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LISA
(calling out after him)
I understand.

Lewis wheels away.

LISA
Hey.
(Lewis stops and looks at her)
Thanks.

INT. LEWIS' HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT

Lewis lies in bed awake, staring at the ceiling. Sweating, he tosses and turns, trying to go to sleep. He can't.

INT. DAYROOM - DAY

Jerome, Looch, Santiago, Jesus, Dex, Johnson, Barnes and a few others - sit in a circle with Martinez. Silence.

MARTINEZ
Alright, who wants to go first?
(looking at watch)
Come on, guys, I don't have all day. This is for you, not me.

Silence.

SANTIAGO
Yo, Martinez, let me know when you have that operation.

MARTINEZ
What operation?

SANTIAGO
The one to get that stick taken out of your ass.

The guys laugh.

MARTINEZ
Very funny, Santiago. Why don't we start with you?

SANTIAGO
How about we not?

MARTINEZ
(looking at file)
Let's go.

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SANTIAGO
Go on to somebody else.

MARTINEZ
No, I want to start with you.

SANTIAGO
I said, move on, man.

MARTINEZ
Why don't you tell us why you gave
your wife a concussion?
(Santiago is suddenly
quiet.)
Oh, Mr. Mouth is quiet now...We're
waiting.

SANTIAGO
I don't want to talk about that
shit.

MARTINEZ
Why not? Isn't that why you're
here? To get better? To deal with
your issues?
(Santiago sits in silence
with his arms crossed)
Yeah, that's what I thought. All
talk.

SANTIAGO
It was an accident. I was having a
nightmare, and she tried to wake me
up. You can't be doing that shit.

MARTINEZ
(nods)
Were you high at the time?

SANTIAGO
I don't know, man. Probably.

MARTINEZ
What were you using?

SANTIAGO
Fuck. You name it. Coke. H. O.

MARTINEZ
Opium? Where did you get Opium?
(Santiago doesn't answer)
You still in contact with these
guys?

SANTIAGO
No. I don't do that shit no more.

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MARTINEZ

You don't? You're not getting high anymore?

SANTIAGO

If I was still getting high, why the fuck would I still be up in this bitch?

MARTINEZ

I don't know. You tell me. Free food. Free roof over your head.

SANTIAGO

Man, fuck you. I'm clean.

MARTINEZ

Are you? How can we be so sure?

SANTIAGO

'Cause I fuckin' said so!

MARTINEZ

We say lots of things.

SANTIAGO

Man, fuck you. I'm here, ain't I?

End

We hear the sound of a basketball bouncing outside. Everyone looks toward the window. Danny races over to the window.

DANNY

Wow. Take a look at this shit.

The guys run over to the window.

We see Lewis outside shooting hoops from his wheelchair. Brian stands off to the side, arms crossed. He reluctantly goes and retrieves the ball for Lewis and passes it back to him. Lewis shoots again.

SANTIAGO

Looks like a hell of a lot more fun than this shit.

Santiago bolts from the room.

MARTINEZ

Where you going? Santiago we're not done here!

From the window, we see Santiago walk out on to the court.

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