

= Rhys Lawson =

Rhys Lawson is a fictional character from the Australian soap opera Neighbours , played by Ben Barber . The actor 's casting was announced on 18 May 2011 and he began filming his first scenes the week before opposite established cast members Alan Fletcher ( Karl Kennedy ) and Jackie Woodburne ( Susan Kennedy ) . Barber said he loved his character and was looking forward to what was ahead . He made his debut screen appearance on 13 July 2011 . In November 2012 , it was announced that Barber would be leaving Neighbours and Rhys made his last screen appearance on 20 March 2013 .

Before his arrival on screen , Barber described Rhys as being determined and focused , while Daniel Kilkelly of Digital Spy said his arrival would cause a stir . Rhys is ambitious , persuasive and manipulative . His profile on the official Neighbours website states that he believes Erinsborough is " a bit of a backwater " , while he is more of a city guy . Rhys is an enthusiastic young doctor and often riles his colleague , Karl , in his quest to become a surgeon . He wants to succeed and can justify why he does certain things , which hurt other people . Rhys is good at separating his work life from his home life and he knows how to have a good time . Barber revealed that Rhys does have a sensitive side and he can mean well .

One of the character 's earliest storylines saw him becoming caught up in Karl and Susan Kennedy 's marital problems , while treating their friend , Jim Dolan ( Scott Parmeter ) . Rhys was with Jim when he died and he remained affected by his death for a long time . Rhys had a one @-@ night stand with Kate Ramsay ( Ashleigh Brewer ) , which left Kate feeling awkward around him . Rhys became determined to join the hospital 's surgical training programme and was devastated when he missed out on a place . Rhys then romantically pursued Erin Salisbury ( Elise Jansen ) and through his manipulative behaviour he forced her to quit the programme . Exploration of the character 's backstory began after his mother was introduced and Barber believed this would allow the audience to see why Rhys has become who he is .

= = Casting = =

On 18 May 2011 , it was announced Barber had joined the cast of Neighbours as Rhys Lawson . His casting announcement came as the show lost regular cast member Scott McGregor ( Mark Brennan ) . Barber was appearing in a small guest role in fellow Australian soap opera Home and Away when he was given the role of Rhys . He began filming his first scenes for Neighbours opposite Alan Fletcher ( Karl Kennedy ) and Jackie Woodburne ( Susan Kennedy ) the week before his casting announcement . Of appearing in Neighbours , the actor told Matt Neal of The Warrnambool Standard " I catch myself and have a moment where I realise that I 'm working with actors I watched on TV growing up . My first scenes were with Alan and Jackie . It was great to have them there to help out and show me how it 's done . I was in safe hands . " Barber revealed he loved his character and was looking forward to what was ahead . He made his first on screen appearance as Rhys in July 2011 .

= = Development = =

= = = Characterisation = = =

" Rhys is a real city guy , and thinks Erinsborough is a bit of a backwater . He is career focused , driven and determined to be a surgeon ? and he doesn 't care who he has to tread on to get there . "

Shortly after his casting was announced , Barber told a reporter for the Herald Sun that he loved his character and said his determination and focus would get him into trouble . Daniel Kilkelly of Digital Spy said Rhys 's arrival would cause a stir in Erinsborough and may not go down well with some of the local residents . Barber also called Rhys ambitious and said that while he is not a villain , he is

not an entirely good guy either . The actor explained " He rides that line and that 's a lot of fun to play . There are a lot of different dynamics . He can be very persuasive , bordering on manipulative , but he has a sensitive side as well , which is coming out gradually . " Barber told a writer for Inside Soap that Rhys is good at separating his work life from his home life , and can easily switch from one to the other . Barber quipped that Rhys knows how to have a good time , while the official Neighbours website said he considers himself " a bit of a ladies ' man " . A Herald Sun reporter said Rhys would " rile " his colleague , Karl Kennedy . Alan Fletcher , who plays Karl , revealed that his character and Rhys would share many scenes . Fletcher explained that it can be " somewhat galling " for Karl to be faced with Rhys , who is an enthusiastic young doctor . The actor added " So expect some fun confrontation but also cleverly the writers have explored what Rhys and Karl might have in common . "

When asked what advice he would give to his character , Barber said " Unfortunately , I don 't think he would listen to me in the first place , but if he could give me the time of day , I would say lighten up on the control because you ? re never going to have it . " Speaking to Channel 5 , Barber revealed Rhys would not do a lot to redeem himself in the new year , but viewers would get learn more about his back story , which could explain his dark side . During a 2012 interview with Kilkelly , Barber said his character is good at getting what he wants , saying " I think at the end of the day , he just wants to win and he has this ability to justify why he does things , and if people are hurt in the process , it 's their fault . His vision is the one that is most important . " Barber said that deep down , Rhys is sensitive and he means well . When asked about the reaction Rhys has received from viewers , Barber believed they liked the character as he is unpredictable and manipulative . He added that the viewers are interested in seeing what Rhys does next . When asked how he felt about playing a bad boy by DNA 's Matthew Myers , Barber revealed that he loved it , saying " It 's always exciting getting the scripts because I never know which way they are going to turn or who I 'm going to be turning on ! " The actor quipped that he is always wondering which character he is going to manipulate or " screw over " next and added " But at the core of things Rhys has a heart of gold . "

== Family ==

Rhys ' mother , Elaine ( Sancia Robinson ) , was introduced in November 2011 . Barber revealed in his interview with Kilkelly that their backstory would be explored and stated that it would explain " a lot more about why Rhys is the way he is " . He added that there would be " a big revelation " about Elaine coming up . Elaine suffers from a degenerative spinal condition and has to use a wheelchair . Rhys was forced to care for her when his father ran out on them both . Rhys tries to keep his life on Ramsay Street separate from his family , so when Elaine asks him if she can spend Easter with him , he makes up excuses as to why she cannot visit him . Barber revealed to an Inside Soap writer that Elaine realises Rhys is lying to her and she starts to wonder if he is ashamed to be seen with her . Rhys ' actions when his housemates arrive appear to confirm his mother 's suspicions . While they wonder who Elaine is , he makes up an excuse . Barber explained " Rhys pretends he 's visiting one of his patients . Elaine is really hurt and embarrassed when he comes out with that . He realises , and feels terrible . "

Rhys tries to make things up to Elaine by taking her to the hospital to meet his colleagues , but when she questions his motives for " going public " and admitting who she is , Rhys has to look at himself and his attitude towards her . In a May 2012 interview with Inside Soap 's Jason Herbison , Barber said he liked the fact that Rhys ' mother had been introduced and that he had the chance to learn more about his character 's background . He expressed his wish of having Rhys ' father introduced in the future , saying " Rhys doesn 't have a good relationship with him , as his dad abandoned the family when he was younger . It would certainly create a lot of interesting dilemmas " .

== Early storylines ==

One of Rhys ' first storylines saw him caught up in Karl and Susan Kennedy 's marital problems . Rhys is the attending physician to Jim Dolan ( Scott Parmeter ) , a man befriended by Susan . At first , Rhys is not aware that Karl and Susan are going through a difficult time in their marriage as he is " solely concerned " with Jim 's well being . Rhys is annoyed by Susan 's interference with his patient and Barber told a columnist for Inside Soap " He wants him to have chemotherapy , but Karl tells Susan it will only prolong Jim 's suffering , not save his life . Susan tells that to Jim , which Rhys doesn 't like . " Karl later takes over as Jim 's physician and Rhys steps back and watches the situation unfold . Rhys is with Jim when he dies and a writer for the official Neighbours website said it is an event that will stay with him for a long time .

Rhys has a one @-@ night stand with Kate Ramsay ( Ashleigh Brewer ) not long after his introduction . Rhys meets Kate in the local bar and they have a " big night out " ; the following morning Kate wakes up in Rhys ' apartment . Brewer told a writer for Inside Soap " You don 't actually see the lead @-@ up ? one minute she meets Rhys in a bar , the next minute we see that they 've already slept together ! " Kate feels awkward about the situation , but it is made worse when she is unable to remember Rhys ' name . When Kate and Rhys meet again , they have different attitudes to their one @-@ night stand . Brewer said Rhys is " a bit of a player " , so it is not a big deal to him . He does not have any expectations of Kate , but she is uncomfortable with it and tries to cover her tracks . In November 2011 , Brewer said it would be interesting to revisit the relationship between Rhys and Kate . Barber also thought it would be interesting to see where the characters could go together . The actor added that " sparks fly " when Rhys is around Kate , as he knows how to " press her buttons " .

= = = Surgical program = = =

Rhys becomes determined to join the hospital surgical program led by the head of surgery , Martin Chambers ( John Wood ) . When Karl makes a potentially dangerous mistake on a prescription form , Rhys covers for him , but makes it clear he wants something in return . Knowing Karl plays golf with Martin , Rhys asks to join their game so he can try and impress the surgeon . Despite being warned that Martin does not like to talk shop during his golf games , Rhys reveals that he has been following his career and Martin is impressed . Barber explained to a writer for Inside Soap " And Karl has no choice but to agree that Rhys is a good doctor . It 's a bit awkward , because Karl doesn 't like the way Rhys operates ? so to speak ! " Martin grants Rhys an interview for a place on the surgical program ; however he forgets everything he knows and makes a fool of himself due to being hungover . Rhys misses out on a place on the program and Barber told Daniel Kilkelly of Digital Spy that he is feeling " devastated and desperate . " Barber described the position as the Holy Grail for Rhys and because of a stupid act , he has lost it .

Shortly after missing out on the program , Rhys finds himself performing surgery on Chris Pappas ( James Mason ) . Rhys initially treats Chris at the hospital after he is attacked at work by an unknown assailant . Chris refuses to stay for any further medical treatment and later collapses with a punctured lung . Barber said that as soon as Rhys sees Chris 's X @-@ rays , he " goes beyond the call of duty " to find him . The actor explained " When he finds him on the floor , he knows exactly what 's happened , but he isn 't sure how long he 's been unconscious for . For all he knows , Chris could be dead within the minute ? so he goes straight into emergency mode . " In a bid to save Chris 's life , Rhys performs an emergency procedure to get him breathing again using a screwdriver and a piece of piping . Rhys should not be conducting any type of surgery as he is not a qualified surgeon , but he does not think of the consequences . All About Soap 's Laura Morgan said Rhys ' " quick thinking " pays off and Chris starts breathing again , but at the hospital Karl warns him he will be held accountable if Chris does not pull through .

Rhys tries unsuccessfully to get Robbie O 'Brien ( Shaun Goss ) to quit the surgical program . He then turns his attention to Erin Salisbury ( Elise Jansen ) and plots to take her spot on the program instead . He pursues Erin romantically and tries to distract her away from her work , so she will be kicked off the program and he can take her place . Barber said the scheme sees Rhys at his manipulative best , he realises Erin is vulnerable and he strikes . Jansen told a writer for TV Week

that Erin is a bit reluctant to accept when Rhys asks her out . She thinks that someone like Rhys would not normally be interested in her , but she is flattered by the attention . Jansen added Erin is unaware it is all an act . Kate realises what Rhys is doing and interferes with his plan . Barber explained that Kate 's feelings about the matter means nothing to Rhys as his sole objective is to get into the program . He does not mind that Kate is appalled at Erin becoming a casualty of his scheme .

Rhys forces Erin to miss a class and Barber revealed that Rhys feels no guilt about what he has done . He quipped " His plan is falling into place perfectly . You 'll see that Kate later tries to tell Erin what Rhys is up to . But the guy is a charmer and is able to make Erin believe that Kate is the one with the problem . " Rhys manages to convince Erin that Kate is a jealous ex @-@ girlfriend and that he does not want her place on the program . Rhys charms Erin " into his bed " , but he is put out when she calls time on their relationship to focus on her studies . Rhys later learns Erin has turned up late for surgery and during dinner together , he spills wine on Erin 's top . When she turns up at the hospital , she smells of alcohol . Rhys then implies to Karl that she has a drinking problem . Barber explained " Rhys just has to plant the seed of doubt , fake some concern for his colleague , and rumour and innuendo does the rest ... " Erin quits the program , giving Rhys the chance to successfully apply for her place .

= = = Vanessa Villante = = =

When Vanessa Villante ( Alin Sumarwata ) moves into Ramsay Street , she immediately catches Rhys ' eye . He later treats her when she is admitted to hospital with severe morning sickness . Rhys believes the father of her child , Lucas Fitzgerald ( Scott Major ) , is not " pulling his weight " and he starts looking out for her . Rhys helps Vanessa lift some heavy boxes and she offers to show him how to bake a cake to say thank you . A columnist for All About Soap observed " While Vanessa sees it as mates having fun , it 's clear Rhys has got it bad ! " Rhys later returns to spend more time with Vanessa , which unnerves Lucas . Herbison commented that Rhys may have met his match in Vanessa , while Barber said her feistiness appeals to him . He stated " He finds her attractive , and she takes the mickey out of him - that 's good for Rhys . He needs to be knocked off his pedestal ! Vanessa also exposes a rare vulnerability in Rhys , so there 's a risk he could get hurt and lash out in other ways . "

The actor further explained that Rhys is not put off by the fact she is carrying another man 's child , he is attracted to her because of her " fire and passion " . Barber added " She also doesn 't play games and she says what she thinks . Rhys loves that about Vanessa and sees her as someone he can trust , which is rare for him . " Vanessa and Rhys eventually give into their attraction for one another and share a kiss in Harold 's Store . Barber commented that his character enjoys making the first move , so he is the one who goes in for the kiss . The actor also thought it would be interesting to see his character in a relationship . TV Week 's Andrew Mercado observed that Rhys should prepare for a bumpy road ahead , with Vanessa living under the same roof as Lucas . Rhys and Vanessa take their relationship to the next level in a consultation room at Erinsborough Hospital . However , they are shocked when Karl walks in on them .

When Rhys is offered the chance to apply for a three @-@ month work placement in Japan , he decides to apply and then convince Vanessa to go with him . Barber revealed " He puts himself and his heart on the line like he 's never done before . At first , Vanessa says no - and he 's devastated . He 's in a really vulnerable place and he doesn 't take her knockback well . Rhys has been a bit of a ladies man all his life and he 's never really committed to someone before Vanessa . She 's a pretty special girl as far as Rhys is concerned . " Rhys becomes determined not to give up and he is " thrilled " when Vanessa changes her mind . Barber teased that it is possible viewers could see the last of Rhys and Vanessa for a while , adding " There are definitely interesting times ahead ! "

= = = Departure = = =

On 26 November 2012 , Erin Miller from TV Week announced that Barber would be leaving

Neighbours , along with two other cast members . Executive producer Richard Jasek stated " All the characters departing will leave a legacy on Ramsay Street which is testament to the extraordinary talents of the actors playing them . Communities are constantly changing and Neighbours is reflective of this . " Miller believed Barber was keen to look for new projects elsewhere . The actor filmed his final scenes in December and it was later revealed that his character would be killed off . While attending Sonya Mitchell ( Eve Morey ) and Toadfish Rebecchi 's ( Ryan Moloney ) wedding reception , Rhys becomes trapped inside a collapsed marquee , following a gas explosion . He appears to be unharmed and Barber explained " Rhys survives and comes to and manages to free himself from the wreckage . He seems relatively okay and unscathed . " Rhys goes to the hospital as a precaution but , despite being told not to by Karl , discharges himself . Barber said that because Rhys is headstrong , he thinks he is fine , but then he collapses outside the hospital and dies . TV Week 's Thomas Mitchell commented that Rhys 's death is heartbreaking , especially as he was planning to reconcile with his father . Rhys made his last screen appearance on 20 March 2013 .

= = Storylines = =

Rhys meets with Jim Dolan for his first round of chemotherapy and assures him it is a simple procedure . He learns Karl and Susan Kennedy have been giving Jim advice about his treatment and he asks them to stop . A few days later , Jim informs Rhys that he wants to stop the chemotherapy . Rhys meets Kate Ramsay at the local bar and they have a one @-@ night stand . During his rounds , Rhys checks on Jim and stays with him as he dies . Affected by Jim 's death , Rhys goes to the gym looking for distraction and he befriends Kyle Canning ( Chris Milligan ) . Rhys flirts with Jade Mitchell ( Gemma Pranita ) , but she rebuffs his advances . Jade later asks for Rhys ' help in getting her housemate , Michelle Tran ( HaiHa Le ) , to move out . Nurse Danielle Paquette ( Georgia Bolton ) questions Karl and Rhys about a mistake on an unsigned prescription form and Rhys covers for Karl . He then asks Karl if he can join his golf game with Martin Chambers , the head of surgery . Kyle invites Rhys to move in with him and Jade and he accepts . Kyle defends Rhys when he flirts with Steve Barnes ' ( Nicholas Gunn ) girlfriend , but he refuses to listen when Rhys tells him to walk away . Steve punches Kyle , who becomes angry with Rhys for leaving him . Rhys apologises and hires a cleaner for the house to make it up to Kyle .

In a bid to impress Martin and his colleagues , Rhys purchases a barbecue and invites them over for dinner . He is granted an interview with the surgical board to join their training program at the hospital . Following a night out with Dane Canning ( Luke Pegler ) , Rhys gets a hangover and is horrified to learn his interview has been moved to an earlier time . Rhys struggles to answer the panel 's questions and he is not invited to join the program . He later visits his mother , Elaine , at her hospice , where he tells her he has joined the program . Rhys treats Chris Pappas ( James Mason ) after he is attacked , but fails to get him to stay for his X @-@ rays . Aidan Foster ( Bobby Morley ) spots that Chris has a broken rib , which is pressing on his lung and Rhys finds him collapsed on the floor of Fitzgerald Motors . Rhys performs an emergency decompression on his lung and saves his life . Rhys asks senior surgeon Jessica Girdwood ( Glenda Linscott ) to reconsider letting him join the surgical program , but she declines . Rhys tries unsuccessfully to get Robbie O 'Brien to quit the program and he turns his attentions to Erin Salisbury . He pretends to be romantically interested in her and tries to distract her from her studies .

Kate tells Erin about Rhys ' plan , but he convinces Erin that Kate is a jealous ex @-@ girlfriend who is lying . Erin believes him and they have dinner together . Rhys pours wine on her shirt sleeve and at the hospital , he implies to Karl that Erin has a drinking problem . She quits the surgical program and Rhys asks Jessica if he can take her place . Karl realises he has been used and Rhys takes him to visit Elaine , to try to make him understand what getting on the program means to him . Elaine reveals she has spinal degeneration and Karl remarks that Rhys cannot help her . Rhys explains that he wants to help the next person to develop the condition . Rhys sits an exam on the material he has missed and Jessica allows him join the surgical program . Rhys makes a bet with Kate that he can seduce Jade , but when he goes to kiss her , Jade rejects him . Rhys ' mother asks

if she can visit him and Rhys tells her he is working over Easter . When they run into Jade and Kyle , Rhys does not introduce them to Elaine and she accuses him of being ashamed of her . Rhys then takes Elaine to meet Martin , who reveals he failed his surgical program interview . Elaine accuses him of lying to her and being like his father . Rhys denies this and Elaine tells him to fix things with the people he has hurt .

Rhys treats Susan when she has an MS relapse and he tries to make sure she is prepared in case her condition becomes worse . He later looks after Vanessa Villante ( Alin Sumarwata ) when she is brought in with severe morning sickness . Vanessa learns Rhys has been talking about her with his friends and she tells him to stay out of her business . Rhys later helps Vanessa carry some boxes and he spends the day baking a cake with her . He buys her a new mixer and Vanessa invites him to dinner . Rhys gives the cake to Elaine and when he tells her about Vanessa , she warns him to think about what he is doing before letting it go any further . Rhys thinks about cancelling on Vanessa , but he later arrives with dessert . Rhys asks Vanessa to bid on him at a charity bachelor auction , so he can raise more money than Karl . Vanessa wins and she chooses a couples massage for them to enjoy together . Rhys learns Susan has befriended Elaine and he angrily tells her to stay away from his mother . Vanessa witnesses the scene and becomes cold towards him . Rhys apologises to Susan and opens up to Vanessa about why he did it .

Rhys goes along to a cookery class that Vanessa is teaching and flirts with Tiffany Giles ( Shaye Hopkins ) to make Vanessa jealous . She invites him to dinner and he suffers an allergic reaction to the food . Vanessa and Rhys almost kiss , but are interrupted by Lucas . The following day , Rhys goes to Harold 's Store and kisses Vanessa . Rhys opens up to her about his father and they arrange a date . When Troy Miller ( Dieter Brummer ) is brought into the hospital , he tells Rhys that Jade attacked him . Rhys reports this to the police and when Jade finds out , she asks him to leave the house . Rhys applies for a three @-@ month study tour in Japan and asks Vanessa to come with him . Rhys ' mother later gives him a ring so that he can propose to Vanessa . Shortly before leaving for Japan , Rhys comes across a car accident involving the street 's teenagers . He rings the emergency services , before assessing their injuries . Rhys cuts his hand on a piece of wreckage , which forces him to cancel the trip to Japan . He later learns that he has only a five per cent chance of making a full recovery . Following an EMG , Rhys learns that there has been no improvement to his hand . After altering the report to say that his nerves are healing , Rhys is invited to assist Jessica in surgery .

Vanessa learns that Rhys altered his test results and he begs her to keep his secret . Jessica later asks Rhys to retake the EMG and informs him that his nerves will never improve to the standard required for a surgeon . Realising Vanessa spoke to Jessica , Rhys breaks up with her . When Rhys learns that Vanessa is marrying Lucas , he urges her not to go through with it . Rhys attends the wedding and Vanessa struggles with her vows and leaves the church . Rhys then visits Vanessa and she berates him for ignoring her , before telling him she does not want his love . Both Elaine and Kate encourage Rhys to fight for Vanessa and he tries apologising to her . When Vanessa goes into labour , Rhys takes her to the hospital and stays by her side while her son is born . He tells her that he has never stopped loving her and when he proposes , Vanessa accepts . However , when Rhys discovers that her son , Patrick ( Lucas MacFarlane ) has ebstein 's anomaly , Vanessa calls off the engagement to focus her attention on him . Rhys sets up a fund raising webpage for Patrick and sells his car to kick start the donations . He decides not to tell Vanessa , but she learns from Lucas that it was him and she tries to return Rhys ' money .

Rhys gives his mother her ring back and she realises that he still loves Vanessa . Rhys receives a letter from his father , Eddie ( Ned Manning ) , but refuses to open it . Eddie calls the house , but Rhys is short with him . While Rhys is choosing whether to see his father or not , Elaine gives him all the letters he ever wrote to him and tells him to read them first . Rhys later decides to see his father . During Sonya and Toadie 's wedding reception , a gas bottle explodes destroying the marquee . Rhys is initially trapped inside , but he manages to pull himself out . He suffers some minor injuries and broken ribs . Elaine comes to see him at the hospital and she tells him that she supports his decision to see his father . Rhys discharges himself , against Karl 's wishes . He then collapses in the car park and dies from an undetected blood clot .

= = Reception = =

For his portrayal of Rhys , Barber was included on the long list for the 2012 Most Popular New Talent Logie Award . Writers for TV Week branded Rhys a " handsome doc " and a " selfish surgeon @-@ to @-@ be . " A writer for the Daily Record said Rhys was " deserving of a slap " for taking advantage of Karl 's mistake with a prescription . The writer also called Rhys a " chancer . " When Rhys tries to impress Martin , television critic Dianne Butler quipped " And I see John Wood 's in the show . He 's a golf @-@ playing doctor [ ... ] whose leg is being humped by Rhys Lawson tonight . Rhys puts on a barbecue to try to oil his way into a surgical @-@ training program , only there 's a rat under the plate when he lifts the lid to put on the snapper . Vintage Neighbours . " Larissa Dubecki of The Sydney Morning Herald thought Rhys was " dastardly " , while the Herald Sun 's Cameron Adams called him " creepy " for cyber stalking Erin . Adams later wrote " dodgy doctor " Rhys was threatening Paul Robinson 's ( Stefan Dennis ) status as the Erinsborough bad boy .

Laura Morgan of All About Soap said that Rhys sank " to an all @-@ time low " when he tried to sabotage Erin 's career and that he thoroughly deserved a slap from her . Morgan branded the character " ruthless Rhys " and stated that he was " a creep " and " a devious doc " . A columnist for TV Choice also thought the character was ruthless and sneaky . They added that Rhys played dirty when he spread rumours about Erin having a drink problem . But thought they had seen a " twinge of conscience " in him after Erin quit . In February 2012 , Channel 5 ran a poll asking viewers " Who 's Ramsay Street 's biggest Mr Nasty ? " out of Rhys and Paul Robinson . Rhys received 33 @.@ 51 % of the vote . A writer for the channel branded the characters the " show 's two resident villains . " Jason Herbison of Inside Soap commented " Since taking up his position at Erinsborough Hospital last year , Rhys has proven to be both a career @-@ driven doctor and a shameless womaniser ! " A Daily Record soap opera columnist observed that Rhys had gone " ga @-@ ga " for Vanessa . A Huddersfield Daily Examiner reporter decided that Rhys was just a " grumpy medic " .