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NICOLETTE, AUDREY

AUDREY'S BLEEDING HEART IS HARD WORK

Nicolette is restocking shelves when Audrey enters.

AUDREY

You missed the service dogs. Aurora and Tilly were both on the ward. Aurora's the one with alopecia...
(with cutesy puppy love)
Her little bald rat tail... It's like she feels what the patients are going through cause she's sick too. And she has the sweetest little face; looks right into your eyes. I just love...
(her).

NICOLETTE

(over)
Are you free to take over here?

Timid, Audrey admits:

AUDREY

I've got two more wound checks.

NICOLETTE

How? You started an hour before me.

AUDREY

Mr Mullens took a bit longer than expected.

NICOLETTE

Another infection?

Sheepish, Audrey explains:

AUDREY

No. His daughter didn't come to visit this week, so he was in a chatty mood. Needed a little TLC. You know how he likes to show you his photo album...

Audrey clocks Nicolette's disapproval and is embarrassed.

AUDREY

Sorry.

NICOLETTE

I'll do the wound dressings and you can stock the shelves.

AUDREY

But, I've already told the patients
I'm on my way.

NICOLETTE

They won't mind.

AUDREY

I know, but it might be confusing. I
don't want to upset anyone.

NICOLETTE

You're upsetting me right now.

Although rattled by Nicolette's authority, Audrey
attempts a little bravery.

AUDREY

Fine. But I promised Mrs Jennings I'd
take her outside. I'll finish the
shelves when - (I COME BACK)

NICOLETTE

Let the orderly take the old woman
out.

Audrey's stands meek but firm.

AUDREY

No. A promise is a promise. Mrs
Jennings told me she was missing the
sunshine.

Nicolette is over it.

NICOLETTE

Just go.

Relieved, Audrey scampers out of the room.