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CLOSING UP SHOP?

Side for RANDY and ARTHUR

RANDY. Closing up shop?

ARTHUR. Just til I get it cleaned up.

RANDY. You replace him yet, the douchebag works here some days?

ARTHUR. No. I put up a sign.

RANDY. You're closed quite a lot lately.

ARTHUR. I haven't felt so hot lately.

RANDY. You okay?

ARTHUR. Yeah, just.

RANDY. We miss you when you're not here. You're the high point of the day.

ARTHUR. You guys must have some crummy days.

RANDY. Hey. Last week. We took a guy in for beating the hell out of his wife and she gave us his Blackhawk tickets.

ARTHUR. Yeah?

RANDY. Blackhawks. Bruins. Great seats.

ARTHUR. Right, you're a big fan, hockey fan.

RANDY. It's the best. I grew up in the middle of seven brothers so I like all sports and all, but hockey's just so *grrr*, you know? Really gets your blood up. (*Beat.*) So I got these two great seats and no one to go with me.

ARTHUR. James won't go with you?

RANDY. The guy hates sports. Only thing he likes is that *Star Trek*.

ARTHUR. Oh, right –

RANDY. *Voyager, Deep Space Now*, all that shit. Him and his wife watch that shit every night.

ARTHUR. Yeah.

RANDY. Yeah.

ARTHUR. I couldn't do that.

RANDY. No. (*Silence.*) Max told us your wife just died.

ARTHUR. Mm. Ex-wife. Yeah. Yeah, we split up . . . some years ago.

RANDY. How'd she die?

ARTHUR. Cancer. Yeah, cancer, yeah.

RANDY. Sorry.

ARTHUR. Yeah, thanks.

RANDY. I'm sorry.

ARTHUR. Thanks.

RANDY. My mother died of cancer.

ARTHUR. Mm.

RANDY. Were you there? Were you with her?

ARTHUR. No, I . . . my . . . I got a call. She had moved to North Carolina. I got a call.

After she died. My daughter called.

RANDY. I didn't know you had a daughter. (*Silence.*) So no, James won't go to the Blackhawks game with me.

ARTHUR. That's too bad. (*Silence.*)

RANDY. Arthur, call us if you have any thoughts. (*Randy takes a card from her pocket, gives it to Arthur.*) There's my cell. Give it a ring. (*Beat.*) Maybe you just want to talk.

(*She exits. He studies Randy's card.*)