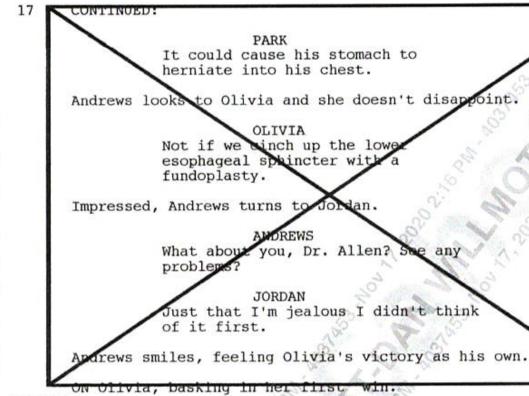
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SCENE 1: 18 INT. SHAUN AND LEA'S APARTMENT - NIGHT (NIGHT 2)

Shaun and Lea, with her parents MIKE and PAM (60s), sit around the dinner table, the meal already in progress. An unopened BOTTLE OF WINE stands at the ready. They eat in awkward silence for a long while. Until...

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SHAUN

This is going very well.

Awkward smiles.

PAM

Lea tells us you're a doctor. What's your specialty?

SHAUN

I am a surgeon. But we are not all arrogant. Though many of us are.

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MIKE

What do you think of vaccines? Because I have to say, they worry

Lea tenses as Shaun considers his answer.

SHAUN

They don't worry me.

PAM

Really? We've read a lot of stuff. Especially after Lea told us about you.

LEA

Vaccines don't cause autism, Mom. Want to talk about religion now?

Now Shaun's confused.

SHAUN

That was on the list of things not to talk about.

MIKE

Lea made you a list

Dad.

PAM

Honestly, Lea, if you think we're so impossible to talk to, I'm not sure why we're even here?

SHAUN

Hemorrhoid surgery.

PAM

Excuse me?

SHAUN

I removed a hemorrhoid from a patient with terminal cancer. He only had a few months to live, and nothing would change that. But the surgery did make him more comfortable. (MORE)

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SHAUN (CONT'D)

I suggest we treat this evening like hemorrhoid surgery.

Silence. Mike suddenly bursts out with a laugh.

MIKE

Good point.

(to Lea)

Don't give him lists, let him talk. I like this guy.

PAM

(pouring wine)
To hemorrhoid surgery...

← END

Lea looks stunned as Mike pats Shaun on the back (as much as Shaun can tolerate) and Pam pours everyone a GLASS, as the evening takes a surprisingly positive turn.

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INT. HOTEL LOBBY BAR - NIGHT

MUSIC plays, as we find Lim and Claire drinking. And the empty glasses in front of them (more Lim than Claire) tells us they we been here for awhile. It's quiet for a beat. Finally...

LIM

I went.

(olf Claire's look)
Obviously you're going to consider yourself glaed to my side until I tell you what you want to hear so...
I went to a psychiatrist.

CLAIRE

That's great.

LIM

After I crashed my bike... which could have happened to anyone ... decided to take it as a wake-up call just in case. So, I bought that agly-ass car and I started seeing a therapist.

CLAIRE

I am so relieved to hear --

LIM

Once.

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