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Comprehension QUEST #2

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A Christmas Eve Visit

The hospital lobby was quiet except for the hum of the heater and the soft whispers of nurses behind the desk. Scott tugged at his coat, the wool scratchy against his neck, as he and his dad stepped into the elevator. His arms clutched a small, carefully wrapped package—a gift for Grandpa. The elevator doors slid shut with a metallic thud, and Scott felt his stomach flutter as they rose to the fourth floor.

He had been nervous about visiting Grandpa. He was always full of energy—telling stories, cracking jokes, and playing cards with Scott at the kitchen table. But the fall last month had changed everything. Now he was in the hospital, his leg wrapped in a cast, his face pale and tired. Would he still be the same Grandpa Scott knew?

When they reached his room, the door was slightly ajar. The faint scent of sanitizer lingered in the air. Scott peeked in and saw him sitting up in bed, a blanket draped across his lap. The TV mounted in the corner was playing an old black-and-white movie, the volume low. The sight of him made Scott's heart twist. He looked smaller somehow, his frame almost lost in the crisp white hospital gown.

“Hey, kiddo!” Grandpa’s voice was softer than usual but warm and full of love. Scott hesitated for a moment, then rushed to his side.

“Merry Christmas Eve, Grandpa,” he said, handing him the gift. His dad pulled up a chair, giving Scott a reassuring smile.

Grandpa’s eyes twinkled as he unwrapped the box, the paper crinkling loudly in the quiet room. Inside was a deck of cards, each one decorated with colorful winter scenes—frost-covered trees, skaters on a frozen lake, and cozy cottages glowing with light.

“Ah, perfect,” Grandpa said, holding the cards up like a treasure. “We’ve got time for a game, don’t we?”

Scott nodded eagerly, pulling a small table closer to the bed. As they shuffled and dealt the cards, the room seemed to come alive. Grandpa’s laughter, though quieter than before, filled the space. The hospital walls, so cold and sterile at first, now felt warm and comforting.

For the rest of the evening, Scott forgot his worries. Grandpa was still Grandpa—maybe a little slower, maybe a little quieter, but just as full of love and stories as ever.



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Short Answer QUEST #2

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Directions: Answer the questions to show comprehension after reading the passage.

1. How does Scott feel when he first enters the hospital room? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

2. What gift does Scott bring for Grandpa, and how does Grandpa react when he opens it?

3. What is the significance of the hospital setting in the story? How does it affect Scott's emotions and his view of the visit?

4. How does Grandpa's behavior in the hospital room compare to how Scott remembers him at home? Use details from the text.

5. What does Scott learn from his visit with Grandpa, and how does it change his perspective?

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- A. He feels nervous and unsure about the visit.
- B. He feels excited and happy to see Grandpa.
- C. He feels frustrated about being at the hospital.
- D. He feels calm and confident about the visit.

2. What does Grandpa do when he opens the gift from Scott?

- A. He smiles and says it's perfect for a game.
- B. He says he doesn't need a gift.
- C. He laughs and puts it aside.
- D. He asks Scott to return it.

3. What does Scott do to make the hospital room feel more comfortable?

- A. He brings a small table closer to the bed to set up their card game.
- B. He asks the nurse to change the decorations in the room.
- C. He turns off the TV and opens the window.
- D. He plays music to make the room feel less quiet.

4. What is one way Scott's visit with Grandpa makes him feel better about the situation?

- A. Scott realizes that even though Grandpa is in the hospital, they can still have fun together.
- B. Scott remembers that Grandpa is not hurt and will leave the hospital soon.
- C. Scott decides he does not want to visit again next year.
- D. Scott learns that hospitals are not as scary as he thought.

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