Patrick, Brenda and Shirley enjoyed their week with the boys.

The boys were not ashamed of Shirley.

They introduced her to their classmates and playmates.

The president of the school had a granddaughter much like Shirley.

He watched Shirley for several days.

Patrick watched him.

He told Brenda he did not know why the president was watching Shirley.

The president brought his granddaughter to one of the sport outings.

He walked over to Patrick and Brenda and introduced he and his wife and their granddaughter to Shirley.

He talked to them and wondered about Shirley and who helped her.

Patrick and the president talk.

Brenda and Iris talked.

Iris told Brenda their daughter gave the girl to them because she was not normal.

Iris nearly cried.

Brenda said, “I know. But Eleanor never wanted to give up Shirley.

Shirley and the president’s granddaughter talked.

Shirley was telling Star about her condition and how she spent nearly three years in the hospital and thee doctors and nurses helped her.

Bruce walked over and spoke to Star.

He sat next to Shirley.

The president liked Bruce.

Bruce did not make any funny faces at Star.

Patrick watched the president of the school watching Bruce.

He said, “My grandchildren will not mistreat anyone. Especially one with disability.”

The president said, “I like that.”

Bruce said, “Shirley why are you mad at Eleanor?”

Star looked up at Bruce.

Shirley said, “She made me to be in pain everyday.”

Star looked up at Shirley and said, “Shirley I am twisted up and can’t sit up. My momma and daddy left me with my grandpa and grandma. They want to help me. I am mad everyday because I am in pain. I am not mad with my momma and daddy.”

Bruce said, “Shirley you can live with me. I’ll take care you. “

Percy heard them talking as he walked over.

Percy saw Star and said, “Hey Star.”

The president smiled.

Patrick looked at the president and said, “Does she go to school here?”

The president said, “No. I will bring her here once a semester and introduce her to the new students and staff. Most people don’t remember her.”

Percy said, “I wanted you to stay with me Shirley, but momma told us of the train robbers, so I will be riding shotgun to protect my trains.”

Shirley said, “So you won’t be home?”

Percy said, “Yeah.”

Shirley said, “Bruce how are you going to take care of me you will have to move to Philadelphia and I have a dress shop at home?”

Bruce looked over at Patrick.

Patrick said, “What Bruce?”

Bruce said, “Can’t I run the shipping from home?”

Patrick said, “Bruce we have years before you and Percy take over the businesses.”

The president and his wife laughed.

Patrick gave the president Dr. Woodson address.

The president said, “Thank you. But we will be on the train Sunday night to get there Monday morning.”

The present said, “Star we will be going to the hospital where Shirley is.”

Star said, “Grandpa don’t worry about me.”

Iris teared up.

Brenda held Iris hand.

Patrick stood up and went and rounded up Tomas and Michael and Caleb and Stewart and said bye.

Michael said, “No grandpa.”

Patrick said, “I have to get back a few days early so I work out something.”

Thomas, Caleb, Michael and Stewart ran over and hugged Brenda and Shirley.

Brenda teared up.

They walked off campus which the six boys standing and watching them.

Patrick, Brenda and Shirley left that Friday night and got to the hospital Saturday afternoon.

They stopped and ate at a nice restaurant in the town.

The people stared at Shirley, but it was not bad as it was before.

Brenda was proud of Shirley.

She said, “Shirley Star will be coming here Monday. Her grandparents won’t her to do better. Maybe you can help when or if she ask for help.”

Shirley said, “I know how she feels. I believe Dr. Ralph can really help her.”

Brenda and Patrick smiled.

Shirley said, “Grandma and grandpa, do you think Dr. Ralph decision was right not to marry Lorraine? I think Dr. Hutch has decided not to marry Meredith because they want to help people.”

Brenda looked at Patrick.

Patrick looked at Shirley.

He said, “My answer is selfish. I am glad they are single and they spend all of those hours everyday helping you. Look at you Shirley.”

Brenda sipped her tea.

Shirley looked at Brenda and said, “Grandma.”

Brenda said, “I believe in love and romance.”

She leaned over to Shirley and giggled and said, “I am glad Dr. Ralph is single.”

Shirley smiled.

Patrick and Brenda took Shirley back to the hospital.

Roger sent a telegram that he and Mag place the twelve guns on the trains and they were returning home.

Roger said, “Tell Dr. Woodson and Dr. parker Mag is pain free after all of these years and tell Eleanor thanks.”

Patrick walked and checked on Gen and Ben.

They told Patrick they would leave and catch the first train on Sunday and be home Tuesday.

Patrick said, “Check on Eleanor. I will be here a little longer. Brenda and I have been recruiting for the hospital.”

They all laughed.

Patrick saw Dr. Woodson and Dr. Parker and gave them Roger’s message.

They were happy.

Patrick told them of the president’s granddaughter and they would be there Monday.

He told them she was worst than Shirley.

Dr. Woodson and Dr. parker looked at Patrick.

Patrick said, “I did wrong?”

Dr. Parker said, “Getting medical help is never wrong. We just have to see.”

Patrick said, “Everything is alright here?”

Dr. Woodson did not say anything.

Dr. Parker and Nurse Brono looked at Patrick.

Patrick said, “My granddaughter owns this hospital and I have a right to know what is happening.”

Dr. Parker said, “There were some men tried to break in through the back. I just attended to Charlie Jr. and went to lie down. I heard the noise and jumped up and ran out my room. Charlie Sr. ran out Charlie Jr.’s room. He went out the front of the hospital I stayed in the back to watch the door. Charlie Sr. fired a couple of times and the men ran and jumped on their horses and fled.”

Patrick said, “The mob. How is Charlie Sr?”

Dr. Parker said, “Fired.”

Patrick walked down to see Charlie Sr.

He knocked on Charlie Jr.’s door.

Charlie Jr. was sitting up with the open wound, that was healing.

Martha was feeding him oatmeal and Sarah was reading a story to him.

Patrick walked in and spoke and said, “Charlie Sr. can I speak to you.”

Patrick looked at Charlie Jr. and said, “You are improving.”

Charlie Sr. said, “Thank God.”

Patrick said, “Dr. parker just told me what happened. I thank you.”

Charlie Sr. said, “You are welcome.”

Patrick said, “If I can do anything for you let me know.”

Charlie Sr. said, “Sir you all have given my son back alive to me. That’s worth everything in the world.”

Patrick nodded his head for yes and walked and told Brenda and Shirley what happened.

Mrs. Cobb was dismissed on that Sunday and left.

She was happy.

Her family came and they drove back to the farmland.

Mr. Jones was dismissed that Saturday but left on Sunday morning to go to church then home.

The hospital had dismissed four patients and had gained one.

They had the room for Star.

Patrick did not know why the doctors were hesitant about taking Star on as a patient.

Patrick and Brenda left the hospital and returned the next morning and help Shirley dress to go to church.

Shirley dressed mostly herself.

Shirley said, “Where are my earrings?”

Brenda said, “Eleanor took them after the attempted robbery.”

Shirley said, “Will she give them back?”

Brenda said, “Yes Shirley.”

Everyone was happy.

Vince and Patrick talked while Shirley was dressing.

Ben and Gen walked around the hospital and said, “Fair well.”

They ordered pastries for the patients and staff.

They attended church with Brenda and Patrick.

Alice, Ryan, Beverly and Dennis met them for brunch.

They enjoyed Craig’s sermon.

Ryan and Alice dropped Gen and Ben at train station.

Beverly and Dennis sat a little longer with Patrick until Shirley looked at Patrick.

Patrick and Brenda took Shirley back to the hospital.

Beverly and Dennis spoke to several friends who saw them sitting with Patrick, Brenda, Genevia and Ben.

Ryan knew his parents would brag after he and Alice left.

Ryan took Alice home and looked at her.

She smiled and said, “I’m happy Ryan.”

Ryan said, “Good.”

He got his bag of clean clothes and kissed Alice.

Ryan rode to the hospital he passed the house and looked at it.

He arrived at the hospital just before dark. and arrived before dark.

Alice went upstairs to her room and sat on the bed and grinned and said, “Thank YOU GOD.”

Vince and Charlie Sr. were working on the list of railroad security men.

Most were either unemployed former civil war soldiers or former policemen.

Ryan added a couple of dozen names and how to contact them.

Patrick sent out telegrams to the two dozen unemployed civil war soldiers.

Ben gave Patrick seventeen names of men under his command.

He told Patrick he did not know their where abouts but he will try to reach them.

Patrick stood and looked over the list of men with Vince and Charlie Sr.

Patrick said, “Charlie Sr. your name is not on this list.”

Charlie Sr. was surprised that Patrick was so quick.

He said, “Well I am here with Charlie Jr.”

Charlie Jr. begin his treatment with Dr. Woodson and Parker.

He started screaming just as the president, Iris and Star walked into the hospital.

Star tried to look up.

She was in especially terrible pain.

Hutch was walking from giving Shirley her therapy.

Patrick saw them and said, “Excuse me. Charlie Sr. when I come back I want you to tell me why you don’t want to work for us.”

Martha and Sarah were becoming stronger they walked up the hall eating oatmeal so Martha could take her to school and run errands and clean their house.

Martha and Sarah spoke to the president, Iris and Star.

Sarah said, “I am Sarah. That is my brother you hear screaming. He is doing so much better.

Patrick walked up.

Martha put their bowls and spoons on the cooks carts and walked out the door.

Patrick walked over and said, “Good morning.”

He shook president, Allen hand and Iris and stoop down and spoke to Star.

Star said, “Somebody is in pain like me.”

Patrick said, “Yes.”

Star said, “Where is Shirley?”

Patrick said, “You just missed her.”

Hutch walked over and introduced himself.

Iris nearly fainted.

Allen said, “Dear.”

Dr. Ralph recognized Allen as his mean teacher when he was in school.

Allen flunked Jason.

Allen told Jason’s parents, “Jason did not do his work but played.”

Jason parents believed the teacher over him.

Jason could not get into the top schools because the schools believed the lie Allen told on Jason.

Jason felt his life was ruined by Allen.

Dr. Ralph walked over and they took them to Mag’s old room.

They examined Star for several hours.

Hutch and Dr. Ralph went and talked to Dr. Greene, Dr. Parker and Dr. Woodson.

They all went in and talked to Allen, Iris and Star.

Dr. Woodson said, “We maybe able to help you Star. I know you saw Shirley. Her condition was worst than yours but it took her being here in the hospital nearly three years and much pain.

Star said, “Doctors I am in much pain every minute of everyday. Whatever you can do for me to help me I would appreciate it.”

Dr. Greene smiled and walked out the room.

Nurse Smith entered and Debra.

Nurse Smith looked at Dr. Greene.

Debra walked out the room and walked to her husband.

She looked at him and he looked at her and smiled.

Nurse Brono said, “They go through a lot. You be nice to him this evening.”

Debra grinned and winked her eye.

Allen looked at all the papers.

He looked at Iris.

Dr. Woodson said, “Sir, do not be concerned about a bill. We are here to help. We will see where star is in a month. Then we should tell you how long she might be in the hospital. We have the room across the hall you stay in if you want.”

Allen looked at Iris she nodded for yes.

Star said, “Can I see Shirley?”

Dr. Ralph said, “She should be awake.”

Hutch helped Star out of the bed and carried her to her wheelchair and pushed her down the hall to Shirley was holding a letter from Mary the cousin of Ginger and Alice.

She was happy and talking to Brenda when she saw Star Shirley grinned wie and said, “Star, you came.”

Star was crying.

Hutch looked over in Star’s face and stooped down and said, “Star what is wrong?”

Star could not talk.

Hutch said, “Pain?”

Dr. Ralph was standing in the doorway.

Hutch stood and wheeled Star to her room.

Dr. Ralph and Hutch put Star in the bed.

Dr. Hutch started working on Star’s back that was twisted.

Allen and Iris were crying but when Star was screaming.

But they heard other patients screaming.

They heard Star’s bones snapping and sounding loud.

Dr. Hutch and Dr. Ralph worked for several hours on Start and put cold towels on her back.

Star went to sleep.

Allen and Iris were shocked at Star getting rest.

They unpacked and stayed in Gen’s room.

The doctors said, to keep Star’s door opened.

The next morning Patrick received a number of telegrams from former soldiers from Ryan’s troop.

Dr. Ralph and Dr. Parker worked on Star.

She screamed and was in pain all day.

Dr. Parker came back a few times to check on her before he retired for the evening.

Patrick selected forty former soldiers and selected the trains they were to ride.

He hired Charlie Sr. to work as security at the hospital from midnight to daybreak.

Vince took over from seven am to five pm.

Shirley started writing to Alice, Ginger and Mary.

She would visit Star.

Allen went back to school after two weeks.

Iris stayed for the thirty days with Star.

Dr. Woodson saw a little improvement.

Dr. Parker saw a little improvement in her blood circulation.

Dr. Ralph said, “Star you have improved.”

Patrick was home.

He and Eleanor left and went to the city and bought the land for the railroad.

They hired twenty four former civil war soldiers.

The Freedmen rest center was completed.

Mr. Long received the final divorce papers from Bruce.

The motel was completed.

Dr. Woodson asked if Iris could stay there.

Eleanor said yes.

Eleanor and Patrick bought additional land for supply and a hotel and a restaurant.

The boys were getting excited because the last of March they will be going home and the next week they will be sailing to Europe.

Star and Shirley became good friends.

Star was beginning to sit up in her wheelchair with a band Hutch made her.

Brenda talked to Hutch about going to Europe with them.

He was truly honored.

He told Brenda he had to think about.

The shipping business was moving smoothly.

The railroad profits were up.

Eleanor had Roger to run the workers benefits program along with Mag.

Gen and Ben were packed and ready to go.

Ben received his benefits in a one payment lump sum.

Gen rented out her cottage a year at a time to a local college teacher and his wife.

She and Ben smiled and grinned.

Brenda told Gen and Ben she and Patrick would pay their way there and back.