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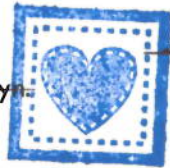
~~Allie~~ That's not really how family works, you guys. They don't give you what you want. They give you what they decide you need.

(she examines the bassinet. Begins assembling.)

I had a great big loud family once, for about eight months. Mother had taken up with this guy Steve, she met him on the pageant circuit, he designed the lights. He'd slip a pink gel into the spotlight whenever I walked on stage, so I'd look just a little better than the other girls. I liked that guy. Anyway, he had this huge family in Long Island, we spent Thanksgiving there one year. They yelled, like the entire time. Of course I'd never seen anything like it, I was just like, what is wrong with these people, ya know? And then, while we were there, I got appendicitis and it came this close to bursting, they had to rush me right into surgery, and Steve's entire family came to the hospital, they brought me ice cream and magazines and one of his sisters painted my toenails... and I got it. Families don't have to have a ton of crap in common, they don't even really have to like each other that much... but when it matters, they show up. You've got a whole posse of people on your side. I've lived without that. Then, thanks to Paul, I've lived with it. Trust me, life is much better with. And when you least expect it, they can be the missing piece that makes everything come together.

(The bassinet is complete.)

I love you guys. Merry Christmas.



KEVIN

~~Merry Christmas, Kaitlyn~~

KAITLYN exits via the elevator. KEVIN and ALLIE breathe a long sigh and sit.

ALLIE

Well. How about that?

KEVIN

Sometimes people can surprise you.

ALLIE

Apparently.

KEVIN

Hershel Dennis Gordon.

ALLIE

Born, if he hurries it up, on December 25th.

KEVIN

A future president. Slept in a dresser drawer.

ALLIE

He won't have to. We have a bassinet.