

THE POOH STONE

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SWORD & THE STONE EXCERPT:

INT. SAM & ALEX'S BEDROOM - CALGARY - DAY

Alex, in same outfit, is in curled up on top of duvet. Her eyes are open and she is staring out window. A tear rolls over her nose. Sasha is beside her. There is a KNOCK at door.

ALEX

Yeah?

ALEX'S MOM (O.S.)

It's Mom...can I come in?

ALEX

Yeah.

Alex's Mom opens door, walks over to Alex's bed and sits on the edge. Sasha wags her tail. Alex doesn't move.

ALEX'S MOM

How did it go today?

ALEX

(upset)

It wasn't a B&E. There was no one in the building...it was a false alarm. Sam died protecting a premise that didn't need protecting.

ALEX'S MOM

Oh, Alex...

Alex turns over, weary, to face her Mom.

ALEX

And there should've been a safety railing where he was standing. Mom, his death was totally preventable.

Alex's Mom breathes in sharply.

ALEX (CONT'D)

What am I gonna do?

ALEX'S MOM

Exactly what you are doing. You can only take this one day at a time...

Alex nods slowly and closes her eyes. A tear rolls down her cheek. Alex's mom gently wipes tear away.

ALEX'S MOM (CONT'D)

(softly)

I wish I could take your hurt away.

Alex opens her eyes.

ALEX

I just feel so overwhelmed...

Alex's Mom nods slowly, thinking a moment.

ALEX'S MOM

Do you remember what your favourite book was when you were little?

ALEX

No.

ALEX'S MOM

It was "The Sword and the Stone."
You absolutely loved it. You had me read it to you over and over again.

ALEX

Really?

ALEX'S MOM

Mmmm...hmmm.

ALEX

Gee...I can't even remember what it's about.

ALEX'S MOM

(smiles)

It's about how although WE may not know we are capable of handling something...when the time comes, we will find the strength...or be given it.

Alex's Mom reaches over and gently squeezes Alex's leg.

ALEX'S MOM (CONT'D)

I've seen this in you over the last week. You're like young Arthur pulling the sword from the stone.

ALEX

Thanks, Mom.

ALEX'S MOM

Thankfully, however...also just like young Arthur, you have *time* to grow into your powers. Now, you need to rest, okay?

Alex nods. Alex's Mom stands up and walks to door. But before leaving she turns around again and looks at Alex.

ALEX'S MOM (CONT'D)

I know Sam and I didn't get along very well...

Alex's Mom looks to floor, uncomfortable.

ALEX

Mom...

Alex's Mom looks up again.

ALEX'S MOM

But I used to be an occupational health & safety nurse, remember? What happened to Sam should *not* have happened.

REVEAL Alex's look of surprise.

Alex Mom's leaves room, softly closing door behind her.