

3. Licking Our Wounds

Cast of Characters:

GREYLAN, the famous wolf from the "Little Red Riding Hood" story.
 MARTY, the famous wolf from "The Three Little Pigs" story.
 ROSIE, a waitress.

Props:

Sunglasses, pillow, spoon, two forks, order pad, pen, and two menus.

Scene:

Two legendary wolves are meeting for lunch in a diner. They are brothers, and both are sporting injuries. The first wolf, Greylan, has recently had surgery on his gut. The second wolf, Marty, has a tail injury. Place a table and two chairs at Center Stage.

1 (The scene begins as GREYLAN enters and carefully sits at a table for two. He is wearing a pair of sunglasses that he lowers to look over from time to time. He is obviously hiding from someone or everyone. MARTY enters carrying a pillow and walking stiffly. He is wearing an overcoat that he keeps close to his body. Each step seems to bring him new pain. He crosses to the same table, pulls out his chair, places the pillow in just the right spot on the chair and slowly lowers himself down.)
 2 GREYLAN: (To MARTY) You seem to be moving a little faster today.
 3 MARTY: Yeah, yeah. It's getting better – slowly but surely. How are you doing?
 4 GREYLAN: Not bad. Just a little soreness when I laugh. Fortunately, I don't have much to laugh about these days.
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1 MARTY: I know what you mean. Well, you're looking better anyway. Getting that silver color back in your cheeks.
 2 GREYLAN: (Perking up, picks up a spoon and uses it as a mirror.) Do you think so? That's good. I'm really trying to get back out there – on the hunt, you know.
 3 MARTY: Of course I know. What's a wolf without his hunt? He might as well be a poodle or a Chihuahua, for heaven's sake. (Shudders at the thought.) We just need to be patient, that's all. Injuries like ours don't heal overnight. (Moves uncomfortably in his chair and groans.)
 4 GREYLAN: No, they certainly do not. These are major injuries – major! (Moves uneasily in his chair, trying to get comfortable. Boasts.) After all, I had thirty-one stitches!
 5 MARTY: That's nothing! I got third-degree burns over the entire lower half of my body! And believe me, it's a little embarrassing waiting for the fur to grow back! (Draws the long coat around his legs.)
 6 GREYLAN: (Rubbing his stomach) I know what you mean! What's a wolf without his beautiful fur?
 7 MARTY: He's nothing, that's what he is! A wolf's thick coat is his pride!
 8 GREYLAN: It's his joy!
 9 MARTY: It's the key to his terrific good looks. (MARTY and GREYLAN each pick up a fork from the table and begin to comb their hair. Then both squirm uncomfortably in their chairs again. ROSIE walks up to their table with her order pad and pencil.)
 10 ROSIE: All right, boys, what's it going to be?
 11 MARTY: (Looking over his menu) What are the specials today, Rosie? (With each new mention of a pork menu item, he winces.)
 12 ROSIE: Well, let's see, we've got pigs in a blanket, ham and
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