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KHALED

He does this for people whose first claim was denied. A friend from Libya used him.

BASH

And he knows the official at this office in Ottawa? He's confident?

KHALED

That's why the interview is there. He knows what to say.

Bash nods, still unsure, and Khaled circles back.

KHALED

What about you, Bashir? Do you love having Rania here too?

BASH

(beat)
I do. Of course I do.

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EXT. PARKING LOT (OTTAWA) - DAY

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Bash and Khaled get out of the car as Khaled swings his backpack over his shoulders. There's a low-rise government building across the road. Nearby, a vehicle awaits. JACK KLINE (50s) gets out and waves. Before approaching:

BASH

They won't decide on the spot if your appeal is successful?

KHALED

No, but Mr. Kline says I can work legally while it's being processed.

BASH

And... if it isn't successful?

KHALED

(brave face)
Thank you, brother. For the money, and for getting me here.

Khaled pulls Bash into a hug. On Bash, worried for his friend.

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INT. EXAM ROOM (SAMEER) - DAY

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Bash enters to find SAMEER (40, Indian accent). He's in a gown and wears a thin red string tied around his right wrist.

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Sameer's smart, deliberate and sharp when he wants to be.

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Mr. Gupta? I'm Dr. Hamed.

 SAMEER
Goop-ta. Like loop.

Bash smiles, tries it again properly.

 BASH
Sorry Mr. Gupta, I'm told you have a
puncture wound.

 SAMEER
You make it sound like I was
stabbed. Not so exciting as that.

Sameer opens his gown, exposing his mid-thigh: a hole, red
and swollen on the edges. Bash inspects.

 SAMEER
I turned into an exposed nail.

 BASH
How long ago did this happen?

Sameer perceives a touch judgement Bash didn't intend.

 BASH
I only ask because it looks infected.

 SAMEER
Three days. I dressed it myself
but... you're saying not very well.

Bash notices the way Sameer seems to be assessing him.

 BASH
It's okay, I can clean it out and
redress. Do you know when you last
had a tetanus shot?

 SAMEER
When I came from India three years
ago. Where are you from Dr. Hamed?

 BASH
Syria.

Sameer waits for him to say more.

 BASH
Two and a half years ago.

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SAMEER

And you're already a doctor?

BASH

Well, back home I was already doctor. Here I'm a resident.

SAMEER

Still, so fast. May I ask how you did that?

BASH

(smiles)

Right place at the right time?

Sameer seems almost offended by that. Bash clarifies...

BASH

I was fortunate someone gave me an opportunity.

SAMEER

(direct)

Very. For the rest of us it's hard work and paying dues.

Okay then, Bash is just not gonna win with this guy. He begins dressing the wound, trying to project congeniality.

BASH

What do you do for work sir?

SAMEER

I'm trained as an electrical engineer. Will you have to stitch?

BASH

Since there's signs of infection we drape and leave open. We'll also do bloodwork to be safe, and start you on antibiotics.

SAMEER

My employer needs a letter - saying I'm fit to go back to work. You'll sign it?

BASH

Let's clean this up first, and see what your labs say.

Off Sameer, not loving that as Bash dresses the wound.

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CLAIRE
Give me a minute-

Theo steps in, saving Claire from this.

THEO
(patiently)
With kids we use the hand. I'll show you.

Theo steers Jake off as ANJU (late 30s, a thin red string tied around her left wrist) approaches Claire.

ANJU
I am looking for my husband. Sameer Gupta, someone called...

Nearby, Bash looks up.

BASH
That was me, Mrs. Gupta. Bashir Hamed.

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INT. EXAM ROOM (SAMEER) - DAY

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Bash and Anju enter to find Sameer weak, hooked up to vitals monitors. Upset to see him like this, Anju rushes over.

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ANJU
Jaan...

SAMEER
(to Bash)
You called? I told the other doctor not to worry her!

ANJU
He said it was an emergency! Why wouldn't you want me to know?

SAMEER
Anju, I'm fine. I didn't want to scare you. There was an aneurysm in my leg but... They fixed it.
(to Bash)
Tell her, please.

BASH
With a non-invasive procedure called an embolization. Our surgeons fed a small wire through Sameer's artery to reach and clear an obstruction caused by a nail wound. It went well-

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ANJU

The nail? Three days ago you said it was nothing. A scratch. Now it's an aneurysm?

BASH

These kinds of things are very rare Mrs. Gupta, and can take time to develop after the injury your husband sustained. Now he's recovering, but his temperature is elevated, because the wound was infected. We want to see it come down...

They both look at him and he gets the message: shut up, Bash.

ANJU

You ignored this for three days Sameer, and allowed yourself to become infected-

SAMEER

I didn't ignore it!
(knows he has to tell her)
I came yesterday and this doctor looked at it for me-

ANJU

(to Bash)
And you let him go back to work?

Bash is getting frustrated, caught in the middle of this.

BASH

Actually, I advised him to rest.

SAMEER

I didn't want to lose my job, Anju.

ANJU

So you lied to me. And let yourself get hurt!

SAMEER

Because I knew what you'd say!

ANJU

Or because you know I'm right!

SAMEER

Anju don't.

But she just shakes her head.

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SAMEER
We don't have to give up!

ANJU
It's time, Sameer! And it's only
you who can't see it...

BASH
I'm... going to give you a minute.

Bash does his best to make his exit, but Anju stops him.

ANJU
Wait! Can you do a blood test?

BASH
We've- already run labs on your
husband-

ANJU
It's not for him, it's for me.

For her? Sameer's immediately worried.

SAMEER
Anju what is it? If something's
wrong you have to tell me!

ANJU
You see how it feels? To be kept in
the dark?

SAMEER
Jaan, please! Tell me what's wrong!

ANJU
Nothing is wrong! Something is
finally right. I'm pregnant,
Sameer.

What?? Sameer takes a beat, floored by that piece of news.

ANJU
It finally happened and I didn't
even want to tell you... That's how
I know it's time for us to go home.

Needing space to calm down, Anju exits, leaving Sameer trying
to grapple with all that. He wants to go after her, but he
can't. He looks at Bash, emotional.

SAMEER
Please... make sure she's okay?

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