

Brooklyn Pace (22, F, Black)

Brooklyn Pace, a 22-year-old Black woman, is Josiah's compassionate and intelligent fiancée. She serves as his emotional anchor, fiercely dedicated to uncovering the truth behind Josiah's traumatic experiences. Her nurturing and protective nature make her a pillar of strength in his life.

Character Traits: Compassionate, Intelligent, Protective, Dedicated

Dr. Henry Floyd (40, M, Black)

Dr. Henry Floyd, a 40-year-old medical professional, possesses a no-nonsense demeanor. Deeply committed to uncovering the truth behind Josiah's traumatic experiences, Dr. Floyd employs a methodical and determined approach to solve the mystery, making him a central figure in the investigation.

Character Traits: Methodical, Determined, No-nonsense, Committed

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

Josiah sleeps soundly while Brooklyn confronts Dr. Henry Floyd.

BROOKLYN
(agitated)
It's obvious that you've missed something.

DR. FLOYD
(slowly)
What are you not hearing?

BROOKLYN
(confused)
What?

DR. FLOYD
(serious)
I know how unsettling it is to hear a diagnosis contrary to what you want to hear.

BROOKLYN
(irritated)
You're not really saying anything.

DR. FLOYD
Josiah's not sleeping. He's-

BROOKLYN
(interrupting)
- What are you talking about? He's sleeping all day long.

Dr. Floyd raises his hand for her to stop talking.

DR. FLOYD
Josiah's not sleeping; he's in a state of depression.

BROOKLYN
(defensive)
Do you blame him?

DR. FLOYD
(gently)
Brooklyn...

BROOKLYN
(passionate)
If someone raped, imprisoned, and brutally beat you down, you would be depressed too!

DR. FLOYD
That's not why he's depressed.

BROOKLYN
(insistent)
He's in pain!

DR. FLOYD
I agree, but his mental pain is overshadowing his physical pain.

BROOKLYN
(defensive)
He's not gay!

DR. FLOYD
(cautious)
I wasn't questioning his sexuality.

BROOKLYN
(angry)
No, but you were tapping around it!

DR. FLOYD
Why specifically is his face not injured?

BROOKLYN
(frustrated)
Oh my God! When you're black, they always look for ways to blame the victim.

DR. FLOYD
I'm not clear if he was a victim.

BROOKLYN
(outraged)
What?!

DR. FLOYD
I believe that Josiah may have been a willing participant.

BROOKLYN
Are you fucking crazy?!

DR. FLOYD
No.

Overwhelmed with helplessness and frustration, Brooklyn's emotions surge, bringing her to tears.

BROOKLYN
(tearfully)
He's dying right in front of us. Can you
please help him?