BEDSIDE BREAK-UP

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Synopsis:

Carrie decides to break up with Mark as he lies in bed recovering from cancer.

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INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

MARK is laying in the hospital bed. He is waking up from sleeping. Sitting next to him is CARRIE. She sees him waking up and leans in. Mark notices her there and smiles.

MARK Hey there beautiful. Aren't you a site for sore eyes.

Carrie smiles.

MARK I was wondering when you were going to come and visit me.

Carrie's smile fades. She looks at Mark.

CARRIE Sorry. I've just been busy. You know, work and everything.

Mark reaches for her hand.

MARK It's okay. I'm just glad you are here now.

Carrie is becoming more uncomfortable. She pulls her hand away and stands up. She starts to pace around the room.

> CARRIE Look Mark, we have to talk.

Mark looks at her a bit confused.

MARK Okay...Is everything alright?

CARRIE That's just it. Things are great.

MARK So what do you want to talk about?

Carrie changes the subject.

CARRIE How are you feeling?

Mark gives a bit of a chuckle.

MARK I'm feeling better. The doctors think they got all of the cancer so I should be out of here in no time. I still have radiation treatment, but that's not for a couple of weeks. It's just nice to know that I have you.

Carrie a bit distracted nods.

CARRIE

That's good.

Mark notices that she isn't really paying attention.

MARK They think that I can finally get rid of that fourth testicle as well.

CARRIE That's nice.

Mark raises his voice.

MARK

Carrie!

She turns her head.

CARRIE Sorry, I just have a lot on my mind.

MARK Care to share?

She paces a bit more and sits back down.

CARRIE Mark, I'm breaking up with you.

Mark looks at her confused.

MARK

You're what?

Carrie takes in a big breath.

CARRIE There's someone else. MARK How could you do this to me right now? After everything that's happened?

CARRIE

See, that's just it. I met him before we found out you had cancer. I was going to tell you sooner but given everything that's happened I didn't know how to tell you.

MARK So you decided to tell me while I was in the hospital? How fucked up is that?

Carrie backs away. She is upset.

CARRIE

I just didn't want to lie to you anymore. I couldn't take it.

Mark starts to pout.

MARK Get out of here.

Carrie begins to tear up.

CARRIE

Mark please. Can't we just be friends?

MARK No use in being friends. I'll be dead soon enough.

CARRIE Don't talk like that. You said that things were going to be okay.

MARK They were, but there is no use having the radiation done now.

Carrie looks down at him.

CARRIE Don't do this to me. That's not fair. Mock Sides: Original Scripts for Workshop Actors

MARK Not fair? What do you think you are doing to me?

CARRIE Mark please don't.

Mark motions to the door.

MARK

Get out.

She pleads with him with her eyes. He gets louder.

MARK

OUT!

She walks towards the door.

FADE TO BLACK.