

"MOLOCH MEDICAL GROUP"

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CAST

Dr. One - Instructor in Sacrifice

Dr. Two - Trainee in Sacrifice

Subject - The first to be sacrificed by Dr. Two

Two Guards - Who help hold Subject down during sacrifice

SCENE ONE

*(DR ONE and DR TWO are onstage
preparing for a consultation.)*

DR ONE

Look, it's not easy news to hear, so be compassionate but direct. It's a terminal diagnosis. Everyone processes that differently.

DR TWO

Got it. You sure I'm ready?

DR ONE

Can't be an acolyte forever. Praise Moloch!

DR TWO

Praise Moloch!

DR ONE

Send in the patient!

*(SUBJECT enters. All three are
silent for a time. DR ONE nudges
DR TWO.)*

DOC TWO

Right. Sorry. *(Consulting a file.)* Mr. Westercheese.

SUBJECT

Please. Mr. Westercheese was my father. Call me Gary.

DOC TWO

Well, Gary, as you know my mentor and I both work for the Moloch Medical Group. You were given a complete physical and the results are undeniable: You are perfectly healthy.

SUBJECT (*Devastated.*)

Oh no. Oh no. You're certain?

DOC TWO

We consulted with human sacrifice and heart removal specialists. They concur. I'm sorry.

SUBJECT

But I have seen more than 40 summers.

DOC ONE

True. You are an anomaly.

DOC TWO

Look Gary, I'm sorry, but think about the good your death will bring.

DOC ONE

It's been a very dry summer.

DOC TWO

After all the gods aren't going to appease themselves.

SUBJECT

Good point.

DOC TWO

Listen Gary, you just found out you're in perfect health, you're eligible for sacrifice, your heart is going to be torn from your body. It's a lot to process.

DOC ONE

Let's go ahead and book you for Wednesday at Sunrise, and in the meantime (*Nudges DOC TWO.*)

DOC TWO (*Offers Pamphlets.*)

Here's some pictogram pamphlets.

SUBJECT

"So, you're going to be a human sacrifice." "101 facts about heart removal." Thanks doctors. Oh, one question, how long can you live without your heart?

DOC TWO (*After hesitating.*)

6-12 months.

SUBJECT

I can live with that.

Blackout.

SCENE TWO

(DOC ONE & TWO stand US of a table.)

DOC TWO

But that's my point.

DOC ONE

You have no point.

DOC TWO

Answer me honestly. Have you ever thought: what if the gods don't want us to cut people's hearts out?

DOC ONE

That's absurd.

DOC TWO

Sure, it may sound—

DOC ONE

—It's absurd! Do you deny that the richness of the harvest, the balance of sun and rain, victory over our enemies, in short, every good thing that our people have—do you deny that this is all attributable to carving out still pulsing human hearts?

DOC TWO

Of course not. I've read the studies. I know the science.

DOC ONE

Then shut up and sharpen that knife.

(Enter SUBJECT stripped to underpants & GUARDS. They engage in some sort of Three Amigosesque Ritual.)

SUBJECT

Morning Doctors.

DOC TWO

Morning Gary.

(SUBJECT laid out on table. GUARDS restrain SUBJECT by the ankles and wrists.)

SUBJECT

Little cold this morning. Nippley.

DOC TWO

Please stay quiet.

SUBJECT

I just wanted to let you both know that the pamphlets helped and I'm ready to be sacrificed.

DOC TWO

You are?

SUBJECT

Absolutely. I mean 6-12 months isn't that long, but I just found out my wife is pregnant with our first. So I got something to live for.

DOC TWO

Um, Gary, that's-

DOC ONE

-That's great. Kids are great.

SUBJECT

So, let's do this! By the way, what do you use for an anesthetic?

DOC ONE

Willpower.

SUBJECT

Cool. I like a good buzz.

Blackout.

SCENE THREE

(Starts in darkness.)

DOC ONE

GET IN HERE! NOW!

(Lights up as DOC ONE ENTERS followed by DOC TWO. Both are wearing blood soaked shirts and have blood on their faces.)

DOC ONE

I'm only going to ask this once. What the FUCKING FUCK was that?

DOC TWO

I choked.

DOC ONE

You choked.

DOC TWO

Yeah, I choked.

DOC ONE

That was you choking.

DOC TWO

Yeah.

DOC ONE

You missed his body entirely.

DOC TWO

What can I say, I'm embarrassed.

DOC ONE

You've never been first knife. I can understand that. Nerves. But then you . . .

DOC TWO

. . . stabbed him in the groin.

DOC ONE

7 times.

DOC TWO

Was it that many?

DOC ONE

Oh, I counted. Now. Why don't we stab sacrifices in the groin?

DOC TWO (*Hesitant.*)

Because they don't die right away?

DOC ONE (*over the top*)

BECAUSE they don't die right away! You stabbed him in the balls, dic and taint. Does that sound like a dignified religious service to you?

DOC TWO

No.

DOC ONE

Y'know this is exactly the sort of bullshit that makes atheists.

DOC TWO

I said I'm sorry.

DOC ONE

The next 9 stabs were to the stomach. What the fuck?

DOC TWO

Well, the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, right?

DOC ONE

Still workshopping your standup, huh? It took you 47 total stabs and 8 minutes to complete the sacrifice. Well, here's a punchline you're going to enjoy. The test results came back, and you are in perfect health.

DOC TWO

Balls.

Blackout.

THE END