

*"Theo's Hemoglobin"*

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 DR. TIMMONS  
 SIPOWICZ

DR. TIMMONS

Theo, would you like to see our  
 play room while I talk to your Dad  
 a little bit?

Katie moves with Theo in this direction --

KATIE

C'mon Theo, let's see what they've  
 got.

THEO

They've got a bald kid.

**START**

The Doctor's come around the reception desk, joins  
 Sipowicz, indicates a treatment room --

DR. TIMMONS

Shall we talk in here?

She sees the fear in his eyes --

DR. TIMMONS (CONT'D)

Or why don't we talk where I can  
 watch Theo.

SIPOWICZ

Okay.

They move toward the play area --

SIPOWICZ (CONT'D)

His hemoglobin's low.

DR. TIMMONS

Yes, I've spoken with Dr. Kronig.

SIPOWICZ

His red blood cells.

DR. TIMMONS

Has Theo been listless recently or  
 is he sleeping more than usual?

SIPOWICZ

No, he bounces around. Isn't that  
 a good sign?

DR. TIMMONS

It's always a good sign when a  
 child's normally active.

SIPOWICZ

Don't they tell you if they're  
 sick?

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DR. TIMMONS

Once I've examined Theo we'll draw more bloods and get a chest film, and tomorrow we'll do a bone marrow study --

SIPOWICZ

Oh God.

DR. TIMMONS

Theo shouldn't have food after midnight tonight -- that way we can sedate him during the study and keep him comfortable.

SIPOWICZ

How do you study his bone marrow?

DR. TIMMONS

We draw some marrow from his hip with a needle.

SIPOWICZ

No, he can't take more shots. He don't want no more.

DR. TIMMONS

Mr. Sipowicz, we can't help Theo until we find out why he isn't making red blood cells the way he should.

SIPOWICZ

But then are you confident you can help him?

DR. TIMMONS

I know you're concerned and disturbed, and I wish I could give you some sort of blanket assurance. I can tell you there's no reason at this point to think we can't help Theo. I can also tell you, as he moves through this, your son's going to take his emotional cues from you.

SIPOWICZ

Okay. Okay I understand. I've lost a lot of family, and he's three and a half.

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DR. TIMMONS

Let's go in now and get Theo, and  
then we'll take him to the treatment  
room and draw the bloods we need.

SIPOWICZ

Okay.

Off which --

CUT TO:

10C INT. KIDS' PLAYROOM - DAY

10C

Katie and Theo are with Nurse Mimi at the refrigerator.  
Mimi offers Theo an ice pop --

MIMI

When you want one this is secret,  
only for the kids that play in  
this room.

THEO

No, my arm hurts.

Katie eyes the fish tank --

KATIE

Look Theo, they got a fish tank  
like the one you got at home.

As they walk over to it --

KATIE (CONT'D)

You want to name these fishes?

THEO

This is Donald Duck Number Two.

KATIE

You have Donald Duck Number One at  
home.

THEO

This is Tigger Number Two.

KATIE

Tigger Number Two is also at home.

THEO

And this one is Bald One.

Katie holds Theo close to her. Dr. Timmons enters --

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