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Dr. Warren stands facing Tom and Diane. Diane is still trembling. Tom does his best to comfort her.

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DR. WARREN

We're keeping him sedated, for now. He's conscious. Responsive.

DIANE

But he's okay? Please ... tell us he's going to be okay --

Dr. Warren tightens. Doesn't quite know how to answer.

DR. WARREN

By all accounts, his muscles should have atrophied. He hasn't moved his arms or legs in cwelve years, and yet there appears to be little to no muscle acterioration.

-(a beaty-measured)

In all my years in medicine, I've never seen anything like this.

A beat as she lets that land. And then:

DR. WARREN (CONT'D) I'm recommending he be transferred to Johns Hopkins. I know a neurologist in Baltimore where we can conduct a thorough analysis --

DIANE

Wait -- transferred? I don't understand --

TOM

holden's not the first kid to wake tip from a come

DR. WARREN

It's not his waking up from the coma that concerns me.

(then)

What concerns me is we still don't know what caused it. / We don't know how his body will react going ferward. There could be long term effects

I don't understand, he's talking, he's responsive. You said he was healthy and now you want to ship him off to be someone's science	* * * *
experiment?	*
Tom puts a comforting hand on his wife's shoulder.	*
TOM Diane	*
DIANE He's coming home with me.	*
TOM Enough.	*
This catches everyone by surprise. All eyes on Tom now.	*
TOM (CONT'D) Let's at least take some time to consider	* *
DIANE We've waited long enough. (then; almost pleading) Haven't we?	* * *
Dr. Warren looks from Tom, then to Diane. Registers the anguish those twelve years have caused this couple.	*
DR. WARREN It's your decision. I can't hold him without your consent. But until we understand what happened, I can't guarantee there won't be unforeseen complications.	* * * * *
Diane nods. Her features soften as she weighs her words.	*
DIANE I'm grateful, Doctor. Truly grateful, for everything you've done for keeping my family whole. But my son is coming home.	
Dr. Warren looks into Diane's eyes. There's a strength there. An unbreakable resolve.	
Then let's get your son home.	
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