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Based on: True story circa 2002-2009 in Oklahoma.

Log Line: An out gay California physician, thrust into the University of Oklahoma Medical Center where being gay and out leads to harsh discrimination. Our hero fights the good fight in Oklahoma while he makes plans to move to Denmark and gay sanity!

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SUPER: Los Angles 2002

INT. APARTMENT BATHROOM - DAY

MUSIC: "Toxicity" - System of a Down

A needle goes into a vial and withdraws fluid. An alcohol towelette brushes the skin. The needle is inserted into the tissue and injected.

JAKE PETERS (40) stands 6 feet 170 pounds, with blue eyes and a grey beard, handsome but skinny. He bends over the toilet and vomits. Between vomiting, he takes a puff off the bong.

INT. BUS - DAY

Jake rides on a city bus. A passenger eats sunflower seeds, spits shells onto floor.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Jake looks skinny and weak as he walks to the clinic.

INT. CLINIC WAITING ROOM - DAY

Jake sits in a chair waiting. CLINIC NURSE calls.

MUSIC: ENDS

CLINIC NURSE
Jake.

INT. EXAM ROOM - DAY

Jake sits waiting. The HIV DOCTOR (40) woman, enters, sits.

HIV DOCTOR
(slowly and concerned)
Jake, you've lost another three pounds. Your T cells are below two hundred, so you now have AIDS.

Jake grimices.

Your hepatitis C titer is over 1 million. The interferon isn't working. Your liver enzymes are getting worse.

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JAKE
Great.

HIV DOCTOR
We're going take you off interferon and try a new combination therapy for your HIV.

Triple therapy is a promising new approach. I'm going to start PCP prophylaxis.

JAKE
(depressed)
OK.

EXT. LA APARTMENT - DAY

Jake walks up the stairs to his apartment and gets the mail. Walks to his apartment, stands at the door. Jake looks through the mail to find a foreclosure notice and a notice his disability insurance has run out.

JAKE
Oh, great.

INT. LA APARTMENT - DAY

Jake talks on the telephone, foreclosure notice in hand.

TELEPHONE VOICE (O.S.)
You're the worst businessman I've ever met.

Jake GROANS and looks sad. He hangs up the phone and goes to the kitchen. On the refrigerator hangs a picture of three women, one with her hand to her forehead in an L sign.(loser)

MARK (30) five-eleven, height/weight proportional, red bearded with dirty blond hair, enters.

MARK
I'm moving back to Kansas. My folks need me. I can't live in LA anymore.

INT. LA APARTMENT - DAY

Music: "Self-Righteous Suicide" - System of a Down

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Jake sits at the desk and writes a letter by hand. He breaks down and cries.

JAKE (V.O.)
I feel more like a liability than an asset. I've taken care of some of the arrangements.

I'm sorry I won't be around to help you pack. I really do love you. I'm sorry to leave you this way. It's for the best. I'm in the garage.

Jake grabs some tape, his car keys and walks out the door.

EXT. LA APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

Jake grabs the rolled-up hose. FADE TO BLACK.

INT. U-HAUL TRUCK - VERY BRIGHT - DAY - NOT FADE UP

Jake drives a U-Haul truck. He follows Mark who drives a packed '99 Acura. They drive through the California desert. Grezski, a wired hair fox terrier, sits in Jake's passenger's seat. Jake talks on the walky-talky to Mark.

MARK (O.S.)
I'm pulling over for gas in Barstow. This is where we pick up the I-40 all the way to Oklahoma.

JAKE
(neither happy nor sad)
OK.

EXT. GAS STATION - DAY

Jake and Mark talk next to a gas pump on a hot, busy Memorial Weekend. Thermometer shows 107°.

MARK
Molly and Dean are going to Taos for Memorial Weekend. They want to meet in New Mexico at Santa Rosas.

JAKE
(neither happy nor sad)
OK.

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INT. U-HAUL TRUCK / EXT. PARKING LOT - DAY

Jake and Mark drive to Santa Rosas, exit sign. They stop in a parking lot and to stretch and let the dog pee.

EXT. PARKING LOT - DAY

MARK
Just spoke with Molly. They're only a couple minutes away.

Jake holds a paper map.

MARK (CONT'D)
Molly and Dean are turning in!

Molly and Dean's minivan turns into the parking lot. Overweight MOLLY (35) has slightly curled dirty blond hair, just below shoulder. She becomes animated and loud.

DEAN (35) stands tall and thin but muscular. He wears long dark hair and a beard. They both get out of the car, Molly out of the driver's side.

MOLLY
Marky warky, I can't believe we are meeting in the middle of New Mexico! And how's my Jakie-wakie?

The friends hug all around.

DEAN
Hey Jake, how ya doin'?

JAKE
Better.

DEAN
Good. I brought some hamburger and fresh corn. We just need beer.

JAKE
I don't really eat hamburger or drink beer.

DEAN
Ok, we'll get some chicken.

JAKE
Ok.

Jake studies the map.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
There's a campground down by Sumner Lake, not too far from here.

DEAN
I saw a store just off the freeway, It's on the way, right?

JAKE
Yup.

INT. U-HAUL TRUCK / EXT. ROAD - DAY

They drive to Sumner Lake, find a spot to camp. They unload.

EXT. CAMPSITE - TWILIGHT

Jake sets up the croquet game. Dean takes care of the dinner. Molly sets up the van for sleeping. Jim sets up the tent. Mark and Molly sit together.

MOLLY
What are you and Jake going to do in Topeka?

MARK
Who knows? We are going to live in my parent's basement and help them get their house ready to sell.

MOLLY
What are you doing for money?

MARK
I don't know. Jake gets Social Security disability, six-thirty-eight per month. I'll try to find a job wherever we end up.

MOLLY
Why did you leave LA?

MARK
Everything was going wrong. Jake was sick. The noise was horrible. My boss, murdered a coworker!

I even found a suicide note from Jake. They foreclosed on his patent and his disability ran out.

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MOLLY
He's lost everything. Are you worried about him?

MARK
Well, ya! He seems to be doing OK now. They changed his psych meds.

He's still in shock over the loss of his patent.

MOLLY
Is Jake well enough to get a job?

MARK
Not yet, he is getting better! If Jake can work for one year, he can get back on the disability insurance if he's sick.

That's twenty-five-hundred bucks a month plus social security.

MOLLY
Can Jake work as a doctor again? He's been out for so long.

MARK
I don't know. He may try to get a residency. We'll see when we get more settled.

MOLLY
I predict Jake will have culture shock moving to the Midwest.

Mark nods. Mark's elbow on table, hand close to mouth.

MOLLY (CONT'D)
I like your matching rings.

Close of Mark's ring.

MARK
Jake and I are both water signs. My ring is waves on a lake. Jake's is storm clouds over a city.

Both water but different aspects of water. I think it reflects our natures. I'm calmer and Jake is full of thunder and lightning.

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EXT. CAMPSITE - MORNING

In the morning, they say their good-byes.

MOLLY
Marky Warky, why wub wu, you too Jakie-Wakie.

MARK
Have a good time in Taos. We'll see you both back in Oletha when we get settled and unpacked.

MOLLY
(she's saying bye)
Boo why ee.

Good-byes all around, hugs.

INT. CAR, UHAUL / EXT. ROAD - DAY

Mark and Jake drive over the Texas-Oklahoma line with an Oklahoma welcome sign. As they do, the road becomes very rough. The cup in the holder, shakes like an earthquake.

INTERCUT WALKY-TALKY CONVERSATION.

JAKE
Did you notice the ground turned red after we crossed the border with Oklahoma?

MARK
Oklahoma's the Red Earth State.

JAKE
That's unbelievable that it starts at the border like that. This lousy road started at the border, too.

Aerial view of car and U-Haul as they go down I-40 among fields of red dirt. Drive-by of Oklahoma City. Jake bumps along as they drive on Oklahoma's bad roads. As they cross the border with Kansas, the road becomes smooth.

MARK
Welcome to Kansas! Where the roads are smooth! You'll like this Kansas Turnpike, all the way to Topeka.

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INT. CAR / EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

Sign 'Topeka Capital City 156 miles.' Sign 'Topeka' off ramp.

EXT. MARK'S FATHER'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Mark and Jake turn into the driveway. Jake gets out of the truck with Grezski on a leash. Mark gets out of the Acura. They all go up to the door, and walk in.

INT. MARK'S FATHER'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The family comes and greets them at the door. Everyone gets hugs around. MARK'S FATHER (65) obese. MARK'S MOTHER (60) bobbed brown hair, normal weight.

MARK'S FATHER
Oh, you brought Gizzard.

MARK
Gizzard! Who's the little Gizz-gizz? Who's the little Gizz-gizz? That's you! That's you!

Grezski prances. Mark pets Grezski.

JAKE
Let me take him for a walk before we get situated, see if he'll poop.

The other three walk into the house, chatting. They leave Jake and Grezski in the foyer. Jake and Grezski exit.

EXT. MARK'S FATHER'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Jake and Grezski exit the house. Grezski takes a pee.

JAKE
Grezski, I'm really afraid for our family. What are we going to do?

Jake starts to cry as he hugs Grezski.

INT. MARK'S FATHER'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Jake comes in the house with Grezski, wipes his eyes.

MARK'S MOTHER
What are you two going to do?

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JAKE
I'm going to look for a residency in Kansas, Nebraska, or Missouri.

MARK
How about Oklahoma, it's close.

Jake grimaces.

MARK'S MOTHER
I'm sorry about your business, the surgical light glove, I think it's still a great idea.

JAKE
That crook JW Wilson foreclosed. He sued me for wages, when I caught him red handed being a crook. He cried! Then he sues me, frivolous!

I'm not paying patent fees. It will be public domain in 3 years. I have other plans.

INT. MARK'S FATHER'S BASEMENT - DAY

Jake works on the computer. Mark picks up laundry.

MARK
How's it going?

JAKE
I called residencies in Kansas and Kansas City, nothing. Davenport, Iowa has a residency. I'll call.

Jake calls.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Hello, I'm calling to see if you have any residency positions open after the match? Uh huh. Ok, thanks. (To Mark) Nope.

MARK
Have you tried Oklahoma?

JAKE
No not yet. Oh, my god, I really don't want to live in Oklahoma, but let me see what's available.

Jake, with resignation, makes a few keystrokes.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
There is a Family Medicine Residency in Enid, Oklahoma.

MARK
Try them! That's northern Oklahoma. It's closer to Kansas.

JAKE
OK.

Jake calls.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Hello, I'm calling to see if you have any residency positions available after the match? You do?

Jake nods at Mark, eyebrows raised.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Ok, I'll send my CV and a cover letter right away.

Jake hangs up the phone and smiles.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Humm.

INT. OU HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT

SUPER: Oklahoma City, University of Oklahoma Medical Center, October 2002

In the middle of a code, Jake does chest compressions. Jake's weight is normal (180 lbs). WAYNE (35) handsome, muscular and bearded, stands at the head of the bed.

Wayne intubates in one stroke. OU FAT NURSE (35) starts to bag. They move the defibrillation equipment into place.

WAYNE
Stop CPR...

Wayne puts the paddles on the man's bare chest.

WAYNE (CONT'D)
He's in v fib. Epi, one milligram. Get that epi in him! Get the paddles charged... Three hundred.

The OU BLOND NURSE (30) a petite, slim nurse administers the drug iv, through tubing.

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OU BLOND NURSE
Epi's in doctor.

WAYNE
Circulate it!

JAKE
(Rapidly)
One, two, three, four, five, six.

WAYNE
Clear!

Jake stands back. Wayne shocks the patient.

WAYNE (CONT'D)
Shit, he's still in v fib. Three sixty. Get another milligram of epi in him. Come on. Continue CPR.

Wayne steps back, assesses the situation, paddles in hand. Jake continues CPR.

JAKE
One, two, three, four, five...

OU FAT NURSE
Charging...360 Ready doctor.

Wayne puts the paddles back on the patient's chest.

WAYNE
Stop CPR. Still in v fib. Clear.

Jake steps back. Wayne shocks the patient again.

WAYNE (CONT'D)
Good! Now he's in sinus tach. Is he perfusing?

OU BLOND NURSE
Good cap refill, doctor.

WAYNE
What're his pulse and pressure?

OU FAT NURSE
Pulse one-forty-five, pressure...

The pressure gauge spins... pops on 185 over 112.

OU FAT NURSE (CONT'D)
One-eighty-five over one-twelve.

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Wayne puts the paddles back on the machine.

WAYNE
I don't like his rate or pressure.
Give him 50 metoprolol IV.

OU BLOND NURSE
Yes, doctor.

An areal camera swirls around the scene with Jake in the center CLOSE of face. He seems bewildered. Background sounds muffled, lights blurred.

WAYNE
Let's get him to the ICU!

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

The team runs the patient down to the ICU.

INT. ICU - NIGHT

They get to the ICU. Wayne and DR. POLLEN (50) tall, thin, glasses, talk in the background. Dr. Pollen, driven by his love of research, while not so fond of supervising residents.

DALE McCrety (35), a short, chiseled featured woman, with pointy hair, sits with Jake.

DALE
Will you take this patient or
should I.

JAKE
I'll take him. I've got to talk to
Wayne and see if he'll want some
amiodorone or something.

Dale's PAGER goes off. She pulls it off and looks at it.

DALE
It's the ER. I guess this one's
mine. I'll call down.

JAKE
OK, here comes Wayne.

Dale calls down to the ER.

WAYNE
We're starting an amiodorone drip.

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JAKE
How do we do that?

Wayne looks at his notes.

WAYNE
Load one fifty over ten minutes, then one milligram per minute for six hours, then point five per minute for eighteen hours.

DALE
We've got a woman with Congestive Heart Failure in the ER.

WAYNE
Tell me a story.

DALE
Sixty-two-year-old European American woman with edema to the knees, rales up half her lung fields.

Her B**N**P, over seven-hundred. (Emphasize the N.)

Apparently, she just decided to stop taking her meds.

WAYNE
She needs a psych consult. She's committing suicide.

DALE
(quickly)
Ok, psych consult. Good idea!

JAKE
Is there anything else you want written on Mr. Pickens?

WAYNE
Did you get the metoprolol and something for comfort?

JAKE
Got it. Metoprolol fifty milligram IV BID and morphine five milligram IV q two.

WAYNE
Good, we're done here. Let's go meet our new patient in the ER.

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INT. MEETING ROOM - MORNING

The room has 6 residents in white coats including Wayne, Dale and Jake.

DR POLLEN
And how's our ICU patient doing?

JAKE
He's had one, five beat run of v tach at four-thirteen. His pressure is stable in the one tens.

He's on an amiodarone drip, metoprolol iv and some morphine. His electrolytes look good.

DR POLLEN
And what about his respiratory status?

JAKE
He's on a ventilator now with vent settings, tidal volume six fifty, rate of fourteen, FIO two: forty percent.

DR POLLEN
Blood gasses?

Jake looks at his notes, on a ring of 3x5 cards.

JAKE
PH seven point four-three, CO two, twenty-six, O two sat ninety-three percent, base excess ten.

DR POLLEN
So, what did you do?

JAKE
What do you mean?

DR POLLEN
You should turn down his tidal volume.

WAYNE
I want to extubate him first thing after rounds. Dr. Peters, call up to the ICU right now and have his tidal volume changed to five-fifty.

Dr. Pollen looks pleased.

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DR POLLEN
What about our new CHFer?

DALE
Sixty-year-old European American woman with stage three congestive heart failure.

Took herself off her meds a week ago. We ordered a psych consult. Her electrolytes are good.

Her B**N**P was seven-fifty-five. She presented with edema to her knees and rales up half her lung fields.

Dr. Pollen is noticeably agitated at Dale.

DR POLLEN
What were her BUN and creatinine?

DALE
Fifty-five and two point eight.

DR POLLEN
And what did you do for her?

DALE
We gave her lasix with zaroxalyn.

DR POLLEN
And is she diuresing?

DALE
Yes, she has peed off about 2 liters. Her edema has improved and breathing more easily this morning.

DR POLLEN
Why do I have to get everything piecemeal out of you, Dr. McCredy?

Dale and Jake look bewildered.

INT. CAR - DAY

Mark drives the Acura on a bumpy road while Jake reads a book. Jake puts the book onto his lap.

JAKE
Oklahoma has an interesting history. The eastern half was Indian resettlement land.
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JAKE (CONT'D)
The Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole were force marched to Oklahoma during the...

...middle of winter from Georgia and the Carolinas to the Indian lands here.

MARK
That must have been terrible! It's basically ethnic cleansing and genocide.

JAKE
So, eastern Oklahoma was Indian territories until it became a state in 1907.

MARK
Why is it called the Sooner State?

JAKE
That's a great story, really sums up Oklahoma for me.

Jake settles into the seat.

JAKE (CONT'D)
There was a land rush in 1889, only whites could claim land.

Originally the whites wanted two states, but had to combine to form one state, in 1907.

Oklahoma state was made up of three parts with Indian Territories in the east.

Oklahoma lays in the center of the state. The Pan Handle, known as 'No Man's Land' in the west.

MARK
What about the Sooners?

JAKE
They're the ones who came early and set out stakes prior to the land rush day in 1889. They were called the Sooners.

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MARK
They were like the cheats who founded Oklahoma.

Jake shakes his head; yes

JAKE
You got it! It seems deranged to have your state motto based on people who cheated.

MARK
They were the founding fathers of Oklahoma, I suppose.

Jake nods his head in agreement. He makes a funny face.

INT. BIRTH ROOM - NIGHT

SEÑORA GOMEZ (20) lies on the birthing bed, feet in stirrups. Her HUSBAND (25) and SISTER (25) stand on each side. Señora Gomez screams and writhes.

The RESIDENT (30) an overweight woman, coaches a gowned Jake who, drapes the patient.

SEÑORA GOMEZ
DIOS MIO!

JAKE
Señora Gomez, no grita! Respira mas despacio! Ok, ahora ***empuje.***

Uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete, ocho, nueve, diez. Respira. Otra vez.

Jake grabs another drape for under the butt.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Señora, levantase su cola!

The sister, husband and patient all stop, to look at Jake.

SISTER
You just said raise your ass!

Jake doesn't stop.

JAKE
Levantase abajo!

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SEÑORA GOMES
DIOS MIO!

She raises her butt. Jake places the drape under her.

RESIDENT
The baby has late decels. We need to get it out! (To the nurse) Get Dr. Peters a scalp suction unit.

The nurse hands Resident the device.

RESIDENT (CONT'D)
What you do is get this suction cup around the baby's head, no cervix. You pump it up to hold a seal.

You can see the green, yellow and red sections. Here comes the next contraction.

You just apply firm straight line pull to move this baby down!

Jake takes the device and manipulates into place.

SEÑORA GOMEZ
DIOS MIO!

JAKE
No grita! Empuja! Uno, dos, tres...

SISTER AND HUSBAND
Tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete, ocho, nueve, diez.

Jake pulls on the suction device.

RESIDENT
Pull harder with the next contraction. We need to get that baby out!

If the baby goes down for another late decel we'll have to cut.

Jake pulls again with all his might. The suction device slides down, Jake stumbles, and reveals the top of the suction device with baby's scalp, on the perineum.

RESIDENT (CONT'D)
Pull!

Jake pulls the head out.

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RESIDENT (CONT'D)
Check for cord.

JAKE
Two cords around the neck. Reduced.

RESIDENT
OK, deliver the shoulder. Be ready to catch!

Jake delivers the shoulder and the baby.

RESIDENT (CONT'D)
Clamp off the cord and cut it. Save some cord blood. Hand the baby off to the pediatricians.

Good job Dr. Peters. You still have the placenta to deliver.

Jake stands and waits. He pulls on the placenta until it breaks loose with a gush of blood. Jake puts his arm in the uterine cavity up to his elbow.

Jake takes off his gown and throws it in the garbage with his gloves. He still wears the surgical hat.

JAKE
I'll go write her transfer orders.

RESIDENT
Peds (peeds) puts the baby info in the book. Use that to get the baby transferred.

JAKE
OK.

INT. OB URGENT CARE - NIGHT

Dale, Jake and a nurse sit and wait for a patient, when PREGNANT WOMAN (20) walks in.

PREGNANT WOMAN
I think that I might be having contractions.

DALE
Has your water broken?

PREGNANT WOMAN
I don't think so.

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Dale signals to the patient to follow the nurse.

DALE
Follow the nurse she'll get you hooked up. (to Jake) I can't seem to get the deliveries around here.

JAKE
You just have to be more aggressive, Dale.

DALE
They take the deliveries from me! I'll follow the patient from here, get there, work with the patient.

At the end, the resident jumps in and makes a heroic delivery. They don't even let me sew.

JAKE
Why's that? I think it's mean.

Any family medicine doctor needs to learn that skill. This is the best place to learn.

DALE
I don't think that they like me here. It's OB residents, med students and family practice interns, in that order.

JAKE
Are you going to that intern retreat? Maybe you could say something there.

I've been on rotations with you for three months now and you always seem to get the crap.

I think that some attendings, like Dr. Pollen, are actually hostile.

DALE
What am I doing wrong?

JAKE
You know your medicine, because you teach me quite a bit. I've been away from medicine for ten years.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
I've noticed your presentations aren't in the expected order.

Use SOAP note format: Subjective, Objective, Assessment and Plan.

Bark out the note, don't shy away from it. Don't pause long enough to let them ask a question.

You, with a flair, will answer their questions eventually as you finish your presentation.

Everything gets covered in a nice, fast and reproducible order.

DALE
I could use a coach right now.

JAKE
I'll help you. I'll show you how I do my notes and how to give a presentation off the notes.

Jake shows his filing system: a ring with colored 3X5 cards.

JAKE (CONT'D)
This will help you keep organized and answer any questions they have.

As the patient stays in the hospital you just add more cards. Then you have a complete history in your hands.

DALE
The faculty are mean. You're like my only friend. Are you taking Marcy to the intern retreat?

Jake becomes nervous. Eye movements.

JAKE
Uh, ya. It will be good for her to meet other intern's spouses. Are you bringing someone?

DALE
Ya, a friend of mine.

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INT. LODGE - DAY

All the interns (20 in total) (all white 1/3 women) sit with their spouses except Jake, and Dale who sits next to SUE CONNER (25). Sue Connor, overweight, has long blond hair.

Dr. Pollen checks his clipboard. DR HIGHTOWER, (50) 5'10" greying beard, compassionate, sits in the front.

DR POLLEN
Jake, where is your wife, Marcy?

JAKE
Her father fell last night and he, (cough) she went to be with him in Topeka. I'm waiting for a call now.

DR POLLEN
I see. Dale, you brought a friend.

DALE
This is my friend Sue Conner.

SUE CONNOR
(enthusiastically)
Hi, everyone!

Unenthusiastic hellos from the residents. Sue Conner, underwhelmed by the response becomes somber, sits back.

DR POLLEN
Good, all the rest of you brought your spouses. I'd like to say to you all that medicine is a demanding job.

You are entering a life of call and long hours. We'll break the spouses from the interns for a special group discussion.

The interns will remain here and will be led by Dr. Hightower to discuss issues about the wards, call schedules and vacations.

Dr. Hightower gets up and takes a few steps to the mic.

DR HIGHTOWER
Thank you, Dr. Pollen.

Dr. Hightower and Dr. Pollen shake hands. Spouses leave.

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INT. HOSPITAL SLEEP ROOM/JAKE'S HOME - NIGHT

Jake, in the sleep room, talks on the cell phone.

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION.

JAKE
Mark, I just can't take being closeted here. I've never lived in the closet before.

MARK
Things are, well, different here.

JAKE
I know what they are doing to my gay colleague. They're mean.

I work with her daily. She is way more knowledgeable than I am, but she gets put down all the time.

POV on Mark.

JAKE (CONT'D)
I don't want to live a lie. It doesn't feel very good especially right now.

I can hide and lie that I'm straight, but Dale can't.

She's outing herself and I'm afraid to help her.

MARK
Don't come out until you finish a year. You could get your disability insurance back if you need it.

INT. MEETING ROOM - DAY

The resident team consists of 6 residents including Dale and Jake. Dr. Pollen leads the group for morning rounds.

Dale has her ring of 3x5 cards of different colors.

DR POLLEN
Dr. McCrety, you have a patient?

Dale looks at her notes.

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DALE
Yes! Ms. Coffey is a sixty-two year old European American woman. She came in due to edema and shortness of breath.

POV Dr Pollen looks mean.

DALE (CONT'D)
She was orthopneic on presentation. She was tachypneic with a breathing rate of twenty-four.

We raised the head of the bed so she could breathe more easily. Her edema was pitting to the knees.

POV Jake looks supportive.

She had a marked S three in a gallop. Her lung fields had rales up half her chest.

Dale stops, turns the page confidently. Close of Dr. Pollen who looks angry.

DALE (CONT'D)
She doesn't have a heart scan history. Assessment and plan. New onset CHF. We diuresed her with lasix and zaroxolyn.

We've ordered an echocardiagram for today. She has already peed off two liters. We are replacing her potassium PO seven-fifty TID.

Dale puts down the ring of 3x5 cards.

DR POLLEN
Well, Doctor McCrety, that was a much improved presentation. It answered all my questions.

However, doctors must know their patients values in their heads. I will not allow you to use cards again...No one can use cards again.

Dale and Jake look at each other. The others baffled.

JAKE
But, Dr. Pollen....

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INT. HOSPITAL WARD STATION - DAY

Jake and Dale write in charts.

DALE
Dr. Sparkle called me into her office this afternoon.

Dale looks worried and starts to cry.

JAKE
Dale, what is it?

DALE
I think they are going to fire me.

JAKE
What! You have been doing great in pediatrics. Shit, you know a lot more than I do.

You even like children! You can deal with the mothers. Ugh. They're the worst.

DALE
Ever since that retreat they all have been treating me differently. They are vicious.

I think they are going to fire me. What will I do with three-quarters of an internship?

JAKE
No, no they aren't.

INT. JAKE'S OKC APARTMENT - DAY

Jake comes home to Mark and Grezski.

JAKE
MARK!

MARK
Ya. In here.

JAKE
(excitedly)
Oh my god, they fired Dale today!

MARK
Why? What happened?

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JAKE
They said she wasn't up to the standards of an intern. They wouldn't give her examples.

MARK
She's your gay intern friend that you haven't come out to?

JAKE
Mark, I've never lived in the closet. I hate it. I'm just half a person. It's hurting me.

With this happening to Dale, what am I supposed to think... if I were to come out.

I tried to help her, (breaking down) I tried to help her. She was way smarter than me. I'm worried.

MARK
They haven't said anything to you and you've been passing all your rotations.

JAKE
You don't understand, 36 hour shifts, clinic and the respons-ibility. It's really getting to me. Now this.

Jake calms down.

JAKE (CONT'D)
The closet isn't for me. I don't like you being Marcy. It's a lie and I have a hard time with that.

MARK
You only need to work for another 3 months and it will be a year. How about you come out when you finish in Oklahoma City and start in Enid.

JAKE
There is one faculty member, Dr. Randy, who I'm pretty sure is gay.

It's rumored he has a boyfriend in pediatrics.

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MARK
Now look, you got a brotha' on the faculti.

JAKE
I don't know how out he is.

INT. FACULTY OFFICE - DAY

Jake enters the cubicle with a knock. Camera pans the desk of DOCTOR RICHARD RANDY (40) (name plate). He is about 6 feet tall, dark hair, slender and somewhat effeminate.

JAKE
Dr. Randy?

DOCTOR RANDY
Yes, come in Dr. Peters.

They shake hands over the desk.

DOCTOR RANDY (CONT'D)
What can I do for you today?

Jake takes a deep breath.

JAKE
OK, I'm just going to say it. I'm gay. I've been married to Mark Peters for eight years.

Doctor Randy recoils.

DOCTOR RANDY
And why are you telling this to me?

JAKE
Because you are gay? I can't live in the closet anymore.

Doctor Randy continues in recoil during an awkward silence. He relaxes, stands up to look around, then sits.

DOCTOR RANDY
(in a whisper)
I try to keep it on the down low.

JAKE
(whisper)
I haven't had to live in the closet before. I can't live my life as a lie any more.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
People are just going to have to deal with me as an out gay man with a husband.

Dr. Randy looks shocked.

DOCTOR RANDY
I think you are going to have a rough road. People in Oklahoma are not very friendly to gays. This is the buckle of the Bible belt.

JAKE
Ya, I've heard that.

DOCTOR RANDY
I think you're lucky to go to Enid.

JAKE
Why?

DOCTOR RANDY
Doctor Orudius is known for being liberal and his chief nurse Maggie, too.

JAKE
When people in Enid ask me if I'm married, I'm going to say; yes to Mark Peters!

Dr. Randy winces.

INT. CAR - DAY.

Mark drives the Acura while Jake makes out a list. They drive on a bumpy road. They hit a big bump.

JAKE
Jesus, these roads. To make gobbledy goop we need spaghetti, turkey, celery, olives and cheddar.

MARK
Put down milk, juice and salad.

JAKE
I want the organic milk in paper cartons and I won't eat lettuce.

MARK
Seriously? Why won't you eat lettuce?

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JAKE
I heard about a guy in Hawaii who ate raw organic lettuce. A slug got chopped into it and he got liver flukes.

Mark rolls his eyes.

MARK
That's why you don't eat lettuce? What does the Baptist Bible College sign say today?

Jake looks out the window. They drive by the sign.

JAKE
God, Guns and Gays?! God bless these guns we are about to use on gay people?

MARK
Sounds very spiritual. Like Jesus would ever own a gun or vote Republican.

JAKE
I know! We live in the buckle of the Bible belt. I've heard it and heard it and heard it.

A society that believes five-thousand year old morality, and don't believe in science.

Jake rolls his eyes and groans.

MARK
If someone wants to believe something, it's their choice. Don't legislate your supposed morality, onto me!

JAKE
In LA, gays were another minority among minorities. Here gays are feared and hated. It's palpable.

MARK
Ya, like that Baptist College sign.

INT. DR. ORUDIUS'S OFFICE - DAY

SUPER: Enid, Oklahoma - October 2003

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Dr. EARL ORUDIUS (55) Tall, slender, grey blond hair. Earl and Jake sit across a desk in an office filled with books.

EARL ORUDIUS
Now that you are starting with us in Enid, you are going to take call every third night.

There are only three residents, so you're on-call every third weekend.

You have to admit each patient in the ER. Here's your pager.

Jake takes pager.

JAKE
OK.

EARL ORUDIUS
You have clinic four days a week except Thursday which is continuing medical education.

JAKE
OK.

EARL ORUDIUS
You have to deliver your own OB patients whenever they deliver. Anything else?

JAKE
Well, there is one thing.

EARL ORUDIUS
Yes?

Jake takes a breath. Jake acts fidgety and nervous.

JAKE
There is one thing. I'm gay and I want to come out.

Dr. Orudius raises his eyebrows and sits back.

JAKE (CONT'D)
I'm married to a wonderful man, Mark Peters. He's been Marcy my whole internship.

I just can't keep living that lie. I want to come out and be who I really am to people.

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EARL ORUDIUS
I see. I personally am OK with that, but I don't know how others will take it. We live in the buckle of the Bible belt.

Jake rolls his eyes.

JAKE
I've heard that before. Doctor Orudius, I can't live that closeted lifestyle anymore. It's hurting me more than you can imagine.

Dr. Orudius puts his hand on his forehead and thinks.

EARL ORUDIUS
I believe you Jake. I know you're from California. I'm sure things are quite different for you here.

JAKE
Ya, there are no minorities here. Everyone's white! I was shocked coming from LA.

Now when people ask me if I'm married, I'm going to say, yes, to Mark Peters.

Dr. Orudius grimaces.

EARL ORUDIUS
I might be careful. Don't just tell anyone. You may risk your own personal safety.

JAKE
Great.

INT. OB WARD DESK - DAY

Jake sits at the ward desk when the nurse anesthetist MERLE (40), male, blond and fat, walks up. ENID DELIVERY NURSE (30) woman, chubby, sits near Jake.

MERLE
Hi, I'm Merle Gribble. You must be the new resident.

JAKE
Yes, I'm Doctor Peters.

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MERLE
What do we have here?

JAKE
Twenty-one year old, first baby. She has gestational diabetes and the baby's large.

She's been in labor 7 hours and the baby has only progressed to zero station.

Now the baby's heart tracing has gone non-variable. I've called it. We're waiting for Dr. Orudius.

MERLE
I put her epidural in earlier. I'll check on her.

Merle leaves and Dr. Orudius walks up.

JAKE
Hi Doctor Orudius.

EARL ORUDIUS
Hello Doctor Peters. How's she doin'?

JAKE
She's tired and so's the baby. The heart tracing has gone non-variable.

EARL ORUDIUS
We need to get that baby out. I just saw Merle go into her room. Is he getting her ready?

JAKE
He's checking on her level of anesthesia.

INT. OPERATING ROOM - DAY

They wheel the patient into the operating room and prep.

EARL ORUDIUS
Scalpel.

The incision is made through the skin and fat.

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The uterus is exposed at the uterine neck and cut. Amniotic fluid gushes out. Suction.

Jake delivers the baby. Jake clamps and cuts the cord. Jake hands off the new born. Placenta delivered.

Doctor Orudius holds edges together. Far away view. Jake staples the skin closed.

JAKE
I'll go write orders.

EARL ORUDIUS
Remember the Ancef for 3 days.

JAKE
Got it.

INT. OB WARD DESK - DAY

Jake, back at the desk, writes orders. Merle walks up.

MERLE
How long have you lived in Enid?

JAKE
We just moved here last month.

MERLE
Where did you come from?

JAKE
We moved here from Oklahoma City where I did my internship. Before that we lived in LA.

MERLE
So you're married?

JAKE
Yes, I'm married to Mark Peters. I'm gay.

Merle recoils in disgust and shock.

MERLE
Eewww!

The OB Nurse looks at Merle like he's weird.

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INT. ACURA - DAY

Mark drives, Jake the passenger. The road is very bad.

JAKE
Man, this road.

MARK
That's Oklahoma roads for ya'.

JAKE
Do you know that Oklahoma doesn't have sexual orientation in their non-discrimination language.

MARK
How do you know this stuff?

JAKE
That makes it legal to discriminate against gay people!

MARK
Where do we live? The buckle of the Bible Belt.

Jake rolls eyes.

INT. OB WARD DESK - DAY

Merle sits while Enid Delivery Nurse stands.

MERLE
Did you know Doctor Peters is gay?

ENID DELIVERY NURSE
Yes, I heard him say it when you did. You were all freaked out.

I've also seen and heard that he's a really good doc.

He really works with his patients. He speaks Spanish!

MERLE
You know the Bible condemns homosexuality!

ENID DELIVERY NURSE
So what?

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MERLE
Don't you know that he will burn in eternal hell?

The nurse rolls her eyes.

NURSE 2
I suggest you stop bothering him in this life, if his next life will be so crappy!

INT. JAKE'S ENID BEDROOM - NIGHT

Jake and Mark sleep together, Grezski on the bed. Jake's PAGER goes off. He turns on the light and looks at his pager. He calls. OPERATOR (60), female answers.

OPERATOR (O.S.)
Saint Mary's, can I help you?

JAKE
Doctor Peters answering a page.

OPERATOR (O.S.)
Let me put you through to the ER, doctor. Just a moment.

JAKE
Thank you.

INT. ST. MARY'S ER - NIGHT

Doctor Ogle (50) tall, red hair, in a white coat with tie.

DOCTOR OGLE
Doctor Ogle.

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION.

JAKE
Doctor Peters returning a page.

DOCTOR OGLE
We have a baby from the Church of the First Born here for you.

JAKE
What's the story?

DOCTOR OGLE
You have to get down here and see.

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JAKE
Ugh. Ok.

INT. ST. MARY'S ER ROOM - NIGHT

Four family members fill the ER room. Jake wears scrubs. A dead baby lies on the exam table. Jake feels concern at first then becomes angry.

JAKE
This baby is dead. What happened?

FATHER
Little Sarah had a fever and cough.

MOTHER
(quickly)
We prayed over her like it says in the Bible.

JAKE
Why didn't you bring her in earlier?

FATHER
We don't believe in medicine. We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit.

JAKE
(agitated)
You see how that worked out!

Your daughter would still be alive if you would have used twenty dollars worth of antibiotics!

MOTHER
That's not our way. We use prayer.

JAKE
Look what prayer got you, a dead daughter! Take her to the morgue!

Jake points, 45 degrees, noticeably angry.

INT. SAINT MARY'S ER DOCTOR DESK - NIGHT

Jake and Doctor Ogle sit at the desk.

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JAKE
What's wrong with these people?
That baby should still be alive.

DOCTOR OGLE
They're Church of the First Born.
They bring'm in dead all the time.

JAKE
Do they prosecute the parents?

DOCTOR OGLE
No. They have freedom of religion
here. There are lots of antivaxxers
here, too!

JAKE
Letting your child die like that
should be a crime! That baby
couldn't make a choice to follow
their stupid religion.

DOCTOR OGLE
Freedom of religion is just a
license to get away with anything.

INT. ENID HOUSE DESK - DAY

Jake sits at the computer. Mark lays in bed.

JAKE
I just don't understand it. They
will protect the rights of people
who kill their children, but not
protect the rights of gay people.

MARK
What are you going to do about it?
Oh my God, what have I just said?

Mark panics.

JAKE
I'll write up a flyer and go to the
Capitol to talk with legislators
about changing that language.

MARK
What have I done?

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INT. OKLAHOMA CAPITOL BUILDING - DAY

Jake comes into the Capitol. He's dressed nicely, in a coat and tie. He looks at the name and room number board. 'House Democratic Leader: John Goodenough.' Jake walks to the office and enters with a knock.

INT. REPRESENTATIVE GOODENOUGH'S OUTER OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Two INTERNS sit in the fore office.

JAKE
Is Mister Goodenough in?

INTERN
Right there.

Intern points. Jake walks to office, knocks on open door.

INT. MR. GOODENOUGH'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

GOODENOUGH (45) stands six feet, thin, black hair and no facial hair. He sits behind a little desk, in an office filled with boxes. Goodenough stands and extends his hand.

JAKE
Mister Goodenough?

GOODENOUGH
Yes, come in.

JAKE
Mister Goodenough, hi, I'm Doctor Jake Peters.

GOODENOUGH
Nice to meet you, Doctor... Peters?

They shake hands over the rickety desk. They both sit. He pulls out a flyer.

JAKE
(boldly)
I'm here to promote that sexual orientation be added to the state's non-discrimination language.

Goodenough sits back.

GOODENOUGH
(smugly)
I could never support that.

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Jake in shock, looks around the office.

JAKE
You're the Democrat right?

GOODENOUGH
Yes, but my constituents would never go for that.

JAKE
So it's OK with you that gay people are discriminated against?

Goodenough just sits and stares.

JAKE (CONT'D)
I had a dead baby come to me in the emergency room from the Church of the First Born. They prayed their baby to death!

Is that protected in Oklahoma?

GOODENOUGH
Freedom of religion, it's in the constitution.

JAKE
There is freedom from religion. Part of your freedom includes the right to discriminate against gays?

GOODENOUGH
You know if you were black or Jewish, you might need that language, which is in there.

Being gay is a perverted lifestyle choice.

Jake gets angry.

JAKE
Being gay is not a choice! Anyone with half a brain knows that!

GOODENOUGH
It's majority rule anyway.

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GOODENOUGH (CONT'D)
The majority of Oklahomans don't want to put sexual orientation in the non-discrimination language.

JAKE
So, in Oklahoma it's legal to fire someone or not hire someone simply because they are gay?

Yet it's legal to sacrifice your children on the alter of religion!?

GOODENOUGH
We'd have to have quotas.

JAKE
So the majority has the right to take away my rights?!

Goodenough just stares at him.

JAKE (CONT'D)
It kind'a sounds like tyranny by the majority.

Jake chants and hits his fists on the rickety desk.

JAKE (CONT'D)
TYRANNY BY THE MAJORITY!
TYRANNY BY THE MAJORITY.

GOODENOUGH
I think you better leave.

Goodenough stands and makes shooing motions to Jake, who walks out. Goodenough closes the door. Jake turns around unsatisfied. He pounds on the door with his fists and chants.

JAKE
TYRANNY BY THE MAJORITY!
TYRANNY BY THE MAJORITY!
TYRANNY BY THE MAJORITY!

Jake turns around to find the two interns in shock.

JAKE (CONT'D)
(to interns)
Gay people deserve equal rights!

INT. OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA - DAY

Jake slides the (20) flyers into the garbage.

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INT. JAKE'S ENID HOUSE - DAY

Jake and Mark sit at the kitchen table.

MARK
I've met a threesome in Oklahoma City, Brad Cunningham and his boyfriends Kevin and Luis.

I said we'd have dinner with them this weekend when you're off call.

JAKE
Ok. Nice to get out of Enid.

INT. OB WARD DESK - DAY

Jake sits with two nurses, Enid Delivery Nurse and ENID OB NURSE MAKE-UP (40) Caucasian who wears too much make-up.

ENID DELIVERY NURSE
Merle is all freaked out that you're gay.

ENID OB NURSE MAKE-UP
He says you're going to hell.

JAKE
You mean he's just saying that to anyone who will listen?

ENID OB NURSE MAKE-UP
Pretty much. He's saying that good Christians should shun you.

ENID DELIVERY NURSE
That's ridiculous, you're one of my favorite doctors.

You're so open and friendly. You're so good with the patients and their families.

ENID OB NURSE MAKE-UP
What difference does it make to me who **you** love. It's better to live an open life.

ENID DELIVERY NURSE
Most the nurses support you. There are a few though who don't.

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JAKE
And those who don't, what?
Will the nurses stop doing their job, stop taking my orders or should they quit? Just asking.

INT. JAKE'S ENID LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Jake and Mark eat dinner.

MARK
Did you read the news? This election there is a one man one woman marriage constitutional amendment.

JAKE
I'm so sure that is going to pass, people here are so anti-gay.

MARK
Really, what makes you say that? We have some good friends, especially your faculty who support us.

JAKE
But they are way in the minority.

The Residency Recruiter, Tracy, did say that she has changed her attitude toward gay people because of us being out.

MARK
She sees how normal we are.

JAKE
But people can't see that, if people don't come out! Gays are so afraid to come out here.

Obviously, for good reasons. That's not freedom!

MARK
Like Jack.

JAKE
Or like I was doing in Oklahoma City? Who is that really good for?

The house of cards will eventually come falling down.
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JAKE (CONT'D)
That's what happened with Jack when his wife found emails. Then a family destroyed in 'shame.'

Jake makes air quotes.

MARK
Jack got Chuck and Matt involved, blamed it on them and now they're mad at Jack, too.

JAKE
There are severe consequences for being found out.

That's why I would rather be out, then it's on them.

MARK
He might lose his job if they can't keep this under wraps.

JAKE
Jesus, so frickin' ridiculous.

INT. JAKE'S ENID HOUSE DESK - DAY

Jake at the computer makes flyers.

JAKE (V.O.)
Vote no on Question 2: Don't let Question 2 write discrimination into the constitution. Vote no on Question 2.

Jake prints one off and hands Mark the sample.

JAKE
I'd like to hand these out at the polling place.

MARK
It's illegal to get within like fifty feet of a polling place with those, you could be arrested.

JAKE
I have to do something. This is terrible.

Jake and Mark walk to the living room couch, sit, snuggle.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
(nostalgic) We got married in a Methodist Church by a Methodist Minister in Tucson.

MARK
(nostalgic)
Lucy. When the Schumaker-Levi comets were crashing into Jupiter.

JAKE
I changed my name to yours and became Doctor Peters.

But we still do not have myriad rights like we would if we could be legally married.

INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Jake and Mark sit with BRAD Cunningham (35) 6'4" morbidly obese. KEVIN (45) 5'9" obese, is a shorter version Brad with greying hair. LUIS (30) Hispanic, hairy, chubby. They all wear beards.

They sit together and barely squeeze around a table. Brad wears an OU sweat-shirt with 'Sooners' on the front.

MARK
(to Jake)
Brad is a painter. He says there's a painting class starting up. I think I'd like to try.

JAKE
What kind of paintings do you do?

BRAD
(high voice)
Mostly, like landscapes, prairie landscapes.

Brad flips a limp wrist.

JAKE
You certainly have a lot of inspiration around here.

Jake CLEARS HIS THROAT and gives perplexed look.

JAKE (CONT'D)
What are you guys doing about Question 2?

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BRAD
What do you mean?

JAKE
Are you guys calling people or protesting?

BRAD
No, I don't get involved in politics. You can mark my words, Question 2 will pass.

JAKE
You don't vote?

BRAD
No, never have.

JAKE
You either?

KEVIN
Nope.

Luis stares. Jake rolls his eyes and shakes his head.

EXT. OUTSIDE VOTING PLACE, A CHURCH - NIGHT

Close up on Jake's flyer. He takes the stack and puts it in his pocket and goes into the polling place, a white church.

Jake comes out of the building wearing an "I voted" sticker. He goes to the designated area and tries to pass out his fliers. REDNECK PIECE OF SHIT 1 walks by.

JAKE
Vote no on question 2, it legalizes discrimination into the state constitution.

REDNECK PIECE OF SHIT 1
Two dudes or two chicks marrying each other, that's disgusting.

JAKE
Vote no on question 2, don't legalize discrimination. It will be overturned as unconstitutional.

Jake tries to hand out fliers but no one takes them. REDNECK PIECE OF SHIT 2 walks up.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
Vote no on question 2, it legalizes discrimination into the state constitution.

REDNECK PIECE OF SHIT 2
Next a man can marry his horse.

JAKE
That doesn't even make sense.

REDNECK PIECE OF SHIT 2
(threateningly)
Make sense of this, two men able to marry, not in Oklahoma!

JAKE
What happened to Liberty and Justice for All?

REDNECK PIECE OF SHIT 2
You faggots don't deserve equal justice! You're an abomination!

Jake makes a facial gestures and ignores him.

JAKE
Vote no on question 2, it legalizes discrimination into the state constitution.

Jake continues to hand out fliers. Nobody takes them.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Vote no on question 2.

INT. DR. ORUDIUS' OFFICE - DAY

Doctor Orudius, Jake and HIRAM (55), scoliosis, Jew, with medallions, the little hat and a long scraggly beard. They sit and talk.

EARL ORUDIUS
Jake, Hiram and I have been wondering; you have 6 months until graduation. Have you thought about practice options?

JAKE
I'm talking about taking over a practice in Woodward or maybe join a practice in Ponca City.

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HIRAM
Ponca City has the oil refinery and Woodward has a lot of cattle and hog farming.

They could probably really use your Spanish in Woodward.

JAKE
I'm training myself for emergency medicine, by taking rotations in anesthesia and intensive care.

EARL ORUDIUS
Personally, I feel Ponca City has a strange medical community.

JAKE
I like Ponca City, but Woodward is a full practice to just step into. I'm going to check them both out.

INT. MEETING ROOM - DAY

SUPER: Woodward, Oklahoma

Five doctors, a suited guy, sit in the lecture hall. DR. NGUYEN (45) Vietnamese American and Jake sit in front. DR. HINTAO (60) of Chinese descent. Each have a salad, one extra.

DR. NGUYEN
(midwest accent)
You know me, I'm Dr. Nguyen. This is Doctor Peters. He is interested in purchasing my practice and wanted to meet the docs in town.

The doctors are of various shapes, ages and sexes. As each doctor's name is called out they give a little wave.

DR. NGUYEN (CONT'D)
Doctor Summers, ob/gyn; Doctor Hintao, Internal Medicine; Doctor Chiang, family practice, with OB;

Doctor Juzwiak, urology; Doctor Smart, physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Doctor Charles, the surgeon isn't here. Steven Pearl's the administrator.

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JAKE
Hi, thanks for coming. I appreciate the collegial attitude.

Everyone came out! I want to start by introducing myself, I'm Jake Peters.

I'd like to say up front I'm gay and married to Mark Peters. We want an open life here in Woodward.

Dr. Hintao quickly stands up.

DR. HINTAO
We don't like your kind around here! We're Christians!

JAKE
Look we got married in a Methodist Church with a Methodist Minister. We're Christians, too.

Dr. Hintao, snubs her nose and walks out. The other doctors slowly follow her. DR. CHARLES (60) Caucasian man, comes in.

DR. CHARLES
What? Did I miss it?

JAKE
I don't think anyone is staying for the entrée.

DR. HINTAO
He's gay.

Jake looks angry.

DR. CHARLES
Oh, I see.

JAKE
Aren't you supposed to be educated?

INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

Jake sits in DR. BLACK's (50) patient room. Dr. Black is five-feet-seven inches, height weight proportional. She wears a shoulder under roll hairstyle.

Dr. Black walks in. She talks slowly. She looks away and stares as she talks.

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JAKE
Hi Doctor Black.

DR. BLACK
Hi Jake.

She opens the paper chart.

DR. BLACK (CONT'D)
Your T cells are five-fifty and you've been undetectable for two years now. So you're doing very well. How do you feel?

JAKE
Physically, I'm doing great. I'm working out occasionally and try to eat good meals at home.

However, emotionally, I'm on burn out from Oklahoma homophobia.

DR. BLACK
There are good people here, too. You just need to look for them.

JAKE
Like a diamond in a sea of sand.

INT. MEETING ROOM - DAY

SUPER: Ponca City, Oklahoma

Jake and physician recruiter HASKIL (40), overweight, sit together in a meeting room.

HASKIL
We're so glad you're considering Ponca City to locate.

This Via Christi hospital in Ponca City is sister hospital to the Via Christi hospital in Wichita.

We are Catholic hospitals. Our HR Director is Sister Mary. You'll meet her. Let's, let's start.

They get up to leave.

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INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Pictures of the doctors on-staff fill the wall. They walk down the hall and stop at the pictures. Haskel pushes elevator button.

HASKIL (CONT'D)
We have twenty-five physicians on-staff, three surgeons. The hospital has 55 beds and an ICU. Here is the elevator.

They step into the elevator.

INT. ELEVATOR - DAY

HASKIL
The ER is double covered during the day. Here're the rooms.

INT. SECOND FLOOR HOSPITAL - DAY

They step out of the elevator. Jake looks into a hospital room full of patients.

HASKIL
Here's the ward clerk's desk. We stay at almost eighty percent capacity, we're busy.

JAKE
Uh huh.

HASKIL
Let's go this way. We can meet the administrator. Here's Sister Mary!

SISTER MARY (55) short, rotund woman in a habit.

HASKIL (CONT'D)
Sister Mary, this is Doctor Jake Peters. He'd like to locate in Ponca City.

SISTER MARY
Hello Dr. Peters, we're so glad you feel that way.

We do have a need for more docs in Ponca City. I've spoken with Doctor Orudius about you.

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Sister Mary gives a thumbs up sign. She looks down at Jake's hand. Close of ring.

SISTER MARY (CONT'D)
You're married? What's your wife's name?

Jake hesitates. He shifts his eyes. Smiles fakely.

JAKE
Marcy.

SISTER MARY
Any children?

JAKE
No.

SISTER MARY
We are a strong family values community. The Church plays a large role, here in Ponca City.

For example, we don't allow abortions in our ORs.

We do not allow sterilizations such as tubal ligation or vasectomies.

Jake holds back an eye roll, shifts his eyes.

JAKE
Do you allow circumcisions?

SISTER MARY
Yes?

JAKE
That's too bad. I don't do them. Maybe you should consider banning male genital mutilation.

Haskil and Sister Mary get uncomfortable.

HASKIL
Let's meet the CEO, Paul O'Malley.

Haskil and Jake get out of the elevator, walk toward office. plate: Paul O'Malley, Administration. They enter.

INT. SECRETARY'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Secretary PEGGY (40) slim, stands and points the way.

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HASKIL
Morning Peggy.

PEGGY
Good morning everyone.

She waves. Haskil knocks on the inner door.

INT. O'MALLEY'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

They walk into a big office with a wall of windows. Behind the desk sits PAUL (50) obese. He rises to shake hands. He pries himself out of the seat.

PAUL
You must be Doctor Peters. I'm Paul, Paul O'Malley.

Paul gestures to sit.

PAUL (CONT'D)
Please, sit down. We're glad you're considering Ponca City. We need another family medicine doc.

JAKE
Thanks. You all have been very cordial and the hospital seems well staffed. There is one thing...

Suspenseful pause.

PAUL
Yes?

Suspenseful pause. Jake looks nervous.

JAKE
I'm on the Physician Manpower Training Program.

PAUL
Yes, I'm familiar with that.

JAKE
I'm 6 months from graduation. The community that I select will pay the scholarship for 6 months.

HASKIL
Tha'd be no problem. One of our community docs, Julie Beeker, wants to meet you after our tour.

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They all shake hands and walk out of the office.

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Jake and Haskil walk to the conference room.

INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Haskil and Jake enter. JULIE BEEKER (40) sits, not fat, but a big woman with long brown hair. She stands up as the two enter. She extends her hand, first to Haskill then to Jake.

JULIE
Mr. Haskil. (to Jake) You must be Doctor Peters? I'm Julie Beeker.

JAKE
(enthusiastically)
I am! Nice to meet you, Julie. May I call you Julie?

JULIE
Of course.

There is an instant chemistry between Jake and Julie. They look into each other's eyes and smile.

HASKIL
Doctor Beeker is a family practice doc and hospice director.

JULIE
I have a general practice and oversee the work of the three hospices in town.

I'm moving to a new office and want to have a doctor partner.

I notice that you have been working for hospices in Los Angeles and in Topeka.

JAKE
Yes, that's right.

JULIE
What is it that you like about hospice work?

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JAKE
I like the Kubler-Ross stages. People struggle with denial, bargaining, anger and depression.

When people reach the level of acceptance it's very powerful. They can be guided to acceptance.

People become in touch with the Universe. It's beatiful and spiritual.

JULIE
That sounds great! What do you like about family practice?

JAKE
You can see patients from pregnancy to childhood, adult to hospice.

I like that you treat the whole family and develop long lasting relationships with your patients.

JULIE
That's what I'm looking for! When do you finish your residency?

JAKE
Six months.
(to Haskil)
So we need to expidite that Physician Manpower paperwork.

HASKIL
Send it my way and I'll take care of everything.

Haskil leaves.

JULIE
Let's have dinner. How's Friday?

JAKE
Listen, Julie.

JULIE
Yes?

JAKE
I want to be up front with you. If you would like me to partner with you, I want you to know, I'm out.

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JULIE
What do you mean?

JAKE
I'm gay and I'm married to a man.

Nonplused.

JULIE
I'm the most liberal doc in Ponca City. I grew up in Boulder, Colorado. I say, bring your husband along Friday.

JAKE
OK, great. His name is Mark, Mark Peters.

INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Jake, Mark, Julie and STEVE (45) a big man, overweight, bearded, sit in a booth in a dimly lit steak house.

JAKE
I collected mushrooms, when I was in high school, around where I lived in Northern California. They were so colorful and varied.

JULIE
I used to collect flies. I grew up in Boulder.

I collected the Plain's flies and mountain flies. They're so pretty.

JAKE
The craziest thing I ever collected were spiders for a biology class in high school. They have eight eyes!

JULIE
I'm sure it was unique.

They chuckle.

JAKE
The only spider collection he'd ever seen.

Chuckle.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
How'd you get to Oklahoma?

JULIE
Steve, is a petroleum engineer so he got a job at the refinery.

STEVE
We buy distressed oil, oil they can't sell for some reason.

Haskil walks by with his wife CORIN (35) dressed formally, thin, pretty.

HASKIL
Doctor Beeker, Doctor Peters, who do we have here?

JULIE
This is Steve, my husband and this is Doctor Peters and Mark Peters.

Mark stands up.

MARK
(formally)
Hello, I'm Mark Peters. Nice to meet you.

Haskil takes a hard look at Mark. Haskil shakes Mark's hand reluctantly. Mark sits down while Haskil talks.

HASKIL
I see. Don Haskil. I see y'all are get'n to know each other a wee-bit better. You know my wife Corin?

Corin looks down her nose at Mark and Jake.

EVERYONE
It's nice to meet you. Hello.

CORIN
(snobbishly)
Yes, nice to meet you.

HASKIL
I'll let y'all get back to eat'n. Nice to meet y'all.

Haskil leaves. Jake hits his head.

MARK
What? I thought we're out?

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JAKE
That was the physician recruiter for the hospital. I wasn't out to him. I told him you were Marcy.

Everyone groans.

INT. ENID HOME - NIGHT

Jake and Mark come in after dinner with Julie.

JAKE
Wow, what a great night.

MARK
You and Julie have an amazing amount of things in common.

JAKE
I feel like she's my long lost twin separated at birth. She was born one day before me.

MARK
And three years after you.

JAKE
I like that she is spiritual without being dogmatic.

MARK
What about that recruiter thing?

JAKE
Ugh, I hope it's not a problem.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

Jake sits in his office on the landline.

JAKE
Hello, Don, this is Doctor Peters calling to see how things are coming with the paperwork.

INT. HASKIL'S OFFICE - DAY

Haskil in his office, talks on the landline.

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION.

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HASKIL
We sent it to corporate in Wichita.

We should hear more by the end of the week. Your paperwork hasn't come back from corporate.

JAKE
It's Thursday. You said you would have the paperwork done by now.

HASKIL
Things don't always work out.

JAKE
If you delay past next Tuesday, I won't be able to get my scholarship.

HASKIL
(flippantly)
That would be too bad, wouldn't it.

JAKE
(getting angry)
That's not good enough. Last week you thought everything was going to go smoothly. What's changed?

HASKIL
Corporate hasn't signed off.

JAKE
Can you call and hurry it up a little? The deadline is Tuesday.

INT. JAKE'S OFFICE - DAY

Jake talks on the land phone.

JAKE
Hi Don, this is Doctor Peters. It's Monday. The deadline is tomorrow. We need to get that paperwork in!

INT. RECRUITER'S OFFICE - DAY

Haskil sits in his office on the phone.

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INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION

HASKIL
I don't think that we are going to make that deadline.

JAKE
You're kidding! You've had that paperwork for 3 weeks. What's the hold up?

HASKIL
Bureaucracy.

JAKE
(getting angry)
Let me talk to Paul O'Malley.

HASKIL
I don't know what he can do.

JAKE
Just connect me.

PHONE SOUNDS

INT. O'MALLEY'S OFFICE - DAY

Paul, squeezed into his chair, sits behind his desk.

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION.

PAUL
Paul O'Malley here.

JAKE
This is Doctor Peters

PAUL
Yes, doctor?

JAKE
What's the delay? I've picked out Ponca City. I have a great partner that I just love.

Why can't Via Christi seem to be able to get it together, when everything was so easy 3 weeks ago?

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PAUL
We're doing a thorough background search on you, that takes time.

JAKE
But you've had 3 weeks! What're you looking for my baptismal records?

PAUL
Now you're apostate?

JAKE
No, my mother quit the church when I was 10 and we never went back. What do **you** mean by apostate?

PAUL
You know, kicked out of the church.

JAKE
No, but thanks for asking! I think that's pretty disrespectful.

PAUL
Don't give me attitude. I can't talk to you any more. You're being too confrontational. Goodbye.

Jake SLAMS the phone down.

JAKE
Fucking bastards!

INT. JAKE'S ENID HOME - NIGHT

Mark wears an OU T-shirt and shorts with flip flops. Mark has put on 30 pounds. Jake is putting on weight, too.

MARK
I made biscuits and gravy.

JAKE
I've never heard of biscuits and gravy until I moved here. What's in that stuff?

MARK
It's white gravy made with bacon grease, sausage grease with flour, milk and crumbled up sausage.

Jake grimaces slowly more shocked. Camera zooms in.

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JAKE
That sounds absolutely disgusting.

MARK
We're all in painting class on Tuesday night.

Brad wants to get together with friends for paint night on Thursdays. You're welcome to come.

JAKE
That's fine with me. I work those nights.

Look at you, you're starting to look like an Oklahoman.

MARK
(pissy)
What do you mean?

JAKE
Well, look at you! You're beginning to look like Brad and his boyfriends.

It's just an observation not a moral judgement.

INT. JAKE'S ENID HOUSE - NIGHT

Jake sits at his computer, alone.

JAKE (V.O.)
What country was the first to recognize gay relationships?

Jake TYPES.

JAKE (V.O.)
Denmark!? I always hear, if you don't like it here, get out.

I **don't** like it here! Denmark would definitely be nicer.

Jake TYPES.

JAKE (V.O.)
We're going to Denmark!

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INT. JAKE'S ENID HOUSE - NIGHT

Mark and Jake have tea. Grezski curls up on the couch.

JAKE
I've got an opportunity to work for the Chickasaws at Carl Albert Hospital, in Ada!

MARK
I know you have a soft spot for the Native people.

JAKE
It's disgusting how they were treated! They were wiped out by guns and diseases brought by Europeans.

They were moved and resettled. They lost their land, their culture and their languages.

Native people got a real raw deal at the founding of America.

MARK
(Sadly)
I know.
(Excitedly)
What's the job?

JAKE
It's working as an ER doc!

INT. ADA ER TRAUMA ROOM - DAY

SUPER: Ada, Oklahoma, Carl Albert Hospital

Jake stands at the head of the bed with the patient unconscious with ADA FAT NURSE (35) and another nurse assist.

JAKE
Succinylcholine one-hundred-twenty-five. Versed seven milligrams.

Ada Fat Nurse prepares and injects.

ADA FAT NURSE
They're in doctor.

Jake talks to himself.

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JAKE
Wait for fasciculations. OK, he's paralyzed. (To the nurse assistant) Stop bagging.

Nurse assistant stops bagging. Jake intubates the patient in one stroke. The nurse assistant starts to bag.

ADA FAT NURSE
Good breath sounds. I like that in a doctor, nice and clean.

JAKE
Keep bagging him until we can get him transferred. Get a blood gas and a chest x-ray.

Jake leaves the room and grabs another chart.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Face laceration, oh great.

Jake goes into the room. BLOODY MAN (30) sits on the bed and holds his head with a bloody towel.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Hello, I'm Dr. Peters. What happened?

BLOODY MAN
I got jumped on the way to my car from work at the casino.

JAKE
What happened?

BLOODY MAN
They called me a fairy faggot. One of them grabbed me by the head and slammed it onto his knee.

Another guy punched me right here in the side.

JAKE
Did you know these guys?

BLOODY MAN
No.

JAKE
Did you report this to the police?

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BLOODY MAN
No. I got in my car and came here.

JAKE
We'll call the tribal police. It was on tribal property, right? They probably have security cameras.

BLOODY MAN
If it's all the same to you, don't get the tribal police involved.

If they think I'm gay, I'd be fired.

JAKE
Ya, I know.

INT. JAKE'S ADA LIVING ROOM (DIFFERENT HOUSE) - NIGHT

Jake and Mark sit in the living room and watch NEWS ANNOUNCER on Mark's phone.

MARK
Have you heard about what Sally Kern said about gay people today?

JAKE
Oh god, what now?

MARK
She's a Republican Oklahoma House Representative who said gay people are worse than terrorists.

FULL SCREEN

NEWS ANNOUNCER
Sally Kern was recorded at a recent fund raising event saying that gays are worse than terrorists.

Here's that tape let's see what she said. Roll the clip.

A banner of Brad Cunningham's appears on Mark's phone.

SALLY KERN
Gays are worse than terrorists.

MARK
How am I worse than a terrorist?

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FULL SCREEN

NEWS ANNOUNCER
A flood of anger from across the country is now directed toward Sally Kern.

Sally Kern sticks by her claims and not filed a retraction.

On the contrary, more than 50 bus loads of Conservative Christians came to the capitol today and held a rally in support of Sally Kern.

JAKE
Fifty bus loads!? What are they thinking, that gays should be imprisoned? Executed? It makes living in Oklahoma so enjoyable.

INT. JAKE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Mark sleeps while Jake reads. Jake closes the book and turns off the light.

EXT. CHURCH PARKING LOT - DAY - DREAM

Jake wears body hugging camouflage fatigues. He drives his 2004 red Ford F150 by the 'God, Guns, Gays' sign at the Baptist Church. Jake pulls into the entrance of the church.

Jake gets out of his truck. He pulls two AK 47s out from the back seat. He puts two handguns in his holsters.

Slung over his shoulders, a necklaces of bullets. Jake speaks slowly as he pulls out gun after gun.

JAKE
I'm a gay terrorist! Here are my guns! You're going to God!

INT. CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Jake bursts through the door. He starts shooting.

JAKE
I'M A GAY TERRORIST! HERE ARE MY GUNS! YOU'RE GOING TO GOD!

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He uses one AK-47 and shoots the parishioners. Jake throws down the empty AK-47 and starts to shoot with the other AK 47. Stain glass breaks out, the walls get shot up. It's a blood bath.

Jake throws down the AK-47. He pulls the hand guns out of the holsters. Jake shoots the survivors in the head as they writhe, bleed, moan or cry out in pain.

JAKE (CONT'D)
I'm a gay terrorist. Here are my guns. You're going to God.

Jake shoots the last parishioner.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Jake wakes up sweating and out of breath. He awakens Mark.

JAKE
Mark, Mark!

Mark awakens glary eyed.

MARK
What is it?

JAKE
I just had a terrible nightmare. We can't live here any more. We're moving to Denmark.

MARK
Denmark! Why Denmark?

JAKE
It's sane!

EXT. COPENHAGEN - DAY

TEXT ON SCREEN: Copenhagen, Denmark

Jake and Mark sit at a table in *Nyhavn (new-how-n)*, Copenhagen. The waiter stands by. Subtitles

JAKE
Tjene. (tee-yen-neh)(waiter)

Bob calls the waiter over.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
Kan vi faa to flasker danskvand uden brus og to spisekorter? (Can we get two natural waters and two menus?)

Waiter leaves.

MARK
Your Danish seems to be coming along.

JAKE
Thanks. Keld Hanson and I have a meeting today to discuss our trip to *Rigshospitalet* to meet surgeons.

MARK
It's nice being in a culture where being gay is not treated like a disease.

JAKE
There are not a lot of conservative Christians here either, talking smack about gay people.

That issue is behind them. The Danes treat gay people like humans.

Did you know the Lutheran Church is a branch of the government?

MARK
No, I didn't know that. How do you know this stuff? If you want to move here, it's alright by me.

I like it here. I'm not afraid of being shot.

JAKE
I'm going to apply for a job as a doctor, too.

MARK
It's kind'a far away.

INT. ADA ER DOCTOR'S DESK - DAY

Jake sits in the front desk of the ER charting. RED HAIR BOY (16) walks up to the window gives his ID to the WARD CLERK (50) woman, Chickasaw, overweight.

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WARD CLERK
What's the matter, sweetie?

RED HAIR BOY
Fever. I don't feel so good.

The boy passes out and falls onto the floor. Jake and the MALE NURSE (35) fat, tall, gather Boy up and put him on a stretcher. They wheel him to a room.

INT. CARL ALBERT ER ROOM - CONTINUOUS

They wheel in Boy. He wakes up enough to help get himself undressed and into a gown. Jake looks at his legs.

JAKE
Oh my god, look, he's got petechia.

MALE NURSE
His temp is one-hundred-four-point-five, Doctor.

WARD CLERK
He's not in our system, he's not Indian. We can't treat him.

JAKE
This is an emergency. Call the Doctor on Call. Nurse, draw a CBC, labs and a Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever assay.

Doxycycline, one-hundred milligrams IV and a gram of Tylenol PO. Let's get some fluids in him, a liter normal saline, nine, nine, nine.

MALE NURSE
Yes, Doctor.

Jake addresses Red Hair Boy.

JAKE
You are only 16 years old? Where are your parents?

RED HAIR BOY
I've been on my own for about a year. My parents kicked me out when I told them I was gay. They're (distain) Family Values Christians.

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Boy looks disgusted and bitter. Boy turns his hand to give the middle finger.

JAKE
Some Family! They don't deserve to be called 'Christians,' when they don't value their family!

Air Quotes. Jake shakes his head and groans in disgust.

JAKE (CONT'D)
It's code for being anti-gay! Gay youth are four times more likely to commit suicide due to feelings of discrimination.

You would think people who profess family values would love their family, value their children.

Are you suicidal? Do you know if you have HIV?

Boy is forlorn. The nurse puts in iv. Boy winces.

RED HAIR BOY
I don't know about HIV. I have been suicidal. I've thought about it. It's hard being gay in Oklahoma.

The whole society is so anti-gay. My life is screwed. I had to drop out of high school. I'm a drifter at sixteen.

Red Hair Boy cries.

JAKE
Relax and we'll take care of you. I'll see if we can get you some social services. (to the nurse whisper) Get an HIV screen.

MALE NURSE
Yes, Doctor.

INT. ER DOCTOR DESK - CONTINUOUS

Jake at the desk with Ward Clerk. Jake uses the phone.

JAKE
Hello, can you give me social services.

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INT. HOSPITAL HALLWAYS - DAY

Jake walks the hallway. Banner 'Chickasaw Open Enrollment.'

INT. LARGE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jake walks into a room where a number of people sit at desks, who work with other customers.

Jake sits down at an open table with INSURANCE WORKER (35) Caucasian, female.

INSURANCE WORKER
Hello, can I help you?

JAKE
Hello, I'm Doctor Jake Peters.

Worker looks through her files.

INSURANCE WORKER
How can I help you?

JAKE
I'd like to add someone to my insurance.

INSURANCE WORKER
And who would that be?

JAKE
Mark Peters.

INSURANCE WORKER
What is his relationship to you.

JAKE
(no hesitation)
He's my husband.

The woman is surprised, but goes about her business.

INSURANCE WORKER
OK, sign this form.

Jake signs form... He hands it back.

JAKE
There you go.

INSURANCE WORKER
Thank you.

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Jake gets up and leaves.

INT. JAKE'S ADA BEDROOM - MORNING

The cell phone RINGS while Jake and Mark sleep.

JAKE
Hello?

INT. CHICKASAW OFFICE - MORNING

SECRETARY (50) fat, Chickasaw, on the phone in her office.

SECRETARY
This is Wanda Sweetwater for Virgil Redcloud.

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION.

JAKE
Yes?

SECRETARY
Mister Redcloud would like you to come into the office.

JAKE
Today's my day off.

SECRETARY
He wants you to come in immediately.

JAKE
Really, this can't wait until later in the afternoon?

SECRETARY
Mister Redcloud wants you to come in immediately.

JAKE
Oh, all right.

INT. HOSPITAL HALLWAYS - MORNING

Jake walks the hallways to administration. He dresses nicely. Sign: 'Administration. Mr. Virgil Redcloud.'

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INT. CHICKASAW OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Jake meets the Secretary.

SECRETARY
Can I help you?

JAKE
I'm Doctor Peters. I'm here to see Mister Redcloud.

The secretary gives a look of contempt.

SECRETARY
I'll show you to the conference room.

Jake follows her to the conference room.

INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jake enters the room then sits alone. REDCLOUD (50) tall fat Chickasaw, comes in with Betty HARJO, Chickasaw (45) fat.

REDCLOUD
Dr. Peters, I'm Virgil Redcloud and this is Betty Harjo, the human resources supervisor.

Jake stands up and shakes their hands. Jake sits down, others stand.

REDCLOUD (CONT'D)
Dr. Peters, we want your immediate resignation.

Jake shocked.

JAKE
What? Have I practiced bad medicine or had some complaints. I haven't heard a thing.

HARJO
No, we've heard nice...

She catches herself.

JAKE
Well, what is it then?

REDCLOUD
You applied for spousal benefits?

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JAKE
Yes. You are the Chickasaws! You don't have to follow Oklahoma law. You are a sovereign nation.

HARJO
For this we follow Oklahoma Law.

JAKE
So, it's not the people of Oklahoma that are discriminating against me for being gay, but specically the Chickasaw Nation?!

REDCLOUD
That's right! If you sign this resignation right now we will pay you a two month severance package.

HARJO
And you can COBRA your own insurance.

REDCLOUD
If you want to fight this in any way the severance package will be withdrawn and you will have nothing when you walk out that door.

JAKE
The Chickasaws are discriminating against me because I am gay? Do you know why I wanted to work here at Carl Albert?

I know what tragedy your people have endured; genocide, the loss of your lands, your culture and your languages.

I truly have empathy for the discrimination that happens to Native People, in America in general and Oklahoma in particular.

I work here because I want to help Native People! It wasn't just to make a buck.

You seem to want to discriminate on someone that you think less of, kind of like the... Indians were.

You want to dehumanize gays.
(MORE)

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JAKE (CONT'D)
Instead of having compassion you are just compounding the horror and passing it on to the next subhuman population... the gays!

I'll sign your papers. I don't know how you can sleep at night.

HARJO
I sleep just fine.

Jake gets serious and looks her straight in the eyes.

JAKE
You are engaging in blatant discrimination. This will come back to haunt you.

Maybe your son or daughter are gay and you don't know.

HARJO
My children are not gay!

JAKE
I'm sure they would really like to tell you! You seem to be so understanding and compassionate.

This act will haunt you.

REDCLOUD
Doctor Peters, just sign the resignation.

Jake signs the resignation and hands it back to Redcloud, who rips off a check and hands it to Jake.

Jake leaves the room angry, and doesn't shake hands.

JAKE
What a bunch of discriminatory bullshit! Fuck you!

INT. JAKE'S ADA HOUSE - DAY

Jake walks into the house.

JAKE
They fired me because I asked for spousal benefits!

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MARK
What? What are we going to do?

JAKE
I got a two month severance check.

MARK
I heard today that two lesbian students at East Central University were assaulted.

The Gay Student Union is having a rally Friday on campus.

JAKE
We should go to that.

EXT. EAST CENTRAL CAMPUS - DAY

SUPER: East Central University Campus, Ada, Oklahoma

People gather. They bring gay flags, signs and banners. There are twenty-five gay supporters and twenty-five counter protesters.

Jake's sign says, 'Who would Jesus assault?' SPEAKER (25) male, normal weight, addresses the crowd.

SPEAKER
Two ECU students, gay students were attacked, one had 'LESBIAN' scratched into her chest by a pen.

One student was cut with a box cutter, A BOX CUTTER! The attacker carved "DYKE" into her arm.

Assaulted lesbian raises bandaged arm.

SPEAKER (CONT'D)
Gay people deserve to be treated with common humanity.

Gay people are not your enemy. All we ask for are equal rights and protection from hate crimes like these. WHAT DO WE WANT?

CROWD
EQUAL RIGHTS.

SPEAKER
WHEN DO WE WANT IT?

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CROWD
NOW.

Speaker stirs up the crowd as they chant along.

SPEAKER
WHAT DO WE WANT?

CROWD
EQUAL RIGHTS.

SPEAKER
WHEN DO WE WANT IT?

CROWD
NOW

A REDNECK PIECE OF SHIT 3 (35) fat, slovenly, t-shirt, backwards baseball cap, scruffy and unshaven, yells out.

REDNECK PIECE OF SHIT 3
YOU'RE AN ABOMINATION TO GOD.

Jake shoves out his sign.

JAKE
WHO WOULD JESUS ASSAULT?

As the crowd breaks up. Jake goes to the front to talk with Speaker. MARY (30) overweight, and SAM (50) skinny, smokes, stand nearby holding flags and signs.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Hi, I'm Jake Peters, and this is my husband, Mark Peters.

I worked at Carl Albert as an ER doc until I asked for spousal benefits.

So, they fired me. They didn't just deny the benefits. They fired me!

SPEAKER
That's so wrong. When?

JAKE
Tuesday. I was wondering if we could move the rally to the Chickasaw Governor's office and protest there?

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SPEAKER
Sure! Mary, Sam, come over here. This is Doctor Jake Peters. He was fired for asking for spousal benefits from the Chickasaws.

He wants us to go to the Chickasaw Governor's office and protest.

MARY/SAM
That sounds like a great idea! Sounds fun! After, we can all go out to lunch. Great.

JAKE
Hey, thanks everyone.

EXT. CHICKASAW GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - DAY

Ten protestors gather at the front door with flags and signs.

Jake's new sign 'CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC,' and ten protestors gather at the front door the Governor's office. They take pictures and chant.

PROTESTORS
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.

SPEAKER
WHAT DO WE WANT?

CROWD
EQUAL RIGHTS!

SPEAKER
WHEN DO WE WANT IT?

CROWD
NOW!

Jake with his sign, walks into the office.

INT. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Jake chants as he enters the building.

JAKE
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.

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People inside the office scatter. Jake continues to chant. After awhile GOVERNOR REP (40) woman, Caucasian, approaches. She is medium build with starched brown hair.

GOVERNOR REP
Can I help you?

JAKE
Yes, you can give me my job back and provide my husband spousal benefits.

GOVERNOR REP
You know we don't have to.

JAKE
You may not have to but it's the right thing to do.

GOVERNOR REP
We're just following Oklahoma law.

JAKE
By firing me?! And you don't think that those laws are discriminatory? I DEMAND to see the Governor!

GOVERNOR REP
He's not in right now.

EXT. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Protestors continue to chant.

PROTESTORS
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.

WHAT DO WE WANT? EQUAL RIGHTS. WHEN DO WE WANT IT? NOW!

A Tribal POLICE OFFICER (35) muscular, approaches the protestors and Mark outside.

POLICE OFFICER
You are going to have to take your protests to the sidewalk.

MARK
I'm not going anywhere, my husband's in there.

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The protestors move away from the entrance and leave Mark and the Police Officer alone. The Police Officer goes inside.

INT. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Police Officer enters. Jake continues to chant.

JAKE
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.

The Police Officer approaches Jake.

POLICE OFFICER
You are going to have to take your protest outside.

JAKE
I want justice.

POLICE OFFICER
You're not going to get it here.

Police Officer grabs at his arm. Jake shakes him off.

JAKE
If you don't mind. I'm coming.
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.
CHICKASAWS ARE HOMOPHOBIC.

INT. CAR - DAY

Mark drives the Acura. Jake sits in the passenger seat. The road is bumpy. They drive by Windsor Hills Baptist College sign, which says: GOP - GOD'S OWN PARTY.

JAKE
God's own party! That's bull shit. Who the fuck are they kidding? Themselves! They're delusional!

MARK
Don't get yourself all worked up and get manicy.

JAKE
The party of racism, gay haters, anti-immigrant, NRA gun lovers, war mongers, et cetera, et cetera.

Where is God's love or Christ's compassion? It's not in the GOP!

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MARK
They don't seem compassionate or loving to me. Their god is money and power.

JAKE
(excitedly)
I really want to do something! These Republicans are the opposite of Christians. Anti-Christ.

Jesus said live by the law of love. Love your neighbor as yourself.

MARK
I'm worried about you. Don't get so worked up.

I think you may be having another manic attack.

JAKE
(raises his voice)
I'm not having a manic attack! I know when I'm in a manic phase and this is not it.

I'm just being critical. What's wrong with that?

MARK
You get into manic episodes when you get 'critical' Jake.

Air Quotes.

MARK (CONT'D)
I think you are in denial about your bipolar disease.

JAKE
I'm not in denial about my disease! I'm the one living with it!

MARK
I've lived with you long enough to know when you are in a manic episode and now you're in denial.

Jake forces himself to be calm at first then gets louder.

JAKE
I'm an introvert. With you, it's my disease.
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JAKE (CONT'D)
My medicines are working fine.

Maybe if there were any people here in Oklahoma with a little ambition, I might even find them interesting!

I'm from where people think big. That's not here!

He catches himself getting louder and calms his voice. However, his speech again crescendos as he finishes.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Oklahoma is at the bottom of all measures of health and education.

The fattest state, the state that eats the least vegetables. Oklahoma is a FLAT and FAT society!

MARK
(loudly)
Well, I am from the flatlands. Is that what you think about me?

JAKE
(controlling himself)
I love you Mark, but we've got to get out of here.

INT. SAS PASSENGER JET - NIGHT

SUPER: November 3, 2008

Jake sleeps with a neck pillow and blanket on Scandinavian Airways. The lights are down. PILOT speaks from the cockpit.

PILOT (O.C.)
For those interested, the election has been called for Obama.

The passengers burst into CHEERS. Jake wakes up. He pulls an ear plug out. He asks a fellow PASSENGER.

JAKE
What's going on?

PASSENGER
Obama got elected!

JAKE
That's great! Maybe things will change for the better.

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Jake puts the ear plug back in and snuggles to sleep.

INT. COPENHAGEN MEN'S BAR - NIGHT

SUPER: Copenhagen, Denmark Men's Bar

DIRCK (35), stands tall, with a beard and black hair. CLIFF (40) stands 5'10", Black and effeminate. They talk with Jake in the smoky dark 'Men's Bar' in Copenhagen. TECHNO MUSIC plays.

DIRCK
Prop eight passed in California so gays can't marry. The Mormons spent ten million dollars in support.

CLIFF
Mormons! They are all into polygamy and child brides. They pump out babies like baby machines.

Cliff flips a limp wrist.

CLIFF (CONT'D)
They're magical thinkers. I'm so glad I live in Denmark.

JAKE
Have you heard the story of Joseph Smith, special spectacles, reading golden plates? Oh, Brother!

Magical thinking is a sign of psychosis! Let's do a "kiss in" on February 14, at the Mormon Temple.

DIRCK
I was back in California before the election and my bitch aunt had a yes on 8 lawn sign.

Dirck gets angry.

DIRCK (CONT'D)
Both my sister and I are gay. We're visiting. I wanted to rip up that sign and stuff it up her ass!

CLIFF
I heard that Blacks voted overwhelmingly for prop 8.

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DIRCK
Ugh, really?

CLIFF
They get their piece of human recognition, then **they** can discriminate on the next lower class of citizens, the subhuman gays.

DIRCK
They're such hypocrites. Love thy neighbor; but hate subhuman gays.

JAKE
Get me out of there! Meet the people of Oklahoma. Homophobic doesn't begin to describe it.

I was told, to my face, by some doctor...

Jake crinkles his face and talks with a funny voice sarcastically.

JAKE (CONT'D)
'Your kind isn't welcome here! We're Christians!' So much love, so much compassion.

CLIFF
Having been married in Denmark, they may have been the first but it's still not full-marriage rights.

JAKE
Better than the US! They treat gay people like a public enemy. Gays, the reason God sends hurricanes.

One Oklahoma representative said gay people are worse than terrorists!

CLIFF
That's horrible! So glad I live in Denmark! What are your plans, here?

JAKE
I'll show the SeeLight Glove at *Rigshospitalet* to the chief of surgery.

(MORE)

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JAKE (CONT'D)
Then I'll meet the chief of surgery in *Gotenborg*, Sweden.

They both do liver transplant surgeries. I also have a meeting with a physician recruiter in *Roskilde*.

She said I may work either in *Holbæk* or *Kalundborg*.

Jake mispronounces *Kalundborg* and *Roskilde*.

DIRCK
Pronounced, *Roskilde, Kalundborg*!

JAKE
Roskilde, Kalundborg!

DIRCK
Pretty good! It would be fun to have you and Mark here.

JAKE
I can't wait!

INT. RIGSHOSPITALET HALL- DAY

SUPER: Rigshospitalet, (The Citizen's Hospital), Copenhagen, Denmark.

Keld HANSEN (50) six feet, slender, a Danish businessman who helps Jake. Jake and Keld walk the corridor.

JAKE
Keld, we're meeting with Doctor *Kirkegård*, the chief of surgery.

We want an opinion quote on the concept of the SeeLight. Maybe he'll work with us!

HANSEN
OK, I'll follow your lead.

INT. RIGSHOSPITALET - DR. KIRKEGÅRD'S OFFICE - DAY

KIRKEGÅRD (60) shorter and rotund sits at his desk.

JAKE
Doctor *Kirkegård*?

Little knock. Kirkegård pulls off his glasses, stands.

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KIRKEGÅRD
Yes, you must be Doctor Peters?

JAKE
Yes, and this is Keld Hansen, a Danish business associate.

They shake hands all around.

JAKE (CONT'D)
We'd like your opinion on our new surgical glove with an endoscope to the finger-tip, the SeeLight Glove!

Jake takes out a glove model; a latex surgical glove with a latex tube on the dorsal surface. The tube runs from wrist to fingertip. An optic bundle runs through the tube.

The glove has a connecter at the wrist which connects to a fiberoptic cable. The fiberoptic cable runs from the wrist, up the arm and over the shoulder.

The fiberoptic cable clips on the gown at the wrist, elbow and shoulder. The fiberoptic cable then drapes down the back to connect to a light source, worn on the hip.

JAKE (CONT'D)
You can try it on.

Kirkegård dons the glove with talc. Jake helps. Jake turns on the light box. *Kirkegård* looks at the glove as he twists his hand and finger. Someone turns out the lights.

Kirkegård starts to laugh and points it at people. He looks under his desk as he shines the light. *Kirkegård* laughs.

KIRKEGÅRD
This is great! It's bright! We do a lot of our work **under** the liver during transplant. This would be very helpful.

(To his secretary)
Hey *Helle*, get Doctor *Sørensen* in here to see this.

His secretary has come to see. She turns to go. *Kirkegård* plays with the glove and flexes it.

JAKE
(whispers to Hansen)
See Keld, he really likes it!

Hansen gives a smile and raises his eyebrows.

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KIRKEGÅRD
This would be helpful in other liver surgeries, too!

JAKE
Could you give us a quote, something like: 'The SeeLight Glove technology would be useful in liver transplant surgeries?'

KIRKEGÅRD
Sure, I'll say that.

SØRENSEN (40) blond, in shape, trim beard, comes in.

KIRKEGÅRD (CONT'D)
Frederik, look at this glove.

Kirkegård points the light at *Sørensen*. He flexes his finger and flexes his wrist.

KIRKEGÅRD (CONT'D)
It feels like a regular glove but with lights.

JAKE
Try it on Doctor *Sørensen*.

Kirkegård takes off the apparatus with Jake's help. *Sørensen* comes over and dons the glove and the apparatus with Jake's help. The light box is turned on. The room lights are turned off. *Sørensen* shines the glove around the room.

Sørensen bends the finger and the wrist of the glove. Then he circles his arm from the shoulder.

SØRENSEN
You don't even know you have it on! This doesn't feel any different than a regular glove and gown.

This solves a lot of our lighting problems in deep cavities. This is an incredible concept.

It might replace the headlamp. You came up with this?

Jake nods. Hansen squirms with excitement.

JAKE
Would you like to work with us in the development of this product?

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KIRKEGÅRD
Yes, I think we could do that.

Sørensen nods. *Sørensen* takes off the glove with Jake's help. An excited Jake gets out a notebook.

JAKE
Thank you Doctor *Kirkegård*. What is your glove size and are you right or left handed?

KIRKEGÅRD (CONT'D)
I wear size eight and I'm right handed.

Jake writes it down.

JAKE
Great! Doctor *Sørensen*, what is your size?

SØRENSEN
Seven and a half, right handed.

JAKE
Great! It's been so nice to meet you. It sounds like we may be working together soon. Ok, *hi hi*.

They all shake hands. Jake and Hansen leave.

INT. *RIGSHOSPITALET* HALL - CONTINUOUS

Hansen and Jake talk as they walk the hallway.

JAKE
Well, I think that went well! They want to work with us, Keld!

Jake bounces around.

HANSEN
I've got the perfect investor in mind; *Jan* (yawn) *Quistgård*. He's a doctor, and has been working on developing drugs.

INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

JAN, (45) short, well built, clean shaven, and Jake sit in a room. Hansen sits to the side. Jan has the lighted glove on and manipulates it.

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JAN
This is great technology, and you have a patent application on file?

JAKE
Yes! It's a provisional application. The priority date is January twenty-eight-two-thousand-ten.

So I have until January twenty-eight, two-thousand-ten to file an appropriate patent application.

JAN
This is something I can see and manipulate and it's simple technology.

I'll talk to my attorneys. We have to do due-diligence. Then I can make an offer to create a company.

JAKE
Thank you very much, Jan.

Hand shakes around.

INT. DANISH RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Cliff, Dirck and Jake sit in a Danish restaurant.

CLIFF
How'd your interview go with the Health Department.

JAKE
(excitedly)
They said they would send me to four months of language training. I would start working after that!

Jake gestures excitement.

CLIFF
When do you start?

JAKE
May third! They still haven't decided if I will work in *Holbæk* or *Kalundborg*.

Jake gestures like an orchestra leader as he says *Kalundborg*. Everyone gets excited.

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DIRCK
Tell us how your meeting with your SeeLight Glove went!

JAKE
Holy shit! It was fantastic! The surgeons absolutely loved it. They want to help us in development!

I have an investor interested in creating a company!

CLIFF
Good work! When are you and Mark moving here?

JAKE
As soon as possible!

INT. JAKE'S OKC HOUSE - DAY

Jake and Mark are in the living room.

MARK
Brad and I are getting with some other friends Friday. You can come if you want, at the Phoenix.

JAKE
I work on Saturday, early. I don't drink and a don't like crowds. I just can't speak up and small talk.

I look like a lump. You're so animated and get along with everyone so well.

Jake goes to the refrigerator with picture booth pictures of Brad and Mark in various poses and costumes. Jake looks exasperated and rolls his eyes. He opens the fridge.

INT. CAR / EXT. ROAD, CHURCH PARKING LOT - DAY

Jake drives in his 2006 red Ford F150 by himself.

He goes by the Windsor Hills Baptist College marquise which says: 'America was founded on capitalism and free enterprise, not socialism and welfare.'

JAKE
This has gone beyond appropriate, especially for a church.

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Jake turns into the driveway and takes a picture of the sign with his phone. He then drives up and parks. He gets out and walks toward the door with a stern look.

Foot steps CRUNCH as he walks toward the office. POV his lower legs. He goes inside the office door.

INT. CHURCH OFFICE FOYER - CONTINUOUS

Jake takes off his sun glasses. He approaches a window with CHRISTIAN SECRETARY (70) with glasses, big starched grey hair and a starched white collar.

CHRISTIAN SECRETARY
May I help you?

JAKE
Yes, may I speak with who ever is responsible for your sign in front.

CHRISTIAN SECRETARY
That would be Pastor Wilson. Let me call him up here.

Christian Secretary picks up the phone and calls.

CHRISTIAN SECRETARY (CONT'D)
Hello, Pastor Wilson, there's a gentleman up at the front who would like to speak with you about the sign... OK... bye.

Christian Secretary hangs up the phone.

CHRISTIAN SECRETARY (CONT'D)
He'll be right up.

JAKE
Thank you.

Jake waits. PASTOR WILSON (40) overweight approaches.

PASTOR WILSON
Hello, I'm Pastor Wilson. Can I help you?

JAKE
Yes, it is about your sign.

PASTOR WILSON
Yes?

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JAKE
America, capitalism, free enterprise, socialism and welfare are all political entities or philosophies.

It's political speech.

PASTOR WILSON
It's a free country and we have the right to free speech.

JAKE
Actually you don't. You have a 501(c)3 tax exempt status church.

You are specifically restricted from political speech.

There is nothing spiritual in your sign either. Where is God's love and Christ's compassion?

Pastor Wilson is taken aback and steps backward.

JAKE (CONT'D)
And other signs you have had like God, Guns and Gays. What is that? It's hate speech.

PASTOR WILSON
Oh, I see what this is about.

JAKE
Jesus never condemned gays! Show me in the Bible where **Jesus** condemns gays! You can't, because it's not in there!

PASTOR WILSON
I think you better leave.

JAKE
I've taken a picture of your sign and I am going to send it to the IRS along with a complaint from me.

Wilson speaks to Christian Secretary.

PASTOR WILSON
Peggy, call the police. This gentleman is trespassing.

Jake leans into the window and yells. POV back.

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JAKE
WHERE IS GOD'S LOVE...

POV inside the office with Jake's upper body sticking through the window.

JAKE (CONT'D)
...AND CHRIST'S COMPASSION?!

Christian Secretary cringes from Jake's loudness.

PASTOR WILSON
You better leave, the police are on their way.

JAKE
First, that's bull shit! The cops aren't coming. Why should they?

Because you don't like what I'm saying, that you are a hypocrite and frankly an asshole! Freedom of speech works both ways, buddy.

EXT. WINDSOR BAPTIST COLLEGE - CONTINUOUS

Jake walks out, puts glasses on, followed by Pastor.

JAKE
(at pastor)
WHERE IS GOD'S LOVE AND CHRIST'S COMPASSION!?

PASTOR WILSON
I'VE GOT YOUR LICENSE NUMBER.

Jake gets in the truck, rolls down the passenger window. He drives by the Pastor.

JAKE
Ya! So What! I have a picture of your sign which I'll send to the IRS, along with a complaint.

You're all about hate! Fuck you!

Jake speeds off in his truck.

INT. HOSPITAL ER - NIGHT

SUPER: Ponca City, Oklahoma - again"

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Jake sits next to a supine PATIENT (65) male, overweight, with a laceration on his forehead. PONCA ER NURSE (30) overweight, stands by to hand Jake the sterile suture. Jake opens the suture tray.

The nurse delivers the suture to the field in a sterile technique. Jake starts to lay down the sterile field.

JAKE
OK, I'm going to cover your face with this sterile field so don't touch the field.

PONCA ER NURSE
Keep your hands down here, sweetie.

PATIENT
Ok.

Jake sutures.

PONCA ER NURSE
I notice you use your fingers to tie knots.

JAKE
I want square knots, not those twisty lazy things. I'm doing a subcuticular stitch, no Franken-stein suture marks.

PONCA ER NURSE
I notice you wear a wedding ring. Are you married?

Close of glove with the ring on Jake's gloved finger.

JAKE
Yes, I'm married to Mark Peters. I'm gay.

PONCA ER NURSE
(shocked)
Wow! Do you ever get in trouble for being so honest?

JAKE
Yes. I was in Woodward and I told a group of doctors there. They said they didn't like my kind because they're Christians and walked out.

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PATIENT
(muffled)
I would have told that they weren't my kind.

PONCA ER NURSE
Did you hear what he said?

JAKE
No.

PONCA ER NURSE
Say it again.

She lifts up the sterile field.

PATIENT
I would have told them that they weren't my kind.

PONCA ER NURSE
There you have it.

INT. JAKE'S OKC BEDROOM - MORNING

Jake and Mark sleep. Jake's phone RINGS.

INT. SISTER MARY'S OFFICE - MORNING

Sister Mary sits in her office on the phone.

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION.

JAKE
Hello?

SISTER MARY
This is Sister Mary with Via Christi Hospital.

Mary looks mad.

JAKE
Yes?

SISTER MARY
I called to tell you that you will not be offered any further ER shifts.

JAKE
Why?

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Silence.

SISTER MARY
Let's say that you are not the right mix for our hospital.

JAKE
You're firing me because I'm gay?

MARY
I think I've made myself clear. May God have mercy on your soul.

Jake throws the cell phone onto the bed.

JAKE
Fucking homophobic bastards!

MARK
You have to stop telling people you're gay.

JAKE
That's living a lie. They're the ones that have to deal with reality.

MARK
Do you have to tell everyone?

JAKE
People will assume I'm straight. How will gay people get any rights if no one knows any?

I've decided to do an equal rights rally at the Capitol on February fourteenth.

MARK
(resigned)
Oh, God.

JAKE
I can't leave Oklahoma for a better life in Denmark without at least speaking out for equal rights here.

Mark rolls his eyes and sighs.

MARK
What are you going to do?

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JAKE
I'm going to do a rally on the fourteenth of February for the Fourteenth Amendment to the US Constitution.

INT. CAR / EXT. ROAD - DAY

Jake drives his truck by the Windsor Hills Baptist College. The marquis says: 'Mr. President, America does not negotiate with terrorists.'

JAKE
They're still at it! I guess America won't negotiate with itself!

JAKE (V.O.)
I'm going to Chuck's shop to make some signs. He'll have wood.

INT. STAPLES STORE - DAY

Jake buys four large card stock and a marker.

EXT. WOODCHUCK'S CABINET SHOP - DAY

Jake gets out of his truck with the large cardstock. He goes inside. Sign: Woodchuck's Cabinet Shop.

INT. WOODCHUCK'S CABINET SHOP - CONTINUOUS

Jake walks into the office where CHUCK (40) 6 feet, bearded overweight, works on the computer.

CHUCK
Hey Jake, what's up? What'aveya got?

JAKE
Hey Chuck. Have you seen the sign at Windsor Hills Baptist College?

CHUCK
No, what does it say now?

JAKE
'Mr. President, America does not negotiate with terrorists.'

Chuck rolls his eyes and shakes his head.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
I'm going to make up some signs, like: Blessed are the Peace Makers, Matthew five-nine.

And Jesus didn't charge for his loaves and fishes, Luke nine-sixteen.

We can photo shop me in front of that Capitalism sign of theirs.

CHUCK
Ya, I liked the God, Guns, and Gays sign. I'd like to have been a fly on the wall at that sermon.

JAKE
Like Jesus would ever own a gun! My last sign will be Anti-Christ.

CHUCK
OK. I'll donate any wood you need.

MONTAGE

MUSIC: ORIGINAL

 Jake puts the four big cardstock blanks down on a table.

 Jake writes in bold letters. The rest of the posters are painted saying: 'Jesus didn't' (one sign) - 'charge for his' (second sign) - 'loaves and...' (third sign). Jake finishes the last sign while he writes 'fishes.'

 Jake and Chuck attach the card stock signs to the wood.

 Signs stand up to be read: 'Jesus never charged for his loaves and fishes. Matthew 5:9.'

 Jake turns around the signs in place to read: 'Blessed are the peace makers. Luke 9:16'.

JAKE
Hey, Chuck, will you take a picture of me in front of those signs? We can send them to the IRS, too.

CHUCK
Sure, let's do it!

 Chuck and Jake gather the signs and head for the door.

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EXT. WOODCHUCK'S CABINETRY - DAY

Jake puts the signs in the back of his truck. Jake and Chuck get into Jake's truck. Jake drives.

EXT. CHURCH PARKING LOT - DAY

Jake pulls into the parking lot. He and Chuck get out of the truck. Jake and Chuck grab the signs.

They walk to the church sign and set up Jake's signs. Sign: 'Blessed are the Peacemakers. Luke 9:16'

Jake holds a sign chest level that says: 'Anti-Christ.' Chuck takes some pictures.

Jake turns around his signs to reveal: 'Jesus never charged for his loaves and fishes. Matthew 5:9' He holds the Anti-Christ sign as before. Chuck takes pictures.

JAKE
Our work is done here. Do you want to confront them?

CHRISTIAN MAN (50) overweight, comes out of the church office. Christian Man walks toward them.

CHRISTIAN MAN
Hey, what are you doing?

JAKE
We're protesting!

CHUCK
Let's get out of here.

JAKE
Have you ever read the Bible?

CHRISTIAN MAN
Of course.

JAKE
I guess you missed these verses.

Jake throws the signs at Christian Man's feet.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Ever hear of the Anti-Christ? You and your supposed church stand opposed to real Christian values of love and compassion.

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CHUCK
Let's go!

JAKE
YOU'RE CHURCH IS THE ANTI-CHRIST!
I'm sending another complaint to
the IRS along with these pictures.

I **will** get your tax exempt status
revoked.

CHUCK
Give me your keys!

Jake hands over the keys. Chuck gets in the drivers seat. Chuck starts the truck.

CHUCK (CONT'D)
Jake, get in, NOW!

JAKE
ANTI-CHRIST.

Jake enters the passenger side. Jake closes the door.

CHRISTIAN MAN
I'VE GOT YOUR LICENSE NUMBER.

Jake yells out the passenger window.

JAKE
FUCK YOU, YOU HEARTLESS, LYING
BASTARDS.

Christian Man picks through the signs. Chuck puts the truck in gear. He and Jake speed away. POV truck tailgate, POV stays while the truck speeds away.

EXT. TRUCK - CONTINUOUS

While they are driving away.

CHUCK (O.C.)
God, you just about got us
arrested.

JAKE (O.C.)
Wasn't that fun?!

Laughter.

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INT. OKC HOUSE - DAY

Jake at the desk prints paper example. Mark sits nearby.

JAKE
I've got the logo Jim made for the 'Equal Rights In Every State' rally at the Capitol.

MARK
That looks great! It's a new logo, a star with an equal sign inside. I love it!

JAKE
Look at the graphics for the post card campaign. It is an American flag with equal sign or not sign in the stars.

MARK
How's the speaker's-list coming? You should have Brad speak. He's funny. Molly calls him Braddy Wraddy.

JAKE
(shocked and angry)
Molly?! When did Braddy Wraddy meet Molly?!

MARK
He went with me last time I went up to Kansas City.

JAKE
You're just telling me this now? No! Braddy Wraddy will not be on the speaker's-list! I've already confirmed these speakers.

Mark ignores Jake. Mark pouts in his own world.

JAKE (CONT'D)
I've got a member of the N double ACP. I've got a sociology professor from the University of Oklahoma.

We have the pastor from Church of the Open Arms and Mary Lou Wallner from the movie: 'For the Bible Tells Me So.'

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MARK
Why do you have to be so negative about Brad? I think it has something to do with your bipolar disease.

JAKE
God damn it Mark! Stop telling me that every emotion I have falls somewhere on my bipolar scale!

The problem with people knowing is I'm not supposed to have any normal emotions like sadness or happiness or frankly indignation!

It's always my fucking disease with you.

MONTAGE: MUTED WITH ORIGINAL MUSIC

-Jake gets the posters from Kinko's. He holds one up. Details: A big solid blue star, a white equal sign inside.

-At the bottom of the poster: 'Equal Rights In Every State, February 14, 2009, Come and Support Gay Rights, 12 Noon, North Capitol Steps.'

-Jake gets a box of postcards. The front, close of a waving flag. The stars have either equal or not signs. He turns the card over and says: 'The 14th Amendment compels you.'

-'Employment Non-Discrimination Act; sexual orientation hate-crime; End Defense of Marriage and Don't Ask Don't Tell.'

-Jake stands at the post office counter and receives five rolls of stamps.

-Jake, Mark, Chuck and Matt put name stickers and stamps on the postcards.

-Jake goes into a gay bar. (Through the window) Jake talks with the bartender. Jake shows the bartender a poster and cards. The bartender nods and puts the sign up.

-Jake puts up another poster. The poster fills the screen.

EXT. NORTH CAPITOL STEPS - COLD CLEAR DAY

SUPER: February 14, 2009

MUSIC: "Why do you want to hurt me?" - Culture Club.

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Jake, with thirty people, mill around. The podium sits on the steps. Chairs fill the patio.

A gay flag covered table contains post cards to sign. Everyone bundles up. Snow lies on the edges.

MUSIC: "Turn! Turn! Turn!" - The Byrds

JAKE
There is a season, turn, turn, turn. With the election of Obama and a democratic congress, perhaps the season turns for gay rights.

Applauses.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Welcome to the Equal Rights in Every State Rally. I'm Doctor Jake Peters. Thanks for coming.

This is February fourteenth, a day to celebrate love relationships, Valentine's Day.

As a gay person in Oklahoma, my marriage of twelve years CANNOT be recognized legally.

Question two created a Constitutional Amendment which **specifically** forbids gay marriage.

This Constitutional Amendment institutionalizes discrimination into the Oklahoma Constitution.

Passing of question two, makes it **impossible** for a **state** court to decide if this law is discriminatory or not.

If Mark and I lived in Massachusetts, our marriage would be legally recognized.

The fourteenth, reminds us of the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution, which provides for equal protection under the law.

Equal protection in Every State! This is why we call on our Federal Government to do the following:
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JAKE (CONT'D)

-Enact the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
-Enact Gay Hate Crimes Act.
-End Defense of Marriage.
-End Don't Ask Don't Tell.

These laws enacted on the federal level will overturn **all** the states' homophobic laws, like question two.

Equal justice, in every state, to America's gay community.

The crowd CHEERS.

JAKE (CONT'D)
We have today speakers to address a variety of issues. Jesse Peoples with the N double ACP will talk about the civil rights struggle.

Pastor Susan Sanders, of the Church of the Open Arms, in Norman, will talk about gays and spirituality.

We have Professor Kyle Ogle of the University of Oklahoma, who will speak to the issues of gay discrimination and its effect on young gay people.

Finally, we have Mary Lou Wallner, who appeared in the movie; 'For the Bible Tells Me So.'

The movie is about her personal struggles with biblical interpretations and her relationship with her gay daughter.

The crowd APPLAUDS softly.

JAKE (CONT'D)
So let me start with Jesse Peoples of the N double ACP. Jesse Peoples doesn't seem to be here.

Let's move on. Sue Sanders, pastor for the Church of the Open Arms.

SUE SANDERS (50) slender, grey streaks in her hair. She steps up to the podium.

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SUSAN SANDERS
(pastorally)
Thank you, Doctor Peters. I'm Susan Sanders, pastor of the Church of the Open Arms in Norman.

Ladies and Gentlemen, spirituality is not exclusive to heterosexuals!

Many gay people are deeply spiritual but have found mainstream religions unsatisfying and bigoted.

Radical love, as taught by Jesus, is how we need to live our lives. God loves all his children. Well, not the goats, I suppose. Thanks.

Crowd CLAPS AND CHEERS.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Thank you Sue. Next, Kyle Ogle, professor of sociology at OU.

KYLE OGLE (45) wears a hat, tall and overweight. He steps up to the podium.

KYLE OGLE
Hello, I'm Kyle Ogle, a professor of sociology at the University of Oklahoma.

I deal with gay youth on a daily basis. Many feel shame about being gay, disappointing families, being an abomination.

Kyle Ogle gets worked up. He hits the podium, gestures.

Gay teens are four times more likely to commit suicide than the background population.

Some have been completely ostracized from their families and in the name of Family Values.

I'm here to tell you that Family Values proponents should cherish their family! Wouldn't you think?

Applauds. Crowd shakes head, yes. Someone yells out.

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KYLE OGLE (CONT'D)
Gay youth should not to be beaten up and thrown out to live on the street at a young age. Family Values!

What kind of love is that? In fact, gay people are approximately 10% of the population.

The homeless teen population is 55% gay youth, thrown out by their (disdain) so called Family Values parents.

Crowd GROWLS.

KYLE OGLE (CONT'D)
We need these federal laws changed!

These changes will create a more positive environment and support gay people, after centuries of discrimination.

Crowd CLAPS.

JAKE
Thank you Kyle. Mary Lou Wallner.

MARY LOU WALLNER (50) 5'10" has medium, straight, greying hair, thin stature. She steps up to the podium, no hat.

MARY LOU WALLNER
Hello, I'm Mary Lou Wallner. I struggled with the scriptures and hoped to live my life by them.

But when Katie, my daughter, came out to me, I went right to my Bible and told her that her lifestyle was an abomination.

Yeah, I said abomination. I said I could not love such a creature. Yes, I said creature. I wrote this in a letter to her. Katie's response... was to hang herself.

Crowd GASPS.

Mary Lou Wallner breaks down, crying.

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MARY LOU WALLNER (CONT'D)
I have to live with the consequences of my, now I know, irrational fears about homosexuality.

Gays are people like everyone else.

I live daily, wishing that I could do it over and be more loving and compassionate to my daughter.

Now, I want to be someone with an open mind, a more mature Christian who can love and be compassionate.

I urge you in the Family Values movement to love, tolerate and sympathize with your gay children or you may lose them forever.

Crowd APPLAUDS softly. Jake takes the Podium.

JAKE
Thank you Mary Lou, yours is a powerful story. Did Jesus ever condemn gay people? No! That chump Paul did!

The so-called Apostle of Jesus, Paul never met Jesus.

It was all word-of-mouth. Nothing was written about Jesus then.

Paul persecuted Christians at first, stoning them. Instead of heeding Jesus's ministry of love, Paul writes of condemnation.

Paul's words have been used to justify child abuse (Ephesians 6:1-4) and spousal abuse (Ephesians 5:22). Way to go Paul!

Paul's writings gave us the homophobia with the line: 'Men Who Lie With Men.' (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

Paul's writings have been used to justify **slavery** for god's sake. (Ephesians 6:5-9)

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JAKE (CONT'D)
If there is a difference between Jesus and Paul, I would think that Jesus has precedence.

Jesus taught love, love thy neighbor, as yourself. (Matthew 33:39)

Jesus taught love, even to love your enemy! Jesus's message of love supersedes Paul's of condemnation!

Who is this Paul guy anyway? Was he a good guy or an asshole who twisted Jesus's message, from love to condemnation? Think about it.

Crowd APPLAUDS.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Please fill out the postcards for our elected Oklahoma representatives. EQUAL RIGHTS IN EVERY STATE! Thanks for coming.

Crowd APPLAUDS.

The crowd breaks up and goes over to the gay flag draped card table where Mark, Chuck and Matt work. Jake grabs a couple of packets of post cards and shows them around.

INT. JAKE'S OKC HOUSE DESK - DAY

Jake looks at the computer screen; Skype. Doctor HENRIK JOHANSEN (yo-han-sen)(45) has normal weight, with short blond hair. Henrik sits in his office on Skype.

INTERCUT SKYPE CONVERSATION, WITH SUBTITLES.

HENRIK JOHANSEN
Laege Peters, vil du gerne fortalle mig en lille eventyre som din famlie?

*(*Doctor Peters would you be willing tell me a story about your family.*)*

JAKE
Ok. Min bestemor var fra Ungar. Hun flyttede med sin famlie, en soester og en bror til USA.

(My grandmother was from Hungry.
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JAKE (CONT'D)
She moved with her family, a sister and a brother to the USA.)

Hendes yngeste soestre var fodt i San Francisco. Min far far var fra tyskland og flyttede alene uden penge paa en stor skib.

(Her youngest sister was born in San Francisco. My grandfather was from Germany and moved alone without money, on a big boat.)

Min farfar havde ingting. Min bestemor og farfar mødede i San Francisco. De bryllup med og fodt to børn min tanta og min far.

(My grandfather had nothing. My Grandmother and Grandfather met in San Fransisco. They met and married and bore two children, my aunt and my father.)

HANRIK JOHANSEN
That was really good. We want you to start in language school, third of May in *Roskilde*.

You'll do language school for 4 months and start on the wards as an intern after that in *Kalundborg*!

JAKE
Sounds great, I can't wait to start. *Mange tak læge Johansen*. (Many thanks, Doctor Johansen)

HENRIK JOHANSEN
Please call me *Henrik*.

JAKE
Great, you can call me Jake. *Farvel Henrik*. (Good-bye Henrik)

HENRIK JOHANSEN
Farvel Jake.

Jake disconnects. In disbelief Jake turns around and yells at Mark.

JAKE
WE'RE MOVING TO DENMARK!

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Mark walks in, in a OU t-shirt, shorts and flip flops. He eats potato chips out of the bag with crumbs on his shirt.

MARK
Are you sure you want to do this? I've got my family and all our friends here.

JAKE
Mark, I can't live here. I want to live in a more tolerant society. Here's our chance.

MARK
But our friends, my family? It's kinda far away.

Jake gets mad.

JAKE
You mean your friends. None of them call me or want to talk to me.

MARK
Have you tried calling anyone?

JAKE
(gets flustered)
You're more interested in Brad, Kevin and, and that other one, than you are in me!

MARK
How can you say that?

JAKE
You dress like them, you share their body habitus.

There are more pictures of you and Brad on the refrigerator than there are of you and I.

You care more for Brad than you do me. You spend more time with him.

Every time you show me your phone Brad's banner is on it. You're texting each other all the time.

MARK
I can't help that you are anti-social because of your agoraphobia and bipolar disease.

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JAKE
Jesus Mark, I can't just be introverted. No, it's always my disease.

It's just that everyone here has internalized the societal homophobia.

Everything is so OK for everyone here! No one fights back!
The people here are as flat, yes I said flat, as the landscape.

MARK
You've never been happy with where we've lived. You had a bad neighbor in Tucson. You didn't like LA!

JAKE
We mutually decided to move out of LA. I don't like living here!
People are mean.

There is nothing for me to do.
Things like hiking and nature.
There is little like that here.

MARK
The Oklahoma City arts community is growing. What about the Paseo? Brad has some paintings...

JAKE
Brad again! Really?

Why don't you just join the threesome and you'll be the fat furry foursome!

MARK
Brad is just a friend! He has similar attitudes to mine!

JAKE
That's the problem, you've become one of them. You're from Kansas and that culture is not that much different in oppressiveness.

I'm from where people live openly and think big.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
There is nothing for me here but a closeted oppressive life. I'm not doing that! I'm moving to Denmark.

I'm starting the SeeLight Glove in Denmark. I'll pay taxes to a government that provides me equal rights, and that's **not** here!

I want you to move with me, but you are going to have to choose between Brad and me!

Jake leaves the house and SLAMS the door.

INT. HOSPITAL ER - DAY

SUPER: Muskogee, OK

The ambulance brings in CHURCH PATIENT (60) overweight, bearded. CHURCH WIFE (55) thin with high starched hair, hovers nearby.

CHURCH MAN (55) and CHURCH WOMAN (50) more starched hair, follow the stretcher. They all wear nice church clothes.

JAKE
What happened?

CHURCH WIFE
(very excitedly)
Daniel, got up from his seat at church and went to the back.

The next thing I know I hear a big clunk. Daniel passed out. It stopped the church service.

CHURCH MAN
That's when I called 911.

CHURCH WIFE
I want him transferred to Saint Francis in Tulsa!

JAKE
OK, Mr. Webber, why don't you tell me what happened.

CHURCH PATIENT
I felt light headed. I got up and went to the back. I sat down and down I went. Everything went black.

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JAKE
(to church group)
Did he have any seizure activity?

CHURCH WIFE
No, he was just laying there still. We tried shaking him.

JAKE
When you woke up, were you disoriented or fairly clear thinking?

CHURCH PATIENT
I was fairly clear thinking, but I had a headache.

JAKE
Do you still have a headache?

CHURCH PATIENT
No, I feel alright right now.

JAKE
Your blood pressure is low, so I'm going to give you fluids, monitor your heart, take some labs, get a urine and EKG.

CHURCH WIFE
I want him transferred by ambulance to St. Francis in Tulsa!

JAKE
Madam, there's protocol, the need for higher level of care.

You want your insurance to pay? You must get an authorization from me.

I haven't even done a work up on him yet. He's clearly **not** in distress.

Church Wife pouts. Jake listens to heart, lungs and neck.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Take some deep breaths (while listening to the back).

Now hold your breath (while he listens to the heart and both sides of the neck). I'll be back.

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Jake marks the chart then walks out of the room. Jake grabs another chart from the rack. He marks the board.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Trouble breathing, room 10.

Jake goes to the room. Before he gets there he's stopped by a malevolent odiferous smell which takes him aback.

JAKE (V.O.)
Oh my god! Uff. What's that smell?

Jake crinkles his nose. He opens the curtain to see BLIND MAN (40), fat, struggles to get his gown on.

Patient's FATHER (60) sits in a chair with long stringy hair, scraggly beard, and a belly to his calves. He wears a dirty T-shirt and serves as the source of the foul stench.

JAKE
Are you Virgil Elroy?

Blind Man fumbles with the gown. Jake goes over to assist.

BLIND MAN
Yes.

JAKE
It says here that you are having trouble breathing?

BLIND MAN
Well, it is more like when I swaller, I get choked up sometimes.

JAKE
So you can breath fine right now?

JAKE (V.O.)
I'd have trouble breathing if I had to live with that smell!

Jake crinkles his face. Jake examines patient's throat. Jake listens to his lungs, neck exam.

JAKE
Breath deeply through your mouth.

BLIND MAN
My breath'n's fine 'cept when I get choked up from swaller'en.

Blind man breathes regularly. Jake moves quickly to examine the heart, belly and legs. Jake grimaces due to the odor.

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JAKE
(quickly)
OK good, I'll be right back.

Jake exits the room, pulls the curtain, holds his stomach and retches. Jake goes to the nurses station, sits down and starts to write. MUSKOGEE ER NURSE (30), obese, long brown hair, comes up. She plops down in the seat next to Jake.

MUSKOGEE ER NURSE
Oh my god! What is that foul smell coming out of room 10?

Jake looks up and grimaces.

JAKE
That's my patient, well not the patient but whoever's with him. It smells like rotting pannus. His belly almost reaches the floor.

He's probably got colonies of slime between his fat folds.

MUSKOGEE ER NURSE
Oh, that's disgusting! Doesn't he have someone to tell him how bad he smells?

JAKE
I'm going to say something.

Jake goes back to room 10 and opens the curtain wide and moves his chair into the hallway. Jake sits down.

JAKE (CONT'D)
I'm sorry I have to sit back and open the curtain, but you kind of have a disagreeable odor. You might want to get that checked out.

FATHER
I been workin' like a nigga' in a hay field.

Jake is shocked.

JAKE (V.O.)
No, he didn't just say that!

JAKE
I'm going to do an x-ray of your neck. We need a swallow study. That has to be scheduled. Excuse me.

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Jake closes the curtain. Grimaces. Jake goes back to Church Patient.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Feeling any better?

CHURCH PATIENT
Ya, I do.

JAKE
Your labs are back. Looks like you were dehydrated and you have had a slow resting heart rate, between fifty and fifty five.

We should get a Holter monitor and monitor your heart for a couple of days. We can see if you have any heart beat irregularities.

CHURCH WIFE
(insistently)
I want him transferred by ambulance to Tulsa right now!

She stomps her foot.

JAKE
There is really no need for that. He is not in distress. Why are you being so insistent and grumbling about your husband's care?

Why do you think he needs to go immediately by ambulance to Tulsa?

CHURCH WOMAN
She's a nurse!

CHURCH WIFE
Because his heart stopped!

JAKE
If you're a nurse, you should know better!

If his heart had stopped, we would be having a different conversation ...with a funeral director!

We've monitored his heart almost 3 hours. He has had no conduction problems, just a slow heart.

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JAKE (CONT'D)
If a slow heart rate caused the problem then you might require a pacemaker. Keep well hydrated.

You would have to use a Holter monitor to make that determination. So, would you like me to order one for you?

CHURCH WIFE
No, I want an ambulance!

JAKE
Madam, I'm not going to do that because it's not medically justified.

CHURCH WIFE
Then we'll just drive ourselves.

JAKE
Fine, you are signing an Against Medical Advice form.

CHURCH WIFE
You don't believe in God do you?

Jake shocked.

JAKE
What? I believe in God. I just don't believe in religion!

Jake turns in disgust. LARGE FEMALE, (30), not fat but muscular, confronts Jake. She wears a camouflage tank top and camouflage pants. She looks like she takes male steroids.

LARGE FEMALE
Are you Doctor Peters?

JAKE
Yes.

LARGE FEMALE
Can we find someplace more private.

She twitches.

JAKE
Sure, right over here.

Jake escorts her to an empty room and closes the curtains. Immediately she yells.

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LARGE FEMALE
HOW DARE YOU TELL MY UNCLE THAT HE STINKS!

Large Female leans into Jake's face, her arms back, like she might attack. Jake dashes around the curtain.

LARGE FEMALE (CONT'D)
Why did you tell my uncle that he smelled?

JAKE
Because he smells so bad I gagged.

His smell was strike one, your uncle's use of a derogatory term for African Americans, strike two, and you're strike three.

You can take your business elsewhere!

Jake walks to the radiology department. The Large Female screams.

LARGE FEMALE
YOU'RE WORSE THAN A VETERINARIAN!

INT. RADIOLOGY - CONTINUOUS

Jake walks in just as they are about to take the x-ray.

JAKE
Stop everything, stop everything. I'm canceling all x-rays.

BLIND MAN
What happened?

JAKE
Ask your girlfriend!

Jake turns and walks out. Everyone looks bewildered.

INT. ER DOCTOR DESK - NIGHT

Jake charts. DR WARREN (30) medium build, exceptionally handsome with a beard. He wears a white coat. He comes up and sits next to Jake.

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JAKE
If it isn't Doctor Warren. What brings you to the ER?

DR WARREN
Hey Jake. I couldn't do what you do. My work as an urgent care doctor is enough for me.

I would never be able to run a code, or deal with crazy people. I heard what happened today.

JAKE
This is my last fricken day. I'm moving to Denmark in three days to start working as a doctor.

I'll be working on the wards. They're going to teach me Danish!

DR WARREN
I heard you were moving to Denmark. I'm moving too! I'm an odd duck in Muskogee. I'm moving to San Francisco. I'm gay.

JAKE
I'm gay too! San Francisco is my home city! Oh my God, you'll love it there!

Jake chuckles.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Can you afford it? You have a job?

DR WARREN
In urgent care.

JAKE
Sweet! We're moving to Denmark because the US is so anti-gay.

It's legal to discriminate against gay people here. Condoned by the government.

They've done it to me. Then I treat these so called Christians who deny me my rights.

Dr Warren makes a mad face.

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DR WARREN
(exasperated)
I'm sick of it, too. They discriminate against gay people here, all the time.

JAKE
I refuse to pay taxes to a state and country that trample all over my rights as a gay person.

Jake shrugs his shoulders, palms up.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Oklahoma condones and actively encourages gay discrimination.

Jake shakes his head.

DR WARREN
I figure San Francisco would be good. So many gays there. It's culturally mixed, so cosmopolitan unlike Oklahoma!

JAKE
Everyone's white here.

DR WARREN
San Francisco is on the ocean! I'd never seen the ocean before.

JAKE
It's a pretty magical place. Are you going by yourself?

DR WARREN
Yes, I'm single. I hope to make some good friends there.

Jake looks Dr Warren up and down.

JAKE
I think you'll make lots of friends.

We're moving to more tolerant lands. Mark and I will be considered married in Denmark.

DR WARREN
(enthusiastically)
That is so great!

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JAKE
Free healthcare although taxes are pretty high! I'll finish up my paperwork and I'm, out, of, here.

Jake signs his signature. He puts the chart in the rack.

DR WARREN
Good luck in Denmark.

JAKE
Thanks. Good luck to you, Steve, in San Francisco!

DR WARREN
Thanks.

As Jake walks out the door, he mouths, 'you'll love it' and gives a thumbs up sign, then a little wave.

INT. OKC HOME - NIGHT

Mark, Chuck and other friends (12 total), with beards, attend a surprise party for Jake. Grezski prances at the crowd's feet. Danish flags, cookies with Danish flag icing decorate the house. Brad, Kevin and Luis attend.

MARK
Jake is going to be really surprised by this party.

CHUCK
I'm jealous for you guys. You're living a dream. Denmark is so cool.

MARK
Jake really made this happen. When he sets his mind to something, he gets things done!

CHUCK
He's pretty amazing sometimes.

You'll have a better life, in a land with universal health care, free education and marriage rights!

Go Denmark! I bet you're excited.

MARK
Actually, I am kind of excited. I'll have to learn Danish, too.

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INT. CAR / EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

Jake drives down a two lane highway. A thunderstorm brews, lightning and wind. The rain starts.

JAKE (V.O.)
Shit, this thunder storm is going to slow me down.

The wind whips. He swerves to miss a big pot hole. He loses control and glides in to the ditch. Jake clutches the wheel looks anxious but in control.

JAKE
Fucking Oklahoma roads!

Jake's truck crashes into a culvert. Airbag deploys. The truck sits crashed with steam coming out.

Heavy rain, water rises. Jake turns off truck. He grabs his phone, his hat and coat. Jake makes a phone call.

INT. OKC HOME - NIGHT

RING. Mark answers his telephone.

MARK
Hello... Yes... What!?

FADE DOWN/FADE UP

MUSIC: ORIGINAL

-Jake uses two hands to lift a suitcase and winces. Mark puts their suitcases in the back of Chuck's truck, a Green 2005 Dodge. The dog crate sits in the back of the truck.

-Chuck drives them to the airport.

-Jake and Mark have their suitcases at curbside with Grezski by their side.

-Grezski jumps into the dog kennel on the dolly.

-Jake and Mark go through TSA. Jake rolls his eyes while he gets pat-down by the TSA ASSAILANT.

JAKE
How long have you worked for TSA?

ASSAILANT
About 3 years.

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JAKE
And you **still** haven't figured out it's the zipper?

-Jake and Mark sit at the gate. Jake pulls out an open envelope from the IRS - 501(c)3 Division - Washington, DC. Mark reads the letter. They both laugh hard.

-Jake and Mark sit on the plane together. They hold hands.

-Plane takes off (exterior).

SUPER: Nyhavn, Copenhagen

-Jake and Mark eat dinner. Mark tips his glass of wine. Jake tips his glass of orange juice.

TOGETHER
Skoal!

SUPER: THE END FADE DOWN

MUSIC: Ends

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