

MANDY #1

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SCENE E

INT. PATIENT ROOM - DAY
(MANDY, CALEB, DR. FROST)

CLOSE ON MANDY AND CALEB, WHO STARE INTENTLY.

MANDY

Pancreatitis is supposed to be painful
but Mr. Bans looks pretty happy.

REVEAL THE PATIENT: AN OVERWEIGHT MAN IN HIS 50'S, BLISSED OUT
WITH A DOPEY GRIN ON HIS FACE.

CALEB

(CHECKS IV) He should be. He's on rock
star levels of morphine.

MANDY

I'd like some morphine.

CALEB

No kidding. This day is way stressful.
We're the doctors now. We screw up and
someone could die.

~~PATIENT~~

~~(GROGGY, STILL ASLEEP) Whazzat?~~

~~CALEB~~

~~Nothing, Mr. Bans.~~

MANDY

Yeah. The pressure is real intense.

CALEB

It's because they make us feel like
we're competitors, not peers. It's
like the Hunger Games.

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MANDY

Yeah, but harder and there's no
Jennifer Lawrence.

CALEB

We should team up. Have each other's
backs. Have an ally. What do you
think?

MANDY

Really? I think that's great. (SMILES)
I'm honestly relieved. I thought I was
going to have to go it alone before my
eventual nervous breakdown.

CALEB

You that afraid of killing someone?

PATIENT

(GROGGY) Whoozzaa?

MANDY

CALEB

Go to sleep, Mr. Bans.

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MANDY

No... (THEN) I was the first person in
my family to go to college. They
sacrificed everything for me. So I
feel all this pressure to succeed. But
can I tell you a secret?

CALEB

Of course. Safe space.

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MANDY

Most of the time I feel like I don't
even belong here.

CALEB TAKES THIS IN.

MANDY

Ugh I shouldn't have said all that.

CALEB

No, I'm glad you did. I know exactly
how you feel.

MANDY

You do?

HE NODS. MANDY SMILES - IT'S A NICE MOMENT BETWEEN THEM.

JUST THEN DR. FROST (50'S, HANDSOME, AFFABLE, ACCOMPLISHED,
THINKS HE'S FUNNIER THAN HE IS) WALKS INTO THE ROOM.

DR. FROST

(TO MANDY) Hello, I'm Dr. Stephen
Frost, Senior Attending, Department
Chair, please no applause.

MANDY

Dr. Frost, it's an honor. My name is --

DR. FROST

And look who's here! Caleb! How are
you kiddo?

~~CALEB,~~

~~Stephen! Uh, Dr. Frost, I didn't
realize you were the Senior Attending.~~

MANDY

(SHOCKED) You two know each other?

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DR. FROST

Know each other? I've been friends with the Sommers' forever, we share a house in Sun Valley. I taught this little guy how to ski!

HE GIVES CALEB A NOOGIE. MANDY'S JAW DROPS.

DR. FROST

~~(CHECKS PACER) Shoot. An appendix
blew. Tell you what: Do a full workup
on Mr. Bans before his paracentesis.~~

(TO CALEB) Good to see you, "Dr. Sommers". (TO MANDY) Nice meeting you, what was it?

MANDY

Dr. Reyes.

DR. FROST EXITS. MANDY STARES DAGGERS AT CALEB.

CALEB

What? (BEAT) What?

MANDY

I take it back. I do want to kill someone today.

THE PATIENT GROANS.

MANDY

Not you, Mr. Bans.

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SCENE J

INT. DOCTOR'S LOUNGE- DAY - MOMENTS LATER
(CAROL, MANDY, CALEB)

MANDY STORMS IN. CALEB FOLLOWS.

MANDY

I'm sorry. I don't understand. I don't
speak the language of betrayal.

CALEB

Betrayal? That's a little much.

MANDY

"I know exactly how you feel." Really,
Warren Buffet, do you?

CAROL (O.S.)

Excuse me.

WE REVEAL CAROL AT THE COFFEE TABLE, PICKING AT HER SALAD.

CAROL

Someone is trying to eat lunch in
lonely exile here.

MANDY

I'm sorry, Carol, but it turns out
Caleb is not who he says he is. He is
not a woke bae.

CALEB

I never said I was a woke bae.

MANDY

It's practically tattooed on your
face!

(MORE)

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MANDY (CONT'D)

You bike to work, you eat out of the
dumpster, you act all "man of the
people" but --

THEY BOTH START TALKING AT ONCE:

CALEB

I didn't know the attending
would be Dr. Frost! I can't know
a doctor here?

MANDY

I never would've opened up to
you if I knew who you were! A
connected rich boy!

CAROL WHISTLES AND RAISES HER HAND.

CAROL

Hand goes up, mouths go shut.

THEY ARE INSTANTLY SILENT.

MANDY

(WOWED) Dang, you were a teacher.

CAROL

So, you are having a disagreement.
(THEY NOD, YES) Is it about patient
care?

CALEB

Not exactly. We have a pancreatitis
case. It's patient-care adjacent.

MANDY

We need to do an ab-jab. Sadly, I no
longer trust Caleb, who tricked me
into confiding in him by hiding the
fact that he's a privileged skier.

CALEB

Ok, you're making a lot of
assumptions.

MANDY

Excuse me?

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THE ARGUMENT HEATS UP AGAIN. CAROL SHOOTS HER HAND UP.

CAROL

Look at the hand! (THEY FALL SILENT)

This sounds like a big, painful
discussion. You know what else is
painful? Pancreatitis. So maybe you
can continue this after you assist the
patient who needs your help? Or is
that not why you're both here?

MANDY AND CALEB NOD, CHASTENED, RECOGNIZING THIS FACT.

CAROL

Now if you'll excuse me, I have some
stool sample jars that aren't going to
fill themselves.

SHE STANDS, TAKES HER TRAY, AND EXITS.

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MANDY #3

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SCENE M

INT. PATIENT ROOM - DAY

(MANDY, CALEB, DR. FROST)

MANDY AND CALEB FINISH THE PARACENTESIS PROCEDURE ON MR. BANS. A TUBE RUNS FROM HIS GOWN INTO A TWO-LITER SIZED GLASS BOTTLE.

MANDY

Okay, I'm removing the catheter -

~~CALEB~~

~~sterilizing and dressing the wound.~~

~~How are you feeling Mr. Bans?~~

MR. BANS GIVES A THUMBS UP. DR. FROST ENTERS AND SURVEYS THE SITUATION. HE LIFTS THE BOTTLE WHICH IS FULL OF FLUID.

DR. FROST

Wow. That's a lot of fluid. (TO CALEB)

Your Dad will be so proud. I'm gonna send him a picture of this.

CALEB

It was really Dr. Reyes, sir, who led the procedure.

DR. FROST

Well then, good work, Dr. Reyes. I'll also send a picture to your parents.

MANDY

Um, no thank you, they would vomit.

DR. FROST

I get that. This is disgusting.

(GETTING UP) Nice work again, you two.

HE EXITS, TAKING THE FLUID WITH HIM. MANDY LOOKS AT CALEB.

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MANDY

Thanks for the compliment. (DRY) Nice of you to throw me a bone.

CALEB

Look, I'm sorry you felt misled. But I do feel pressure.

MANDY LOOKS AT HIM SKEPTICALLY.

CALEB

Ok, want to know something? I got into this program off the wait list. My dad pulled some strings to get me in.

(THEN) So yeah, our lives aren't the same. But I also know what it's like to feel like I don't belong here.

MANDY TAKES THIS IN.

MANDY

I'm sorry I assumed you were just a privileged little rich boy.

CALEB

Well, I am. (THEN) But I also have to earn my spot here, just like you.

MANDY NODS. A TRUCE. THEN:

MANDY

Wait list, huh? Whoo. That's embarrassing.

OFF CALEB, SHAKING HIS HEAD, WE --

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