

Hospital

INT. A HOSPITAL

Christy is sitting in a chair waiting. Penny rushes in and throws her arms around her sister.

Christy! PENNY

You made it! CHRISTY

PENNY
I got here as soon as I could. The bus was late. Mom out of surgery?

CHRISTY
No. And it's been three hours. Doctor Duncan said he'd come out and talk to us as soon as the surgery is over.

PENNY
Doctor Duncan? He's Mom's doctor?

CHRISTY
He was the only one on duty.

PENNY
Mom hates Doctor Duncan. I hate him, too.

CHRISTY
How do you think I feel? You weren't here. I tried to get somebody else. But the nurse wouldn't listen.

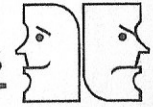
PENNY
Did you tell her Doctor Duncan killed our dad?

CHRISTY
He didn't kill Dad!

PENNY
He was the doctor when Dad died in the hospital.

CHRISTY
I told her that. But she said Doctor Duncan was the only one on duty and Mom needed help now.

PENNY
He gives me the creeps. What happened?



CHRISTY

When I got home from school, I found her unconscious. She was just lying on the ground in the garden. I checked to see if she was breathing. She wasn't.

PENNY

Oh no!

CHRISTY

So I gave her mouth to mouth. Mrs. Cahill was driving by and she saw what I was doing and called the ambulance from her car phone.

PENNY

I guess being nosey finally paid off.

CHRISTY

They got there really fast. They put Mom on one of those machines and....

Christy breaks down. Penny puts her arms around her.

PENNY

You did good kid. You did good.

CHRISTY

I was so scared.

PENNY

Mom will be proud. Where did you learn mouth-to-mouth?

CHRISTY

Health class.

PENNY

Good thing you were paying attention. You probably saved her life.

CHRISTY

You think so?

PENNY

Look, here comes Doctor Duncan.

CHRISTY

And he's smiling.

PENNY

(Whispering) What does that mean?

CHRISTY

Let's hope it doesn't mean he killed her.