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Chapter 11 (A Nurse's Job)
Tough, but Rewarding

Story A

Dear Hana,

It sounds like you are having a very hard time as a **1)** _____
_____. A couple of years ago, I had a chance to watch nurses working
when my husband, Erik, had **2)** _____ surgery for pneumothorax. I'll
write about it as it may give you some idea about how nurses are working in my
country.

During the surgery, Erik was totally **3)** _____ due to the anesthesia.
When he woke up in the recovery room, a nurse asked him how he was feeling.
Then she checked his vital signs, **4)** _____ and urinary
catheter. She did everything very quickly and efficiently.

Later as he started feeling pain, he pushed the nurse **5)** _____
_____. Then his bed number was shown on the small digital display
boards which nurses can see everywhere in the **6)** _____. Soon the nurse
came to him and he asked for a **7)** _____.

The next morning at 7:30 a.m., the nurse checked Erik's **8)** _____ in his
ear, and explained about his medication. At 8:00 a.m., she served him breakfast
and tea. The doctor came at **9)** _____ a.m. and instructed her to take out
Erik's urinary catheter, as everything seemed fine with him. **10)** _____
_____, the nurse warmed up Erik's precooked lunch in a microwave oven
and brought it to him. His meal was chicken with boiled potatoes, **11)** _____
and some bread.



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Story B

The nurse in charge of Erik looked really busy, running around to help six patients who were calling her 1) _____. In the afternoon, however, Erik and I enjoyed a short conversation with her, including precautions after 2) _____ the hospital.

While talking, I asked her if she liked her job. It looked tough and stressful being a nurse with such heavy responsibilities, always 3) _____ people's lives and health.

She replied immediately. "I'm glad to work here. It's good to feel I can use my 4) _____ to help sick people. Nurses can help patients have a more comfortable time in the hospital, and listen to 5) _____ they may have."

"Sometimes I suffer from a lack of confidence, especially when I 6) _____ difficult situations, but I've never thought about quitting. This job requires a lot of 7) _____ but I think I can keep calm even under pressure if I have enough medical knowledge and experience." Erik and I felt very grateful for her professionalism and devotion.

Hana, 8) _____ started on the path to becoming a full-fledged nurse. Someday you will be proud of yourself as a highly-trained, trusted nurse who is always 9) _____ help sick people. Hang in there, Hana, for your future patients and for your dream!

Lots of hugs,

Lotta

