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Hùng walks slowly. He is carefully warmed and bedded down for his long night's sleep. On the bedpan beside him, Hùng's name, “Hùng,” is written in a graceful script.

Dr. Koch, who is performing the surgery, is standing next to Hùng. He is speaking softly, his voice filled with concern for the child. Hùng's parents are sitting next to him, holding his hand and comforting him.

As Dr. Koch begins the surgery, Hùng's parents watch in silence. They are both nervous and concerned as they watch their child undergo a major operation.

Dr. Koch, who is highly skilled and experienced in his field, is performing the surgery with precision and care. He is using the latest technology to ensure that the surgery is successful.

After the surgery, Dr. Koch speaks to Hùng's parents. He tells them that the surgery was successful and that Hùng is doing well.

Hùng, who is now recovering in the hospital, is being taken care of by his parents and a team of nurses. They are doing everything they can to make sure that he is comfortable and safe.

As the days go by, Hùng's parents watch as he begins to recover. They are overjoyed to see their son improving and getting stronger.

Hùng's journey is not yet over, but with the help of the doctors and nurses who have cared for him, he is on the road to recovery. He will continue to be monitored closely as he heals and regains his strength.

In the end, Hùng's story is a powerful reminder of the importance of medical care and the dedication of those who provide it.
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Dr. Koch peels Húng’s skin away slowly from his muscles, then carefully rolls the skin like a cigarette and puts it aside to be grafted.

A PVNF nurse rubs iodine on Húng’s hand in preparation for surgery.

R. Michael Koch, M.D., a PVNF surgeon from New York, removes skin from Húng’s groin.

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Hùng lies in the recovery room. When he wakes, he will have a normal functioning hand and will be able to write his name like other children his age.
Hùng drives his new toy car with his free hand in the recovery room.

Hùng’s mother’s frequent stares penetrate the hospital’s double glass doors. She expects Dr. Koch to walk through the doors with Hùng and his newly functioning hand at any moment.