

# Daniel

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## SCENE A

INT. HOSPITAL - CENTRAL BAY/NURSES' STATION -DAY

(CAROL, DANIEL, MANDY, CALEB, MAYA)

A BUSY WARD. NURSES WORK BEHIND A CENTRAL DESK. FAMILY MEMBERS SIT IN A SMALL WAITING AREA. DOCTORS, ETC, CROSS THROUGH.

MANDY REYES (LATE 20'S, A SARDONIC EYORE) WAITS NERVOUSLY. DANIEL KUTCHER (LATE 20'S, SMART, ARROGANT), LEANING ON THE DESK LIKE HE OWNS THE PLACE, SPOTS HER NAME TAG.

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DANIEL

First year resident? Internal medicine? Me too. I'm Daniel. I'm pumped. Are you pumped?

~~MANDY~~

~~Yes. I mean, pumped is not a word I usually use, but I am as close to pumped as I get. Which is jazz hands.~~



AS MANDY DOES SMALL JAZZ HANDS FOR A CONFUSED DANIEL, CALEB SOMMERS (LATE 20'S, WOKE, EARNEST) WEARING A BIKE HELMET ENTERS. HE SPOTS MANDY AND DANIEL.

CALEB

Internal medicine? What's up! I'm Caleb. Stoked to meet you. Hope I'm not late. Is the Chief Resident here yet?

DANIEL

Not yet. So yes - you still have time to put on deodorant.

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CALEB

I actually use a mix of baking soda and cornstarch as a natural alternative.

DANIEL

You sure you didn't accidentally wind up at this hospital on your way to the Great British Bake Off?

~~MANDY~~

~~Ooh, you smell like bread.~~

DANIEL

Better hope the Chief Resident likes it. Rumor has it she's a drill sergeant. Stickler for the rules. Ooh yeah. (STRAIGHTENS TIE) My kinda woman.

THE ELEVATOR DINGS. CAROL CHAMBERS, OUR HERO, STEPS OUT. (50'S, SMART, ENTHUSIASTIC, SPEAKS HER MIND EVEN WHEN SHE SHOULDN'T). SHE'S GOT A CLIPBOARD, A SMILE AND A NATURAL AIR OF AUTHORITY.

DANIEL

And there she is.

CAROL WALKS RIGHT OVER TO THE SMALL GROUP. THEY STRAIGHTEN UP.

CAROL

Hi all, you must be the internal medicine residents.

DANIEL IMMEDIATELY CONVERTS TO KISS-ASS MODE.

DANIEL

Yes, Ma'm. Here and ready.

CAROL

What a pleasure to meet you... should we go around and introduce ourselves?

DANIEL

Excellent idea. I'm Daniel Kutcher. Harvard class of '14, Harvard Medical School class of '18. I've published in the New England Journal of Medicine. (HOLDING UP FINGERS) Twice.

MANDY

Oh-kay. I'm Mandy Reyes. I grew up here in Southern California. Daughter of immigrants. I went to UCLA and I have also published. Some recipes. On pinterest.

CALEB

I'm Caleb Sommers. He/Him. My goal is to provide equitable and inclusive medical care for all.

CAROL

Wow. What an exceptional group of people. Your parents must be thrilled. I'm Carol Chambers, also from around here. I have two kids, I'm very into bacteriophage therapy, and I am so excited to be here.

THEY STARE, WAITING FOR HER TO LEAD THEM.

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DANIEL

Will we be starting rounds right away?

CAROL

I hope so. I've been waiting a long time for this day.

MANDY, CALEB AND DANIEL EXCHANGE A LOOK - WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

DANIEL

A long time to be... Chief Resident?

CAROL

(LAUGHS) ME? You think I'm Chief Resident? No, no, today's my first day. I'm an intern, just like you.

DANIEL

No, that can't be correct. (LOOKS AROUND) Wait - is this a test? Are you our first test case? (LOOKS CAROL OVER) Let's see...

CAROL

I'm not a test case, I'm an intern.

DANIEL

(AUTHORITATIVE) Got it. Patient is an elderly female with early onset dementia.

*End SC 1*