

"A Dog"

W/W
Meredith
Callie

Is your patient higher on the transplant list? Is he higher on the transplant list?!

ERICA

I have no idea.

BURKE

Well, neither do I.

(to Alex)

Get the transplant coordinator. NOW.

ERICA

Oh, give me a break!

Alex rushes out. Hahn's FELLOW SURGEON starts to lift his scalpel. Burke takes a step towards him.

ERICA (CONT'D)

You're gonna beat him up?

BURKE

If I have to.

ERICA

(to the surgeon)

Just hold on.

(to Burke)

Pathetic, Preston. Really. Pathetic.

Off Burke. He's won the first round.

START →

INT. OR BOARD - DAY

Callie stands staring at the board. Meredith approaches with patient films.

MEREDITH

I've finished all five of your patients. Will has a mid-shaft comminuted tib-fib fracture. I'd like to scrub in if you don't mind. I've never seen an ORIF.

CALLIE

Can't. Board's backed up like crazy. Will's gonna have to wait a few hours. Every other specialty thinks their surgeries are more important than ortho. Freaking superior macho jerks.

Callie sighs. Meredith senses an opening.

MEREDITH

Can I ask you a question? It's about bone cancer.

CALLIE

Yeah?

MEREDITH

In a dog.

CALLIE

A dog.

MEREDITH

My dog. Well, not my dog. Derek's dog. Dr. Shepherd? Do you know him? It's our dog. We share it. Which is...never mind...

Callie is staring at her. Meredith would like to sink into the ground right now.

MEREDITH (CONT'D)

I just wanted to ask if you knew the success rate of curing osteosarcoma on a canine leg?

A long beat.

CALLIE

We have an actual human patient who has a bullet lodged in his tibia. Who might walk with a limp for the rest of his life. Who might even conceivably lose his leg. And you're asking about the precious dog you share with your precious McDreamy -- yeah, I know about him -- and you think I care? Unbelievable.

END
Callie walks off. Leaving Meredith feeling eviscerated.

OMITTED

INT. MERCY WEST - CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

Burke, Erica, Alex, Monnie and a couple of DOCTORS are on a conference call with UNOS. They direct their remarks towards a speaker phone in the middle of the table. It's tense.

UNOS VOICE

Dr. Hahn, Dr. Burke, we're pulling up the information right now.