

**INT. HOSPITAL - AFTERNOON X**

**LEO, DAVID**

***DAVID AND LEO REVEAL MORE OF THEMSELVES TO US***

**CORRIDOR**: Leo has just discovered that David broke into Karl's office. Leo's concerned about his brother's actions and his emotional well being.

**LEO**

Why would you even take that risk?

**DAVID**

I wanted to know.

(corrects)

I had to know.

**LEO**

But breaking into a doctor's computer? You're meant to be the good brother.

David is only faintly amused by the comment.

**DAVID**

I make all Waipo's meals - there's only so much goodness in any human.

Leo holds up the bag of clothes.

**LEO**

Who brought her washing in?

**DAVID**

Who washed it.

Touche!

A beat, then Leo's tone becomes more serious:

**LEO**

Why didn't you tell me you were going to look for our father?

**DAVID**

Because I knew you wouldn't care.

**LEO**

I care. If he's rich.

David gives him a look.

LEO

What? The guy never paid a cent in child support. I reckon we're due a windfall.

DAVID

You're not the slightest bit interested in knowing who he is as a person?

LEO

Let's see. He abandoned mum. He never once tried to get in contact with us. I think I know what he's like as a person.

DAVID

That's only one side of the story.

LEO

Are you saying mum lied?

DAVID

I'm saying - I want to hear his version of events.

LEO

You're wasting your time. You'll only end up disappointed and you'll lose your job in the process. So if I were you I'd just forget this - (right now)

David flares.

DAVID

(over)

You're not me! You've never cared about finding him. It didn't matter to you when we were kids, it doesn't matter now, so how can you possibly predict how it's going to end up?

Leo's thrown.

LEO

What if the guy's a total ratbag?

DAVID

Then I'll know for sure. I'll finally be able to lay this whole thing to rest and move on with my life.

Since you've already done that, you don't need to get involved.

David looks away.

Leo studies his brother for a long beat. He cares about him too much to let him continue the journey alone. Finally:

LEO

If there's anything dodgy to be done from now on, I'll do it.

DAVID

What?

LEO

You're too honest. And you're clumsy. You'll slip up, the same way you did today with Karl.

David's confused.

DAVID

So now you want to find dad too?

LEO

No - I want to stop this from blowing up in your face.

David knows, in Leo's own way, he's showing his support.

DAVID

Thank you.

(then)

Anyway, Waipo's asked for some new reading material. I better get down to the newsagent.

As David prepares to leave, Leo decides to let his guard down.

LEO

David -

David props.

LEO

You're wrong. It does matter to me. It always has.

**DAVID**

**He might not be as bad as you think.**

**LEO**

**All the same, I'm not going to get my hopes up.  
You shouldn't either.**

**David nods, appreciating the warmth behind the sentiment.**