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A Letter to Lily Hadler

MARIE SIDE

START

1 INT. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER RECEPTION'S DESK - DAY 1

Elliot saunters Into the clinic, stepping towards MARIE(23) the nurse assigned to front desk.

ELLIOT CARTER
(whispering)
*Hi, um.. I'm here to see doctor
white...*

Marie glances up at Elliot, with a sassy look on her face, then rolls her eyes back down towards her computer screen. Elliot looks confused at her lack of acknowledgment.

ELLIOT CARTER (cont'd)
(whispering)
*I need him.. to approve- reapprove
for my Peroxetine-*

Annoyed, and in a condescending manor, Marie peers up at Elliot.

MARIE
You're here every week Mr. Carter...

Elliot sinks down to Marie's level, making eye contact.

ELLIOT CARTER
(slightly raising
voice)
Look, can you just please...

Marie interrupts.

MARIE
You gotta wait in line Mr. Carter.

Elliot looks over his left shoulder, then back at Marie.

ELLIOT CARTER
(genuine confusion,
whispering)
..Is that... not what I'm doing?

Marie glances over Elliot's right shoulder to the waiting room, where another patient LILY HADLER(27) is on her phone, listening to music through her headphones. She is sitting in the middle of three seats, with her bag in the empty chair closest to the desk.

END

START

2 INT. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER RECEPTION'S DESK - DAY

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Elliot's grin drops down. His face is bleak, yet confused. Marie is sympathetic towards Elliot, but she's concerned about how to answer his questions.

MARIE (O.S.)
(sympathetic)
She's gone, Mr. Carter.

ELLIOT CARTER
(stuttering, in a
panic)
H-h-h-how.. W-w-when? I just talked
to her-

MARIE
(stuttering,
sympathetic)
I'm so sorry... s-she passed in her
sleep this morning...

ELLIOT CARTER
(stern, but soft)
Why didn't you call me?

Elliot's confusion quickly turns to anger. inching closer towards the reception's desk.

MARIE
(stuttering,
sympathetic)
...I-I couldn't, I just...

ELLIOT CARTER
I know- I m-mean.. no! T-t-that's
bullshit... you- you have my
number... You know how to contact...

Marie stands up and raises her voice. Trying to gain control of the situation. She cuts off Elliot in retaliation.

MARIE
(yelling)
You aren't her emergency contact
Elliot!

The two start to yell over each other.

MARIE (OVERLAPPING)
(yelling)
We called her family that's all we
could do. What am I supposed to do?

ELLIOT CARTER (OVERLAPPING)
(yelling)
Emergency contact? Emergency
contact!?

Elliot roars over Marie, which is succeeded by a deafening
silence.

ELLIOT CARTER
I AM HERE EVERY GODDAMN DAY.

Marie sits back down, and remains at a loss for words.

ELLIOT CARTER (cont'd)
(breaking down into
tears)
I'm here every day...

Elliot's expression drops in realization of the situation.
Anger turns to embarrassment, embarrassment turns to regret,
regret turns to confusion, almost like a fugue state.

MARIE
(mouthing)
I'm sorry...

Elliot turns around, seemingly to leave, but continues
forward towards the room Lily was held in. Marie see's this,
and tries to stop Elliot, while also trying to get the
attention of BHODIE(40) the security guard.

3 INT. HEALTH CENTER HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

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MARIE
(crying out)
Elliot, Stop!..

Marie is making quick strides behind Elliot, while trying to
get the lazy security guard to hurry up.

MARIE (cont'd)
(screaming)
Bhodie! Get your ass over here!

Elliot makes it to the end of the hall, swinging the door to the patient's room wide open. Marie and Elliot freeze in place, looking over to see that all of Lily's things have been removed, and replaced by someone else.

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