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# PINK LUST ■ ANGELICA ZADAK

## CHARACTERS:

PATTI – Female, late 40s, educated

DR. PLAINFIELD – Male, 60s, unfazed

*PATTI is sitting on an examination table wearing a paper sheet.*

*DR. PLAINFIELD enters the room while examining the chart.*

DR. PLAINFIELD

Welcome back to Memorial Pembroke, Patti. I am glad to help you through the process of dealing with your diagnosis.

PATTI

Well, I can't really say I wasn't a shock about it, Dr. Plainfield. I was just kind of told over the phone. But after doing some research on the survival rate of breast cancer patients, I feel a little better. I mean a 98% success rate isn't too bad.

DR. PLAINFIELD

Exactly. And I just want to let you know, as I let all of my patients know, breast cancer is not a death sentence. It can even be a lot of fun.

PATTI

Excuse me?

DR. PLAINFIELD

What you have, Patti, is a chance for a new beginning.

PATTI

Oh yeah, I heard a lot of other people end up taking up healthier lifestyles as a way to stay strong during treatment. Some women have even gone on a completely raw or vegan diet.

DR. PLAINFIELD

*[Chuckling]* We're talking about modern medicine. There's no need to worry about eating the right thing or getting proper exercise. We're going to give you new breasts.

*Beat.*

PATTI

So you're suggesting that we go through total breast removal by double mastectomy. I heard there is a really high success rate. Most women opt in for it.

DR. PLAINFIELD

Of course they do. What woman hasn't gone through life wishing they had a bigger cup size?

PATTI

Oh! You mean I should talk to the plastic surgeon about restructuring my breasts in a way that makes me more comfortable with my breasts post-surgery.

DR. PLAINFIELD

I mean you can talk to the plastic surgeon about having really, really big boobs.

PATTI

I am really having trouble understanding how having bigger-sized breasts is going to help my breast cancer. Isn't the point to have less breast for the cancer to latch on to?

DR. PLAINFIELD

Oh, Patti, what fun is that? Besides, a recurrence is nothing to worry about.

PATTI

That's the thing, I read women are led to believe a double mastectomy will totally eradicate the cancer. And it does to begin with. But then they become too comfortable to continue getting checked for recurrence. By the time they discover that losing their breasts doesn't mean that they lose all chance of getting breast cancer, it's too late.

DR. PLAINFIELD

Patti, please calm down. Look at it this way. You're at home after the initial surgery. You're looking in the mirror. But instead of focusing on all the scars and all the pain that went into your survival, you see two beautiful, round, voluptuous, enormous, breasts.

PATTI

Do you have any idea how that makes me feel as a patient? Like what if I told you, you had testicular cancer. Would you just start feeling better about it all once I told you I could give you bigger balls?

DR. PLAINFIELD

You know, a lot of patients feel better once they visualize what I'm talking about.

DR. PLAINFIELD

Takes out an iPad and starts swiping through the pictures.  
One, two. Before, after. Small breasts, big breasts. Sad saggy boobs, happy perky boobs.

PATTI

Wow. . .

DR. PLAINFIELD

I know, right?

PATTI

I can't believe this.

DR. PLAINFIELD

All real – well, except that they're not.

PATTI

Jesus!

DR. PLAINFIELD

I have been known to perform some miracles.

PATTI

You know what? I've heard chemo treatment has really improved after the last five years. I think I'll just opt in for that.

DR. PLAINFIELD

Great. And with the proper insurance we can find a chemo treatment that won't make you pack on too many pounds. Wouldn't want that, would we.

*PATTI grabs her things in an effort to leave.*

DR. PLAINFIELD

What are you doing?

PATTI

Oh, I'm leaving Dr. Plainfield. While you have some time, I highly suggest you look into that testicular cancer. It could lead to reduction. Wouldn't want that, would we.

*End.*