

JAKE'S - NIGHT

(JOHNNY, MAYA)

MAYA WARD IS A FIRST YEAR INTERN AT GENERAL HOSPITAL. SHE'S SMART, PRETTY AND AMBITIOUS. SHE'S GOT NO PATIENCE FOR FOOLS EVEN IF THEY'RE THE DOCTORS WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TEACHING HER. IN THE PAST, MAYA'S HAD A WEAKNESS FOR GUYS WHO ARE RECKLESS AND SELF-DESTRUCTIVE. SHE'S SWORN NEVER TO GO THERE AGAIN. SO WHEN SHE'S FIGHTING WITH JOHNNY - SHE'S ALSO FIGHTING HERSELF. SHE'S AT THE BAR WHEN JOHNNY JOINS HER.

MAYA

No, you can't buy me a beer.

JOHNNY

I was hoping you'd buy me one.

MAYA

Not to pour on you if you were on fire.

JOHNNY

Remind me again why you hate me? Oh, that's right. I made you look bad.

ROLE OF "MAYA"

GENERAL HOSPITAL

ABC

MAYA

I took appropriate action
- [when you were admitted,
I followed procedure]

JOHNNY

(OVER) I was shot and
bleeding and it upset you.

MAYA

True. I was heartbroken
that no vital organs were
affected.

JOHNNY

You want me to die?

MAYA

I want the chance to
observe as many surgeries
as possible. Who knows
what I could learn
watching Steve Webber
crack your chest open.

JOHNNY

Stick around. You could
get your wish sooner than
you think.

THIS PUSHES MAJOR BUTTONS FOR
MAYA. SHE LOVED A BOY LIKE JOHNNY
- SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T THINK HE
COULD DIE AND THEN DID.

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MAYA

You've got the attitude
down cold, don't you?
Mister Live Fast, Die
Young and Leave A Pretty
Corpse. Mr. Cool and
Reckless and Don't Give A
Damn. You think you'd
give a damn if the next
bullet hit your spine? You
think you'd keep that
attitude if you couldn't
run, or stand or have sex?
Or do you think you'd
wheel yourself off a
bridge some night? (BEAT)
There are lots of ways to
die, Johnny. Not all of
them are glamorous.

JOHNNY

Who was he?

MAYA

Nobody. A hypothetical.
(A DIG) Oh, I'm sorry.
Words of more than one
syllable aren't allowed in
your vocabulary. You

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limit yourself to come-
ons, and exit lines.

JOHNNY

(BUSTS) You hate me
because I remind you of
him.

MAYA FIGHTS SUDDEN TEARS. THE
MEMORIES OF THE BOY SHE LOST ARE
RIGHT THERE. BUT SHE COVERS.

MAYA

You're even dumber than he
was - and that's saying
something. If you're
lucky you'll die easier.
And either way, I won't be
around to watch.

ON MAYA. FEELING MORE FOR JOHNNY
THAN SHE WANTS TO.

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