

COLLABORATIVE FILM 2020: MIDNIGHT AQUA ROOM

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INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

TOM (12, older brother and sick patient of hospital ward, caring and courageous) is playing with

ELLIE (5, younger sister with worse conditions, sweet and innocent). Ellie holds up her dolphin doll playfully in the air

WIPE TITLE

TOM

You really like fishes, huh?

ELLIE

It's not a fish, it's a dollfin!
There's a bunch of them in the Aqua room.

TOM

(giggles) You mean the Aquarium? You know we're too sick to go outside, the nurse lady said so, remember?

ELLIE

AQUA ROOM!

TOM

Hahaha, we'll go together once we're all better

Ellie nods enthusiastically, knocking PUFFERFISH DOLL out towards the hallway and Tom goes to retrieve it.

INT. HOSPITAL WARD HALLWAY - CONTIUED

As Tom retrieves the doll, he overhears from a SLIGHTLY OPENED DOOR...

NURSE (V.O.)

(hushed) Is it true what you said in the staff meeting about Ellie?

Curious, Tom leans over to listen in...

DOCTOR

(hushed) There's not much else that can be done, her diagnosis is grim. At most she has 2 months...

NURSE
Poor little thing...

Tom tenses for a bit, looks back to see Ellie playing with her toys happily, then steels himself.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT (ELLIE POV)

TOM
(hushed) psst Ellie. PSST wake up

Ellie's eyes lazily open.

ELLIE
Hmm?

TOM
I've got a surprise for you.

Tom leads Ellie as she keeps her eyes closed

INT. HOSPITAL HALLWAY - CONTINUED

ELLIE (V.O.)
Are we there yet?

TOM
Almost, keep your eyes closed

Tom leads Ellie through dark hallways and corridors until they reach a room with a mysterious blue glow and come to a stop.

TOM
Okay. Now... open.

Ellie opens her eyes to see a GIANT WINDOW PANE standing several feet over her. On the other side is glistening ocean water and tons of SEALIFE.

ELLIE
The Aqua room! How did we- (gasp) Are those DOLLFINS?

Ellie runs over to another section of the room where DOLPHINS perform underwater acrobatics on the other side of the window.

Tom grins, runs over excitedly to join her.

INT. MIDNIGHT AQUARIUM - MONTAGE

--T&E look through a tiny oval window to see smaller marine life.

--T&E stand in the middle of an ovular room with glass windows, TURTLES swimming over them.

--T&E runs through the hall as a giant whale passes them.

(END MONTAGE) FADE OUT

INT. HOSPITAL WARD - MORNING

The entire room is vandalized, drawings of sea life all over the walls. T&E are curled up against the wall in blankets, sleeping soundly.

Drawn directly on the wall above them is a heart and scribbled in Ellie's handwriting inside the heart: "T+E Forevur"

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