

House of Dreams Redux

Part 3

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SEPARTECH INC.

THE POOR GIRL. I CAN'T
IMAGINE WHAT SHE IS
GOING THROUGH.

IT'S CERTAINLY TRAUMATIC.
I'VE NEVER HAD A CASE LIKE THIS.
I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING I
COULD DO FOR HER.

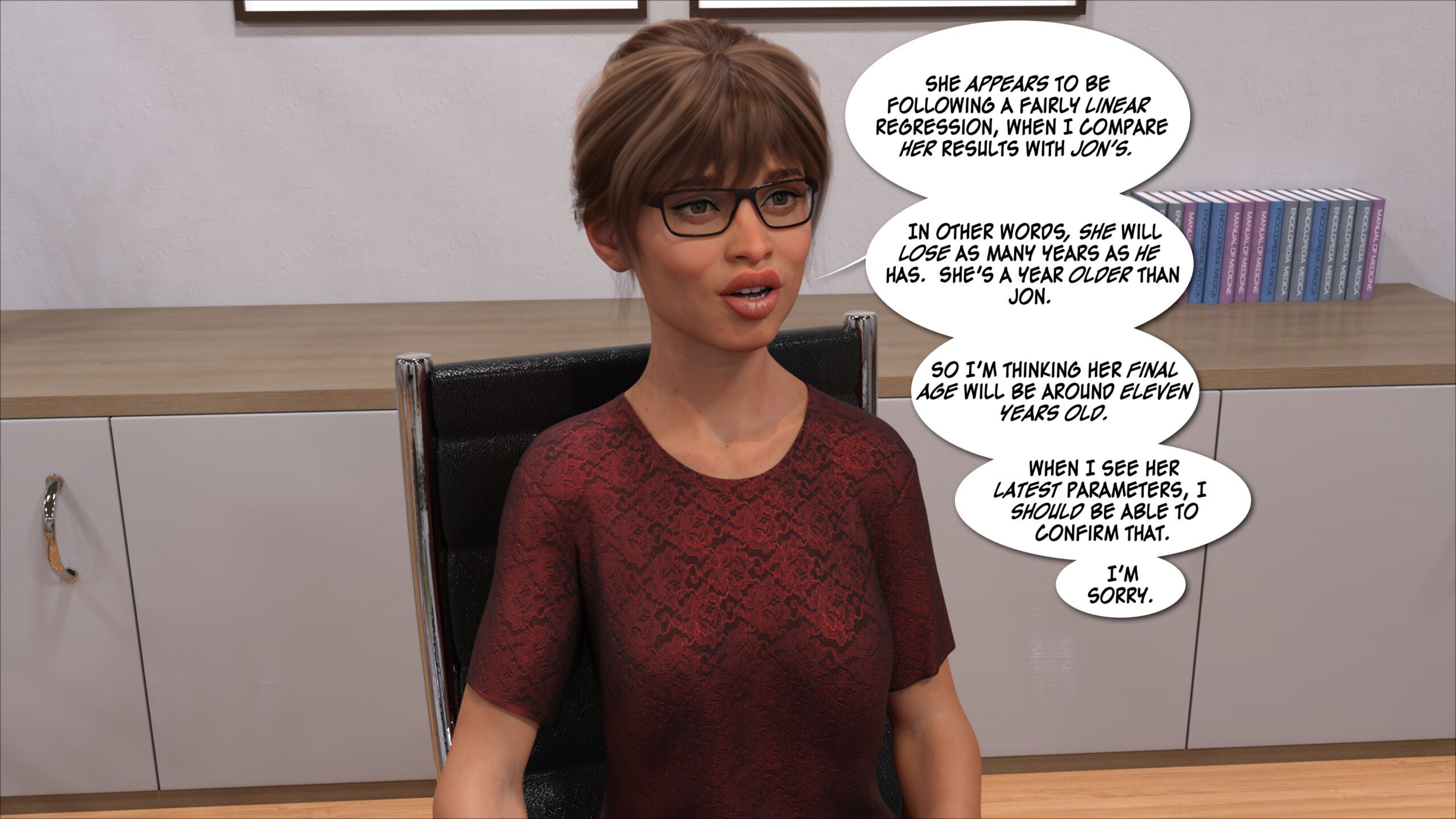




**FOURTEEN YEARS
OLD... AND YOU THINK
SHE'LL GET EVEN
YOUNGER?**

**I'M
AFRAID SO.**

**HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE
TO EXTRAPOLATE HER
END POINT?**




SHE APPEARS TO BE FOLLOWING A FAIRLY LINEAR REGRESSION, WHEN I COMPARE HER RESULTS WITH JON'S.

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE WILL LOSE AS MANY YEARS AS HE HAS. SHE'S A YEAR OLDER THAN JON.

SO I'M THINKING HER FINAL AGE WILL BE AROUND ELEVEN YEARS OLD.

WHEN I SEE HER LATEST PARAMETERS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT.

I'M SORRY.



OH MY... SHE WON'T BE HAPPY ABOUT THAT AT ALL. I KNOW SHE'S GOING TO ASK ABOUT IT.

I WOULDN'T KEEP ANYTHING FROM HER UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES...

...BUT IN THIS CASE, CAN YOU BE A LITTLE BIT... VAGUE AS TO YOUR PREDICTION?

OF COURSE. YOU ARE HER LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND I WILL ABIDE BY YOUR WISHES.

THANK YOU. IF IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO HER ANYWAY, I'D RATHER NOT TRAUMATIZE HER TOO MUCH NOW, IF POSSIBLE.

I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND.



HERE ARE HER NUMBERS,
DOCTOR. SHE'S GETTING
DRESSED.

THANK YOU,
SARA.



HMM... THESE
PARAMETERS DO SUPPORT
MY PREDICTION.

DAMMIT. I WISH
THEY DIDN'T.



DO YOU HAVE...
Y'KNOW... A BELT OR
SOMETHING? MY PANTS KEEP
FALLING DOWN.

I ... UM... DON'T
THINK THEY FIT ME
ANYMORE.





I THINK YOU NEED A BIT MORE THAN A BELT, LAUREN. AT LEAST IN THAT REGARD, WE CAN HELP.

GIVEN THE NATURE OF OUR WORK HERE, WE KEEP A SMALL NUMBER OF GARMENTS HANDY.

I CANNOT VOUCH FOR THE STYLE, BUT AT LEAST WE CAN FIT YOU WITH SOMETHING.

SARA WILL SHOW YOU TO THE CHANGING ROOM.

I CAN TAKE HER TO THE CHANGING ROOM, DOCTOR.

YOU'LL BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE IN CLOTHES THAT FIT YOU, HONEY.

'K... I FEEL LIKE I'M WEARING MY BIG SISTER'S CLOTHES... PLAYING DRESS UP...

...I GUESS I SORT OF AM...

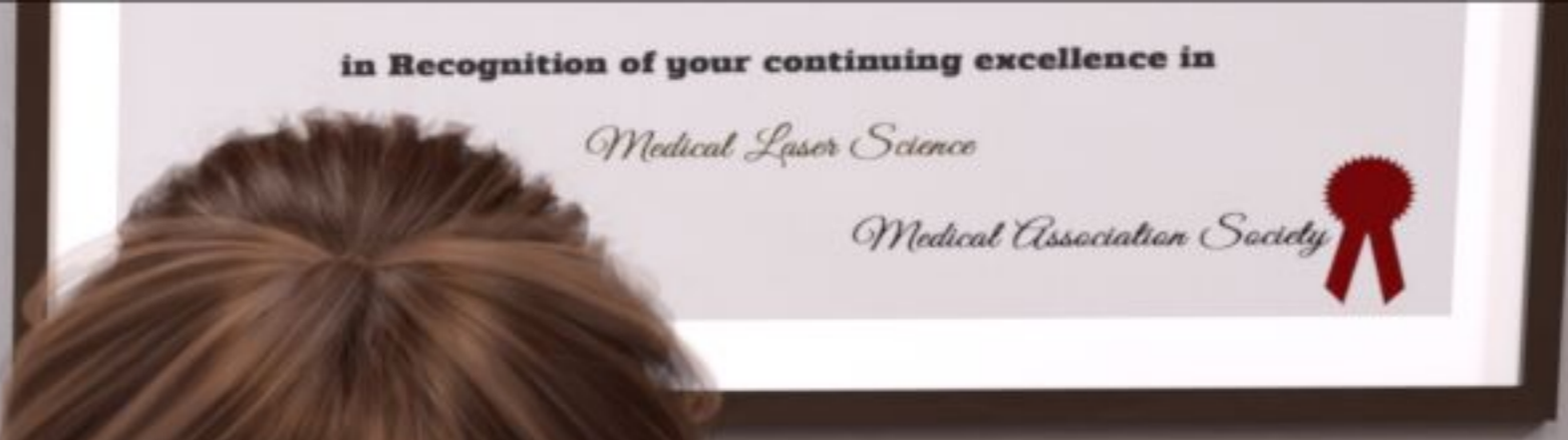
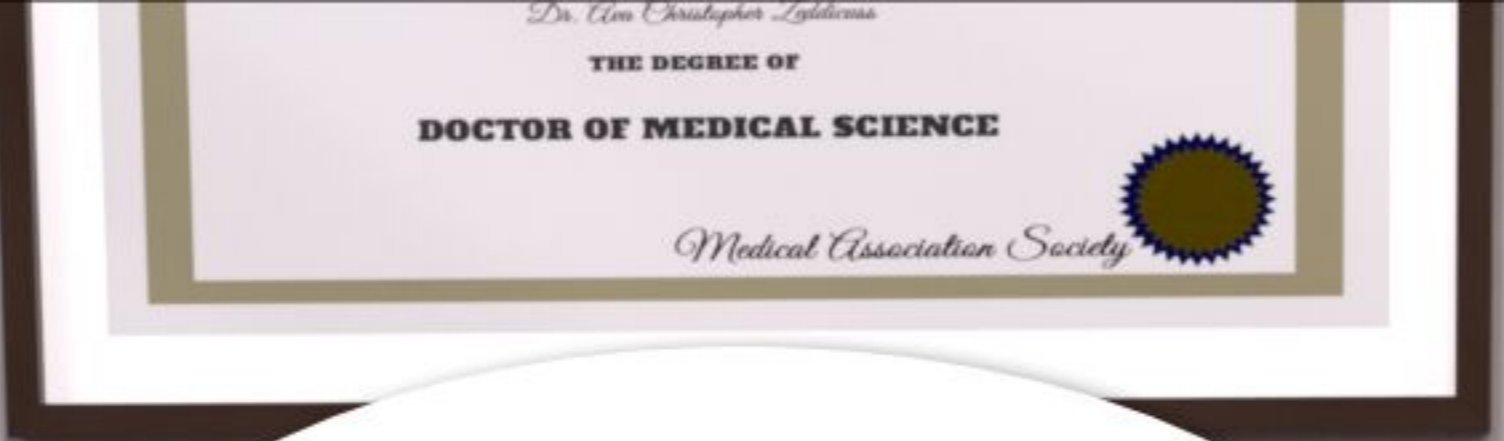
RIGHT THIS WAY, LADIES.



ONE CLOTHING CHANGE LATER...

THAT MUST FEEL BETTER.
I'M GLAD YOU FOUND
SOMETHING THAT FITS YOU.

LIM... IT'S BETTER TO WEAR
CLOTHES THAT AREN'T FALLING
OFF OF ME...



**BUT IT'S LIKE... REALLY
EMBARRASSING TO WEAR A
SCHOOL UNIFORM...**

**...ESPECIALLY A
MIDDLE SCHOOL ONE. I
JUST HOPE I DON'T SEE
ANYONE I KNOW!**

**I COULD
NEVER LIVE IT
DOWN!**

**ER... I DOUBT YOU
WOULD BE RECOGNIZED,
DEAR. LIM...**



I KNOW YOU HAVE
A LOT ON YOUR MIND,
DEAR...

BUT TRY TO
REMEMBER YOUR *GOOD*
POSTURE. WE ARE TALKING
TO THE *DOCTOR*, AFTER
ALL.

GOOD. STOP
FIDGETING, AND SIT LIKE A
PROPER YOUNG LADY.

LIM,
WHAT?


BUT...

I KNOW.





I'M SURE LAUREN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT SHE CAN EXPECT, DOCTOR.



I'M SURE SHE DOES. LAUREN, I COULD TELL FROM THE SCAN THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY FOURTEEN YEARS OLD.

SORRY.

NADIA'S RIGHT! WHY WAS I SITTING LIKE THAT?! IT JUST FELT NATURAL.

I HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT I'M REALLY AN ADULT!

YUCK! I'M NOT GONNA GET ANY YOUNGER, I HOPE! LM...

...AM I?

THE PROCESS IS STILL IN EVOLUTION, SO I EXPECT THAT YOU WILL.

I DON'T EXPECT ANY DRAMATIC CHANGES...

...AND THE PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED BY TOMORROW MORNING.

OF COURSE. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS, SWEETIE.

UGH!



NADIA, I'LL WANT YOU TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR HER FOR FIRST THING TOMORROW.



I'LL SEE YOU LADIES OUT, AND YOU CAN MAKE THE APPOINTMENT.

THANK YOU. WE'LL BE HERE TOMORROW MORNING, NANCY.

