

Happy New Year

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MARTINEZ
Mind your business.

LEWIS
This is my business. He's not a
dog. Treat him like a human being!

MARTINEZ
Go back to your cookies and card
game, Sgt. Lewis. I have it under
control.

Martinez escorts Danny out. The room slowly goes back to
normal.

Lewis looks out the window and sees Lisa outside sitting on a
bench near a basketball court.

EXT. HOSPITAL BASKETBALL COURT - MOMENTS LATER

Lewis wheels over to the basketball court, which looks as if
it hasn't been used in years. He parks a few feet away from
Lisa who stares off into space. Lewis reaches for his cigs.
He lights up, then offers her the pack.

LISA
No, thanks.

LEWIS
(looking around)
When's the last time anybody
bounced a ball on this thing? Do
they even know it's out here?

LISA
Course they do. That doesn't mean
Martinez is gonna let anybody use
it. That would mean he'd have to
watch them.

Beat.

LEWIS
...You were really great in there.

LISA
Please. I sucked. You were the
hero.

LEWIS
I wouldn't go that far.

LISA
Martinez is such a friggin' bully.
I wish they'd fire his ass.
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LISA(cont'd)

If it wasn't for you guys, I'd
definitely be doing my residency
somewhere else.

LEWIS

When are you done.

LISA

December.

(beat)

That's a good crew you've hooked up
with. A little raunchy, but they're
all sweethearts underneath.

LEWIS

You don't get tired of them
harassing you?

LISA

Please. I have 4 brothers, and
they're all scared of me. I can
handle a bunch of horny vets.

Lewis laughs. They stare at each other for a moment.

Beat.

LISA

So, how long were you in the
sandbox?

LEWIS

4 tours. The last one was eight
months.

LISA

Wow. My little brother just got
sent over.

(Lewis looks at her.)

My Mom's all freaked out.

I think he'll be all right though.
He's always been tough as nails.

LEWIS

He'll have to be.

Lewis sits frozen, staring off into space. We see his hands
tightly grip the sides of his wheelchair. His body begins to
shiver. He snaps out of it.

LISA

Are you OK?

LEWIS

(putting out cigarette)

I'd better get back inside.

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LISA
(calling out after him)
I understand.

Lewis wheels away.

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

End

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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