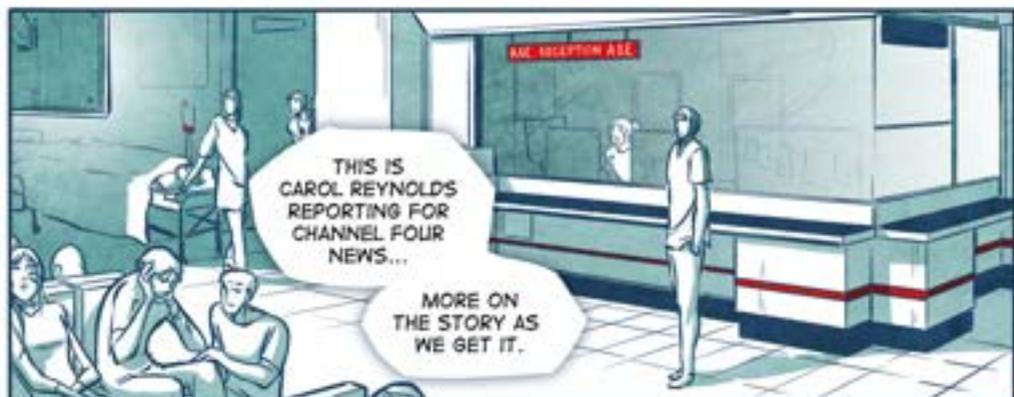


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BLOODY HELL.
READY FOR A
SECOND WAVE?



AS I'LL
EVER BE.



I'VE SEEN
CARNAGE LIKE
THIS BEFORE, BUT
IN MUCH SMALLER
DOSES. THIS
IS *INDUSTRIAL*.

YOU'RE
DOING
GREAT



IN A WAY I
WISH THERE WERE
MORE PEOPLE
COMING OUR
WAY.

WHAT WORRIES
ME IS HOW MANY
OF THE VICTIMS
WILL HAVE GONE
STRAIGHT TO THE
MORQUE.

I KNOW.
AND THAT SECOND
BLAST WILL HAVE
SENT THE CASE
FATALITY RATE
SKY HIGH...



WELL, OUR JOB
IS TO SAVE AS MANY
OF THOSE WHO MAKE
IT THROUGH THESE
DOORS AS WE CAN.

OUT THERE
THEY MAY BE
VICTIMS, BUT IN
HERE, THEY'RE
PATIENTS.



WHERE
DID SEAN
GET TO?

I'M NOT
SURE. I THINK
HE WENT TO REVIEW
THE STABBING FROM
THIS MORNING.



AREN'T YOU LUCKY?

A KNIFE IN THE GUTS AND YOU MANAGE TO AVOID THE SURGEONS.

TRANAXEMIC ACID INFUSION JUST IN CASE THOUGH.

I AM SORRY THAT SHAVING A THIRD OFF OF YOUR RISK OF BLEEDING TO DEATH HAS KEPT YOU FROM YOUR DRINKING CHUMS.



THE POLICE WILL WANT TO SEE YOU WHEN YOU WAKE UP, PAL.



HE'S STABLE. I NEED TO GET BACK TO THE MAJORS NOW.

NIL BY MOUTH UNTIL HIS INFUSION HAS RUN THROUGH, PLEASE.



SEAN, THERE YOU ARE. WE HAD A...

I KNOW.



LOOK, I KNOW THE STABBING WASN'T HIGH RISK, BUT THE NEW TRANAXEMIC ACID PROTOCOL IS A NUMBERS GAME.

BY TREATING THE MUCH LARGER NUMBER OF PATIENTS AT LOW AND MEDIUM RISK, WE'LL SAVE FAR MORE LIVES THAN BY ONLY TREATING PATIENTS WITH MASSIVE BLEEDING..

IT'S NOT AS THOUGH IT'S A DANGEROUS DRUG. THE JAPANESE TAKE IT FOR A HEADACHE!

WELL THAT EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE COURSE CERTAINLY MADE AN IMPRESSION ON YOU.

I HAVE TO ADMIT, I LIKE A MAN WHO CAN THINK THINGS THROUGH.

TH-THANKS, TONI. I THINK.

UH, SO... WHAT YOU GOT THERE, CARL?

NOT A BAD BUM EITHER...

OKAY, PEOPLE. GET BUSY!

WE'LL NEED TO OPERATE. SHE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD AND MIGHT STILL BE BLEEDING.

SHE'LL NEED TRANEXAMIC ACID AND THEN BLOOD. LOTS OF IT.

CARL, LOOK AT THE TIME!

THE FIRST BLAST WAS NEARLY FOUR HOURS AGO. IF SHE DIDN'T GET TXA ON THE WAY IN, IT'S UNLIKELY TO HELP HER NOW.

HUH? OH YEAH, OF COURSE.

I **MUST** BE TIRED.



CARL,
YOU'VE BEEN
ON THE SHOP
FLOOR FOR OVER
TWELVE HOURS.



GO GET
A COFFEE
OR SOMETHING.



I...YEAH.
THANKS.



TONI? SECOND
WAVE, SEVENTY
THREE YEAR OLD
MALE PAST HISTORY
OF ISCHAEMIC HEART
DISEASE. CARL
HAS WRITTEN HIM
UP FOR TRANEXAMIC
ACID. DOES THAT
MAKE SENSE
TO YOU?



IT'S FINE.

THE LAST THING
AN ISCHAEMIC
HEART NEEDS IS
THE EXTRA STRESS
OF A
HAEMORRHAGE.

AND, FOR THE
RECORD, IN THE
CRASH-2 TRIAL THERE
WAS A HIGHLY
SIGNIFICANT
REDUCTION
IN THE RISK OF
MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION
WITH TRANEXAMIC
ACID.



GET BACK
OUT THERE AND
FOCUS, CARL
TANNER.

WAKE UP
BEFORE YOU
MISS
SOMETHING.



GULP



THAT'S THE
STAB PATIENT'S
CUBICLE...

IT'S A
LITTLE LATE
FOR A
VISITOR.



I'M AFRAID
THAT THIS
WARD IS -









I'M WITH DOCTORS SEAN MCFADDEN AND TONI SHEARING.



YOUR HOSPITAL HAS TAKEN A TIDAL WAVE OF VICTIMS TODAY. WHAT'S THE ATMOSPHERE BEEN LIKE, OVERALL?



ANY EVENT OF THIS SCALE IS UPSETTING. BUT WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM HERE AND EVERYONE HAS GIVEN THEIR BEST.

EARLY ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLOT STABILISER, TRANEXAMIC ACID, HAS HELPED. WE DON'T SEE ANYTHING NEAR AS MUCH COAGULOPATHY AS WE WOULD HAVE JUST A YEAR AGO.



TRANEXAMIC ACID? A CLOT STABILISER? A NEW DRUG?

NOT AT ALL. IT'S AN OLD DRUG THAT HAS RECENTLY LEARNED SOME VERY IMPORTANT NEW TRICKS.

THE BRITISH ARMY HAVE BEEN USING IT IN AFGHANISTAN FOR YEARS. GLOBALLY IT COULD SAVE OVER 100,000 LIVES EACH YEAR IF ONLY EVERYONE COULD HAVE ACCESS TO THIS LIFE-SAVING DRUG.



BUT SURELY ALL DRUGS HAVE SIDE EFFECTS?

IF IT'S SAFE ENOUGH TO BE SOLD OVER THE COUNTER TO WOMEN WITH HEAVY PERIODS, IT'S SAFE ENOUGH FOR ME!

IN FACT, WE'RE EVEN TREATING ONE OF OUR OWN DOCTORS RIGHT NOW



A DOCTOR CAUGHT IN THE SECOND BLAST?

NO, THIS IS JUST THE ROUTINE VIOLENCE THAT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT STAFF HAVE TO PUT UP WITH.

DOCTOR TANNER WAS STABBED BY A THUG WHILST TRYING TO SAVE A PATIENT'S LIFE.

BEFORE YOU GO - HOW MANY VICTIMS ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION TONIGHT?

I'M AFRAID WE HAVE NO FIGURES TO SHARE JUST YET.

HEY, HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU MIGHT NEED A DRINK WHEN THIS IS DONE.

I MIGHT JUST WANT ONE AT THAT.

SLAP

SO I'D SAY THE NUMBERS THERE ARE LOOKING GOOD.



I HEARD WHAT YOU DID FOR ME...

THANK YOU.