

INT. DAY - HOSPITAL CONFERENCE ROOM

DR. DEREK SHEPHERD sits across the table from RICHARD & his wife ADELE. RICHARD holds her hand, waiting for DEREK to speak.

DEREK

You needed to score a 26 or below to meet the criteria of this Alzheimer's trial. You were above that.

RICHARD

Well, what is it?

DEREK

It's not important.

RICHARD

Derek...

DEREK

It's 27.

RICHARD

One point? You're going to deny her this because of one point?

DEREK

I'm so sorry.

ADELE

Sorry? No. It's good. It means I passed. I-I'm not sick. I told you, Richard.

RICHARD

That's not what it means. You have Alzheimer's. It just hasn't progressed enough to get into the trial.

ADELE

But Derek said I passed!  
(joyful)  
I passed! Derek, I'm okay, right?

DEREK

When I asked you to repeat the three words back to me, you said "pool" instead of "spoon."  
(ADELE chuckles & scoffs)  
I asked you to identify my stethoscope. It took you a while to  
(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

DEREK (cont'd)  
find the word. And I asked you  
where you took your honeymoon, and  
you said Hawaii, but you were here  
because The Chief was a medical  
student and he had to work.

ADELE  
Oh, what do you know? What do any  
of you know? You work in a hospital  
all day around sick people and  
disease. You're obsessed. That's  
what this is. So I got a few  
answers wrong. That's all? It's  
normal to forget things at my age.  
I...

(to RICHARD)  
You can never remember where you  
parked the car whenever we go to  
the movies, and they're not saying  
that you have...

(ADELE begins to cry)  
It's not fair. I finally... It's...  
We're finally happy. You and me.  
Loving each other the way we should  
have after all these years. And  
now? It's not fair!

RICHARD looks at ADELE. His eyes begin to water.

ADELE  
Don't look at me like that! Like--  
Like I'm damaged goods. I-I'm still  
me. I'm still here. I'm still me.  
I-- Maybe-- Maybe I won't be here  
much longer, but I'm right here  
baby, I'm right here. You do-- I'm  
so scared.

ADELE bursts into tears. She shudders with fear and emotion.

RICHARD  
I'm here, baby.

ADELE  
Richard. Help me please, I'm so  
scared. You can help me. Please.  
Please. Please.

RICHARD  
I'm here. I'm not going anywhere.  
I'm here.

ADELE continues to sob.