

# The Discovery

**Cast:**

Scientist: (m or f) 30s+

Executive 1: (m or f) 30s+

Executive 2: (m or f) 30s+

**Setting:**

A boardroom. One table with one chair.

*(Lights up and Scientist is sitting at the table with a pen in their hand. There is a document in front of them. Executive 1 and Executive 2 are standing above them off either shoulder watching intently. The Scientist begins signing the document when the lights are full.)*

SCIENTIST

*(After signing, handing paper to Executive 1) There you go!*

EXECUTIVE 1

Excellent! *(Looks over paper, shows it to Executive 2)*

EXECUTIVE 2

Yes! Everything looks completely in order. Do you have the research?

SCIENTIST

Yes. Here it is. *(Takes out an external hard drive)* Ten years of research.

EXECUTIVE 1

*(Taking hard drive)* This is the only copy correct?

EXECUTIVE 2

There is a strict NDA in what you just signed, don't forget.

SCIENTIST

Yes. That's it. All my computers have been wiped and notes destroyed. What you have there is the only copy of the cure for cancer.

EXECUTIVE 1

We here at Jenkins Pharmaceuticals thank you. You're a wealthy (man/woman) now. What will you do?

SCIENTIST

Honestly? I did this for my Mom. She didn't live long enough to see it, but hopefully, this will save someone else's mom. That makes me happy.

EXECUTIVE 1

Of course. *(Shakes hand of Scientist)* Goodbye, doctor. *(Scientist exits)*

EXECUTIVE 1

*(Hands drive to Executive 2)* Put this with the others.

EXECUTIVE 2

It'll never see the light of day.

EXECUTIVE 1

We can't make money on treatments if there's a cure....

EXECUTIVE 2

You got that right!

*(Lights fade as Executive 1 and Executive 2 laugh manically.)*

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