The Good Doctor season 6, episode 15

excerpts

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[SIGHS]

Stop looking at me.

[QUIRKY MUSIC PLAYING]

[DOOR OPENS]

Mm, pancakes. The Peanut is thrilled.

You are wearing the

maternity jeans I bought you.

Glad you're happy about that.

You're weeks pregnant.

Your weight has increased . pounds,

and our baby is moving lower.

Hmm. At least there's pancakes.

We need to buy a minivan.

No, we don't.

The Striped Tomato

has no infant safety features.

Shaun, I just surrendered

to maternity jeans.

This is not the right time for broaching the "Mom-mobile." When would be the right time? These are amazing. - Did you use buttermilk? - Greek yogurt. Mm. I will e-mail you my spreadsheet of child-safe vehicles. We can discuss it on your lunch break. [SAD MUSIC PLAYING] Sonja Baylor? Wait. Who's the Code Gold? Is it Taylor Swift? Did her broken heart finally give out? Better. Roland Barnes. [ENGINE REVS] [ASHER] The green tech guy? He was att*cked by a tiger. [CLEARS THROAT] Sorry. In San Jose? At his exotic animal rescue

in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Concierge doctor called to say

they're on their way.

San Jose General is much closer.

- Why would he come here?
- [DR. ANDREWS] Because of you.

[JARED] Deep chest wall lacerations,

multiple rib fractures,

hemopneumothorax.

I stabilized him and placed a

chest tube, but he needs a CT, stat.

- Dr. Kalu.
- Dr. Andrews.

[DRAMATIC MUSIC PLAYING]

Good to see you, Dr. Murphy.

Oh, hello... Jared.

A famous billionaire and a cute reunion?

This is almost Swift-worthy.

[THEME MUSIC PLAYING]

[ASHER] Is Leo a decent poker player?

Us Weekly

has photos of Roland

coming out of his game last week.

Won my Lambo off him.

No sign of trauma

to the liver or spleen.

Ugh. Beyonce did a private show

at his birthday? Ah. It was awesome. No major intraperitoneal hematoma. Moving on to the chest. So, how does one go from St. Bon's resident to concierge doctor for the fifth richest man in the world? I was working at Denver Memorial when I met Roland at a fundraiser hosted by my parents. His wife collapsed during the silent auction. Nutmeg allergy. I gave her an epi and helped her to outbid John Legend for a weekend at an underwater hotel. – Well... - [CHUCKLES] Roland hired me that night. Why does he need a personal physician? Does he often get att*cked by wild animals? Uh, chronic sciatica.

And he travels a lot, you know,

so there's vaccines,

plus BOTOX injections,

cholesterol scripts,

medical advice for friends and family.

Why'd you leave St. Bon's?

He was fired for assaulting an

attending who harassed Claire,

and then he sued the hospital.

- You're that guy.
- Yeah.

I hear Andrews is, uh,

not your biggest fan.

Surprised he let me in the building.

Depressed and dislocated sternum,

manubrium, and rib fractures.

They're too fragmented

for a standard sternal reconstruction.

[DRAMATIC MUSIC PLAYING]

- He still does this, huh?
- [ASHER] Mm.

Always makes my day.

I have an idea.

This is why I brought Roland here.

[ULTRASOUND MONITOR BEEPS] It's a girl. We're naming her Esther. We hope she'll be brave and selfless like Queen Esther, baddest bitch in the Bible. How are the meds going? Fine. Any excessive discharge? Oh, a couple of days ago, I was on a walk, and it was a little like I'd peed myself. Could that be from the MilliDox? No, you're actually on the placebo. Your amniotic fluid is a bit low. We should admit you for further testing. He asked for you. Inoperable leiomyosarcoma with major vascular involvement. [DRAMATIC MUSIC PLAYING] What are you doing here? I'm dying. My doctors say

that there's nothing they can do for me.

I'm hoping you can.

We should get a CT and a PET scan.

Fine.

[SHAUN] We will completely rebuild

your sternum and anterior chest wall

with donor bones and titanium plates.

It is a very complicated surgery.

Jared says you're a damn good surgeon.

Yes, I am a damn good surgeon.

[DR. ANDREWS CHUCKLES] He is.

And I'll be overseeing your

care every step of the way.

Appreciate the personal attention.

I want Jared there, too.

Jared is my doctor.

Dr. Kalu will be read in

on every major decision.

I want him in the OR.

[DRAMATIC MUSIC PLAYING]

I will fast-track

your surgical privileges.

[MRI MACHINE WHIRS]

Something's going on between you two.

I'm very perceptive that way.

- It's a long story.
- Hmm.

I saw on his chart he's from Phoenix, and he broke his arm a couple years ago at a Tae Kwon Do match, your sport.

So, I'm gonna go with

he's your Johnny Lawrence

who cheated during your match

at the All Valley tournament.

I've been watching a lot of

Cobra Kai.

He slept with my wife,

so yes to the cheating,

no to the tournament.

[CLEARS THROAT]

[MOUSE CLICKS]

This is from six months ago.

This is from today.

A leiomyosarcoma should have

progressed more than that.

Yeah, maybe they had

the diagnosis wrong.

[DRAMATIC MUSIC PLAYING]

[MONITORS BEEPING]

[DR. ANDREWS] Release the pectoral

muscles from the attachment medially.

[ASHER] Should I place

the low-profile plate?

[JARED] Don't you need to create

a landing zone for the fixation?

He is right.

Get better exposure by elevating

the right pectoral muscle from the ribs.

I understand SF General's cardiac unit

is named after your boss

and that he sponsored a surgical

exchange program with Haiti.

Dr. Kalu, would you

like to place the screws?

Very much so.

Thank you, Dr. Andrews.

Drill guide, self-tapping screws.

[DRAMATIC MUSIC PLAYING]

- [CHUCKLES] Feels good.
- [DRILL WHIRS]

You have been very polite to Dr. Kalu,

despite having fired him.

Is that only because you want

- a donation from Roland?
- [JARED] It's okay. You don't...
- [DR. ANDREWS] It's true.

Dr. Kalu and I did not part

on the best of terms,

but I'm happy you found your niche.

And I believe in the work we do here,

and Roland Barnes

can help us do even more.

I told Roland this was

the best hospital in the state.

When we get him healthy,

I'll be happy to tell him again.

[MONITOR ALARM]

BP's dropping. Cardiac output is awful.

[DR. ANDREWS] He's in heart failure.

The cardiac contusion must

have been too small to spot on CT.

[SHAUN] He needs a balloon pump

to help his heart circulate more blood.

And we need to get it in the

next five minutes, or he dies.

BP has stabilized.

Cardiac output is improving. He should make a full recovery, but he should not get so close to jungle cats in the future. In the... In the OR, I really missed that. Then why did you stop being a surgeon? Um, working for Roland was too interesting an opportunity to pass up. Is sciatica interesting to you? No, it's more, um... - I came as soon as I heard. - Hey. Poor Rolly. Uh, Shaun, this is my girlfriend Dalia. Hi. You... I have seen you on the bus in a-a perfume ad. [CHUCKLES] Fern test confirms it's a premature rupture of the membranes.

We should terminate

before an infection sets in.

What about in-patient expectant

management and antibiotics?

PPROM pregnancies

can be carried to term.

Rarely, and when they are,

babies are likely to have

cerebral palsy,

neurologic abnormalities,

intellectual disability...

Which we'll tell the parents,

but this is a badly-wanted pregnancy.

They've been trying to conceive

for five years,

had two first-trimester

miscarriages already.

Saving the baby may be her priority.

But saving her is ours.

Sonja is our patient.

We should explain her options

but recommend termination.

Morgan is right,

but be clear about the options.

[TENSE MUSIC PLAYING]

The seat springs allow the car seat to move more than one inch, which creates additional injury risk.

There are no over-shoulder seat belts in the back for the car seat, no crumple zone, and you would have to install a roll cage, which still would not be as reliable as one built into the vehicle.

Since you hate minivans,

I have looked into hatchbacks and

SUVs with sufficient safety features.

It's not just about hating minivans.

- What is it about?
- I love this car.

It's my history.

My brother and I restored it, used to drive it to shows

at The Fillmore.

You and I took it on our

first road trip. I can't sell it.

Then... we do not have to.

As long as you never put

the Peanut in it. We still need a family car. Yeah, we do. [CELL PHONE CHIMES] Roland's awake. [GENTLE MUSIC PLAYING] But it's possible that we could save our baby? You'd have to live here. We'd monitor you every day and give you prophylactic antibiotics and steroids when the baby gets closer to viability. [DR. REZNICK] To be clear, even with all of that, you may still develop a serious uterine infection that could require a hysterectomy or cause fatal complications. [MONITOR BEEPING] I think we should terminate.

What would you do...

if it was your baby?

Termination is the safest.

I was talking to Dr. Allen.
I would
pray on it.
And then?
I want to know what you would do.
[CONTEMPLATIVE MUSIC PLAYING]
[EXHALES SOFTLY]
I think I
would try to save the baby.
[SNIFFLES]
We have to fight for our Esther.
[PEREZ] We'd need a biopsy
before we can give you
any definitive answer.
Okay.
So, when do we do that?
I'll give you a detailed referral
to take to another doctor.
If I wanted to go to another doctor,
I would have.
I don't have to keep treating you.
But you will.
You're not a quitter.
You worked your ass off

to save your marriage. You never tapped out in a fight. You... I always admired your persistence. I kinda hated it, too. [WISTFUL MUSIC PLAYING] Looking back at my life... I don't like the view. I hurt... a lot of people. [CHUCKLES] That's the real reason that I came here. For forgiveness. [TENSE MUSIC PLAYING] The intra-aortic balloon pump worked. You won't need a new heart. Great. So, when can I get out of here? Oh, not for a few days. We will need to monitor you for post-surgical complications. Your heart rate is elevated. Have you been exerting yourself? [CHUCKLES] [QUIRKY MUSIC PLAYING] She did most of the exerting.

- [MONITOR ALARM]
- Okay.
I need , milligrams levetiracetam
and milligrams lorazepam, stat!
Is Rolly gonna be okay?
[KNOCK ON GLASS]
Roland had a seizure.
You should sit down.
[DOOR CLOSES]
Dalia was there.
Naked.
They were having sex.
[CHUCKLES SOFTLY]
Dalia and I aren't together.
She's with Roland.
It's part of the gig.
I pretend she's with me so Roland's wife
doesn't get suspicious
that Dalia's always around.
Oh.
You think that sex
brought on the seizure?
Oh. Arousal can increase
the heart rate by %,

and if his brain

was also deprived of oxygen,

it could cause a seizure,

which would mean his heart

is still not pumping enough blood.

Does it bother you to have

to lie on a regular basis?

It's not my favorite responsibility,

but it's a great job, so...

Why is it a great job?

On my last day, Shaun, you told

me that one day I will be very happy.

But I was miserable.

I felt like a failure.

And then I met Roland,

and he saw something in me,

this guy that I really admired,

that the world admired.

You know, he... he valued me.

And I certainly don't mind

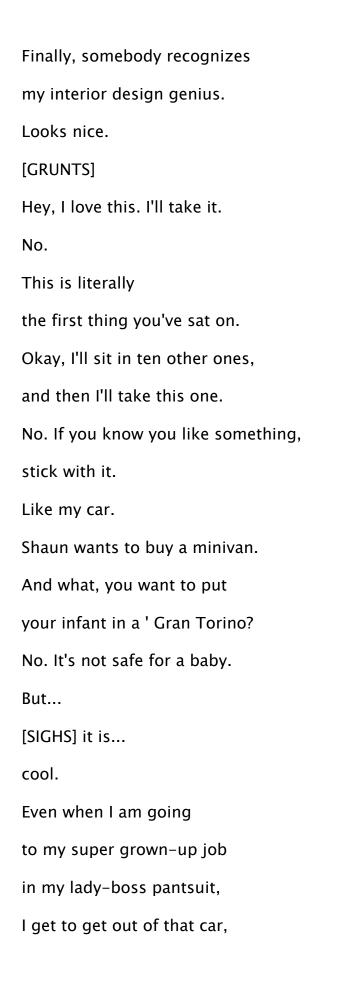
flying private to Amsterdam

to have rijsttafel with

the Queen of the Netherlands.

I also said you would

fulfill your potential. And I'm not doing that? No. Sciatica? Thanks for reminding me I'm still a failure. I'll get the BNP test and echo and check out his heart. [SOMBER MUSIC PLAYING] [DR. PARK] Inject saline to get us to submucosal plane. [MONITOR BEEPING] Why'd you stay on the case? There's the tumor. He was right. I take my obligations seriously. Take four samples. Not because some part of you wants to forgive him? Withdraw the scope slowly. - He doesn't deserve it. - [GLOVES SNAP] Let's start with a sofa. [DR. GLASSMAN] Let's take a look.



and I'm cool. And soon, I will be just another -something mom in a practical car with a baby seat in the back and spit-up on my shirt. [CHUCKLES] Maddie's mom used to warn me to take two shirts whenever I went out with the baby. - I had to learn the hard way. - How? H-How do I want this baby so badly, but feel so icked out by being a mom? Define "icked out." Like... mnh. - [CHUCKLES] - I don't know. Okay, that's well said. [LAUGHS] I don't know. Hey, you got mixed emotions. Welcome to the human condition. I'm gonna take this one.

Her fever's hiked.

She's in a lot of pain.

Her heart rate's . Fetal heart

rate. They're both tachycardic.

milligrams acetaminophen

and start ampicillin.

This is the infection

we were worried about.

Your baby is very unlikely to survive,

and your life is in danger.

We need to terminate now.

But her heart's still beating.

Esther can only stay alive in utero,

and as long as she's in there,

you'll keep getting sicker.

I'm so sorry.

I'm here. We can get through this.

We can try again.

[SNIFFLES] No.

Your baby needs at least

two more weeks to be viable,

and if we wait that long,

you will probably die.

"If I perish, I perish."

That's what Queen Esther said before she risked her life to save her family. Sonja. "If I perish... I perish." [DR. ANDREWS] According to your BNP test and echo, your seizure was not related to heart trauma. The EEG will let us assess your brain. So, what's your pitch? Hospital presidents don't supervise EEGs. I've been very impressed by your Global Engineers Initiative, and I think we can do the same thing with medicine, train doctors from the developing world to take care of their own people. What makes St. Bon's the place to do it? We're very hands-on here.

Our residents don't just

do appies and lap choles.

With the guidance of our attendings,

they come up with

complex treatment solutions,

untangle the thorniest ethical dilemmas,

and learn how to provide

top-notch patient care.

If we could sponsor more residents

from the developing world,

we'll send them home ready

to serve their communities.

But Jared, who I trust with my life,

wasn't good enough to be

one of those residents.

You fired him.

You saw something in him I missed.

- Mm.
- But I'm seeing it now,

and I've granted him full access.

That's a very politic answer.

What do you think, Jared?

Has he earned my money?

I learned a tremendous amount

here at St. Bon's,

and as you've experienced,

the care is top-notch.

Mm, unfortunately, the food isn't.

Oh, text Dalia and ask her to

bring us back some of those, um,

pork buns from Yank Sing. Ohh.

Dalia went into the city?

Mm-hmm, to meet up with friends.

And you're okay with that?

Why wouldn't I be?

No reason.

Uh, all right.

Let's start this.

Close your eyes and relax.

Labs confirm Sonja has chorioamnionitis.

We should add gentamicin.

That would damage the baby's kidneys.

It's our only way to keep Sonja alive,

and it buys us time

to convince her to terminate.

She's being suicidal.

Risking your life for your child

is usually considered admirable.

Not if you're both going to die...

because of the false hope you gave her.

I answered a patient's question. You gave her permission. We're supposed to at least try to be objective. Objectivity is a myth, especially on this subject. I know the pain Sonja's grappling with. So do I. I was in med school, on birth control, and I got pregnant anyway. I wasn't ready for a kid. I was scared... and sad... and relieved. It was medical procedure I had years ago, and I'm at peace with it now. Most women are. Because it was their choice. A choice you got to make, and I did, too. Let Sonja make hers. It's not our job to help patients choose death.

[CELL PHONES CHIME]
Her lungs are failing.
[SIGHS]
- Her O sets are falling.
– Fever's climbing.
Intubation cart.
Administer propofol and rocuronium.
Hey, we need to sedate you
so we can intubate.
That'll keep you breathing,
but the only way to
No. You can't k*ll her.
[BREATHING HEAVILY]
Esther's life before mine.
- Sonja, please.
– Promise me.
– I can't.
– Promise me.
[SOMBER MUSIC PLAYING]
Anthony.
I p
I promise.
I love you.
Shaun, check out the activity

in the left frontal lobe from Roland's EEG. Interictal spikes. They are very small, likely incidental. Hmm. Roland's selfish and possessive. He hates it when people have fun without him, but today he was totally fine with Dalia hanging out with friends while he's stuck here. Being unselfish is a symptom. Maybe one of his wounds got infected. Bacterial encephalitis from the claws or teeth. This could be subtle edema. Plus behavioral changes and interictal spikes. That sounds like neurocysticercosis. - A tapeworm cyst. - With larva in the brain. But it would take a tapeworm weeks to fully form larva and a cyst in his brain.

The attack was two days ago. Ooh. Roland's last local safari was about two months ago, and he fell into a giant pile of tiger crap. We can remove the cyst and larva with stereotactic navigation and hydrodissection. - Awesome. - Oh! [UPBEAT MUSIC PLAYING] You're not a failure. Seriously? Four guesses? I got it in two. What's up with you? You lose a patient? Actually, I might save one. Joe. Mia's Joe? Waiting on his biopsy results. He asked me to forgive him. What did you say? I refused.

You would have, too.

Hmm, well, maybe.

Then again, I am capable

of letting things go.

I can let things go.

I prioritized my career for a day,

which you decided was unacceptable,

even after I changed my mind.

And how long did it take you

to forgive Mia?

Dr. Park.

Your diagnosis is in.

[DRAMATIC MUSIC PLAYING]

[CLATTERING]

[DR. GLASSMAN, MUFFLED]

Right this way, guys.

Be careful. You've got history

you're carrying right there.

[QUIRKY MUSIC PLAYING]

There's a couple of steps. Be careful.

Thanks, guys. First door on the right.

Stadium seats?

Authentic Candlestick Park

stadium seats.

Got them from a broker.
– Very cool.
- Right?
- Thank you for the inspiration.
– You're welcome.
Your turn next. Get your coat.
You have a stromal tumor in your stomach
and a small lesion on your liver.
And we can remove both.
[PEREZ] You'll be cancer-free.
Hmm. [CHUCKLES SOFTLY]
T-That's incredible.
Thank you.
You get it, right?
You're not dying.
Yes.
This is amazing.
I'm so grateful.
[EXHALES DEEPLY]
- But it
- That's not why you came here.
[SOMBER MUSIC PLAYING]
Sonja will likely
be in multi-organ failure

within the next hours. And when that happens, Esther will not survive. But if we terminate now, Sonja still can. You can save your wife's life. It's all up to you. [SOMBER MUSIC PLAYING] He says... He says he can't do it. He needs to keep his promise. I know what to do. ♪ I got so much to prove ♪ ♪ Ain't no substitute For hard work... ♪ - Sorry, man. - Bring it. ♪ I get up Even when the fall hurts ♪ ♪ Ain't no ceiling For a dream ♪ ♪ I hit the ground running I conquered everything ♪ ♪ I can conquer anything ♪ ♪ Get up, get up ♪ ♪ We can do anything ♪ [BREATHING HEAVILY]

You okay? [TENSE MUSIC PLAYING] A worm laid eggs in my skull? Larva. [LAUGHS] You were right. Murphy's the best. What would you say to \$ million? [QUIRKY MUSIC PLAYING] I'd say that's remarkably generous, uh, but... You can't accept it. You are not medically fit to be making any major decisions because of the larva. I closed a huge deal last week with Mr. Worm as my consigliere. I feel pretty competent. Well, I'd be happy to accept your money after the surgery. [GRUNTING] - Sonja, it's okay. - [BREATHING HEAVILY] I turned off your sedation. I need to talk to you.

I'm gonna let go of your hands,

but you can't pull out the tube.

When I was,

I had an abortion.

That child would have been now,

just starting middle school.

Every time I see a kid that age,

I think about who they would have become

or what kind of mom I would have been.

I believe God's forgiven me.

That's kinda His thing.

And I believe God picked you

for motherhood.

You are so strong,

so brave,

with such a deep capacity for love.

But your Esther isn't developed enough

to survive outside of the womb.

The infection will k*ll both of you.

I told you if I were you,

I would try to save the baby.

I prayed for a miracle.

And I don't know

why it didn't come today.

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The only way for you to be
the mom God wants you to be...
is to let Esther go.
[MELANCHOLIC MUSIC PLAYING]
Please sign this consent form.
♪ Wherever you are, it's okay ♪
♪ I'll never be too far away ♪
♪ Wherever you go I want you to know ♪
♪ You can always call on me ♪
♪ And if you get tired
Out there on your own ♪
♪ I will walk you home ♪
♪ I'll walk you home... ♪
Yes.
♪ Nothing you do
Could change my love... ♪
Speculum.
♪ For you ♪
♪ I'd walk to the ends Of the earth ♪
♪ If you asked me to ♪
♪ I'll hold you close ♪
♪ I'll let you go... ♪
[CHAPLAIN] If your soul
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has not yet left your body...
I baptize you, Esther.
♪ ...have to be alone ♪
♪ I will walk you home... ♪
[JORDAN] Cervix is sufficiently dilated.
♪ Don't worry about a thing ♪
♪ Close your eyes and sing ♪
♪ I'll walk you home... ♪
[CHAPLAIN] In the name of the Father...
and of the Son...
and of the Holy Spirit.
♪ Anywhere... ♪
Amen.
- Amen. Amen.
- [ANTHONY] Amen.
- Amen.
- Amen.
♪ I will walk you ♪
♪ I'll walk you home ♪
♪ I will walk you home ♪
[BREATHES SHAKILY]
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the margins were clean. We were able to get all the tumors. No additional metastasis. Your prognosis is excellent. Thank you. I forgive you. [GENTLE MUSIC PLAYING] [EXHALES DEEPLY] - Thank you. - [EXHALES SHARPLY] [SHAUN] Extracting the cyst... and larva. [ASHER] Awesome. - And I might hurl. - [DR. ANDREWS] Let's close. Can Dr. Kalu do the closing? Be my guest. - NUROLON. [SHAUN] You said you missed being a surgeon. If you complete your residency here, you can do more than closing. I doubt he wants to go from five-star restaurants

to hospital vending machines.

Actually... someone, um,

helped me realize

that I'd love a second chance here.

[SERENE MUSIC PLAYING]

[DR. ANDREWS] The Chief

of Surgery's responsible

for all hiring decisions

in her department.

[JARED] I've, uh... I've learned

a lot about myself,

how to better communicate,

how to manage challenging personalities.

Hmm.

I hear Roland can be a handful.

Prepared me for tough patients

and tougher attendings.

And my surgical skills are still sharp.

Andrews actually

let me do Roland's closing.

I'm impressed.

Murphy really wants you on his team.

That carries weight.

But I don't have any openings

for third-year residents.
I understand.
But I do have a slot for a first-year.
[GENTLE MUSIC PLAYING]
[GENTLE UPBEAT MUSIC PLAYING]
[SIGHS]
I-I'm so sorry for your loss.
[GENTLE MUSIC PLAYING]
So our Esther will always be with me.
Someday,
maybe we can tell her
brothers and sisters all about her.
Oh.
– Aw yee
- [LEA GIGGLES]
This car is perfect for the Peanut.
- And pretty cool, too.
– [SHAUN] Aw yee
Oh, let's take this
rocket ship for a ride.
[SHAUN] Oh, man.
Aw yee
[GENTLE UPBEAT MUSIC PLAYING]
[KNOCK ON DOOR]

Dr. Andrews.
Here's your check.
And this is what happens
when you poach my employees.
[QUIRKY MUSIC PLAYING]
[LAUGHTER]
This is so good,
especially after a day like today.
[SIGHS DEEPLY]
- To our differences.
- [JORDAN] Mm.
- [CELL PHONE ALARM RINGS]
- [DR. REZNICK] Mm. If you'll excuse me.
Time to exercise
my reproductive freedom.
I'm doing my third round of IVF.
You're gonna go jab yourself in the
belly alone
in the hospital bathroom?
Gimme.
- I am a doctor.
- [JORDAN] Mm.
[DR. LIM CHUCKLES]
Have at it.

To reuniting with old friends. [CHUCKLES] And a mommy mocktail with fresh rosemary. [LEA] Yum. Love having bougie Kalu back. To Jared... [LEA] Mm. ...fulfilling his potential as my new first-year resident. [GENTLE MUSIC PLAYING] [KNOCK ON DOOR] Oh, it's probably Glassy. You Dr. Shaun Murphy? Yes. I am an attending surgeon at San Jose St. Bonaventure Hospital. You've just been served. You're being sued for malpractice. [QUIRKY MUSIC PLAYING] It wasn't Dr. Glassman.