



Thursday Memo – April 2, 2015

Before and After - by Neha Wacks

Gunshot wound to the head years ago

Thus with right leg in brace

And right arm contracted

Icy blue eyes demanding medications

Tramadol 50 mg 98 tabs

Percocet 5/325 mg 15 tabs

Sign my name

Confirm DEA number

Urine test negative

Good.

Next month

Right leg in brace

Right arm contracted

Back in the office

Blue eyes hopeful for pain relief

Maybe more percocets this time

Tramadol 50 mg 98 tabs

Percocet 5/325 mg 20 tabs

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Next month

This time, a home visit

Happy yellow walls

Bamboo plants, ivy plants along windowsill

Wooden birdhouses, made by him

Blue eyes dancing with excitement to host

Chatting on and on

About this, about that

An hour passes

I learn who he is

Lonely painter bored by white walls

Avid gardener with a green thumb

Past wood working genius

I know him differently now

A man feeling lonely due to his condition

Yet a talented human being

A soul in pain

Yet still a man with dreams and passions