

Screenplay

INT. DAY - NICU OF HOSPITAL

ALEX walks into the NICU, eyeing LUCY from behind as she glances through patient charts at the nurses' desk.

ALEX

I thought I knew all the nurses on this floor. How did I miss you?

LUCY

I guess I'm just lucky that way.

ALEX

I'm Alex Karev.

LUCY

Neat.

ALEX

And you are...?

LUCY

Not telling you my name.

ALEX

Any reason why not?

LUCY

Because, uh, I don't want to.

ALEX

Okay. Then how 'bout you pass me one of those charts. I hear there's a turnip in the cabbage patch.

LUCY sets the chart down on the desk, turns toward ALEX.

LUCY

Turnip?

ALEX

Corked. Brain dead. Dr. Robbins and I have a baby with a hypoplastic left heart. The transplant coordinator suggested--

LUCY

--suggested the, uh, turnip as a potential donor.

ALEX

Yeah.

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LUCY

Uh huh. Well now you do get to know my name. I'm Dr. Lucy Fields. I delivered that corked baby. So thanks for the heads up. I'll talk to the transplant coordinator, but now you need to leave.

ALEX

Come on. That's no reason to overreact.

LUCY

Really? Well now you're barred from the NICU. How's that for overreacting?

ALEX laughs.

ALEX

You can't do that.

LUCY

Wanna find out?

ALEX

Listen, I'm sorry about the turnip thing. I shouldn't have said it. But doctor to doctor, you're overreacting. This is about my patient who needs a donor. I deserve to be here.

LUCY

You deserve it? Huh. You know I have a patient too. You wanna know what happened to my patient?

ALEX

Look, I'm sure it's tough--

LUCY

--She had a forty hour labor and then the baby was stuck on an angle, wouldn't drop. So -my- patient just had to push, and push, and push. And you wanna know what you say to a woman who's in that kind of pain? You say, "One more Jackie. One more and you're gonna see that baby. One more and you're gonna have a beautiful baby boy. I know it hurts, I know it does, but

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LUCY (cont'd)

give me one more Jackie and you get a baby." That's how you get a woman to tear her own body apart. You promise her a baby. You make a promise and she hurts herself because she trusts you. And then when the baby comes out and he's not, uh, he's not... You're the one that's gotta tell her that you were... mistaken. Makes me kind of lose interest in what you deserve, Mr. "Where's The Cabbage Patch?"