

DESCRIPTION:

Grandpa and Jodi have a relationship defined by buried resentment. Jodi is her father's (Grandpa) full time caregiver. She's stressed and exhausted.

Grandpa is paralyzed from a stroke that also affected his speech but not his determination.

Noah, Jodi's son/Grandpa's grandson with Down syndrome, has been missing for several hours. Grandpa is not aware of how unsettling this is to Jodi. He's trying to help.

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INT - NOAH'S HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

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Jodi walks to the kitchen sink, staring out the window.

GRANDPA (O.S.)
Is High Valley coming?

JODI
Fudge.

Jodi turns to Grandpa's door - pushes it open.

GRANDPA
You forgot.

Jodi slumps down into Grandpa's wheelchair.

JODI
Noah's gone!

GRANDPA
Let him have some fun, for once.

JODI
He's missing.

GRANDPA
Maybe he's spreading his wings.

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Grandpa takes in Jodi's upset. Softens.

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GRANDPA (CONT'D)
He knows the way home.

JODI
Easy for you to say.

GRANDPA
I was a parent.

JODI
Your kid didn't have kid with
special needs.

GRANDPA
I had a daughter who needed me to
let her go.

Jodi stiffens.

JODI
The world isn't safe for him.

GRANDPA
Or anyone.

Jodi opens the door, hesitates, exits - slamming the door
behind her.