

SKEEZER(m) 1

HE

Do you have a minute?

SHE

Sure. Come on in. I'm just making tea.

HE

We all miss you at the home. The kids, Barbara and Sam. And I do, too. This is personal as well as professional.

SHE

Thank you.

HE

How soon can you come back? Later today would be just fine.

SHE

Actually, actually, I was going to phone you about a leave of absence.

HE

Barbara told me. But that's not really what's wrong, is it?

SHE

I don't know, but you do, is that it? Again.

HE

Maybe I'm a better doctor than you think. You're still grieving over Skeezer aren't you?

SHE

No, no. It's just that...

HE

She's a wonderful dog. Worth grieving over, if she's truly lost.

SHE

I've been looking every day. It's just that I guess I'm a little discouraged.

HE

I'd like to help.

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SHE

Please. Just be honest. You don't really care that much about Skeezer. You won't let her come back to the home.

HE

You're right. Professionally. But that's got nothing to do with how I feel about you. Let's go look. Right now. I've got the afternoon off.

SHE

Thanks, but that's not necessary.

HE

I know it's not necessary. Most things friends do for each other aren't 'necessary'. I'd appreciate it if you'd let me help.

SHE

It's just, we've looked every place.

HE

We'll look again. The animal shelter's a good place to start.

SHE

I've been there twice.

HE

Good. Then you can drive because I don't know where it is. Come on. Let's go.