

JOURNEY OF THE SEEDS - DAY ONE:

ESCAPE FROM WARD Z29

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INT. HOSPITAL WARD - NIGHT

GIANNA, a fair-skinned, petite 25 year-old woman is watching TV from her hospital bed, the remote in the hand of her arm bearing an IV drip, the other forearm is freshly cast in plaster. LENA, a well-kept 52, is in a bed nearby, hooked up to machines as well as a drip. The other two patients are asleep. On screen is the special live presentation of a meteor shower.

TV REPORTER

What a magnificent sight. These meteorites are giving us a spectacular show. To everyone who could join us here and around the world - this is something you'll never forget. Sadly, the Southern Hemisphere will miss this, so we're streaming live on news dot com slash meteorshowerlive.

LENA

We picked a good time to be in hospital didn't we?

GIANNA

Yeah, can't believe I'm missing this. Trust me to fall off my horse. I hope she's ok - this will scare her. Worse than fireworks.

LENA

I'm sure she'll be fine honey. We'll get to hear all about it in the morning. I'm going to get some shut-eye. Night.

GIANNA

Yeah. Good night.

Gianna watches the TV but drifts to sleep. The screen still flickers with images of meteorites and people and the reporter blabbing on. A nurse comes in and turns off the main lights, leaving some residual lighting for safety. Gianna's TV stays on. The hands on the clock located above the door spin as the hours pass.

INT. HOSPITAL WARD - LATER

Gianna wakes with a start. The TV screen has gone to snow. She tries changing channels but every one is the same. She gets up and checks the connections. As she does, she sees activity outside her window. People running around, chasing each other. They disappear. Gianna stares, then returns to bed, unsuccessfully trying to get an image on the TV.

The flickering TV light is joined by the sunrise through an eerie red haze. One patient is missing, the other two are still asleep. Gianna picks up her phone and turns it on but there's no service. Confused, Gianna looks around and sees Lena is now awake.

LENA

Something wrong with your phone honey?

GIANNA

Yeah - says no service. But no problems before.

LENA

I'm watching my machine here doing some very strange things. Think I'll buzz a nurse. Might be something to do with that thing last night.

GIANNA

The meteorite shower? Really? I don't . . .

Gianna's voice trails as suddenly commotion erupts outside her ward. The doors burst open and three nurses enter.

One nurse looks like she is on LSD, gracefully swanning around the ward as if nothing can trouble her.

NURSE #1

It was so beautiful. The lights, the red mist. Pretty, pretty lights . . .

The other two look far more sinister and angry as they scan the room. Nurse #2 heads straight for the first bed and attacks the patient with a large needle.

NURSE #2

Here - this will fix all your problems.

Screams are heard. Lena scrambles out of bed but gets caught up in the tubes and wires, falling to the ground. Nurse #3 attacks her, strangling her with the tubes.

Gianna, at the other end of the ward, horrified at the carnage, removes the drip from her arm and drops to the floor, gasping for air in shock as she slides under the bed looking for an escape. Other staff are coming from the doors on the other side. Gianna goes for the toilet but the 'engaged' sign is visible. Nurse #3 spots her.

NURSE #3

Where do you think you're going?

The toilet door opens slowly as a woman, 65 with greying hair and a cane emerges tentatively, stepping between Gianna and Nurse #3. They all stop for a moment, then Nurse #3 attacks the woman, who fights back. Gianna hesitates then tries to help the woman fight off the nurse.

GIANNA

Let - her - go

The nurse is too strong and with one arm out of action, Gianna is not much help. The nurse backhands Gianna and she hits the floor hard, hitting her head.

The woman uses her cane to fend off the nurse until she is pulled to the ground. They land on top of Gianna's legs, wrestling for survival. Dazed and groggy, Gianna reaches out with her good hand, trying to wrap her arm around the nurse's neck from behind.

The nurse kicks out, hitting the woman in the stomach and sending her flying across the floor. She lands backwards, her head slamming into the floor and is knocked unconscious, blood trickling from a head wound. The nurse pushes Gianna away from her neck but before the nurse can get Gianna, she slides into the open toilet door, slamming it shut and locking it.

INT. TOILET - CONTINUOUS

Gianna hears screams and cowers in the corner as the shrieks become louder and more terrifying. The door shakes, and loud thumping is heard as the nurses try to break down the door. Desperately looking around, she sees a manhole in the ceiling. She climbs on the sink and uses the water heater for another step up. She desperately wrenches at the grate as the door starts to give way. She slides into the hole just as they break through and shoves the vent cover over the hole. Gianna scurries up the vent, into the darkness.