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*Swing Hope
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INT. WARD - CAMPBELL'S ROOM -- DAY

James enters to find Dr. Campbell (his mentor) sitting up in bed, reading the sports section.

JAMES

Still playing the ponies, Doctor?

CAMPBELL

(smiles)

At least horses don't disappoint - like humans. And when they do, you can shoot 'em.

JAMES

I ran a full blood panel.

(beat)

I don't know how to... Dr. Campbell, you're Hep C positive.

CAMPBELL

What?

James hands him the blood work to read.

CAMPBELL (CONT'D)

You've got to be kidding me.

JAMES

Wish I was.

CAMPBELL

But, I've been fit as a fiddle.

JAMES

It's bad news but Hep C is manageable.

CAMPBELL

Sure, but you... You got knicked too. You've been exposed to my...

JAMES

I'll go on Interferon.

CAMPBELL

Oh my God -

JAMES

Just in case.

CAMPBELL

Who's going to let me operate now? Nobody's going to refer patients to a Hep-C positive surgeon -- What if, what if you didn't report it.

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JAMES
Dr. Campbell...

CAMPBELL
All I'm saying is, to my insurer...

JAMES
I can't bury this, if that's what
you're -

CAMPBELL
No. Of course. I'm sorry. I don't
know what's wrong with me.

JAMES
You're in shock. It's understandable.

CAMPBELL
James. This is a career ender for
me.

JAMES
Not necessarily.

CAMPBELL
No it is. And you know it.
(beat)
Just, consider it, James.

OFF: James, torn.

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