

JAMES - AUDITION SCENE

CONTEXT: James and Ashley recently broke up.

INT. PATHOLOGY OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

START

James (late twenties, dreamy and aloof) is searching on a computer while Ashley waits in the big chair used for blood tests. It is a very small room. He seems at ease but she's tense.

ASHLEY

Much longer?

JAMES

No. Here it is.

He presses print and turns to her while it is printing.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Did you call my mum again this morning?

ASHLEY

(lying)

No. She called me. We have our own relationship, you know.

JAMES

She doesn't think so.

The results are still printing.

ASHLEY

How many pages is this?

JAMES

38.

Ashley puts her head in her hands.

JAMES (CONT'D)

I hate that I have to say this but don't make up reasons to visit me at work, Ash. Today's your study day. You're not even on the ward.

ASHLEY

I was here for O,H & S training and fucking Gene asked me to come up here.

JAMES

Sure.

ASHLEY

(mocking him)

Sure.

She's staring at a poster on the wall that says, "You don't have to B+ to work here, but it helps!"

ASHLEY (CONT'D)
Do you still want me to come to
your cousin's wedding?

JAMES
(he clearly doesn't)
In *Bali*?

ASHLEY
Yeah I just wasn't sure if you
wanted me to. I was just checking
cos, I mean, it's all pretty new.

JAMES
I'll let my family know it'll just
be me.

ASHLEY
Will it?

He passes her the print out. She starts to leave.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)
Unrelated but can you log off my
Spotify please? You're fucking up
my algorithms with your drum and
bass shit.

JAMES
Sure, get off my Netflix.

ASHLEY
Fine.

She leaves.

END