

NOW.

# Close Friends, Distant Adventures

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I LOVE  
IT HERE.

THERE  
IS SO MUCH  
BEAUTY  
EVERYWHERE.  
IN EVERY  
DIRECTION.

SYL'KHEE...  
LOOK TO THE  
NORTHWEST.

DO YOU  
SEE THE CLUSTER  
OF STARS,  
JUST  
OVER THE  
HORIZON?

YOU AND  
I WERE BORN  
THERE, IN A  
PLACE VERY  
FAR AWAY.

♪







OF COURSE, YOU ARE RIGHT. YOU WERE BORN *HERE*, BUT CONCEIVED OUT *THERE*.

MY MISTAKE.

STILL, WE ARE BOTH *ALIENS*, WE BOTH HAVE *POWERS*... SADLY, WE BOTH HAVE A BIT OF TROUBLE ADAPTING TO CUSTOMARY EARTH LIFE WITH THE *REGULAR* PEOPLE HERE.



YES, THEY HAVE BEEN SO *WELCOMING* AND *KIND*, AND I LOVE THEM FOR THAT...

...BUT SOMETIMES WE ATTRACT A *BAD* KIND OF ATTENTION.

THE KIND THAT CAN GET THEM *HURT*... OR EVEN *KILLED*.

I COULD *NEVER* LIVE WITH MYSELF IF THAT HAPPENED.



MY PRESENCE CAUSED MUCH *DANGER* AND *EMOTIONAL STRESS* TO THOSE AROUND US. I MEAN, THE PAST FEW DAYS WERE *DEVASTATING* IN SO MANY *WAYS*, YET THE LOVE EVERYONE AROUND ME SHOWED...

...I AM *TRULY* BLESSED.

YES THEY ARE, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM.

MY *FAVORITE*? THEY ARE *ALL* MY FAVORITES.



YES, ME *TOO*. IT IS NOT AN *EASY* CHOICE. I GUESS BECAUSE OF THAT, THE CHOICE I AM MAKING IS THE *RIGHT* ONE.

IT STILL... HOW DOES *STELLA* SAY...?

SUCKS?



# Hard day on the planet.





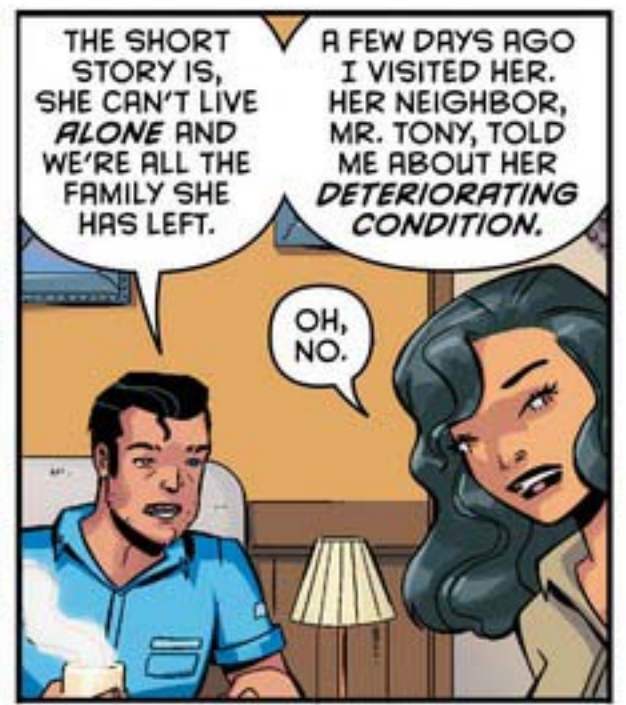


GUYS, I NEED TO SPEAK TO YOU BOTH.

WE HAVE A SITUATION.

WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S AUNT ANGIE. HER MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS IS GETTING WORSE, AND SHE NEEDS OUR HELP.



THE SHORT STORY IS, SHE CAN'T LIVE ALONE AND WE'RE ALL THE FAMILY SHE HAS LEFT.

A FEW DAYS AGO I VISITED HER. HER NEIGHBOR, MR. TONY, TOLD ME ABOUT HER DETERIORATING CONDITION.

OH, NO.



WHAT IS THIS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS?

A PROGRESSIVE DISEASE THAT DAMAGES NERVE CELLS IN THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD. IT MESSES WITH YOUR SPEECH, MUSCLE COORDINATION, VISION, AND IT CAUSES SEVERE FATIGUE.

THAT SOUNDS HORRIBLE! IS THERE A CURE?



THERE ARE ADVANCES IN TREATMENTS, BUT THEY HAVEN'T FOUND A CURE YET. MANY TIMES, PEOPLE WITH M.S. DEPEND ON THE HELP OF OTHERS. IN THIS CASE, WE'RE THOSE VERY PEOPLE.

STELLA, WE'VE GOTTA HELP HER OUT.

I AGREE. IS THERE A PLACE WE CAN...?



STELLA, LOOK, I KNOW OUR LIVES ARE COMPLICATED ENOUGH, BUT SHE'S FAMILY.

WHILE YOU GUYS WERE AWAY, I MOVED HER INTO THE POOL HOUSE AND ARRANGED FOR HOME CARE DURING THE DAY.

SHE'S BEEN THERE FOR US FOR SO LONG, AND WE NEED TO BE HERE FOR HER NOW.



YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, SOL.

HER PLACE IS WITH US. WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK.





BUT...  
WHAT ABOUT  
KORI?



KORI,  
I'M SORRY...  
I HAD NO  
CHOICE.

SOL, IT  
IS *QUITE* ALL  
RIGHT. I CAN LIVE  
*ANYWHERE*. SHE IS  
THE ONE WHO  
NEEDS *HELP*.

I COMPLETELY  
UNDERSTAND...



BUT I DON'T  
THINK YOU  
DO, KORI.

YOU'RE  
FAMILY AS  
WELL.

YOU CAN  
STAY HERE IN THE  
HOUSE TILL WE FIND  
YOU A PLACE...AS  
LONG AS YOU NEED.  
I PUT YOUR STUFF IN  
THE UPSTAIRS  
CLOSET.

WE'LL MAKE  
THIS ALL WORK  
OUT, *RIGHT?*



YOU TWO HAVE  
MUCH TO TALK  
ABOUT. I WILL  
SHOWER AND GO  
TO MY JOB TO SEE  
IF I HAVE BEEN  
*ON FIRE*.

YOU MEAN  
*FIRE*.

YES,  
*FIRE*.

I AM  
*EAGER* TO  
MEET YOUR  
AUNT. IF SHE IS  
SIMILAR TO YOU  
BOTH, I KNOW  
I WILL *LOVE*  
HER.

WELL,  
WHATEVER YOU  
DO, DON'T PARADE  
AROUND *STARK*  
*NAKED!* YOU'LL  
GIVE HER *UN*  
*INFARTO!*



SOMETHING'S  
DIFFERENT  
ABOUT HER...WHAT  
*HAPPENED*  
DOWN  
THERE?

A LOT.

SAME HERE.  
SOMETHING  
*MAJOR*.