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Training Sides for Elite Actors and Studios

INT. HOSPITAL PHONE BANK - ONCOLOGY CENTER

CASEY anxiously holds the payphone to their ear, listening to it ring.

VOICE O.C.

Hello?

Casey's physical behavior changes once they hear the all-to-familiar voice on the other end.

CASEY

I did it. It's all done.

VOICE O.C.

I was hoping that was you on the other line.

(reflective)

I really wish I could have been there.

CASEY

You were with me in spirit. Plus, I didn't want this to be a big deal.

An unseen smile appears on the callers face.

VOICE O.C.

How are you feeling?

CASEY

I'll be fine.

VOICE O.C.

Emotionally?

CASEY

I'm fine.

Knowing Casey more than anyone, the voice pressures them gently.

VOICE O.C.

Read it to me.

Casey notices all the people around the phone bank, immediately tensing up.

CASEY

I don't want to. Feels stupid.

VOICE O.C.

Please? Just because no one knew  
doesn't mean we can't celebrate  
together.

Casey pulls the crumbled piece of paper from their pocket.  
They unwrap it, flatten the creases that were created, yet  
still making sure no one sees their vulnerability.

CASEY

*I ring this bell. Three times well.  
It's toll to clearly say, my  
treatment's done, this course is  
run, and I am on my way.*

VOICE O.C.

Amen.

Casey mimes a ringing of the bell, a subtle dance just for  
themselves.