched by her and they started wrestling together. They almost fell down to the ground.

“Woo, woo” was all that Nora could utter.

Steward had been teaching her to call his name but she could not remember that.

So Mia had to call Steward in. Before he went to the bathroom, Steward glared at Gabriel and asked him to avert his eyes.

When he walked into the bathroom, he saw Nora curling up on the ground with her hand covering her head. She was so pale and skinny. Fortunately, the bathroom had a warming device and she wouldn't feel cold.

When Steward called her “Nora”, she raised her head and said, “Woo, woo.” Steward was very satisfied with her reaction. He thought, “In Nora's mind, I was the one she could rely on.”

He held her hands and guided her to play with the water. Knowing she was not afraid anymore, he slowly put her into the bathtub and let her sit down. Nora squinted her eyes and let out a comfortable sigh.

Mia thought, “Steward was really like a male nanny. It seems like Nora likes him more maybe she doesn't need me anymore.” Mia felt a little sad but

much relieved when Steward was with Nora. She walked out of the bathroom.

Steward let Nora play with the water herself. When he heard Nora saying "Woo, woo" excitedly, he taught her to pronounce her name again.

"Stew-war-d." After practising several times, Nora could finally say his name. Steward's eyes turned red and almost cried.