

COACHING LAB SIDES - NOTES

- Choose just one role to work on
- If there are multiple scenes for a character, choose just one of them to work on (unless very short).
- When choosing a role, feel free to ignore gender, pronoun, age or ethnicity references and make the role your own.

STEVE & DR. SMITH

EXT. HOSPITAL - BREEZEWAY - DAY

Dr. Smith comes out to the breezeway. PARAMEDICS offload STEVE TATE. Motorcycle leathers. Head bashed in.

FYI

PARAMEDIC 2
38-year-old thrown from a motorcycle
without a helmet. Skull fracture
and left-sided hemiparesis --

As they wheel him inside...

DR. SMITH
(loudly, to him)
Sir, what's your name, can you tell
me your name?

STEVE
...Steve...

DR. SMITH
You forget your helmet today, Steve?

STEVE
(slurred)
It hurts!

DR. SMITH
I'm giving you something for the
pain, you might get a little sleepy
now --

And Steve's out like a light.

Grey's Anesth

INT. HOSPITAL - STEVE'S POST-OP ROOM - DAY

Dr. Smith shows the CT to Steve, who is fresh from surgery.

DR. SMITH

The aneurysm could blow or start
throwing clots, causing a stroke.
So we have to fix it now.

STEVE

You gotta open my head again?

DR. SMITH

Well, that's too dangerous. I can't
go in by conventional means. There's
too much risk you'll have a re-bleed.

STEVE

And that can kill me?

DR. SMITH

Yes, so I'll go with an endovascular
approach, which will also increase
the risk of rebleeding.

STEVE

Which can kill me. Seems like
everything you guys got can kill me.

DR. SMITH

It's very risky, yes. But it's your
only option.

STEVE

Well, what's life without a little
risk, huh?

DR. SMITH

Longer. For one thing. You should
wear a helmet.

Off Steve, not buying it.

End

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scene →
1 START

INT. HOSPITAL - ANGIO SUITE - NIGHT

Dr. Smith inserts operates on Steve, who is very sedated, but conscious.

STEVE

(drugged up)

You know, whether or not I ride with a helmet is called personal freedom. It's what this country was founded about.

DR. SMITH

It's also illegal in this state.

STEVE

That law's stupid.

DR. SMITH

Said the man with the giant hole in his head.

STEVE

It's my choice, it don't affect anybody but me.

DR. SMITH

It's illegal for the same reason littering is illegal -- it makes a mess, that someone else has to clean up.

STEVE

(slurring)

S'unconstitutional. Nobody... Can tell me...

(moans)

Steve slips out of consciousness. Monitors BLARE as his pulse starts racing.

End

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Scene
2

START

ALI SIDES

INT. GYM OFFICE - DAY

START ALI knocks on the door. COACH MASON looks up. ALI enters.



ALI

Hiiii. Coach Mason, I'm Ali Miller,
Kerri's mom?

COACH MASON

Come on in. Kerri is an amazing
volleyball player.

ALI

Isn't she? See, I'm not afraid to
brag. Hashtag blessed!

She laughs.

COACH MASON

So how can I help you?

ALI

Well, I was at the game yesterday
and I couldn't help but wonder --
are you afraid of success, Coach
Mason?

COACH MASON

What?

ALI

Because I like to win! In fact, I
love to win.

(beat)

So when I see you pull my daughter
out of the game like you did --
even though she's your *best* player --
- I can't help but think, this guy
wants to lose! And you did, by the
way. Nice job.

COACH MASON

With all due respect, I --

ALI

So then I think, who would make
such a stupid decision? This guy
must be a loser himself!

COACH MASON

Mrs. Miler --

ALI

I don't like losers, Coach Miller.
No one in this town does. So you
better be careful.

(leaning in)

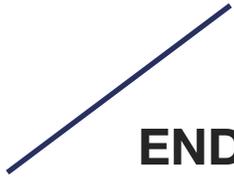
If you ever think about pulling my
daughter out of a game like that
again, your daughter will be pulled
out of a moving car. You
understand?

He looks at her, speechless.

ALI (CONT'D)

Great chat, Coach Miller! I'll see
you at the game tomorrow. Go
Tigers! Woo!

She exits.



END