Sleep Faker

My husband was very strict about afternoon naps when our child was very young. I recall when she was about five years old, my husband told me that our daughter sometimes pretended to sleep. My husband is not a doctor, so I told him how doctors sometimes check to see if a patient is truly in a coma or faking it.

"If I raise the patient's arm above his face, and the arm falls directly onto his face when I let go of his arm, it's likely to be genuine," I continued,

"but if on letting go of the arm, the arm falls nicely into place beside the patient, avoiding the face, it may be a put-on."

My husband said he would try this out on our sleeping child. When he returned, he laughed and said, "She's the ultimate faker!" "How did the test go?" I inquired.

"When I lifted up her arm, it stayed straight in the air!" ◆





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