Eleanor enjoyed the French countryside.

The boys were adapting to their new home.

Eleanor and the boys would go shopping everyday.

Percy would always run ahead and go to the telegram office and send Shirley an update.

When they landed in Paris, Percy sent a very long telegram to Shirley and told her Eleanor nearly died.

He told Shirley Eleanor was pregnant with another baby that died.

Percy said, “Eleanor had a chest of toys for them and the maids and tutors tried to make it Christmas.

He would sit up all night with Eleanor and she would cry out for Bruce all the time.

Percy sent Shirley that he hated Bruce.

Shirley cried for a week when she received the telegram.

Michael, Lorraine, Bruce and Dr. Ralph, Dr. Greene and Dr. Woodson could not help her.

Shirley held onto the pillow and pulled on it and screamed into the pillow.

She refused to eat, sleep or talk or take therapy.

Michael begin to cry and he said, “Shirley it is only you and me. I don’t have anyone else.”

Finally as Michael laid on her bed and cried, she reached under her pillow and pulled out the telegram from Percy.

Michael tried to read it but could not make out the words.

Michael said, “Shirley, can daddy Can read it?”

Shirley nodded her head for yes.

Lorraine stood back and watched.

Dr. Ralph stood back next to Lorraine and watched.

Lorraine tapped Dr. Ralph’s stomach to walk out.

Dr. Ralph said, “No. Shirley is my patient.”

Bruce looked at Dr. Ralph and he read the very long telegram.

Michael said, “Mommy nearly died. I would never see her anymore? What baby? Mommy was calling daddy and he did not come and PTB hate daddy?”

Michael turned and walked out the room and went and sat in the hospital administrator’s office.”

Nurse Alice stood outside the door and listened.

She watched Michael as he was confused and walked away.

Shirley continued to cry.

Lorraine walked over to Shirley and sat on her bed and heled her.

Dr. Ralph stood in the door so he could watch Michael and Shirley.

He did not care for Bruce.

Nurse Sharon waltzed over the hall to Shirley’s room.

Dr. Ralph knew she was trying to snag Bruce.

He said, “Nurse ?’

Nurse Alice stared Nurse Sharon down.

Nurse Sharon said, “I want to say hello to Shirley.”

Dr. Ralph said, “You were here all day and did not come to speak to her. You do not know her and she is not your patient. You will not disturb her. Leave. Now.”

All the nurses were watching Nurse Sharon and all the doctors and the workers.

Dr. Greene eventually told Mr. Olsen about Nurse Sharon trying to get Bruce.

Michal stood and walked out the hospital administrator’s office.

Nurse Sharon was passing Michael and stooped down in his face and rubbed his hair and said, Hey Michael how are you today?”

Michael looked at Nurse Sharon and screamed, “Eleanor!!!Eleanor!!!”

Dr. Ralph ran over to the hall and pushed Nurse Sharon from Michael.

Dr. Ryan, Dr. Woodson, Dr. Greene and Dr. Parker looked at Dr. Ralph.

Dr. Ralph took Michael by the hand and walked him outside.

Bruce heard Michael scream for Eleanor and ran to the door to see Dr. Ralph push Nurse Sharon from Michael.

Bruce saw Michael’s face.

He knew Nurse Sharon was trying to take Eleanor’s place from Michael.

Bruce wondered why Nurse Sharon was acting like she was doing.

Everyone watched Bruce.

Dr. Ralph sat and talked to Michael a long time.

Lorraine hugged and rocked Shirley a long time.

Bruce sat and watched Shirley.

He took the telegram and eased it into his pocket.

Shirley said, “Father give me the telegram. It was sent to me and not you.”

Shirley reached her hand out.

Bruce slowly turned and took it out of his coat pocket.

Lorraine looked.

Meredith was in the kitchen talking to the cooks when she heard Michael screamed for Eleanor.

She ran from the kitchen to the hall and saw Dr. Ralph walk Michael outside.

She turned and stared at Nurse Sharon.

When they returned to the hotel and she had fed Michael and bathed him.

She went downstairs and found Jose.

She told Jose what happened with Nurse Sharon and Michael and how Michael screamed for Eleanor.

Jose said, “The workers at the mansion said, Eleanor packed everything and hired teachers and nurses and took the three boys and left to live in France.”

Meredith said, “So the Nurse Sharon must know this because Mrs. Perkins is her private patient.”

Jose, “We can’t do nothing about her going after Bruce. You can’t do too much, but try to keep up with Michael.”

Meredith was thinking.

Jose looking her up and down.

Jose said, “Meredith the night is young…”

Meredith turned and walked away from Jose.

Jose said, “Don’t believe everything you hear. Well for that of course.”

He laughed.

Meredith looked back at him and went to the suite.

She went to her room and dressed for bed.

She kneeled down and prayed.

She asked God to resolve the heart problems with Michael and keep that Nurse Sharon from him and Shirley. She prayed for Eleanor and the boys and for Bruce.

Dr. Ralph woke and dressed and got to the hospital early.

The nurses were arriving.

Dr. Ralph told Nurse Alice to bathe Shirley and shampoo her hair.

Nurse Alice said, “I will try.”

Nurse Sharon walked up when Dr. Ralph was about to walk in the hospital.

He stopped and opened the door and let her pass.

She smiled and at Dr. Ralph.

Dr. Ralph did not speak.

Nurse Sharon stared at Dr. Ralph.

Dr. Ralph did not address her.

He went directly to Shirley.

Nurse Sharon watched Dr. Ralph.

Nurse Green and Nurse Brown saw Nurse Sharon staring at Dr. Ralph.

She saw the nurses watching her.

Nurse Sharon tried to smile.

No one responded.

Dr. Ralph picked up Shirley’s chart and quickly reviewed it.

Dr. Ralph knocked on Shirley’s door.

She was awake and tried to pretend she was sleep.

Dr. Ralph closed her door and said, “Shirley, I know you are awake. I know you hurt. Do not know the depth of the pain. I only met your and Michael’s Eleanor for a few days. I know she changed this hospital and the changes she put into place will carry us through for another year. She is teaching you to be a bookkeeper of a business and that you may not be well but do your job. I do not know Nurse Sharon’s plans for you and Michael and your father. I need you to stop being the little girl and become the young lady your mother was trying to teach you to be. Eleanor had a rough time. Your brother said, they made it. I need you to take a bath today and shampoo your hair and start your therapy back today.”

Dr. Ralph hit Shirley’s leg and said, “Understand?”

Shirley turned over and sit up on her elbow and said, “I understand.”

Dr. Ralph said, “I am going to send Nurse Alice in here. You know she is the one your mother selected.”

Dr. Ralph winked his eye at Shirley and walked out.

He saw Nurse Sharon standing by the other nurses’ desk watching them.

Nurse Brono watched Nurse Sharon and said, “Nurse Sharon.”

Nurse Sharon turned around and said, “Yes.”

Nurse Smith said, “I am your superior go to your patient.”

Nurse Sharon looked at Nurse Smith, then at Nurse Brono and Nurse Jackson.

The nurses stared at her.

Everyone at the hospital knew she was going after Bruce.

Lorraine drove herself to the hospital

She could not sleep for the misery Shirley and Michael were having.

Nurse Brown looked up and smile because Samuel usually drove Lorraine to the hospital.

Dr. Ralph looked at Lorraine and smile.

He saw Lorraine’s face she was worried about the children.

Dr. Ralph said, “Nurse Alice Shirley is ready.”

Nurse Alice swung around to Shirley’s door and said, “Good morning Shirley.”

Shirley looked up and saw Lorraine standing behind Nurse Alice and said, “Good morning.”

Nurse Alice said, “I’ll go and get your bath water.”

Lorraine was intently looking at Shirley.

Dr. Ralph watched Lorraine.

Nurse Alice said, “Lorraine will you help me?”

Lorraine said, “Sure.”

She exhaled and looked up right into the face of Dr. Ralph.

Lorraine smiled.

Dr. Ralph smiled.

Nurse Alice and Lorraine puled the tub to Shirley’s room and undressed her and put her in the tub.

Shirley liked hot water.

Dr. Woodson said, “No hot water only warm.”

He looked at Shirley and said, “You can scream Eleanor all you want. She made it clear that we rule your health.”

Shirley looked at Dr. Ralph, he shook his head for yes.

Dr. Greene said, “Shirley, Eleanor said for us to make the decision on your health.”

Michael looked at the doctors then at Shirley.

He looked at Shirley and said, “Just like Eleanor told Meredith only one lamb chop where meal. I am a growing boy, what am I to do with one lamb chop?”

Michael continued to flip through his book as he laid on Shirley’s bed.

Shirley was angry but did not say anything.

She thought, “I tell daddy I want hot baths not warm baths.”

Michael was reading the book to Shirley and said, “You know daddy want say anything against Eleanor.”

Shirley fell back in the bed.

Dr. Woodson looked at her and walked out the room.

Dr. Greene sat for a minute and listened to the story Michael was reading.

He stood and walked out with Dr. Ralph.

Lorraine brought rose water and milk to bathe Shirley.

While Shirley indulged in her milk bath, Nurse Alice and Lorraine changed her sheets and blankets.

They looked at Shirley’s sheets and realized she begin to menstruate.

Alice looked at Lorraine.

They did not know what to say.

They were told that Shirley’s body was so messed up she would never have a cycle.

They had to tell the doctors.

Lorraine and Nurse Alice turned and looked at Shirley.

They did not know what to do.

Shirley looked at them and became scared and said, “What I do?”

Nurse Alice and Lorraine looked at one another.

Shirley started crying.

Dr. Woodson frowned up and said, “What?”

Dr. Greene knocked on the door and opened it and saw Shirley in the tub.

He looked at Nurse Alice and Lorraine and saw their faces and said, “Step out please.”

Dr. Ralph was coming out of a patient’s room and saw Dr. Greene.

He saw Nurse Alice and Lorraine’s faces.

He heard Shirley crying.

Dr. Ralph and Dr. Woodson stared at Nurse Alice and Lorraine who were in shock.

The doctors could not think what was wrong.

Dr. Greene pointed at Shirley’s room and said, “What?”

Nurse Alice showed him Shirley’s sheets.

Dr. Greene walked away.

Dr. Woodson and Dr. Ralph watched Dr. Greene.

The nurses turned and looked back at Shirley’s sheets.

Dr. Greene went and worked on the other side that morning.

Ryan and Samuel were walking in the hospital.

They saw Nurse Alice holding the sheets and the blood stain.

Samuel heard Shirley crying and went for his gun.

Ryan looked and said, “Shirley?”

Nurse Alice nodded her head for yes.

Ryan said, “Shirley is crying is she in pain?”

Dr. Ralph and Dr. Woodson stood and did not say anything.

Samuel and Ryan looked at the doctors.

Samuel shook his head and reached Nurse Helen her daily flower and walked out and said, “I have to go to work, Lorraine.”

Lorraine looked at Samuel.

Nurse Helen grinned and looked at a shock Lorraine.

Ryan saw Dr. Greene walked across the hall when he was entering into the building.

He pointed at Dr. Greene and said, “Is that what sent him over there?”

Dr. Woodson said, “All of our examinations of Shirley and her medical records from other doctors said she was born without a reproductive system.”

Ryan said, “I guess fixed that. You want me to talk to Shirley about this?”

Dr. Woodson said, “Go ahead.”

Ryan walked to Nurse Alice and said, “I would greet you but not with that sheet.”

Nurse Alice put the sheets down and peeped back in the room as Ryan went and talked to Shirley.

Lorraine reached for the sheets.

She took the sheets and went to the wash room and washed them and put them in the laundry.

Ryan walked out after fifteen minutes.

Everyone looked at him.

He said, “Shirley need someone to wash her back.”

Dr. Woodson said, “Did you explain the birds and the bees to her?”

Ryan said, “Yes. She said Eleanor left her some books.”

Dr. Greene said, “That’s what Michael was reading to her.”

Dr. Greene kept working on the other side of the hospital.

Ryan walked to his lone patient Vince.

Dr. Woodson and Dr. Ralph were numb.

Nurse Alice washed Shirley’s back.

She said, “Shirley you have beautiful skin. What are you using. What is this?”

Lorraine said, “What I make for her to use.”

Nurse Alice said, “Lorraine can you make me some?”

Lorraine wanted to say no, but said, “It is expensive.”

The nurses at the desk said, We can smell it out here.”

Lorraine said, “Shirley I need to show you how to stop the bleed from oiling the sheets and the clothes.”

Shirley said, “Ok.”

She said, “Lorraine do you think someday I can have children?”

Nurse Alice keep washing Shirley’s back and turned her head.”

Lorraine said, “Shirley I believe so. The doctor’s said you did not have what it took to have a baby. Today God said, you do. I do believe God ha that special man that will love Shirley for Shirley and in time you will have a baby. I don’t know if you want more than one.”

Nurse Alice started laughing.

Shirley seemed happy and watched Lorraine make her cloths to use.

Dr. ralph did not know whether to do Shirley’s therapy but went in the room and did her therapy.

Shirley cried out in very much pain and endured.

She asked Dr. ralph to reach her the book Michael was reading to her.

She laid there ad read until she fell asleep.

Lorraine was at the nurses’ desk taking orders for bath waters and bath milks.

She stayed up that night making her orders and brought them the next day.

The nurses loved them.

Lorraine was happy and making a lot of money, until Bruce found out about.

Nurse Brown swear Nurse Sharon told to get in Bruce’s face.