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# CATS ILLUSTRATED

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**Rice jr. is recovering well!**



Since being attacked and wounded, Rice jr. has been in a state of deep unconsciousness. However, he woke up briefly today, which the doctors interpreted as a sign that he was getting better. Rice was already up and alert, but doctors said that he had to take it easy because of his concussion. Even Rice knew that this was important to making a full recovery. But he was very happy when Rice jr. woke up briefly and saw him sitting there.

Image above - Juliet, having some Mama - kitten time.

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"I am leaving with Mavis and Harvey to go and track down the cat who attacked you and Rice jr. and stole from Juliet," Ice told Rice, as he was about to leave, "I need you and Rice jr. to stay safe here, at the hospital.

Don't even think of trying to follow us. This is a dangerous mission. Rice nodded solemnly, but deep inside he knew that he and Rice jr. would follow Ice. But he watched in silence as Ice left without another word.

As soon as Ice's car drove out of the driveway, Rice snuck out of the hospital to get his van. He drove it back to the hospital, loaded the back of the van up with blankets for Rice jr., and raided Rudy's pantry for yummy snacks to take along. On a whim, Rice grabbed 3 rolls of toilet paper. It really couldn't hurt. Then, he drove back to the hospital. When no one was looking, he picked up Rice jr. off his bed, and snuck him into the back of the van. Rice grabbed some of Rice jr.'s medication and tossed that in the van too. Rice also grabbed some of his medication. Then, before anyone could catch him, Rice drove out of the parking lot of the hospital and onto the open road.

Juliet padded into Rice jr.'s room for her visiting hour time. But she nearly collapsed when she saw that Rice jr.'s bed was empty. And his medication was gone. Juliet stood in shocked silence for 5 seconds, and then let out a caterwaul that reverberated through the hospital. And 5 miles down the road, Rice jr. woke up at the sound of his mother's pain. He turned to Rice, who passed Rice jr. a tape of Ice explaining what he would be doing. Rice jr. sighed and laid back down after taking a pill and taking a drink of water. He would definitely need his rest.

**"I know Rice is following us, don't worry, because I planned for this."**

**- ICE, WHO KNOWS THAT RICE IS SOMEWHAT PREDICTABLE**

hospital. And 6 miles down the road, Rice flinched at the sound of his mother's pain.

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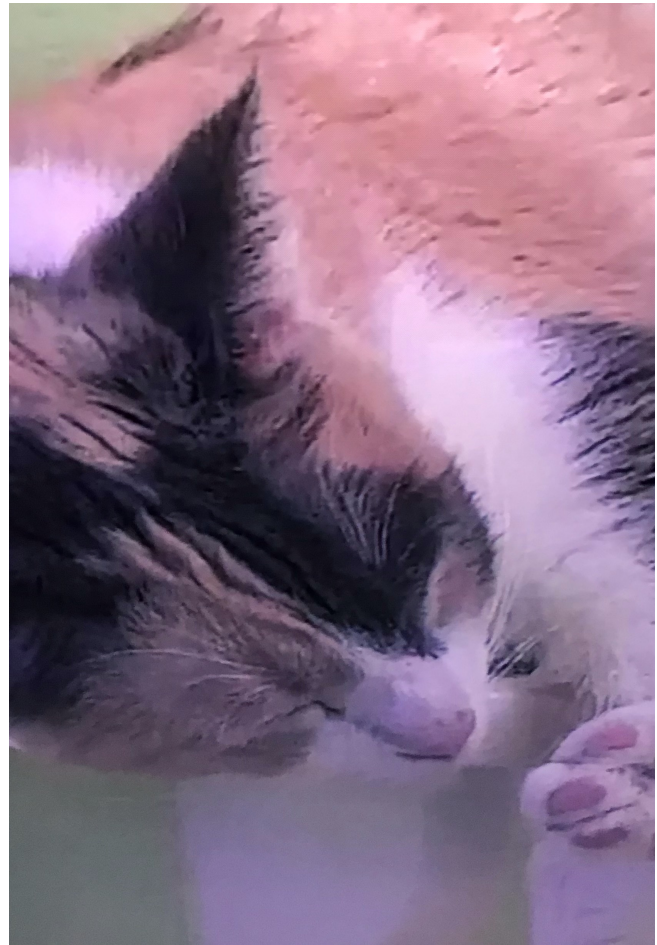


Image above - Juliet, who is extremely worried for Rice jr. as he has not been seen for an hour.