

SERGEANT NORSE "RAGNAR" (30, M, BLACK)

Sergeant Norse Ragnar, a 30-year-old Black male and former drill sergeant from Josiah's military past, exudes an enigmatic and imposing presence. With a mysterious agenda, he raises questions about his true intentions regarding Josiah. Ragnar's deep knowledge of Josiah's history adds tension and intrigue to the story.

Character Traits: Enigmatic, Imposing, Mysterious, Knowledgeable

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 Sergeant Ragnar confronts Dr. Henry Floyd.

SERGEANT RAGNAR

(agitated)

It's obvious that you've missed something.

DR. FLOYD

(slowly)

What are you not hearing?

SERGEANT RAGNAR

(confused)

What?

DR. FLOYD

(serious)

I know how unsettling it is to hear a diagnosis contrary to what you want to hear.

SERGEANT RAGNAR

(irritated)

You're not really saying anything.

DR. FLOYD

Josiah's not sleeping. He's-

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

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

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

SERGEANT RAGNAR
(defensive)
Do you blame him?

DR. FLOYD
(gently)
Sergeant RAGNAR...

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

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

SERGEANT RAGNAR
(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.

SERGEANT RAGNAR
(outraged)
What?!

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

SERGEANT RAGNAR
Are you fucking crazy?!

DR. FLOYD
No.

Sergeant RAGNAR shakes his head in disbelief and storms out of the
hospital room.

