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1 **CAST:**
2 **BETH** **EMMA CRAWFORD (5-year-old daughter of DEL & TOM)**
3 **KAREN** **DEL CRAWFORD (EMMA's mother)**
4 **CHUCK** **TOM CRAWFORD (EMMA's father)**
5 **MARY** **MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER] (EMMA's kindergarten teacher)**
6 **DAN** **DR. KEATING (Male or Female - EMMA's GP]**
7 **KIM** **DR. COHEN (Male or Female - EMMA's oncologist]**
8 **MAGPIE** **CAITLIN (EMMA's friend)**
9 **GREGG** **ANNOUNCER (No friend of EMMA's)**

10 **CAT**

11 **SOUND EFFECTS:**
12 **VARIOUS FOOTSTEPS**
13 **THUMPING JUMP ON CARPETED FLOOR**
14 **PACKING AND CLOSING CARDBOARD BOXES**
15 **CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS TINKLE**
16 **TREE BRANCHES RUSTLING**
17 **CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS CRASH AND BREAK**
18 **WRAPPING PAPER BEING RIPPED OPEN**
19 **CAT MEOWS and PURRS**
20 **FILTER MIKE**
21 **TELEPHONE RINGING, PICKUP/HANGUP**
22 **HOSPITAL BEEPS & NOISES**
23 **PAGES FLIPPING**
24 **BLANKETS RUSTLE**
25 **KISSING/SMOOCHING NOISES**
26 **DOOR OPEN/CLOSE & DOOR CREAKING OPEN**
27 **CAR IDLING**
28 **CAR DOOR OPENING/CLOSING**
29 **CAR DEPARTING**
30 **GLASS DOOR SLIDING OPEN/SHUT**

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1 ANNOUNCER American Radio Theater welcomes you to a
2 special holiday performance of Emma's Angel,
3 an original A.R.T. production. Welcome to the
4 Crawford home. It's Christmas Eve.

5 SCENE 1

6 MUSIC ["WISH BACKGROUND" UP AND UNDER FOR]

7 DEL Careful, Tom! You're tipping the chair!

8 TOM [STRETCHING IT OUT] I... I'm o-kay... [BEAT] Got
9 it!

10 SFX [THUMP - JUMPING FROM CHAIR TO CARPET]

11 TOM Had to get the angel straight, Del.

12 DEL It's perfect. The whole tree is beautiful.
13 Emma will be delighted!

14 TOM I only do this for the two of you, you know.
15 Risking my life on rickety chairs in the
16 middle of winter...

17 DEL There's a ladder in the laundry room, dearest.

18 TOM I know, Del. I just didn't want to risk
19 disturbing Emma's surprise. We just got her
20 to bed an hour ago, but I'm sure she's not
21 asleep.

22 DEL She'd better be. [LAUGHS] But you're right.
23 Her eyes might be closed, but she's probably
24 wide awake.

25 TOM [HOPEFULLY] So maybe we should...?

26 DEL No, Tom. She opens her presents - all of them
27 - in the morning.

28 TOM Yes, ma'am.

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1 DEL I'd swear you're as eager to see Emma with her
2 surprise as she is to finally get it.

3 TOM It's just that it's her first pet. I still
4 remember getting my first kitten - nothing
5 like it in the world.

6 DEL Yes. It's definitely special. [PAUSE] But
7 she'll have to wait until morning. Just like
8 you.

9 TOM You're right. I'm beat. If we let her see
10 her kitten, we'll never get any sleep tonight.

11 DEL I'll put the ornament boxes away, if you make
12 us some hot chocolate.

13 TOM With marshmallows?

14 DEL Of course! It's Christmas Eve.

15 SFX [PACKING & CLOSING CARDBOARD BOXES]

16 TOM Two cocoa's comin' up!

17 SFX [FOOTSTEPS RECEDING]

18 MUSIC ["WISH BACKGROUND" @ 55 SSECONDS TO 105
19 SECONDS UP AND FADES FOR]

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21 SCENE 2

22 MUSIC ["WE WISH YOU" FADES & CONTINUES UNDER]

23 SFX [WRAPPING PAPER RUSTLING, TEARING]

24 EMMA And this present is for you, Daddy. [PAUSE]
25 It's from me. Not Santa Claus.

26 TOM Thank you, Emma.

27 SFX [WRAPPING PAPER RUSTLING]

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1 TOM [GRUNTING A BIT] [UNDER HIS BREATH TO DEL]
2 Now I know where all the tape went...

3 EMMA I didn't use all the tape.

4 DEL You did a beautiful job wrapping the present,
5 dear. Daddy's just being funny.

6 TOM [EXAGGERATED FALSE SURPRISE] Oh, look!
7 [LAUGHS]

8 EMMA [SHRIEKS WITH DELIGHT]

9 TOM The TV remote. [LAUGHING] What... What a...
10 What a surprise. You're too much kiddo! And
11 just in time for the Christmas specials today.
12 I don't know where you get your sense of
13 humor.

14 DEL I just can't imagine. [PAUSE] I guess that's
15 all the presents.

16 TOM Looks like.

17 EMMA No! There's one missing. I know it.

18 TOM I don't see anything else under the tree.

19 DEL I don't either. [BEAT] Daddy, why don't you
20 start our holiday breakfast.

21 TOM I'm on it.

22 EMMA But there's another present! I know it!

23 TOM Nope. Just French Toast

24 DEL [TRYING TO REMEMBER] You know, sweetie, I may
25 have seen something...

26 TOM Maybe down in the laundry -

27 EMMA I knew it!

28 SFX [RAPID BARE FOOTSTEPS RECEDING]

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1 TOM room.

2 EMMA [OFF - SHRIEKS] A kitten!

3 SFX [RAPID BARE FOOTSTEPS APPROACHING]

4 EMMA My kitten! Thank you!

5 SFX [MEOW]

6 DEL Careful, Emma. Don't squeeze him too hard.
7 He's just a baby.

8 EMMA Sorry, kitten. [BEAT] Oops! He jumped down.

9 TOM He's probably just as excited as you are,
10 kiddo.

11 EMMA He's running away!

12 DEL He's just happy to be out of the laundry room.

13 TOM He'll settle down in just -

14 SFX [TREE BRANCHES RUSTLING. ORNAMENTS JINGLING.
15 A FEW BREAKING - USE LIGHT BULBS? - CONTINUE
16 UNDER]

17 DEL Uh oh!

18 EMMA Kitten! Come down!

19 TOM I'll get him. [BEAT] Come on, kitty kitty.
20 That's a boy.

21 EMMA [LAUGHING] My kitten is almost to the top!

22 DEL Tom! Get him down! He's going to...

23 SFX [ORNAMENT POPS AND SHATTERS]

24 DEL Oh! There goes the angel!

25 EMMA He's at the top of the tree! Look, Mom! He's
26 the new angel! He's my angel kitty!

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1 TOM [WARMING A BIT TO ALMOST LAUGHTER] You've got
2 to admit, Del. The little guy does look like
3 he's taken over the job.

4 EMMA I'm gonna name him Angel! Is that okay?

5 DEL Yes. [LAUGHING] That's more than okay, Emma.
6 I think it's perfect. [BEAT] Welcome to the
7 family, Angel!

8 TOM Okay, Angel. [CAREFUL STRETCHING TO REACH
9 CAT] I still need to get you down...

10 SFX [MEOW]

11 EMMA Careful, Daddy. He's just a baby!

12 SFX [THUMP AS TOM STEPS HEAVILY TO THE FLOOR]

13 TOM Here you go, kiddo. Keep an eye on your
14 little Angel. I'm going to start breakfast.

15 EMMA It's okay. I'm not hungry.

16 DEL You've got to have some breakfast, sweetie.
17 You hardly touched your dinner last night.

18 EMMA I want to hold my Angel kitten.

19 TOM It's just the excitement, Del. She doesn't
20 have to eat if she doesn't want to. [BEAT]
21 All the more for ME!

22 SFX [FOOTSTEPS RECEDING]

23 EMMA Look, Mommy! Angel's licking my hand.

24 DEL He's giving you cat love, Emma. Little cat
25 kisses. You take care of him, and he'll give
26 you all the love in the world.

27 EMMA Come on, Angel. I want to read you my new
28 book. We're going to be best friends forever!

29 MUSIC ["WE WISH YOU" UP AND OUT FOR]

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1 SCENE 3

2 MUSIC ["PENNSYLVANIA ROSE" @ 12 SECONDS TO 21
3 SECONDS UP AND OUT FOR]

4 SFX [PHONE RINGS - PICK UP]

5 DEL Hello?

6 MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER] Mrs. Crawford?

7 DEL Yes?

8 MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER] This is Vivian Wilson at Emma's
9 kindergarten.

10 DEL [STARTLED] Mrs. Wilson? What's wrong? Is
11 she hurt?

12 MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER] It's nothing serious, Mrs.
13 Crawford. Emma's hardly touched her lunch the
14 last few days. Normally, I don't pay much
15 attention to that - but today she was
16 complaining about a tummy pain. It's probably
17 nothing, but I think you'll want to take her
18 home. Maybe check with your doctor?

19 DEL You're sure it's not just a case of Spring
20 Fever?

21 MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER] No, not this time, Mrs. Crawford.
22 In spite of this lovely April day, Emma just
23 sat on a bench during recess. She seems
24 genuinely uncomfortable.

25 DEL Okay, thanks. I'll be there shortly.

26 MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER] Oh, and while I've got you on the
27 phone.

28 DEL Yes?

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1 MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER] Well, Emma has asked me several
2 times if she could bring her angel to school.
3 She told me that her angel takes away her
4 tummy pains and makes her feel better if she's
5 sick. And I just didn't know what to say. I
6 certainly don't want to discourage her
7 imagination, but-

8 DEL [LAUGING] I think it's safe to tell her "no."
9 Her angel is her cat. The two of them are
10 inseparable when she's home, but I've told her
11 that Angel isn't allowed at school.

12 MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER. LAUGHING] Okay, thanks. She
13 wasn't specific on the nature of her angel.
14 She's a clever girl.

15 DEL That she is. Thank you, Mrs. Wilson.

16 MRS. WILSON [ON FILTER] Of course, Mrs. Crawford.
17 Goodbye.

18 DEL Bye.

19 SFX [PHONE DISCONNECT/HANGUP]

20 MUSIC ["PENNSYLVANIA ROSE" @ 12 SECONDS TO 21
21 SECONDS UP AND OUT FOR]

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23 SCENE 4

24 DR. KEATING Emma? Does it hurt when I press here?

25 EMMA No.

26 DR. KEATING How about here?

27 EMMA A little bit.

28 DR. KEATING Here?

29 EMMA Ow!

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1 DR. KEATING Sorry, Emma. Did it hurt a lot?

2 EMMA Not a lot. [BEAT] But don't press there
3 again.

4 DR. KEATING I won't - at least not right now. Go ahead
5 and put your shirt on, Emma.

6 DEL What is it, Dr. Keating?

7 DR. KEATING I'm not really sure from this exam, but there
8 appears to be some swelling or slight
9 distension in Emma's abdomen. With her
10 decreased appetite, my first guess is
11 constipation. Has she been drinking water?

12 DEL Yes. But she always says she feels full, so
13 she doesn't drink as much as she should.

14 DR. KEATING That makes sense - Emma, I understand your
15 tummy feels full, but you're going to need to
16 drink six glasses of water before you go to
17 bed tonight.

18 EMMA But I don't have room..

19 DR. KEATING Just drink a little bit at a time. [BEAT]
20 Mrs. Crawford, I'm going to prescribe a mild
21 laxative you can give her just before dinner
22 time. Even if she doesn't eat much, please
23 make sure she drinks all the water.

24 DEL Yes, of course. Thank you.

25 DR. KEATING You'll be fine by tomorrow night, Emma.

26 DEL And you'll get to stay home with Angel
27 tomorrow.

28 EMMA Can we watch TV?

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30 SCENE 5

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1 MUSIC ["PERSPECTIVES" UP AND OUT FOR]

2 TOM Well, she and Angel are all tucked in for the
3 night. That cat sticks to her like glue.
4 When she's not carrying him around on her
5 shoulder, he's on her lap, or curled up with
6 her on the bed.

7 DEL True cat love.

8 TOM That it is. [BEAT] Del. We need to take
9 Emma in to the doctor again. I think she's
10 losing weight.

11 DEL I know. I thought she'd perk up after seeing
12 Doctor Keating, but she's still not eating.
13 Sometimes she just pushes her food around the
14 plate for ten minutes then asks to be excused.

15 TOM Well, at least Angel has an appetite - he's
16 eating nearly a can a day.

17 DEL I wish he'd share his appetite with Emma...

18 MUSIC ["PERSPECTIVES" UP AND OUT FOR]

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20 SCENE 6

21 DR. COHEN This MRI shows us the cause of Emma's
22 symptoms. This lighter area here? This is a
23 tumor that's been pressing on her stomach,
24 causing her to feel full, even when she isn't.

25 TOM Tumor?

26 DEL Emma has cancer?! She's only five!

27 DR. COHEN While children do get cancer, Del, there's a
28 very good chance that the growth is benign. I
29 won't be able to say for certain until after
30 the tests come back. For now let's just --

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1 TOM [INTERUPTING] But you can just cut it out,
2 right?

3 DR. COHEN Surgery may, of course, be an option. One of
4 many. But I really can't tell you any more
5 until I get the test results. A day or two
6 and we'll have more to go on.

7 DEL [FLATLY] My baby has cancer...

8 DR. COHEN Please, Mrs. Crawford. Don't jump to
9 conclusions. As I said, the tumor may be
10 harmless. There is no sense in getting overly
11 worried at this point.

12 TOM She'll be okay?

13 DR. COHEN I encourage you to remain optimistic. I'll
14 call you as soon as I know what the labs say.

15 TOM See, Del. The doc says not to worry. Emma's
16 going to be fine.

17 DR. COHEN [TENTATIVELY CORRECTING TOM'S ASSUMPTIONS, BUT
18 DECIDING NOT TO PRESS] Mr. Crawford....

19 TOM Yes?

20 DR. COHEN I'll call you in a day or two.

21 DEL That's it? That's it?

22 DR. COHEN Yes. That's all I can say. For now. I'll
23 call-

24 DEL Yes. In a day or two.

25 MUSIC ["MUSIC FOR MANATEES" UP AND OUT FOR]

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27 SCENE 7

28 EMMA Come'ere, Angel, my cuddle kitty.

1 SFX [HAPPY MEOW. PURRING]

2 EMMA I'm going to kiss your tummy!

3 DEL Careful, sweetie. Kitties don't like you to
4 touch their tummies. He might bite...

5 EMMA Oh, Angel loves it. See?

6 DEL [AMAZED] So he does. But still be careful.
7 A cat's mood can change pretty fast.

8 EMMA He'd never hurt me, Mom. He's my special
9 Angel. [BEAT] See? I can kiss him as much
10 as I want. [LAUGHS] His tongue tickles!

11 DEL Yes. Looks like he kisses you as much as he
12 wants, too.

13 EMMA Where's that stick with the feathers? We want
14 to play.

15 DEL I think you left it under the dining room
16 table.

17 SFX [RAPID FOOTSTEPS RECEDING]

18 EMMA [FADING OFF] Thanks, Mom!

19 SFX [PHONE RINGS OFF, CONTINUES UNDER]

20 DEL Tom? Can you get that?

21 TOM [OFF] Okay. [PAUSE] Hello? [PAUSE] Just a
22 second. [LOUDER] Hon? It's Dr. Cohen. I'll
23 put it on speaker.

24 DEL `kay!

25 SFX [FOOTSTEPS]

26 TOM Here she is.

27 DR. COHEN [ON FILTER] Can you both hear me okay?

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1 DEL & TOM Yes. / Uh huh.

2 DR. COHEN [ON FILTER] I just got the test results back,
3 and I'm afraid the news isn't as good as I'd
4 hoped. She-

5 DEL Emma! She has...

6 DR. COHEN [ON FILTER] Yes. I'm sorry. Emma has a type
7 of cancer called neuroblastoma.

8 TOM You can just remove it, right? She'll be
9 okay, right?

10 DR. COHEN [ON FILTER] Unfortunately, it's not going to
11 be that simple. The tumor in her abdomen is
12 just the first to present symptoms. I'll need
13 more tests to be sure, but there may be other
14 tumors elsewhere on her nervous system. Given
15 her age, I suspect that we'll find that the
16 cancer is also in her lymph system as well.

17 DEL Oh, my God! Oh, my God!

18 TOM She... she has a chance, though. Right, Doc?

19 DR. COHEN [ON FILTER] I want to send her to
20 Metropolitan General over in Concord. They've
21 got the best oncology team in the area.
22 [BEGIN SLOW FADE] My office is checking with
23 them now to see how soon we can get Emma
24 admitted. Here's what we need to do next...

25 DEL Oh, my God! My baby!

26 MUSIC ["COMFORTABLE MYSTERY 4" UP AND OUT FOR]

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28 SCENE 8

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1 SFX [HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT BEEPING AND HISSING.
2 VOICES, PAGES, FOOTSTEPS IN BACKGROUND
3 THROUGHOUT SCENE]

4 TOM Hey, there, kiddo! How's my little champ?

5 EMMA [VERY TIRED] Did you bring Angel, Daddy? I
6 miss him.

7 TOM He misses you, too, darlin' - but the nurses
8 are very strict. No cats allowed. Honest,
9 hon. I'd bring him to you if I could. [BEAT]
10 We could watch the All-Star game. How about
11 that? I'm sure it's on your TV.

12 EMMA I don't want to watch baseball, Daddy. I want
13 to see Angel. Can I go home soon? I want to
14 go home.

15 DR. COHEN Excuse me, Mr. Crawford. Just checking in on
16 Emma.

17 TOM Oh, sure. No problem. Come on in.

18 DR. COHEN Hello, Emma. How are you feeling today?

19 EMMA I dunno. The same? [PAUSE] Can I go home
20 soon?

21 DR. COHEN Let me take a look at your chart.

22 SFX [PAGES FLIPPING]

23 DR. COHEN Emma, I'm going to talk with your Dad for just
24 a minute. Okay?

25 EMMA Okay.

26 TOM [HUSHED] How's she doing, Doctor?

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1 DR. COHEN To be honest, Tom, she's not responding as
2 well as I'd hoped. The surgery got most of
3 the primary tumor in her abdomen, but by the
4 time we found it, the tumor had surrounded a
5 major artery and nerves so we couldn't take it
6 all out. I'd like to try more chemo, but we
7 need to wait .

8 TOM But I thought you said she'd been responding
9 well to the chemo... [BEAT] Del, there you
10 are!

11 DR. COHEN Hello, Del. I was just telling Tom that Emma
12 has had all the chemo we can give her until -
13 if - she can get her strength back.

14 DEL There are other options, aren't there?
15 Radiation?

16 DR. COHEN I generally don't favor radiation for
17 children. It can have long-term effects on her
18 bones and other growing tissues. But there is
19 a treatment we could try. It's called MGIB
20 therapy and involves injecting Emma with a
21 slightly radioactive form of MGIB, a chemical
22 made by sympathetic nerve cells.

23 TOM And it would cure her?

24 DR. COHEN It's been known to help, but - and I don't
25 want you to lose hope - Emma's chances would
26 be 50-50 at best.

27 DEL 50-50 at best? At best?

28 DR. COHEN And there are two things to consider. First,
29 Emma is very weak. We can't proceed with any
30 treatment right away. The other thing is, we
31 don't do MGIB treatment here.

32 TOM You think it's worth a try, though, Doc? How
33 long do we have to wait?

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1 DR. COHEN A few weeks, at least. And if Emma were my
2 girl, I'd give the radiation a try. At this
3 point, there's really nothing to lose.

4 TOM Could we take her home, then?

5 DR. COHEN I was actually going to suggest that. We can
6 go over the details with the three of you.
7 The problem is that the cancer may continue to
8 spread. She's still a very sick little girl.
9 I'd like to run a few more tests, so I'll keep
10 her tonight.

11 TOM So, we take her home tomorrow.

12 DR. COHEN Yes.

13 TOM Thanks, Doc.

14 DR. COHEN So, Emma. Would you like to go home with your
15 Mom and Dad tomorrow afternoon?

16 EMMA [EXCITEDLY] Yes, please! I get to see Angel!

17 MUSIC ["PERSPECTIVES" UP AND OUT FOR]

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19 SCENE 9

20 CAITLIN Are you dying, Emma?

21 EMMA I don't think so, Caitlin. Why?

22 CAITLIN My Mommy said you were very, very sick and you
23 weren't going to go to school with me next
24 week. That's why I came over. [PAUSE]
25 What's it feel like?

26 EMMA What does what feel like?

27 CAITLIN Dying.

28 EMMA I'm not dying. Nobody shot me or anything.

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1 CAITLIN But you're very sick?

2 EMMA I have cancer. But it doesn't really hurt.
3 And, you know, I feel a lot better now that
4 I'm back with my Angel.

5 CAITLIN [AMAZED] You have an angel?

6 EMMA [SECRETIVELY] Yes. Look. Under my covers.

7 SFX [BLANKETS RUSTLE. MEOW]

8 CAITLIN It's not an angel! It's a cat! [BEAT] She's
9 cute.

10 EMMA She's a he. And his name is Angel.

11 CAITLIN He's sweet. Can I pet him?

12 EMMA You have to be careful. In case you're
13 'llergic. I'm not. I can kiss him all over.

14 SFX [KISSY NOISES. PURRING]

15 CAITLIN [LAUGHS] He's licking your face!

16 EMMA Yeah. Those are cat kisses. Angel loves me.

17 SFX [SMOOCHY NOISES]

18 EMMA And I love him!

19 DEL [OFF] Emma! Time for your medicine.

20 EMMA Ugh! She mixes it with orange, but it still
21 tastes yucky.

22 SFX [DOOR OPENS]

23 DEL Hi, Caitlin.

24 CAITLIN Hello, Mrs. Crawford.

25 DEL I see you've met Angel.

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1 **CAITLIN** I'm going to ask my Mom if I can have an Angel
2 too.

3 **DEL** Here you go, sweetie. Just swallow it quick
4 and it won't be so bad.

5 **EMMA** Ugh! It's always bad!

6 **DEL** Well, it must be helping. You're looking a
7 little bit better each day since you've been
8 home.

9 **EMMA** That's because of Angel.

10 **DEL** Well, I'm sure he does his best to help.

11 **SFX** [PHONE RINGS OFF]

12 **TOM** [OFF] Hello? [PAUSE] Yes, of course. I'll
13 get her ready. [PAUSE] Bye. [PAUSE] Del?
14 That was Caitlin's Mom, she's almost here to
15 pick her up.

16 **DEL** Okay, Tom. [PAUSE] Caitlin, dear. I'll
17 leave you and Emma together and come and get
18 you when your Mom gets here.

19 **CAITLIN** Okay.

20 **SFX** [DOOR CLOSES]

21 **EMMA** Thanks for coming to visit. It gets boring
22 sometimes when I'm awake by myself. I can
23 sleep almost as much as Angel, but sometimes,
24 you know...

25 **CAITLIN** I hope you don't die, Emma. I'd miss you.
26 Feel better, okay?

27 **TOM** [OFF] Caitlin! You're Mom's here!

28 **CAITLIN** Coming! [PAUSE] Bye, Emma.

29 **EMMA** Bye.

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1 CAITLIN I'll see you soon.

2 EMMA Okay.

3 CAITLIN Bye!

4 SFX [DOOR OPENS/CLOSES]

5 EMMA Let's have a nap, Angel. Come snuggle me.

6 SFX [CAT PURRING]

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8 SCENE 10

9 MUSIC ["COMFORTABLE MYSTERY 2" UP AND OUT FOR]

10 DR. COHEN Well, to be frank, I'm as surprised as you at
11 Emma's apparent improvement. Having
12 discovered the cancer so late in the game, I'd
13 expected we'd be just keeping her comfortable.
14 But kids are strong. And full of surprises.

15 TOM So, you think she's cured?

16 DR. COHEN Tom, I don't want to get your hopes up. Her
17 color is remarkable, and she's regaining
18 significant strength and energy. But we've
19 done nothing since the chemo to stop the
20 disease.

21 TOM But, Dr. Cohen...

22 DR. COHEN I want to schedule some more tests, more
23 MRI's, to see what's going on. Remission is
24 not impossible, but in Emma's case -- Well, I
25 just don't want to get your hopes up.

26 TOM [FLATLY] I see.

1 DR. COHEN I'll meet you at Metropolitan General tomorrow
2 morning at ten. We should have some results
3 by late afternoon the next day if the labs
4 aren't too busy.

5 DEL Will she need to stay long at the hospital?

6 DR. COHEN I'd like to keep her at least two nights.
7 Maybe more. We're all just playing this by
8 ear.

9 TOM But there's a chance.

10 DR. COHEN Tom. Del. Anything is possible. It's just-

11 TOM Don't. Please don't say it. I want to hold
12 on to the possibility.

13 DR. COHEN Of course.

14 DEL I know this is crazy, Dr. Cohen, but is there
15 any chance of Emma keeping Angel with her at
16 the hospital? Sometimes I think the little
17 guy is what's helping her feel better.

18 DR. COHEN I'm sorry. It's just too complicated allowing
19 pets in the hospital.

20 TOM Well, maybe Angel could use a bit of a break
21 himself. He's been with her almost around the
22 clock, and doesn't play like he used to.

23 DEL Hardly leaves her even to eat. Dedicated
24 little cat.

25 TOM Well, I do know he still uses his litter box.
26 [BEAT] Oh, I'm sorry Dr. Cohen. You don't
27 need to know all about Emma's cat. But
28 seriously, it's like Angel is giving her
29 strength. Almost like he's healing her...

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1 DR. COHEN Having a pet can be very therapeutic, but
2 actual healing powers? [ALMOST SCOFFS] I
3 really wouldn't - [REALIZES MISTAKE] I'm
4 sorry. If her cat makes her feel better,
5 that's a good thing. -- Sooo. Tomorrow at
6 ten?

7 DEL [DEJECTED] We'll see you there.

8 TOM Well, let's head home and tell Emma she'll
9 need to spend a few more days in the hospital.

10 DEL Yeah. That'll be fun.

11 MUSIC ["PERSPECTIVES" UP AND OUT FOR]

12

13 Scene 11

14 SFX [CAR ENGINE IDLING]

15 EMMA [ANGRY] I don't want to go to the hospital!
16 I don't want to leave Angel alone!

17 TOM Emma, we've been through this. Angel will be
18 fine with us. He can sleep with your Mom and
19 me if he wants to. And you'll be fine, too.
20 Dr. Cohen just wants to see how you're doing.
21 It's only a couple days.

22 EMMA [STUBBORN] I don't wanna. I don't wanna.

23 DEL Come on, sweetie. You'll be back home before
24 you know it.

25 TOM We can't sit here and block the entrance.
26 Emma, let me help you into the wheelchair and
27 Mom can park the car.

28 SFX [CAR DOOR OPENS/CLOSES. SECOND CAR DOOR
29 OPENS/CLOSES.]

30 EMMA [DEFEATED] I don't wanna.

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1 TOM Meet you inside, Hon. Come on, kiddo. I'll
2 race you. Vroom!

3 SFX [CAR ENGINE INCREASES, RECEDES]

4 EMMA [STERNLY] Slow down, Daddy! You're going to
5 hit the doors!

6 TOM Vroom! Vroom! I'm just the engine. You're
7 driving...

8 EMMA [LAUGING IN SPITE OF HER DEFEAT] No I'm not!
9 I don't have a steering wheel! [SCREAMS]
10 Daddy! Watch out!

11 TOM Magic doors! Open Sesame for Emma!

12 EMMA Daddy!

13 TOM Vroom! Vroom!

14 MUSIC ["PERSPECTIVES" UP AND OUT FOR]

15

16 SCENE 12

17 DEL But I thought you said she was getting better!
18 She was better at home. She didn't want to
19 come to the hospital, and I think maybe she
20 was right! She's just gotten worse since
21 she's been here. And it wasn't just a couple
22 days - she's been here weeks now!

23 DR. COHEN I'm sorry, Del. I don't understand myself. I
24 don't know what to say. I was beginning to
25 feel hopeful myself. Unfortunately, she's too
26 weak to begin the radiation therapy, and
27 there's nothing more we can do right now.

28 DEL Nothing you can do?!

29 DR. COHEN I'm truly sorry.

Kay Lutz

1 TOM [ANGRY] We'll, if you're done with her, can
2 we take her home?

3 DR. COHEN Of course. Whatever palliative care she needs
4 can be handled by hospice workers.

5 DEL [SOBS] Hospice!? My baby girl!

6 TOM [HAVING A HARD TIME HOLDING IT TOGETHER] When
7 can we take her home?

8 DR. COHEN I'll make the arrangements now and have the
9 necessary equipment delivered to you later
10 today. I'm so very sorry.

11 TOM I know you did your best. [PAUSE] Come on,
12 Del. Let's tell Emma.

13 SFX [FOOTSTEPS. GLASS DOOR SLIDES OPEN THEN SHUT]

14 DEL Hello, sweetie.

15 EMMA Hi, Mommy.

16 TOM We're going to take you home soon.

17 EMMA [TIRED] Good. I want to see my Angel.

18 DEL In just a couple hours, sweetheart. You'll be
19 with your Angel kitty in just a couple hours.

20 EMMA I've missed him.

21 TOM And he's missed you, Emma.

22 EMMA I dream about him sometimes.

23 DEL Do you?

24 EMMA Uh huh. He tries to kiss me, but he's too far
25 away. He looks sad that he can't give me his
26 cat love.

27 TOM Well, we'll fix that pretty quick.

1 MUSIC [“DREAM CULTURE” UP AND OUT FOR]

2

3 SCENE 13

4 DEL [ARGUMENT] I know you love that cat almost as
5 much as Emma, Tom, but Angel is sick. I don't
6 want Emma around a sick cat.

7 TOM Del. Cats and people don't get the same
8 diseases. Whatever's wrong with Angel, Emma's
9 not going to catch it.

10 DEL Her immune system is compromised, Tom. Who
11 knows what she can and can't catch now.

12 TOM Sweetheart, Emma's dying. What harm-

13 DEL Tom! She's not dying. She's perked up since
14 we brought her home from the hospital.

15 TOM And I think Angel has a lot to do with that.
16 We can't take the cat away from her. It'd
17 break her heart.

18 DEL Just until she's a little stronger, Tom.
19 That's all I'm saying. I love Angel, too.
20 And I know he's been special for Emma - but I
21 have to think of Emma's health right now. I
22 don't want to lose her sooner because of a
23 pet.

24 TOM It's a bad idea, Del. Really. Angel keeps
25 her spirits up. You're going to pull that
26 life support out from under her - for - for
27 what? Cat cooties?

28 DEL Tom, please. Just until they both get a
29 little healthier. Maybe if he just doesn't
30 sleep with her all the time. I mean he curls
31 up right next to her face.

Kay Lutz

1 TOM And do you notice her smile when he does that,
2 Del?

3 DEL Tom?

4 TOM Okay. Okay. I don't want to fight with you.
5 We'll lock him out of her room overnight. I
6 just hope he doesn't start yowling.

7 DEL Thank you, Tom.

8 TOM I still think it's a bad idea.

9 DEL I know. But thank you.

10 TOM [FADING] Well, you're going to be the one to
11 break the news.

12 MUSIC ["DREAM CULTURE" UP AND OUT FOR]

13

14 Scene 14

15 DEL I don't understand it, Doctor Cohen. She was
16 improving for a couple weeks at home. Her
17 color - even her appetite - was coming back.
18 Now she's almost as bad as she was in the
19 hospital.

20 DR. COHEN Mini remissions are not uncommon, but Emma has
21 a terminal disease. Had we found it a year or
22 more earlier, her chances would have been
23 better. As it is, we've done all we can.

24 TOM I know this might sound crazy, Doc, but I
25 think it was Emma's cat was responsible for
26 her feeling better. I think she was actually
27 getting better. She's just gotten worse since
28 we separated the cat from her.

29 DR. COHEN [SHOCKED] Why would you do that?

Kay Lutz

1 DEL Angel - Emma's cat - seems sick. I just
2 didn't want a sick cat so close to Emma. Not
3 with her immune system so weak.

4 DR. COHEN As long as the cat isn't biting or scratching
5 her - and as long as one of you is handling
6 the litter box - there is nearly no risk of
7 the cat harming Emma.

8 DEL Don't say it, Tom. So it'd be okay to give
9 him back to her?

10 DR. COHEN Not only okay - but quite beneficial. If the
11 cat raises her spirits and comforts her, then
12 by all means the cat should be with her.

13 TOM Thanks, Doc. [GENTLY] Del. You can tell
14 Emma the good news.

15 DEL [RELIEVED] Thanks, Tom.

16 MUSIC ["PENNSYLVANIA ROSE" (FROM BEGINNING) UP AND
17 OUT FOR]

18

19 SCENE 15

20 DEL Put on your coat, Emma. It's going to be a
21 cold at the playground. [BEAT] Don't dawdle,
22 Sweetie. Caitlin's probably already there.

23 EMMA I want to stay home today.

24 DEL You know what Dr. Keating said about how
25 important it is to get outside and play -

26 EMMA [A LITTLE SULKY] I just don't wanna...

27 DEL Something bothering you, sweetheart?

28 EMMA What's wrong with Angel, Mommy? He won't play
29 with me. Doesn't he love me anymore?

Kay Lutz

1 DEL Emma, darling, of course he loves you. He's
2 given you so much of his cat love to help you
3 get better that he's very tired now.

4 EMMA But why doesn't my love for him make him
5 better?

6 DEL Of course your love helps him, sweetie, but
7 Angel is a very sick kitty right now. It was
8 because of your love, Emma, that Angel could
9 give you so much of his.

10 EMMA Can we take him to Doctor Cohen? He helped me
11 get better, didn't he?

12 DEL Doctor Cohen doesn't treat cats, Emma. We've
13 taken him to the cat doctor several times, and
14 we're all doing the best we can for him.

15 EMMA I don't want him to be sick. I want him to be
16 with me forever. I love him so much!

17 DEL I know. Your Daddy and I love him too. Come
18 on, Pumpkin. Let's go play with Caitlin for
19 just a little bit.

20 EMMA Okay.

21 MUSIC ["PENNSYLVANIA ROSE" (FROM BEGINNING) UP AND
22 OUT FOR]

23

24 SCENE 16

25 EMMA Can you put Angel on my bed with me tonight?

26 DEL I don't know, sweetie. I think he's more
27 comfortable in his own bed on the floor in
28 your room.

29 EMMA Please?

Kay Lutz

1 DEL Well, maybe just this once. Just 'til you
2 fall asleep.

3 EMMA Thank you, Mommy!

4 TOM Keep Angel in your dreams tonight, honey, and
5 see him being happy and healthy. Send him
6 your love in your dreams. Good night, kiddo.
7 [SMOOCHING NOISE]

8 EMMA Good night, Daddy.

9 SFX [FOOTSTEPS RECEDING]

10 DEL I'll be out in a minute, Tom.

11 TOM Okie doke. [TO HIMSELF] How on earth do we
12 tell her the truth?

13 MUSIC ["COMFORTABLE MYSTERY" BRIEF BRIDGE]

14 TOM So. She all tucked in and comfy?

15 DEL Yes. And I put Angel on her bed for her.
16 [BEAT] He's so thin, Tom. It makes the
17 swelling in his tummy look so grotesque. When
18 I picked him up he just gave me this look and
19 the tiniest meow. [BEAT] I don't know what
20 to tell her, Tom. It's going to break her
21 heart.

22 TOM That poor cat is barely hanging on. We need
23 to have the vet come and -- I just don't want
24 the poor guy suffering anymore.

25 DEL I know. I'll call the vet tomorrow and see
26 when she can come out. Can you be here?

27 TOM I'll work that out with my boss.

Kay Lutz

1 DEL I just can't help but think, all that time I
2 was so worried that Emma would catch a disease
3 from Angel. It's almost like he caught cancer
4 from her.

5 TOM Yeah. I keep thinking about what the vet
6 said. That Angel's cancer is rare in cats.
7 It's more of a people cancer. [PAUSE] Hey.
8 You get yourself ready for bed. I'll go in
9 and check on them. If she's asleep, I'll put
10 Angel back in his bed.

11 DEL Okay. Thanks.

12 SFX [FOOTSTEPS RETREATING. DOOR CREAKING OPEN.
13 SOFT FOOTSTEPS]

14 TOM [WHISPERING] Come on, little fella. Let me--

15 EMMA [SLEEPILY] Daddy?

16 TOM Hi, kiddo. Didn't mean to wake you. I was
17 just going to put Angel back in his bed.

18 EMMA I dreamed about him, Daddy. Just like you
19 said. I gave him all my love, and he gave me
20 a big cat kiss on my forehead. Then he
21 meowed, and walked away with his tail waving
22 in the air. He made me feel all better.

23 TOM That's a great dream, Emma. Sounds perfect.
24 Let's go back to sleep and have some more
25 dreams like that, kiddo. I'll put Angel back
26 in his bed and see you both in the morning.

27 EMMA Okay, Daddy.

28 TOM Goodnight, sweetheart. [BEAT] Come on,
29 Angel. Bed time for you too. [BEAT]
30 [CONCERNED WHISPER] Angel? Hey, little
31 guy... [SADLY] Oh, no. [BEAT, THEN CALLING
32 TO DEL] Hon! Get in here, please!

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