

ELDRIDGE

Nurse Ballast tells me you've been hiding your medication. Is that true?

DREW

Yes

ELDRIDGE

Why?

DREW

I would have thought that was obvious

ELDRIDGE

You want to stop treatment

DREW

I want alternatives

ELDRIDGE

I thought we'd agreed...

DREW

I did what you all told me to do. It was not my choice

ELDRIDGE

Drew, when you were admitted you practically begged me to start you on medication immediately. You believed, as I do, that you are ill (Pause) What changed your mind?

DREW

I've been thinking

ELDRIDGE

About? What?

DREW

That there are some things worse than losing your sanity.

ELDRIDGE

Such as?

DREW

Being told you're crazy when you're not. Dying in some padded cell, strapped to a bed, drooling like some weak and inhuman creature.

ELDRIDGE

Drew, you are not going to die in some padded cell...

DREW

Put it in writing, Doc! How the fuck do I know what can happen to me here? I don't know my rights! I'm drugged! Do I have any consent?

ELDRIDGE

Drew, your family is in contact. They've hired an attorney to protect your interests.

DREW

Are they my interests? Really? Who is paying for this attorney? My family thinks I'm crazier than you do!

ELDRIDGE

We've talked about this. You're feeling rage because you discontinued your medication. And you will continue to get worse without help.

DREW

(Pause) I don't know what's real anymore.

ELDRIDGE

I know that. I understand. That's what delusion is. You become more confused, more disoriented the longer you go on.

DREW

You sure of this?

ELDRIDGE

Drew, I believe this is the best treatment available to you.

DREW

And if you're wrong?

ELDRIDGE

I don't think I am. Your symptoms are almost textbook

DREW

So this happens to a lot of people.

ELDRIDGE

Yes

DREW

What about the restraints?

ELDRIDGE

If you give me your word, you'll go back on your medication, I will give you mine that there will be no more restraints.

DREW

None?

ELDRIDGE

None

DREW

(Pause). Do you think I'm crazy? (Pause) You do, don't you?

ELDRIDGE

I think you are in distressed. I also believe we can help you.

DREW

And if you can't?

ELDRIDGE

We'll cross that bridge when we come to it.

DREW

Dr. Eldridge?

ELDRIDGE

Yes?

DREW

I..... I don't want to die here. Don't let me die here. I couldn't bear it.

ELDRIDGE

Try to get some rest.