

DARK CITY

INSIDE

White sits in a leather chair across from an ornate wooden desk. THE DOCTOR paces up and down in front of glass jars containing preserved specimens. He stops, looks at White.

SCHREBER

You remember nothing? Who you are?
What you've done?

WHITE

You know something about me?

SCHREBER

Ah, that would be cheating, wouldn't
it?

(smiles)

Is there nothing you remember? Not
even a detail? You must try.

WHITE

You think I haven't been trying!

(calms himself)

It's like there was never anything
there.

(pauses)

Just water.

SCHREBER

Water?

WHITE

Waves... A beach. A woman
whispering. That's all.

(looks up, yawns)

I need to stay awake. Do you have
any pills?

The doctor walks to a glass cabinet and removes a bottle, takes out two green capsules. Hands them to White. Sits behind the desk again.

SCHREBER

What does she say? The woman.

WHITE

Asks my name. Over and over. Just
like a broken record. Only thing is,
I can't answer. I've no idea what my
name is.

SCHREBER

Your name is John White.

WHITE

That's what people keep telling me.

The doctor walks to a small sink in the corner, returns, hands White a glass of water. White swallows the pills.

SCHREBER (indicates pills)

And what's this about? Why?

White stands up, starts to pace nervously.

SCHREBER

Bad dreams?

WHITE

Yes.

SCHREBER

Tell me about them...

WHITE (interrupts)

Yeah well, why don't I ask some questions for a change.

SCHREBER

If you like.

WHITE

You're supposed to be my doctor, right?

SCHREBER

That's right. I am your doctor.

White is very agitated now, his voice is getting edgy.

WHITE

Known me for long?

SCHREBER

Well...

WHITE (cuts in)

Am I a killer?

SCHREBER

I cannot say... You don't know the answer to that?

WHITE

I told you, I can't remember a thing!

White reaches across abruptly, GRABS the doctor.

WHITE (angry now - shouting)

Look, you know something about me,

out with it! Let's end this
bullshit! I want answers!

The doctor is obviously scared.

SCHREBER

We won't get anywhere like this.
Please. Let's take things in easy
steps...