

"Finite Pain"

W/W

JACKIE
ZOEY

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He's good.

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31 INT. NURSES' STATION - LATER

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Jackie goes over a chart as Zoey spins in the chair.

ZOEY

Do you think there's a finite amount of pain in the world? Like, if I take the thorn out of someone's hand, does that pain have to go somewhere else?

JACKIE

Yes. That's why there's drugs.

As Zoey speaks, Jackie gets up, grabs an IV bag and walks towards a patient's room. Zoey follows.

32 INT. EXAM ROOM / TREATMENT BAYS - CONTINUOUS

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Jackie primes the drip, programs the IV pump. Zoey tries to help, smoothing blankets.

ZOEY

-- Like maybe God said "here, I want this much suffering to exist in the world. Split it up however you want, but I want exactly this much suffering."

JACKIE

Interesting. That would make him kind of a prick wouldn't it?

ZOEY

I have a tendency to over-think sometimes.

JACKIE

Go home. Turn your brain off. I'll see you tomorrow.

ZOEY

I think you're a saint. Just so you know.

Zoey slips out of the door. Jackie's smile turns to panic. She lunges for the IV, yanks the power cord from the wall, and hits STOP on the pumps's push pad. She violently shakes the unconscious patient.

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