



THE BURNED BODY OF A NAVAL OFFICER IS FOUND AND THE NCIS TEAM INVESTIGATES THE CASE WHILE DUCKY AND TONY SEARCH FOR LOVE

“Heartbreak” - #031 - When a Commander is suspiciously found burned to death in his hospital bed after heart surgery, Special Agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs and his NCIS team jump on the case to find out if it was an accident or murder on NCIS Tuesday November 30, 2004 (8:00-9:00 PM, ET/PT) on CBS. Dennis Smith directed the episode written by George Schenck and Frank Cardea.

Commander Michael Dornan is recovering in the hospital after heart surgery when the nurses hear an explosion and find his charred body in bed. Gibbs, Kate, Tony, McGee, Ducky and Jimmy Palmer arrive on the scene to investigate and Ducky is shocked when faced with the unusual condition of the corpse.

Ducky becomes intrigued by the female doctor who operated on Commander Dornan and he asks her out on a date. Another romance blossoms as Tony tries to rekindle his relationship with Special Agent Paula Cassidy who has also been assigned to the case. As the investigation continues, all fingers point to Junior Navy Officer Ensign Hayes (Nathan Weatherington) as the killer, when the team discovers Hayes had previously threatened Dornan's life. The case gets more complicated when Kate shoots and kills Hayes in self-defense, realizing later that Hayes is not the killer. They are forced to investigate further to find out if the Commander was in fact killed and, if so, who did it.

CAST

Leroy Jethro Gibbs..... MARK HARMON
Kate Todd..... SASHA ALEXANDER
Ducky Mallard..... DAVID McCALLUM
Tony DiNozzo..... MICHAEL WEATHERLY
Abby Sciuto..... PAULEY PERRETTE
Timothy McGee SEAN MURRAY

GUEST STARRING

Jimmy Palmer..... BRIAN DIETZEN
Paula Cassidy JESSICA STEEN
Ensign Hayes..... NATHAN WEATHERINGTON

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