

House of Dreams Redux

Part 3

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SEPARTECH INC.

MEANWHILE...

I LIKED YOU
IN THE SKIRT
BETTER.

NO
PROBLEM, MOM. YOU
PAID FOR THEM
ANYWAY.

THANKS FOR
LENDING ME THE
CLOTHES, SWEETIE.





I WASN'T IN A SKIRT MOOD.
I WON'T BE LONG AT THE
DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

YOU'RE OK
WATCHING JON?

SURE, MOM. I THINK
BETWEEN THE TWO OF US,
WE'RE MORE THAN A MATCH
FOR DAD-O.

WE'LL TAKE
GOOD CARE OF HIM,
MA'AM.

MAYBE BY THE TIME YOU
GET BACK, WE'LL BE TAKING
CARE OF YOU TOO!

NO EXTRA
CHARGE.

GREAT IDEA,
DEE! BUT ONLY
INVITE GUYS!

HEY! SINCE DAD'S A KID,
AND YOU'RE SO YOUNG... WE
CAN HAVE A KICK ASS PARTY
TONIGHT!

LET'S HOPE IT
DOESN'T COME TO
THAT.

THERE WILL
BE NO PARTIES,
GIRLS.

BEEP BEEP



YOU HAVE A LOT TO
LEARN ABOUT BEING A
YOUNG HOTTIE, MOM.

I'M SURE I DO.
EXCUSE ME.

HELLO?
OH, HELLO
CINDY.



**OF COURSE
I AM! DID HE TEST
OK?**

**HELLO, LAUREN. JON HAS
FINISHED THE PLACEMENT EXAM, AND I
THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
HOW HE DID.**

**HE'S AT ABOUT
THE MID FOURTH GRADE
LEVEL, BUT ALL THINGS CONSIDERED
I WOULD RECOMMEND HE ATTEND
FIFTH GRADE, RATHER THAN
FOURTH.**

**HE MAY REQUIRE SOME
TUTORING, BUT I WOULD FEEL
MORE COMFORTABLE IF HE WAS IN
MY CLASS.**

- Working with numbers
- American History

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EXCELLENT. OH, AND RUTHIE IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THEIR PLAY DATE TOMORROW.

THAT'S WONDERFUL! HE WAS HOPING TO GET INTO YOUR CLASS.

I THINK JON IS TOO.

MAYBE YOU
CAN HELP ME WITH
SOMETHING.

I WILL
IF I CAN.

REMEMBER I MENTIONED
TO YOU THAT I WENT OUT WITH A
BOY NAMED JON SMITH IN HIGH
SCHOOL?

YES... AND
THAT HE'S MARRIED TO A
WOMAN NAMED LAUREN.
QUITE A COINCIDENCE,
HUH?

*ER... YOU MUST
HAD CONTACTED THE
WRONG EMAIL...*

*NO, IT IS NOT. I CONTACTED
JON BY ZOOM. IMAGINE MY
SURPRISE THAT MY FORMER
BOYFRIEND IS NOW A CHILD.*

*I THINK NOT.
YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME
YOUR EMAIL OR YOU
SON'S.*

*I EXPECTED A
GROWN MAN TO
RESPOND. JUST HOW DID
HE BECOME
A CHILD?!*

A woman with long, straight red hair and blue eyes is talking on a black smartphone. She is wearing a grey t-shirt with a circular logo that says "ROCK & ROLL" and features a guitar and a sunburst design. She has a tan bag slung over her shoulder. The background is a hallway with wooden floors and white doors.


UM... I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY
DETAILS AS TO THAT, I'M AFRAID.
I SIGNED AN NDA.

BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT
JON IS TAKING PART IN A
RESEARCH STUDY ON MAKING
ADULTS YOUNG.

HE LOST HIS JOB,
AND HE WAS
DESPERATE.

THAT'S THE STUDY HE
WAS THINKING OF DOING?! MY
GOD, WHY ON EARTH DID HE
AGREE TO IT?

I TOLD HIM HE
SHOULD DISCUSS ANYTHING
SKETCHY WITH YOU FIRST! I
HOPE HE DID THAT?



THANK YOU FOR THAT, CINDY.
HE DID DISCUSS IT WITH ME, AND I
TOLD HIM IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS
THAT I DID NOT AGREE WITH HIM
DOING IT.

SIGH... YOU KNOW HOW HE
GETS, ONCE HE SETS HIS MIND
TO SOMETHING.

I KNOW YOU WILL.
THAT'S WHY I WAS HOPING
HE WOULD BE IN YOUR
CLASS.

I THOUGHT
YOU WOULD HAVE
MORE PULL WITH HIM
THAN THAT!

YES, I DO. DAMMIT.
WELL, I'LL TAKE GOOD
CARE OF HIM DURING
SCHOOL HOURS.



NO, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. I HAVE GOTTEN YOUNGER, FOR REASONS THAT ARE UNCLEAR.

I'M ON THE WAY TO THE DOCTOR RIGHT NOW, AS A MATTER OF FACT.

DON'T BE.

ARE YOU TAKING PART IN THE STUDY AS WELL? YOU WERE MUCH YOUNGER THAN I EXPECTED HIS WIFE TO BE.

WELL, WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A LITTLE YOUNGER? I'M A BIT JEALOUS OF YOU.

IF YOU SAY SO. I MAY STOP BY ON MY WAY HOME JUST TO SAY HI TO HIM, IF YOU DON'T MIND.



HAHA... YES,
I'M HER RIDE
HOME, AFTER ALL.

VERY GOOD.
THEN I MAY SEE YOU
LATER.



I'M SURE JON WOULD LIKE
THAT. WILL YOU BE BRINGING
RUTHIE WITH YOU?

I MAY BE BACK HOME
BY THEM, DEPENDING ON
HOW LONG THE DOCTOR
TAKES.



SOUNDS GOOD.
THANK YOU FOR CALLING,
CINDY.

OF
COURSE. GOOD
LUCK AT THE
DOCTOR'S.

GOODBYE.

THANKS. I'LL SEE
YOU LATER.



THAT WAS
JON'S
TEACHER.

IS THERE
A PROBLEM?


NO... BUT SHE KNEW
JON BEFORE HE BECAME A
CHILD, AND SHE REALIZED THAT THE
CHILD SHE MET TODAY WAS
HIM.

OH DEAR. WELL, HE
WAS BOUND TO RUN INTO
PEOPLE HE KNEW AS AN
ADULT.

I GUESS SO. I DON'T
THINK HE'LL BE
EMBARRASSED BY IT. HE THINKS
OF HER AS A GROWN UP AND A
TEACHER.

YOU DID TELL ME THAT
HIS MIND WOULD FOLLOW
HIS BODY.

I KNOW... BUT IT'S STILL A
SHOCK. I DON'T THINK HE
REMEMBERS TOO MUCH ABOUT HIS
ADULT LIFE AT THIS POINT.



IT'S PROBABLY
FOR THE BEST. IT WOULD BE
FRUSTRATING FOR A MAN TO BE
TRAPPED IN A CHILD'S BODY,
AFTER ALL.

TRUE. IN A FEW DAYS, HE'LL
FEEL VERY NATURAL AS A CHILD.
IT'S BETTER THAN A LIFE OF
FRUSTRATION.

MAY I
HELP YOU,
MA'AM?

DOES YOUR
DAUGHTER HAVE AN
APPOINTMENT?

YES. WE'RE HERE
TO SEE DOCTOR
BAKER.

DAUGHTER?
YIKES!



YES... YES, OF COURSE! I'M SORRY I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU, LAUREN.

I CAN TAKE YOU RIGHT BACK. THE DOCTOR WILL SEE YOU IMMEDIATELY.

DON'T BE SORRY. IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.

THANK YOU, SARA.

