

INT. HOSPITAL HALLWAY - EVENING

Just as CARMEN steps out of the hospital room, she sees three men, ED, SEAN and KALIL walking towards her with purpose. She holds up her hands and tries to stop them from getting any closer.

SEAN
Carm, what's up?

KALIL
Why didn't you call us?

CARMEN
He didn't want me to.

KALIL
What?

CARMEN
He doesn't want to see you.

The three men take a moment to absorb what she's telling them. They look at each other for answers. There are none.

ED
What does that mean?

CARMEN
I tried to tell him. He can't just...

ED
No he can't!

Ed swiftly maneuvers past her, headed towards the door.

CARMEN
Wait Ed, wait!

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Ed barges into the room and stops in his tracks when he sees DAMIEN laying in the bed, connected to several machines. He's extremely thin and frail and his head and face are completely bald.

Kalil and Sean follow Ed into the room and stop in the same spot. Sean's eyes instantly fill with tears at the sight of his best friend and he immediately turns and leaves the room.

ED
Yo!

KALIL
Let him go.

Damien slowly opens his eyes and takes a moment to focus them on Kalil and Ed.

DAMIEN
(weak)
No.

KALIL
What? What'd you say bro?

Kalil and Ed rush to his bedside.

ED
We didn't hear you Dame. We're here man. We're here. Why didn't you tell us what...

DAMIEN
Go.

He barely raises his arm just enough to flick his wrist to shoo them away.

KALIL
(confused)
What are you...

ED
No man, no. We ain't leaving you.

Ed turns to Carmen.

ED (CONT'D)
We ain't leaving Carmen. What the fuck are you talking about?

KALIL
Hey, take it easy.

DAMIEN
You...you think...you think.

He tries to clear his throat and gathers as much strength as possible.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You think I want you to see me like this?!

He starts to control uncontrollably. Carmen rushes to his side with a cup of water but Damien smacks it out of her hand.

ED

Dame!

DAMIEN

I told you I didn't want them here!

CARMEN

I know, I tried.

KALIL

Don't blame her. You thought she was gonna be able to keep us outta here? Look man, you gotta...

DAMIEN

Get out!

ED

No!

Kalil looks at Ed, unsure if he should back him up or calm him down.

Suddenly tears start to roll down Damien's face.

DAMIEN

(crying)

I have to say goodbye to my wife, my children. Do you know how hard that is? All I can think about are all of the things I'm going to miss.

Carmen and Kalil are both crying now.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)

Having you here is just reminding me of all the things I'm gonna miss with you too. And I can't do that.

ED

But...

DAMIEN

Don't you understand that?! I don't want you here!

ED

Dame please...

DAMIEN

Out!!

A doctor and a nurse rush into the room.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)

I want them out!!

Kalil and Ed are frozen in place and can't take their eyes off of their friend who is visibly in pain every time he speaks.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)

(shouting)

Out! I want them out!

Kalil wipes the tears from his eyes and stands up straight. A look of realization comes over his face.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)

Out! Get out! I don't want you here!

ED

Stop it Dame! Stop! We're your family!

A hand reaches over and gently grabs Ed's arm. He turns and it's Kalil, now standing behind him.

KALIL

(calmly)

Let's go.

ED

What?! No. Hell no!

Ed looks into Kalil's eyes and sees Kalil straining to hold back the tears.

ED (CONT'D)

(sadly)

No.

Kalil doesn't say anything but he tightens his grip on Ed's arm and slowly starts to pull him away from the bed.

ED (CONT'D)

No. Kalil no.

(to Damien)

Dame. Damien don't do this bro.
We're your family man. We love you
bro. Dame! Dame!

Kalil opens the door and pulls Ed out of the room. Ed watches the doctor walk over to the machines and start turning switches and pushing buttons. He watches until the door slowly closes behind them.