

# Daniel Scene 2 5.

SCENE 1

INT. CENTRAL BAY/NURSES' STATION - NIGHT  
(CAROL, DANIEL)

CAROL, REJUVENATED BY HER TALK WITH JENNY AND HER CANDY BAR,  
SEES DANIEL SITTING BY THE NURSES' STATION.

Start?

CAROL

Don't mind me. Just checking lab  
results from my samples.

DANIEL

(DISTRACTED) Sure. Whatever you want.

HIS MOROSE ATTITUDE CATCHES CAROL'S ATTENTION.

CAROL

What's wrong?

DANIEL

Nothing.

CAROL

(SITS) I've been here two minutes and  
you haven't bragged about Harvard or  
told me to mind my own business. Tell  
me what's wrong.

DANIEL TURNS TO HER.

DANIEL

Know my patient, Car Crash guy? His  
blood work came back.

CAROL

(BEAT) It's cancer, isn't it?

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DANIEL

(NODS) Liver. How did you know? (THEN)  
I know. You used your powers of  
listening.

CAROL

Well, when Sharon told me about the  
itchiness I started thinking his  
symptoms might not be a result of the  
car accident. (BEAT) I wish I'd been  
wrong.

DANIEL

Me too.

CAROL

Does he know?

DANIEL

Dr. Jacobs told me to tell him, but I  
don't know how. This isn't exactly how  
I saw my first day working out.

CAROL

That's the bummer. Even doctors don't  
get to decide how things work out.

DANIEL

So what, I just go in there and say  
"bad news dude, it's the big C."

CAROL

Not like that, no. Be honest. Be kind.  
People beat this - give them hope.

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DANIEL

Good. Good advice. (BEAT) So...will you help me?

CAROL

You've got this. Just draw from your own experience. Here: think of a bad time in your own life.

DANIEL

(THINKS) In fourth grade I placed second in our school science fair. It was totally rigged. Josh Cowen won with a volcano which is bullsh--

CAROL

Mmm-hmmm. Anything worse?

DANIEL

I threw up on a roller coaster.

CAROL

That's disgusting, but dig deep, Daniel. What's the worst thing that ever happened to you?

DANIEL

(SIGHS) I got wait-listed at Princeton.

CAROL

Ok I'll help you. Let's go.

THEY STAND AND EXIT.

CUT TO:

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End SC 2

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