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INT. BOAT - DAY

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As Spiro enters - WE SEE Doctor Alexander's HEAD BASHED IN. Dead. A SINGLE SOCKET TIRE IRON rests next to him in the boat.

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NAROYAN

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That's a shitty way to start the year.

SPIRO

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What kind of doctor was he?

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Naroyan looks at his notes.

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NAROYAN

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Medicine research.

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SPIRO

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Let's check for surveillance cameras in the area. Get a list of all vehicles coming and going in the last couple of days.

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Spiro kneels down and looks at the tire iron.

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SPIRO (CONT'D)

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And see who's missing a tire iron.

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NAROYAN

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Right.

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INT. EMERGENCY ROOM - SAME TIME

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Sam is up. He has a blank stare in his eyes.

Doctor Kazan enters with a MALE NURSE, interrupting Sam's train of thought.

DR. KAZAN

How you feeling?

Sam mulls it over.

SAM

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Fine, I guess. I don't know what happened.

Kazan takes his time to deliver the news of his findings to Sam.

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DR. KAZAN

Do you have any family or loved ones nearby that can come and be with you?

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SAM

No. My ex wife and kids are in California. I am here on business. What's going on doctor?

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DR. KAZAN

Mr. Collins, are you suffering from any depression or suicidal thoughts?

SAM

No. Why are you asking me this?

Kazan exchanges a glance with the nurse.

DR. KAZAN

Mr. Collins, we have found a rare poison in your blood stream.

SAM

Poison? What do you mean?

DR. KAZAN

Your system has already absorbed a sufficient amount of toxin called botulinum toxin type H, that proves to be fatal, along with a mix of other ingredients. I've never seen anything like it.

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(a beat)

This new toxin cannot be neutralized by any of the currently available antitoxin antisera, which means that we have no effective treatment for this form of botulism.

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SAM

Speak English man!

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DR. KAZAN

You have absorbed a toxin that will kill you. There is no antidote for it. There were a few recent studies that projected possible antitoxins in mice but...

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SAM

Are you fucking kidding me?

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DR. KAZAN

I'm afraid not.

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Sam tries to digest what he is saying.

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SAM

You think I tried to kill myself?

DR. KAZAN

I didn't say that.

SAM

What are you saying?

Sam sits up in his bed.

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Doctor Kazan pauses.

DR. KAZAN

You've been murdered, Mr. Collins.

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The news hits Sam hard. His face sinks as his mind races.

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SAM

(under his breath)

I'm going to die?

Doctor Kazan waits for Sam to absorb the information.

DR. KAZAN

I have notified the authorities on
this as this is a possible case of
homicide.

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