


FEW DAYS LATER...

I
DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHY I'M
GOING THROUGH WITH
THIS... THIS STUPID
DOCTOR'S
APPOINTMENT...



A young man with short dark hair, wearing a red suit, a light green shirt, and a blue patterned tie, is walking on a paved city street at night. He has a somber expression. To his left is a large, light blue speech bubble with a black outline. The background shows a modern building with large windows, some trees, and a street lamp. The lighting is warm, suggesting sunset or city lights.

IF VITO
WANTED TO, HE
COULD EASILY DESTROY
MY LIFE... A LIFE THAT'S
TURNED INTO CONSTANT
FEAR... I'VE BECOME
ANXIOUS... I ALWAYS FEEL
LIKE SOMEONE IS
FOLLOWING ME...

WHY
WON'T THIS
FEELING GO
AWAY?



AT THE CLINIC...

HI... I
HAVE AN
APPOINTMENT
WITH DR.
BARBARA
TODAY

SURE!
COULD YOU
PLEASE GIVE ME
YOUR ID?

SURE

EMBARRASSED





FINE

THE DOCTOR WILL CALL YOU IN A MOMENT

I
FEEL LIKE I'M
BETRAYING
MYSELF BY GOING
ALONG WITH THAT
CRAZY MAN'S
PLAN...



ONE
DAY HE'S
GOING TO PAY
FOR WHAT HE'S
DOING TO ME...



LIPSET



HI,
HOW ARE
YOU? HOW'S
EVERYTHING
GOING?

FINE,
DOC...

THAT'S GREAT!

PLEASE TAKE A SEAT, PAOLO



SO...
THIS ENVELOPE
WITH YOU MUST BE
YOUR EXAMINATION
RESULTS

MHMM

CAN
I TAKE A
LOOK?

SURE



CHECKING RESULTS...

CONFUSED

DO YOU FEEL CONFUSED, OR MAYBE YOUR MEMORY HAS BEEN FAILING?

HMM... I DON'T KNOW... PROBABLY NOT...



CURIOUS



WHY,
DOC?


ARE
YOU
VEGAN, OR
MAYBE
VEGETARIAN?

NOPE...



HMM...
YOUR B12
LEVEL IS
LOW

SOME
SYMPTOMS
ARE FATIGUE,
MEMORY ISSUES,
MOOD CHANGES,
AND COGNITIVE
DIFFICULTIES...



EVERYTHING
IS FINE, AND
SINCE YOU DON'T
SMOKE, YOU WON'T
HAVE ISSUES WITH
TRANSITIONING...
YOUR EXAM
RESULTS ARE
GOOD



I'M
ALSO
GOING TO
PRESCRIBE
YOU B12 AS
WELL



NOW,
GETTING
BACK TO
HORMONES...

IN
OUR LAST
APPOINTMENT, I
EXPLAINED TO
YOU WHAT
HORMONES CAN
DO FOR A TRANS
WOMAN



ARE
THERE
MANY
OPTIONS?

TODAY,
WE'LL DECIDE
WHICH
MEDICATION
YOU'LL USE

THERE
ARE





I
SEE... SO
WHAT ARE
MY OPTIONS?


THE
MEDICATIONS
USED IN MTF
TRANSITION ARE
ALSO USED BY CIS
WOMEN AS
CONTRACEPTIVES, FOR
EXAMPLE, OR FOR
HORMONE
REPLACEMENT
DURING
MENOPAUSE

PILLS,
INJECTIONS,
PATCHES, OR
GEL

AND
THEY WORK
THE SAME?

THEY
DO...





WHY
WOULD I
CHOOSE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?


BUT
FOR EXAMPLE IF
YOU USE GEL YOU
GONNA HAVE TO
APPLY EVERY DAY
AFTER BATH AND WAIT
TILL IT DRY, BEFORE
YOU PUT YOUR
CLOTHES

BLUSHING



IF I
HAVE TO
APPLY GEL
EVERYDAY
PROBABLY I'LL
FORGET MANY
DAYS...

THINKING
LONG-TERM, IT'S
SAFER THAN
PILLS, BECAUSE
THE GEL ISN'T
METABOLIZED BY
THE LIVER



SO
MAYBE AN
INJECTION IS
THE BEST
OPTION FOR
YOU

DO I
HAVE TO
APPLY IT
MYSELF?

YOU
CAN, BUT
YOU COULD
ALSO GET IT
DONE AT A
PHARMACY

EMBARRASSED




HOW
OFTEN
SHOULD I
TAKE THIS
INJECTION?

IT
DEPENDS
ON THE
MEDICATION
AND THE
DOSE



ONCE A
MONTH OR
ONCE EVERY 15
DAYS

I
THINK I'LL
CHOOSE
ONCE A
MONTH



I'LL
SEND YOUR
PRESCRIPTION
FOR B12 AND
HORMONES TO
YOUR EMAIL

BLUSHING

OK,
THANK
YOU,
DOCTOR

COME
BACK IN TWO
MONTHS WITH
THE NEW TEST
I'LL REQUEST



LATER...

DEFEATED!

I
FEEL LIKE
A COMPLETE
IDIOT!

