

Huw It was but, but there's no point in secrets unless you share them.

Thomas Suppose.

Thomas *begins to change back into his own shirt.*

Thomas Why did you go with that?

Huw What?

Thomas Bird?

Huw Well because . . .

I dunno.

Beat.

Huw I was sad to hear about your dad.

Thomas My dad?

Huw Yeah.

Thomas How did you /

Huw / I heard you telling Elin.

Thomas Right.

Beat.

Huw How did he . . . ?

Thomas Cancer.

Beat.

Huw Do you miss him?

Thomas . . . Yeah, of course.

It gets easier though. Or, or you just get used to it.

Huw Well that's . . . that's good to know.

Beat.

Thomas What about you? What about your dad?

Huw . . . What about him?

Thomas Where is he?

Huw . . . Away.

Thomas Really?

Huw . . . Yeah.

Thomas But, where?

Huw Just . . . away.

Thomas But /

Huw He got sick.

Thomas Right.

Huw And I . . .

Thomas Used to look after him?

Huw . . . I guess. And now . . .

Thomas Now?

Huw He's gone.

Beat.

Thomas How was that?

Looking after him?

Huw Fine I guess.

Thomas Fine?

Huw Yeah, I mean . . . it was easy.

Thomas Easy?

Huw Yeah I . . . I just had to make sure he washed and ate and things /

Thomas Right /

Huw Most of the time we were able to do stuff together around the house.

Thomas / Most of the time?

Huw . . . Well he . . . he . . . he has these aggressive turns.

Thomas Turns?

Huw He never used to but . . . 'it' makes him angry /

Thomas What does?

Huw No /

Thomas What's wrong with him?

Huw It makes him scared, like a . . . like a wounded animal fighting to survive.

I always think . . . if you, if you think of a baby. How they kick, how they scream when they're scared. That's what Dad is like. But he isn't a baby he's a man, a strong man.

One minute he'd be laughing, joking around and the next he'd be . . . Mum used to lock him in. Lock the doors, even if we were in 'cause, 'cause she was worried he'd try to get away.

And he'd scream, scream for us to let him out.

He'd grab me, by the wrists, and, and I would try to pull away but . . . but I couldn't . . . So I'd hide myself in the bathroom and pray, pray for him to calm down. And eventually he always did.

I used to take him out. Take him down to Llansteffan, down to the coast. He loved it there, for a couple of hours it was like having him back.

But this one time he . . .

We were, we were on our way up to the castle. Elin was home for the weekend so she came with us and he . . . he had one of his turns, but, but this time there was nowhere for me to hide and he . . .

He . . .

(Clearly upset.) I'm sorry, I /

Thomas No. No don't be sorry.

Huw I don't talk about it.

Thomas It's fine. *(Putting a hand on Huw's shoulder.)* It's good to talk.

Huw It's nice to have someone that listens.

Beat.

Thomas And these . . . the coastal things . . . they're /

Huw Reminders I guess. They're . . . they're more for Mum now.

Thomas In what way?

Huw Well they . . . I dunno I guess . . . I guess they help. Make her feel like he's still at home.

Beat.

Thomas I think . . . I think you need to try to move on.

Huw What?

Thomas All of you.

Huw Why?

Thomas Because . . . because grief it . . . it ruins a place and . . . and having reminders like this it . . .

Huw What?

Thomas . . . It doesn't help.

Beat.

Huw But . . . but Mum she . . . she needs them.

Thomas No she doesn't.

Huw She does.

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Thomas She'll understand.

Huw She won't.

Thomas She /

Huw She's not as . . . she's not as strong as she looks.

Thomas But you are.

Huw . . . What?

Thomas You're strong.

Huw . . . I'm not.

Thomas You are.

Huw I'm just /

Thomas The way you helped your father. The way you looked after him. That takes a lot more strength than you think. And I should know. You need to give yourself more credit.

Huw But I /

Thomas Believe in yourself a bit more.

Huw Mum she's /

Thomas I was like you once. Quiet. Shy. Gentle. But . . . but I always knew what I wanted to do so I went out there and got it. Built myself up. Made something of my life and . . . and that's what I want you to do little Blue. Put yourself first, try to move on, live your /

Huw *goes in for a kiss. Their lips meet but then Thomas pushes him away.*

Thomas No.

Huw But /

Thomas I'm sorry /

Huw But you . . .

