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FLANIGAN

Doctor.

-- and a fecal impaction who resented the rectal exam!

FLANIGAN

njoys this)

octor. Her chart's up and

Grace collects herself, pushes into --

INT. HOSPITAL, ER, EXAM ROOM 2 - CONTINUOUS

-- and follows the "script" with a forced smile.

GRACE

Hello, Ms. Anders. I'm Doctor Devlin.

TIFFANY

Yeah, I remember you.

GRACE

I'm sorry you had to wait --

TIFFANY

-- Four damned hours. I could've died!

GRACE

(re: chart, pushes ahead) The pain is in your lower abdomen, right? May I?

Tiffany nods. Grace examines her.

TIFFANY

I need something for the pain. I'm allergic to ibuprofen, Toradol and morphine. There's this other drug. I think it's "D" something?

GRACE

Dilaudid?

TIFFANY

Yeah. That's the one.

Grace palpates and listens. Tiffany groans with fake pain.

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GRACE

Mild, diffuse tenderness. No rebound or guarding. Strong femoral pulses... All good news.

TIFFANY

Are you deaf? I said it hurts! (off Grace)
Look, are you familiar with your own hospital's policy?

GRACE

Excuse me?

TIFFANY

You need to order a CT and then give me something for the pain. I suggest Dilaudid.

GRACE

(eyes chart; 'enough')
You've been here 80 times this
year. Every time, a new complaint.
You've had so many CT's your
ovaries must glow in the dark.

TIFFANY

The pain is different this time.

GRACE

Which is what you said last time.
(writing out a referral)
So, I am following 'policy' by
referring you to a Drug Addiction
Counselor.

(hands her a referral) Please, get help.

With that, Grace exits. Hold on Tiffany, pissed --

END SC.

INT. HOSPITAL, ER, CORRIDOR - SECONDS LATER

PICK UP Grace, satisfied. Feels good to do the right thing... Her phone rings. She checks caller I.D., answers.

GRACE

Hey Nate...

INTERCUT WITH:

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DR. WHITE

He's showing progressive paralysis following head trauma... What's the differential diagnosis?

BRETT

Spina CT was negative, but what about a central cord syndrome?

GRACE

Or SCIWONA? We'd need an MRI.

DR. WHITE

He's not stable enough. What do we know about the mechazism of injury?

GRACE

Helmet was scratched in front. Chest and extrematy abrasions, wrist fracture --

DR. WHITE

Which suggests a face plant. Could there have been extreme cervical flexion or extension?

BRETT

Carol may know.

(off them)

A senior partner at Jack's firm. She saw him go down.

DR. WHITE

Go talk to her. And take Grace --

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL, SURGICAL PATIENT ROOM - DAY

Not happy, Olivia palpates Tiffany's abdomen.

TIFFANY

... I need a CT scan and something for the pain. I'm allergic to morphine. There's this other drug. I think it's "D" something?

OLIVIA

Dilaudid.

TIFFANY

Yeah. That's the one.

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OLIVIA

It's ten times more powerful than morphine.

TIFFANY

I've got ten times the pain.

OLIVIA

('over it')

I'll order an abdomen/pelvis CT and two of Dilaudid.

TIFFANY

You're a wonderful doctor.

OLIVIA

(irritated)

Would you like an extra pillow or blanket?

Before Tiffany can answer, Olivia blows out the door

-END4.2

INT. HOSPITAL, CORRIDOR - DAY

Grace and Brett head for the Waiting Room.

BRETT

Growing up, Carol's family lived next door. She was older, but we'd hand out. When my parents would host these God-awfu' political dinners, I'd hide out in her room 'til the last guest went home.

GRACE

(with a smile)

You had it rough.

EBEUT!

To my dad, I was a photo op and I didn't like wearing a tie.

GRACE

You still don't.

They spot Carol in the Waiting Room, mid-conversation with U.S. Attorney MARK EASTON (50s, pit byll). Brett hesitates.

GRACE (CONT'D)

Your father?

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TIFFANY

I know you're messing with me, Doc. You could just said "No" to the Dilaudid. There are other hospitals.

OLIVIA

You have mesenteric thrombosis.

TIFFANY

Like I'm supposed to know what that is.

OLIVIA

It means that without surgery, you will die.

TIFFANY

You're a bad liar, Doc.

OLIVIA

CAT scans don't lie.

TIFFANY

(re: the film)

For all I know, that isn't even me.

Olivia changes tactics. She snags an AMA form from the wall. Feigns indifference --

OLIVIA

Okay, it's your funeral. Just sign this Against Medical Advice form while I get a witness.

She hands Tiffany the form.

TIFFANY

A witness?

OLIVIA

That I explained the consequences of denying the recommended treatment. See you later --

Olivia turns her back on Tiffany, starts to leave.

TIFFANY

Wait. If I agree to the surgery...

Olivia stops, her back still to Tiffany.

TIFFANY (CONT'D)

Can I have some more Dilaudid?

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