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excerpts

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transcript

Previously on The Good Doctor...

I've been thinking,

and I need a break from our coffees.

If you don't value what the nurses do,

how much can you care about me?

- This is my patient.
- And I'm your boss.

You can either do this with me,

or I'll find someone who will.

If you don't trust me, fire me.

And if you do, then stay out of my way.

Are you trying to pick your embryo?

I'm leaning towards a girl.

I have a playbook to work from.

I didn't OD because of you. Or us.

Jordan, if I let myself

get close to you,

I will fall for you.

I can't risk that. You deserve somebody who's ready to fully commit, somebody who makes you happy. Your brain cancer may have returned. The crib needs to be assembled. Go. I got this. There are two screws missing. Dr. Glassman doesn't have brain cancer, but there is something wrong with his brain. Lea forgot to add the blueberries, but we can still put them on top. Sorry. Not a problem. Underneath, on top, on the side. I can eat them here. I can eat them there. I can eat them anywhere. Not Dr. Seuss fans. We need to discuss something very important. After we eat. Don't worry, I'm fine, the baby's fine.

Shaun just wanted to have

a bit of a discussion...

You forgot two screws

when you built the crib.

- Okay.
- Okay, Shaun, slow down.

Let's all at least take a seat first.

We're gonna have a discussion

about a crib?

Your CSF DNA test showed

your brain cancer has not returned,

but there is clearly something

impacting your neurological function.

Shaun, the crib has like

different parts

and instructions without any words.

Just pictures with arrows going

in every possible direction.

Okay. Thankfully, I was there

to correct your mistake,

but that won't always

be possible in the O.R.

The O.R.?

Yes.

- I would like to do more tests.
- That's not gonna happen.
- That's not gonna happen.
- And... And Dr. Lim should be notified.

That's absolutely not gonna happen!

If your executive function

has deteriorated

- even a small percentage...
- Shaun, just one second.

Just stop for a second.

Two screws?

There's nothing wrong with my brain.

There's nothing wrong

with any part of my body,

for that matter,

not that that concerns you.

You go to Lim, and you're

gonna look ridiculous.

- Doctor...
- That's the end of the discussion!

And breakfast.

He's right.

It's okay. You were just trying...

I can't go to Dr. Lim

without conclusive medical evidence. Or maybe he was right. It is just a crib, and he was in a rush. Everyone forgets things. I-I forgot the blueberries. Instead of tests, I can gather data through direct observation. What does that mean? Are you gonna spy on him? Please put my pancakes in the fridge. I will eat them for dinner. Good morning. Mind if I join you? Sure. How are things in surgical? - Great. - Great, as in, actually great? Or great, as in, "I'm saying the right thing because he's the president of the hospital"? Both. Well, any feedback you have,

you can always come to me. Sorry to interrupt. I have a clinic patient who needs a surgical consult. It's a former patient of yours, Eddie Richter. Eddie? I haven't seen him in years. He came in with GI pain and acid reflux. Ultrasound reveals a small mass on his duodenum. He'll need surgery to remove it. I think I can fit that in. Join me. Dr. Lim scheduled us with Dr. Park today. Doctors Park and Lim will understand. This is a unique case. A small duodenal mass? I don't know. Eddie! Long time no see. I wish it were longer. No offense. I wasn't planning on seeing a surgeon today.

Yeah, yeah, fair enough.

I've brought along with me

Doctors Allen and Wolke to assist.

- Hi.
- Nice to meet you.

Judging by the astonishment

they are both

desperately trying to hide,

you did not tell them

about my condition.

I did not. Very few residents get to see

Epidermodysplasia Verruciformis

outside of a textbook,

and I figured this would be an

important learning opportunity.

They definitely failed

the bedside manner part.

I'm sorry.

Eh, heartthrobs like me

and Brad Pitt are used to it.

Any deep pain or tenderness here?

A little.

How's business?

Oh, fantastic. Thank the Lord.

Eddie is an amazing carpenter.

He built Isabel and I

this stunning mahogany

live edge dining table.

I have no idea what that is,

but it sounds delightful.

Yeah. Not much good for guitar,

but I can still wield a power tool.

You'll need to use

a carotid pulse monitor

and upper thigh for BP.

Got it.

How painful are the growths?

I mean, that depends.

They're basically just huge warts,

so face, not much.

Hands, a little.

Feet, a lot.

I'm blessed.

The Lord knows that a pretty face

can only get a handyman in trouble.

Dr. Reznick gave us a really

good view with her ultrasound,

but I'd like an MRI and a

biopsy to better assess the lesion.

Ah, might as well get

my money's worth, huh?

It's good seeing you, Eddie.

The team doc's playing it safe.

It was a damn curveball.

Well, even a damn double-A curveball

comes in at, what, , ?

It can still do some damage,

helmet or no.

Two weeks isn't a long time

to be in concussion protocol.

Okay, well, I-I didn't

have a concussion.

I mean, I barely even had

a headache, so...

Can I help you, Dr. Murphy?

I came to observe. Please continue.

Your ImPACT scores

are a bit worse than baseline.

Okay, that's one test.

I mean, I-I passed all the others,

but the doc still won't clear me.

It's not a bad idea

to play it safe, though.

It is your brain we're talking about.

I mean, you're an outfielder,

so you don't need one just now...

...but you are gonna retire someday.

Look, if I don't get back

on the field ASAP,

I won't have a career to retire from.

I wouldn't have come to the best

brain doctor in town otherwise.

Alright. We'll take a look.

Do a neuro and get me an MRI.

An MRI? For a concussion?

Well, he's got some dilation

of his left pupil.

Probably not significant,

but if we're gonna override

the team doctor,

we better be sure, hmm?

- On it.
- The MRI is a good idea.

I did not notice the dilated pupil.

Well, thank you.

Not a problem since it's not your case.

But it is an interesting case,

even if I did not know that

when I came here.

Since I've cleared my schedule,

I would like to continue observing.

You cleared your schedule

of people with actual ailments?

Mmm.

Okay, fine. Observe all you want.

I will.

Both you and the case.

Oh, there's no bleeding

or hematoma in your groin,

which means you're doing fantastic.

Her color looks better.

Everything looks better.

I just got off the phone

with Eden's social worker.

She's having trouble

finding foster parents

who are willing to take

a newborn with Turner Syndrome.

Well, it's not that difficult.

Her long-term symptoms

might not even be that severe.

Still, Eden will always

need special care.

It'll take a minute for

the lidocaine to take effect.

You may feel some discomfort

when the scope goes down your throat.

Got it.

I assume you've discussed

surgical removal

of your EV growths with Dr. Andrews?

Yeah. No, he wanted to try,

but obviously, there's the risk

of nerve damage,

plus they would just grow back.

This is how I was meant to be.

Lord works in mysterious ways.

But surgeons don't.

The risk of nerve damage

is actually quite small,

and I'd imagine easier

to live with than the pain

and lack of mobility and...

Repulsiveness?

No, no. I-I was... It's alright. I know how I look. I see the frightened kids, people laughing, staring. I just try my best to keep my eyes and arms open to all of God's gifts. Cannot imagine taking an -mile-an-hour baseball to the dome. Some guys in the majors throw over . Phew. I don't see any edema or evidence of a hematoma. Neither do I. The anisocoria's probably harmless. Twenty percent of people actually have one pupil larger than the other. You play any sports? I played football and baseball in high school. Why? I have a friend who runs a

sports program for at-risk teens.

I've been helping coaching some indoor football,

I mean soccer.

She's always looking for help

from positive role models.

Yeah, I've...

I've never coached kids before.

Mainly just making sure they

have fun and stay off the streets.

And my friend's super cool.

She's cute, too.

Well, helping kids sounds great,

but I'm trying to get a year in recovery

before I start dating.

Damn, my bad.

Oh, it's no big deal. I just...

No, I mean the... The anisocoria.

Definitely not harmless.

Or a concussion.

You have multiple cerebral aneurysms,

which puts you in danger

of a brain hemorrhage.

So, what now?

Well, we're gonna map

the precise vessels involved,

take some pictures

of the inside of your brain.

It's called a...

Cerebral angiogram.

We'll feed a catheter into your brain

through an artery in your wrist.

You'll be sedated. It's harmless.

As soon as we get the results,

we'll map out a surgical plan.

B-Brain surgery?

Hey. Best brain doc in town, right?

It just keeps getting worse.

The tumor has significantly

damaged the bile duct.

Eddie's gonna need a surgical resection

or possibly a major GI reconstruction.

The poor guy.

As if one rare and devastating

disease wasn't enough.

Well, the surgery is manageable.

I've known Eddie for years.

He's always been the embodiment

of, "What doesn't k*ll you

makes you stronger."

Who needs strength

when you're cradled

in the Lord's loving arms?

Given his situation,

don't you think his,

"I'm just thankful for all God's

gifts" attitude's just a bit crazy?

I find the strength he draws

from his faith very inspiring.

Except that his faith has inspired him

to not do the only thing

that would actually help him.

Get an octreoscan to confirm

that his liver, pancreas,

and lymph nodes aren't involved.

On it.

- You should probably go and...
- Referee?

Assist.

The radiolabeled tracer

will light up any areas

infiltrated by the tumor.

Will I get spidey strength, too?

Can I get you flat

on your back for the scan?

That won't be too painful, will it?

No. Sure, I'll be alright.

Is there any family

you'd like to contact?

No, it's just me. I live alone.

If you don't mind my asking,

E.V. is genetically inherited.

I'd assume at least one of

your parents suffered from it?

Yeah, they both did.

Did they both also decide

against surgical treatment?

Well, my parents were circus performers,

made a living off their appearance,

so I doubt they wanted any treatment.

Can't say that for sure, though.

They gave me up,

uh, right after I was born.

I'm sure they were trying to

protect you from the life they had.

Heh. No, from what I found out,

they thought a family act

would be too sad

and ruin the gig,

so they didn't want me around.

That's horrible.

Not at all.

I grew up in foster homes.

I had one mom who was a minister,

introduced me to the power of the Lord.

And then, when I was older,

I had a dad who was a carpenter.

Taught me everything I know.

I've always been blessed.

Advancing the catheter to

assess posterior circulation.

Dr. Murphy, do you mind if I ask,

ghy are you observing us?

I don't mind.

Why are you observing us?

I am not observing you.

I observing this case

because it is interesting.

Also, because it is Dr. Glassman's,

and he may display additional symptoms

that will help me diagnose

his deteriorating executive function.

So you're worried because he forgot

a couple of stitches on a routine close?

Stop.

The third aneurysm is low lying

at the basilar trunk.

That will be very difficult to clip.

And dangerous.

Definitely a very interesting case.

You sure you should be doing that?

Changing bandages or singing?

Both.

She's gonna be leaving soon.

I'll be fine.

No, I'm not overreacting.

He is covered in these tree-like

growths but refuses surgery.

But everyone acts

as if he's so inspiring.

It's a pretty brave choice.

No, it's a stupid choice.

Living in isolation

and unnecessary pain,

all because of his belief

in the Magical Mystery Tour

that is religion.

Well, given your family history,

I see why this patient is

a little triggering for you.

Okay, I'm not triggered.

This has nothing to do with my family.

Religion is the opiate of the masses.

You know, Marx got a lot wrong,

but not that one.

Why don't we talk about something else?

I mean, look at terrorism,

the countless wars,

the KKK, al-Qaeda,

bombed abortion clinics,

the as*ault on women's rights,

not to mention

the rampant persecution

of the LGBTQIA community.

I mean, you either have to have

your head in the sand

or be a complete moron not to see that.

Mmm.

This is done. Will you grab the salad?

Sorry. I was looking for a place to meditate. It's okay. I came here to decompress before I head home. Jordan. The other night at karaoke, I shouldn't have tried to give you relationship advice. I mean, you don't need me for that... or anything else, really. You're everything. Thanks. Sorry, I gotta go. He started vomiting blood and then lost consciousness. Get two units PRBC, stay two ahead, - and place an NG tube. - On it. Eddie, can you hear me? Eddie? The tumor's caused a severe duodenal ulcer and major hemorrhaging in his upper GI tract.

Yeah. We can't excise it

if we can't stop the bleed.

We could do it in two steps,

endoscopy to stop the bleed

and a partial duodenectomy

to remove the tumor.

But it'd be safer to debulk

the tumor after the scope

and follow up with

aggressive chemotherapy.

Chemo would increase the pace

of the E.V. growths.

Which he doesn't seem bothered by.

Doesn't mean we should make it worse.

Well, it's better than

bleeding out in the OR.

He's not going to bleed out.

We can solve both the GI bleed

and totally excise the tumor

with a pancreaticoduodenectomy.

A Whipple while the patient

is hemorrhaging?

That's even more risky

than combining the scope and...

I'm aware of that,

but unlike your department chief,

I'm not interested in whether residents

approve of my decisions.

Get him prepped.

We'll approach all three aneurysms

from a left-sided craniotomy.

Even though the ICA aneurysm

is on the right side?

Yes.

We'll go after the basilar first,

as that is the most challenging.

What about the ipsilateral PCOM?

It's pressing the third nerve

and may rupture soon.

If you'd let me finish,

step two will be the PCOM,

and after that,

we'll cut across the infield

and go after the ICA.

Have you considered...

Shaun, will you stop?

Will you just please stop?

I'm fine. I know what I'm doing.

My memory is intact.

Does anyone have an actual objection to the surgical plan?

- No.
- Nope.

Thank you. It is extensive and could put Ricky at risk

for future seizures.

And your outburst could

indicate a lack of impulse control,

which is a symptom

of executive dysfunction.

I am exhibiting extraordinary

impulse control as we speak.

As to the risks,

I have clipped over , aneurysms.

Tomorrow morning,

I'm going to clip three more.

Put Ricky on the schedule.

Go home. Get some sleep.

It's not milk and cookies,

but it'll have to do for now.

Oh, sorry.

I was gonna take care of that.

Why? Did Park tell you to?

Dr. Park? No. I just got off my break,

- and I was going to...
- Great news.

I just got off the phone

with her social worker.

She found a foster family.

Lucky girl. You've got a home.

I know you were hoping

for a pancake dinner,

but I was thinking maybe we

could go to Barone's instead.

I'm really craving a meatball.

Yes, Dr. Glassman is not only

highly experienced.

He has above average intelligence.

I don't know. He is an A's fan.

I have not noticed any symptoms

significant enough to alert Dr. Lim,

but even with a decline

in executive function,

he might not show serious deficits.

I think we should definitely

discuss it further,

over sauteed artichokes. I am not hungry, but I will come and keep you company while I continue to work. If Glassy can still do brain surgery and you haven't seen any serious deficits... There is definitely something wrong with his brain. He's getting older. It happens to everyone. This is not just aging. I know Dr. Glassman. Do you think Glassman is a danger to his patients? No. Not yet. Then let's go to Barone's and eat some meatballs and chicken wings that I will enjoy for a few glorious hours until the indigestion kicks in. You are right.

Meatball, stat.

That's the last

anastomosis. Remove the clamp.

Looks like the sutures are holding.

I can't believe we did

a Whipple in under six hours.

That's gotta be a record.

More importantly, no more tumor,

no more bleeding ulcer.

Went even better than I'd hoped.

Gotta give the good Lord his due.

Eddie is truly blessed.

We need a few more

- prolenes on a Castro

and two surgical drains.

Hey. You got your gear for tonight?

Yep.

Dug out the old football cleats.

Awesome.

Samira's really looking forward

to meeting you.

Don't worry. I respect your recovery.

- I'm not trying to set you up.
- Thank you.

Iordan also told me she'd k*ll me

if I did anything

to tempt you off your path.

You and Dr. Allen were talking about me?

Yeah. She was just making sure I

knew what you were dealing with.

She's definitely looking out for you.

My head. It's gonna explode.

He has a thunderclap headache

and double vision.

His left eyelid's droopy,

looks like complete third nerve palsy.

Left pupil non-reactive to light.

The PCOM aneurysm must have ruptured.

We need to get him to the OR, stat.

Page Dr. Glassman.

Scalpel.

Intracranial pressure is dropping.

We've bought him some temporary relief.

Can we see the CT scans,

the new ones, please?

Given the subarachnoid hemorrhage,

the risk of the previous

surgical plan has increased.

I can still clip

the two smaller aneurysms,

then ligate and bypass the ruptured one.

We should consider coil embolization

of the ruptured aneurysm.

We treat that now and then

come back for the other two

once Ricky has recovered.

Then he has to come in every

six months for an angiogram,

weakening his muscles,

damaging his coordination,

effectively ending his pro career.

That's your recommendation?

The treatment is a much safer option.

He's .

He has lots of life

to consider after baseball.

I'm confident in what I promised.

I'm confident that I can deliver it.

Your experience mitigates

the increased risks

of the craniotomy,

but it does not eliminate them.

The patient should decide.

Fine. Let's wake him up and present both plans. The surgery went better than we could have hoped. We removed the tumor, and your liver and pancreas are working great. So when do I get to go home? Well, we need to keep an eye on you for a couple days. I took the liberty of getting you a few things to help pass the time. Thank you. I'm so grateful to you all. I've spent so much time on my own, I can forget how wonderful it is to have other people there who care about you. Hey. Sorry. I got a little aggro last night. My family was big on dinner debate time. Okay.

That's all you have to say? I have a blood draw to do, so... It was just a philosophical discussion. It's not like we got into a fight, right? No, we didn't. - It was awful. - Terrible. Somebody's in a good mood. Indeed I am. It's the Eddie effect. Our patient radiates positivity. It's oddly contagious. It's got me wondering why I'm always so focused on choosing the right path instead of... just being open to God's gifts. Sorry. My gift is using my stomach as a speedbag. I don't know what's worse... that I might not walk out of here, or walking out knowing that I'll never play ball again.

Yes. That is the question you need to answer. Don't get stuck on worst-case scenarios. I worked real hard to get here, you know? And I... And I got people counting on me... Hey, hey, hey. Shut out the noise. Other people are gonna have opinions, whether you swing -, whether you don't take the extra base. Whatever decision you make, that's gonna be the right decision. You know, uh, there's a... There's a saying back in the DR... "You can't walk off the island." You gotta take big swings. Let's fix all the aneurysms now. Good call. You'll need to keep the wound site clean and dry.

And be sure to monitor

her caloric intake closely.

Babies with Turner Syndrome

have difficulty swallowing

and tongue dysfunction.

Turner Syndrome?

Will she need additional surgeries?

Yes, but not for a few years.

With things like this,

it's best to take it one step at a time.

We were hoping to foster to adopt.

And these long-term medical issues...

they're significant.

When it comes to medicine,

Google is not your friend.

Patrick, Annie,

I know it all sounds scary,

and you have every right to be nervous.

But you can do this.

Eden needs you.

Wouldn't it be best for Eden

if you found someone more qualified?

I'll let Social Services know.

What's the score?

How am I doing? My executive function.

What's the score?

It is not a score, it is data,
and I am not ready
to draw my conclusions.

Well, you're wasting your time.

You should focus on people

who actually need you.

I'm fine.

I am focused on you...

because for most of my life,

you've watched out for me.

No one asked you to do it.

You chose to.

Sometimes when I didn't want you to.

I'm very glad you did.

So no matter what anyone,

including you, says,

I am going to watch out for you.

What are you talking about?

It's fantastic.

These are incredible, seriously.

I didn't mean to interrupt.

No, Dalisay was just showing me

her watercolor landscapes.

She's a wonderful painter.

Really? I had no idea.

There's increased output

in his J.P. drains.

That's not surprising,

considering your EV.

Send a sample to the lab

and add meropenem

to his antibiotic regimen,

just to be safe.

Your recovery looks to be on track.

And we've made significant advances

in plastic surgery techniques

since your last consult.

Yeah, I don't doubt it.

But we both know

it would still be painful,

and they'd just grow back anyway.

There's one thing I've learned

from the home reno business,

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

A proverb for the ages.

I wanted to say goodbye.

The foster parents backed out.

She's scrambling to find someone else. I don't have another family lined up. Can you give me more time? N-No. Eden needs a home, and I know the perfect person to foster her. Me. One down, two to go. It's been five hours. Do you need a break? Not when I have a -year-old Macallan waiting for me at the finish line. Fenestrated aneurysm clip. We've got an intra-op rupture. Bleed is massive. Suction. Both of you, suction. Let's keep this field clear. Should we try balloon occlusion? - Or a flow diverting stent? - No. We should adjust the clips to get better proximal and distal control and pivot to a Muslin wrapping.

Push mg bolus adenosine. We're gonna stop the heart. Push it, please. Push it. Aneurysm clips. Oh. That is very innovative. Inducing a brief cardiac arrest reduces blood flow to the aneurysm. Gives us time to apply the clips. Okay. Let us proceed with the parent vessel reconstruction. One more time, fenestrated aneurysm clip. Thank you. That was exciting. He's in Vfib, not responding to chest compressions or epi... We need to shock him. Charge to and push another milligram of epi. He must have thrown a clot. Clear! Time of death, : . His underlying illness weakened his immune system

and made his blood

more susceptible to clots.

There's nothing we could have done.

Do you know what hospital you're in?

St. Bonaventure.

And why are you here?

Aneurysms, which you were

supposed to fix.

Which we did. And we did quite well.

In fact, if you stick to your rehab,

you might be back

on the field by mid-season.

Thank you, Dr. Glassman.

You got a surgery that can

help me hit a curveball?

Try hitting a knuckleball.

You don't know what it is

until, pfft, it's too late.

That's old school.

I haven't even seen one in a game.

Oh, I used to throw

a knuckleball, actually,

back in the day.

I tried to be a pitcher.

But I didn't have a fastball... And then you have no idea where it's gonna go 'cause it had just a... Just a slight amount of spin. You heard? Thank you for checking on me. Andrews was right. There's nothing more we could have done. I'm really sorry about your patient, but I actually came to tell you that I'm meeting up with some friends tonight. I'm gonna go back to my place after. Okay. But what's wrong? Nothing. I've been meaning to see these folks for a while, and... we're meeting near my place. No big deal. Well, it's starting to feel like one. Clearly, you're mad. Please tell me what I did.

Sometimes having a conversation with you

feels like combat.

Well, I was just stating my opinion.

No, you were obliterating all

other opinions, including mine.

And calling me a complete

moron in the process.

I have never said that you were a moron.

- I said...
- Ash, I didn't grow up

discussing religion

or quoting Marx at the dinner table.

That doesn't mean

I don't value your opinion.

It doesn't seem like it

when you take a sledgehammer

to my every argument.

I can give you examples

of times when...

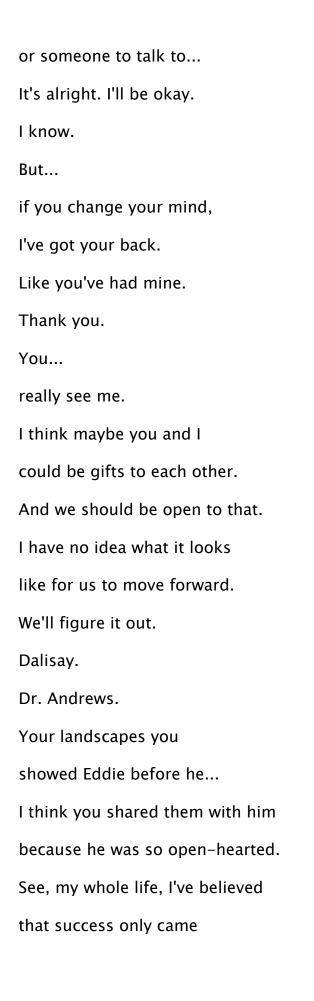
This is not another argument

for you to win.

I have to get to dinner.

I'm so sorry.

If you want some company



from constant striving,

constant dissatisfaction

with where I was

or what I'd accomplished.

Contentment was a sign of complacency.

That's no way to go through life.

I know.

And I know I didn't

show you enough respect,

and I didn't make enough effort

to see things from your point of view.

But I want to change.

I want to value the people I care about

and who might care about me.

And if I haven't screwed up

too badly, then maybe one day,

I'll be worthy enough

to see those landscapes.

How about dinner?

You pick me up at : , Saturday.

We can try that Filipino place.

Why would you say that?

- You know...
- Oh, man.

Hey, what else do you say

in that situation?

I think I agree with the guy.

I mean, I think he's... I think...

You were right.

I have a tendency to go

scorched earth in a debate

because I just want to win.

I lose sight of what's

important because I'm...

I-I'm a moron.

But today, I realized

I shouldn't take anything

or anyone for granted.

You showed me what

it truly means to belong,

to not be an island.

And I just feel so blessed

to be in your life.

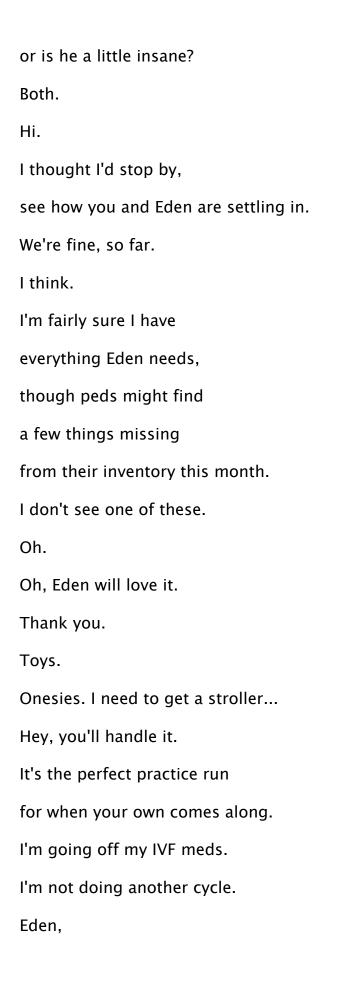
Uh, and you should order

the salmon carpaccio.

It's delightful here. It's like butter.

Is your boyfriend

really that passionate,



she's what I've been waiting for.

She's my daughter.

This is a knuckleball, and it fooled me.

I thought it was Dr. Glassman's

cancer returning,

but it is damage to Dr. Glassman's brain

as a result of a mini-stroke.

If that were the case,

the area would have smooth edges.

Mmm, usually, yes.

But rare presentations

can show abnormalities

like these rough edges,

particularly when the patient

has had radiation treatment.

It explains why his memory

has been impacted,

especially during periods

of intense focus

involving many sequential steps.

It is permanent.

He shouldn't be doing surgery anymore.