

DR. LEE'S OFFICE

Marisa is sitting in DR. LEE's office with her husband when the oncologist comes in.

DR. LEE

Your biopsy results came back. I know you've been through a lot in the past month after your stillborn delivery, and now this.

Marisa and her husband hang on to every word. The scans show that the mass contains a cancerous tumor.

MARISA

I don't even understand how this is possible. I've spent my life, my career, working out and as the healthiest person I know.

DR. LEE

I know, and this is a very rare form of cancer called a synovial sarcoma.

MARISA

How did this happen?

DR. LEE

We still don't know. There's a lot of research to be done. But, there is a bit of a silver lining here.

MARISA

How?

DR. LEE

Your prognosis is positive. You will need chemo, surgery, and possibly radiation, but that's because we caught it very early. We will determine how many rounds of chemo you will need, but probably 3-4 to reduce the size of the tumor, and then we will follow that up with surgery to remove the mass, making sure we get clean margins. From there, we will determine if radiation is necessary

DR. LEE takes in Marisa and Mike's faces.

DR. LEE (CONT'D)

I know this is a lot to take in. Your baby saved your life.

Marisa looks up at DR. LEE, confused.

MARISA

What?

DR. LEE

Without the birth of your baby, the tumor could have remained undetected for months, even years, and by then it may have been too late.

MARISA

Really?

DR. LEE

It's always hard to know what to say in these circumstances, but I believe she saved your life.

Tears well up in her eyes. She's been pushed to the impossible, but this one glimmer of hope in the mess. She looks at Mike, and then looks up.

MARISA

Let's call her She-ra, my little miracle.