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BRUCE Sick people touch those. Scene#1

Jamie puts it down. DR. KNIGHT appears behind the glass partition, dressing down a PRETTY YOUNG RECEPTIONIST (CINDY).

DR. KNIGHT

--and when I order a second test it's for a reason! What do I tell them when I don't have the results!?

Cindy is almost in tears. Bruce nods Jamie back out.

BRUCE

Tomorrow.

ANOTHER DOCTOR'S OFFICE

Bruce and Jamie enter -- two REPS already are waiting. Bruce nods Jamie back out.

YET ANOTHER DOCTOR'S OFFICE

They wait among the patients.

BRUCE

If they don't take us in five minutes we leave. Only losers wait too long.

A handsome REP -- TREY HILLMAN -- enters. The RECEPTIONIST breaks out in a huge smile. It's as if he's a rock star.

RECEPTIONIST

There he is!

FYI ONLY

TREY

The most beautiful, the sexiest--

RECEPTIONIST

Get ov r here--

She gives him a hug. He hands her an envelope.

TY

Two tickets to R Boheme on the 19th.

RECEPTIONIST

I hate you. I truly hate you. Can't you go with me instead of my husband?

TREY

Just ask.

RECEPTIONIST

I'm asking!

XStop

MAGGIE

Sorry...

They both laugh. A charged moment. He smiles devilishly.

JAMIE Complete...Shi ihead.

MEDICAL BUILDING PARKING LOT - NEXT DAY

Jamie heads toward the dumpster and unzips his case, revealing a new load of pilfered Prozac ready to be tossed. He realizes he's not alone: Trey Hillman is standing there.

SHALT

TREY

Hey.

JAMIE

Oh...Hey, how ya' doin'?

Trey <u>punches</u> him in the <u>stomach</u>, hard. Jamie goes down, writhing in pain. Trey kneels beside him.

TREY

Damaged cells are releasing arachidonic acid. Your body's converting it into prostaglandin, triggering a fiesta of enzymes necessary for pain. You want to throw up but it wouldn't help. It'll take about a minute for the acid to dissipate and your natural morphine to kick in.

Jamie moans. Trey fingers his wedding ring as he waits.

TREY (CONT'D)

Know why I hit you?

Jamie rolls on his side, trying to collect himself.

TREY (CONT'D)

Prozac has helped millions of people overcome intractable mood disorders, making miserable lives livable, even helping me with some of my own anger issues. So when someone fucks with my Prozac it upsets me. Do you know what people say about me?

JAMIE

That you're in the top ten nationally.

TREY

Why do you suppose that is?

JAMIE

Scene#7

Fuck you.

Jamie tries to rise, Trey kicks his arm out from under him.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

I'm gonna call the cops--

TREY

Why do you suppose that is? Because I'm an ex-marine who destroys anyone who gets in my way.

Jamie pulls himself up -- then PUNCHES Trey in the jaw -immediately grabbing his hand in pain. Trey is rocked, but stands his ground and smiles.

TREY (CONT'D)

I'd ice that as soon as you can. If it's not better in a few days, get an x-ray.

Trey starts to walk away, then turns.

TREY (CONT'D)

And stay away from Maggie.

Jamie stares after him, furious.

HOMELESS MAN (O.S.) Excuse me...

Jamie turns to find the homeless man who's been retrieving the Prozac. He's now wearing a white shirt and a tie.

HOMELESS MAN (CONT'D)

Are those more samples?

Jamie looks at his bag, then at the homeless man. He pulls out the Prozac and tosses Lt to him.

HOMELESS MAN (CONT'D)

Got a pb interview today! Thanks.

He walks away, a bounce in his step.

RIVERWALK

Jamie and Maggic take in the quaint shopping area.

MAGGIE

I just know him He got me samples -- he's protective of me, and it's none of your business anyway.

TREY HUMAN

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FERN BAR -- NIGHT

scene#3

Jamie, Josh, and Bruce sit at a table. Josh is mesmerized by the femalc REPS.

JOSH

It's that little indentation, right at the hip -- tells you they haven't bred, that they're ready, that they want YOU to breed with them.

BRUCE

I'm married, I don't see anything.

Bruce sees r. Knight standing with a couple of female REPS.

BRUCE (CONT'D)

There's Knight. Here's your chance --

FYI ONLY

As Jamie looks over Knight is joined by Trey Hillman, who kisses both the girl. Jamie's jaw clenches in anger.

RUCE (CONT'D)

Shit.

JAMI

(ready to fight)
Yeah, I'll go over here.

BRUCE

Don't be an idiot -- you want his clients not his ass.

Jamie pulls away from Bruce and goes over.

JOSH

I think this is the part where be gets fired.

BRUCE

Goodbye Chicago.

Jamie comes to stand with Hillman and Knight.

SpAT

TREY

Pfizer. How's your fist?

JAMIE

Maybe you and I should step outside --

TREY

Reidy, you know Stan Knight, don't you? Stan, this is Jamie Reidy, (MORE)

TREY (CONT'D) bright young man from Pfizer. You should do some business with him, I hear Zoloft is a promising SSRI.

DR. KNIGHT Hey, Jamie, I feel like we've met.

JAMIE

Yes, sir, we have -- briefly.

TREY
Stan likes rep bars. He's a happily
married pussy-hound.

DR. KNIGHT Hillman pretends to be a drug rep but his real calling is pimp.

TREY
Jamie's "friends" with our friend,
Maggie Murdock.

DR. KNIGHT
Now that's a great ass. You don't
often see that in the neurologically
damned.

JAMIE What do you mean, damned? You don't die from Parkinson's.

DR. KNIGHT Depends what you mean by death... Ain't much of a life.

JAMIE
Interferon, L-Dopa -- they've slowed
the progress in a majority of cases--

TREY
Listen, Dr. Drug Rep, you know less
than shit. Just leave the girl alone.

JAMIE So I fucked her -- so what..?

TREY
She's a great girl, and she deserves
better than you're gonna treat her--

JAMIE
As opposed to how you treated her?
You think I don't know about that -what's your wife think about it?

Trey goes for Jamie, but Knight keeps them apart.

DR. KNIGHT

All right, this is fucked up.

TREY

Tell him, tell him what he's buying into.Interfuckingferon.

JAMIE

This is ridiculous--

He starts to go, but Dr. Knight takes his arm.

DR. KNIGHT

That squirming thing she does --? (imitates it)

It's a side-effect of your L-Dopa. Every known med at best gives her a few normal hours with nasty-ass side effects. Who knows, maybe they'll find a cure, and maybe she'll get tired of being tortured by her own body and put a gun to her head. If she can find a way to aim it by then.

JAMIE

Thanks for the heads up.

(to Trey)

Doesn't scare me. Like some people.

TREY

Go fuck yourself -- you have no idea what happened. She deserves better than you -- or me.

JAMIE'S APARTMENT -- NIGHT

Jamie sits on the couch, drinking straight vodka, while Josh rummages through a stash of samples. Jamie is idly playing with a pen knife. He's been drinking for a while.

JOSH

Celebrex -- useless. What's Aromasin?

JAMÏ

For breast cance

JOSH

(tosses it a ide)
How'm I gonna get high from that?!
Where's the good stuff?

Josh goes∎to get it--The phone rings.

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JAMIE

Hey.

Scene #4

TREY

Don't want to disturb your date.
Just wanted to say hi--

MAGGIE

How's Arlene?

TREY

She's good. Kids are good too. Damn Cay is almost taller than me, I'm gonn kill him.

An awkward silence. Maggie tries to hide her shaking hand, but Trey sees it.

JAMIE

So how's business, rey?

FYI ONLY

TREY

Well, your Viagra's about to be history. We've got an ED drug that works for 36 hours. Cialis. Fanfuckingtastic. On the market soon

JAMIE

Congratulations. In two months we'n reach 50 million prescriptions.

MAGGIE

I love this -- dick measuring with impotence drugs. Have fun, boys -- I have to pee anyway.

She gets up and leaves. Trey watches her for a moment.

START HERE

TREY

She's over-medicating.

JAMIE

What are you talking about?

TREY

She's sweating a lot, isn't she? Tired.

(no respons@)

Don't you get it? She doesn't want you to see how sick she is, so she tries to suppress it by upping her meds. But PD drugs have to be titrated -- you can't just take more pills.

JAMIE

Knight wrote her this dosage -- he said it was normal.

TREY

He's a family practitioner, Pfizer. I sent her to him <u>because</u> he's a drug whore.

(Jamie's reeling)
Listen, I care about her okay? And
I still don't think you're going to
be around for very long, but in the
meantime, you're in a position to
help.

(he's not asking)
Make her face the disease.

JAMIE

Who are you to talk? You're the one who chickened out--

TREY

I did chicken out, but not on Maggie. I chickened out on my marriage -- I forgot my own commitments, I forgot my honor and responsibility. At the end of the day that's all I have to live by.

JAMIE

--And that makes it okay to have taken advantage of her.

Trey manages to suppress his rage.

TREY

Nothing made it okay to take advantage of her, and I'll live with that the rest of my life. She made me happier than anyone I've ever known.

JAMIE

Well, that warms my heart.

Their eyes lock. This might get ugly. Neither flinches.

TREY

Does she tape the sex?
(Jamie is taken aback)
Ask yourself why she photographs things.

/stop

INT. JAMIE'S PORSCHE - TRAVELING - NIGHT

Jamie drives. Maggie's tromor is evident.

TREY HIIIMAN

OUTSIDE IN THE BACKYARD 1- NIGHT

Jamie, Helen, and Josh pass a joint.

Sure#5

HELEN

He's proud of you -- he's just fucking arrogant Doctor Dad.

(his arm around Jamie) I'm proud of you, too. You're my big brother.

JAMIE

I have to make a call.

JOSE

Need any Viagra?

Helen laughs as Jamie hand her the joint and walks off into the darkness.

MOMENTS LATER -- ELSEWHERE IN THE BACKYARD

Jamie waits with his cell phone to his ear.

MAGGIE

(a recorded message) Hi...I'm screening my calls, so if I don't pick up, it probably means I don't want to talk to you.....'Bye.

He hangs up.

A PARK ADJACENT TO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - DAY

A woman in a Wet T-Shirt slides in water...to first base.

FIRST BASE UMPIRE

The annual REP GIRLS VS. DOCS KICKBALL GAME. The bases are slip-and-slides where Umpires hose down long plastic strips.

Everyone's soaking. It's hard to imagine a more offensive event. The stands are packed. Jamie is saying goodbye to a few well-wishers. A figure comes up beside him. Trey.

TREY

Pfizer. Heard you're getting Chicago. Congratulations.

JAMIE

Yeah -- rising to the level of my incompetence...

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TREY

Well, I'll be glad to get rid of you -- and I've never had to say that before. Asshole.

JAMIE

Thanks.

They look at each other.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

How's she doing?

TREY

Same.

JAMIE

Take care of her.

TREY

Thought that was your job.

JAMIE

Not according to her.

TREY

She does have opinions... Sorry about that.

Jamie watches the on-field antics for a moment.

JAMIE .

Hillman .. Do you ever think about what we do for a living?

TREY

Some people sell shoes. We sell drugs.

JAMIE

What about helping people?

TREY

I'm sure <u>some</u> of the stuff we sell actually helps people. Some even save lives.

JAMIE

And the rest?

TREY

Give the people what they want.

TAMTE

Like shampoo.

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TREY

Hey, your company and mine do more medical research than the entire US government.

JAMIE:

And then market only the drugs that make the most money.

TREY

You could've gone to med school but you didn't want to do the homework...

Jamie considers the truth of that.

Suddenly Trey is attacked by two young boys, his sons.

BOYS

Daddy....Hey, Daddy-o!

Behind them, a nice ordinary-looking MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN, Trey's wife, comes to join them. She and Trey share a chaste kiss.

Jamie watches the happy domestic scene for a moment, then turns and walks away.

JAMIE'S APARTMENT IS EMPTY

Except for a pile of half-packed boxes in the middle of the living room. Closing a box, he runs out of tape.

INT. HARDWARE STORE

Jamie grabs a roll of gaffer's tape from a shelf.

IN AN ADJACENT AISLE

Maggie and Sandy are buying painting supplies. Sandy taps her shoulder -- points to where Jamie stands. She is shocked, torn, uncertain whether to go or stay. Sandy pulls at her, wanting them to walk away before Jamie sees them.

Too late. Equally shocked, Jamie approaches.

JAMIE

Hi.

MAGGIE

Hi.

A sad pause. Jamie looks at Sandy, who looks back defiantly.

JAMIE

....Do you mind?

