# Doctor:

Rebecca's vitals are good. She's gonna be asleep for a little while, but she's doing fine. We're monitoring her closely.

Jack:

Okay.

### Doctor:

We lost the third baby, Jack. I'm-I'm very sorry. The, uh... second baby is a girl, very strong. The third baby was a little boy, but the, uh, umbilical cord was cutting off his oxygen. He was stillborn. Nothing anybody could've done.

Jack:

I'm sorry, I'm... I'm not processing anything. My wife?

#### Doctor:

Is fine. And she'll be awake pretty soon. You have two beautiful, healthy children, Jack. Boy and a girl. But we did lose the third child.

Jack:

I need to be with my wife.

# Doctor:

And you will be. But she needs to sleep now. But soon. You just sit down. Sit. Sit. Okay if I keep you company a second?

Jack:

Yeah.

Doctor:

Okay if I...try and say something meaningful?

Jack:

Yeah.

### Doctor:

I lost my wife last year. Cancer. That's the reason I still work so much at my age. Just... trying to pass the time. We were married 53 years. Five children, 11 grandkids. But we lost our very first child during the delivery. The reason I went into this field, truth be told......I have spent five decades delivering babies. More babies than I can count. But there is not a single day that goes by that I don't think of the child I lost. And I'm an old man now. I like to think that because of the child that I lost, because of the path that... that he sent me on, that I have saved countless other babies. I like to think that maybe one day you'll be an old man like me... ...talking a younger man's ear off, explaining to him how you... took the sourest lemon that life has to offer... and turned it into something resembling lemonade. If you can do that, then you will still be...taking three babies home from this hospital. Just... maybe not the way you planned. I don't know if that was meaningful or senile, but I thought it ought to be said. Your wife'll still be asleep for a little while. Go see your babies. They're excited to meet their father. I think maybe they got a good one.