

# 11 YR OLD GIRL

Kama

22 INT. JACK'S PATIENT ROOM -- DAY

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Jack's barely conscious. A rash has begun to erupt on his arms and chest. Kama watches as Foreman preps for an LP with the giant needle.

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KAMA

What are you doing now?

FOREMAN

I'm gonna get a sample of your brother's spinal fluid. Where's Will?

KAMA

School. Is that gonna hurt?

FOREMAN

It's going to help us figure out what's making him sick. Shouldn't you be in class too?

KAMA

Teacher work day.

FOREMAN

For you but not Will?

As Foreman begins to roll Jack onto his side, Kama hops out of her chair--

KAMA

Yeah. Didn't make any sense to me either. Can I help?

Foreman considers, then:

FOREMAN

Guess it's quicker then calling a nurse. And a truant officer.

Together they gently roll Jack onto his side. He lets out a little moan. Kama reacts; it's hard to see her brother this way.

FOREMAN (CONT'D)

Grab his shins and push his knees up towards his chest.

Kama does his best to get Jack in the right position as Foreman unwraps the LP needle.

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FOREMAN (CONT'D)

Good; hold him there tight.

KAMA

This all the nurses do?

FOREMAN

My boss doesn't trust them to do anything else.

Foreman locates the L4 vertebrae and wipes the area with antiseptic.

Foreman inserts the thin LP needle into the spinal canal until we hear a POP.

KAMA

...Is he gonna die?

FOREMAN

No; no one else is gonna die.

KAMA

You mean, in the whole world, ever? That's so great.

FOREMAN

I meant--

KAMA

I know what you meant, but I also know bad things do happen. Dad always had a few drinks when they went out, always said he was alright to drive; until he wasn't. I would just like some warning this time.

Foreman looks at her; she's been forced to grow up quickly.

FOREMAN

I'm being honest with you; we're nowhere near anything bad happening right now, okay?

Kama nods. As Foreman begins removing the stylet, he gently lays a hand on Jack's rib cage for leverage.

VFX: we fly inside Jack's body and see one of his ribs suddenly snap! BACK TO SCENE: Jack moans in pain.

KAMA

What was that? What'd you do?

OFF Foreman, trying to figure that out...

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