

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

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INT. HOSPITAL - EVENING

SARAH approaches a hospital desk. NURSE sits behind managing paperwork.

SARAH  
Hi, I was hoping to have a word  
with you.

NURSE  
In a minute.

Nurse fumbles around with papers behind a counter desk.

SARAH  
Miss? This is in regards to my  
mother.

NURSE  
I heard you.

(pause.)

SARAH  
How long?

NURSE  
Who's your mother?

SARAH  
You know my mother. Rom 405.

(pause.)

NURSE  
...What can I help you with?

SARAH  
I would like to speak with you  
with regards to my mother.

NURSE  
Yes, I think you've said that...Go  
on...

SARAH  
My mother has a bruise on her arm.

NURSE  
That's from the injection.  
Sometimes there's a bruise  
reaction.

SARAH

My mother said you were rough with her.

NURSE

Your mother doesn't make it very easy for me to do my job. When I gave her this mornings injection, she wouldn't allow me to do so. She resisted.

SARAH

And why do you think?

NURSE

Why do I think what?

SARAH

Why do you think my mother resisted?

NURSE

I'm not sure.

SARAH

Oh no? She resisted because you grabbed her arm like a savage.

NURSE

Now I don't know what you---

SARAH

Listen, listen to me right now because I'm trying to stay very calm. My mother was in a deep sleep and you startled her by grabbing her arm like a savage, so much so that you yanked her awake and she was frightened and then you forced her to take her injection. She has bruises on her arm from your fingers, not just the injection.

NURSE

She needs to take her injection. It's life or death if she doesn't.

SARAH

Hey! Let me be real clear about this...if you ever lay one finger on my Mother ever again, I will beat your face in. Got it?

(MORE)

SARAH (CONT'D)

If you ever touch my mother, so help me God, you won't know what hit you. You're a disgrace! The way you handle your patients! Absolute disgrace! You should be ashamed of yourself. She's a little tiny thing. You're three times her size and handled her in such a manner, you should be fired. She's not the only one. There are other patients here that complain, but they don't have family to defend them. I'm going to report you and make sure you stay far away from my mother. You are not to care for her or go near her. Understood?

NURSE

But she needs her injections.

SARAH

Don't be a wise ass. Like you actually give a shit. It's abusive behavior and intolerable. You have no idea what grounds you're stepping on here and someone like you shouldn't be caring for the elderly. I'm always nice to you and you always have your bitch face on and attitude to go with it. You've taken my kindness for a weakness. Now you've seen my other side! Take this as a warning Linda or whatever your name is, you've been warned and you will be reported. Someone else will take care of my mother and give her the injections she needs, the *right* way!

NURSE

Yeah but I did nothing but my job.

SARAH

You can play your little game. I have pictures and I've been screening you. You think I would allow someone like you to hurt my mother? That's as far as you go.

NURSE

Go ahead and put in your report. I have patients that love me and my staff knows the truth.

SARAH

I'm going to get you fired.

NURSE

You can't fire me?

SARAH

Cause you've been here for twenty years? You think you have seniority? You don't know who I am, who I know. You've been abusing patients for years and it's come to an end. Enough is enough.

NURSE

Do what you have to do.

SARAH

Oh, we will, we most certainly will. If I have to take my mother out of this facility to a safer place, so be it but you are not to touch her or go near her ever again!