

INT. HOSPITAL - NIGHT

STONE (26) bursts through a set of doors and runs as fast as he can down the halls of the hospital. Nurses try to stop him but he avoids them all until he sees a familiar face at the end of the hall.

STONE

Dad!

His father is standing in front of a hospital room with Stone's two sisters, LEAH (30) and MEL (22).

When Stone finally reaches them, before he can say anything, his father grabs him by the shirt and slams him against a wall with his forearm pressing against Stone's throat.

LEAH

Dad stop!

STONE

(barely able to breathe)

Dad please...I

DAD

What did I tell you?!

He relaxes his grip on Stone only to slam him against the wall again. The blow is almost enough to knock Stone unconscious.

MEL

Daddy you're hurting him!

LEAH

Please daddy stop!

DAD

I told you not to come here!

STONE

She's my mo...

Dad applies more pressure to Stone's throat so he's unable to finish the sentence.

DAD

She's your what?! What is she to you?! Your enabler? Your ATM? Your priest, always around to forgive you for the stupid shit that you do? What is she?!

Tears start to fall from Stone's eyes. He claws at his father's hands trying to pry them away but his father's grip is tightened by years of shame, frustration and now hate. His daughters try to pull him off of Stone but he won't budge.

DAD (CONT'D)

If you think I'm letting you in there so she can make you feel better about not being there for her when she needed you or for being a selfish, disloyal, opportunistic, low-life piece of...

He composes himself slightly.

DAD (CONT'D)

I'll kill you right here in this hallway first.

LEAH

Daddy don't say that.

Dad finally releases his hold on Stone and Stone drops to the floor, coughing and gasping for air. Mel runs to his side and puts her arm around him.

STONE

(sobbing)

I want to say goodbye. Please Dad, just let me say...

DAD

You had eight weeks to say goodbye! Where were you?! Every day for eight weeks she believed you would come strolling through that door like the prodigal son, all cleaned up with your life put back together, ready to make her proud! But even if that was too much to ask, all she wanted was to know you cared. That it wasn't all about her bailing you out or lending you money.

Dad begins to tremble with rage as his eyes fill with tears.

DAD (CONT'D)

But you couldn't even do that.

Before Stone can respond, a team of nurses and doctors come running down the hall and into the room.

Dad tries to follow but one of the nurses stops him. While the door is open, the sound of machines ringing and beeping frantically, fills the hallway. The door closes behind the last doctor.

Mel helps Stone to his feet and they all stare at the door afraid to move.